

## The early beginning of MOUNT MIRIAM—PENANG



In 1963, when Bishop Chan of Penang who was already himself suffering from terminal cancer, invited the French Sisters of the Foreign Missions or 'Grey Sisters', to open a Hospital for patients similarly afflicted.

Preliminary plans were laid, only to 'gang agley' when the Grey Sisters had perforce to withdraw. In 1969, we were asked whether we could possibly take over the project. We could. And so it was that after the inevitable protracted preliminaries, 1973 saw the clearance of a splendid site adjacent to the present College General. Within a year, the building was well advanced and one half of the cost had to be secured.

On 21st February 1976, Bishop Gregory Yong of Penang declared *Mount Miriam Hospital* Officially Open. In its initial phase, the superbly-situated Hospital—the sea views from all balconies, back and front—was equipped only for its avowed intent: to provide compassionate professional nursing care to patients in the grip of terminal cancer. Active treatment was instituted in 1979.



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