

# MALAYAN UNION MISSION

## NOTES OF PROGRESS

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### WORKERS' MEETINGS

By E. A. Moon

During the past few weeks workers' meetings have been held in two of the missions in this Union.

While Pastor Bradley and I were in British North Borneo Pastor Youngberg arranged for a short meeting of the workers at the Jesselton headquarters. All the workers were present except Brother Ku of Sandakan who did not come down for this short meeting because of the heavy cost of travel, and one or two others who were kept away through illness.

A profitable time was spent in studying the problems which arise in the work in the field and discussing methods of labour. There was a splendid spirit of devotion and consecration among the workers. The work among the Dusun people is opening up in a remarkable way and interests are developing in several new places. Definite plans were laid to answer some of the calls for work in sections where we have not had work before.

The workers of the Malay States Mission came together at Kuala Lumpur the evening of July 25 for the first meeting of their institute. In this mission we have labourers of several nationalities, including Chinese, Telugu, and Batak, yet there was a beautiful spirit of brotherly love, harmony, and co-operation among the workers throughout the meeting. Much time was spent in round table discussion of evangelistic methods, plans for strengthening the churches, and other features of the work. The visiting workers were Pastor V. T. Armstrong, Pastor V. E. Hendershot, Professor H. W. Jewkes, and the writer. Definite plans were made for a strong Harvest Ingathering campaign, after which all the workers expect to engage in direct evangelistic campaigns in the various districts.

Pastor Nerness has the work well in hand and has the confidence of all his associate workers in the Mission. Brother Nerness plans to personally lead out in an evangelistic campaign in the city of Kuala Lumpur before the close of this year.

### CHURCH CALENDAR

For September and October

Sept. 2 — Home Missionary Day  
Oct. 7 — Home Missionary Day  
28 — Spirit of Prophecy Day

### AN OPPORTUNITY

By G. H. Minchin

As far as possible every Seventh-day Adventist child or young person should have the opportunity of attending one of our schools. They have been established for the purpose of giving our young people that kind of an education that will fit them to be the men and women that God intends they should be. It has been proved repeatedly that our schools are one of the greatest means of preserving our youth to this Cause that the denomination possesses.

It is not too early for our people to be thinking about sending their young people to the Malayan Seminary next year. If there is not one of our schools in your Local Mission that can meet your needs, we invite you to get in touch with us here at the Seminary and we shall do everything in our power to assist you in putting your boy or girl in school.

Usually parents have to face the financial problem in giving their children an education. We can provide a certain amount of work at the Seminary for students who are WILLING and ABLE to work. It has been our experience that there are too many young people who are quite willing to receive an education—so called—if it can be handed to them on a plate. It is a very rare thing that a student can earn all his way through school, but a large number are earning part of their way. We still have room for a few of the right kind, that is, those who are old enough to work and who will be willing to do whatever task we find for them to do.

Workers who know of worthy young people who should be in school are asked to write to the Principal giving some details. Although it is probably too late to enter this year, it is not too early to be making arrangements for next year. We should be particularly interested to hear of Advent-

ist young people who are ready, or would soon be ready for our Training Classes. We can assure you that we shall do our utmost to help those who come to this school with a serious purpose in mind.

### MEDICAL MISSIONARY COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCES (Concluded)

By C. A. Davidson

In Trengganu after I had canvassed the Sultan's sons, these royal folks were so enthusiastic and inspired by my talk with them that they invited me to the Istana Kalam (palace). Though in the same place, these two brothers wished to subscribe separately. They paid for their subscriptions and enquired about the Truth and the nature of my work. These folks were so interested, that they kept me longer, enquired more of our faith, and asked me to keep in touch with them. All of a sudden a man came out of the palace and asked me to get a job there and remain in Trengganu. I told him that I had taken up this medical-missionary work with an oath, and I would never give it up, even though I were offered work a thousand times better from the worldly point of view. When these Royal folks heard this, they admired me for the stand I had taken for God. I left the palace with the warm handshakes of the Tengkus.

Many others were much interested and invited me to stay with them while I gave them Bible studies and Temperance lectures. These men were very much interested in our Truth and requested me to include their names in my Register. I have a book in which I keep a record of all my activities, especially the names of those interested. I have over 100 names of those who wish to receive papers, tracts, letters, etc. There are some who are ready to be baptized. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few." We should pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will send more labourers. I have sown the seeds in many places; may the Lord prosper the sowing and bring these souls to His kingdom. This is my earnest prayer.

