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## OUR OPPORTUNITY AND PRIVILEGE

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IT HAS been the custom and privilege through the years for God's people in Southern Asia to join with fellow believers in all the world in the Week of Sacrifice for the advancement of the cause of God in all the earth. The Week of Sacrifice is now combined with the annual offering and this year it falls on Sabbath, November 20.

During the past year God has been good to His people. We have enjoyed unrestricted freedom of worship. There are no restrictions on the proclamation of our message in any part of our field. Colporteurs have sold more books than in any previous year; the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence schools have prospered; evangelistic efforts have been held in populous centres all the way from Cape Comorin in the South to Peshawar in the Northwest and Moulmein in the East. At this writing, we have received information that 830 souls have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and have united with the remnant church through baptism. These are all occasions for great rejoicing and thanksgiving. Though there have been disastrous floods in two sections of our Division, there has been no loss of life among our believers so far as we know. For this we may thank God. Were we to attempt to set down in order all the blessings showered upon us dur-

ing the past year, they would be more than we could count.

"Know ye that the Lord He is God; . . . we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. . . . Be thankful unto Him and bless His name." Psalms 100:3, 4. "And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving," Amos 4:5. "Every man according as he purposeth in his

heart [and according as the Lord hath prospered him] so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver and God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:7, 8, 6.

In 1953 the Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering in all the world amounted to Rs. 19,73,409 of which Rs. 7,92,875 was contributed by believers outside of North America. Rs. 22,057-13 were contributed by the churches in Southern Asia. Were every head of a family in the Southern Asia Division to sacrifice his full salary for one week, our contribution would be greatly in excess of Rs. 35,000. The Week of Sacrifice and Annual Offering is not a gift of compulsion but a privilege and a thanksgiving for the manifold mercies experienced throughout the year. The needs of the cause are many in Southern Asia. Many languages are calling for Bible schools. In some parts of the world our people are in distress. People as yet untouched by the gospel ask for teachers to instruct them in the way of life.

This Annual Offering and Week of Sacrifice coming as it does near the end of the year, brings to us an

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opportunity to make up for what we have failed to do through the year.

"Hear, O My people. . . . I am God even thy God. I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices. . . . I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds for every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. . . . If I were hungry, I would not tell thee; for the world is Mine and the fulness thereof. . . . Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High." Ps. 50:7-14.

God has ways of finishing His work that we know not of. He has promised that He will do a short and a quick work in the earth. God can easily do without us but we cannot do without God. We need the blessing that comes from giving, to alleviate distress and advance the cause of truth. "Remember the words

of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

From today let us begin to plan and to pray for this offering. The Macedonian believers gave themselves and their goods to God. We do not know how much longer our liberties and opportunities to work will continue. "Our God will come, and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and the earth, that He may judge His people. Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:3-5.

On November 20, let us bring to the Lord a real sacrifice of thanksgiving.

In this final conflict of the nations God Himself and the hosts of heaven will have a part, and at last Christ will be seen coming in the clouds of heaven in all His majesty and glory. Not only will the nations go down in a welter of blood, but "the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." Jer. 25:33. Thus terrible scenes of carnage will be the final scenes of the history of this old world just prior to the great second advent of the Lord.

The fact that Jesus is coming again, and coming soon, has been well established both by the prophetic word of God and corroborative events of modern history, as pointed out by previous speakers. With the psalmist we can confidently say, "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him." Ps. 50:3.

But where will He appear when He comes? Will He be walking and talking with men? Will He suddenly appear as a shining being on the streets and lanes of some city or town? Will He appear in Congress or in Parliament halls or in the Assembly of the United Nations? Where will He be seen? These are vital questions, which can be answered clearly by the Bible and the Bible only.

Let the apostle Paul answer: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

Christ will not touch the earth at all at His second coming. Jesus and

No. 3 in "OUR LORD'S RETURN" SERIES

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN CHRIST COMES?

LOUIS K. DICKSON

TO GET the true setting of the second advent of our Lord, the most glorious yet most tragic event in all human history, we must understand fully the conditions that will prevail immediately before His coming. For six thousand years the great controversy between Christ and Satan has been in progress; the Lord and His angels have been in a death struggle with the evil one for the possession of the human soul. The fulfillment of the words of the prophet have been and are clearly met when he says, "The Lord hath a controversy with the nations; . . . He will give them that are wicked to the sword." Jer. 25:31. The time finally comes, and we believe is almost here, for God to "vindicate the authority of His downtrodden law" and to deal finally with sin. This terrible controversy is not alone with Satan but also with men. The judgment hour is come (Rev. 14:6). The case of every human life is now being weighed and decided.

Then, we are told, "the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." Isa. 26:21. At this time the final great plagues, wherein "are filled up the wrath of God," will be

poured out upon the wicked of earth. According to the prophetic word, for at least one year before the Lord returns these scourges will come as a judgment upon all sinful men living on the earth. Men will be suffering in a way they have never before known suffering. Trouble of every sort will be coming upon the human family.

