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## FIRST-CLASS CHRISTIANITY NOW.

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**T**HIS is the testing hour in both heaven and earth for the Church and every soul calling itself Christian. We therefore need to continually scrutinize ourselves in the light of Our Great Example and Master so that we do not miss the way.

Among those things that go to make up a real Christian, first class in every way, it is well to remember first of all, humility.

A first-class Christian is humble-minded. That is, he is never unwilling to admit that he may be mistaken; he does not shrink from admitting that he does not know; he is always open to conviction and never shuts his mind to fact or truth. If further and sure knowledge comes to him, he is ready to question his earlier observations and the wisdom of his former conclusions.

Again, a real Christian, a first-class one, bears upon his heart a definite sense of responsibility for all the interests of God's cause. He is never casual or disinterested when the welfare of the church and Christ's kingdom is at stake. This sense of responsibility makes him reliable

in action in fulfilling the programme he has set himself to accomplish. To be successful he strives for careful reverence, self-control, knowledge, and correction of his own weaknesses.

Self-control, through the power of God, results in the real Christian's life, in self-mastery, in taking possession of one's self and focusing his God-given propensities upon the one thing—that of adding glory to God and His service. He will be constantly seeking to help all and hinder none.

The prospect now opening wide before such a life is tremendous and glorious. From the eminence of such an experience one will see clearly his life work, and will be inspired to finish it efficiently and quickly.

These are but a few of the evidences of first-class Christianity. They cannot be attained but by the vitalizing presence of the abiding Christ in the heart. Let us each surrender now and open wide the door that His stately, kingly steps may lead Him to the throne of our lives.

## SOLVING THE MOSLEM PROBLEM

George Keough,

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**I**T IS our professed belief that the everlasting gospel shall be preached to every nation, tribe, and people before the coming of the Lord. We believe, therefore, that it will be preached to the Moslems, of whom there are many nations, tribes, and tongues. Since we are endeavouring to prepare men to preach the message to the Moslems, we should profit by the experience of others in this field. An article by Dr. J. Christy Wilson, a veteran worker for Moslems, appears in the July, 1944, issue of the "Moslem World," in which he discusses the difficulties of the work, and the principles of attracting and holding converts among them.

"Christian converts from Islam are relatively few." The reason he gives for paucity of converts, apart from the fact that "capital punishment is the prescribed penalty for a Moslem who leaves his religion and adopts another faith," is: "Islam is a very tightly knit system which determines just how every act of life shall be performed from morning until evening and during the night, and it exercises a control over all of life from the cradle to

the grave. Moreover, there is a great group solidarity among Moslems, and this is welded by a fanatical devotion to the religion which may be likened to faith and patriotism combined. It is not difficult for any one of us to realize how hard it could be should we become, in the eyes of our fellow nationals, traitors to our country."

There is also the social ostracism of the convert, and "the economic result of being placed outside the community of the faithful, and consequent loss of employment." It is not possible to become a Christian and remain a member of one's family, though this course has been advocated by able men as the only right course to pursue.

"It is interesting to note that many of those who accepted the Christian faith at first made an earnest effort to live with their own families and in their Moslem environment. In every case I have noted this was not possible. Either the person was forced to compromise his Christian conduct and profession, or he was forced to leave his family and the Mohammedan environment."

These difficulties are very real, and humanly speaking, insuperable, but it is good to know that, in spite of them, Moslems do accept Jesus as their Saviour, even though those who do are few in number. One should not focus all his attention on the difficulties of a task, but should contemplate the power available to overcome the difficulties. As Doctor Wilson puts it, "The chains which bind a Mohammedan to his group and his religion are as strong as steel, but the love of Christ can melt them, and when that love gets into their hearts, He wins them."

What is it that attracts Moslems to Christ? It is His character. When they see Him, as He is presented in the Gospels, they admire His character and teachings, and in the light of that glory which is Jesus, the supposed glory of others dims into nothingness, and Jesus becomes the only hope that can satisfy the soul. "The direct presentation of Christ through every means should be our aim, for somewhere along the road each convert mentions a vision of Him that gave him the start toward a new spiritual life." How

can we hold our Moslem converts? The excellent principles enunciated by Doctor Wilson are truly applicable to holding converts of every religious background:

"Experience shows that instruction of converts should not cease when they are baptized or become members of the church. It has been the tendency in some cases to feel that the work is over when new members are received, but the continuation of their study of the Bible and Christian principles is of great importance in the period of adjustment.

