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BANGKOK MISSION CLINIC SCHOOL OF NURSING

By Ruth M. Munroe, R. N.

On May 18, 1941, an advance step was taken in connection with our Medical work in Bangkok. For a long time the need has been felt of having our own trained nurses. The work has grown in less than five years from a small beginning to an institution of seventy-five beds and an outpatient department caring for seventy-five to one hundred patients a day. Needless to say this requires a large staff of nurses and other workers. In the past those caring for the sick have been young men and women who have come to us untrained and some with very little education. These loyal workers have done their best to make the work a success but we need nurses who are trained to carry on the many phases of the medical work.

For several months we had been laying plans to begin the Training School and all worked to that end. On the date mentioned above the Bangkok Mission Clinic School of Nursing began and we have eighteen students, seven of which are young men. Eight of the students are from our school in Ubol and some are former nurses aids who desire to obtain more knowledge and devote their lives to the care of the sick. About half the young people are Thai and the rest Chinese.

Only a small number are church members and most of them are not Christians which places a large responsibility on those leading out in the work. Bible classes are conducted under the direction of Kru Prachud for the Thai students and Pastor Phang for the Chinese. They are studying the fundamental principles of faith in God's Word and the inspiration of the Bible as shown through fulfilled prophecy. They are also being taught the Plan of Salvation made possible through the gift of Jesus.

The course of study is as near like that given in our Training Schools in America as possible with our very meager equipment. The basic sciences, Anatomy Physiology, Bacteriology and Chemistry are under the direction of Mrs. D.

P. La Tourette. Mrs. Waddell finished her classes in one of the important phases of our Medical work, Hydrotherapy, also Ethics in order that the students may learn how to conduct themselves about the hospital and sick. We appreciate the help Mrs. Waddell was able to give us before leaving on furlough. Of course the students are learning the various nursing procedures as well as English conversation and charting. I have just started a class in First Aid for both the students and the nurses aids so they may be prepared for emergencies.

Another important member of the Training School workers is our translator, Mrs. Laddah and without her it would be impossible to carry on our work. There are very few nursing textbooks in the Thai language so it is necessary for the teachers to outline the English books which are translated by Mrs. Laddah and sent to the

CHURCH CALENDAR

Nov. 1—Colporteurs' Rally Day
22—Educational Day and Offering

printers. In this way we hope that by the time this class is finished to have all the courses outlined in Thai. Mrs. Laddah also teaches and has just finished the course in Personal Hygiene. Mrs. Helen Kang, supervisor of the Clinic is teaching massage. Our classroom is the double car garage at the Annex.

Just a week ago, and after much time spent trying to find a suitable place, the girls moved into the Nurses Home, located about a mile from the Annex. They seem to be happy in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Kallee Paw are in charge there and we are glad for the help they can give us from their former experience as Preceptors in our school in Burma. It is here in the Dormitory that we hope to influence these young people to become Christians and plans are being laid to make this part of their work interesting, educational and spiritual. Last Sabbath my heart was made glad to see all the girls

in their places at Sabbath School and Church.

We feel the need of the prayers of our fellow workers and members throughout the field that the Lord will bless our efforts as we endeavour through the training of these young people to bring health, happiness and this Message to the hundreds of men and women that come under the care of the Clinic. Remember this new phase of the work in Bangkok in your prayers that we may be able to carry out the plans laid to further the Gospel in this country.

SIXTY THOUSAND PAGES OF HEALTH LITERATURE IN ONE WEEK

By S. N. Siregar

Dr. H. W. Miller's book in the Jawi, our latest publication in the Malay language, is a volume of 647 pages with 53 well-written chapters. It has merited very favourable comments from the Jawi reading public, including two of Malaya's leading dailies and a prominent Malay practitioner in Government service.

It was my privilege to go out with this book during the last week of September in the vicinity of Muar, Johore. I worked principally among the village authorities, "penghulus," their assistants, teachers, and prominent villagers. The people were very friendly, courteous and in many cases hospitable. The work among Islam people is of course a delicate one, but I found that tactfulness and ready points for the book usually solve the situation. I want to say that the Lord has guided me "beside still waters" and I praise His name for it.