In Kota Bahru I received many orders from the Royal descent, and many of them also are interested in our Truth. Among the Royalties, the prime minister of this State (Kelantan), a well-read man, showed a great liking for our faith. He enquired deeply into our Truth, and especially noticed that the Adventist Religion is similar to that of Islam, and said that he liked my religion better than his. This is not my work, but the wonderful working of God. I thank the Lord for giving me the privilege of working among the Mohammedans. These Royal folks were very friendly with me. I went to the Sultan's palace to see the Sultan's son, who is heir to the throne. The prince was present in the palace, and when he saw me he received me with a warm welcome. After a short canvass the prince signed the order and sent word to his mother, the sultana, for money which she sent.

The Lord will bless and honour those who serve him wholeheartedly. When we toil for the Lord, He will bring us in the presence of noble and royal people. Let us Adventists work to finish sending God's gospel; for "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

#### KUCHING M. V. INVESTITURE

By H. W. Jewkes

As the sun was sinking in the western skies our loyal Missionary Volunteers gathered on the spacious grounds of our Sunny Hill School. The occasion was another Investiture service, and wanting to have something different and unusual, it was decided to hold the service out in the open with the stars and moon above. Over one hundred young people and parents gathered in a semi-circle and seated themselves. The honoured six were seated in front of the group. In the centre a bonfire briskly burned, giving light to all.

Miss Daisy Choo and M. P. Sormin were in charge of the service. After singing many of the Missionary Volunteer songs, those receiving their Friend pins, upon request, repeated the J. M. V. Pledge and Law, as well as several of the memory selections. A good rope was handy, and the ability of the candidates to tie knots was tested and demonstrations given as to the use of each knot; to the satisfaction of the Union M. V. Secretary.

While the embers of the bonfire glowed and died, hearts warmed as the Insignia were presented to each of the young people, and they renewed their purpose to be "pure and kind and true, and to keep the Junior Law, and to be a servant of God and a friend to man."

#### EAST SIAM

By Ralph F. Waddell, M.D.

As we came into Ubol we encountered a number of surprises, some pleasant, while others were disappointing.

It was a joy to see the assembly room packed to overflowing with happy faces and eager eyes. These boys and girls awaiting an opportunity to add their contribution to the Sabbath school lesson discussion were just as well disciplined as they were enthusiastic. Reverence and quietness added to the solemnity of worship in God's house.

Our school in Ubol doesn't pass the public eye without notice. The populace is cognizant of the school's elevating influence in the community. The governor of the province attests his confidence by enrolling six members of his family, another son is too young to attend classes but spends each day at the school, acting as mascot. The only criticism offered by the inspector of schools is that we're making too many Christians out of the students. He says that already half of them are followers of Christ, and will not give the town any rest; for they are constantly going up and down preaching from their memory verse cards.

A moderate distance from Ubol there exists an Adventist village. Here there are seven baptized members, besides twenty Adventist children. All are earnestly pleading for a teacher and a church school. In order to attend the government school they are obliged to violate the Sabbath.

Our disappointment was in the physical condition of our school quarters. The building is in a most lamentable state; ceilings rotted through, main supporting

timbers eaten away by ants, and entire rooms leaning at a critical angle. How the people of Ubol can consent to imperiling the lives of over three hundred boys and girls by permitting them to spend six hours a day in such a structure is more than we can fathom.

We were happy for the opportunity of checking the health of this large group of students, all of whom, with but a few exceptions, were holding well intact man's priceless heritage. In the market we renewed acquaintance with quite a number of clinic friends. We also visited the local government hospital, and when the superintendent of nurses heard that we were from the Bangkok Mission Clinic she exclaimed, "Oh, I know that place, it's a very fine hospital!"

The urgent need of this enterprising out-post mission station is a new, a bigger, and a safer school. The harvest is ripe and ready to be garnered. Here are scores of young men and women whose hearts are turning toward God, waiting for an opportunity to complete their education and return to the hundreds of villages of East Siam with the glad tidings of Christ's soon second coming. All are thankful that plans have been made and means are being brought together to make the visualization of a fruitful Ubol school a definite reality.

#### MISSIONARY TOUR UP COUNTRY

By B. T. Lan

It was a real pleasure to travel with Pastors V. T. Armstrong and J. M. Nerness on a Missionary tour to the Northern section of the Malay States Mission.

Thursday afternoon we found ourselves in a Chevrolet heading for the North. At 5:00 p.m. we were at an American Estate where a company of interested Telegus were gathered to hear a talk by Pastor Armstrong. Soon after the meeting was over we made another hop. At 10:30 p.m. we arrived at Telok Anson, where there is an organized church for the Telegu believers. After searching for a place to retire we found quite an old Chinese inn, where each bed accommodated two persons. What an inspiration it was to see the President of the Division lodged in an old Chinese inn!

