



The VICTOR Wears the CROWN

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HAVE you ever worn a crown? Would you like to wear a crown? The wearing of a crown is the symbol of power, authority, success. Recently a young woman was crowned queen of the British Empire. There was much pomp and ceremony in the coronation service. This young woman, Queen Elizabeth, took an oath to uphold the government which she represents, as queen, "defender of the faith." Her life is dedicated to the task of leading the peoples of the empire, assuring them of economic and military security.

What a tremendous task to place upon the shoulders of a young woman! The happiness of the people in her empire depends upon her. She must put forth every effort to accomplish her task. True, she has a prime minister, a parliament, skilled advisors and diplomats to guide her as she is confronted with the many problems that arise in directing the affairs of the empire, but unless she puts forth personal effort to achieve success for her people, the happiness and security of these people would be jeopardized. The queen is the child of a king, and she succeeded him to the throne by right of birth.

We too are children of a King. When we accepted Jesus as our personal Saviour we became His children, and with Him we are

heirs to His Father's throne. And just as Queen Elizabeth assumed the responsibility of carrying on the affairs of the empire, so we assume the responsibility of carrying on the work of Jesus as long as we are here on this earth. We have His assurance that if we are "... faithful unto death, ... I will give thee a crown" Rev. 2:10.

Coronation day is near for the children of the King, but yet there is much to be done before His work is finished on this earth. If we would wear the crown we must finish the work, and finish it quickly. It is a work that calls for untiring service on the part of all who would wear the crown. Sometimes the work may be such that we would rather not do it, but because it is essential to the finishing of God's work, because it deals with the happiness of those who desire to be subjects of the Great King, we will all press forward to the finishing of the task.

So many times we have heard our people say that they would do anything in their power to see God's work finished quickly. That is what it is going to take if we are going to wear the crown. We must be willing to do anything that God calls upon us to do. Day by day God gives us opportunity to prove our faithfulness to Him. There are many

avenues ordained of God to send His message of Hope and Truth to all who would be His children. Sometimes we feel that we are not qualified to work in some of the avenues chosen by God. This is one of Satan's greatest delusions. When we attempt something for our Heavenly Father, He will provide the necessary qualifications to accomplish the task. The success or failure of anything we attempt for Him depends entirely on us and not on God's willingness or ability to give us the qualifications we need. He has already made provision for success, and we must go forward by faith.

One of the outstanding avenues chosen by our Heavenly Father to speed the finishing of His work throughout the world is the Uplift plan. Through this means funds have been provided that has made it possible for multitudes to find the way of life. For more than fifty years this plan has proved to be a success and the beauty of the plan is that it enables every church member to have a part in finishing the task. It is not necessary for one to be a college graduate, an ordained minister, or a mission employee to have a successful part in this soul-winning project. The only requirement is a desire to do what God expects of all who would wear the crown, go out

into the vineyard and work for Him. To take an active part in this project, visiting friends, neighbours, and business acquaintances, is an evidence that we believe in God's work and plans, and that we are anxious to see the work go forward to a successful conclusion. To neglect to take part in this divinely ordained project may just be another way of saying that we are not in a hurry to see God's work finished. Surely there are none in the Southern Asia Division who want to delay the coming of our Lord.

Isn't it wonderful to have a part in a work that is assured of success from the very beginning? No secular business can give us that assurance. Those who engage in God's work can never fail. When we believe that with all our heart, then we can go forward by faith to success. One success leads to another and as we gain the victory in each successive project to finish God's work, so that work will be finished and Jesus will come. When that event takes place those who have been faithful in following God's leadership will wear the victor's crown.

This year a mighty task lies before us. We have a goal of Rs. 220,000. This goal has been divided among the various Unions. We want to reach this goal in the shortest possible time so it will require the loyal co-operation of all who are anxious to see the Lord come. The official date for the opening of the Uplift campaign is June 5. Several Unions, however, have already begun the campaign, and to date more than a third of the goal has been raised. We have reason to believe that the other Unions may have begun their campaign before the opening date.

This year the General Conference meets in session in San Francisco from May 24 to June 7. The North American Division is striving to reach its goal before General Conference convenes. It would be a wonderful victory if we could cable them while they are in session that Southern Asia has gone over the top in a sweeping UPLIFT VICTORY. We appeal to every worker and church member to put forth a mighty effort to achieve this victory. We are the children of a King. He died that all men could become His children. Our success in Uplift opens the way for others to become His children. Our victory helps them to victory so that as victors we can all wear the Crown of Life.

SUCCESS SUGGESTIONS ON UPLIFT ORGANIZATION

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1. The missionary committee (the church board) proposes an Uplift time table, organizes the Uplift crusade, makes up the band list, and appoints enthusiastic leaders. It is imperative for a successful and speedy crusade that the church board thoroughly plan the various parts of the enterprise before it is launched. Post the list of bands and their leaders. Suggest a band goal. Don't forget the Missionary Volunteers and the Juniors in the church school.

2. As a church, set aside the week prior to your Uplift launching as a consecration week. Before Uplift starts, unite in seeking God for a spiritual heart preparation to enter his soul-winning activity. Let us emphasize the spiritual phase of Uplift. Pray while planning for Uplift and while working your plan.

3. Climax the Uplift rally service on Sabbath with a call to consecrated action. After the prayer dedicating the lives and the services of members and youth to Christ, appeal to all to declare their Uplift intention on an Uplift Covenant Card. Rally your entire church membership to full-hearted support in this six-week Uplift crusade. Inspire everyone to grasp the glorious opportunity and to make this slogan a reality in your church: "All Should Go—Go To All."

4. Begin your Uplift at once. Saturday night after the rally service, start by street solicitation, singing bands, and home visitation. Begin in the most fruitful section in order to inspire the fearful and timid. During the Sabbath programme arrange for a big field day on Sunday. *Arouse, then act!*

5. Encourage *every-member-participation*. The shut-ins and invalids can become Minute Men. Help the timid and never-did-it-before folk to find a place in the crusade.

6. Select an outstanding solicitor in your church to demonstrate to the members how to give an Uplift canvass to a businessman and to a home resident. Let us improve the technique of our members in presenting our mission needs and in making the

appeal. Hundreds of refusals will become favourable responses if some practical instruction and a few correct suggestions are given to the Uplifters before they solicit. Present to your church a successful canvass and demonstrate the most effective presentation.

7. Assign best solicitors to business section. This will make the best impressions and assure the largest offerings.

8. Territory for each band is also districted by the church missionary committee. Have definite outlines of band territory. Your church members can be depended upon not to crawl through fences into someone else's territory. Encourage each band to lay plans with its members to visit every home in your territory. Often this is the only yearly visit. Make it count for heaven.

9. Announce schedule for weekly field days and solicitation nights. Secure names of willing workers for the week. It is true *more members giving more hours means more goals and more souls.*

10. Challenge the youth of your church to do exploits for the cause of Uplift. Their enthusiastic activity will inspire the entire church. Arouse a spirit of united comradeship. With the fire of new adventure for God aflame in the hearts of Adventist youth, a number of Missionary Volunteer societies are engaging in an all-out effort and are designating the weeks of their campaign with such titles as: The "Take-off" Week, Daring Deeds Week, Over Obstacles Week, The Final Push Week, Victory Week, A Bit More Week.

11. Appeal to the church school to set an Uplift goal, suggesting that the teacher supervise the Uplift field days. As church officers, secure co-operation of church members to assist the teacher in supervising children on those days. Teach the children a short canvass such as, "I am a Junior out working for Jesus. We need money to help those who are sick and in need and those who have never heard of the gospel. How

much will you give? Some have given Rs. 5, others Rs. 2, and every anna helps." A picnic lunch and some games together at lunch-time will make an Uplift outing of the field day.

12. Be on the look-out for seekers of truth. As the members gather money for missions, urge them to secure names of interested persons for follow-up activity. Encourage them to speak of Christ's soon coming in the light of world events. Arrange Bible studies or cottage meetings. Let us make Uplift a great literature enterprise and community soul-winning crusade. It is one of God's plans for reaching unbelievers and making them acquainted with our message.

13. Display in a prominent place the attractive Uplift goal device. To maintain an enthusiastic spirit, keep

the device up-to-date. "Nothing inspires like success," so record the financial progress of the bands each week.

14. Make your weekly missionary service a period of encouragement by the recital of unusual Uplift experiences.

15. Invest Minute Men each week. This inspires others to Minute-Man service.

16. Provide an Uplift table of supplies in church vestry for easy access.

17. Make every week count toward victory. Assure the members and youth that "we are to co-operate with One who knows no failure." Pray, think, and talk victory, then work.

SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON EARNEST PRAYER, THOROUGH ORGANIZATION, AND EVERY-MEMBER PARTICIPATION.

