

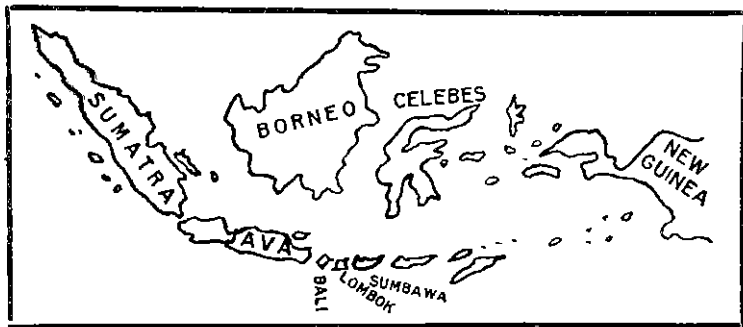
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DUTCH EAST INDIES*



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Pray For Bali!

By Rev. R. A. Jaffray, Wuchow, South China

Mr. Wilson Wang and the writer crossed Bali in the pouring rain. We spent the night at Den Pasar. We looked up some old Chinese friends and found some new ones. From Den Pasar the next morning we drove for two hours to catch our boat. On the way we passed a most interesting sight. Can I describe it? We stopped at an old temple, a Hindu temple of course. In the temple there was a huge cave. In this cave there were literally thousands of bats. The walls of the cave were lined with bats, and there was actually not enough room on the walls of the cave to accommodate the multitude of bats that were there. So they were flying about in the air within the darkness of the cave, till the space within the cave was full of bats too. They were flying from one side to another, all seeking a resting place. In the semi-darkness the cave was literally full of bats.

To me it was a horrible sight. But how it spoke to my soul. These bats were surely like the demons from the pit. Oh! what a picture of the poor little isle of Bali with its one million souls! Bali is literally full of demons. Dark spirits like the bats, that love darkness rather

than light, that fear the Light, possess the land. There is none to scatter them. Wilson Wang threw a stone at the bats, but it had no effect. The poor people of Bali feed them, fear them, worship them.

"Hallelujah!" I thought, "The Gospel Light is coming, and as sure as you live, it will shine into that cave, and scatter these imps of hell to the four winds!" Yes, and as my faith rose, I shouted,—*"My Lord Jesus, the Light of the World, and the Light of Bali is coming here! Hallelujah! He will come to Bali, and that right soon! And when the Light arises, the Light of the Gospel preached by Spirit-filled missionaries, these millions of demons, demons of darkness, will be driven out, and these poor people enchained by the devil so long, will be set free.*

Oh! Friends, pray for Bali. Pray for Bali. Pray for Bali. As far as we know, there is NOT ONE soul saved through the Blood of the Lord Jesus among the native inhabitants of Bali. The Balinese also must some day sing the song of the Redeemed. When shall they learn it? Who will go and tell them?

When Dreams Come True!

By Rev. C. D. Clench, Samarinda

In the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit dreaming dreams and seeing visions is as natural as communion with God. We pause to suggest this lest by the caption of our article some good friends might imagine that the dreamer of this Dutch East Indies work, Rev. R. A. Jaffray, is too visionary! A little over two years ago Brother Jaffray passed this way, and as he passed, God made the vision so plain that though he "ran" yet he read it, and gave the missionary world the interpretation. And thanks be unto God "who giveth the increase", we have come to the close of our first Annual Conference of the missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the Dutch East Indies, and in a precious way the hand of the Lord has been upon us! Not only this, but also has come to a close the first Annual Conference of the **FIRST CHINESE FOREIGN MISSIONARY UNION!** Oh, what a fulfillment of dreams! What a vision has come to pass!

