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### SPECIAL DATES - 1934

March 24 - Day of Fasting and Prayer, and

"Melting Pot for Missions" Offering

March 31 - 13th Sabbath Offering, for Japan and Korea

April 21 - Foreign Translation Fund Offering
May 12-19 - Educational and Missionary Volunteer

Week of Prayer

May 19 - Missions Extension Fund Offering

June 10-16 - "Big Week" Campaign

June 30 - 13th Sabbath Offering, for South and West China

July 7 - Christian Home Day July 21 - Mid-Summer Offering

Sept. 8 - Week of Sacrifice Offering Sept. 29 - 13th Sabbath Offering, for the

Missions of the Northern European Division

Dec. 18-15 - Week of Prayer
Dec. 15 - Annual Offering

Dec. 29 - 13th Sabbath Offering, for Philippines and Malaya

Jan. 5 - (1935) Annual Education Day

# ANNUAL MEETINGS - 1934

Malay States Mission At Kuala Lumpur February 23-March 3 March 5-8 South Sarawak Kuching Siam Mission March 7-13 Bangkok North Sarawak Bintulu March 10-11 Cochin China March 17-24 Longxuyen British Borneo Mission Jesselton March 28-April 3 March 26-April 1 Annam Tourane

# "MELTING POT FOR MISSIONS"

At the recent Autumn Council of the General Conference and Winter Council of the Far Eastern Division, a resolution was adopted by both these organizations outlining a plan for a special "Melting Pot for Missions," in which all our people might be invited to join. At the Annual Council of the Malayan Union Mission, held from February 12 to 22, consideration was given the recommendation, and it was adopted for this field as follows:

### "MELTING POT FOR MISSIONS," Continued

"WHEREAS, In the time of Isreal the people of God brought their gold and silver ornaments to assist in the building of the sanctuary, and as a result great blessings were experienced, and

"WHEREAS, The Lord in His purpose has given us instruction that precludes the wearing of gold and silver ornaments, and there are, no doubt, many thousands of such ornaments in the homes of our people, and

"WHEREAS, The present crisis in our foreign mission programme calls for personal sacrifice in helping to sustain the cause of God, therefore

"RESOLVED: (a) That Sabbath, the 24th March, 1934 be fixed as a day on which our people throughout the Union be invited to bring a thank offering of gold and silver ornaments to the Lord.

"(b) That in the Malayan Union Mission all donated jewelry or ornaments be sold, the proceeds therefrom to be reported through the usual channels to the Union treasury by the respective mission organizations and applied on a Welting Pot for Missions Fund. ""
-- Minutes, Page 269, Action No. 1157.

It is to be understood that an offering will be taken up in all our churches on March 24 for this special fund. Where our people do not have jewelry, etc. to donate, they will be invited to bring a monetary thank offering.

All donated jewelry and ornaments must be sent in to the local mission treasurer. The officers will then dispose of it to the very best advantage, giving credit to the respective churches for the amount realized, and passing the proceeds on to the Union treasury, in harmony with the foregoing resolution.

### SPECIAL DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

"WHEREAS, Within the territory of the Malayan Union Mission there are large unentered regions where millions are still groping in darkness with no one to show them the way, while appeals keep coming to our workers telling of fields white for the harvest and of doors standing open as never before, making this truly a day of great opportunity in our programme of mission advance, and

"WHEREAS, In this situation our minds turn to the admonition of Jesus, 'Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.' Therefore, be it

"RESOLVED: That, in harmony with the admonition of our great Leader Himself to 'Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest,' we appoint the 24th March, 1934 as a special day of fasting and prayer, calling upon all of our people to unite in earnestly beseathing the Lord of the harvest to raise up and send labourers into these great unentered and needy fields." -- Minutes, Page 263, Action No. 1156.

Will our workers all see that full publicity be given and early announcements made of this special day of fasting and prayer? Do not forget the date - March 24. A blessing will come to all our people as they feel a personal burden for the advance of the work in this great field of Malaya and throughout the world.

It is very fitting that this day of fasting and prayer coincides with the day set for the "Melting Pot for Missions Fund." Let us make it a day of consecration and of dedication to the finishing of the work in this last generation.

### OUR 1933 REPORT

The year's work is ended, and now we are able to stand off, as it were, and view at least some of its results. 1933 has, in many ways, been a difficult year, and yet we cannot but thank God for the measure of success that has attended the efforts put forth. Seldom do we accomplish all we hope for, and 1933 has been no exception. But seed has been sown, which will undoubtedly spring up and bear fruit in time to come.

During the year, in spite of cut budgets and all that goes with them, the number of outstations in which work is being conducted has increased from twenty-one to twenty-eight. Organized churches have likewise increased from twenty-one to thirty.

