

AMERY, ALBERT J.

On October 25, 1908, at Ipoh, a son, John Hubert Amery, was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Albert J. Amery, of Ipoh, Perak, Straits Settlements, in the Malaysia Conference.

Albert John Amery

A veteran Methodist missionary from the early days of the Church in Malaya, the Rev. Albert John Amery died on January 23rd in Somerset, England. Mr. Amery was born on November 30, 1869 in England. He was educated at Harley College, London, and received his B. D. degree from Drew Theological Seminary in 1903. He was married in Singapore on September 16, 1905 to Ruth Allen.

Mr. Amery served in Singapore, Ipoh and Penang as school principal and pastor under the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church from 1895 until 1913. He spent a total of 32 years in Malaya in missionary and government service. He had been associated with Bishop William F. Oldham, Dr. William G. Shellabear and other pioneers during his missionary service. Through broad sympathy and understanding and his unselfish generosity, he was of constant and faithful service in the frequent calls made upon him by fellow workers.

Mr. Amery is survived by Mrs. Amery and two sons, Arthur Mason Amery and John Hubert Amery. To them the Division extends deepest sympathy in this hour of parting and expresses grateful appreciation for Mr. Amery's Christian service in Malaya.

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February 17, 1953.

Mr. Bertels was a retired minister of the California Conference who served five years as a missionary in Japan 1904-1909. He withdrew from active service in May 1910.

The Division extends deepest sympathy to Mrs. Bertels in her loss and expresses grateful appreciation for Dr. Bertels' Christian service at home and abroad.

The following announcement was made by the Chairman:

CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Charter Committee and the action taken by the Division of Foreign Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church at the Annual Meeting in January, 1953, the name of the corporation was changed to "Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church", by Special Act of the Legislature of the State of New York known as Chapter 229 of the Laws of the State of New York for the year 1953, effective as of March 25, 1953.

expressions that make it difficult to read.

Did you know, for instance, that in King James' time "by and by" meant *immediately*? That a man's "conversation" meant his *conduct*? That "to suffer" meant *to allow*?

In the Revised Standard Version,

1 MILLION...

PIONEER MISSIONARY DIES IN ENGLAND

One of the last surviving missionaries of pre-twentieth century Methodism in Malaya passed away January 28 at Weston Super Mars, Somerset, England. He was the Rev. Albert J. Amery, whose service in this area comprised the years, 1894-1913.

It was August 20, 1894, when Mr. Amery was recommended by Coleman Street Church, Singapore, for license to preach. Within the next nineteen years, he served as pastor of that Church and also as superintendent of Singapore district.

Admitted on trial into the Malaysia Mission Conference in 1895, his first service was as president of the Singapore Chapter of the Epworth League and as a teacher. He then moved first to Ipoh and later to Penang, working with the Revs. W. E. Horley and G. F. Pykett in the development of the Anglo-Chinese Schools in those centres.

Mr. Amery's first term ended in March, 1899, when he went to Drew University, at Madison, New Jersey, and there completed his Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Returning to Malaya in June, 1903, he became a teacher again in Singapore's Anglo-Chinese School. Later that year, he began a period of service at the institution that was to become the Jean Hamilton Training School.

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f Agriculture and Engineering.

Northern Malaya District

Christian Communities for Sitiawan's Villages— A

There are eight new villages around Sitiawan. The Chinese Methodist church has built Sunday School buildings in two of the villages. Regular services in the form of Bible classes, Sunday School classes, socials, and other devotional exercises have been held. The Chinese churches at Kampong Koh and Ayer Tawar have been sending Gospel band workers regularly twice a week to many of these areas. Under the very able leadership of Miss Evelyn Mercer, the possibility of these villages having a Christian community is not too remote.

Since the arrival of the McGraws in Sitiawan, the Anglo-Chinese School has been undergoing a complete "overhaul." Printing, art, domestic science, carpentry, general science, gardening, and scouting—to mention but a few—are among the very many projects that soon will be taking shape. "We are still in the process of re-organization", says our reporter, "and we hope to give a detailed account of each of our activities in the very near future."

Mr. Joe B. Kennedy preached to the students of the Anglo-Chinese School and the Methodist Afternoon School in the mornings and held devotional meetings at Pioneer Methodist Church, during his visit to Sitiawan, February 1-4. All the meetings were well attended.