Our Conferences met at Makassar, the large port city of the southern Celebes. From Borneo and from Lombok and from

China we have met together in this central city, and God has given us seven days of delightful fellowship with one another and blessed communion with Himself. Brother Jaffray has carried a strenuous load in presiding at our Alliance Conference meetings in the mornings, and Chinese Foreign Missionary Union Conference meetings in the afternoons, but as we confer and fellowship with him we perceive indeed that God "giveth more grace." As a word of explanation let us again remind you that the Alliance and the Chinese work, although enjoying the fullest fellowship and co-operation with one another, are entirely separate. When you read this report, you ought to stop right here and offer up thanksgiving to God for so marvelously bringing into live existence this first Foreign Missionary movement from among the Chinese. It is their own work, composed of their own men, and is a clarion call from Heaven's trumpet of a new morning announcing the beginning of better things!

The work is growing and spreading, down this way, and why not? Fisk is already preach-

ing to the Dyaks, and his report of experiences among them is a bit too interesting to try and squeeze into this brief account.

Brill down in the Island of Lombok is finding his work, and as one of our predecessors testified, it is "a great work" and the walls are going up—the walls of God's Zion, praise His name!

Clench is moving to Samarinda, from whence the mighty waters of the Mahakam lead to the waiting Dyaks of central Borneo,—they sit in darkness, but the morning is breaking and they who sit in darkness shall presently see a great Light!

As a result of the Conference new plans are in hand and a definite forward movement is being launched from our end, and your end is to pray the Lord of harvests to THRUST FORTH REAPERS, and if that means your gold or your life to make it possible, we are confident that you will carry your end.

We regret to mention the fact that there are still a few antiquated folks in the homeland who are content to think of the Dutch East Indies as a string of little

tropical islands wherein dwell indolent natives squatting under cocoanut trees. If you happen to fall in with such, please wake them up with the information that in these islands nearly sixty million souls are busily carrying on an interesting civilization in all degrees of progress, and as yet among these many millions, Christ is scarcely named!

One word regarding the immediate outlook; from the World Wide Christian Couriers' funds have been generously contributed for the supplying of a small launch for work on the Mahakam River. This is a real brotherly boost for us.

In respect to the acquiring of the languages, we are pleased with the progress made, and are making definite steps toward making even better progress in the year ahead. And now as we are about to separate and go to our posts to bear our witness, we rejoice to report that we are able to go with our strength renewed, our vision enlarged, and our faith strengthened. The God of all grace, has met with us during these days and our earnest desire is to abide in Him and follow on.

Jesus said: "I know thy works: Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Rev. 3:8.

LETTER OF GREETING

Makassar, Celebes, D. E. I.

Feb. 20, 1930

To the Board of Managers,
The Christian and Missionary Alliance,
New York, and
Fellow-missionaries throughout the World,—
Dear Brethren,—

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

As members of the Dutch East Indies Conference, our hearts are filled with rejoicing as we assemble in Makassar, realizing that we are actually attending the FIRST Conference of the Alliance in the D. E. I. It is the result of the burden by the Lord upon the heart of Brother Jaffray after his first visit two years ago to this needy field. Since then he has made other trips, bringing with him both Chinese and American missionaries. At present there are five of us "foreign" missionaries under the Alliance, and seven Chinese missionaries under the newly formed Chinese Foreign Missionary Union. We are occupying the following stations, Makassar, (Celebes) Samarinda, Balik-papan, Boelongan (Borneo) and Ampenan (Lombok) This is a start, but is a very meagre part of the unoccupied field among the thousands of islands of the D. E. I.

The necessity of quickly

strengthening our forces with new missionaries from home and from China, and also native workers, was most keenly felt. This brings the urgent request for the opening of our Bible Schools. These will be opened we trust soon at Makassar, which is the natural centre of this field. Judging from the reports given by the missionaries from the various stations, we feel that God is already calling native workers from among the Menado and Ambon Christians, who love the Lord, but need more light and teaching.

Another great task before us is to flood these Islands with Gospel tracts and our literature in the Malay language. Will you please pray with us that a printing plant may soon be established, so that this work may soon be accomplished, and that wisdom may be given in the translation of these tracts, etc.

The early morning hours of the Conference, spent in Bible study and prayer, were a

great blessing to each of us, strengthening and encouraging us for the work ahead. This was followed by the business session. The Chinese brethren, who held their Conference at the same time, holding their sessions in the afternoon, often joined us in our worship. Mr. Wilson Wang's messages were a real blessing to us.