The church membership at the beginning of the year stood at 1,097. On the 31st December, 1933 it was 1,205, there being a net increase for the year of 108. Baptisms for the year totalled 152, as compared with 184 in 1932, 155 in 1931, 200 in 1930, and 125 in 1929. The following comparative table, showing just how our gains have been made, may be of interest:

#### 1933

	1 - 40	Gains	Losses
By	Baptism	152	
	Profession of Faith	5	
	Death		5
	Apostasy		29
	Letter of Transfer (Ne	et)	15
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	Letter of Transfer (No	et)	52
	Totals	198	168
	Net Gain for 1932	30	

During the year, our staff of workers from abroad has, in total, remained unchanged. The number of national workers has increased by fifteen; excluding the increase in the number of colporteurs, the net increase has been six, made up as follows:

	Increase	Decrease
Ordained Ministers	-	3
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Medical Department	- T-	2
School Teachers	-	1
Other Labourers (Nat)	-	2
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After a continual annual decrease for four years, it is encouraging to learn that during 1933 the downward trend in tithe receipts was checked, and that an increase, though slight, can be recorded. Of the eight fields named in our statistical report, five reported an increase in tithe receipts, three being obliged to report a decrease. The following annual comparison of total tithe receipts from our churches, etc. is interesting:

1933	\$11,272.28
1932	11,186.71
1931	12,293.60
1930	13,048.20
1929	13,651.17

The tithe per capita for the entire Union shows a decrease of \$-.26 for the year, it being \$10.59 for 1933 as against \$10.85 for 1932.

The Sabbath School Department records encouraging growth, with an increase in the number of schools of twelve, or over 34%. Membership increased by 165, and attendance by 116. But much remains to be accomplished before we realize our goal of every member in the Sabbath school, for our present total includes many children, young people, and inquirers who are not yet included in the church membership.

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We are sorry to have to record a rather heavy decrease in Sabbath school offerings of \$742.46, or 11.3%. The following table gives the total annual Sabbath school offerings for the past five years:

1933	\$5,817.25
1932	6,559.71
1931	5,786.58
1930	5,987.00
1929	5,721.99

There was also a very serious decline in offerings for foreign missions, other than those received through the Sabbath schools and from the harvest ingathering campaign, amounting to \$2,517.20, or 58.3%. Foreign missions offerings for the past five years, including those received through the Sabbath schools, but excluding harvest ingathering receipts, were as follows:

1933	\$ 7,618.54
1932	10,883.40
1931	9,745.89
1930	9,206.72
1929	8,008.99

The total foreign missions offerings shown in column 36 of the statistical report is made up of the following special offerings, etc.:

101	3 1933	1932
Annual Offering	\$ 256.72	\$ 335.27
Foreign Missions	184.56	143.21
Mid-Summer Offering	244.31	295.55
Misc. Mission Off.	22.25	319.73
Missions Extension	143.53	1324.71
Week of Sacrifice	946.37	1896.47
Totals	\$1797.74	\$4314.94

We cannot be satisfied with the low offerings received during 1933. And certainly the needs of the work demand that we do better during the present year. If each worker will, by both precept and example, really lead the

church in the promotion of this phase of our work, we will surely be able to record an improvement for the present year.

Our harvest ingathering receipts do give cause for rejoicing. It was only during the past three years that we have solicited in the general interests of our field work, and the result is encouraging. The receipts during these three years have been as follows:

1933	\$9,210.06
1932	8,476.74
1931	1,950.99

Last year, the laity rallied to the harvest ingathering campaign as they never have before, and this added greatly to its success. And these harvest ingathering funds have meant the salvation of our work, almost, during these years of depression and decreased appropriations, etc. Without them, we would have been forced to cut much more seriously into our current work. Surely the Lord has been good to us in showering upon us this wealth of the gentiles.

The literature work suffered another lean year during 1933, but we have every anticipation of a decided improvement in that phase of the work in 1934. The literature sales for the past five years have been as follows:

1933	\$16,333.39
1932	17,692.23
1931	13,873.69
1930	22,509.26
1929	30,370.04

During the year 1933, our school enrollment increased from 265 students to 323, or 21.9%; while the net expense to the Cause of our school work decreased by \$830.73, or 5%, which is encouraging during these times of enforced economy.

The band of young people directly connected with our missionary volunteer movement increased by sixty-eight, or 22.8%; and the number of societies

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increased by one. Let us continue to do all we can for these young people in our schools and in our churches, for it is they who must grow into the burdens and responsibilities of the work in days to come.