INFLUENCE THROUGH UPLIFT

O. W. LANGE

JOB said, "Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it." Job 28:1. So it is with the Uplift. The only reason that workers or lay-members do not reach their Uplift goals is because they do not go out to the place where they find it. Hard times, poor years, earthquakes, floods or depressions do not stop the Uplift. Inertia on the part of the workers and the church members is the only serious impediment in reaching better Uplift goals.

During the past five years the Northeast Union has jumped its Uplift receipts from about Rs. 7,000/- to over Rs. 40,000/-. This has not been due to better times or richer friends, but to greater diligence on the part of the workers and lay-members in our churches. At a time when the war boom was over, when business concerns were curtailing their expenditures, reducing the size of their offices, etc., God impressed the hearts of hundreds of men to place their names on the Uplift donors' list. Many old donors told us that they were cutting down their public donations, yet, these very firms often increased their donations to the Medical and Educational Uplift Fund ten-fold. Whenever men are made acquainted with the work of Seventh-

day Adventists, God impresses their hearts to share in the work through their gifts.

Pastor H. T. Burr stated a great truth while encouraging the Calcutta church in last year's campaign when he inadvertently called the "Uplift Campaign" the "Influence Campaign." The impact made upon Southern Asia by the Uplift (Influence) campaign is overlooked by those who neglect this important work.

There was a time when our people in the Northeast thought that Uplift goals could be raised only in the tea estate areas. Later some thought that Calcutta was the best place, or the mining areas or the steel mills. The interesting fact in the case is that wherever God's people prayerfully and earnestly go into this work, they will radiate the good influence and get rich returns.

During the last few years it has been my privilege to join the "Influence Campaign" through the Uplift in almost every part of the Northeast Union. We have met almost every type of citizen. I remember one of our experienced workers saying, "I don't mind doing UPLIFT if I can go to Tatanagar or to the steel mills." However, one year he was persuaded to work in Calcutta. After a few days

he waxed eloquent at the prospects in the big city. The following year I joined him in the tea estates where we had equal success. I have found that wherever our workers and lay-members put forth earnest endeavour to bring the "influence" of our work to the attention of men of means, these men have been impressed to give, whether they be village farmers, mill owners, office workers, company managers, politicians, tea estate managers, steel magnates or Maharajas, almost all have willingly shared in the Medical and Educational Uplift work through their donations.

If every worker would personally do his faithful part in this "Influence Campaign," if he would carefully prepare plans to include every church member within his territory in the Uplift work, the goals we now strive to reach would be quickly surpassed and the influence of the Lord's final message would be felt over a much wider area than ever before. Everybody should have a part. Churches should be organized into groups. Divide the available territory, get everyone to work.

It can be done with good results. Students and teachers of the Khunti school gathered over 15 maunds of paddy during their Uplift campaign in the villages near Khunti. The Raymond Memorial School at Falakata—students and teachers—collected over Rs. 3,000/- in cash in one week. A small group of lay-members in a little church in East Pakistan collected five maunds of paddy. Such experiences could be multiplied in every church throughout the Division.

1954 will be the best UPLIFT year in the history of Southern Asia if everybody does his part in this great "INFLUENCE CAMPAIGN."

IN '54 LET'S BRING IN MORE

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we can assure you that the day **WILL** come when there will be no more calls to raise funds for any project. Wonderful Day, you exclaim. Yes, it will be a wonderful day in more ways than one, because that will be the day when Jesus will come. But until that day dawns there will be a need in the world for funds to carry on the three-fold work that has been assigned to us. As true children of God we will want to do our utmost to honour God by doing His will, and **IN '54 LET'S BRING IN MORE.**

UPLIFT IN 1954

T. L. OSWALD

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IT WAS Cecil Rhodes lying on his death-bed who said, as he looked at the map of Africa before him, "So much to do; so little done." I believe I am voicing the sentiment of every believer in the Advent hope when I say as he did that so little has been done and so much is still left undone. We thank God for the way He has blessed the onward march of His work, but when we think of the white fields, we realize that there is so much to do. Earth's harvest fields are white, ready for the harvest. The people in many of these heathen lands are waiting for the gospel message.

Through the prophet Isaiah the Lord has counselled us to "enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2.

In no uncertain way God is giving us evidence upon evidence that "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9:28.

We are about to launch the 1954 Uplift campaign. In the light of what we know, see and read, we are calling on every member of the church to take his place in the line of duty and diligently do his part this year in giving out the literature that has been prepared for distribution while gathering funds to advance the work of God on earth.

The Uplift in 1953 was a great blessing to our work. More of our people took part in the campaign last year than in any other year. We are greatly encouraged to see a number of people who have taken their stand for the message as a result of our Uplift work in the United States of America. Fine contacts were made, and already people have been baptized and are witnessing for the truth.

In view of the progress of the work in the far-off lands and the many unanswered calls, we are appealing to each member of the church to do his part. We are admonished by the servant of the Lord that "we have no time to lose. . . . There is

danger in delay. That soul whom you might have found, that soul to whom you might have opened the Scriptures, passes beyond your reach."—*Christian Service*, p. 79.

There are now a number of countries where the doors are practically closed to the preaching of the gospel message. There are others that may soon close unless God intervenes. It is now that we must work to supply the means to send workers into these fields to herald the last warning message.

Yes, there is so much to do. God looks to us to do it, and surely we will not fail Him. The Minute-Man goal this year is \$20.59.* If every member in the church would solemnly



A LESSON OF SERVICE

In the cool of the glad spring morning
The Master came to me;
"My seed of truth must be planted;
Will you help in the work?" asked He.
And I answered, "Wait but a little,
The day is so fair—so fair;
When the mornings are less enchanting,
In Thy fields I will do my share."

At the dawn of a summer morning
I heard the Master say,
"My truth must be watched and tended;
Will you work in My fields today?"
But I said, "The days are so dreamy,
And summer has just begun;
I will do my part in Thy labour
When the glory of June is done."

In the chill of a winter morning,
The Master came to me;
The ice-bound river was silent,
And snow lay white on the lea.
"O Master, I now am ready
To work in Thy fields," I said;
But the Master smiled in pity,
And sadly shook His head.

"The harvest is over," He answered,
"And winter comes apace;
But some wheat lies all ungarnered,
Because of your vacant place;
You have spent the year in pleasure,
I have pleaded all in vain;
But what of your own remorse,
And what of the wasted grain?"

—Edith Porteus Thayer



vow before God that he will faithfully do his very best to supply the means to advance God's work; we are confident that the year 1954 will be even far better than the previous year. We trust that every leader will see to it that the church is well organized, ready to launch out in the campaign on the opening date, which is Sabbath, March 20.** We trust that right at the beginning of the campaign everyone will take part and not wait until the last week or so.

May the God of heaven richly bless us and help us all by our lives and through our faithfulness to hasten the coming of the Saviour in the clouds of heaven.

* Minute-Man goal for U.S.A.

** U.S. Campaign date.

Uplift Lifts Up!

M. E. KEMMERER

ONCE each year our members and workers are given a special privilege in making contacts with our many business and personal friends who indicate a real interest in our Mission programme. We call these contacts and the results which are attained our "Annual Uplift Plan."

The funds received are held for special projects under the heading "Uplift Fund." Actually, this plan which God has so marvellously blessed over the years, is but a miniature representation of the general and greater "Uplift" programme of our whole Mission organization.

Our sole purpose in being here as an organization is to uplift humanity by bringing them physical, mental and spiritual aid. We aim to do this by lifting up Christ to the millions who need a Saviour and literally speaking, *our uplift work lifts up*. It lifts up Christ as their Saviour from sin and it lifts up fallen needy humanity so that Christ and the individual are introduced to each other. What a blessed experience to serve as a messenger who can energetically go about bringing health and spiritual blessings to the down-trodden, to the discouraged and to the sick souls all around us.

In our work for others, we can never separate spiritual needs entirely from material requirements. So in God's work, as we endeavour to lift

up humanity, it makes necessary some expenditure of money and time. None of us are very rich in this world's goods, but we all have an equal share of time added to our other natural talents. You may actually turn some of your time into money as you share in this work of uplift.

In recent years more and more of our members and regular workers have shared together in the joy of Uplift service. This joy includes gathering some of the funds needed as well as the satisfaction realized in re-distributing help in the form of medical evangelism, educational evangelism, and every other phase of evangelism. Remember, you cannot realize the full joy of service in God's cause unless and until you have had your part in gathering some means through our Uplift Fund plan. Thus you will recognize God's blessing in the funds you gather and in the contacts you make.

Have you determined to have a part in our "uplift" work this year? Have you set a personal goal for time dedicated to this work? If so, God will surely reward you, not merely in funds received, but in souls saved in the kingdom and in the personal satisfaction of having done your humble part faithfully. Let us all co-operate to make 1954 the best year for lifting up Christ in every way, including "Uplift"!