"We are strongly impressed by the present study that the convert needs vital Christian friendship and guidance during every stage of the psychological process of conversion. This process might be outlined as follows: 1. A time of discontent and spiritual longing. 2. A period of search. 3. First contacts with Christianity and consideration of Christ. 4. New understanding of Jesus and Christian principles. 5. The decision to take the great adventure of faith. 6. The period of readjustment and trial. 7. Strength and growth in the devoted Christian life."

Doctor Wilson expresses his hope of larger gains to Christ from Islam as follows:

"Though it is true that converts in Moslem lands are still caught one at a time with hook and line rather than by heaving the gospel net and taking a great haul, yet we do believe in and hope for the coming of that morning when the Master shall be with us in the boat and a great multitude of fishes shall be enclosed."

May we not have Jesus with us in the boat right along? The Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of Moslems all over the world, and He is waiting for our co-operation that Christ may be lifted up before them, and He may draw them to Him.

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## MOHAMMEDANS APPRECIATE OUR RELIGIOUS BOOKS

BROTHER M. H. Luqa, headquarters Rawalpindi, recently made a trip to Kohat, and while there he presented "Our Day," in Urdu, to the Pathans residing in that place. As he told of the end of the age, the second coming of Christ, the new heaven and new earth that God is preparing for those that love Him, and of the time to come when sorrow, death, war, and sickness would be in the past, these fanatical people were deeply touched in their hearts. Many of them purchased copies from him.

Brother Luqa sows in all territories and fields. A short time ago he canvassed a Roman Catholic lady; she was deeply interested in the book and purchased a copy for herself, paying Brother Luqa Rs.10. When he offered the change she said, "You are doing a very good work. Keep the balance for yourself." We thank God for these evidences of the work of His Spirit in the hearts of the people in this land.

L. C. Shepard.

## "Get Her for Me; for She Pleaseth Me Well"

A. L. Ham

"HUSBANDS, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: for we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Eph. 5:25-31.

This sets forth very forcefully the Christian conception of the meaning and importance of marriage and the marriage relation. Other portions of scripture exhort wives concerning their relationship to their husbands and their families. If Christian homes are established and conducted in harmony with God's plan, there will exist in such homes the beneficent influences of heaven. Concerning such homes it can be truthfully said, "More powerful than any other earthly influence is that of a true home upon human hearts and lives."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 383.

If such a home is to be established, it is very important that both parties to the marriage covenant should have a common religious faith, interests, and ideals.

In a marriage ceremony, referring to need for careful consideration of the step, often the following is stated by the minister, "It is therefore not by any to be contemplated nor entered into inadvicely or lightly, but reverently, soberly, and in the fear of God, duly considering that matrimony was divinely ordained for the mutual help and comfort that the one needs from the other, both in prosperity and in adversity."

Those solemn, pointed statements should cause all who have any part in advising any young person regarding associations which may lead to marriage plans, to first realize the great importance of the step, and next that such a step should be preceded by much prayer and cautious thought.

In such countries as India where we have in our constituency those from many languages and different localities, with varying customs, the marriage problem for our parents and young people becomes very complex. It is much more complex than in countries where language and customs are uniform, and where we have more institutions of various types that bring larger groups of these youth together where they have opportunities to get acquainted. Even so, the future of the Lord's work in these lands and the good of our youth demand that we give earnest thought to this problem. We recognize the complexity of the whole problem, but still

we are persuaded that the happiness, usefulness, yes, and even more, the salvation of our young people, demand that we give earnest heed to our church standards in respect to marriage. Recently, we talked with a mother whose heart was burdened for a daughter who contemplates marriage with a young man who is not a member of our church. The daughter, though a church member, does not seem to realize her danger. It is often said, and that truly, that "love is blind." But fathers and mothers must not also be blind, for "if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch," yes, into the Slough of Despond, where so many fond hopes of well-meaning parents and youth have been swallowed up in disillusionment. Such marriage failures may come, and do come, largely because of failure on the part of parents and children to fully comprehend the danger until too late. But what shall we say about the "shepherds of the flock" who neglect their duty to give counsel? It seems, also, that some such even aid and encourage such marriages. This ought not to be.

Doubtless some young people who have recklessly formed attachments with unbelieving friends, have been a little like Samson. He saw a beautiful Philistine girl and immediately requested his parents to arrange his marriage with her. Doubtless they were alarmed and remonstrated with him. All he could think of was her beauty and attractiveness, and said, "Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well." He had fallen in love with her and could not give any reason why he should marry her except that "she pleaseth me well." "Get her for me." Only one thought possessed his mind: not whether she was one of the people of God; not whether they had common interests and ideals; not that she could be a help to him in his work for God; not that she was a good home-maker, capable, efficient, well-educated and trained in the principles of his religion and chosen people of God, but just one reason, "she pleaseth me well."