Surely the Lord has gone before us and prepared the Dyaks of the interior of Borneo for the Gospel message. Brother Fisk tells us that many in his district are ready to receive the Gospel. Two or three Dyak chiefs have personally requested that a preacher be sent to their people. In order to reach these tribes up the Boelongan River, an out-board motor is necessary. The Fisks have already won the hearts of many Dyaks, who now stop at their house when they come down to Boelongan for supplies, bringing many of their tribesmen with them.

Mr. Clench has given himself wholly to language study and has enjoyed great spiritual blessings. In the near future he is to move to Samarinda, from which point he will make trips up the Mahakam River in the new motor launch which is being built, a gift from the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle. Pray that these visits of the missionary

may bring salvation to many of the Dyaks in that section.

Due to an awakening in the hearts of the Balinese in Lombok, an island away south of Makassar, where it is our privilege to witness for the Master, the Hindu religion is losing its grip upon its followers, and the caste system is slowly being broken. The educated young men are seeing new light, for some have confessed in the presence of their own people that their religion is not right. Surely God has called His reapers to this harvest field at the proper time. The Island of Lombok is, however, largely inhabited by a people called Sassaks. These people are followers of Islam. Pray for Lombok.

The communion service at the close of our Conference was a time when we felt the presence of the Lord in our midst. Brother Jaffray gave a very timely message in English, and then repeated it in Chinese for the sake of the Chinese workers. It was then interpreted into Malay for the benefit of some Menado friends who gathered with us. Thus ere we separated for a year's work, we remembered the Lord and His dying agony, "till He come."

May we remind you again of our prayer requests?
Eleven new missionaries from

Home needed this summer;
 The establishing of our Bible
 Schools, for Men and
 Women, at Makassar;
 The Lord's help in the prepara-
 tion of Gospel tracts;
 The setting up of our Press at

Makassar;
 An out-board motor for Brother
 Fisk's work.
 Yours in the Blessed Hope,
 In behalf of the D. E. I. Confer-
 ence of the C. and M. A.
 JOHN W. BRILL

THE FIRST REPORT

OF

The Dutch East Indies Mission of the Christian and Missionary
 Alliance 1928—1929

By Rev R. A. Jaffray, Wuchow, South China

"Arise and go toward the South." Acts 8:26.

"The Isles shall wait for His law." Isaiah 42:4.

This Report must cover the two years since the work in the Dutch East Indies commenced. As we look back over these two years, our hearts well up with praise to Him. We give to Him all the glory for what has been started in the way of bringing the Gospel Light to these dark parts of the earth.

Early in 1928, after years of prayer, the writer felt that at last the time had come to "arise and go toward the south." Surely we went forth not knowing whither we went (Heb. 11:8). But putting our hand in His, and praying that He would not allow us to make a mistake, we went to the office of Thomas Cook and

Son in Hongkong and asked the date of the sailing of the next boat southward after the Chinese New Year, and forthwith booked for British North Borneo.

On landing at Sandakan, it soon became evident that this was not the place to which the Lord was leading us. We were on the way, and the Spirit urged us still further southward. But there was no steamer from British North Borneo down to Dutch Borneo and the Islands further south. We waited and prayed. After a few days in Sandakan, passage was secured on a Dutch Oil tanker bound for Balikpapan, Dutch Borneo. The Captain was not permitted to

take passengers, but he took me!

Arriving at Balik-papan we found ourselves in the centre of the vast unreached area to which the Lord was leading us. Let us in a few words describe this new mission field. It surrounds the basin of water known as the Makassar Straits.

From the accompanying map it will be seen that the Makassar Straits are bounded on the north by the Celebes Sea; on the south by the Islands of Bali, Lombok and Sumbawa; on the east by the Celebes Island and on the west by Borneo.

