

COMMUNICATION

THE MANUSCRIPT DIVISION, PAYAP COLLEGE

Payap College would like to inform Siam Society members and *JSS* readers that it has established its Manuscript Division with the primary purpose of collecting, conserving and making available to scholars historical records related to missionary and church history in Thailand.

The work of the new Manuscript Division includes maintaining manuscript and rare book collections, conducting an oral history project in both Thai and English, maintaining a Thai church history reference collection, and training students. In addition, the Manuscript Division is currently investigating the possibility of microfilming various overseas collections, notably the papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Major collections which the Manuscript Division has received and is now processing include the paper of the American Presbyterian Mission (1916-1974); the Church of Christ in Thailand (1935-1978); the Property Office, Church of Christ in Thailand (1950-1970); the Student Christian Movement in Thailand (1966-1978); the Christian Association for Students in the North (1961-1977); and the Chiang Mai Coeducational Center (1954-1975).

In addition to these collections, the Manuscript Division has acquired a number of rare documents and books, including two holograph letters by H. M. King Rama IV to Dr. Samuel House, minutes of meetings of the First Presbyterian Church of Chiang Mai (1868-1886) and the Presbytery of Siam (1889-1907), and five bound volumes of *The Laos News* (1904-1916).

The Manuscript Division of Payap College has not yet opened a reader service; at present it has no plans to do so until sometime in 1981. However, special requests for assistance in research projects will be considered. At the same time, the Manuscript Division would very gratefully accept any assistance in locating or acquiring manuscripts, rare books and other historical materials related to the history of Christianity in Thailand.

Those who wish to communicate with Payap College about the work of its new Manuscript Division are invited to write to myself, the Manuscript Librarian, at Payap College, P.O. Box 161, Chiang Mai.

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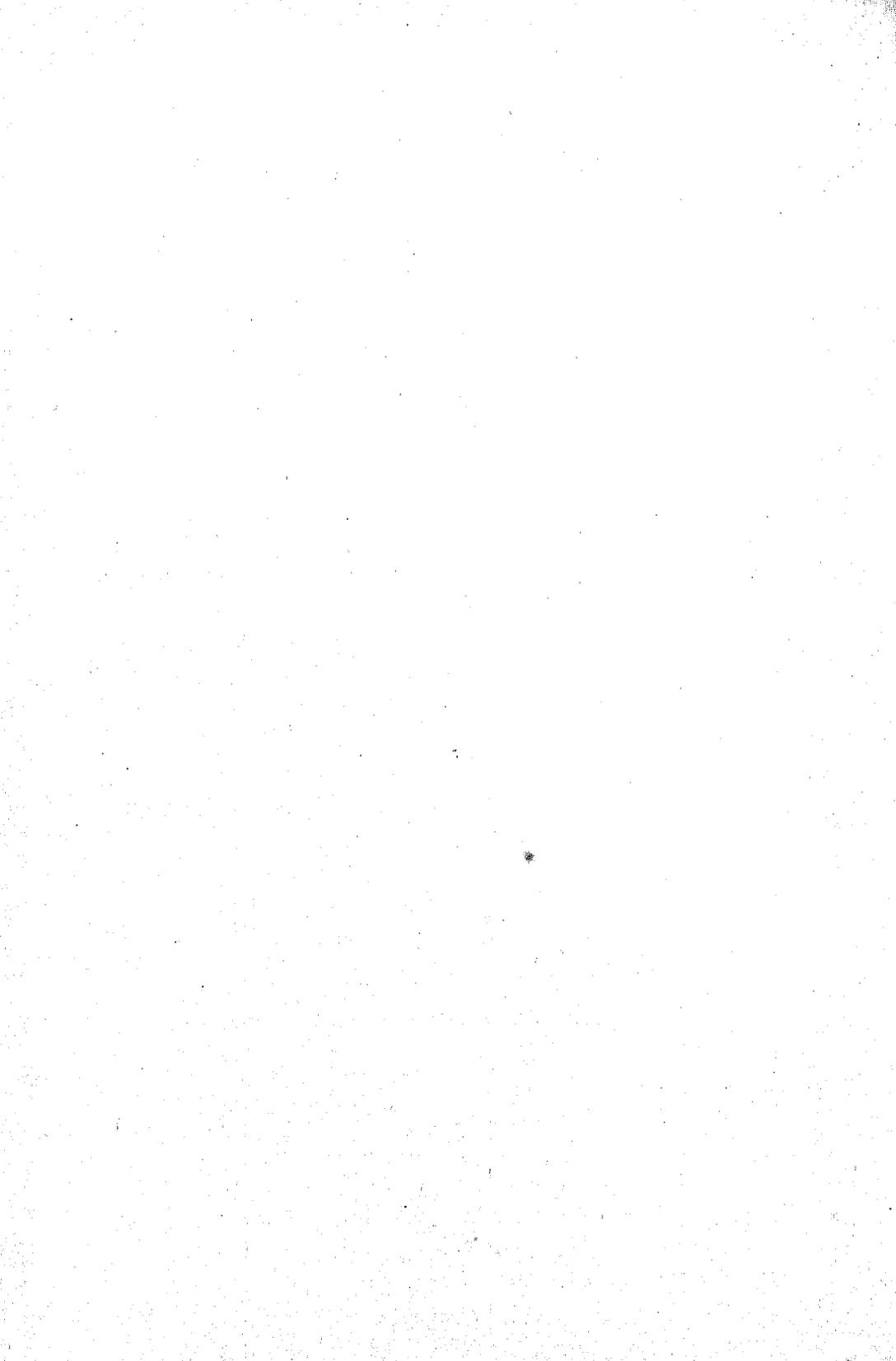
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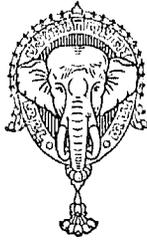
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