

## MISSION FIELD.

[From the S. P. G. Mission Field for May.]

## ELEVEN YEARS IN A BORNEO MISSION.

By the Rev. William Howell, Missionary at Undup.

On February 18th, 1878, I left Victoria Docks and reached Kuching, the capital of Sarawak, on the 23rd April. It was rather a long and tedious voyage. On the 30th of the same month I left Kuching for the Banting Mission. Mr. Perham, on account of his ill-health, obtained leave to go home, and I met him at Lingga, the mouth of the Banting river. Mr. Holland was at the time in charge of the Batang Lupar and Saribas Missions.

The Undup Mission was vacant. Mr. Crossland, after a long service for about sixteen years, utterly broke down in health, and went home under strong medical advice. Two or three months after Bishop Chambers suddenly had to go home under similar circumstances.

After a short stay of ten days at Banting I was ordered to visit Undup, with one coolie and a servant boy, in a little boat, with no protection against sun or rain. It was at the time of flood tides, and there was much danger in the river. We had to be a night on the way. We reached Sabu safely, that is to say we were not altogether capsized and drowned.

Sabu was nearly deserted both by Chinese and Dyaks. Some left the place for good, others only farmed for a year or two to be in reach of those who had paddy. Famine was very severe. The few that still stuck to the place gave me a very warm reception.

The Mission house and Church were in utter ruins, but the former was simply besmeared with the stain of pinang and seroh. I was told that the house never had been swept since Mr. Crossland bade adieu to the place. I remained a fortnight at the place as ordered.

The second visit I made, Mr. Holland accompanied me. He was so disgusted at the place that he suggested that it should be abandoned; but I pleaded hard for Sabu to continue the head quarters of the Undup Mission. The fact is, Sabu is more central than any other Mission in the Batang Lupar.

Mr. Holland left me at Sabu and returned to Banting. I visited every house at Sabu and alongside the Undup. In two months' time, when Mr. Holland came, he was pleased with the people and the place. I presented a large number of men, women, and children to be baptized by him. It was the first time women had been received into the Church here. The people who had farmed away returned. One of the first things I did was to take steps to open a road to the mouth of the Sabu stream.

A few months after, Mr. Holland, not being equal to the task and responsibility entrusted to him, broke down in health, and accepted a vacant chaplaincy in the Straits.



- A - CHURCH - INTERIOR - SHOULD - HAVE - A - SOFT - SUBDUED - LIGHT - THE - GLASS - OF - SUCH - A - NATURE - THAT - WHILE - EXCLUDING - VIEWS, - ADMITS - OF - A - TONED - LIGHT, - HOWEVER - SIMPLE, - IT - SHOULD - BE - HARMONIOUS - IN - COLOR, - THUS - BEAUTIFYING - THE - INTERIOR, - IF - SCRIPTURAL - INCIDENTS - ARE - ILLUSTRATED - THEY - SHOULD - BE - IN - CONCEPTION - AND - DRAWING - WORTHY - OF - RELIGIOUS - ART -

IN - PRIVATE - RESIDENCES - A - FEW - WINDOWS - COMMAND - AN - UN - PLEASANT - OUTLOOK; - A - PICTURE - IN - STAINED - GLASS - SHOULD - BE - USED, - ALSO - IN - VESTIBULE - DOORS, - TRANSOMS, - &c.

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I then had to take charge of Banting until Mr. Bywater came out and relieved me.

No books or records were left at Sabu by my predecessor, only a book of the register of baptisms, seventy names being entered. I had to work the Mission in my own inexperienced way.

Now over 11 years I have worked in this Mission; the fruits of those years, spent and passed away almost imperceptibly, tells in the register of baptisms. The number of baptised persons when I entered the field was 70, only men, but is now 790, including men, women and children.

Sabu was the only place where divine worship was held, but now there are ten places to be visited where divine services are held. Although this is so, the Mission work is not yet perfect with regard to the Christians. They still would embrace their old superstitions, and patronise their manangs. It is quite time, ere too late, for the Christians to abandon all their evil customs and sacrifices. These are not difficult for them to give up, but they find it inconvenient to give up their manangs. The manangs teach mischievous different doctrines of Hades and the soul. Under the present circumstances a Medical Missionary is very much wanted to train young scholars of their own people to prove the fallacy of their manangs.

[To be continued.]

## A HOUSEKEEPERS EXPERIENCE.

'My house cleaning looked like a mountain, but I had used Pearline for some things, and in my desperation I resolved to experiment still further with it. My first step was to wash the winter blankets and the blanket wrappers of the family. I took one half a small package of Pearline and poured a pailful of boiling water on it, stirring it meanwhile. I could not wait for every particle to dissolve, so strained it through an old towel into a tub two thirds full of 'warm' water, put my blankets into this and let them remain about twenty minutes or half an hour, stirring them about every few moments. I then lifted them out into another tub of clear water of the same temperature as the first, and repeated the stirring process for a few moments. Lastly, lifted them into a third tub of water still of the same temperature with a little blueing added; and folding them nicely, I loosened the tension on the wringer and wrung them lightly through it, taking them one at a time as soon as finished to the line and hanging evenly across the middle, being careful not to stretch them over the line, but pull and stretch them below, that they might be even. The wrappers were treated in the same way, and hung over the line by the back seam, and when nearly dry each front edge pinned evenly to a line. All dried to look and feel like new.

'I then descended to the cellar, and gathered up every washable thing, empty fiksins and crocks, preserve jars that had missed a proper cleaning, empty pails, &c, and all emerged sweet and shining from a hot Pearline bath. Shelves were cleaned with it, and it took the place of strength for removing dirt. Ascending to the chambers, when the carpets were up Pearline left my floors and paint clean and sweet without hard scrubbing, slop, or sand.

'All the washable draperies, including the lace ones of the parlor, were treated the same as the blankets, with the exception of a little boiled starch added to the blueing water. The lace draperies were hung lengthwise, and old sheets were first hung over the line, to which the lace was fastened.

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