He had his own way in the matter and she proved disloyal and worked for his defeat and destruction. His second choice was even more disastrous. He did not follow God's plan and his home was a failure. His life work was disappointing.

On the other hand, we have the story of how God, Abraham, his servant, Isaac, Rebekah and her family, all co-operated to secure for the heir of the promise the person he should have for his wife and share with him those wonderful promises. God led through answered prayers and His providences, so that two lives, suited to each other and to the fulfilment of a great mission, were united in a heaven appointed marriage. It was a successful home and serves as a good example of how God leads in such matters if His will is earnestly sought.

What can we say to impress upon all the importance of this question? May God help His servants to view this need, and

address themselves to the problem, with zeal and resolution, to early bring about among both old and young a realization of the importance of what has been stated. Let not one of our leaders lend his influence to a disregard of the standards of the church in this or any other problem facing us. We desire that the right results may be brought about always in a kind, Christian spirit so that all concerned may be drawn to the Saviour, and discover that His plan for them is best. You will not be able to restrain all or guide all cases, but you can know you have done your duty. Do all in kindness and a sympathetic spirit, and heaven will add its blessing.

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## A TONIC FOR DEVELOPING FAITH

Ellen Meyers

THE Bible definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Without faith, it is impossible to please God. With this statement in mind, we realize our great need of faith in our relationship to God. In the Christian armour, faith is given a prominent part, namely, that of protection. In Hebrews 11:3 we learn that through faith the elders received a good report. "Prophets and Kings," page 445, says, "Faith reaches to the unseen and grasps eternal realities."

As I sit on my verandah at Rajpur, surrounded with a glorious scene of natural beauty, and I watch the sun sinking beyond the distant hills, I am reminded that the worlds were framed by the word of God and that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear (Heb. 11:3). Scenes like this draw me closer to God, stimulate my faith, and prepare me to meet skepticism. My faith reaches to the unseen and grasps eternal realities.

I sing my evening song, "Son of My Soul, O Saviour dear!" and my meditation is sweet. I get a retrospective view of all that this message has meant to me, and what God has wrought in my life. By faith I went to Australia with the prospect of educating my boys, not knowing whither I was going. Faith certainly was to me "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

I am reminded of the words in "Mileposts of Life" on the last page of the 1945 Morning Watch Calendar. "George Müller, famous for his faith in connection with the operation of his orphanages in England, recorded some thirty thousand promises fulfilled in his experience with God. How many have you had? You may desire to make a record of special answers to prayer, special promises realized, special victories won, as monuments of God's love and grace." George Müller is familiar to the world as the modern man of faith. Probably his name and works of faith are an addition to the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. He certainly received a good report.

In answering the question: How many have you had? I have decided to keep a faithful record of special prayers answered, special promises realized, and special victories won. I wish to apply the admonition, "Freely ye have received, freely give," and pass on to others my experiences. Will other readers do the same? Why are we so slow to share with others our personal experiences and blessings? As God's promises are fulfilled to us, I believe the angels will be interested when they see us sharing with others the victories we have won by faith.

Let our daily prayer be, "Lord, increase our faith." May we learn to run with the footmen and not be weary, for then only will we be fit to contend with the horses in the swelling of Jordan.

My faith was greatly increased as I passed through an experience last year. On June 10, 1944, my life was despaired of, and I realized I was passing through the valley of the shadow of death. The promise in the 23rd Psalm, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me," was literally fulfilled. I was not afraid. I found comfort, as God promised, and all those beautiful promises in the Christian's hope on the resurrection of the dead and the earth made new, helped me to realize Jesus' promise that He would make my bed in my sickness. I am now very well although in my eighty-first year. I love this message because of its truthfulness. It has Christ in it.

Faith truly grasps the eternal realities through the revelation of the Spirit. May this, dear readers, be a help to some one else passing through a similar experience. May I encourage you to pass on your experiences for the benefit of others.

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## FIGURES ARE STUBBORN!

Devadason David, Secretary-Treasurer

I WANT the following two figures, Rs.6,654-11-0 and Rs.3,606-7-0 to total up to Rs.11,260-0-0, but they will not. The first figure represents the tithe of the North Tamil Mission for 1944, the second is our offering including Uplift collections made by the native workers and church members, and the last one is the appropriation received from the Union.—So much for explanation. Can you now draw your own conclusion as to why I want these first two figures to total to the third?