This is the area into which the Lord led us with great regions where no Gospel witness had ever been given. May we pause to remark that had we known at the first as much as we do now about the steamship lines, etc., to this part of the world, and had we taken passage on the Dutch line direct from Hongkong to Makassar, we might never have turned back in our journey and retraced our steps to Balik-papan and Samarinda, and so might have missed the vision the Lord wanted to give of the entire east coast of Dutch Borneo without a single missionary witness. He led us in the right way, though humanly speaking no one would choose to travel that way.

Now, let us try to get a little

picture in our minds of the new field to which we believe He has led the Alliance. Place yourself in imagination in the midst of the Straits of Makassar facing south. On your right hand is the East Coast of Dutch Borneo. When we first came here two years ago, there was not a mission station, not a Gospel Hall on the entire coast. There are more than twenty ports on this coast. Furthermore there was no witness for Christ in the interior of this east coast of Dutch Borneo. No missionary had ever gone up the rivers leading to the land of the Dyaks to tell them the Glad News of Salvation. Now, thank God, a little beginning has been made. Our Chinese workers have opened Gospel Halls at Samarinda and Balik-papan. Alliance missionaries are hard at the Malay language. Mr. Clench is planning work up the Mahakam River when our new motor launch, provided by the Rader Tabernacle of Chicago, is ready. Mr. and Mrs. Fisk are stationed at Boelongan, further north on the east of Dutch Borneo, and are planning to reach the Dyak by way of the Boelongan River.

Oh, may the day soon dawn when the Light of the Gospel will scatter the darkness that has for generations settled on this

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Lower Row: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fisk, Mrs. S. W. ue,

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. Jay, K. F. Tsang, C. D. Clench, J. S. Linn, Wilson Wang.
W. ue, Mrs. K. F. Tsang, Mrs. Brill, Mr J W. Brill.

east coast of Borneo, and when the Message of the Gospel shall be carried into the interior whither the wild man, the Dyak, who once was the master of Borneo, has been crowded. The Lord Jesus is the Light of Borneo. Here on the east coast are a million souls for whom the Saviour died, but as yet they have not heard of His love, nor of His power to save them from sin.

Now, still standing, as it were, in the midst of the Makassar Straits, and facing southward, turn your eyes to the left. Here we have the peculiarly shaped island of Celebes. In the northern part of the island there are many nominal Christians. The Menado people on the north shore of the island have been Christians for several hundreds of years. But we are looking for the unreached peoples, and we do not need to look long. The whole southern portion of the western peninsula of the Celebes is an untouched mission field. Approximately 200 miles long and more than 50 miles wide, this area is largely inhabited by the Boegis people. There is no missionary working among them. The chief city, Makassar, has a Dutch Protestant Church, and there are Ambon and Menado Christians scattered throughout the district, but there is no effort being made

to lead the Boegis people to the only Saviour. Here again is an approximate population of a million souls, who have no Gospel Light. It is a challenge to the Alliance Mission! While we have commenced some work on the East Coast of Borneo, we have not been able as yet to make a start in the Celebes, save of course our Chinese Church at Makassar.

The City of Makassar is the natural centre of the work for our field, and would be the logical location for the base of the work among the Boegis people.

Again, holding the same position, look straight southward. Count the islands on your map east of Java. You may try to do so, but it is well nigh impossible they are so numerous. Your map will only show what are considered the larger and more important ones. These islands are countless.

The extreme east of Java which is a great and needy field, may be included. Then comes Bali, then Lombok, then Sumbawa, then Flores, etc. The population of Bali is a million, that of Lombok, 700,000 and Sumbawa about 300,000. Until now these islands have all been left without a witness of the Gospel. Some 50 years ago a Dutch missionary was martyred in Bali, but now there is not a

missionary to tell these people the Way of Life. The religion of the Balinese is Hindu. They are an intelligent and attractive people. Lombok is Mohammedan; and until our Mr. and Mrs. Brill located at the main city, Ampenan, last year, there was no missionary in Lombok. Sumbawa is also without a witness of the Gospel. These three islands alone make up a total population of about 2,000,000 souls. In a recent article we reported on a trip made last year across these islands. Much more might be said as to their dire need.

