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The Sabbath School Centenary at Kuala Lumpur

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The official Centennial Day appointed by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference was September 27th. In Kuala Lumpur that morning, the weather was fine and all of God's people looked happy as they took their seats in Sabbath School. The beautifully decorated church was packed right up to the walls with the Sabbath School and church members, students of the Voice of Prophecy and the many guests.

The program began promptly at nine-thirty. The audience was deeply touched by the Primary children who acted as well as sang in a number entitled, "Helping the Sabbath School." Following this, Elder Wan Yin Chong gave a talk on the history of the Sabbath School.

present were greatly encouraged by the testimony of Elder Woon Shaw Wen as he spoke of his experiences during the past forty and more years. One special number was given by the students and teachers of the Teh Sin School and was greatly enjoyed by all.

At the close of the service more than ten mothers came forward to present their babies to the Lord and to dedicate them to Him in a scene that was both solemn and encouraging.



The Primary children helping the Sabbath School
by singing

吉隆坡蒙童學員表演特別節目

Pastor Y. H. Phang, president of the Malay States Mission, conducted the eleven o'clock service. Those



The candidates baptized at a special afternoon
service in Kuala Lumpur on the Sabbath School
Centenary Day

五位慕道友於九月廿七日在吉隆坡受浸

As a fitting end to this wonderful day, we met again in the afternoon to witness five dear souls arising from the watery grave to take up a new life in Christ Jesus. This was a day to be remembered and one which we believe will strengthen the faith of all who partook in it.

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The following is the first of a group of statements on the subject of tithing which we have received from the General Conference with the request that one be published in each edition of "The Messenger." We know that all of our readers will be grateful for the opportunity of reviewing what has been written for our instruction on this most important topic.

Those Who Withhold Tithe Make Complaints

"Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, 'What have we spoken so much against thee?' Ye have said, 'It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.' Those who withhold from God his own make these complaints. The Lord asks them to prove him by bringing their tithe into His storehouse, and to see whether he will not pour them out a blessing. But they cherish rebellion in their hearts and complain of God, and at the same time they rob Him and embezzle His goods. When their sin is presented to them, they say, 'I have had adversity; my crops have been poor; but the wicked are prospered. It does not pay to keep the ordinance of the Lord.'"

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Home and How We Live There

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"The home is the child's first school, and it is here that the foundation should be laid for a life of service." *M. H.* p. 400.

"The home training should be supplemented by the work of the school. The development of the whole being, physical, mental and spiritual, and the teaching of service and sacrifice, should be kept constantly in view.

"Above any other agency, service for Christ's sake in the little things of everyday experience has power to mold the character and to direct the life into lines of unselfish ministry. To awaken this spirit, to encourage, and rightly to direct it, is the parent's and the teacher's work. No more important work could be committed to them." *M. P.* p. 401.

Wanting to found their new church school in Penang on right principles, the teachers, children, and church members dedicated themselves to the task of making a good and correct beginning. With the inspiration of enthusiastic young teachers, two classrooms were soon converted into centers of interesting activity. The enrollment more than doubled in a few weeks. The church became church school conscious.



This is the model house used in making the study of the home more real to the students

檳城教會小學之模型屋子

The first unit of the Social Studies class was on "Home and How We Live There." With the help of several individuals, a toy house was built for the children to use in making their study more real and interesting. Their first lesson with the house was how to welcome friends to their homes. Many units of activity will continue throughout the school year and finally close with a unit on "Home in the New Earth."

Surely teaching of this kind will bear fruit in the lives of these young people. It will be a strength to them, their homes, and the church.

We thank God for Christian teachers like Hepsibah Lucas and Bonar Pohan who have dedicated their lives to Christian teaching. We are thankful to hear them say, "We have good courage, and we will do our utmost to make this church school a success. Remember us in your prayers."

"He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; and education that can not be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come." *Education* p. 19.