War and perplexity among the nations will be coupled with religious oppression and deception, in terms of religion, beyond anything yet experienced by man. There will be strife and commotion among the nations; class and race hatred will be rampant. "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse" (2 Tim. 3:13), and violence and crime of the most vicious sort will be filling the whole world and will have grown to unheard of dimensions. Crimes of bestial nature will be on the increase everywhere, and conditions like unto those immediately preceding the Flood will make it necessary for God to bring the horrible history of sin to a speedy and sudden end. The cup of the world's iniquity will be full.

There will be seven of these last plagues, and under the sixth one the war of Armageddon will be fought.





## THAT DAY

EVELINE WENTLAND HEINTZ

Heaven's records will soon be completed,  
 An angel will open the door,  
 And Jesus will leave the most holy,  
 To minister there no more.  
 That day will probation be ended,  
 That day will His mercy be past.  
 Will you stand with the ransomed forever,  
 Or your lot with the sinners be cast?

My friend, should it be that tomorrow  
 He should utter that solemn decree;  
 And pronounce on the saved and the wicked,  
 The seal of eternity,  
 Would your name with a blot be covered,  
 Or my name just a vacant space be?  
 The mere thought of His coming cause  
 trembling?  
 Would we long for His glory to see?

Remember Lot's wife close to Sodom—  
 Just he and his daughters were saved.  
 She chose as she tarried that morning,  
 A pillar of salt for her grave.  
 Turn to God, He is here and invites you,  
 He is urging, the hour is late.  
 Do not linger on plains close to Sodom,  
 To be lost as you willingly wait.



missioned to go back to comfort those amazed, waiting, watching disciples as they gazed after their ascending Master. These two shining angels, standing there like men, said to them: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. How plain is this unerring message of the angels.

The disciples saw Him go—even so will all men everywhere see Him return, for says the prophet John: "Every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7. Yes, they shall see Him, the risen Lord, the Saviour, who died on Calvary's cross; the Master whom men loved because of His wonderful works of kindness. "This same Jesus" must men face again—now glorified, now coming in judgment, now coming in "flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God. . . ; when He shall come to be glorified in

His saints." 2 Thess. 1:8-10. The wicked dead will not be resurrected until the thousand years are ended.

The coming of Christ will be a judgment on the wicked but will bring reward to the saints, for we read, "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. "Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand. . . : behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." Isa. 40:10. Thus both the Old and the New Testaments agree that when Jesus comes the saints will receive their reward, which is everlasting life and complete bodily salvation in heaven above, and finally on the earth.

The occasion of Christ's second coming will be the most spectacular event in all the history of the universe. Christ in describing it said, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels." Matt. 16:27. When Christ appears His coming will be the only concern of every man, woman, and child. Men may ignore Him now and laugh at the thought of His coming again in the clouds of heaven; but when He appears, men's hearts will melt, and the faces of the unprepared will be ashen.

The shining glory of His personal appearance in the sky will strike every sinner down. The wicked will not be able to stand in His shining presence, for the apostle Paul writes, "Then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming." 2 Thess. 2:8.

The New Testament writers without exception make it perfectly plain that Christ will "appear"; that is, men will look upon Him; He will come personally. Paul speaks of "the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming" (1 Thess. 2: 19), and to Timothy he writes that Christ "will judge . . . at His appearing." The apostle Peter speaks of the "glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7), and the beloved disciple tells us that "when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2.

Sure it is, then, that His coming will not be secret. There will be no secret rapture when Jesus comes. No, Christ Himself assures us that "then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with

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His risen and living saints will meet in the air, in the clouds; not secretly, for "every eye shall see Him" (Rev. 1:7); not in some dark chamber, for He shall come in great glory with all the holy angels—"an innumerable company of angels" (Heb. 12:22), spoken of numerically as "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." Rev. 5:11.

Others will be seen on the earth claiming to be Christ, "for there shall arise false Christs, . . . and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24. Satan will even appear as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14), and some will declare, "Behold, He is in the desert. . . : behold, He is in the secret chambers," but Christ said of each such declaration, "Believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:26, 27.

When Christ comes the second time He does not immediately set up His throne among the nations and rule through "the quiet processes of civic righteousness," as some would have us believe. When He comes in the clouds the righteous dead are raised from their dusty graves and His angels gather His saints from all the ages to meet Him in the air; Jesus ushers them up to heaven, through the pearly gates of the heavenly city, and there they remain with Him for one thousand years in a work of judgment upon the wicked of all generations. "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?" (1 Cor. 6:2) queries the great apostle.

Just as certain as is the fact that Jesus is coming, just so certain is the fact that His coming is "even at the door," just so certain are the facts given by Holy Scripture as to what will happen on earth at His appearance.

