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KOREAN DROUGHT RELIEF OFFERING

By V. T. Armstrong

At our Annual Division Council recently held in Singapore it was voted; "That Sabbath, March 30, 1940, be set aside for a special offering throughout the Division, to be known as the Korean Drought Relief Offering."

Our Brothers and Sisters in the southern part of Chosen need our help. We feel sure that our members throughout our territory will be glad to join in this special offering. The Lord has promised a blessing when we give to help the worthy poor.

"He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he." Prov. 14:21. During the history of the early Christian church we read of a famine and how help was sent to those in need. "Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea; which they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul." Acts 11:29, 30.

On March 30 we trust our members throughout the Far Eastern Division will offer willingly to help our brothers and sisters of South Chosen. Send your offerings through the regular channels and they will be passed on for distribution by the committee in that field. We appeal to your liberality on March 30.

ANNUAL UNION COMMITTEE MEETING

By E. A. Moon

The Annual Meeting of the Union Executive Committee was held in Singapore, December 18-29. This was an especially important meeting since the Biennial Session which had been planned for 1939 was postponed because of shortage of funds. For this reason some workers were asked to come in from the field to attend this meeting who are not regular members of the Committee, but whose counsel was helpful in studying some of the very important problems which were considered. Those who attended the Committee Meeting were: V. T. Armstrong, W. P. Bradley, G. A. Campbell, C. L.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Feb. 3 — Christian Home Day
" 24 — Temperance Day
March 2 — Home Missionary Day

Torrey, E. A. Moon, L. F. Bohner, V. E. Hendershot, H. G. Hebard, R. H. Wentland, G. H. Minchin, R. M. Milne, L. I. Bowers, V. L. Kon, R. J. Moses, J. M. Nerness, R. H. Howlett, A. P. Ritz, Y. H. Phang, H. W. Jewkes, Z. H. Macarewa, S. Mangatas, W. W. R. Lake, G. B. Youngberg, K. O. Tan, R. F. Waddell, and R. P. Abel.

All of the territory of the Malayan Union with the exception of the Kingdom of Thailand is more or less directly related to either Great Britain or France, and thus is affected by the present war in Europe. However, our leaders are of good courage, and the work is going forward in all sections of the Union.

There were a number of difficult financial problems considered at the meeting, and considerable time was devoted to the work of balancing the budget for 1940. Several large building projects have been planned in some sections of the field, and some of these will require the solicitation of fairly large sums of money from the public.

There was a splendid spirit of cooperation present throughout the meeting, and we believe that as a result of the recommendations adopted and the plans laid, the work will be carried forward in a strong way and many souls will be gathered in for the kingdom of God during 1940.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS ATTENTION

By H. W. Jewkes

This is not an S. O. S. because the ship has not been built; and yet it is an S. O. S. because the task to be completed in 1939 has not been done.

It was long ago, when our fathers or even grand-fathers were Missionary Volunteers, that the first missionary ship was built. You have heard the story of how

the Sabbath school members took as one of their projects the building of a boat that would be suitable for missionary operation among the islands of the Pacific ocean. Week by week the dollars were given until there were 12,000 gold nuggets; and the "Pitcairn" was built, launched, and set sail out through the Golden Gate, on its first voyage across the broad Pacific. Every member of the crew, and the passengers were Seventh-day Adventists.

A noble example has been set by our parents. Now, like father, like son, or like mother like daughter; we too are to build, yes! we are to complete the building of another missionary ship. We began last year, giving dollars, twenty-cent and ten cent coins, as well as pennies, to build the "Volunteer" for Sarawak. The total given last year was \$132.00. We are \$168.00 short of the required amount of \$300.00.

Missionary Volunteers, are we able to finish the task in 1940? Let us all say with Caleb one of two who had courage, "We are well able to."

With nearly 1000 Missionary Volunteers in the Union, and a host of friends that attend the M. V. Meetings, it will only require a few cents a week each to complete the task. Now there are some who can only give a penny a week, but there are those who can give ten, twenty, or a hundred times that amount. Let us be Volunteers giving for our boat the "Volunteer."

A REPORT FROM IPOH, F.M.S.

