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School Year Launched With Prayer Week

By R. A. WOLCOTT

Indicative of the rising spiritual interest at the Malayan Seminary, and pointing the way to a school year filled with many blessings, was the Week of Prayer held from January 9 to 17—just one week after the students enrolled in their first classes of the year. Fortunate indeed were we to have the ministration of Elder G. M. Mathews of the General Conference Department of Education, and doubly fortunate for the ministration of the Holy Spirit which, in power, attended his work.

With keen understanding and insight born of a close walk with God and many years of experience in working with young people, Elder Mathews' messages touched on the vital topics of practical Christian living in such a simple and direct manner that the hearts of all were stirred. Typical of the appreciation for the clear simplicity of the message was the remark, "Elder Mathews did not use one word during the whole week which I could not understand." The well-attended prayer bands, the intense earnestness and many prayers of the teachers, the large response to the call to yield the heart to God for the first time—all gave evidence to the fact that God had been waiting to pour out His Spirit in abundant measure, as from an ever-flowing fountain; a testimony also that God will have His way at the Malayan Seminary during the school year which has just begun.

The true value of such a week as this is impossible to measure this side of the eternal world, but the immediate results that are seen may serve to give some indication of the extent of its worth. At the close of the week a baptismal group was organized. The requests of those who desired to take studies leading to baptism were so numerous that it was necessary to arrange for three baptismal classes. Between forty and fifty of the non-baptised students enrolled in these classes. A goodly number of these come from heathen and non-Adventist homes. This group ranges in age from ten years to

twenty-one, and from Standard 4 to Standard 8 (equivalent of grades 6 to 11). These classes are held at varying times during the week for the convenience of the students and are conducted by Brother S. F. Chu, Brother Daniel Tan, and Pastor R. A. Wolcott. Brother S. N. Siregar will also be working with another special group.

It is from such occasions as this that we gather inspiration and courage to press the work forward until the youth of Malaya shall become a mighty army to share in the final work that shall emblazon the world in the glorious climax of the gospel.

The students and teachers have sincerely appreciated the warmth of Elder Mathews' sympathetic and understanding kindness. They bid him God-speed as he goes his way to bring his messages of inspiration to the young people of other fields.

Spirit of Covetousness Leads Men to Keep Means Belonging to Him

"It is the spirit of covetousness which leads men to keep for gratification of self means that rightfully belong to God, and this spirit is as abhorrent to Him now as when through His prophet He sternly rebuked His people, saying, 'Will a man rob God? Ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation.'

"The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven. This spirit finds its highest manifestation in Christ's sacrifice on the cross. In our behalf, the Father gave His only begotten Son; and Christ, having given up all that He had, then gave Himself, that man might be saved. The cross of Calvary should appeal to the benevolence of every follower of the Saviour. The principle there illustrated is to give, give."

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The preceding is the fifth 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.

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One Hundred and Thirty Awarded Pins

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The largest Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School Rally in Viet Nam history was held on Christmas morning in the Phu Nhuan church. Very few church members were present but the building was filled to capacity, with every seat occupied. The Chinese church choir, under the direction of Pastor R. H. Wentland, sang several Christmas carols and hymns. A well organized program continued with Brother Pham Thien, director of the correspondence school, in charge. Diplomas and pins were awarded to 130 students. This is the first time that Voice of Prophecy pins have been awarded. Recently, Pastor H. W. Peterson was able to secure 1,000 of these beautiful pins for us in the Vietnamese language at a very reasonable price, so that now they may be awarded to those graduates who attend the bi-annual rallies.

Inasmuch as a nightly series of evangelistic meetings was to begin on the following night in the same church, all graduates were cordially invited to attend the meetings. Some of these people have since been seen attending.

On Sabbath, December 27, four persons were baptized, of which one is a graduate of the Voice of Prophecy Course, and we are counting on several more of them to follow in baptism soon. Surely the Bible Correspondence School is playing a large role in spreading the Gospel into all the world in this generation.

Elder and Mrs. E. H. Wallace and family will return to Saigon early in September. Elder Wallace has been studying at the Theological Seminary in Washington D. C. They will visit their parents on the west coast before sailing for the Orient sometime in late July or August.