First of all, then, let us find out just how Christ will come the second time. For that certain testimony we hear the angels speaking to the disciples upon the occasion of our Lord's ascension. They came to that remarkable day with troubled hearts, yet Christ's promise was still ringing in their ears: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. . . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, . . . I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. As the cloud of angels received Him out of their sight, two of them were com-

**NORTHEAST INDIA UNION MISSION***President: W. F. Storz**Secretary-Treasurer: M. S. Prasada Rao**Office Address: Kamatar P. O., Santal Parganas, E. Rly.***PROGRESS OF THE WORK  
IN NONGPOH—ASSAM**

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**N**ONGPOH is a place half way between Shillong and Gauhati. Here we have a primary school with Brother Baxter Fanwar as its headmaster. Brother Fanwar spent some time at Spicer Missionary College and recently took the Medical Evangelistic Course at the Surat Mission Hospital. He has now returned with renewed zeal for God and the desire to accomplish much more for Him. We have had two fine reports from the inspector of schools of this area who made visits to Brother Fanwar's school. He, in his report to the higher authorities, commended Brother Fanwar and his work very highly and made special mention of our brother's earnestness in educating the children in Nongpoh. This is a fine thing for our work here in Assam as we often have difficulties in opening up our work in different parts. But reports of this kind make way for us to go ahead with our missionary and educational enterprises.

On Sabbath, September 25, about 6:30 a.m. Pastor W. C. Rick, president of the Assam mission, and a few office workers started out in Pastor Rick's car for Nongpoh. We had a two and a half hours' journey downhill to reach our destination. A happy group of children and grown-ups were eagerly awaiting us. We had a fine Sabbath school followed by the morning sermon in which Pastor Rick dealt with the subject of "Baptism and the Need for Baptism" and at the close of his sermon the candidates were thoroughly examined by him in the presence of church-members and visitors. When this was finished we walked down to the place of baptism which was about five furlongs away from the church building. There, under the shadow of a few hills we found a pit had been dug and filled with water for the baptism, for there is no river or tank nearby. The place of baptism was beautiful and the service conducted there inspiring and many renewed their pledge to stand faithfully for the Lord. The baptismal service began with the singing of a familiar song. Sisters Sentribon Sweetly, Sinberil

Sweetly, and Brother Bungton Sumer were ready to enter upon this holy service. As we reverently bowed our heads, these three precious souls were buried in the watery grave by Pastor Rick. And thus they joined God's Remnant Church.

At 3 p.m. we had the privilege of taking part in the ordinance of Humility which was followed by the Lord's Supper. Already we see evidences of our work being established in Nongpoh in a strong way.

**PRIVILEGES AND JOYS OF  
THE CANVASSING WORK**

J. JAPAGNANAM

**W**HILE the evangelistic colporteur, if true to his high calling, often draws heavily upon his physical resources, he is more than compensated for this by the special privileges and real joys which are his portion. Among these is the joy of a free, active life of usefulness, with the consciousness of being a producer in a great and noble cause. Breathing the pure air, basking in the sunshine, and beholding the glory of God in the open heavens, a buoyancy of spirit, unknown to those less fortunately circumstanced, should be his.

As he traverses the great rivers, journeys across the plains, and climbs the mountains, the colporteur has the privilege of studying the nature, history, industry, manners, and customs of the people. He learns much of their religions, and their ambitions for the future. Every day a new leaf is turned in the great lesson book. As the colporteur advances in knowledge and experience, how can it be possible for the true literature evangelist to fail of possessing and enjoying an enlarged heart of sympathy?

There are also many noble, devoted labourers of other societies whom it is a pleasure to meet. God is greatly blessing their work of love for the down-trodden, the sick and sin-oppressed. Literature evangelism is one of the mighty agencies which God is using to prepare the world for His soon coming. The colporteur is further privileged to experience manifest leadings and interpositions

of Providence, so that he cannot doubt that he is an object of God's tender care and is being used and borne on by an impelling power far above any of earth.

But, above all other joys, and the one which never fails, is that of finding now and then a precious soul capable of recognising and obeying the voice of God because of reading our message-filled literature. Who then, is the greater object of pity, the labourer in the vineyard or the idler in the market place?

 **MINUTE****MEDITATIONS**

HARRY M. TIPPETT

**LITTLE IRRITATIONS**

*"Catch us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom!" (Song of Solomon 2:15, R.S.V.).*

Many years ago before our great highway systems were built, a man who had walked all the way across the continent from San Francisco to New York said that the hardest part of his journey was not in climbing the Rockies, high and cold as they were, neither was it the desert and its stifling heat, nor in the crossing of swollen streams and rivers, but rather it was having the sand in his shoes. At one point in his journey he almost gave up because of the discomfort in his feet occasioned by the gravel that kept getting into his shoes.

There is something heroic in the way multitudes of people meet the crises of life. They seem to draw upon some reserve force within themselves that gives them endurance for life's deepest troubles. On the other hand, it is nothing less than surprising that these very same people, perhaps the bulk of humankind, let defeat and frustration overtake them because of life's minor irritations. How easy it is to become impatient at repeated small annoyances that we thought we had remedied. How natural to lash out at circumstances beyond our control and to wreak foolish reprisals in some other direction or upon someone else for the irritation that has made us miserable. Oftentimes the remedy for these

barbs in our mental and spiritual composure is only to remove the source of vexation. One time a neighbour of ours stubbed a toe on some loose boards on the lawn. She suffered pain and discomfort every day until she took our advice and had a doctor examine it. He smiled, gave the sore toe a jerk, and in an instant the trouble was over, for it was a simple dislocation. Our neighbour suffered ten days needlessly over a matter that could have been resolved in minutes. Sometimes a simple confession of injury will heal misunderstandings that separate best friends. Sometimes it takes only the dialling of the telephone to heal a heartache. Sometimes, only a smile and an "I beg your pardon." At any reasonable cost of effort, the "foxes that spoil the vines" of amity and brotherhood and affection should be snared and disposed of.

