

DR. EDWIN BRUCE McDANIEL

TO THE EDITOR:

The death of Dr. Edwin Bruce McDaniel comes as a blow not only to his many friends but to leprosy work in Siam. Dr. McDaniel was a leprologist of the old school—builder, preacher and pioneer—a man of indomitable courage and a deep sense of humanity.

I first met Dr. McDaniel in 1932 when he stayed at Sungei Buloh for a fortnight while returning to Siam after a major operation in the United States. I retain a vivid memory of his deep sense of purpose and his burning sincerity, combined with a never failing sense of humor. We corresponded from time to time after that and the same great-hearted personality shone through his letters. It was, I think, typical of him that on his sixty-fifth birthday, less than three months before his death, he wrote: "If I am no longer here as the end of the year approaches I would like my friends to know that I wish them a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year." It seems to me that the same unselfish fineness of character rings through that sentence of his as dominated his life and work among the lepers of Siam.

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[Dr. McDaniels, who was born in Gladstone, Illinois, on August 9, 1873, went to Siam as a medical missionary in 1902 and was long in charge of a hospital at Petchaburi. In 1921 he went to Nakon Sritamarat, in Southern Siam, and there established the Nakon Leper Home, now said to have some 400 inmates. Having suffered from cerebral hemorrhage in 1935, he was retired from service in 1937 and died in Los Angeles on November 2, 1938.—EDITOR]

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