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Penang Youth

By BONAR W. POHAN

Penang, the "Pearl of the East," as someone has called it, is a lovely island. We have a fine group of young people here who are zealous and earnest in doing their bit to spread our message. Friday



Penang M.V. Society members who received their honors, with their leaders.

evening is the time for Young People's Meeting, and is always very well attended. Dr. J. Nelson is our energetic M. V. Leader, who, besides his heavy program in the hospital, puts untiring effort into the planning of interesting M. V. meetings. These may be Bible studies given in connection with colored slides or special programs.

Our M. V. members here are "Sabbath evening conscious." Weather would not stop them from attending our Progressive classes. With their knots to learn, verses to recite, vocational honors to take up, they find it a pleasure rather than a dreary work.

In order to complete an honor for cycling, on two separate occasions we went cycling round the island—a distance challenging to even the most enthusiastic cyclist. For our recreation we often have picnics, games, and social evenings.

All hard work was rewarded when the day for the Investiture Service came. Pastors Sorensen and Hackett came to Penang near the end of last year to invest the members. As Pastor Hackett read the charge, everyone pledged in his heart to become a true missionary volunteer. There were 24 Friends, 10 Companions, 3 Guides, 10 Busy Bees and 8 Builders invested. Over 60 vocational honors were awarded.

The earnest efforts in giving Bible studies in the various homes of the interested ones by Miss Dagoberg, Brother Cheah Hun Young and Brother Ng Sui Koon deserve mention. Aside from their duties they find time to tell others of our faith. Our young people in Penang are looking forward to a brighter year than ever this year.

Pastor Kang Conducts Efforts in Penang

BY STAMFORD WONG

We are truly grateful to the Union Mission for sending Pastor C. H. Kang to visit Penang. He looked after our church during the short furlough of Brother Tan Keng Boon in Hong Kong. On November 8, 1952 he also started a public evangelistic effort for us.

Admittedly it was not the best season of the year to hold an effort. It was the monsoon season. Also, nearing the approach of the new year, business circles were eagerly endeavoring to balance their accounts and close their books. At this time the students were also busy preparing for their final examinations. In fact, everyone seemed in some way to be busy winding up affairs in anticipation of the new year. Considering everything, the approach of the new year is really somewhat inconvenient for people to attend meetings.

As expected, the attendance was not large. We were happy to see that the regular attendance was made up of more than fifty percent of our own members. The average attendance was about fifty people. As someone suggested, perhaps a contributing factor in this small attendance was that the location is a drawback for prejudiced people who might feel that their presence would be embarrassing due to the fact that our church is located between two churches of other denominations.

Throughout, the sermons were indeed very interesting, enlightening and inspiring, especially in the studies of the prophecies. Many new points were brought to our attention. Certainly the members were greatly edified and their faith strengthened. Their regular attendance showed their hunger for the truth.

We were also very thankful to the Mission for sending Brother Joshua Chong to assist in the effort for several weeks. This was at a sacrifice of his own labour in Ipoh. Brother Chong's welcome aid was in addition to the untiring work and full co-operation of our local preacher, Brother Tan Keng Boon.

During the sixth week of the effort, on December 20, 1952, eight souls were baptized and during the seventh week, on December 23, the effort was reluctantly closed in order that the previously postponed Week of Prayer might be held.

Pastor Kang remained to assist in the Week of Prayer and to visit interested people. He also led

out in getting Bible readings started in some of the homes, and on January 17, 1953 he ordained one elder and two deacons.

We hope that in 1953 such spiritual uplift can be arranged for our church again. We trust that should such be the case, it may come at a more opportune season of the year when many more souls may take advantage of feeding on the Word of God.

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Dorcas Sale in Bangkok

Recently, in the busy center of the city of Bangkok, many posters were placed in the shop windows. The posters read as follows: "Please Notice: For the carrying on of welfare work, the Dorcas Society will hold a Jumble Sale, selling various kinds of food and many other fine articles. The sale will be held on the compound of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, December 20, at 10 A. M."

Since Pastor Ho's visit from Indo-China, when he held revival meetings, the Bangkok Chinese church has had a renewed interest in various lines of missionary work and much more is now being done in this way. Mrs. Lin Chong Shee, the Dorcas leader, started reorganization of the Society by soliciting



Scene at the Dorcas Sale, held on the grounds of the Sanitarium and Hospital in Bangkok.

new members and planning for an enlarged welfare work. This has been a great help to the church in the promulgation of the gospel. Mrs. Lin proposed that a Dorcas sale be held and after months of preparation the realization was all that could have been hoped for. The sale has made history for the Bangkok church.