By Wong Kiat Sam

The wheel of time is ever rolling forward and the year 1939 is at a close. During this year, by the blessing of God and with the help and prayers of the members, we are glad that there are many people interested in the Advent truth and that our home Sabbath schools are rapidly expanding. We have three. One is conducted at a sister's private school. The average attendance is twelve. Just recently a lady member of this school was baptized and joined the church. Some elderly members at Siputeh, about twelve miles from

Iphoh, organized another. At present there are about ten persons attending and nearly all of them have joined the Bible study class. We are expecting abundant fruit from this branch. We are especially favoured by the matron of the Kampar Chinese Maternity Hospital who herself is a devout Adventist. The home Sabbath school here is carried on every Sabbath afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00. Not only the midwives and nurses but also some of the patients turn their ears to the Gospel. Several of them are very much interested, and before long a church may be established.

We are glad to mention that Brother C. C. Hwang came here in October to help us hold a public effort. Three meetings were held every week from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The local papers published reports for us freely, and we were able to gather in about fifty persons at each meeting. When the effort was closed, six joined the Bible class and many others were interested.

The Home Missionary report is gradually getting better because the members themselves are working harder for they feel that the call of God is upon them.

The J. M. V. Society, which consists of about thirty spiritual and conscientious young people, was addressed by Pastor C. L. Bond of the Y. P. M. V. Department of the General Conference in November. Pastor Mote and Prof. Jewkes were also present at the same time. At the Investiture service, three "Friend" and two "Companion" pins were awarded.

It may be interesting to you to know that six months ago a Roman Catholic blind preacher came over from China to solicit money to build a Blind People's Home in China. He was arrested by the Government on the charge of misappropriating money. Having the same surname as I, he was bound over and stayed with me. During his sojourn we discussed the doctrines of the Bible. Many a time we talked till 2:00 o'clock in the morning. Finally he was convinced and converted. He went to Penang afterwards and was baptized by Pastor Hendershot. He said that he would endeavour to convert his family and about seventy blind Roman Catholics in China as soon as he reached home. May God bless him.

Pastor Nerness came on the 14th of December to conduct a baptismal service. Three brothers and one sister were added to our fold, and there are still some more who are preparing to join the church.

Our Harvest Ingathering this year in Iphoh went "over the top"

by \$200.00. Pastor Milne, Mr. C. C. Hwang and I went out soliciting, and in three days we got \$1200.00. We also met a rich towkay who is very much interested in the Advent message. He said that he would contribute a large sum when we build our Iphoh Church.

Please remember our work in Iphoh in your prayers.

A NEW DAY IN SUNGEI WAY CHURCH

By B. T. Lan

It is a great pleasure to report to our readers the progress of the Telugu Church at Sungei Way. Pastor R. J. Moses is labouring there and the Lord has blessed his labours. Old members have been reclaimed and new ones are being added, while fresh interests are springing up in various places.

On Sabbath, December 16, 1939, a baptismal service was held there. Nine people cast in their lot with the people of God through baptism. About forty people gathered together in perfect harmony and good spirit to witness the service. Among those baptized are some educated people as well as of high caste which means much to our Indian brethren.

We solicit your prayers for God's continued blessings on the work in Sungei Way.

AN APPEAL

To our fellow-workers and believers in the Far Eastern Division.

Dear Brethren:

March 30, 1940 a special offering is to be taken throughout the Division to alleviate the severe suffering of our Korean brethren who are in great need due to an extensive drought in South Korea.

No doubt there are many of our believers in other countries of the Far Eastern Division who have no knowledge of this severe drought. It began in the spring of 1939 and has continued through the summer and fall. Ordinarily summer time brings the rainy season which provides water for the rice fields. But no rain came. For weeks and months the heavens withheld the much needed rain.

Recently I traveled through miles of territory, which in ordinary times constitutes the granary of Korea, but found this once bountiful riceland turned into parched and baked dry land void of green vegetation of any kind. Just now thousands of families are in great distress. Many are with-

out food; others have a bare existence by dieting on wild roots and mountain herbs with what little millet or barley they have left from the spring crop; many more are migrating into the northern regions of Manchukuo. (Relief is being given by the government as far as possible.)

In these drought districts we have many Adventist families. In normal times many of these faithful brethren scarcely have enough to sustain their families so when such a drought comes it leaves them almost victims of starvation. In Korea we have already responded to this call for help. In all our missions, offerings have been taken, but our funds are inadequate to bring the needed relief. Therefore we are profoundly thankful that the Division Committee senses the grave situation of many of our Korean brethren and has set aside this special day for a Korean Relief offering to be taken in all the churches.

Truly we have a duty to perform to those of "the household of faith" and we assure our believers throughout the Far Eastern Division that the Chosen Union Mission will distribute the funds raised in a just and equitable manner. This help will not only bring food, cheer and hope to many Adventist families but strengthen their faith in this world-wide Christian brotherhood. May God bless you as you give liberally at this time.