We Can Do

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THE Uplift programme provides ample opportunity for every worker and church member to serve both God and man. Prove it to yourself by serving God and man in an active participation in the 1954 Uplift campaign, and you will find that you derive great benefit.

Workers and church members should welcome this as another opportunity for greater missionary service. During Uplift many homes, shops and offices will be visited in the interest of our Medical and Educational work. The public is already acquainted with our world-wide

mission programme and they will be anxious to hear more about the good work we have accomplished in the past, and are planning for the future. Many feel that Uplift work is the most difficult task that can be assigned to us. Let us take this work as a privilege—a privilege to tell others of our world-wide work and faith—and not as a task. All should have a part in this work which is not for mission paid workers alone.

I personally consider Uplift work as a rare privilege and I am proud to tell others what we, Seventh-day Adventists, are doing in our service to God and humanity. Every Uplift

HOLDING THE ROPES

J. E. EDWARDS

Holding the ropes

On which hang our hopes,

Let us finish the work

Dare anyone shirk?

Ingathering is the call

Nothing need appall,

Go, get your goal.

Time to work now!

Hang on to the plough

Every church win somehow.

Retreat O, no, never!

Onward to victory ever.

Press on with new vision,

Each with stronger decision,

Spread our missions!

contact is of great benefit to the solicitor as well as to the donor, as the latter also has an opportunity to do something for God and man. It gives the public an opportunity to contribute towards the spiritual, mental and physical needs of their fellow-countrymen. There is a great blessing in giving and we should not deprive the people in our community of this blessing. The contacts made during Uplift may lead to follow-up work. When our appeal for Uplift is made, be sure also to enrol the contributor in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. Also, through Uplift great financial help comes to our Medical and Educational work.

Let us all rally around the Uplift banner and make 1954 the best year in our Uplift history.

*Uplift Slogan: In '54
Let's Bring in More*

W. L. BARCLAY

OUR UPLIFT slogan for this year can serve a multiple purpose. "IN '54 LET'S BRING IN MORE." More what? The answer is simple. Let us bring in more funds as a result of our solicitation than we have ever brought in before.

"But," you ask, "why this cry to bring in more funds? Won't the day ever come when we will not need to listen to any more calls to raise money?"

We answer these questions in their order. First, we need the funds to carry on the work begun by the Master nearly two thousand years ago. There were three points in His work that He stressed time and again, Healing, Teaching and Helping.

Jesus told us to heal the sick. To carry out this instruction we have established fourteen hospitals and clinics throughout Southern Asia. These medical institutions are filling a great need for suffering humanity. Through the skill of our doctors and nurses the sick are restored to health so that they can take up the responsibility of working and providing homes for their families. It requires funds to provide doctors, nurses, medicine to give people health.

To meet the command to TEACH, thus preparing boys and girls, young men and young women to meet the challenge of life with a fair chance for success, we have established over a hundred schools in Southern Asia. These schools have to be equipped with desks, blackboards, maps, books, teachers. All these require funds.

The Great Teacher told us that the poor would be with us always. He also made it clear that it was our responsibility to help them in their hour of need. Through our Dorcas societies thousands of needy people in Southern Asia have received help in time of need. The food, the clothing, and other types of help require funds. Without these funds it would be impossible to carry on this needy work for suffering humanity.

In answer to the second question

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"THE PLACE...IS TOO STRAIT FOR US"

H. H. MATTISON

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ELIJAH established the schools of the prophets. He did so under the guidance of the Spirit of God. Being directed by God he was accordingly blessed of God, and his project prospered. Elijah was a man of vision. Dealing with great apostasy he saw not just the external effects but the internal cause, and set about to remove the cause. The cause centred primarily in the home. The man of God, in order to counteract the rampant evil of his day, established the schools of the prophets. His successor, Elisha, soon found himself faced with a problem. The school Elijah had established was found to be too small to accommodate the demands. Said the sons of the prophets, "The place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us." 2 Kings 6:1. That was a good sign. Even though it involved a problem it was the right kind of problem which should ever be found in the cause of God. Institutions should be out-grown. Expansion programmes should be an ever-present necessity in our movement.

When Spicer Missionary College opened its doors in its present location, its few students housed in large dormitories appeared ridiculously insignificant. Visitors no doubt shook their heads and declared that instead of the founders of the institution having a vision they had had a nightmare. "When will ever these halls be filled? Where will we find students to fill such a chapel or to occupy such spacious class rooms?" they asked. Last school year classes were divided and the teacher over each division had more than enough students. Finding our young men's dormitory taxed to the limit our only solution was double-decker beds throughout the dormitory. This provided sleeping accommodation for the occupants of the dormitory, but little else. Every other facility connected with the dormitory was taxed to the utmost.

As in the days of Elisha something is being done about our crowded condition. Like corn shooting out of the ground after a good rain, so a new men's dormitory and a new dining hall are simultaneously arising on our campus. Things are happen-

ing so fast around Spicer Missionary College these days that one wonders whether or not he can trust his eyes. It is indeed thrilling to watch these buildings take shape before our gaze. What a dormitory it will be, young men, when it is finished! There will be room—room to spare. Likewise in the new dining hall there will be room to spare. Pastor E. R. Streeter is spending most of his time with us this vacation seeing that no time is lost. He is conscious of our re-opening date of school. The writer and Pastor Streeter have been to Bombay twice lately to impress the controller of cement that school re-opens on June 18, and therefore, we are racing with time. I fear, however, that he is not imbued with the same sense of urgency which possesses us. There lies the thing which can delay us—i.e. slowness of obtaining cement. Our contractor says he could go faster if only he could keep his supply of

cement up with his demands. These are factors over which we have no control; so naturally we have to be controlled by them. However, God is mindful of our needs, and He is on our side.

In any event, young people of the Advent cause in Southern Asia, Spicer Missionary College will open its doors for another school year on June 18, 1954. Do you plan to be present when that date arrives? Are you so planning your work and so working your plan? Both are necessary if you would succeed.

If you have not already done so, prospective students, make sure to get your applications in immediately. Applications are acceptable until May 31, 1954. Remember the date, and beat the dead line. To avoid delays make certain that you are provided with an application blank and a student's financial contract form. Fill these out most carefully, as carelessness here often necessitates undue delay.

Remember, young men and young women of the Advent cause, you have an appointment at the Registrar's desk on June 18. He will be looking for you. Don't disappoint him or the rest of the staff members who will likewise be ready to greet you.

SPECIAL RALLIES

C. MOSES

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THE day was the 28th of March, 1954. Time 6:30 p.m. The place was Nellore Town Hall. A lecturer was addressing 1,200 people. A foreigner was he thought to be. "By birth," he said, "I am English; by citizenship, a Canadian; by education, an American; and by choice, an Indian." This created a friendly atmosphere at the start. The message he gave about "The Birth of a New World" and the sound film of Daniel II featured on the screen matched very well. On the 29th at the same place, same time, the same speaker, Pastor A. E. Rawson, spoke again. The Radio listeners and people appreciated the famous "King's Herald's Quartette" and the message on "Will the Christian Church Survive?" The sound film "The Voice of Prophecy in Action" really showed us all how the work is

carried on in the Voice of Prophecy headquarters, U.S.A. At Nellore 545 were enrolled in the Bible school.

At Guntur on March 30 and 31 the same subject were presented and the same films shown. 430 were enrolled. The meeting was held in the A. D. Hall, Guntur. The hall has all conveniences for holding meetings: public address system, projector, fans, etc.

Pastor A. E. Rawson could not go to the North Telugu mission but his deputy accompanied the writer to other places. That was his first visit to the Telugu fields in South India.

On hearing his name the people understood that he is a Bengali. Hindus heard him attentively. As a Brahmin and the nephew of His Excellency Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, Gover-

nor of West Bengal, many government officials were present and greeted him. Pastor N. G. Mookerjee, now a servant of Jesus, preached the good tidings to the people of the North Telugu field making a deep impression upon the minds of his audience. The topic and the pictures were the same in all the places where we held these rallies. Below is a table showing the rallies held in the Telugu field.

Pastor Mookerjee visited the Narasapur High School on this trip. Brother Zill and others were happy to meet him. These films were shown on 12th of April at Nuzvid. The hospital staff, patients and relatives of patients really appreciated it very much.

In every place the forenoon was profitably spent in meeting our Voice of Prophecy students, answering their questions and helping them to take their stand for the truth.

At Nellore we met Mr. and Mrs. Cox. Mrs. Cox is baptized now and her husband is studying the truth. They are Voice of Prophecy students and very pious people. After baptism Mrs. Cox donated the jewellery she had on her to the Voice of Prophecy school to be used for the cause of God. They came to meet Pastor

A. E. Rawson from a distant place.

Another Voice of Prophecy student, a highly educated Brahmin, an engineer by profession, was very much interested to meet us. He attends the Sabbath school conducted by Pastor G. Isaiah at Nellore. He studies his Sabbath school lessons and is an active Sabbath school member.