Strange to believe, however, often when we look for the sources of irritation we do not find them in external circumstances, but in ourselves. For it is frequently a cultivated emotional allergy or an oblique attitude toward perfectly normal situations that creates our distress. For instance, even healthy babies will cry, because it is a natural way to develop lung growth, but there are some people who find the sound unbearable. There are a thousand similar normal things at which even good Christians become annoyed. The serenity of the mind of Christ cannot be developed in a day. It calls for progressive discipline, so that we are examples of spiritual self-possession.

"Lord, keep me calm though rough and rude

The sounds my ear that greet,  
Calm in the closet's solitude,  
Calm in the bustling street."

## TAKE CARE OF THE LAMBS

J. F. ASHLOCK



**A**N OLD shepherd lay dying. Throughout his life he had successfully bred and reared flock after flock of the finest sheep in his country. He was famous because of his knowledge of sheep and his ability to care for them. Year after year he had produced more wool and marketed more animals than any other shepherd. His products were sought after because all men knew they were the best. His sons stood by his bedside as he lay dying. Desiring to follow in his footsteps they pressed him for a last word of advice. "Tell us, Father, what is the secret of your success with sheep?" Briefly he answered, "The lambs." Thinking he had not understood, one son drew near and asked, "Father, how can we be successful shepherds?" Slowly came the last words of the old shepherd, "The lambs, my son, the lambs—take care of the lambs."

Pastors, elders, teachers, and all church leaders are spiritual undershepherds. This sacred responsibility has been given to us by the Chief Shepherd—the Lord Jesus. The Week of Prayer, November 13 to 20, offers a golden opportunity to care for the spiritual needs of the flock. It is impossible for the Week of Prayer to accomplish its purpose if the lambs are neglected.

\* In the words of the old shepherd our counsel is, "The lambs, the lambs—take care of the lambs." To give further emphasis we add the plain command of the Chief Shepherd to Peter, "Feed My lambs."

Along with the Week of Prayer readings for adults is found the material for a successful Week of Prayer for the children. We urge that provision be made in every church and company for the boys and girls to benefit by this excellent spiritual instruction.

Work for the youth is an "important work," a "delicate work," the "nicest work," the "highest service," which requires tact, patience, sympathy, tenderness, and love. It demands hours of careful preparation and prayer but it brings the most encouraging and satisfying results. Those chosen to lead out in special meetings for the boys and girls during the Week of Prayer should be the most talented and the most consecrated individuals in the church.

Let every effort be made to acquaint the youth with Jesus that they may be ready to meet Him when He appears in the clouds of heaven. This is the purpose of the Week of Prayer for the lambs. Brethren and sisters, take care of the lambs.

## HOW TO STAY YOUNG

O. A. SKAU

**D**AILY there comes to our desk letters in which the writers are chiefly concerned about their health or that of their loved ones. They want to know what medicine or what treatment to take. As I have read these letters I am often reminded of the statement taken from Holy Writ, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Our minds have a great deal to do with our health. General MacArthur has the following statement framed between portraits of Lincoln and Washington:

"Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigour of the emotion, a predominance of courage over timidity, of appetite for adventure over love of ease.

"Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old only by *deserting* their ideas. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up *enthusiasm wrinkles the soul*. *Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair*—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

"Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the sweeping amazement at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of wants, the unflagging childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life.

"You are as *young* as your *faith*, as *old* as your *doubt*, as *young* as your *self-confidence*, as *old* as your *fear*, as *young* as your *hope*, as *old* as your *despair*.

"When the wires are all down and all the central place of your heart is covered with the snow of *pessimism* and the ice of *cynicism*, then you are *grown old* indeed and may God have mercy on your soul."

To this fine message may be added still another—a poem that may have served as the basis for the above.

"Age is a quality of mind.  
If you have left your dreams behind,  
If hope is cold,  
If you no longer look ahead,

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# LAYING ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

FREDERICK LEE

THE eleventh chapter of Hebrews tells us about the men and women in times past who won victories over the temptations of the flesh and the trials sent by the enemy of men's souls. With this as a basis of hope for us today, Paul wrote:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Heb. 12:1. The word translated "weight" in this text also has the meaning of burden or impediment.

The theme of the Olympic races so well known in all the cities of Paul's day was one that he liked to use when speaking of the spiritual race of the Christian. He wrote to the Corinthian church of keeping his body in subjection and running with certainty so that he might win the prize (1 Cor. 9:24-27). To the Galatians he wrote about his not wanting to run in vain and commended them for running well (Gal. 2:2; 5:7). Again to the Philippians he spoke of his rejoicing because he had not run in vain so far as they were concerned, and he told them that regarding his own experience he continued to press on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:16; 3:14).