On the second day that I was in the field, I worked in Panchor, 18 miles from Muar among the village people: there were no rickshaws nor cycles to hire, and the day was hot, but I was cheered by occasional orders. At about 2 p. m. I stopped a taxi to take me to Gerssek, three miles away. I came to the only eating house and had something to eat. There I came into conversation with a man in a scout shirt, and explained to him my work, letting him see the book while I had my dinner. As soon

as I got through he offered to take me around. He first brought me to the chandu shop, and both of the clerks there were favourable to the book. He next brought me to the Penghulu's very modern well-furnished house. The chief received me cordially and sent for two of his assistants. After a little while, I explained to them the usefulness of the book and each of them ordered one. By this time I came to know that my guide was no other than the Headmaster of the local Malay school. He then took me to his own house, and after having some orange crush, he called different ones of his friends to come over. Including one from himself, I took six orders there. I had to hurry to catch the last taxi returning to Muar. On my way I stopped at the police station and secured an order from the sergeant in charge. While I was writing a receipt for him, my good guide turned up with a pensioner, who also ordered a book. He further told me that he was going to accompany me across the river to the taxi stand. In the boat he introduced me to a "hajee," the officiating priest of the local mosque. I had no difficulty in taking an order from "the hajee," as we were in the taxi together on our way to Muar. Arriving in my hotel, I counted 19 orders for the day.

The most providential thing about it was when I came to deliver the books: I met him coming up on his cycle just before I reached the eating house. Accosting him I said, "Mr. Ali, I have only one hour to spare for delivering the books in this village; I have been wondering how it was to be done." He assured me that it was possible. I was thankful for it, for I was very hungry. By the time I finished my dinner, the Penghulu, one of his assistants, four school teachers, one religious teacher, the Headmaster, and a chandu clerk were there with their money. We had a very pleasant few minutes together, and all the books were delivered and money received, including those who were unable to come. The Penghulu meanwhile sent some one to arrange for my taxi, and the Headmaster instructed the driver of my next stopping place.

The Lord has guided me into a number of almost similar situations, so that during the week it was possible for me to secure 87 orders. Though I failed to meet seven people, I was able to secure 14 new ones, so that for the week's work, I delivered 94 volumes with a total of 60,818 pages. My prayer is that God will richly bless the thousands of pages to accomplish

the work for which they had been published.

EXPERIENCES OF A COLPORTEUR

By Mrs. S. Mangatas

One day when I was canvassing for the new Malay health book in Ipoh, Perak, I entered a lawyer's office where the people on that particular day were not very busy. While I was explaining my book to one of the clerks, other people gathered around me and listened attentively to the canvass.

After the conclusion of my talk one of them asked what religion I was. The answer was S. D. A. Christian. In reply to their question why I, being a Malay, should accept Christianity which is a European faith I explained to them why I was convinced of the Christian truth, using the fulfilment of the prophecy pointing to the end of the world. One of them, who was one time a subscriber of the *Chehaya*, asked, if I knew Mr. S. Mangatas. "Yes, I know" was my answer. "It is a pity that such a good paper as his should discontinue. I really appreciate that paper. Your lecture about the signs of the last days I read also in that magazine and I find it to be true."

Since it was raining outside and I could not leave the place, I had a long discussion on religion with them. I was surprised to notice that all of them had a friendly attitude towards Christianity. I believe that the Lord is now,—before probation closes, working on the hearts of the Moslems in

Malaya. According to the following experience this is evident. I was glad that I had the opportunity to testify for the truth I love so much.

Another time after taking some orders in a government office I left the building where I was canvassing. When I was about 300 yards from the office an elderly man came running to overtake me. "Lady" he said, "please don't be offended, but are you a Christian?" I answered, "Yes, I am a S. D. A." "I have read many of your books and your magazine," he continued, "and I am very much interested in your faith. Especially the religious articles in the last issue of the *Chehaya* were so convincing that they are burning in my heart. It is a great pity that the "*Chehaya*" now is no more. I decided to know more about the truth and so I bought a Bible, but soon I learned that I could not find my way in it. I would like you to know more about my faith. May I go to your place to have a talk with you?" We arranged the time and on the appointed hour he came. "What proof is there to show that the Bible is the Word of God?" was his question when our conversation took its course. I took my Bible and turned to Deut. 28. After reading the texts pertaining to the Jews I explained to him how wonderfully these texts are fulfilled through the stream of time up to the present day when we ourselves are eye witnesses of the truth of the prophecies. The man was much astonished at the explanation and nodded his head once in a while as token that he agreed with me.



Mr. Siregar standing beside 94 copies of *Way to Health*, "Malay"—
Just one week sales during School vacation time.