Mr. and Mrs. Brill are busy at the Malay language and after mastering this, the universal tongue in these parts, they will have other languages to learn, such as the Sassak language spoken by the Lombok people, and other languages later. Two Chinese missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Tsang sent forth by The Chinese Foreign Missionary Union have just arrived to take up work in this field. They are studying Malay at Ampenan. Mr. Tsang is a graduate of our Alliance Bible School at Wuchow.

Thus the basin of the Makassar Straits is bounded on three sides, the south, the east and the west by vast unreached fields that are white unto the harvest. The above described mission

field, in Borneo, the Celebes and the islands to the south, comprises an approximate population of 4,000,000 people. (See Map)

In the occupation of this new mission field, the Chinese missionaries led the way. In 1928 Pastor and Mrs. S. W. Chue opened the work in Makassar. In 1929 Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Linn opened Samarinda (Borneo) and Mr. P. R. Lenn opened the work in Balikpapan, (Borneo). Later in June 1929, the first five missionaries of the Alliance from America arrived. As has already been indicated, Mr. and Mrs. Fisk are stationed at Boelongan, away north on the east coast of Dutch Borneo. Mr. Clench has been studying at Balikpapan, but will now move to Samarinda further south on the east coast of Borneo, at the mouth of the Mahakam River. Mr. and Mrs. Brill are stationed at Ampenan, Lombok. They have all made commendable progress in the study of the Malay language. These five American missionaries are working in the closest fellowship with the seven Chinese missionaries of the Chinese Missionary Union.

In these two years we have made some progress. We do not want to be impatient, or to move ahead of the Lord, but to us the progress has seemed painfully

slow. To all who advocate to "move slowly" in this kind of missionary work, we would like to ask the question,—“When is God’s time to preach the Gospel to those who have never yet had a chance to hear it?” Surely the answer is “NOW.” A Chinese brother who has recently caught the missionary fire, said to me not long ago,—“That verse, ‘Now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation,’ has a missionary application as well as the usual application urging sinners to accept Christ at once. It means where the Gospel has not been preached, the time to go with the Message is NOW.” Yes, I thought, “We do not well: THIS DAY is a Day of Good Tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us.” (II Kings 7:9)

May we most earnestly ask the prayers of the Lord’s people at home for the following present outstanding needs of our work in the Dutch East Indies.

1. PRAY for at least eleven new God-chosen, Spirit-filled missionaries from America this summer to reinforce our present work and open new fields.
2. PRAY for more God-chosen, Spirit-filled Chinese missionaries to go to important

centres to open work among their own people and also the native population.

3. PRAY for the greatly needed Malay Bible Schools for Men and Women at Makassar. The right men and considerable money is needed to commence this work. We want to teach the Word of God to men and their wives, to students from all the Island tribes round about, and send them out to the unreached parts of this field.
4. PRAY for the opening of our Publication Department in connection with this work. Again our logical location is Makassar as the centre. There is an almost unlimited sphere of service in the Malay language for the printed page. Save English and Chinese perhaps there is no other language that offers so large a number of readers as the Malay language. Here again the need is for men and money. The right men, men filled with the Holy Spirit, must be called to this work. We know of no other way by which we may get the men and the money for this work, except by prayer. Will you help us, and hold on in faith till the thing that the Lord wants to do in these parts is an accomplished fact. Lord!

Send the men! Lord! Send the money!

The Lord has placed us here. He has put the burden on our shoulders. It is a work committed to us by the Lord of the Harvest. We cannot escape our solemn responsibility, nor can we evade the awful accountability. These four million or more men and women are upon our hearts. The Lord has laid upon us a burden of prayer begotten only of the Holy Spirit. There have been prayers with "strong cryings and tears," "groanings that cannot be uttered." There has been at least a beginning of the travail pangs of faith, and ere long, we believe, Christ shall be born in the hearts of thousands of these sons and daughters of the Isles of the Sea. Christ must be born in Borneo. Christ must be born in the Celebes, Christ must be born in Bali, in Lombok and in Sumbawa. Yea, there are many, many islands where His Name has not yet been named. Thither must we go with His message to the lost.