## OUTWARD AND INWARD IMPEDIMENTS

The runner in these popular races cast aside every encumbrance, even the garments that clung about him, so that he would be free to run without the slightest handicap of any kind. However, not only did the runner have to think of the physical impediments to his winning the race, but he also had to consider the inner handicaps of the spirit. In order to win he had to have courage and endurance and confidence. He had to cast aside the evils of jealousy and prejudice and mistrust. He had to go forth free in mind and heart to give his whole attention to winning the race.

Thus it is with the Christian. While the runner in the popular races was mostly concerned with the outward impediments, the Christian is to be mostly concerned with those within his mind and heart. He is to allow nothing to lurk within his soul that would hinder him in giving his full

strength of spirit to the winning of the race. So Paul tells us to especially lay aside the sin that doth so easily beset us.

Every human being has some inclinations and some habits which are difficult to overcome. These probably are not the grosser sins he readily gives up when he enters the Christian race. However, they may be lesser ones that still cling to him, that are difficult to overcome, and that will hold him back in the last great testing lap of the race, which will require every ounce of his will and endurance.

Think of the following as such impediments to the winning of the Christian race:

### 1. Envy and jealousy

It does not seem possible that anyone running in the Christian race would reveal any of the readily recognized manifestations of envy and jealousy, such as Solomon referred to when he wrote, "Jealousy is cruel as the grave."

Nevertheless one's unfavourable feelings toward a brother or a sister in the church may come because of his superior position or accomplishments and may be the result of these twin evils lurking unbeknown to him somewhere within his heart.

One may not wish to admit as much, and even may offer certain pious reasons for his feelings. Yet basically his reaction may well spring from such a source.

Let one especially beware if he secretly finds some satisfaction in the mistakes and failings of such persons, for this unChristian attitude may be a clue to the source of his feelings, pointing to envy and jealousy. It would be well for everyone to search carefully to see whether there are any small roots of these evils within his heart; and if he finds even a trace of them, quickly to be rid of them. Only thus may he win in the race.

### 2. Pride and prejudice

As jealousy springs from envy, so prejudice is the offspring of pride. There would be no racial or religious prejudice if there were no racial and religious pride.

The Jews of Christ's day, because of their religious pride, drew a circle

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

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The only way this can be accomplished is for you—dear reader, whether a worker, or lay member, young or old—to help to get this literature from our shelves into the hands of the public.

Remember "there are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by our publications."—*Manuscript 127*, 1909.

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O. A. SKAU.

# WEIGHED AGAINST LOVE

E. ROBERT REYNOLDS

**WEIGHED** against love—what a solemn thought! Weighed, and perhaps found wanting. Indicted by the court of heaven for short measure. How supremely tragic to find that after all these years we have short-changed, not God alone, but ourselves also. Weighed in the balances of God only to discover that the crown we had hoped would be ours has been given to another and the inheritance of a kingdom we had claimed for our own has been wrested from our grasp and bestowed upon someone else. Tragedy is too mild a word to describe the experience. But for many it will be true.

That dark night when the thousand drunken lords of Babylon beheld with terror the blazing hand of God write the doom of their world upon those golden palace walls, is a warning to this age. Go back with me in mental imagery to those halls of shame on Babylon's last night. Picture, if you can, the unspeakable fear in the heart of that haughty monarch, as he listened to the voice of the aged prophet of God translate the fiery words of the wrath of God emblazoned before his eyes. It was not that he had not known. Hear the scathing rebuke that prefaced the sound of judgment: "And thou, his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; . . . and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified." Dan. 5:22, 23. How deathly disastrous, how direly calamitous, how tragically fatal was the order of heaven in that signal word "TEKEL": "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Dan. 5:27.

Many of them are soon to hear the same judgment of God pronounced against themselves. Many who have thought themselves secure in the divine favour, will discover themselves in the presence of the divine frown. Many whose acts of charity, whose untiring hours amidst the mechanics of church machinery, whose voices mingling in the proclamation of truth's last message, who have thought their pious professions sufficient to guarantee the divine benevolence,

will find that after they have cast out devils and done many wonderful works and preached to others, that they themselves are castaways, and they must listen to the voice of the Lord as He declares with heavenly finality: "I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." Matt. 7: 23.

Let none deceive themselves with pleasing sophistries, saying that these things do not apply to themselves. The message of heaven is certain. God, who detests short measure, has



## REVERENCE

FRED COCHRAN

I sat in church one Sabbath day,  
The members talked so loud  
And showed as little reverence  
As any worldly crowd.

Again I sat in that same church,  
But all was quiet now,  
For in a casket up in front  
Lay one with pallid brow.

And then I thought how strange it is  
That we so oft accord  
More reverence to a man that's dead  
Than to our living Lord.

If we could see with mortal eye  
Bright angels there each day,  
Our words would cease; then all could hear  
What Jesus had to say.