While at Srikakulam two Hindus came to us after the meeting and told us that they have accepted Jesus as their Saviour and requested us to baptize them. At Vijayawada two other Voice of Prophecy students came to see us. One of them holds a college degree of B. Sc. They were much impressed when they saw Brother Mookerjee, a Brahmin, preaching Jesus to others. They requested us that we go and open our work in their village. There are over 1,800 people in that village. Brother I. Subushanam, the president of the field, is planning to help them as they have the hunger and thirst for Jesus and His Gospel.

Dear readers, please pray for the Voice of Prophecy students and help someone to know about the Saviour by enrolling people in the Bible school.

	Place	Meetings	Attendance	No. Enrolled
South Telugu	Nellore	2	2,400	545
	Guntur	2	1,600	430
North Telugu	Srikakulam	2	800	161
	Vijayawada	2	1,200	164
	Masulipatam	2	1,400	284
		10	7,400	1,584

MEN OF ACTION

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THERE are many things that challenge us to action today. As individuals we must be men and women of action. The final movements, we are told, will be rapid ones. That means action—yes, even greater action than we have seen before. Our pioneers have set us a worthy example, for they were men of action. It is refreshing to me to read again of the wonderful spirit of the fore-runners of our own Advent Movement, and to note the zeal, devotion and untiring effort of those who led out in the work over one hundred years ago. Would to God that this

same spirit would take hold of us and drive us on as it did them.

In speaking about the men associated with William Miller, I note, "They were men of action. That was a characteristic of the men of the Millerite movement. It is no mere play on words to say that a new movement arises in the world only when there are men of action who are determined to set something in motion. And a movement truly continues as such only as long as men of action constitute it and control it. After that it becomes simply one more static organization in the

world."—*The Midnight Cry*, p. 104. (Italics supplied.)

Fellow workers, let us be men of action. Let us set in motion such a revival as the world has never seen. It must come and why should not we be the ones to set it going? Pentecostal experiences are to be duplicated, yes, and multiplied.

Obstacles and difficulties challenged the leaders in the beginning of our movement. Those men had a real sense of duty to both God and men. They were possessed of a most daring faith which plunged them into the so-called impossible. It is said of them that "obstacles and difficulties are only a challenge to action."—*Id.*, p. 108. They prevailed with God, fighting their battles on their knees.

What is our attitude today? Are we men of action? Or do we shrink back when confronted with the perplexities of today? "Trials and obstacles are His chosen methods of discipline and His appointed conditions of success."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 524. They should serve as impulses that might drive us on into greater things.

As an illustration of the spirit that actuated the early leaders, I quote again from the *Midnight Cry*, p. 121. "We sacrifice time, health, money, personal comfort, and all earthly prospects, to the cause. We have continual calls to give lectures all over the country; as we can't do this, we publish books to speak for us. This they call a speculation, and they say, Brother Miller has made a fortune by his writings. Why, he hasn't made enough to pay for the paper and ink on which his books were written. . . . We have held thirty camp meetings within the last four months." That type of spirit was bound to bear fruit and it did.

In Miller's day laymen were as active as the ministers. As these men went from place to place they endeavoured to build up the work. Their idea was "and now you must get up an association here, to be a depot. The whole state must be waked up. *Love your church, your minister, your Bible*, but don't let your mouth be gagged. Pray, read, circulate pamphlets, form Bible classes; get your ministers to join them. Be kind and good to all."—*The Midnight Cry*, p. 121. (Italics supplied.)

Do you have this book? If not, get it. Read it, and absorb the spirit therein revealed. We shall need it in finishing the task in this our great division.

THE order of the day for the Southern Asia Division is found in the words of the gospel prophet: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2.

The peoples of Southern Asia are a beautiful people—colourful, graceful and kind. They live in restless cities. They live in thousands of tiny villages huddled beside dusty roads. Wherever one finds them they are in a restless search for God. This quest for the eternal too frequently leads them into the superstitious and degrading rites of heathenism.

Today the lands of Southern Asia are independent sovereign nations. Their awakened people are making rapid strides forward in every phase of their industrial life. The lands of holy cities and sacred rivers are astir—the Orient is on the march.

Though on every hand there are many evidences of national progress we still labour in lands of entrenched heathenism and primitive superstitions. In Jubbulpore a thirty-four-year-old man was arrested for sacrificing his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter at the altar of the goddess Kali. A recent newspaper carried a news note of a thwarted "satti" and the subsequent remonstrance on the part of the villagers because the police prevented the widow from burning herself on her dead husband's pyre.

Despite the herculean task that has confronted the workers of Southern Asia, under the blessing of God they have done a magnificent work. During the past four years since we were last together here in this great auditorium, these workers have written a new book of Acts for the Orient. They have laboured untiringly to strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords of God's work in those great Moslem countries and lands of heathenism.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Today, R. S. Lowry, our Division Educational secretary, leads a force of teachers carrying on in 103 day schools and 31 boarding schools. Since the last General Conference session our school enrolment has doubled. For every 2.3 persons who are church members in Southern Asia there is one student in our schools. This compares favourably with the average figures for the world field—

one student to every four church members.

Spicer Missionary College located near our Division headquarters at Kirkee, Western India, is a full sixteen-grade institution. The college level of our educational programme in Southern Asia has experienced a 200 per cent increase in enrolment since the last General Conference. In Kirkee today we have a college of many nations—enrolled this past year were young men and women speaking thirty-three different languages.

With approximately 5,000 cities, towns, and villages for each ordained and licensed Seventh-day Adventist minister, you can well imagine that our need for workers is staggering.

Pastor I. D. Higgins, and his capable staff, carry the responsibility of supplying workers to take the Advent message to the population of over one-third of the free world. Perhaps no institution within our ranks today faces a greater challenge than our "college of many nations."

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Not only have we been lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes in our educational work in Southern Asia but we have been consolidating and expanding our medical work. How much the countries of our Division need the Great Physician!

The new Karachi Hospital with beds for 65 in-patients, is the most modern institution in Pakistan. The influence of this fine institution has been felt not only in Pakistan but in neighbouring countries to the north.

We have re-opened the Simla Sanitarium located up among the untroubled snows of the Himalayas. To extend the facilities of this institution we have purchased and equipped a mobile unit to operate out from Simla on the road leading up to the Tibetan border.

One of the greatest problems confronting our medical work in Southern Asia has been the training of indigenous personnel for our various institutions. During the past four years a carefully formulated plan has been carried out to assure a steady supply of doctors, nurses, midwives, laboratory and X-ray technicians for our hospitals and dispensaries. Another School of Nursing was opened in Rangoon, Burma, just about a year ago.

Arrangements have been worked out with the Christian Medical College in Vellore, South India, for a few of our Adventist youth to take the medical course in that institution

Strengthening Stakes Cords in



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without taking class work or examinations on the Sabbath.

Today the lands of Southern Asia are on fire with evangelism. We have public evangelism and personal evangelism. We have literature evangelists and medical evangelists. We have worker evangelists and lay evangelists. We have souls winners in our schools and "Share-Your-Faith" workers in our churches.

In all well over one thousand evangelistic efforts have been held in India, Burma, Ceylon, and Pakistan, during the past four years. We have not been able to double our membership, but under the blessing of the Lord we have been able to more than double our annual baptisms. Since the last General Conference session 4,101 persons have been baptized or added to the ranks of God's Remnant Church upon profession of faith—a number surpassing the total baptized during the two previous four-year periods.

This we realize is not a large total as compared with some of our other world divisions. We are, however, encouraged to note by Brother Klaser's statistical report that Southern Asia's number of baptisms for each 1,000 church members is now above the average for both Overseas Divisions and North America.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

All of our souls winners in India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon are not

and Lengthening Southern Asia



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on the pay roll. W. L. Barclay, our Division Home Missionary secretary, has been leading out in a strong programme of training lay preachers in all parts of our field. Since 1950, 80 Laymen's Training Institutes and Rallies have been held throughout our six Unions.

In the shadow of the Sikhs' Golden Temple in Amritsar, one of our most able lay preachers—Samuel Das—is preaching the message with power to large congregations night after night. The larger portion of Brother Das's hearers are non-Christians, but they listen eagerly to all that our brother has to say. Ever since his baptism in 1943, Brother Das, who is a cost-accountant in a large carpet factory, has been an indefatigable worker for God. During this time . . . souls have been baptized and the Lord has used him to establish one of the most substantial vernacular churches in India.