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CABLE ADDRESS: MISSIONS, NEW YORK

150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, JANUARY 10, 1906

DEAR BROTHER:

The Secretaries have constant need of the information asked for in this circular. It was sent to all our foreign missionaries in 1896 and 1901, and the replies are on file. But new missionaries go to the field, and additional information is needed from those who kindly made response five years ago.

Will you fill out the blank for yourself and family and return to this office promptly?

Yours sincerely,

THE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

(Please answer these questions AS CORRECTLY AS POSSIBLE with the data at hand)

1. Place and date of answer *Singapore. Strait Settlements. June 1st. 1907.*
2. Full name of missionary and date of birth *Albert John Umery Nov 30 1869.*
3. Nationality *English*
4. Date of appointment to our work *January 1894.*
5. Bishop appointing *J. H. Loburn.*
6. Date of departure from home to engage in our work *February 1894*
7. Date of arrival on the mission field. *April 1894*
8. Has service under this Society been continuous since your first appointment? If not, when, why, and how long was it interrupted? *Interrupted from April 1899 to April 1903. (4 years) on leave to attend school at the Wesleyan University and Drew Theological Seminary Singapore 1894 - 1895*
9. Fields of labor and dates (month and year) *Anglo Chinese School April 1894 - Oct 1905 1896 1897
Penang March 1897. April 1894
Singapore May 1903 - Feb 1904*
10. Present residence *Singapore English speaking Church. Feb 1904 to present time*

11. Employment at the present time. *Pastor of the ~~Coleman~~ ^{Soleman} St. Church
Singapore. ~~Sept~~ ^{Sept} 1905*
12. Date of marriage..... *Rev. Isaac Amey Sept. 16 1905*
13. Wife's full name..... *Rev. Maria Amey*
14. Date of wife's birth. *Nov 15 1878*
15. Children's full names and date of birth respectively (and date of death, if any have died)
- Arthur Mason Amey Dec 5th 1906*

RETURN HOME

16. Names of persons returning, dates, and reasons of return (if more than one return state these particulars in each case)

17. Dates of leaving to return to the field, and names of persons returning.

18. Names and addresses of persons who are your representatives in the ~~United States~~ ^{England} in family or business matters

- (1) Family } *Albert T. Amey 20 Beaumont Rd. Warwick, R.I.*
- (2) Business } *Derivative Capital (particulars omitted)*

19. Code names to indicate said representatives in cable messages (1) Family

(2) Business

At Kuala Lumpur pageant: A. Chelvarajasingam, the director, with six church groups depicted

Mambau New Village Methodist centre

YONG YEW KIM

(On the occasion of the dedication of the Centre, December 21, 1953)

Light of Mambau Village,

May thou ever bring

Gladness to thy people.

For thy praise to sing!

Built by all with loving

Toil and sacrifice.

In thy midst may happy

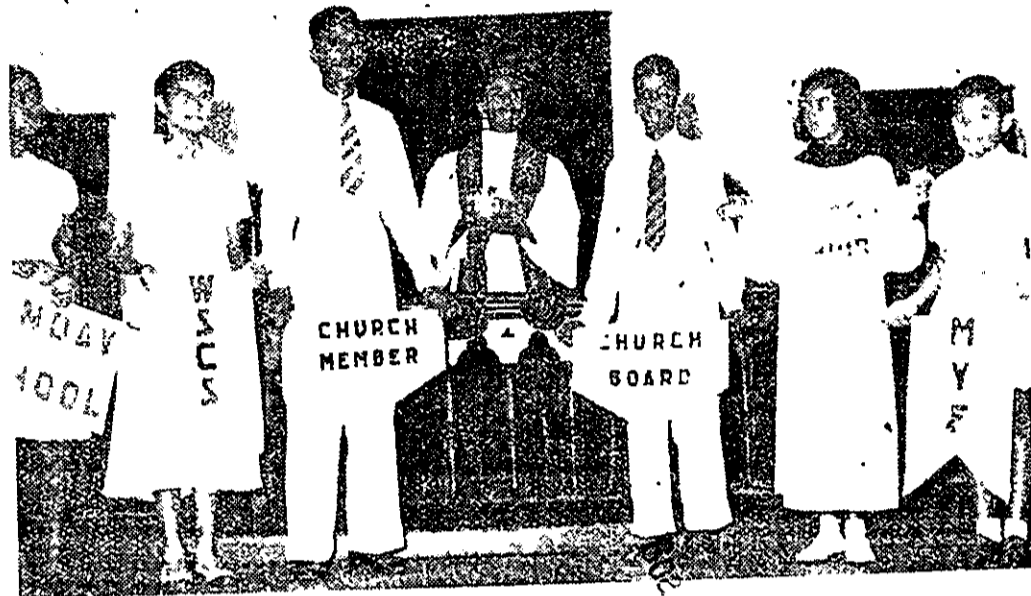
Bless-ed homes arise!