It has been said that "fools rush in  
Where angels fear to tread":  
We say we come to worship God,  
But visit friends instead.

Oh, why not show more reverence  
In this God's house of prayer,  
And try to act as Christians should  
When we assemble there?



found His people guilty of this sin.  
Listen to the heavenly message:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will

rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he will not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:8-12.

Think of it brethren and sisters—the people of God have been thieves. The children of God have been robbing their heavenly Father. What a satanic sin! It is not little, and it will not be lightly passed over. Let us awake to the facts. "And all the tithe of the land, . . . is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30. No less surely will God pass over the desecration of His holy tithe than He passed over the desecration of those holy vessels defiled by the drunken and wicked Belshazzar.

But it is not alone in this that the terrible significance of our sin shows up. We not only forfeit the blessing promised, but we receive the curse pronounced. The divine anathema rests upon us. The curse of God is upon us. Cursed of God! Not blessed, but *cursed*. There can be no greater curse than the curse of God. Shut out from holy favour. As thieves, we have not only disobeyed the fiat of deity to bring His holy tithes into His storehouse, but we have violated the commandments of God. "Thou shalt not steal" applies not alone to man, but to God as well. That any man should think to steal from God is almost unthinkable. But the children of the house of God have done so. God Himself has said so. We may think it a small thing to withhold our tithes to pay our debts. But God classifies it as robbery of the bank of heaven with the direst of consequences. The penalty is the loss of eternal life. No man can hope to enter the gates of pearl on the merits of God's greatest Gift when he refuses to give to God what is God's. Break one link in the chain of God's commandments and the entire chain is broken. Do not be deceived. You have not paid God your tithe unless you have paid a full tenth of your income into the storehouse of God. You cannot put it into your own storehouse. It is theft. You cannot put it into a neighbour's storehouse. That too is robbery. Only God's storehouse will do. The treasurer in the storehouse of God may not be the kind of steward you think he ought to be. But that is God's business. Not yours! He may misappropriate the funds. That is God's responsibility. The funds may be the support of hypo-

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**SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION***President: E. L. Sorensen**Secretary: I. K. Moses**Treasurer: S. John (Acting)**Office Address: 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore***A DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY**

O. S. MATTHEWS

**O**PPORTUNITIES lie all around if we would but look for them. The Lord presents to His people numerous occasions in which they may have the privilege to demonstrate the great principles of Christianity. A kind word, a noble deed, help to the needy and healing to the afflicted are some of the ways by which God's people may manifest to the world the basic principle of Christianity—LOVE.

There is another way by which we have opportunity to demonstrate our love for our fellowmen—an avenue by which they may reach forward to a more abundant life, and which will afford us the privilege of a wider unselfish life of service—The Adult Literacy Programme.

In recent months the cause of the illiterate masses of India has come into the limelight. Thinking and progressive leaders of India are giving careful thought and attention to the problem of illiteracy, and are formulating concrete and workable plans for eradicating illiteracy from among the masses. Large sums of money have been set aside for providing the necessary and most essential equipment with which to conduct Adult Literacy classes.

Does the invitation to engage in so worthy a cause appeal to you? With the help of the Lord, shall we determine to lend our support, and do our part toward the goal of teaching all our people and others who can be reached, to read and write?

Every worker in the field is constantly faced with the need of improving the Christian experience of the members of his church, yet we find that many of these people are not able to read and as a consequence unable to read the Bible. As you will readily see, the question of literacy is not merely an educational matter but is one which should interest our workers when they are concerned with the spiritual development of the people.

There are many ways that may be employed for this purpose. Adult Literacy classes may be organized by our village school teachers, and

preachers, to meet a few nights each week. The village school and its facilities could be made available out of school hours. Boarding school students may utilize the vacation in instructing groups of illiterates within the radius of the school or their homes.

Lay members, missionary volunteers, others both young and old can find splendid opportunity for missionary endeavour in work of this nature.

You may choose to use your own reading lesson material, or you may wish to use the specially prepared lessons as provided by the government educational department and social service organizations. Whichever you choose to do does not matter very much—the main thing is to BEGIN and DO IT.

Please let us hear from you as we would like to know how you are progressing, and tell us some of your plans. They may be helpful in assisting others.

**THE FIRST CONSTITUENCY MEETING OF THE KANARESE MISSION**

D. S. DAVID

**T**HE first constituency meeting of the Kanarese Mission was held from August 17 to 21 in the assembly hall of the Lowry Memorial High School, Krishnarajapuram.

We esteem it a privilege to have had in our midst such distinguished visitors as Elder A. E. Rawson, who pioneered the work in the Kanarese field, and Elder J. F. Ashlock, from the Division; Elder and Mrs. R. H. Broderson, Elders S. Thomas and C. Moses, and Brethren S. John, O. S. Matthews, J. A. Soule and E. N. Simon from the Union.

The mission officers had planned the meetings well so that everyone could enjoy them. Brother D. Henry, the secretary-treasurer, made the necessary preparations and Brother D. H. Skau, the newly appointed principal of Lowry Memorial High School, did his best to provide accommodation for the delegates. The campus was filled with people; every available place was taxed to the limit. So, the delegates from Bangalore had

to go to their homes every night.