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"Suddenly, from the other side of the road, less than two hundred yards away, a terrible explosion from a big bomb took place which instantly knocked all of us down flat on the edge of the road. While steel was being strewn everywhere we quickly crawled into the ditch. After what seemed like an age, when the steel had stopped falling, we got up to look around. It seemed like the resurrection morning to us as we, almost alone, stood up among the dead, wounded and dying, to find that none of us was more than scratched! A French colonel was killed right beside us.

"This was later claimed to be the biggest explosion Saigon has ever known. The toll of dead and injured was very high. This was a bomb dump and many bombs had been set together with one fuse so that the whole works went off at the very same instant. Our car was caved in on top and full of holes. I afterward counted where forty-eight pieces of steel had hit the car. One piece had gone through the front window and out through the back one. The fire truck beside it had suffered an even worse fate as some tremendous piece of steel had landed in the middle of it and caved it in. Several bombs that had been lying near by had gone flying away. One landed over a kilometer away and another buried itself in the pavement behind our car but didn't go off.

"The cathedral and several stores on Catinat, about five kilometers from the explosion, suffered broken glass and the ground everywhere was graveled with shrapnel. Here at home, over a mile away, our house and office also got a good shaking up. The doors that had been shut were blown open and one of them blew apart and splintered to pieces. A big glass window in the press was demolished and Brother Thien's baby would probably have been killed with falling plaster if it had not been for the mosquito net over it. As you can imagine, we have certainly been having a prayer meeting of thanksgiving here."

Surely the angel of the Lord still encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Around the Union

● Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Dick, with their two children, Raylene and Duane, arrived in Singapore on September 16, to begin their term of service with the Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

● When the Union office heard of the great loss by fire in Haadyai and how much of the town had been destroyed, many people injured and some loss of life, a cable was immediately dispatched to ascertain what damage, if any, had come to our missionaries and property there. We were most happy to receive an answer stating that all was safe and unharmed.

● Elder and Mrs. Lyle C. Wilcox are once again at home on the Union compound after their vacation trip to Borneo.

● As "The Messenger" goes to press we are very sad to have to inform our readers that on September 30, Dr. E. D. Dick was stricken with Polio and after only four days passed away at the British Military Hospital. He leaves his wife and his two children, his family and parents in Canada and his Aunt, Mrs. R. S. Waddell of Bangkok, to mourn his sudden and tragic passing. Dr. Dick had been invited to accept a very attractive position in one of our institutions in America and had been considering it with favor when the call came from the General Conference for him to join our hospital staff here. He accepted the call without hesitation and in order to relieve our greatly overworked doctors, flew out by plane and took up duties immediately.

His bereaved wife has borne up most bravely under this great blow. She and the two children left Singapore by plane on October 8 to return to America where she will await the birth of her third child. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathies and prayers go with her as we all look forward to a happy reunion at the great resurrection day.

● At the same time that Dr. Dick was stricken with Polio, it was discovered that Dr. and Mrs. Coffin's little daughter Kathy was suffering from the same disease. We are happy to say that she passed the crisis safely and that, in company with Mrs. Dick and the children, is being taken back to America to receive treatment for paralysis in her leg and side. Dr. and Mrs. Coffin have gone with Kathy and if she is progressing satisfactorily at the end of a month, Dr. Coffin will return to Singapore leaving Mrs. Coffin and Kathy to come as soon as her doctors feel that she is able.

● Dr. and Mrs. James Nelson of Penang have most generously stepped into the breach by coming to take over Dr. Coffin's duties while he is gone. We greatly appreciate the sacrifice which this means to the Penang Sanitarium and we are deeply grateful for the kindness and help of all during this time of great stress to our hospital and its staff.

Religious Activities at Malayan Union Seminary

By R. A. WOLCOTT

"They shall be all taught of God," is the instruction of the Scriptures. But not only are the students to be taught of God, they are to become workers together with Christ. From the inspired blueprint we read, "All who shall be educated in our school, are to be trained to be workers." FE 463.

Earnest efforts are being put forth to reach these objectives at the Malayan Seminary. Each morning and evening a devotional period is conducted in each of the school homes, and for the benefit of the large number of day students a short worship period begins the day's classwork each morning.