Even while writing this report on board ship, we have made a call at the island off the southeast corner of Borneo, called Laut. We went ashore to look about a little while the steamer stopped to take on cargo. Here for example is an

island with 20,000 people, and no witness for Christ. Who will come and take this island for the Lord Jesus? There are literally hundreds of other such isles which still wait for His Gospel Message.

Brethren, there are blood stains upon our hands! Spots of human blood which give us a deep sense of guilt before Him till we pay our debt, and bring these people the Gospel which alone can give them eternal life. A dispensation of the Gospel is committed to us, and we feel that it is woe to us if we do not, with all that is within us, go and preach the Gospel to these who perish in their sins, without a knowledge of His salvation.

And finally, let us say again. The time is short. These are not days of ordinary missionary work. In the short time that remains for us to work for Him, we must concentrate on this kind of missionary work. Let us seek out the lost tribes of earth who have not yet had their first chance, and let us speed away with the Gospel to them. If we take up this task of going to the unreached parts of the world for Him, the Lord will surely work with us and He will work speedily too, and accomplish much in the short time that remains ere He returns to earth to reign.

Do we pray, "Even so COME quickly, Lord Jesus?" He says to us.—"Even so GO my disciple!" Go and tell them of His first coming to die for them, and then soon He will come again. All His people are impressed that His coming is at hand. What is our remaining task? To tell the Story where it has not yet been told Here in the Dutch East Indies, a great door is opened to us. We are making our way for the first time to many of the tribes of the

Dyaks of Borneo, to other unreached tribes of the Celebes, to the peoples of the islands of Bali, Lombok, Sumbawa and many many others where the sound of the Glad Gospel has never been heard. Help us accomplish this task quickly. Who is there, reading these lines, who will volunteer to Go? Who is there, reading these lines, who will volunteer to Give? Who is there, reading these lines, who will volunteer to Pray?

A JAVA-BORN CHINESE TRANSLATOR

and

The Malay Bible Magazine in the Dutch East Indies

By Rev. R. A. Jaffray, Wuchow, South China

The Ascended Lord Jesus said to John, "What thou seest, write in a book, and send it to the Churches." (Rev. 1:11.)

Here we have our commission for the Lord's Missionary prophet to be an Editor and a Publisher. "What thou seest." That is, be a Prophet. "Write in a book." That is, be an Editor. "Send to the Churches." That is, be a Publisher. Thus we have the Scriptural authority and commission not only to "Preach," but also to "Write," and publish the printed page, the Living word of God. Hallelujah!

Last summer the Lord led us to take the first step toward the publishing of *The Bible Magazine* in the Malay language in connection with our new work in the Dutch East Indies. The man we employed to be translator fell down flat however, and so nothing was done at that time.

On leaving Wuchow on the present trip, early in February, I felt quite sure that before I returned the right man would be found. Therefore I prepared the Chinese manuscript for the first six issues of *The Bible Magazine* ready to hand it over to the Malay translator of the Lord's choice,

as He would lead me to him.

Before reaching Batavia I received a letter from a Java-born Chinese preacher saying that he had already undertaken the work of translating *The Bible Magazine* in response to the request of some Dutch Christian gentlemen. On reaching Batavia arrangements were at once made for him to take up this work. It was a clear evidence that the Lord was working and leading in the matter to learn that the Chinese translator had a very real spiritual experience in his own soul as he commenced this work.

Our purpose is that this year three issues will be printed, and sent as free sample copies to all the names of Christians and Missionary workers who use the Malay language, that we can possibly get, and that beginning with 1931 a subscription price of Two Guilders a year be charged. There will be six numbers a year and each number will contain approximately fifty pages. We will hope later to increase the number of issues per year to ten or twelve, and also enlarge the Magazine to more than 50 pages.

The contents of *The Bible Magazine* in Malay will be something as follows: First a clear Gospel Message to unsaved

people; then three other sermons for Christians, one of which will be by Mr. Leland Wang, then Expositions of the Book of Genesis, of the Prophecy of Daniel and of the Epistle to the Romans. There will be no news items of any kind in the paper, it will be a *Bible Magazine*, pure and simple. The name of the Magazine in the Malay is "KALAM MARTANI" which means "Proclaim the Word."

