

That the Semang speak truly when they state that they long ago occupied the peninsula, much farther south than their present country, is I think proved by their having names in their own language for places as far south as Johore & many places rivers & mountains yet bear those names, some intact & some corrupted by Malays.

When the division took place that resulted in the east migration & the present division of the Semang into, broadly & yet distinctly, classed by me as East & West, the four families clans moved Westward from the Kelantan side, if not in one body at least the major portion of them going together, & settling down at the place they called "Ken Siew" in Northern Kedah, just across the mountain range. The later settlements, farther south & extension of the Western country thus begun, was more gradual, as they increased, the "Kintar" men moving south to where now is Southern Kedah; the "Bong" men following & taking for their especial country where now is Northern Perak, & the "Bloom" men going yet farther south to the edge of the then Blandas occupied country, now Southern Perak.

The names of KEN-SIEW, KINTAR, BONG, & BLOOM were not original distinctive names before

the successive movements south & were names given to the places where each migration settled, the meaning of that place being afterward known by the name of the place he occupied.

Thus they are not sub-tribal except at the present day they mark the admixture of foreign blood, which gives certain typical changes in the appearance & customs. They are all "Meneek" to start with.

But so far as regards the enquirer into Meneek customs, language or anthropometry, the Western men must be passed over as unreliable & hybrid & only ~~to~~ among the wild panglossian of the dense central forest yet unvisited by any other race, is the genuine Negro to be seen.

Wild they certainly are, thorough forest animals, avoiding contact with other men like the brutes they live among, suspicious & distrustful to the last degree. Nor is it safe to enter their country against their permission they will strike as readily & deadly as a snake, if angered, though like the reptile they avoid first. There is one point about them however, that is an improvement on the general Asiatic they have an equivalent to "Thank you" & use it, & moreover remember any act of kindness shown to them, which the Malay never does & the Klandas ~~never~~ <sup>seldom</sup> for <sup>any</sup> long time afterwards.



It is many years since I was in the Andaman islands & then only for a very short time. but my recollection of them is that the Andaman is taller, of a smoother brighter skin & particularly, a <sup>comparatively</sup> thin leptorhine nose. as Europeans here are of the opinion that the two are allied or the same I repeatedly asked the Member of both East & West if they had any tradition of a fellow race in any of the islands but they know nothing of them. \*\*

The Kedah Malays call the Andaman <sup>Islands</sup> "Pulo Kaffir" (Kaffir) & at one time the Rajah sent some officers there on some business & those men, who not many years back saw the natives of the Andamans & know the name Semang well, say that the two are totally different.

I do not know whether the question exists in Europe, as to the two being the same. I only make these remarks in case it should happen to be an unsettled one.

I have a strong conviction as to the origin of the Semang, but am very shy of expressing any opinion, unbacked by good proof. & at present I have only opinion which may be erroneous. I should like to hear what you think. First.

(\*\* That is to say, the ordinary Negrito know nothing of them, I shall, in a later paper give what the "Sna & Foots" say)

That the Blandas is, in a great measure, the original Malay, I have not the slightest doubt, but the Malay has mixed with Arab & Tamil, to say nothing of others, in smaller proportion till he has established a sub-type.

The Malay of the various particular states shows wide differences, & leanings toward the preponderating mixture, but the Blandas evidence is apparent in all.

I wrote you some time ago I could not find out the "Udai" & "gimies".

The diminutive Bloon men of Perak are by the Pangghas called "OODAR" in contempt, a term much the same in application as "bastard" or "illegitimate". & a Bloon man quarrelling with another will call him OODAR, just as I have heard an American negro call a fellow darkey, "a black nigger".

Occasionally the term is used by Northern Malays, <sup>who have heard it from Western Semang</sup> in speaking of the same Semang, but the Malay thinks it is the name of a "bankoa" or tribe, nor does the Semang care to correct him for he so far, though tame, retains his old hatred of the Malay & suspicious distrust of all, that he is very reticent on all that concerns himself or his kind.