May thy people ever

Think of those who came

To thy village, bring

Glory to His Name!



More about—

PIONEER MISSIONARY

He then also became the pastor of the Coleman Street Church, succeeding the Rev. W. P. Rutledge.

On September 16, 1905, Mr. Amery was married to Miss Ruth M. Allen, who was trained in medicine. Two sons were born to the Amerys during these years, the first in 1906 and the second in 1908.

A delegate to the Central Conference held in Rangoon in the latter year, Mr. Amery was then transferred to Taiping and Ipoh. Following home leave in Newton Abbott, Devon, he returned to Jean Hamilton Training School and also was assigned Tamil work. He developed sufficient proficiency in Malay and Chinese to preach in both languages.

At the Annual Conference in 1913, Mr. Amery resigned from the active work of the Mission. At that

time he was superintendent of the Singapore district, but had been given an appointment "up-country." Mr. and Mrs. Amery were working in a clinic for poor women in Singapore and chose to remain with that work.

For many years following, Mr. Amery was employed in Government schools in Singapore. He was appointed Chaplain to Troops in the Colony in 1922. He began an association with Geylang Government school in 1925. Later he retired to England.

More about—

GERMANY ELICTS

were mute indications of the present-day Germany which is making heroic efforts to rebuild. In that land the Methodist Church is gallantly leading the way to goodwill, to reconciliation, to peace. May Methodists everywhere remember in their prayers the needs of our European brethren in these fear-torn, uncertain times.

THE SCENE IS SINGAPORE

As of Thursday night, April 23, when we went to press, the Central Conference for Southeastern Asia, meeting at Singapore, April 20-27, had finished its third day of business.

Retirement for all ministers was set for the age of 65 and the same ruling will apply in the future for all bishops who may be elected after 1956, or in that year. Permissive retirement with annuity claim was established at the age of 60.

Area plans for the Methodist Youth Fellowship, Commission on Christian Education, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and lay activities, were set in motion.

Bishop Raymond L. Archer delivered the episcopal address on April 21. Bishop Ralph A. Ward's address on "Christianity and Communism" delivered on the opening day of the Conference, was well received.

The most far-reaching pronouncement up to this time was the scholarly and comprehensive address on "The Church Faces the Challenge of Nationalism", given by the Rev. T. Thangaraj, of Burma, on April 23.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Kuantan, and six new "preparatory members" for the Kuantan Church. Seated: Mrs. B. C. Wahl; (secretary of spiritual life) Mrs. E. J. Murty; Mrs. N. K. Ratnam (secretary); Mrs. George Catheraso (president); Mrs. Wong Lipis; Mrs. S. Chelliah. Standing: Mrs. E. David; Miss Betty Kwan (vice-president); Mrs. Lam Tin Choong, (treasurer); Mrs. Loh Lim Meow. Three of the babies are future WSCS members and three are potential Methodist Men.



NAMES IN THE NEWS

Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz arrived in Singapore in time to participate in the Central Conference, to which he was first named delegate from Malaya Annual Conference. He sailed from England on the P. and O. liner "Corfu", April 1, but took to the air for part of the journey in order to get to Singapore on time. He visited and spoke in Methodist churches in Switzerland, beginning February 8, and was fraternal delegate from Southeastern Asia to the German Central Conference at Frankfurt a/M., February 26 — March 1. Dr. Amstutz has assumed the duties of superintendent of the Southern Malaya district. **Mrs. Amstutz** resided with their son, **Bruce**, at Lexington, Massachusetts during the time of her husband's itinerary in Germany and Switzerland, and arrived April 27.

Lester Bailey Knutsen is the new missionary appointed to Taiping and to the home of the **Rev. and Mrs. Kjell C. Knutsen**. He was an Easter gift, arriving on April 5, at 8:30 a.m., shortly following Taiping's sunrise service. He weighed nine pounds and nine ounces.

Mr. Peter Hang, eldest son of the **Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hang**, sailed by the "Roma", April 4, for London, for an educational tour and to attend his sister's marriage in London.