The week-end services, the Friday evening vesper hour, the Sabbath School and Church service, and the work of the M. V. Society all contribute toward bringing the students into a closer relationship with their Master. A weekly series of evangelistic studies each Wednesday morning in chapel have dealt with some of the problems of youth in relation to the doctrines of the Bible.

In addition to this, consecrated teachers take a personal interest in the salvation of their students, and as a result we have seen a goodly number of young people take their stand for the Saviour and unite in church fellowship through baptism. We are happy to report thirty-three baptisms from our student group already this year, and there is another group now preparing to take this happy step before the end of the year. It is of special interest to note that some of these conversions have been brought about by students who have had a burden for their fellow-students. This indeed rejoices our hearts.

The baptismal classes have been well attended, with as many as 25 young people meeting at an early hour on Sabbath morning. Some of these who attend are students who have been recently baptized and desire to become better grounded in the truths of the third angel's message. The class continues to grow week by week.

It has been truly encouraging to note the student interest in our weekly church prayer-meeting. It calls to mind the statement in "Steps to Christ," "Those who are really seeking for communion with God will be seen in the prayer meeting, faithful to do their duty, and earnest and anxious to reap all the benefit they can gain." We are indeed happy to see this trend developing among our students.

Aside from all this, we believe it is important that our students, even in the secondary school, shall be trained to be workers for God. We believe they should have opportunities for experience in soul-winning work whether or not they intend to take up the work of the ministry. When the way recently opened for us to take a group of students to Johore Bahru to assist regularly in the services with the small company there, we felt the Lord was leading. We determined to make a beginning in a seminar

program for the giving of actual experience in the work of the church to our advanced students. We are hoping to extend this beginning in the near future to include more students than have had the opportunity thus far to participate, thus giving wider range of soul-winning work. The response of the students to this program has been enthusiastic.

Plans are being laid for broadening the scope of the Worker's Training Course and enlarging its outlook. It has been begun in a humble way, but the Lord is leading upward. Indications are now that the Seminary will, in the near future become a mighty instrument in the hands of God. Qualified, well-trained, consecrated instructors for producing an army of workers shall go forth from this institution to bring the work of God in the Malayan Union to a glorious climax.

God is blessing our efforts at the Malayan Seminary to reach the objectives for which the school was established. We know that this is due to the many prayers ascending to God from all over the Union in behalf of the school. We earnestly urge that you make the Malayan Seminary a continual subject of prayer, and request your continued, whole-hearted support of our work here. The Seminary doors stand open to every consecrated young man and woman who desires to receive a Christian education and to prepare himself for usefulness in the service of God. There may seem to be obstacles in the way, but diligent prayer and consecration to God will remove the mountains of difficulty. Working together we hope to fulfill God's plan for the school and for the young people in this important field.

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God Protects His Own

How many times we are indebted to God and His protecting power when Satan would bring harm and danger to us as we labor. We may not know until the judgement day just how often He has spread His wings around us when destruction threatened, but there are times when we do see with our own eyes the miraculous intervention of heaven. This was the case in Saigon, Indo-China recently when a great tragedy struck there. Quoting from a letter from Brother Lester Storz, we bring you the details of the happening which should cause us all to join the brethren there in thanksgiving to God.

"At three o'clock this morning a huge army gasoline dump caught fire and at six o'clock was still burning high, so we, Doctor Walther, and the Wentlands went out to take pictures of it. Fortunately, the children all stayed at home. We parked beside a fire truck and many other cars, and went up with the rest as close as we could get to the army gate.