I remember having read Abraham Lincoln's letter to his step-brother who had asked him to loan him some money. After telling his brother of the evils of getting into debt, Lincoln puts before him a proposition which is worthy of our consideration. He proposed that for every dollar his brother would earn, Lincoln would give him another dollar. Of course the South India Union did not put before us any such proposition. However, in 1944 according to the above figures, for

every Rs.1-6-0 that we earned, the mission gave us one rupee. If by tithes or by offerings we had somehow received Rs.864-14-0, we could without much hesitation have said that the South India Union and the North Tamil Mission had just exchanged their rupees. I say "without much hesitation" because we should also think of the large "Specials" we were given for evangelistic efforts, building workers' homes, etc., for which we express our heartfelt thanks to the Union. As it is now, the proportion of our earning and the "gift" from the mission is 8:11, but we want to make it 11:11, or, in other words, self-supporting. When will it be possible? At the end of this year? Maybe not; however, let us wait and see what the proportion will be at the close of 1945. Whatever it may be, brethren, I am confident that by God's help within the coming two or three years, we shall make it so. It may be that the North Tamil Mission will be the first local mission in the South India Union that will be self-supporting.

You may be interested to know that only Rs.1,410-11-0 of our tithe was given by the workers, or a little over one-fifth of the entire tithe. So do you not think that our church members will very soon be in a position to support our work in the North Tamil Mission? Just notice our income for 1944:

Tithe	Rs.6,654-11-0
S. S. Offerings	1,591-1-0
Birthday Offerings	128-11-0
Investment Fund	121-5-0
13th Sabbath Offering	250-0-0
Week of Sacrifice	210-0-0
Big Week Offering	55-14-0
Uplift	1,218-15-0
Annual Offering	29-15-0

Our tithe has increased from Rs.4,155-1-0 in 1942, when the field was organized, to Rs.6,654-11-0 in 1944; a good, high jump, an increase of Rs.2,499-10-0. We do not, however, remain satisfied with our accomplishments, for this year we are endeavouring to show still greater improvement, not only in giving back to God what He claims as His, but also in giving a gift of love to the missions by way of liberal offerings.

Rs.666-11-0 is our monthly tithe goal, or Rs.8,000 for 1945. During the first four months of the year we paid into the treasury Rs.2,716-2-0, which means that we have an overflow of Rs.49-8-0. Thank God that this is so. Many more great and wondrous things will be wrought by the hand of God, and He will move the hearts of His people so that they may say, "Let us rise up and build the house of God."

We are of good courage and are desirous of studying how we can best advance the work of God in this great North Tamil field. May we ask you, our TIDINGS' friends, to bear our field also in a corner of your hearts while you think of other fields, and to remember us in your prayers. Thank you.

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"The gift brought to God with thanksgiving and with prayer for His blessing. He will multiply as He multiplied the food given to the sons of the prophets, and to the weary multitude."—"Prophets and Kings," p. 243.