After meeting with our Brethren at Telok Anson we headed for Ipoh. Here we have a strong church, largely made up of adults. Finishing our business there, we proceeded further north where at 3:30 p.m. we parked before the Penang headquarters of the four



New "Friends" in Kuching

## REPORT OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS

MALAYAN UNION MISSION—JANUARY—JUNE, 1938 and 1939

(All items in local currency)

Mission	Tithe		Gain or Loss	Sabbath School		Gain or Loss
	1938	1939		1938	1939	
British Borneo . . . . .	606.83	850.46	243.63G	277.69	303.70	26.01G
French Indo-China . . . . .	834.52	945.68	111.16G	286.58	192.73	93.85L
Malay States . . . . .	5,678.60	6,655.32	976.72G	2,357.68	2,349.92	7.76L
Sarawak . . . . .	655.92	518.67	137.25L	225.96	222.01	3.95L
Siam . . . . .	731.34	1,098.16	366.82G	389.94	393.23	3.29G
Total . . . . .	8,507.21	10,068.29	1,561.08G	3,537.85	3,461.59	76.26L

*Leonard F. Bohner, Treasurer.*

churches and companies of S. D. A.'s on Penang Island.

What a happy occasion it was to see old friends! The usual broad smiles of the Hendershots and Pastor Hong Boon made one feel at home. What a wonderful work is going on in the Northern part of the field!

At 6:30 p.m. we gathered in the assembly hall, for the M. V. Society's programme. It was an encouraging meeting. The leader of the society, Professor Hendershot, made a very interesting introduction of the visitors and asked each to give a short talk. A solo was rendered by Miss Winslow, one of the teaching staff of the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. What a wonderful meeting it would be if all the M. V. Societies of the Malay States Mission could meet in the same room!

The Sabbath program was the most interesting part of all. Pastor Armstrong met with the Tamil group at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was followed by their Sabbath School—the infant Sabbath School of the Malay States Mission. Then the Chinese Church had their Sabbath School, followed by the Divine Service closing at 12:00 a.m. The preaching service for the Malay group started at 3:30 p.m. This meeting was taken by Pastor Nerness in addition to the Chinese preaching service. As soon as the Sabbath School was dismissed, the preaching service of the English Church, which lasted till about 7:00 p.m., was taken by Prof. Hendershot. His sermon was interesting and encouraging. All services were attended by the writer, and truly they were a source of spiritual strength. What an inspiration to see the four different groups meet in the same day and in the same building! Congratulations to the Penang churches and companies!

The Penang churches are gifted in many ways—singers, preachers,

doctors, etc. Their specialty, solos, duets, quartets, and community singing, reminds one of the praises of the angels in the Heavenly courts.

At the time of our Malay service, Pastor Armstrong left on board s. s. Tosari for Sumatra, where he will attend the meeting of the North Sumatra Mission of the Advent Zending. We bid him adieu till we meet again in the workers' meeting to be held on the 25th of July at Kuala Lumpur.

The following morning the writer was busily engaged with the books of our two churches—English and Chinese. After the duties were done, we hurried to meet our appointment in Ipoh which was set for 7:30 p.m.

The meeting though not announced was well attended. There were about twenty-five people present, mostly adults. Pastor Nerness' first sermon in this church was well received by all.

At five in the morning the writer was busy with the books of the Ipoh Church. Soon after it was done we were ready for the homeward journey. We left Ipoh, and, after driving 600 miles up country, we were again in Kuala Lumpur.

It was a very profitable journey. We had not the slightest inconvenience, not even a flat tire, during the whole trip.

The work is moving on in a marvellous way, and it is our cherished wish that more stations may be opened up and trust that these can be done under the blessing of God.

Pray for the WORK and the WORKERS of the Malay States Mission.

## WITH OUR M. V.'S IN BORNEO

*By H. W. Jewkes*

The Island of Borneo is divided into four sections; British North Borneo, Sarawak, Brunei and Dutch Borneo. The first three sections mentioned are in the Ma-

layan Union. In these Mission fields there are 216 members in the seven Missionary Volunteer societies.

Each of these societies is a beacon light in its district, and the members are doing their part to carry out the Aim of all Volunteers "The Advent Message to all the world in this generation."

While in Sandakan, B. N. B. it was the writer's happy privilege to witness five of our young people take the final step in becoming members of the family of God. Pastor Youngberg performed the ceremony in a small stream near the town where the church members had gathered for the service. These young people are children of church members, and it was indeed a happy day for the parents to see their children joining them in fellowship, severing connections with the world, and placing their lot with the people of God.

