

you. I have attended to the Siamese language for about a year and a half, and, with the assistance of my teacher, have translated into the Siamese tongue the Burman Catechism just prepared by Dr. Judson, a tract containing an abstract of Christianity, and the Gospel of Matthew."

A very simple unpretending clause in private correspondence ; but how little that seraphic woman knew its full significance ! In 1819 that catechism came forth from the mission press at Serampore, *the first Christian book ever printed in Siamese*. The press was to be one of God's foremost agencies for the regeneration of Siam, and to a woman it was given to set that agency in motion, and in so doing lead Protestant effort in Siam !

Ten years after Mrs. Judson wrote that letter, in 1828, Dr. Carl Gutzlaff, the famous German missionary, with Rev. Mr. Tomlin, visited Bangkok, treated thousands of patients who applied for medical aid, and distributed boxes of books and tracts in the Chinese tongue ; and they were so impressed with the need of Siam and the open door to the missionary, that they appealed to the churches of America to send forth laborers into this new harvest field. Mr. Tomlin's health compelled him to remove to Singapore, and Gutzlaff was left alone. He was but twenty-five years old when he came to Bangkok, and was there only three years ; but those years left a permanent impress on Siamese evangelization. In 1829, Dr. Gutzlaff having prepared in Siamese a tract and one Gospel, went to Singapore to print them. While there he married Maria Newell and brought her back to Siam, the first Christian woman that ever labored there. She died the next year, and, mourning the loss of his devoted and efficient helper, his failing health drove him to China. With what energy and devotion Dr. Gutzlaff had spent those three years may be inferred from his not only learning the language, but, with Tomlin's help, translating into Siamese the New Testament. Thus what Mrs. Judson began, Dr. Gutzlaff carried on.

In June, 1831, Rev. David Abeel, sent by the American Board, arrived in Siam, but after eighteen months was likewise forced by illness to withdraw. In 1834 came Rev. Messrs. Johnson and Robinson, and in 1835, Dr. D. B. Bradley. For thirty-eight years Dr. Bradley was permitted to labor ; and when in 1873 he died, he left two daughters, Mrs. MacGilvary and Mrs. Cheek, wives of missionaries, to represent him on the field.

For brevity's sake we curtail this narrative of Siamese missions, that we may give two illustrations of God's wonder working in this land, where the eyes of so few ever turn with intelligent and absorbed interest. We select, first, a marked instance of supernatural *Providence* ; and then some equally unmistakable examples of His illuminating and transforming *grace*.

When in 1847 Rev. Stephen Mattoon and Dr. Samuel R. House arrived at Bangkok, to represent what is, since the withdrawal of the