Yours in Christian love

R. S. Watts

Superintendent of the
Chosen Union Mission

MENGGATAL SCHOOL

By M. Arr. Silalahi

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for His manifold blessings that He has bestowed upon us and upon the school here at Menggatal.

We could easily reach an enrollment of 100 pupils if the building were large enough to accommodate the students. At the present time there are 85 students, and we can not receive more than this number. Most of them are Dusuns, but there are a few Bajaus, two or three Javanese, and our children. Everybody must take part in the worship that we conduct every morning. They take part willingly. There is no prejudice even among the Bajau and Javanese children. All of them understand that this school is a missionary school, teaching and preparing boys and

REPORT OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS

MALAYAN UNION MISSION — 11 MONTHS ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1938 and 1939

(All items in local currency)

Mission	Tithe		Loss or Gain	Sabbath School		Loss or Gain	Harvest Ingathering		Loss or Gain
	1938	1939		1938	1939		1938	1939	
B. Borneo	1,022.78	1,950.86	928.08G	507.91	526.51	18.60G	515.00	612.25	97.25G
F. I. China	1,316.76	1,765.67	448.91G	447.66	360.89	86.77L	2,074.10	3,955.00	1,880.90G
M. States	11,997.95	12,349.20	351.25G	4,306.77	4,159.82	146.95L	10,751.14	9,078.54	1,672.60L
Sarawak	1,078.79	938.35	140.44L	389.60	433.10	43.50G	983.55	1,071.50	87.95G
Thailand	1,436.93	2,092.53	655.60G	759.31	801.21	41.90G	6,838.50	6,777.79	60.71L
Total	16,853.21	19,096.61	2,243.40G	6,411.25	6,281.53	129.72L	21,162.29	21,495.08	332.79L

L. F. Bohner, Treasurer.

girls for the coming of our Redeemer.

At the end of 1939 four young people, students of this school, had testified of their willingness to cast their lot with the followers of the lowly Jesus by baptism. One of these is a young man of 15 years from a heathen home.

There are a few more who are still in the baptismal class. If it is God's will, and we know it is His will, they will be baptized within the year 1940.

I solicit your prayers for the success of this jungle school in British Borneo, especially for the spiritual success, so that many may be saved from among the young people of this benighted land.

PENANG CHURCH SCHOOL

By Mrs. H. W. Jewkes

Once again the Adventist Elementary School has opened its doors to the children of Penang. Though only an infant in the family of Adventist schools throughout the Malayan Union, it is a healthy one. During the first week of school, which began January 15, forty-six boys and girls were registered. This is nineteen more than were admitted the first week of 1939, the birth-week of the school.

The members of the four Seventh-day Adventist churches of Penang are grateful for a church school where their children may receive instruction in the Bible, in connection with the regular course of study. Although the majority of the children are from homes of definite Seventh-day Adventist influence, yet there are some who do not know the way of salvation, and it is the hope of those in charge that each child, be he Christian or heathen, will learn to love the Saviour during this school year.

Mr. Poong Yun Yin, the principal of the school, reports that an enthusiastic Junior Missionary Vol-

unteer society has already begun its activities, and keen interest is being shown by each member.

Miss Ruth Winslow and Mr. Lai Sean Ng are the teachers associated with Mr. Poong, and from all appearances the Adventist Elementary School of Penang will have a successful year in 1940.

SING! SING! SING!

By H. W. Jewkes

Where is the Missionary Volunteer that does not enjoy singing or listening to a rousing, thrilling song? They are few and far between, in fact I am still looking for the first one.

We have all sung "The Captain Calls for You" No. 75 in Missionary Volunteer Songs. It is a song that puts spirit into any group.

Now to make our Missionary Volunteer project work a happy, joyful task; the 1940 "Volunteer" song has been written. It is my earnest desire that every Missionary Volunteer from Borneo, Thai-

land, French Indo-China, and Malaya will join with the Missionary Volunteers of Sarawak in singing this song, as the offering is given week by week.

Sing! Volunteers! SING the—

1940 "VOLUNTEER" SONG

(Tune M. V. Songs No. 75)

There's another task to do,
There's a work for us to do;
And the Master calls for you
Volunteers! Volunteers!
Rally to the building plan,
Shout the word, "We can, we can!"
Volunteers!Volunteers!Volunteers!

CHORUS—
Christ before us, Christ behind,
Christ on every side!
For the rescue of mankind,
(The) "Volunteer" will glide.
Volunteers!Volunteers!Volunteers!