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized Churches	Last Membership Reported	Members Added			Members Dropped			Church Membership at Close of Year	Ordained Ministers		Licensed Ministers		Licensed Missionaries		Colporteurs		Other Workers		Total Workers		Tithe	Foreign Mission Offerings	Sabbath School Offerings	Contributions for Home Mission Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Retail Book and Periodical Sales	
			By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter		Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.	Non. For.										
BURMA UNION	—	898	As	previously	reported	—	898	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Rs. 1,408-8	Rs. 85-11	Rs. —	Rs. As previously reported	Rs. —	46	1,441	—		
NORTHEAST INDIA																														
East Bengal Mission	11	220	54	10	32	3	8	40	265	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	19	—	25	—	2,885-0	780-1	791-6	22-0	12-14	18	446	—	
West Bengal Mission	2	179	23	—	4	1	—	1	201	1	1	—	1	3	1	—	5	7	4	15	—	25,953-5	8,038-7	3,889-7	282-13	6,420-0	8	187	—	
Bihar Mission	12	499	3	—	41	2	2	44	495	3	5	1	5	5	1	—	6	24	9	41	—	6,799-7	4,729-5	3,274-6	147-11	152-11	20	697	—	
Assam Mission	3	60	24	—	35	1	—	33	88	2	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	7	5	9	—	3,309-13	3,568-6	1,855-12	67-14	46-13	6	171	—	
Union Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	42	—	
Totals	28	958	104	10	112	7	10	118	1,049	6	9	1	10	11	3	—	11	—	57	18	90	8,305-5	38,947-9	17,116-3	9,810-15	520-6	6,632-6	53	1,543	36,890-12
NORTHWEST INDIA																														
East Punjab Mission	3	332	39	—	20	1	—	18	372	1	1	—	3	1	7	—	—	4	2	15	—	2,610-3	1,076-4	742-6	1-0	—	31	945	—	
West Punjab Mission	4	197	15	—	2	—	—	13	201	2	2	—	8	2	7	—	—	5	4	23	—	3,154-2	1,349-4	1,680-8	26-9	—	32	1,043	—	
Punjab English Churches	2	74	3	—	3	1	1	1	77	1	1	—	1	2	3	—	1	—	2	5	—	7,061-11	6,493-13	1,964-7	74-2	1,047-1	3	276	—	
United Provinces	5	566	27	—	—	2	2	19	570	2	2	1	7	2	11	—	3	7	5	30	—	4,227-12	1,898-8	2,176-2	29-14	86-10	41	919	—	
U. P. English Churches	4	248	10	10	10	1	17	10	250	3	—	—	1	5	5	—	—	1	8	7	—	15,486-15	20,428-7	8,065-2	176-1	910-15	9	549	—	
Karachi	1	28	32	1	14	1	—	—	74	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	6,556-8	4,319-2	1,357-12	223-4	1,672-5	3	81	—	
Totals	19	1,445	126	11	49	6	20	61	1,544	9	7	1	21	11	33	—	6	—	17	21	84	11,671-15	39,097-3	35,565-6	15,986-5	530-14	3,716-15	119	3,813	38,166-9
SOUTH INDIA																														
Ceylon Mission	5	213	8	—	4	—	6	2	217	1	—	—	2	—	6	—	3	15	1	26	—	18,720-10	6,010-13	4,144-6	1,118-13	725-5	10	238	—	
Kanarese Mission	8	288	19	5	18	4	—	26	300	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	15	—	22	—	9,573-2	3,296-3	3,237-3	34-6	—	12	262	—	
North Malayalam Mission	9	262	13	—	2	2	9	4	262	1	2	1	4	2	7	—	—	9	4	22	—	1,810-10	1,221-7	513-15	—	—	12	376	—	
South Malayalam Mission	19	879	80	—	—	10	—	—	949	—	—	—	5	—	13	—	—	11	—	31	—	2,968-2	1,338-0	765-9	27-0	—	29	1,467	—	
North Tamil Mission	12	468	38	—	15	2	1	17	501	—	5	—	2	—	8	—	7	2	—	24	—	6,655-0	7,303-8	2,083-7	—	—	36	659	—	
South Tamil Mission	18	610	20	2	29	7	8	22	624	1	5	—	2	1	4	—	1	13	2	25	—	6,385-0	2,156-2	1,543-0	-13	—	40	1,006	—	
North Telugu Mission	15	479	57	2	2	6	37	5	492	—	2	—	3	—	19	—	1	9	—	34	—	3,766-14	3,706-9	1,529-6	—	—	38	834	—	
South Telugu Mission	10	580	42	—	19	6	70	28	537	—	3	—	2	2	11	—	2	5	2	23	—	3,048-2	3,845-1	1,328-3	—	86-0	40	789	—	
Union Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	5	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	36	—	
Totals	96	3,779	277	9	89	37	131	104	3,882	6	21	1	22	7	70	—	16	—	84	14	213	9,480-11	52,927-8	28,877-11	15,145-1	1,181-8	811-5	220	5,667	*46,507-15
WESTERN INDIA																														
Bombay Station	2	77	3	—	—	—	13	3	64	1	—	—	2	1	1	—	1	—	3	2	—	9,021-0	26,278-13	2,292-6	61-4	—	4	107	—	
Central Marathi Mission	3	177	—	2	16	4	13	47	131	—	—	1	2	1	5	—	—	4	2	11	—	1,266-2	1,232-12	709-11	—	—	16	438	—	
Kolhapur Mission Station	5	157	—	65	2	15	69	136	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	6	—	9	—	677-10	1,172-5	188-7	—	—	19	472	—	
Kalyan Mission Station	1	17	—	—	—	—	4	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	211-8	353-8	53-7	—	—	2	54	—	
Surat Mission Station	1	38	—	—	5	—	3	8	32	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	4	—	1,271-4	5,815-6	713-1	—	—	3	57	—	
Poona Mission Station	3	214	7	—	62	—	9	29	245	2	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	4	4	8	—	11,250-1	11,395-3	4,686-2	138-6	518-14	6	426	—	
Nagpur	1	33	—	—	19	2	15	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	632-7	886-2	225-15	—	—	3	41	—	
Union Mission	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	823-4	579-0	258-15	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	17	713	10	2	167	8	72	172	640	3	—	1	3	5	17	—	2	—	14	9	36	15,245-15	25,153-4	47,713-1	9,128-0	199-10	518-14	53	1,595	18,262-6
RECAPITULATION																														
Burma Union	—	898	—	—	—	—	—	—	898	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,408-8	85-11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northeast India Union	28	958	104	10	112	7	10	118	1,049	6	9	1	10	11	3	—	11	—	57	18	90	8,305-5	38,947-9	17,116-3	—	—	46	1,441	—	
Northwest India Union	19	1,445	126	11	49	6	20	61	1,544	9	7	1	21	11	33	—	6	—	17	21	84	11,671-15	39,097-3	35,565-6	9,810-15	520-6	6,632-6	53	1,543	—
South India Union	96	3,779	277	9	89	37	131	104	3,882	6	21	1	22	7	70	—	16	—	84	14	213	9,480-11	52,927-8	28,877-11	15,986-5	530-14	3,716-15	119	3,813	—
Western India Union	17	713	10	2	167	8	72	172	640	3	—	1	3	5	17	—	2	—	14	9	36	15,245-15	25,153-4	47,713-1	15,145-1	1,181-8	811-5	220	5,667	—
Division: Surat Hospital, Pub. House, S. M. C., V. H. S., & Fur. Workers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	3	2	1	30	12	—	—	—	60	50	76	—	—	—	9,128-0	199-10	518-14	53	1,595	—
O. W. Publishing House	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,531-4
Division Totals	160	7,793	517	32	417	58	233	455	8,013	42	40	6	57	64	135	—	35	—	232	112	499	46,112-6	156,211-3	129,272-5	50,070-5	2,432-6	11,679-8	491	14,059	15,358-14