In Jesselton during the annual meeting, thirteen young people were invested with Friend Pins. These young people had worked hard during the past months on the requirements. Many of them could not read when they started to work for their pin; but during the learning of the memory selections they learned not only to repeat them, but also to read other selections of the Word of God. On the day of the service there were 259 young people and adults present, eagerly watching and thrilling with the noble 13. It is a great honour to receive one of the Progressive Class pins, and these Dusun young people prize the Insignia very much. One of the girls had waited over a year for her pin because she was not ten years old. She is a happy loyal Junior and now is working for the Companion pin. Mrs. G. B. Youngberg, the M. V. secretary, and Bro. Silalahi, the principal of the school at Mangatal, were in charge of the service.

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gelist of the Malayan Union Mission is faithfully working for his own people in Sarawak. Making a short tour of the villages surrounding our Ayer Manis school, it was my privilege to visit the longhouse where our M. V. evangelist is working. He was all smiles when we came, and gathered his Bible class together and introduced us to them. In the evening the villagers gathered to sing the songs they had been taught the people of his village might become Christians.

May the Lord richly bless the labours of our faithful representative and to listen to the story of Salvation. We brought along Memory Verse cards and after the meeting gave them to all. It was a thrill to see the hands held out at arms length to receive a picture, and then to witness the happy expressions on the faces of mothers, fathers, and children as they looked at their treasures. The chief of the village, who is the father of the young evangelist, is very favourable to Christianity and expressed his desire that all lives in the land of the Dyaks and the Dusuns.



*Young people baptized in Sandakan*

Pastors R. M. Milne and Tan Kia Ou are spending several weeks in August and September in Siam and Indo-China in the interests of publishing and home missionary work and in Harvest Ingathering. Mrs. Milne has been asked by the Union committee to spend several weeks at our schools in Bangkok and Ubol giving the teachers special help along the line of teaching methods.

During the month's vacation at the Seminary eleven students are canvassing for our literature under the direction of Brother C. C. Huang, Field Missionary Secretary of the Malay States Mission.

Brother L. I. Bowers is spending several weeks in Saigon supervising the installation of the machinery for the branch publishing house there. In a few weeks this new printing plant should be turning out literature for that field.

Dr. J. C. Hayward and his wife recently came down to Penang after relieving in Bangkok for several weeks. Dr. Hayward is now connected with the staff of our medical work in Penang.

The new church building in Tourane, Annam is nearing completion, and Brother Wentland writes that it is a neat, attractive building.

The Penang Sanitarium continues to enjoy a good patronage. On a number of occasions recently every bed in the Sanitarium has been full. The clinic also continues to be busy caring for all the poor people who come there for help.

Pastor Ritz and Brother Kon Vui Leong spent several days in Southern Siam early in August in Harvest Ingathering work. Several persons were baptized at Patani, where Brother Sailon Sitang-

gang has been working.

Arrangements have been made by the Union committee for Pastor V. E. Hendershot to move to Singapore about the middle of September to engage in evangelistic and pastoral work. Brother H. W. Jewkes has been assigned to locate in Penang to carry forward the work which Pastor Hendershot has been fostering there.

The Malayan Seminary closed on August 4 for a month's holiday. During this vacation period considerable painting and repairing is being done on the school buildings. The chapel is being redecorated and will present a fresh cheery appearance when the students assemble for the opening of the next term. This work is being carried out under the direction of Professor Minchin and Brother Z. H. Macarewa.

Pastor and Mrs. H. D. Strever, missionaries returning to India from furlough, recently spent two days in Singapore. Pastor Strever spoke at the Sabbath service at the Singapore English church on August 5. Mrs. Strever is a sister of Pastor A. P. Ritz.

Pastor W. W. R. Lake, Director of the Sarawak Mission, writes that he plans to make a trip to Bintulu and the Tatau river district early in August. Dr. Morrow is now located in Bintulu, and Brother Elam Sinaga is stationed on the Tatau. The prospects in that section of Sarawak are quite promising of good results. Some of the Iban people on the Tatau are awaiting baptism.

Pastor Abel writes that the enrollment at the Ubol school has now passed the 300 mark. The governor of Ubol province recently enrolled six children from his house. Efforts are being made to find a suitable piece of land which can be purchased for a permanent home for this school.

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When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works; when you never long for commendation; when you can truly long to be unknown—*That is victory.*

When your good is evil spoken of; when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—*That is victory.*

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*13 New "Friends" Invested, April 15*

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**NEWS NOTES**


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Work is now definitely under way on the development of our Dusun Training School near Jeselton, British North Borneo. One building has been completed and others will soon be under construction. This school is being established on ten acres of land near the Tuaran river. In this country location it will fill a great need in our work in Borneo.