Any report of Home Missionary activities in our field would not be complete without mention of our Harvest Ingathering Campaign—known locally as Uplift work. We have gone all out the past four years to increase our local income, thereby carrying a greater share of the financial burden for our work. Since the last General Conference session our Ingathering receipts have doubled. In our Ingathering we have been lengthening our cords by doubling our income.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The work of the Sabbath School has long played an important role in building up the work of God in the countries of Southern Asia. During the past four years special emphasis has been placed upon the soul-winning aspects of this branch of the work. The branch Sabbath school plan has taken deep and permanent root in India, Burma, Ceylon, and Pakistan. These little units become potential church organizations.

The Sabbath school work has been a pioneering agency into one of our un-entered territories—the Andaman Islands. These islands were for decades the Devil's Islands of the east, and today in addition to the aborigines who live in these islands located in the Bay of Bengal, a sizeable portion of the inhabitants are either freed prisoners or the descendants of freed convicts. During the course of last year a new Sabbath school light was lighted in this previously un-entered group of islands.

Our Sabbath school offerings during the past four years amount to approximately the total given during the six and a half years just prior to 1950. Our increase in membership and in number of schools in operation, while comparing favourably with the record of this same period, is far below what it should be and what we wish it were. Southern Asia, like Africa, should have hundreds of thousands of Sabbath school members looking forward to full church fellowship. This day will come for us sooner than many realize. God has great things in store for Southern Asia—we should be lengthening our Sabbath school cords a great deal more than we have thus far.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The youth of Southern Asia are on the march! In the largest and most colourful Adventist meetings ever held in our part of the world, young people from Burma, Ceylon, Pakistan, India, Ethiopia, Tibet, Egypt, Lebanon, and Malaya, came together in our great Youth Congress held at Spicer Missionary College the last of 1952.

R. J. Ritchie, our Division M. V. secretary, and his helpers, had worked for months to arrange all of the details for this great meeting. Certainly God made it an inspiration to the thirteen hundred present.

The 750 delegates speaking more

than forty different languages, came by bus, by steamer, by train, by plane, and even by jet plane. One delegate walked forty miles to reach the congress. They came wearing saris, dhotis, Panjabi pajamas, sherwars, Burmese longis, Tibetan garb, and of course, European dress.

But more than just holding a Youth Congress has been done along Missionary Volunteer lines in Southern Asia during the past years. Between 1950 and 1954, 68 senior and junior camps and twenty-five rallies have been held throughout the Division.

Our M. V. Department reports several "doubles" during the past four-year period. The number of our societies has more than doubled from 62 to 139. The membership of our societies has nearly doubled and the number baptized among our missionary volunteers has taken a big jump.

Youth evangelism has played an important part in our over-all programme of evangelism.

THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

Our Publishing Department, in keeping with our Division programme of every-member-every-department evangelism, has been stressing souls as well as sales. A. J. Johanson has done a strong work in leading his literature evangelists into outstanding service during the past four years, both in souls and sales.

The literature sales in the Southern Asia Division since the last General Conference session total approximately two million rupees. This figure exceeds the aggregate sales for the twenty years prior to the last session. Our sales during 1952 alone were practically the same as those for the ten years from 1933 to 1942.

We now have four publishing houses in Southern Asia. The two in India and Burma have their own plants while Pakistan and Ceylon have their printing done in outside presses. In these houses and through a limited use of outside presses we have turned out literature in 29 of the 225 different languages used in our field. Five new monthly vernacular journals have joined the family of three such existing periodicals before the last General Conference session to help bring the message of physical and spiritual healing to the people of Southern Asia in eight different languages. If the pages of these magazines were placed end to end they would make a giant gospel-cross

up and down and across our territory over 4,500 miles each way. And if the pages of the books were placed end to end they would make a secondary cross over 2,400 miles in each direction.

VOICE OF PROPHECY DEPARTMENT

Today we have 13 weekly religious radio broadcasts in the English, Hindi and Tamil languages going out over the eastern hemisphere's most powerful station—Radio Ceylon. According to Pastor A. E. Rawson, our Division Voice of Prophecy and Radio secretary, correspondence coming into our office reveals that we have regular interested listeners in forty-nine different nations including ten countries in Europe, thirteen in Africa, eight in the Middle East, seven in the Far East as well as Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America. We have over 3,000 Bible students living in countries outside Southern Asia. Listeners in Italy, Java, Sumatra, Mauritius, Rhodesia, and the United States have written in stating they have accepted the message and have been baptized as the result of listening to the Voice of Prophecy programme over Radio Ceylon and taking the Bible Course from our Poona office. Southern Asia, which is usually on the receiving end, is happy to make this little contribution in bringing the message to the millions outside our Division as well as the multiplied millions within our own territory.

The Poona English School is not our only Bible Correspondence School. We have nine other branch schools representing work in the English, Hindi, Sinhalese, Burmese, Tamil, Malayalam, Urdu, and Chinese languages. According to the latest statistics available from Pastor and Mrs. Rawson from among the 300,000 individuals who have made applications for these various courses more than 175,000 have been enrolled. Of this number 60,000 have graduated. These represent students from more than fifty different countries and island groups and include the forbidden lands of Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, and Tibet, as well as hundreds of students from among head-hunting tribes of Assam and Burma.

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT

The Lord has used Pastor C. B. Israel, our Division Temperance secretary, to make some very valuable

contacts with high Government officials.

They have been deeply impressed with our stand for total abstinence and as some of us have had the privilege of explaining these principles in provincial legislative assemblies, in law, medical and arts colleges, as well as before cultural societies and political groups, we have been impressed with the fact that our Temperance message can and will play an important part in our over-all mission programme as a most valuable public relation agency.

HOME COMMISSION

Due attention has been given to the needs and problems of our Christian homes in Southern Asia. Scores of Home Commission classes have been organized in our six Unions and hundreds of our church members and friends have received their certificates for completing these helpful courses during the past two years.

MINISTRY OF HEALING READING COURSE

May 1 to May 8 is a special week for the promotion of the "Ministry of Healing Reading Course." We have many reading courses—for ministers, teachers, colporteurs, Sabbath school workers, etc., but we have never had a "Ministry of Healing Reading Course." In this connection the Medical Department of the General Conference has prepared a 32-page booklet of twelve lessons. These will retail at \$0.25 in America with trade discount. The Pacific Press is offering one of these booklets free with each copy of the Ministry of Healing sold during the month of May.

Here is your opportunity. You may have the MINISTRY OF HEALING in the Christian Home Library Series. That makes it very reasonable to you. Please ORDER NOW.

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Mrs. Pierson has worked long and hard to prepare a new series of lessons in four volumes covering a wide range of subjects. These little volumes have already been published in eight different languages and the Division committee has authorized their publication in five more. We believe that this important phase of our mission

programme should be given increasing attention that the spiritual, physical and cultural development of our Adventist homes in mission lands might be assured.

ADMINISTRATION

One burden that has rested heavily upon our hearts has been the continuous development of national leadership. After having been away from Southern Asia for eight years it was a real source of encouragement to return and see the stature of many of my national brethren. I have been justly proud of their spiritual and professional development. To harness the consecrated talents of these loyal workers has been a goal kept constantly before us. Today, the leaders in twelve of our sixteen organized local missions are nationals. All of the secretary-treasurers and full-time local mission departmental secretaries are nationals and on the local committees there are 116 indigenous members and only 29 from overseas. In our Unions sons of Southern Asia carry most of our secretary-treasury and departmental posts and are well represented on our Union Committees. We have two national Division departmental secretaries and seven indigenous members on our Division Committee. We have greatly appreciated the consecrated, efficient leadership these men are giving. It augurs well for the future of our work in Southern Asia.

BUILDING WORK

Southern Asia has been suffering from a chronic attack of growing pains the past four years. To meet the needs of our rapidly expanding programme we have purchased or erected nearly three hundred different types of buildings or quarters. These include two entirely new boarding academies in Tanjore and Falakata complete with administration buildings, students' hostels, staff quarters and other buildings.

Paster E. R. Streeter, our Division building engineer, is a veteran in Southern Asia and he knows his business in putting up buildings.

We have built hospital wards, dispensaries, mission offices for Union and Local Mission headquarters, school industrial buildings, hostels, and all sorts of other edifices in addition to the new Karachi Hospital and Voice of Prophecy building I have already mentioned. You will be glad to know that every single one of these buildings is one hundred per cent paid for!

STATISTICS

We have only one ordained S.D.A. minister for every three and a half million population—this includes ordained administrators, institutional workers and *all*—if we were to take only pastors and evangelists the ratio would be even more perplexing.

Sixty-four new church organizations have come into being during the past four years. This compares favourably with the nine-year period before the last General Conference session. Our net gain in church membership of 4,600 represents approximately the same figures as those for Southern Asia during the twelve years from 1937 to 1949.