Mr. D. R. Daniel, Malaya Conference Secretary of Youth Work, and his bride, the former **Miss Doris Lee**, who were married at Madras, January 3



Three Malayan missionaries are to arrive in Calcutta on May 9, enroute to the United States for home leaves. **Misses Miriam Jean Gruber, Martha McCutchen, and Fae Straley** are passengers on the "Santhua" which departed from Singapore on April 27.

After visits to Methodist stations in Lucknow, Barceilly, Moradabad, Dehh, Agra, and Bombay, they will sail from the latter city on May 31 on the Italian liner, "Victoria," for the second part of the journey. This vessel will dock at Naples on June 10 and then the trio will visit on the Continent and in England.

Misses Gruber and McCutchen came to Malaya from China in 1951 and have been associated with the Methodist Girls' Schools in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, respectively. **Miss McCutchen** has been hostel superintendent in the Federation capital. **Miss Gruber** was in her first term in Fukien when she left China.

Miss Straley came to Fraser's Hill in January, 1949, with the school for the children of Malayan missionaries. She was transferred to Klang's Methodist Girls' School in August of the same year and became principal of the institution in May, 1950. Her home is in Los Angeles, California. She was for many years on the staff of Frances DePauw School, a Methodist centre for Mexican girls.

Miss Emma Palm and **Mrs. Thomas A. Harris**, both of Sarawak, attended the Wiant Apple wedding in Singapore on March 21. **Mrs. Harris** had come to Singapore on March 11 for a medical appointment. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mark while in Singapore and was also a guest in the Shumaker home at Malacca. She returned to Sarawak on March 25.

Misses Jessie Wolcott and **Gusta Robinett** finally reached Medan in early March after a period of nearly five months as "guests" in Penang while awaiting their visas to enter Indonesia. **Miss Wolcott** is working in the Chinese school in Medan, while **Miss Robinett** has been appointed Chinese District evangelist.

The entrance permit to allow **Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Shields** to begin their work in Rangoon has finally been granted by the authorities. Originally scheduled to arrive last year (The Malaysia Message, July-August 1952, page 21), they now look forward to a sailing date in the latter part of 1953. **Mr. Shields'** mother has passed away during this time of waiting. The Methodist English School in Rangoon is looking forward to welcoming their new science teacher.

Miss Kitty Hay, who completed three years as a special term worker last September but who stayed another six months in Malaya, left Singapore in early April aboard the Dutch cargo ship, "Abbakerk", for the United States. She spent two weeks in Japan and will go to San Francisco on the "President Jefferson", arriving there on May 21. Her home address is Duncansville, Pennsylvania.

The first eighteen months of her term, **Miss Hay** was stationed in Kuala Lumpur at Methodist Girls' Junior School and with the Tamil Church in Sentul. She then went to Ipoh for an assignment in the Tamil Settlement, particularly among Tamil women there.

Miss Laura M. Schleman, former missionary in Kiangsi Province, China, is scheduled to arrive soon to begin her work in Malaya. She calls the Northeast Ohio her home Conference and first went to China in 1929. She was attached to the Rulison Girls' High School in Kiangkiang.

Miss Blanche Apple, of Sibul, was married to **Mr. Paul P. Wiant**, at 12, Mount Sophia, Singapore, March 21. The ceremony was performed by the **Rev. J. H. H. Berckman**, Area Branch Treasurer, who was assisted by the **Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr.**, of Wesley Church, Singapore.

Mrs. J. Harry Haines sang the traditional wedding compositions, "Because" and "O Perfect Love", and was accompanied at the piano by **Miss Martha Fay White**.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiant departed the same day for a wedding trip to Fraser's Hill and returned to Singapore on March 30. They are now in Sibul where **Mr. Wiant** has additional work to complete at the Summers Memorial. The bride came to Sarawak in 1951 after a period of service in China dating from 1923.



Mr. Wiant has been building consultant in China, the Philippines, and the Singapore Area.

A buffet supper was an event of March 20 at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Berckman** and there was a wedding reception at 12 Mount Sophia following the nuptials.

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Miss Alta Enyart Passes

Miss Alta Enyart, for the past 24 years a member of the secretarial staff of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, died in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, on February 15. For most of her years at the office she has been in the administrative office for China and Malaya, and was well-known to a host of missionaries. She was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University. She leaves her mother, Mrs. Alice E. Enyart, in New York. Funeral services were at Christ Church, Methodist, New York, conducted by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman and Dr. Frank T. Cartwright.

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Photographs from this
file have not been
included but are
available upon request.
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