\*No report for 4th quarter, 1944.

## "Hi Ho! Hi Ho! It's Off to the Camp We Go"

D. S. Johnson

WE ARE off to the second V. H. S. M. V. camp, to be held at "The Deodars," a wooded flat at the base of old Benog, only a few miles from the school.

Mrs. Schutt, the camp leader, leaves early as it is Friday, May 25, and she knows that as soon as the school session ends, sixty-five students with fifteen staff members for leaders and instructors, will be on the way.

Mrs. Killoway and Mrs. Rice are in charge of the food arrangements, and Mrs. Killoway leaves with the leader, as well as Mr. Matthews, the Forest Ranger.

The mules, loaded with cooking equipment, supplies, and bedding rolls, begin to arrive by four o'clock, and soon the boys and girls, under the leadership of Mr. Rice and Mrs. Pohlman, are on the scene. There will be camp inspection three times during the week-end stay, and the best boys' unit will "raise" the flag while the best girls' unit will "break" it. Naturally there is strong competition for this honour.

The evening services around the camp-fire are daily highlights, for there are stories from Africa by Mr. Higgins, as well as interesting stories by Miss Quinn and Miss Rutland. Music, too, is provided by male quartettes, mixed quartettes, and harmonicas.

Every one is pleasantly surprised at what the cooks keep turning out three times daily. There are plenty of sandwiches, cocoa, fried eggs, beans, and an outstanding feature—the Sunday morning pancakes. The Home Economics leaders have been planning with Miss Baird for many days, so the supplies are plentiful and well selected. The camp kitchen and girls' camp are close by the rocky stream.

The camp is not primarily for amusement. Progressive Class requirements are taught, and the inspection calls for neatness and order throughout.

By Sunday evening, and without mishap, every camper is home, the richer for the inspiration of nature and the instruction in "man's first temples."

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## RECORD SALES IN SOUTH INDIA

WE HAVE in a recent post received the "South India Sales and Experiences" dated April 30, 1945. We are impressed by the large number of colporteurs in the field and their splendid sales.

Sixty-seven colporteurs were at work during the month and the total deliveries amounted to Rs8,187. It has not been so many months since such a report would have been a good one for the entire Division. Five colporteurs reported sales of Rs300 and above. Six colporteurs reported sales between Rs200 and Rs300. Eighteen colporteurs reported sales between Rs100 and Rs200. We thank God for this splendid record of sales which comes to us from South India.

In the south there are four full time field missionary secretaries—Brother J.

Johanson in the Union, Brother M. K. Samuel in the Tamil Mission, Brother E. S. Sudarshanam in the Telugu Mission and Brother J. Japagnanam in the Malayalam Mission. Since Brother Japagnanam took up work in the Malayalam Mission there has been a marked increase in sales in that field.

L. C. S.

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## EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS

P. J. Kelly, Superintendent

WE HAVE planned to have three village efforts and one city effort in the South Telugu Mission in 1945. During the past five weeks we have been holding an effort at a place called Raturu, Bapatla Taluk, Guntur Dist. This effort is being conducted by Pastor Ch. Devadass, assisted by Pastor Ch. John, and Brother K. Elijah, who is working in that place. It was the privilege of the writer to be present for the first four days of the meetings. The attendance was between 300 and 350, and people were very eager to hear the messages presented to them.

Pastor Devadass has recently written to say that he has presented almost all the fundamental truths we preach as a denomination, and the response has been very good. He states that eight families are interested in the truth as a result of this effort, and he hopes to reap a rich harvest of souls in the near future.