MALAYAN UNION — EIGHT MONTHS ENDING 31st, August 1940 and 1941
REPORT OF TITHE AND SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

(All items in local currency)

Mission	Tithe		Gain	Percentage of Gain	Sabbath School		Gain	Percentage of Gain
	1940	1941			1940	1941		
B. N. Borneo	1,350.44	1,717.01	366.57	27%	368.64	442.70	74.06	20%
F. I. China	3,598.14	4,534.42	936.28	26%	256.41	358.56	102.15	40%
Malay States	10,110.21	10,587.14	476.93	5%	3,400.19	3,585.07	184.88	5%
Sarawak	1,024.91	1,399.94	315.03	31%	410.82	535.13	124.31	30%
Thailand	2,210.81	2,699.47	488.66	22%	663.22	750.36	87.14	13%
Totals	18,294.51	20,877.98	2,583.47	14%	5,099.28	5,671.82	572.54	11%

N. B. For the third consecutive month there is a gain in every item. Let us continue this good trend.

Leonard F. Bohner, Treasurer.

When I was through with this prophecy I asked him, "Do you see that the author—putting my hand on the Bible—is the One who thinks thousands of years ahead?" "Yes" he said. I continued "He" not only knows thousands of years ahead, events of which you are a witness, but He knows also the end of all things, so also the end of the world." The man stared at me amazed. "To show you that the author of this book, which is God, knows the end of the world from the beginning I shall give you another study in brief." So I studied with him Daniel 2 and quoted also some texts relating to the signs of the second coming.

In the meantime it was getting late. "I am very sorry" said the man, "that I have to go to-morrow for a very important business, and I will not be back before two weeks. Otherwise I would like to come to see you and have more enlightenment in the Bible." He declined to give his name, because he was afraid that it might cause difficulties for him. Knowing his position I did not insist but gave him the address of Brother Abdy in K.L. and my husband. He promised that some day when it was convenient he would see either Brother Abdy or Mr. Mangatas.

I regret very much that I did not tell him that I was Mrs. Mangatas. Had I done this, I think he would have been willing to make known his address.

In another town, also up country I came across a Moslem, who to my surprise had a high opinion of our Press. He said in the course of our conversation, "I know your Press. I have bought many books from your colporteurs. They are all excellent books. Whenever you have a new book bring it to me." About four months ago this gentleman bought a set of Malay books from me and now he took the big health book. In the set he bought, was a translation of

"These Tremendous Times."

I noticed that a great change has taken place in the attitude of the Mohammedans towards Christianity. They are now more friendly than some years ago.

WORKING IN SINGAPORE

By Florence Phang

While my sister and I were on our way down town one morning, a man who was evidently going to office, noticed the books we were carrying, and expressed a desire to look at them. After looking into the contents he said that he was convinced they were good books. Then and there he paid for the books, which we hope will be the means of leading him into a knowledge of the truth.

We entered a large foreign firm one day, and showed our books to the manager. He told us that since his firm sells liquor, and since the books we were selling were against liquor, he did not see how he could buy our books. "However," he said, "business is business, and as you are selling good books I shall buy a set from you for my son to read."

Everywhere we go we meet with people who are interested in our literature. Let us hope and pray that the books we have placed in the homes of the people will be a means of bringing many to Christ, the Saviour of the world.

"TOUGH BUT SOFT-HEARTED"

By Albert Tobing

It was about 4.30 in the morning of August 10, when Maruly and I reached our destination—Seremban, the central town as well as the capital of Negri Sembilan, our territory.

As soon as we came out of the train we were told to go to the customs office. The officer spoke rather harshly to us at first, but "a soft answer turneth away wrath." We became good friends a few minutes afterwards. I explained to him our intention in coming to his place, and canvassed him for the book. We were glad, for he ordered one copy from us. We were thankful to God for giving us a very good start in our territory, and we were in high spirits to continue our work.

One day we decided to go to Sri Menanti, to see H. H. Yang di Pertuan Besar. We went to see his private secretary. He was sorry to inform us that we could not see His Highness at that time, for we were too late by about five minutes. Nevertheless, he inquired about our business. We told him that we were student canvassers from Malayan Seminary, in Singapore, and we were engaged in the selling of a certain book called "Jalan Kepada Kasihatan." He admired the book the moment I took it from my bag. I explained the contents of the book to him and before long he gave us his order for two copies. Before leaving him I said, "Excuse me tunku, but could you introduce me to any of your friends around here?" He said that he would be glad to do so, but now almost all of the officers were gone except one. He gave me the name of the tunku, and directed me to go to a certain place. We went to the place at once, and succeeded in seeing the tunku. After introducing ourselves I started my canvass and before long I secured an order from him. We were thankful and happy on our way back to our hotel.