Our Magazine for the time being will have to be printed on our Wuchow presses, but it will be despatched from Makassar, the future headquarters of our work in the Dutch East Indies. Thank God for the coming of Mr. Bechtel, as missionary-printer to Wuchow at this time.

This message is to ask the earnest prayers of the Lord's people, that when our 30,000 free sample copies are sent forth during the latter half of this year, they will be made a great spiritual blessing to many readers and that many who "call themselves Christians" in the Dutch East Indies may be helped. Also please pray that the Lord may give us a permanent ministry by the Holy Spirit to His people in this part of the world, and that by this means native workers may be prepared as His missionaries, to go to the thousands of islands of the

Dutch East Indies, to the interior of Borneo and other parts, where as yet no Gospel witness whatsoever has been given.

It will be seen at once that the commencement of this work will entail considerable expense. We further ask, therefore, that our friends at home unite with us to meet this need. We are going forward in faith that He Who is leading us will supply all our needs in His own way.

In some ways this trip, the fourth that the writer has made to the Dutch East Indies, has been the most remarkable in revealing the gracious leadings of His wonder-working Hand. When He sent His disciples forth into all the world He said, "All power is given unto Me" and

again, He said,—"Lo! I am with you all the days, even to the end of the Age." I always look for His Hand with me, and He never fails to manifest Himself. We read, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, *the Lord working with them.*"

If the Lord will the writer would like to follow this article with a few brief accounts of how the blessed Ascended Lord Jesus has been "working with us" as He did of old. The articles will be as follows.—

"The Bali Colporteur and an Armenian Interpreter at Boeileng."

"A Hongkong Man and an Ambon Christian at Tarakan"

"The Billiton Girl, a lone Witness for the Lord Jesus."

EDITORIAL

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace and bring Glad Tidings of good things." (Romans 10: 15. Isaiah 52:7.)

PENETRATING THE DARK- NESS

Our first word to our praying readers at home is a request to remember especially in prayer our missionary brethren Messrs Fisk and Clench, who with Mr. Manuel Korua, at the pre-

sent time are making their first real pioneer missionary trip into the interior of Dutch Borneo. From experience we know that to go forth thus deliberately into the enemy's territory is bound to bring on his subtle and fierce opposition. Proceeding from

Boelongan our brethren are making an extended tour, travelling in a native craft for several months into the land of the Dyaks. Satan has had complete control in this part of the world for generations past. Now the messengers of Light are carrying His Gospel of deliverance to the captives. Pray that this first trip may be one of great victory. We invite praying men and women to labor with us in the ministry of intercession.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Praise God for the good Conferences held in Makassar in February as recorded in the pages of this issue of *The Pioneer*.

Praise God that the motor boat which is being built in Hongkong, promises to be a splendid missionary asset for carrying the Gospel to the interior of Borneo by another of its waterways, namely, the Mahakam River. The Lord has certainly worked with us in the arrangements for the construction of this boat. It will be ready (D. V.) to ship to Samarinda in July.