Who will give a dollar more?
Who will swell the growing store?
M. V. soldiers to the fore.
Volunteers! Volunteers
We will work with all our might,
Work! for victory's in sight.
Volunteers!Volunteers!Volunteers!



Penang Church School children and teachers.

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LEONARD F. BOHNER—EDITOR.

As this issue of *Notes of Progress* is being printed, Brother Bohner, the editor, is away on a trip to Thailand and Indo-China. While he is away on this trip, he plans to audit the books at Saigon, Bangkok, Penang and Kuala Lumpur. The Malayan Seminary opened for the new school year on January 15th. The prospects are that the enrollment will be as large as in 1939, if not larger.

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Mr. C. G. Koay, who was one of the teachers of the church school in Penang last year, recently passed through Singapore with his family enroute to Kuching, Sarawak where he has been invited to connect with the faculty of the Sunny Hill School. Brother Koay is well acquainted with the work in Kuching, having taught in that school for some time before coming to Penang.

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Pastor R. M. Milne is spending several weeks in Thailand and Indo-China in the interests of the Publishing and Home Missionary Department and in making preparations for the special solicitation campaign to raise funds for the Hospital-Clinic building in Bangkok. On the way North, Brother Milne spent a little time in Penang preparing material for the solicitation campaign there for the building project for the Penang Sanitarium and Clinic.

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The Union Superintendent spent a week in the Malay States Mission during the last half of January attending the Committee Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, and then spent three days with Pastor Nerness and other workers in Ipoh studying plans for the future development of the work in that city.

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Mr. Poong Yun Yin, who has been studying in the Malayan Seminary, has been invited to serve as principal of our school in Penang and is now actively engaged in his duties there.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

MALAYAN UNION MISSION—11 MONTHS ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1938 and 1939

(All items in local currency)

Mission	1938	1939	Loss
B. Borneo	144.59	60.63	83.96
F. I. China	226.73	85.33	141.40
M. States	501.15	381.40	119.75
Sarawak	90.27	42.00	48.27
Thailand	224.82	179.78	45.04
Total	1,187.56	749.14	438.42

L. F. Bohner, Treasurer.

Brother Jewkes writes from Penang as follows: "Among the plans for this year we have decided to hold several evangelistic efforts, one in English in the church in the near future, one in Malay at the Clinic after the Chinese New Year, and later on in the year an effort in Chinese. We are hoping that these efforts will prove successful and will bring the truth to the people of Penang."

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The report for the Bangkok Clinic for the year 1939 shows that 17,117 visits were made to the Clinic by persons needing medicines or treatment. In addition to these out patients, there were 1,123 persons who entered the Clinic as in patients; and these persons remained in the Clinic a total of 10,044 in patient days. Although a large portion of the work done at the Clinic was free, yet the financial statement shows that the institution was entirely self-supporting for the year.

READING COURSE BOOKS

Have you received your 1940 Reading Course Books? Read these titles, then send in your order before our supply is gone!

- SENIOR
- ANIMAL NEIGHBORS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE
- THE SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP
- IN THE LAND OF THE AZTECS
- FINDING THE LIGHT

- JUNIOR
- HIS MESSENGERS
- A FRIEND IN THE DARK
- CHOPPY WATERS

- PRIMARY
- SUNSHINE STORIES
- LASIUS, THE LUCKY ANT

Pastor K. O. Tan of the Union staff recently spent about two weeks in the Malay States Mission promoting the Home Missionary activities in our Chinese churches and encouraging the colporteurs.

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Prof. G. H. Minchin spent a week end recently assisting with educational problems in connection with our two schools in Kuala Lumpur.

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A telegram received from Pastor Abel reports that negotiations have finally been completed for the purchase of a piece of land in Ubol, Thailand on which the proposed new building for our school there is to be erected.

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Pastor Youngberg writes that building work is progressing at the new Dusun Training School. Since Brother Youngberg has returned to Borneo from the Union committee meeting in Singapore, work has been started on two more buildings, the main school building and the girls' dormitory. The brethren in Borneo are hoping that the new buildings at the school will be sufficiently near completion so that the Annual Meeting of the Mission can be held at the school in April.

Dr. Hebard writes that the income at the Penang Sanitarium and Clinic during 1939 was the largest in the history of our medical work in Penang. We are truly grateful for this splendid report.

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Brother L. I. Bowers of Singapore and Brother V. L. Kon of Bangkok were ordained to the gospel ministry at the Sabbath afternoon service of the Singapore English church on December 30, 1939.