Our figures are still so pitifully small that we surely have nothing of which to boast—only as we know the value of every blood-bought soul and are reminded that somehow Satan fights a little harder to keep his victims in Southern Asia than he does in some other lands do we derive a sense of encouragement from these figures.

INTO UNENTERED TERRITORIES

Probably no Division in the world has such vast unentered territories or so many unwarned millions as does Southern Asia. Within just our unentered territories alone we have more people living than comprise the total combined populations of three sister Divisions.

Getting into unentered areas within countries where we are already at work is largely a problem of logistics, a need for men and means. Getting into some of the other countries where the message must be preached and where as yet little or no Christian mission work has been done by any society is another matter. The doors of Afghanistan, Bhutan, Tibet, and Nepal are not open. We are continuing our policy of trying to get in through the cracks from border stations. From these different "fronts" interesting news comes trickling in.

Two of our main border stations for these northern countries are Simla and Kalimpong. These two stations are so located that it is possible to make a two-pronged approach to the problem. From our hospital in Simla with the mobile dispensary we can work for the thousands of Nepalese and Tibetans who pass through this area annually. On the Kalimpong side there are even more of these people from the forbidden lands daily passing to and from their countries.

CLOSE

Yesterday we welcomed our tens into the message in Southern Asia. Today we greet our hundreds as they step out for Christ, but God's tomorrow, under the power of the Latter Rain, will see the thousands of another Africa or Inter-America being repeated in India, Burma, Ceylon, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tibet, and the other lands and island groups of our Division field. God wills it! The times

demand it! With Heaven's help the workers of Southern Asia are determined to make it a reality. While moral and political lights are going out in Asia the spiritual lights of God's power will lighten the paths of thousands of Asia's sons and daughters to the feet of Calvary's cross until our darkened lands shall burst forth in a blaze of unparalleled glory of God. Southern Asia shall be Christ's by God's grace and in His strength we declare it shall be so!

LET'S GIVE GOD A CHANCE

JAMES I. ROBINSON

Associate Secretary of the General Conference

WHEN Elijah fled from the wrath of Jezebel he came to Mount Horeb and entered into a cave alone, down-hearted and discouraged. He had just won a great victory on Mount Carmel, but now he prayed that he might die. Suddenly an earthquake shook the mountain, followed by a forest fire and a stormy wind, but God was not speaking through these fearsome voices. They were the work of the destroyer. Then came the still small voice in which the Lord spoke personally to Elijah, bringing him words of reproof, counsel, guidance, and assurance. Elijah, whose ear was attuned to the voice of God, heard and obeyed.

Nature speaks today in a thousand voices, but the most effective and powerful are not the stormy wind and destructive earthquake. No! His creative power in providing food and raiment through the growing crops every summer is the still small voice that reveals His love and care. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." Ps. 19:1, 2.

So it is also in the presentation of the message. The most effective means of touching hearts is not by heated argument or oratorical address, or by shouting the message from the housetops. Rather, His power will be most effectively manifested in the friendly call, the word of sympathy spoken to one in need, the humble prayer offered in a home while visiting, or through the silent messenger of truth, the printed page, which may be handed to a neighbour by some humble layman. Angels of God ac-

company such workers, and only eternity will reveal the fruitage.

We rejoice to see our laity so fully taking hold of the means that God has given for presenting the truth to our neighbours. In literature distribution alone we are seeing wondrous results. The figures are reaching astronomical proportions. During the last four-year period our laymen around the world distributed one and a quarter million pieces of literature every week, or a total of 260,000,000 silent messengers of truth.

An illustration of the mass distribution of literature may be found in the June 6 Visitation Day in 1953. Our conferences in North America ordered 7,012,500 reprints of the article by A. S. Maxwell, which had appeared in *Look* magazine, for distribution on that day. This was the largest reprint order in publishing history, and received favourable comment in the public press. What were the results? Many, many hundreds made request for the free three months' subscription to the *Signs* and also for enrolment in the 20th Century Bible Course. Not until we reach heaven will all the results of that one day's effort be known.

A report from E. A. Turner, of the Victorian Conference in Australia, is a good example of what a busy man can do in witnessing for the Master. He says:

"One of the busiest men in Warburton is Brother Oliver Goldsmith, who runs a large printing press in the Signs Publishing Company, and who is church missionary leader of the Warburton church.

"He has always been an enthusiastic winner of souls, and through the

years God has greatly blessed his consistent, unremitting efforts.

"At the present time one of the main projects is a fortnightly visit to Alexandra and Eildon, two flourishing towns in the Goulburn Valley, seventeen miles apart, and fifty and sixty miles distant respectively from Warburton.

"Every second Sabbath, Brother Goldsmith's car leaves Warburton at eight o'clock, carrying a party of six, made up of experienced lay workers ready to give Bible readings and to help with prayer and personal counsel to the folks in the homes, and of young people getting their first experience of personal visitation and systematic literature distribution.

"Eildon is visited in the forenoon, Alexandra in the afternoon. Each trip five hundred sets of papers, comprising *Signs of the Times*, *Voice of Prophecy News*, and *Our Little Friend*, are given out. Thirteen homes are open for regular Bible studies, with twenty persons present. Seven people are awaiting baptism. Those receiving studies range from a young Christian couple whose lives are dedicated to faithful witnessing for their Saviour, a number of earnest seekers after truth, one woman who was brought up an Adventist and who is finding her way back, and several in homes shadowed by the terrible curse of drink.

"The visits of this party are eagerly looked forward to, and they are looked upon as trusted counsellors and true friends. Many have urged that Brother Goldsmith start regular meetings, and in both Eildon and Alexandra the possibilities of holding public efforts are being explored.

"Over the past few years, as a result of lay evangelism about the Warburton district, fifty-five people have been baptized. The fields are white to harvest. May God give us more lay workers to help finish the work."

The Home Missionary Department has recently suggested a tract-a-week goal for all our members. Surely it is not too much to ask all our people to give away at least one tract or paper every week to some neighbour or someone with whom they come in contact. We have the literature, the best in the world. We have the publishing houses waiting to print millions more of truth-filled tracts and papers. But without the co-operation of all our laity, these presses will often remain idle, these witnesses of

the truth will remain silent on the shelves, and the personal blessing that comes in letting the light shine will be lost.

The prophet Isaiah, in pointing out the real publishers of the good news, said, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that published salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isa. 52:7. To co-operate with God in publishing the good tidings to lost men is a most soul-satisfying and refreshing experience. It will revive the lukewarm members among us. It will bring new life to those whose love is waning and hasten the outpouring of the Spirit for the finishing of the work.

"The Lord gave the Word: great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11. The well-prepared literature that we have in such abundance is to have an important part in the loud cry of the third angel's message. "More than one thousand will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace

their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—Mrs. E. G. White, quoted in *Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1885, p. 700.

It has been well stated that there are just four types of laymen:

1. There are the *tired* laymen, who are always too fatigued to have any active part in the missionary endeavours of the church.

2. There are the *retired* laymen, who once carried burdens but have become weary in well-doing and have joined those who live on their past recollections and former activities.

3. There are the *wiresome* laymen, whose long speeches and boastful attitudes bore everybody but themselves.

4. Then there are the *tireless* laymen, who can be counted on every week to do their share and more in the missionary activities of the church. (Adapted from the *Christian Advocate*.)

We need more, yes, many more, of the tireless laymen, who will put their hands to the plough and not look back until we enter triumphantly into the kingdom.—*Review and Herald*.

GROWTH IN THE INCA UNION

A. V. OLSON

Vice President, General Conference

THE Inca Union Mission is on the so-called roof of the world in the high Andes and down the eastern and the western slopes of these mighty mountains. On the one side it reaches down to the blue waters of the Pacific, and on the other it spills over into the jungles of the upper reaches of the Amazon and its tributaries.

Although the equator crosses the northern section of this field, most of it has a temperate climate. This is due to two causes: first, the high altitude in the mountains, and second, the cold Humboldt Current that flows north along the western shores of South America from the Antarctic to the northern part of Peru, where it turns west across the ocean. The lowlands east of the mountains are hot and steamy, with a dense tropical vegetation, whereas the western slopes clear to the sea are as barren as the Biblical hills of Gilboa, except in a few narrow valleys where there is irrigation.

The territory of the Inca Union comprises the countries of Peru,

Bolivia, and Ecuador, with a combined population of around eighteen million, most of whom are Indians. Around Lake Titicaca and throughout the highlands of Peru and Bolivia there are millions of Inca Indians. Other Indian tribes live in the jungles down in the eastern section of the union territory.

It was up on the wind-swept shores of Lake Titicaca that Brother Stahl, the apostle to the Indians, began his work many years ago among the Incas. Few people today are aware of the hardship and sacrifice that this servant of the Lord and his brave wife passed through. The work was hard and dangerous in those early days, but with a love in their hearts for these neglected people that no hardness or suffering could dampen, these faithful missionaries (and their co-workers toiled on.