At the close of this month we are going to start another effort at Jainty, where Brother Rao is now working. In a recent committee meeting, arrangements were made for the erection of a "pandal," and it is now under construction. Brethren Kelly and Eswar Rao have been asked to help in this.

We are trying to secure a hall in Masulipatam, or Secunderabad, for a city effort, where Brother B. S. Moses will be located when accommodation is available.

May the God of heaven help us in our humble efforts to save many souls for His honour and glory. This is our earnest prayer.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER

AROUND the circle of the earth Seventh-day Adventists will mourn the death of Mrs. Flora Plummer. She died early Sunday morning, April 8, after a long illness, at the Washington Sanitarium. The General Conference Committee at its next session, on April 9, passed the following resolution:

"With sorrow we record the passing of our sister, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, who fell peacefully asleep at the Washington Sanitarium early yesterday morning. For many years Sister Plummer's name was known and beloved in every Seventh-day Adventist home as the leader of our Sabbath school work. Her connection with the General Conference Sabbath School Department began in 1901 and continued uninterruptedly until the spring of 1936, the intervening years witnessing most remarkable growth of the department, much of it attributable to Mrs. Plummer's devoted and energetic promotion of all phases of

its work. It can truly be said of her that she served long and well and faithfully."—*"Review and Herald."*

ELDER J. E. FULTON

John Edwin Fulton was born in Nova Scotia, July 1, 1869. When he was six years of age his parents moved to the United States, and shortly after, they accepted the truth. He himself united with the church by baptism at the age of sixteen. On July 25, 1891, he was united in marriage with Miss Susie Newton. For a period of fifty-five years they efficiently served their Lord and Master with unquenchable zeal and untiring courage.

The bare outline of the noble life of this prince of Israel may be summarized as follows: During his student days he worked as a gospel colporteur; then he was employed by the conference as a minister. In 1894 our brother responded to a call for an evangelist in New Zealand. After labouring there for one year, he ministered with apostolic zeal and success for ten years in the island of Fiji.

In 1906 he was called to be president of the New South Wales Conference. This marks the beginning of his career as an executive. His godly life, clear vision, and unfailing interest in all phases of the message, made him a very successful leader, going from one position of responsibility to another. From 1909 to 1915 he was president of the Australian Union Conference. From 1915 to 1921 he was president of the Asiatic Division, which at that time comprised the territory of China, Japan, the East Indies, and India. In 1922 he became president of the North American Division, serving one year, and then was called back to the Australasian Division, serving another term. In 1926 he became president of the Pacific Union Conference, in which capacity he served about eight years.

When failing health made it necessary for him to lay down heavy administrative burdens, he still retained keen interest in the work and was always anxious to advance the cause he loved so much. He was in active service in our midst as a beloved counsellor, an honoured member of our Union Committee, and a preacher of righteousness in our churches and conventions until within two weeks of his death, April 23, 1945. Every gathering where he could attend felt blest and honoured by his presence. He was seventy-six years of age when at last his great heart failed, and the tired warrior entered into his rest.

He leaves to mourn him, of his immediate family, his beloved wife; two daughters, Mrs. Eric B. Hare, and Mrs. H. A. Skinner; one sister, Mrs. Ella LeRoy; and seven grandchildren, three of whom are serving with distinction in the armed forces of their country, and two, Sister I. D. Higgins and Brother Leonard Hare, serving as foreign missionaries in India.

[We are indebted to Mrs. I. D. Higgins for the above obituary which she received in a letter from her father overseas. We regret the writer's name was omitted in the letter.—Editor.]



Pastors Tarr, Mattison, and Hamel are now on a trip into some of our unentered territories. They plan to reach Leh, a town on the border of Tibet. They will pass through large stretches of country where our message has not yet penetrated. We trust they will bring to us a report of their travels which will be of special interest to our people in this land as well as in other lands. As a Division we are turning our eyes toward the great unfinished task of entering our border lands.

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In a letter recently received by A. F. Tarr, Dr. H. C. Menkel sends the following message: "Kindly pass on to the church members our greetings and assurances that, after a little longer period of recuperation, we hope to be in India again and join their service."

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Pastor E. D. Thomas brings a cheering report from Jowai, the outpost of our mission work in Assam. He reports a good Week of Prayer at the school and a very helpful institute. We are glad he made this rather difficult trip without incident. He reports our workers there are of good courage.

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Brother Kodan, principal of our school at Prakasapuram, has been called back to South India to meet with the School Board in making the final arrangements for teachers in the school. He has been attending the teachers' summer school which is being conducted at Spicer Missionary College.