It was providential that we were able to leave Seremban the day we wanted to return to school. We planned to leave by the 5th of September, longing to attend ser-

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vices again in the Seminary chapel. All our orders had been delivered by the 4th except two orders. We had sent all the money we collected to the Malayan Signs Press with nothing left in our pockets to bring us back to the Seminary. We were counting on the money to be collected on the morrow for our return fare.

The morning came and we asked for guidance before we approached our customers. We got the money alright, but after a hard fight with a tough customer. We were happy and went to the station to get our tickets. It was not until then that we were sure of reaching the Seminary. I asked Maruly as to how he felt before we boarded the train, and he said, "I feel very far from the Seminary." Truly, without the help of God we would not have been able to be back in Singapore at the time we did but through His help we are now in the Seminary.

WITH THE WORKERS ON THE TATAU RIVER

By *Elam Sinaga*

Brother Hutapea is settled away from the station in the interior where he has twelve students. Since locating in the new place his family has had trouble with malaria. First his son nearly died and then his wife became very ill. Thank God, we had injections on hand and I took the boat with the motor up the river last Friday night to help. They are both much better. Inasmuch as I had the boat my wife and children had to row upstream to Sabbath School. Hulman, was very scared to hear the splashing of a big crocodile nearby. About a month ago a girl coming to the station for treatment was caught by a croc just below our landing. Her body was never found, just a few pieces were recovered. Since then they have been using hooks with bait and caught five. One was caught just a few yards from our house. About fifteen boatloads of Dyaks gathered to spear it. It is wonderful how these people manage to catch the strong crocs.

NEWS FROM BHUKET

Although the Clinic has been open about eight months, over two hundred minor operations have been performed. One on a European mining engineer was what would be considered a bad risk. Doctor Geshke writes that the Lord was near and with the whole European community interested in the case the man made a good recovery.

A patient who came with a severe case of cerebral malaria has been discharged from the hospital.

Due to lack of trained nurses the in-patient department has only taken care of emergency cases. It is hoped that shortly this department will be in full operation.

NOTES FROM BORNEO

There is a flourishing Sabbath School meeting in Phang Shau Kong's house in Jesselton. The membership is over twenty-five.

Brother Siagian is teaching in Menggatal taking the place of Brother A. Silalahi who is in Sumatra on leave.

Brother M. Agian and Family recently returned to the field after several months in Sumatra.

Thirty students have enrolled at the Sabah Training School. More will come as soon as the rice planting is finished.

The first mile stone of progress in the Nurses' Training School at Penang was marked on Sunday evening, Aug. 31, by the first cap pinning exercises. The simple but impressive occasion was held in the parlour of the nurses' home. The four months probationary period having been completed the new students received caps, while the degree of senior nurse was denoted by the placing of two black bands on the left corner of caps worn by three of our nurses who, after having had two years training elsewhere, are finishing their course here and will be graduated in March.

TO FORMER UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you were ever a student at Union College you will want the new book, "Union College: Fifty Years of Service." It has 257 pages including 27 full page halftones, giving a complete history of "Old Union" from its beginning to the present time. The early experiences of the school, its presidents and faculties, the graduating classes and class gifts, the Golden Cords, the school's expan-

sion, and many other topics will fascinate anyone who has ever been connected with the school either as student, teacher, or board member.

The book is beautifully bound in the college colours with a cut of the clock tower on the front cover. It will bring you many a thrill of old days spent at Union. Read it, and leave it on the table in your living room for friends to read. If you ever went to Union College, your library will never be complete until you have a copy of "Union College: Fifty Years of Service."

Price \$1.75. Order from your Book and Bible House, or direct from the Christian Record, College View Station, Lincoln, Nebraska.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

Professor F. R. Millard has been appointed Educational Secretary of the Union. Any educational problem and all school reports should be addressed to him.

The Acting Sabbath School and Young Peoples Secretary is Leonard F. Bohner.

HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT

Kuala Lumpur reports \$2,500.00 already received with \$900.00 more in pledges.

Malayan Seminary teachers and students entered into this year's Campaign with real enthusiasm and through God's blessing reported \$2,887.50 in about 1½ days. The Chinese, Malay, and English churches in Singapore together have passed the \$2,600.00 mark. To God be the praise!

The 1942 Home Missionary Calendars and Morning Watch have been received. Be sure to place your orders early through your Tract Society to avoid disappointment. The Chinese Morning Watch are expected shortly.

RADIO BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENT

Tune to station KZRM, Manila every Tuesday evening at 7:30 (Singapore time) Brother P. H. Eldridge will be on the air under the title "God behind the Headlines." You will hear timely and interesting features as well as good music.

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TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