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There was a large crowd early on the morning of December 20. People gathered around the big tent erected on the compound and inspected the various booths offering food and other things of interest for sale. The cookie booth was the first to "sell out." Although there were three girls to attend the temporary store, they could not handle all of the patrons by themselves. The embroidery and clothing sold well, as did the tempting dishes of "mee", "Qwai Teo", Ice Cream, aerated water, "fried mee", "Poh Piah" and cakes.

During the three short hours of the sale, over four thousand ticals were taken in. All those who had helped to make the sale a success wore smiling faces showing that they knew for whom they had been busy.

Evangelistic Council in Bangkok

BY ELDEN B. SMITH

January 14 to 29 will long be remembered by the workers of the Thailand Mission as the time of the inspiring evangelistic council. Elder J. W. Hackett was the instructor for this busy program. His enthusiastic style, together with his broad experience, greatly enriched the instruction given. The object of the meetings was two-fold. Elder Hackett was presenting an evangelistic message for the students and workers of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital who are not yet members. We are very happy for the ten or twelve who made known their decision to study in preparation for baptism.

The second objective was to give a condensed training course in evangelistic principles and methods for mission and medical workers of Thailand. There were workers present from Chiangmai, Bhuket, Ubol and Bangkok for the two weeks course.

The devotion talks given each morning by Elder Hackett were an inspiration to all. The morning hours from nine to twelve were given to class instruction. During the afternoons opportunity was given for field work, especially visiting hospital patients and Voice of Prophecy correspondence students who were invited to the evening meetings.

A much appreciated feature was the evangelistic series conducted by national workers under the direction of Elder Hackett. It was a busy program and very profitable. We join in looking forward to more of such training courses in the future.

Around the Union

● Elder and Mrs. C. C. Cleveland and Sydney, in company with Elder and Mrs. J. L. Pogue and family, will leave Seattle, Washington on April 7 and will arrive in Singapore on May 17.

● Mr. V. D. Bond, recently spent two weeks at the Indo-China Press in Saigon, giving counsel in matters of office routine and factory production. He was greatly pleased to find that the new Press building has enabled the workers there to increase the quality as well as the quantity of the work being done. It is anticipated that some new equipment may be forthcoming in the near future to further help them in their work.

● The Coffin family were happily reunited when Mrs. Coffin and Kathy re-joined Dr. Coffin in Singapore on Feb. 17. They came from Southern California on a Pan American plane which was held up for some time in Manila, but all is well that ends well, and they are once more established in their home on the Union compound.

● Elder and Mrs. Lyle C. Wilcox flew from Kalang Airport on the first lap of their furlough, on March 30. They were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Steck, old friends from the State of Washington, who had come half way around the world to join them on their trip through Europe. The Stecks were in Singapore only a few days but they enjoyed their brief stay here. Mrs. Steck is a cousin of Mr. V. D. Bond.

● Four baptisms in Yala, South Siam, were reported recently as a result of the work of Brother Sailon Sitanggang, who is carrying on as a layman. One of these baptized is a Telegu who has had a very good education in Tamil and who is at present teaching English to private students in Yala. His wife is Thai and is to be baptized in Bangkok in the near future.

● Elder R. A. Anderson, Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, spent a brief visit in Singapore enroute to other parts of the Far Eastern Division. He held several inspirational meetings which were greatly appreciated.

● The Youngberg Hospital has a new nurse in Miss Opal Whiteaker who recently joined the staff. Miss Whiteaker comes from the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

的技藝，是很快樂的事情。爲要使團員得到騎車榮譽章，青年團會二度舉行騎腳車環遊嶼島的活動，在娛樂方面，我們經常有郊遊，遊戲，及社交晚會等。

團員們的努力在年底授證式得到了獎賞，遠東總會總幹事蘇良森牧師及總會青年佈道部幹事赫桂德牧師特到檳城來授證給他們，當赫桂德牧師宣讀團約時，個個團員都矢志要作一個真正的義勇佈道士。是晚被授證的計有團友廿四位，團侶十位，團彥三位，『蜜蜂』十位，『建築者』八位，授出的技藝榮譽章共六十個。