GOSPEL LITERATURE

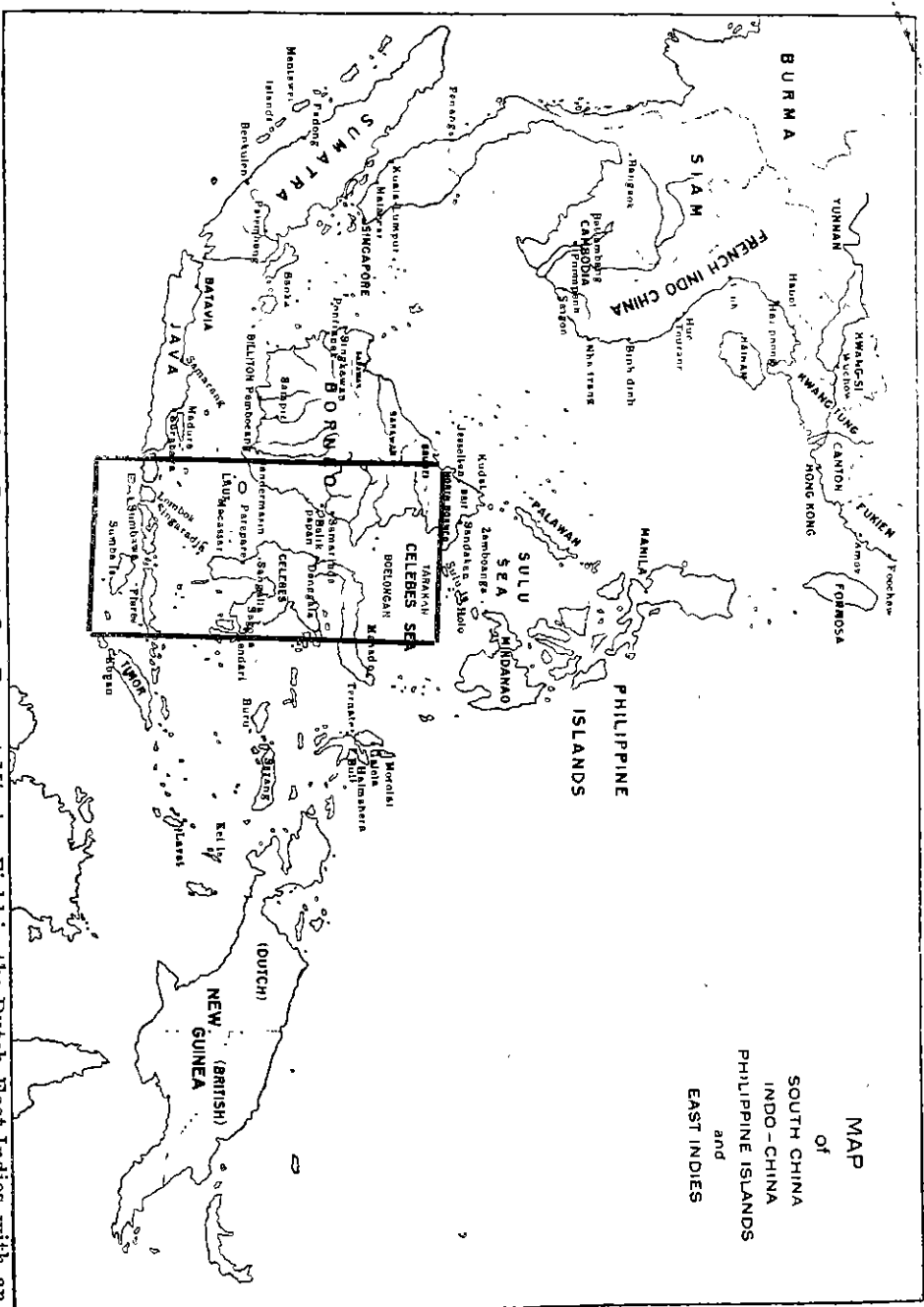
The first instalment of manuscript for the Malay edition of *The Bible Magazine* has just reached us. This is another definite and wonderful step for-

ward, we believe, in the work of evangelizing the lost souls still unreached in the islands of the Dutch East Indies. The Malay edition of *The Bible Magazine* is to be printed for the time being in Wuchow, South China, but we sincerely trust that the contributions of God's people will soon make it possible for us to set up our new printing office in Makassar. We are asking the Lord for a Linotype Machine and other necessary equipment; so that by next year we may be printing in Malay in our own printing office in Makassar.

BIBLE SCHOOLS

Once again, we would hold before praying friends at home the need of establishing in Makassar our Bible Schools at as early a date as possible. To give a thorough Bible education to native workers and send them forth as missionaries to the unreached islands and the interior of Borneo, is of greatest importance. We believe that with a sufficient staff of missionaries from home, and with a goodly number of Chinese missionaries, together with a larger number our own trained, Spirit-filled native workers, definite and steady progress can be made for the evangelization of this great neglected island world.

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