# G. B. Youngberg

It is hard for dwellers in our modern world to conceive of a place where such primitive conditions prevail as are found in the "back blocks" of Dyaklend.

The lives of these - the head-hunters of bygone years - are governed entirely by superstition. Their villages are long houses built up on a forest of hardwood posts. Each family has one "door." The clusters of human skulls, remnants of former head-hunting days, still adorn these villages.

The spiritual condition of these poor people can best be expressed in the words of General Booth: "confirmed desperation!" They have no hope in life, and death is the "king of terrors" indeed.

Divers kinds of disease, from ringworm to leprosy, are found among them. And during the last two years a mission has been established for them in the Tatau River district of north Sarawak. A small dispensary is treating hundreds of sick Dyaks, and for the first time the gospel is being proclaimed emong them. No other mission has ever entered this region.

A great work remains to be done. May God open the hearts of His children and fill them with a spirit of prayer and sacrifice that His work among these darkened tribes may soon be finished.

Bukit Nyala, Sarawak, Borneo.

### DEVELOPMENTS AMONG THE LAND DYAKS

For almost a year now, J. T. Pohan and his family have been located among the Land Dyaks of south Sarawak, about thirty-seven miles from Kuching. Recently, A: L. Pauner and his wife have located at the same place for school work. Brother Pohan writes very encouragingly of prospects there, and the following are extracts from recent letters:

"Out here in the jungles we are enjoying the manifold blessings of God. The work is going on apace. Our efforts in the villages are to be continued for a long time. Every meeting is very well attended, with great interest. It does ones courage good to hear those Dyak men and children sing Christian songs, in their own tongue as well as in Malay. Rain or shine, we keep on plodding day and night hunting for the lost.

"A few nights ago, in the midst of our meeting, a woman was screaming pitifully, having suffered terrible agony from toothache. With my unskillful! knowledge of medicine, I was summoned to attend the case. At first I was puzzled, not knowing what to do. But soon I was impressed that this was an occasion when God must be given an opportunity to show His mighty healing power.

"Pointing to pictures of Christ

healing the sick, I asked the woman and her husband if they believed in Christ, and if they would forsake all to follow Him. They both said yes, so we all knelt in prayer. The next morning, completely cured, she with her husband came over to the house with fruits as a gift - a sign of their gratitude for what had been done for them. Now they are both faithful members of our Sabbath school.

"Pray that this may be the beginning of a great advance among the Land Dyaks, who are sitting in terrible darkness."

"You will be glad to know that the three Dyak boys staying with us right on the mission property are improving day by day, spiritually and physically. The Land Dyaks are noted for their laziness, but these boys are certainly developing into fine young men. We expect to have enother boy, an orphan, coming in in a few days, then we'll have four with us. These boys - the first three - receive instruction every day. They can sing and pray well. They are going to be, God willing, our future Dyak workers. They are not only studying hard every day, but they are working hard on the farm, too. They also help in the singing in our efforts in the fillages. Their presence in the meetings make them more interesting."

"It cheers my heart to hear the Dyak people praising the Lord in Malay as well as in their own dialect every Sabbath morning. Many are attending the Sabbath school, and many more will come if only we can have a respectable place in which to meet. As it is now. We meet every Sabbath on my front verandah, but which they consider too common a place, for this is where they weit for treatment and other help.

"We now have a Sabbath school with a membership of twelve, plus visitors every Sabbath. So we look forward with anxiety for a building in which we can meet for our services. "Pray that the work may be hastened in Dyakland, so that many may stand ready to welcome our Saviour, with thousands from many other lands."

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We are sorry indeed to have to announce that, owing to the very poor state of Sister Munson's health, the doctors have advised that she leave the tropics as soon as possible. She and the children are now in Singapore, where they will remain while Brother Munson is closing up his work in South Sarawak. They expect to sail for the United States, via Australia, early in June.

Brother and Sister Munson very much regret the necessity for withdrawing from the work in Malaya at this time, and we share this regret with them. They have given long and faithful service in both Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies, and we shall miss them greatly.

An action was taken at the recent Annual Council inviting Pastor V. E. Hendershot to take charge of the work in South Sarawak on his return from furlough. Brother and Sister Hendershot are expected back in Malaya at the end of September. We are certain that the work in thatfield will continue to develop in a strong way under their leadership.

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Have you ever wished you owned a set of the "TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH," but felt that the price was more than you could afford? If so, do not fail to read the Special Announcement in the Malayan Signs Press Bulletin No. 2, for it is of particular interest to every national labourer in the field.

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We have been happy indeed to have Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Griggs and Prof. W. P. Bradley with us from the Division the past few weeks. They are spending a few weeks more with us, visiting various sections of the field.