GROWTH OF THE WORK

Under the blessing of God a wonderful work was accomplished. Before retiring from the field,

Brother and Sister Stahl had the joy of seeing several thousand Indians converted, baptized, and added to the fold. Well do I recall how our people in America and Europe were electrified when the message came through telling us that five hundred new believers had been baptized on one Sabbath in the waters of Lake Titicaca.

During the forty-five or fifty years since the work was first started in the lands of the Inca Union, many noble overseas and national workers have laboured here. The seeds of truth they have scattered have borne fruit. Today we have just about twenty thousand baptized members in this union. Baptisms for the last few years have been as follows: 1950—1,502; 1951—1,574; 1952—1,993. At the time of writing (December 31) the figures for 1953 are not yet available, but the leaders believe they will be fully as good as the previous year.

In the Inca Union we have three modest medical institutions that have done and are still doing a splendid work. It is an inspiration to meet our doctors in these institutions. Instead of remaining in the homeland, where they might make themselves rich in private practice, they are joyfully toiling away with meagre facilities out here because of their love for the lost and the suffering in these needy mission fields. Together with the nurses and other helpers, they are rendering valuable service in the development of the work of God in this union.

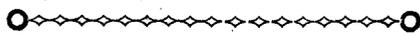
Several small training schools have been established for preparing workers from among both the Indian and the European young people of this field. Much has already been accomplished along this line, but much more remains to be done. More and more of the young people born and reared on the ground must be pressed into service.

Sunday, December 21, it was my privilege to witness the graduation of six young men and one young woman from the Inca Union College. Several of these were immediately drafted into the work. The others plan to continue their studies.

WORKERS' MEETINGS HELD

Together with L. H. Olson, the secretary of the South American Division, and Walter Schubert, the Ministerial Association secretary of the division, it was my privilege to attend two workers' meetings in the

Inca Union. The first one was held in our school near Cochabamba, Bolivia, where the workers of the Bolivia Mission came together for nearly a week for study and prayer. The second was held at our union headquarters in Lima, Peru, and served for the workers of the Peru Mission and of the Upper Amazon Mission of Peru. Some of these workers were pressed into service without much preparation. Others are college graduates. All of them were equally glad to come apart for a few days of rest from their arduous toil to seek the Lord for a clearer understanding of their divine task.

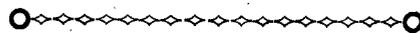


LEAD ME, DEAR LORD

Lead me, dear Lord, by Thine own hand,
Where'er the path may go;
It may be fair or desert land,
I do not need to know.
I only need to trust Thy care,
To know Thy love is sure,
To let Thee all my burdens bear,
And in Thy strength endure.

Teach me, dear Lord, in Thine own way,
Whate'er I ought to be;
The lessons may be hard to say,
The way too dark to see;
But holding fast Thy pierced hand
I cannot go amiss;
Until I reach the unseen land
By faith I'll walk in this.

Guide me, dear Lord, by Thine own eye,
In every step I take;
So shall I feel Thee always nigh,
And live for Thy dear sake.
And looking up to Thee, my Guide,
Through darkness or through light,
May I in trustful faith abide
Till faith is lost in sight.
—Emma Graves Dietrick



The work up in the altitudes is not easy. Roads are scarce, and in many places non-existent. Consequently, the travelling from village to village to care for the large number of groups and to seek for new souls must be made on foot or on the backs of donkeys. Down in the jungles there are no roads. There our workers must travel either by canoe up and down the many crocodile-infested rivers or on foot. Here, indeed, our men can justly be likened to hunters and fishers as they seek for souls among the rocks of the mountains, along the rivers in the dense forests, and over the bleak plains of the highlands.

During recent years aggressive evangelistic efforts have been conducted in most of the few cities in this territory. These have been blessed of God, and large harvests of

souls have been gathered in. In Lima, Peru, one of South America's most beautiful cities, we now have several churches. This is a fruitful field.

YEAR-END COMMITTEE MEETING

The last of December the Inca Union committee met in Lima for its year-end meeting. The reports rendered by the officers and department men and by the institutional leaders regarding the progress of the work during the year 1953 were very good, but the information given us concerning certain problems confronting our work was not so bright. In addition to a constantly mounting cost of living, owing to the rapidly decreasing value of their currencies on the world market, new social laws have created new financial problems that are difficult to solve. The brethren did not permit these things to discourage them however; plans were laid for advance moves along all lines.

In the work of God we must never permit difficulties to discourage or defeat us. Instead we must ever press forward, trusting in God to open the way. "Obstacles to the advancement of the work of God," we have been told, "will appear; but fear not. To the omnipotence of the King of kings, our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of a tender shepherd. Nothing can stand in His way. His power is absolute, and it is the pledge of the sure fulfilment of His promises to His people. He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs may be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite, and His covenant is unalterable."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 10.

FOUR WORKERS ORDAINED

On the last Sabbath of the year four of the workers were ordained to the gospel ministry. One more worker had been included in the list to be ordained, but he was unable to be present because of illness.

It was a pleasure to work together with R. L. Jacobs, the union president, and his associates. They are men who fear God and who are devoted to His cause. May God abundantly bless them and all of our workers and members in the Inca Union.—*Review and Herald*.

PROGRESS IN THE CORAL SEA UNION

A. L. HAM

HIGH in the mountains of New Guinea we operate a large Hansenide (leper) colony. Here at Mount Hagen are to be found some of the most needy people on earth. There are 406 patients afflicted by various types of this dread disease. L. H. Barnard and his faithful nurses and assistants are happy in their service of love for these poor people. Seldom have I seen such devotion to an unpleasant but needy cause.

While on a visit to Mount Hagen I met the "preacher boy," a leper who has lost some of his toes. His feet were sore and bleeding. They told me how he had gone on his sore feet twenty miles to his own home village, and had won thirty people to the Christian faith. These natives are now faithfully keeping the Sabbath.

With a smile he told me that as soon as his feet healed, he was going back to his village to win more souls to Christ.

What a wonderful transformation is seen in those people! No greater contrast can be found anywhere than is seen between the heathen and those who have become Christians. Wherever you go it is easy to discover who are Christians.

I saw two young women walking about hand in hand on the Bena Bena Mission compound. They seemed much attached to each other. One was a heathen, with her body covered with pig grease; around her neck was a string of shells, and her body was scantily covered. The other was clean, with no heathen ornaments about her neck or in her hair. She was fully dressed. Seeing her apparent attachment to the other, I made inquiries, and found that they were sisters! Both came from the same village hut, the same environment and heredity, but what a contrast! One a heathen; the other a Christian. Who can see such sights and doubt the power of the gospel to change lives?

TRAINING FOR SERVICE

The union missionary college at Kabiufa, near Garaka, is doing a great work. Last year the enrolment was 132. The college has a fine farm with wonderful soil providing more

produce than its own needs require, and also a sawmill for the cutting out of timber from the nearby forests for the construction of necessary buildings. All this work is being done by teachers and students.

During the Coral Sea Union committee meetings Herbert White, the president, and L. L. Butler, the secretary-treasurer, gave most encouraging reports of the progress of the work. In one report I find this statement:

"We now have five national mission presidents in the Coral Sea Mission. . . National workers are proving themselves to be very capable of carrying heavy responsibilities."

We were happy to become acquainted with some of these national workers. God is blessing them in their new responsibilities, and the work is rapidly expanding. We were told that the government officers greatly appreciate the results of our mission work in changing the lives and habits of the people, and in some instances are urging us to enter new sections with our work.

In at least one case the district officer staked out a favourable site and reserved it for our mission station even before a request had been made. There are openings in many places. There were calls to other fields, especially the Solomon Islands, for more than 100 national workers to enter needy places in answer to urgent requests. The efforts of the volunteer workers who go out and establish Sabbath schools have resulted in rapid expansion. I quote here the following typical statement in the report:

"It is with great satisfaction of heart that we are able to report phenomenal increases in our Sabbath school membership. It seems that nothing can deter the onward progress of this soul-winning agency of God's work. *Notwithstanding the fact that only a few months ago we halved our vast territory and became two unions, our Coral Sea Union Sabbath school membership is almost what it was [in both unions] before the division.*"

So the work of the Lord is onward in the Coral Sea Union. Mentioning the call of the General Conference

president to double our membership in four years, they report:

"At the commencement of this period, January 1, 1950, our church membership in this territory was 742, and in the four years since then it has increased to 3,281, which means that our membership in this period has more than quadrupled. Let us sincerely thank God for the manifold evidences of His rich blessing on His work in this field."