"Strengthen the Stakes; Lengthen the Cords," was the motto of this our first constituency meeting. On the opening night Elder E. L. Sorensen delivered an appropriate and inspiring message, basing his thoughts on the text found in Isaiah 54:2. He emphasized that we should first strengthen the stakes of the established work and then lengthen the cords by going into unentered territory. It was a real challenge to the workers and lay members. In response to his appeal, every one dedicated himself anew to face the challenge courageously. Truly the Kanarese Mission presents a mighty challenge, not only to those who are in this field, but to the Advent believers throughout the world who co-operate in their offerings and prayers for the finishing of the work in this difficult field.

The next four days were days of heart-searching and preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which was needed for the unfinished task. Every meeting was directed toward this aim. Each morning fifteen minutes were devoted to a season of prayer at which time prayer bands met in their respective places. The devotional hour which began every morning at 8:30 was a real source of spiritual blessing. Practical talks were given by Elder N. G. Mookerjee, Brethren S. G. David and O. S. Matthews.

Every day we had the business session from 9:30 to 11 a. m. During the first session the president's and the secretary-treasurer's reports were presented. They showed a steady growth in all the activities of God's vineyard. It is obvious that the work has gone forward under the able leadership of Pastor O. A. Skau and Brother S. G. David in 1952, and of Pastor Sorensen and Brother Henry in 1953. On Thursday the Sabbath School and Home Missionary reports were rendered by Mr. D. Henry, and on Friday Pastor G. Gurubatham gave the reports of the Missionary Volunteer and Educational departments. All these reports were encouraging.

Interesting Bible studies were conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday by Mr. J. A. Soule, Pastors R. H. Broderson and J. F. Ashlock, respectively.

In the afternoons we had departmental meetings which were enjoyed by all. The report of the Publishing department was given by Brother Soule and the Voice of Prophecy report by Brother V. Navarathnam

on Wednesday. It was heartening to hear of the progress of God's work through the medium of Publishing and Voice of Prophecy work. The Dorcas programme was conducted under the leadership of Mrs. R. H. Broderson and Mrs. E. L. Sorensen on Thursday, when reports of the Bangalore, Krishnarajapuram and Kolar Gold Field societies were read. Others have determined to organize Dorcas societies in their churches in the near future.

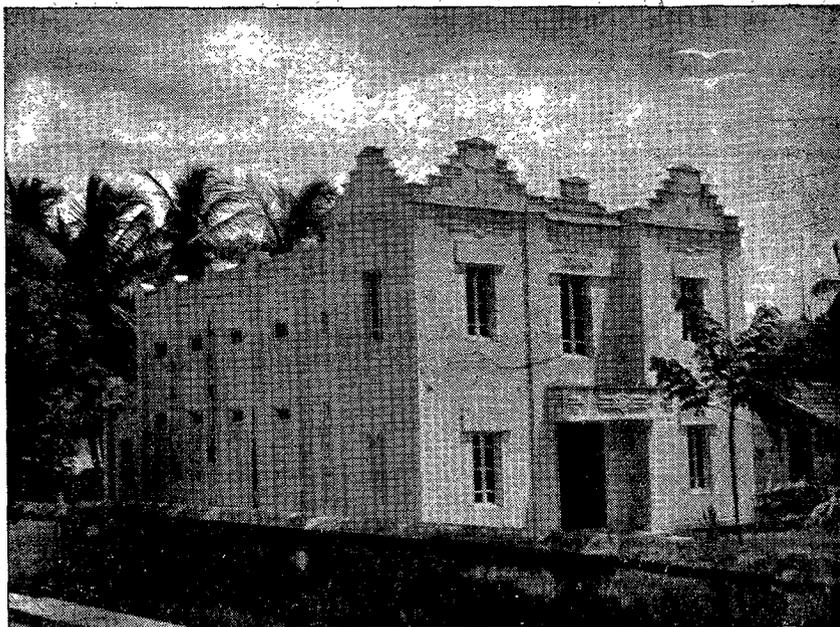
Evening services were conducted by Elders A. E. Rawson, J. F. Ashlock, and J. A. Crews. Their messages were interesting, inspiring, and deeply spiritual. As a result of these messages, there was revival and reformation among God's people.

Every day from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. children's meetings were conducted and women's meetings from 10:15 to 11:15 a. m. In the afternoons they had combined women's and children's meetings from 2:15 to 3:15. Mrs. Broderson and Mrs. Sorensen were in charge of all these meetings. Their valuable instruction was very much appreciated by one and all. The mothers and children were much benefited by these meetings.