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A fine group of school teachers are attending summer school at Spicer Missionary College. We enjoyed meeting with them Sabbath, June 2. Pastor Pohlman, the Division Educational Secretary, is in charge of the summer school programme.

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At a recent Sabbath meeting in the Calcutta church there were present twenty-two of our men who are serving their country. We trust that Pastor Terry will soon have the opportunity of meeting and getting acquainted with these young men.

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We are happy to report that Pastor G. A. Hamilton is recovering from his recent illness. He and his family plan to leave for the States soon to make their home over there where Brother Hamilton can be in a more favourable climate, and where the family can be better provided for. We are sure the whole Division family will want to wish them Heaven's richest blessings as they leave this field where they have laboured for so many years. We would also express our appreciation for their loyal services through the years. Pastor Hamilton has served as pastor of many churches in India and Burma.

A. L. Ham.

## UPLIFT IN CALCUTTA

IN SPITE of very hot days, the desire on the part of the Calcutta church members and workers to help raise funds is not wavering. Mrs. J. C. Dean, to date, has been successful in raising Rs.710. Her goal is Rs.1,000. Brother A. G. Watson, who has just undergone an operation but is now recovering, will soon be on the Uplift trail once again. He has been able to raise, thus far, Rs.1,880-4-0. Today the workers of the Calcutta mission have started their Uplift campaign, and we are hoping for good results. The goal set by the union committee for Calcutta for the current year is Rs.10,000. This is the highest figure, as far as I know, that has ever been set for us. We are of good courage in the Lord, and, with the rest of the workers in the Southern Asia Division, desire to do our part in all things which help to forward God's kingdom.

J. C. Dean.

## BOOKS LOST EN-ROUTE FROM THE UNITED STATES

NOW that the hostilities have ceased in the West, we are anxious to learn if any of our customers have been charged for books which they have not received because they were lost en route from the United States. We shall thank readers of the TIDINGS who have had such an experience to give us full and complete information as early as possible. Please quote the number of our bill to you and, if possible, the date of the order.

Oriental Watchman Publishing House.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mackett of Vincent Hill School and College, on June 16, a son, Leslie Walter. We extend our hearty congratulations to Brother and Sister Mackett.

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## A RECORD SALE

BROTHER J. JAPAGNANAM, the field missionary secretary of the Malayalam Mission, writes that on a recent day he canvassed for seven and a half hours and took orders worth more than Rs.300. As far as I know this record surpasses any that has been made thus far in India.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work of Brother Japagnanam, and the colporteurs in the Malayalam field have appreciated his good help since he took up work there. He writes that they are having particularly good success in selling "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy," "Health and Healing" and "Toward a Better Day."

L. C. S.

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## NORTHWEST NEWS

OUR boarding-schools in the Northwest are closed for the hot season. Ten of our students are out in the colporteur work, endeavouring to gain their scholarships for either Spicer Missionary College or

Roorkee for the coming year. Good reports come in concerning their work. The sales of one of them for the first month goes over the Rs.800 figure. We trust each will be ready with a full scholarship when school opens again.

This vacation has given the principals an opportunity of travelling through the field in the interest of their schools. Brother Torkelson and Brother Johnson have recently finished very encouraging tours throughout the United Provinces. They paid a visit to the famous Industrial Institute in Allahabad, established by Mr. Sam Higginbotham. These visits, I am sure, will help to strengthen the industrial programme in our schools.

We have recently been pleased to have visits from Pastors Loasby and Pohlman, on their way to and from Mussoorie. Delhi is a good place to break one's journey when leaving Mussoorie, as it gradually gets one acclimated to the heat before returning to Poona.

Recently Sister Ellis of Peshawar was baptized in Delhi. She is another one of the many who have been brought into the truth by Pastor Collett. Brother Ellis is hoping that his duties can soon be arranged so that he will be able to get his Sabbaths off and be wholly with us.

O. O. Mattison.

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## HOW OUR PHILIPPINE COLLEGE WAS SAVED

REPORTS from here and there in the Orient help us to piece together some picture of the work of the church in the fields where war has been raging. A letter just in from the Philippines gives word that our Philippine Union College buildings were spared from destruction through the heroic work of a Japanese Seventh-day Adventist soldier. When the order was given to set fire to the buildings, he courageously appealed to his officer to spare the plant. He knew the school and the staff of workers, for he himself had been a student at the college. Because of his insistent appeal, at the risk of his life, the buildings were saved from destruction. This Japanese soldier is now a prisoner of the United States forces and so is safe. It was said of him by his guards, "He is a Japanese, but he is first of all a Christian." We thank God for this brother who proved faithful in this test.

Victor Armstrong,  
President of the Far Eastern Division.

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