We surely join in this expression of thanksgiving as we have seen a little of what God has done through His humble instruments for the saving of souls in the coastal and mountain areas of New Guinea and Papua—the Coral Sea Union Mission territory.—*Review and Herald.*

Gospel Foot-Soldiers Trained in Sacramento

RAYMOND H. LIBBY

SIXTY church members gathered on a Sabbath afternoon in late October, 1953, to begin intensive training as God's infantrymen in personal evangelism. A seven-week training course was launched in Sacramento Central church, which was to graduate fifty Christian soldiers and arm them for a front-line attack on the enemy. This training course was outlined and presented by our able Bible instructor, Marjorie Lewis Lloyd. The weekly lessons were intensely practical and provided ample demonstrations in right and wrong methods of service.

The class members took an active part, and the interest and attendance were maintained at a high level throughout the seven weeks of study. At the end of the training period the class members were given ammunition in the form of an especially prepared set of outline Bible studies, which simplified their handling of the battle equipment.

After a thirty-day leave covering the holiday season, the mighty army of personal evangelists were called to active duty. Thirty of them responded promptly and were immediately assigned posts of duty. These assignments were made to the homes of interested persons, and the

Bible study programme by these consecrated foot-soldiers was well begun.

Some asked, "Where will you find Bible readers for so many workers?" God had the answer, for the requests for studies have come in more rapidly than we have had volunteers. In fact some have been assigned double duty, on request.

"THE BAPTISM OF FIRE"

One volunteer, never having seen this type of warfare before, tremblingly said, "I don't know if I'll live this thing through." But with his good wife they survived the baptism of fire and came home with assurance and the comment, "I guess we didn't do so badly. We are bringing the family to church next Sabbath." One trainee felt he could not man his post of duty alone and called for reinforcements. Another volunteer responded, and the studies began. A real interest is developing, and this interested family is also attending church. In other instances the same experience is taking place. It is evident that when God's people are willing, He will move with power to open doors of service.

One afternoon this week the pastor was impressed to go to the church for his mail at an inconvenient time and while other duties were pressing. He went. Hardly had he entered the church when a strange woman opened the door and introduced herself. She requested that he come to her home to visit with her ailing husband, who asked consolation on the news of a brother's death. The pastor complied, and found that the woman, a former Catholic, had suggested to her husband that she call in the priest from a nearby church. He asked her to go by the Adventist church and try the door. If it was unlocked and the pastor was there, it was to be a sign that he was the one to come and visit with them. As a result of the visit the family are anxious to know our beliefs and are beginning Bible studies with one of our trained lay Bible instructors. They are asking for the privilege of attending church.

A number of interesting contacts have been made that indicate God's guiding hand and His blessing on the church as it moves forward in lay soul-winning. The spirit and morale of the church is greatly lifted by the voluntary service that these Christian workers render as foot soldiers in the line of duty. So thrilling is the

work that one class member called in to say, "I want another Bible study. This is the kind of work I want to do. I'll give up some of my other activities just so I can give more studies." Truly, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power."—*Review and Herald*.

Worry is like a rocking chair— it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere. —"Highways of Happiness."

At the moment, humanity is rather like an irresponsible and mischievous child who has been presented with a set of machine tools, a box of matches, and a supply of dynamite.—Julian Huxley.

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ASLEEP IN JESUS

GOMEZ—About three years ago Brother and Sister F. Gomez were united with the Madras English Church by baptism as a result of an effort by Pastor R. H. Broderson. Since then it was a pleasure to see this family regularly at all the meetings connected with the church.

Sister Gomez had to undergo a major operation about six months ago and although she improved in health since then, she suddenly took ill a fortnight ago and was admitted to the hospital where she passed to her rest on Sunday, April 4, 1954, her 32nd birthday. Except during the time she was confined to her bed of sickness one could be sure to see the smiling face of Sister Gomez at the Dorcas meetings, Young People's meetings, prayer meetings, Sabbath school and church services. At home besides being mindful of her homely duties, she occupied her spare moments with sewing and embroidery work for the Dorcas. Her last words

before breathing her last were "Jesus save me."

Pastors Farthing and Kodan officiated at the funeral service which was attended by friends and loved ones. It was a very solemn service. Her grave was practically covered with wreaths and flowers as an expression of love and esteem with which she was held by every one. As a dutiful wife, an affectionate mother, a faithful church member and a loving friend she is an example for others to emulate. Surely a mother in Israel has fallen. Though we buried her with aching hearts and tear-filled eyes nevertheless it was with the blessed hope that when the trump shall sound and the dead in Christ are raised she will be raised incorruptible, free from the aches and pains which was her lot to bear during the last days of her life here. May the God of all comfort, console and heal the broken hearts of her dear husband, children and loved ones.

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GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL LEADING IN THE TELEVISION WORK

W. A. FAGAL

“WE WELCOME the opportunity to become Faith for Today sponsors,” was the surprising reaction of thousands of viewers when in January the sponsor plan was presented. (A donation of \$10 or more, or a dollar per month qualifies one to become a sponsor.) One family dedicated one per cent of their future income to the television work. A note saying, “I wish this could be \$100,” accompanied a cheque for \$67. Smaller donations in honour of family birthdays and sacrificial gifts of cash Christmas presents swelled the viewer contributions to a level higher than ever reached before.

The possibility of expanding our TV network to include every area in the country was the appeal which brought this remarkable response. Though we have grown during the past year from 23 outlets to more than 80, our complacency receives a sharp jolt when we realize that during the same twelve months 250 new stations came into operation, opening practically every area of the country to television coverage. Our viewers rejoice that the time has come when their distant friends and relatives may be privileged to learn the same Bible truths that have been given in their own homes during the past three years.

Heretofore, concentrations of our Adventist membership have largely been beyond the reach of our telecast. Many have perhaps felt that the television ministry was for the teeming cities. Now, however, if Faith for Today reaches out to include these new outlets, members in the more remote areas can join our city members in TV evangelism, visiting neighbouring TV set owners to ask for the privilege of watching our programme while it is on the air, a method which has resulted in many new viewers.

So welcome is the Adventist telecast that more than 60 outlets are now carrying our programme without

charge. Still others ask for this privilege every week. We have no question but that our network could be doubled in a very short period without spending another penny for station time. We should gladly accept these offers of new outlets.

Limited finances alone can hold us back. Additional filmed kinescopes are required to service these free stations; more funds must be provided to follow up the amazing increase in responses resulting from the expanding network. Thousands are writing for Adventist literature in 1954 in place of the hundreds who wrote in former years. Before our very eyes a miracle of God's providence is taking place, a phenomenon which we usually associate only with overseas mission lands. Viewers themselves are spreading our message faster than we can keep up with the interests. A recent letter gives a picture of what is taking place everywhere. The writer says, “I took my Bible lessons along to study and work on when I went to visit a friend. I told her I was keeping God's Sabbath, Saturday. She started to argue but I just read the lesson to her. Then she stepped to the phone and called her pastor. ‘Tell him to give you the Bible text for a change of the Sabbath,’ I urged. But he gave the usual explanation. ‘No man has the right to change it,’ I told her, ‘and I am going to keep the day God blessed.’” Yes, enthusiastic viewers are rapidly turning into an army of volunteer Bible instructors!

Youth are drawn to the truth by the impelling power of the gospel as portrayed in television's living pictures. Representative of this class is a high school senior who wrote this week, “Last Sabbath I was taken into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I have studied the religion very well and I thank God every day for letting me find the truth.” We must not turn down the opportunity to go on a single station that is

willing to carry the message of salvation. If we fail, because of limited finances to accept these free outlets, Catholics and other Protestants will gladly replace us. We cannot risk facing searching souls in the judgment if we have not grasped every opportunity to advance.

Shall we not, on the occasion of our annual TV offering on February 27, step forward with the TV viewers in an all-out effort to bring in funds that will make this the banner year for the TV ministry? Let us give sacrificially that God's opening providence may bring the last warning message to television homes in your area.

TV viewers were budgeted for \$60,000 last year, but they actually gave over \$90,000. Your 1953 TV offering matched theirs. This year the budget committee listed them for \$120,000! Can we as a people fail to make a comparable advance? Let us covenant with God to keep pace with this liberality on the part of the viewers. Your sacrifice will be rewarded a thousand-fold as a multitude of grateful viewers join the new converts in a chorus of thanksgiving so well expressed in a letter this week, “I am at last learning. Thank God for you people and the wonderful Seventh-day Adventists.”—*Pacific Union Recorder*, March 1, 1954.

’Tis God gives skill, but not without men's hands: He could not make Antonio Stradivari's violins without Antonio.—George Eliot.

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Courage is too often thought of in terms of heroism or dramatic action. But if you are observing you may see the highest form of courage in the life of very ordinary persons caught in a web of tragic circumstances.—“Audubon County Journal.”