實深入人心腑，令人感動。繼由萬潤章長老，闡述安息日學歷史，精詳備盡，難能可貴。

講道聚會，由馬來聯邦區會會長彭應熙牧師主持。在此一聚會中，并有溫少文長老，以四十餘年之經歷，佐予見證，鼓勵良多。歌詩中，以德新學校員生合唱之『流血之泉』，柔揚抑舒，殊為中肯。講道後，則有十餘位母親，企立會眾之前，願將其嬰孩獻與主耶穌。此情此景，賢奮又嚴謹。

同日下午三時，復有特別聚會，在美妙聖樂歌聲中，已有五位新人從水中復活，歸入主名。深信由於此一紀念會之奮興，吾曹對於得救之信心，定能穩固也。

檳城教會小學動態

(遠東總會初級小學指導員 楊懿德)

『家庭的兒童的第一個學校，是服務生活安置根基的地方。』

『家庭的訓練，應由學校的工作加以補充。整個人類——靈智體三方面的發展，以及服務與犧牲的教訓，這是我們所應該常常注意的。』

『能造就品格，規導人生，使人以公益為念的，莫如天天在平常的小事上為基督服務。父母和教師的責任，就是要引起，培養，和好好地指導這種在日常小事上為基督服務的精神。這種責任，可說是再重要沒有了。』(服務真銓第三七三，三七四面)

檳城的教友們在設立一間符合正當原理的小學之事上已有了良好和正確的開始。由於兩位青年教師的努力，兩間教室已成了有趣的活動之中

心。在幾星期內，學生的人數驟增，全個教會對此小學大大地關心起來。

課程中有一門社交研究的科目，其第一個主題是『家庭』。為使學生們的研究更有趣和更真實起見，在禮堂中蓋有一間模型屋子。學生們所學到的第一課是如何接待賓客。在本年內將繼續有許多活動，最後的一個題目是『在新天新地中的家庭』。誠然，這種活動將會在這些學生們的生活上結出果子來。感謝上帝，賜與我們虔誠獻身為基督教育工作的教師。

神道學校之宗教活動

(神道學校教會牧師 鄒國德)

『他們都要蒙上帝的教訓，』這是聖經的指示。學生們不但要蒙上帝的教訓，同時也是成為基督的同工。預言之靈說：『凡是要在我們學校受教育的，都要受訓成為工人。』

南洋神道學校同人懇切地努力，冀以完成此項目標。每日清晨和晚上，男女寄宿生分別舉行聚會。每日上課以前，有一簡短的禮拜聚會，這是為着走讀學生之利益而設。

週末聚會，星期五夕陽會，安息日學，講道聚會，青年佈道團活動等都幫助學生們更加與大教師親近。每星期三的早會，曾討論及與聖道有關的青年問題。

此外，虔誠的教師對於每個學生的得救十分關切，結果，有許多青年人獻身歸主，受浸加入教會。今年受浸人數已有卅三位了，另有一組也預備於年底前加入教會。有些學生的加入教會，乃是其他以救靈為己任的學生所幫助的，這實予

我們莫大的快樂。

每星期六早，有浸禮班查經聚會，出席的人有二十多位。其中有幾位是最近之前纔受浸的，他們因為要在道理上建立更堅固的根基，所以仍然照常赴會，這個查經班正在逐漸長大中。

學生們熱心參加星期三晚的禱告會，實是令人鼓舞的事。寫到這裏，使我想起了『幸福的階梯』裏的一段話：『凡是真正尋求與上帝交通的人，必會在祈禱會中出現，他們忠於責任，懇切和熱烈地收割他們所能得到的利益。』

除了上面所述外，我們深信學生們受訓成為上帝的工人是件很重要的事。我們相信，不管他們是否預備當傳道，他們應有親身體驗救靈工作的機會。感謝上帝的安排，我們有了一個機會，可以在每星期六早上帶領一班學生們到新山(柔佛)主領聚會。我們決定開始一種計劃，使高級的學生們有實地參加教會工作的機會。我們希望由這一個小開始，將來有更多的學生可參與這活動。學生們對於此計劃的反應很是熱心。

當局已擬定計畫，擴充工人訓練班。它的開始雖然微小，但上帝一路引導着。有徵象顯示本校將成為上帝手中的一個有力的工具。合格，虔誠，有良好訓練的講師正在預備一班的工人，他們將使本聯會內的聖工到達光榮的頂點。

上帝時時賜福我們的努力，我們相信這是聯會內許多人禱告的結果。我們再懇切地請求諸位在禱告中記念神道學校，並全心全意地幫助這裏的工作。神道學校歡迎凡是願意受基督教育並預備為主工作的青年男女來就讀。阻隔雖然重，但藉着殷勤的禱告與懇切的獻身，我們可克服困難的。

