

and there has been an increase of moral courage and power. We fear, however, that the increase of strength to our churches has not been in proportion to the increase of numbers. We fear, also, that we may have erred in judgment, in some cases, in receiving too hastily to the church those who profess to have been converted; and we may have occasion hereafter to regret having done so. We fear we may find hereafter that many have deceived us and themselves in this important matter, and that they will live with the veil upon their hearts in this state of deception, till the light of eternity shall tear it from them, and reveal to them their true characters. The seal, however, is a blessed one, 'The Lord knoweth them that are his.' "

SIAM.

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BANKOK.

" *March 4, 1838. Sabbath.* Went out early in the morning and talked with a company of men in a *zayat*. Had fifteen or twenty hearers, and gave away some dozen or more tracts. Went out again in the evening to other places and talked to the people, trying to instruct them about Jesus, the only Saviour of the world. Found as usual a great eagerness to obtain Christian books, and was delighted, as I have often been, by finding, on careful examination, that a large proportion of the people could read well.

18. Sabbath. Went into a *zayat*, and had a very pleasant conversation with a company of Laos, who had just come from the country to pay their taxes. Read and explained to them the truth of God, to which they gave most encouraging attention, and asked many interesting questions, indicating that light was entering their minds. I afterwards gave them tracts according as I thought they could use them to profit. In the evening went to the same place with similar results. Brother R. being hoarse, I took the entire charge to-day of instructing the people at the dispensary in his stead. Had unusual freedom in speaking.

19. Received a few letters from Singapore, by a brig just arrived on the bar. The little information which they bring nearly blasts all our fond hopes of having a reinforcement of our mission this year. Afflicting as this intelligence is, I feel that it is good by such means to be drawn off from every help and hope but God. If these disappointments will but incline me and my fellow-labourers to lean more exclusively on the Spirit of God, the result will be infinitely better than if we should be sustained by a hundred of the best

missionaries. May God help us all to feel that he is our strength, our hope, our all.

25. Took a walk with a handful of books in the afternoon to a Chinese theatre, and had a crowded congregation of Siamese to hear the law of Jehovah, and the plan of salvation through Christ Jesus. It being the Siamese new-year, very many were collected about the place to play and gamble, which all have a license to do on this holiday. My books were but as a drop in the bucket. They were most eagerly demanded, and I have no doubt that some will eagerly read them.

April 1. Took a walk in the market with a handful of tracts, and tried to do something for my Lord and Master. Went into the shop of an old man to whom I gave a copy of the *Life of Christ* sometime since, and met with a very cordial welcome. He shewed me the book which I had given him before. It was carefully wrapt up in a cloth, to protect it, as he said, from the dust and filth of the place. He assured me that he read it daily, to use his own words, "pondering over it, little by little, that it might sink into his heart." At his request I gave him three more tracts. On returning from the market, I stopped in a *zayat*, and talked and read to a large audience.

15. Sabbath. Went to a *zayat* as usual, and laboured to instruct a company of Laos and Siamese. The Laos in Siam can generally understand perfectly well the Siamese colloquial language; and I have found many of them who can read the Siamese written character with good freedom. They seem to be proverbially humble, sober, and honest. They appear to me to be, in a peculiar sense, ripe for the gospel harvest. Those that heard me to-day manifested a deep interest in what they heard. Several asked for books written with their own characters, saying that they could read Siamese books stammeringly, but their own books with ease. It was painful to be obliged to tell them that I had no books in the Laos character. After I had taken my leave of them and was returning home, a Laos came running after me, inquiring with much interest, if I did not design to make some Laos books. On being told that I had it in my heart to make his people some books, and thought that I might be able in a year or two to give him some, he pleaded with me not to forget him and his people, assuring me that there were thousands and thousands that could read, and that I should certainly get many blessings if I would do that thing.

22. Saturday. My time has been much occupied this week in building concerns. Have commenced making a printing office under my house, and hope to have it ready for occupancy in a week or two. Find my new habitation very pleasant, and I trust