最後，我們得提到下列三位團員，戴柯柏女士，謝漢洋兄弟，黃瑞坤兄弟，他們除了日常工作外，特抽出一部分時間爲人查經，我們希望新的一年將有更長足的進步。（包漢）

檳城佈道會簡報

（檳城華人教會長老 黃慎修）

我們實在感謝聯合會當局，使康克典牧師來檳城工作，當本堂傳道士陳經文兄弟在假赴港之時，他暫時代替了本堂傳道職務，他並於十一月八日起開始舉行佈道會。

無可否認，其時不是舉行佈道會的好季節，因爲正值雨季，同時又近年底，商界人士正忙着結賬，學生忙着應付年終考試。總之，大家多爲着快要臨到的新年而忙碌，因此，赴會的人士不很多，平均每晚約五十多位，其中有一半是本會教友。赴會人數不多的另一原因可能是地點不適合，因爲本堂剛夾在別個教會的二個教堂當中，偏見的人士總覺得到本堂來赴會是不大妙的。

人數雖然不多，但康牧師所講之道理很是動聽和感人，尤其是有關預言之題目，我們得知了

許多新的要點，相信教友的信德因而大大堅強。本堂也感謝區會當局，委派張壯志兄弟來幫忙佈道會幾個星期之久，這對於他在怡保的工作實是一樁損失，除了張兄弟之外，本堂傳道陳經文兄弟也落力幫忙。

在佈道會的第六星期中，有八個人在十二月廿日受浸。佈道會於十二月廿三日結束，因爲要舉行那已經展期好幾星期的禱告安息。佈道會雖然結束了，康牧師仍舊住在檳城幫助本堂工作，諸如探訪慕道友，爲人查經等，並於一月十七日立一位長老和二位執事。

我們盼望一九五三年中能再有一個這樣的機會，以增強教友的靈性生活，我們也盼望教會當局能顧慮到季節問題，選擇較適當的時候，俾有較多的人來聆聽聖經的教訓。

谷曼在會究研道佈

泰國區會的同工將永記得在正月十四至廿九日所舉行的佈道研究會。研究會由遠東總會青年佈道部幹事赫桂德牧師所主持，其熱誠和廣泛經驗使其演講更加生動，此次研究會的目的有二，赫桂德牧師向曼谷衛生療養院之非教友護士學生及職員佈道，結果有十或十二位立意要加入查經班，我們深爲此事快樂。

研究會的第二目的是教導泰國區會的職員以佈道的原理和方法，來赴此二個星期研究會的有清邁，普吉，烏汶，和曼谷等地的職員。

每天清晨由赫桂德牧師主持的靈修會，對於赴會的人都有很大的鼓勵，以後從九點至十二點的一段時間是教導，下午的時間則用作實習，例如拜訪醫院病人及聖經函授學校的學生。

此外，還有一個尤其動人的節目，就是本地

同工在赫桂德牧師指導下主領佈道會。研究會實是一個忙碌的節目，但大家獲益不少，我們希望將來能再有這樣良好的訓練之機會。

懷訓選粹

基督徒的人生，實有過於一般人所想的。溫柔，忍耐，謙虛，仁愛，這些固然是要緊的，然而基督徒的人生，不單只是這些而已；還有剛強，勇敢，堅忍，和毅力，也都是基督徒所不可少的性格。基督所劃定的一條路，是狹而窄的克己之路；要走上這條路，而又要在這條路的種種困難和阻礙中擠身向前，不是弱者所能勝任的。

基督所要的人，是有剛強之氣的人；是不等着別人把路築平，把一切阻礙剷除而後纔肯向前的人；是能够用自己熱烈的精神來鼓勵一般灰心的工人的衰頹之氣的人；是心腸熱烈，富有基督的愛，手段高強，善於爲主努力工作的人。

上帝要我們處處利用機會，來求一種爲他工作的準備，他要我們在他的工作上用全力去做，時刻不忘記這工作的神聖和沉重可怕的责任。

有許多本能够做非常好工作的人，因爲嘗試的不多，就成功得少，有千萬的人，活在世上，似乎沒有甚麼大目的，沒有甚麼高尚的目標要達到，其原因之一，就是把自己的人生估計得太低了，基督爲我們付了無窮的代價；他要我們照着祂所付的代價看重自己。

不要因爲達到了一個低的標準就此滿足，我們還沒有到我們所能到的地步，上帝給了我們理智之力，不是要我們放着不動或用世俗卑鄙的追求。