懷訓選粹

撒但的工作就是要顛倒人腦筋的查考力。人們對於聖經真理的看法，攙有一種驕傲的心理，若不能對每一段聖經都圓滿解說，便覺得灰心及焦躁。在他們看來，若果承認自己不明白這靈感的聖言，乃是奇恥大辱。他們不願耐心地等待，直到上帝認為適於向他們顯明真理之時，他們覺得自己單獨的人類智慧，便已足使他們瞭解聖經了；若是辦不到這事，他們便率直否認聖經的權威。

——證言卷五原文七〇一面



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關於什一

『耶和華說，你們用話頂撞我；你們還說，我們用甚麼話頂撞了你呢？你們說，事奉上帝是徒然的；遵守上帝所吩咐的，在萬軍之耶和華面前苦苦齋戒，有甚麼益處呢？如今我們稱狂妄的人為有福；並且行惡的人得建立；他們雖然試探上帝，卻得脫離災難。』那些扣留上帝之物的人如此怨說。上帝叫他們將什一送入倉庫，以此試他，看他是否傾福與他們，但是他們心中充滿反叛之念，怨罵上帝，同時奪取上帝之物，私自應用。當他們之罪被提出之時，他們說：『我有了災難，我的土產不好，但是惡人却興旺，遵守上帝的典章有何益處呢？』

——全球總會公報一八九七年第二季卷二第二期第七面——

上帝保護其子民

撒但時時地要加害我們，但是我們却多次地蒙上帝保護。雖然我們如今不知上帝到底救了我们幾次，但有時上帝也使我们親見他的拯救大能的，最近西貢就發生一件這樣的事情。以下是節錄自施道智兄弟的來信：

『今晨三點的時候，一個巨大的軍用汽油庫失火，至六點之時，火勢仍然猛烈。於是我，溫德倫夫婦，華德爾博士一起出去拍相。幸虧孩子們都留在家裏。把汽車停放好後，我們跟着其他觀眾走前去。』

『突然間，大約二百碼遠的地方，一個大炸彈爆炸起來，我們立刻倒了下去，當彈片還在亂

飛之際，我們急忙爬進溝裏去。等到彈片停止飛舞之後，我們纔站起來。是時，我們猶如是在復活之晨一般，前後左右皆躺臥着人，有的已死，有的受傷，一個法國陸軍上校就在我們旁邊被炸死，但我們却絲毫沒有受傷。

『事後據稱這是西貢最大的爆炸，傷亡人數很多。這是一個軍火庫，許多顆炸彈排列一起，共有一導火線，所以都立即爆炸起來。我們的汽車充滿了洞，車頂凹入。我算算看，共有四十八塊彈片擊中汽車，有一塊從前頭飛進，又從後窗出去。……』

『離爆炸地點五公里的一個教堂和幾家舖子的玻璃窗都震破了。我們的辦事處與住家離出事地點一哩許，也一樣地受波及，緊閉着的門被吹開，其中有一扇門甚至裂成幾片。報館的一個大玻璃窗被震壞。范善兄弟的嬰孩若不是有蚊帳擋住的話，也許被落下的灰泥壙死了。正如你們所猜想的，我們大家舉行一個聚會，感謝上帝的照顧。』

誠然，上帝的使者，仍舊在敬畏他的人四圍安營，拯救他們。

安息日學

百週年紀念在吉隆坡

(吉隆坡華人教會傳道 潘奮)

九月廿七日乃本會全球釐訂之紀念日。是日也，天朗氣清，和樂融融。上午九時半，按時開會，聖堂內外，煥然一新，氣象萬千。計是日參與盛會者，有教友，有學員，有函校生，暨來賓等，濟濟一堂。喜氣洋溢。同心感謝主恩浩澤，沐吾聖民。在安息日學中，有蒙童班演唱『幫助安息日學』，蓋以其不但唱，而且附以表演，確