The Sabbath was a high day for us. A lively Sabbath school was conducted under the leadership of Brother Henry. During the preaching service Pastor Rawson, Director of the Voice of Prophecy, preached a wonderful sermon on "Optimism and Pessimism." He said "Seventh-day Adventists should not be pessimists." After mentioning the causes which change an optimist into a pessimist, he enumerated some Bible examples of pessimists and how they became optimists. It was an encouraging and timely message. A special offering also was taken on that day. When it was told that the offering would be used for the proposed Kanarese Voice of Prophecy School, Elder Rawson said that he would match up to Rs. 1,500/-. Since every one of us was interested in the Kanarese Branch School, we went over and above that amount. The total pledges amounted to Rs. 1,765/-. If we add Pastor Rawson's donation to this, we have a grand total of Rs. 3,265/-.

An evangelistic symposium was conducted by Pastor Crews in the afternoon. All the evangelists narrated interesting and thrilling experiences.

The closing service was in the form of a farewell meeting, at which time Brother S. G. David spoke a few words on behalf of the school. Pastor Sorensen thanked the various com-



WE ARE happy to send to our "TIDINGS" family a picture of our completed church building in Pondicherry. Our work was started in this lovely harbour-city by our late brother Devasahayam in 1914 and after a couple of years of earnest labour a church was organized there. Many of our brethren from the Tamil field had a part in building up and carrying forward the work there through pastoral and evangelistic work. Among these could be named Brethren Cranmer, Sandaram, S. Thomas, K. G. Samuel, Kodan, Vinayagam, Joseph, etc. At the present time Brother Rathnaswamy is there looking after the Tamil interest and Pastor R. T. E. Colthurst is caring for the French interest and the work as a whole. It was through the earnest labours of Brother Colthurst that the church was finally completed and stands today as a monument to the third angel's message.

O. O. MATTISON

mittees, the delegates and the visitors, and Brother D. Henry also spoke a few words of appreciation. Following this some beautiful pictures, including the sound motion picture entitled "The Birth of a New World," were shown. On Thursday night also we had the privilege of seeing another sound motion picture—"The Voice of Prophecy in Action."

As the meetings came to a close, we all realized anew the power of the Holy Spirit. Yes, it was five days of spiritual preparation to do the Lord's work in a greater measure. We received valuable instruction and admonition from our beloved leaders. Good plans were laid for the furtherance of God's kingdom. All the committees did a commendable job in making the constituency meeting a success. All experienced a new vision. We have turned a new page in the work in the Kanarese field.

The inspiration received from these meetings will surely help us to "Strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords" of evangelism. We request

an interest in your prayers for the work in the Kanarese Mission.

## KOILPATTI EFFORT

G. A. YESUDIAN

IT IS with pleasure that we inform the "TIDINGS" family that the third effort in Koilpatti in the Tinnevely District began on August 22, 1954. Lectures are being given four days a week by the writer. Brother G. Matthew, Mrs. G. A. Yesudian and two lay preachers are helping this effort and we are thankful to God for providing us with a good hall in the centre of the town and are grateful to the South Tamil mission for the adequate funds they have given us for the effort.

The opening meeting was begun with a striking topic, "Who Will Rule the World, Russia or America?" A good number of Hindus, Muslims, Catholics and Protestants attended. In spite of antagonism and much propaganda against our meetings the

honest truth-seekers are still in regular attendance. They take short notes on the sermons and review them at home with their families.

September 25 was a happy day for our effort staff as well as for our church-members when six precious souls were thoroughly examined by Pastor A. Selvanayagam and baptized in a tank about two miles away. All except one were Hindus. We have several more in our baptismal classes being prepared for the next baptism to be held at the end of the effort in October 1954.

Our meetings are still in full swing and we are hoping to bring several more to a knowledge of the truth and then organize our company of believers into a church. We request the "TIDINGS" family to remember us and our effort in their prayers.

### BIG WEEK CAMPAIGN AROUND COIMBATORE

V. D. EDWARD

FOR THE last thirteen years in my ministry, I have always enjoyed my big week work and it has never been a burden to me. Each time it brought me great blessing and good success. Hence, I heartily welcome it whenever it comes.

This time, I went to do my big week work in some of the taluqs around Coimbatore. Mr. M. K. Selveraj, our earnest worker in the Anamalai Hills, joined me at Pallochi.

Due to the failure of the monsoon, these taluqs (Pollachi, Udumalpat, etc.) were very dry. Because of the scarcity of water the people of this area are actually buying their drinking water, two annas per pot. And the women are going miles away to fetch the water. Most of the people here are farmers, cultivating groundnuts and cotton, but this year they could not cultivate their lands. The merchants were also finding things difficult, nevertheless we started our campaign in these places and felt the leading of God in our work.

This campaign has not only afforded us a good opportunity to book orders for our different magazines and books and to sell very many health books but it has enabled us to contact many Voice of Prophecy students who had never been contacted before. We also enrolled some new students for our Bible Correspondence schools. They greatly appreciated our visits as we knelt with them in prayer in their homes.

As the result of our work we were able to remit to the Mission treasury Rs. 65/ for Uplift besides a good Big Week offering at the close of the Campaign. Yes, the "Big Week" brings opportunity to do a big work for the Master.

### PROPHECY SPEAKS AT NAGERCOIL

JONES' ISAAC

OVER a year ago the South Tamil Mission was planning to conduct an effort at the city of Nagercoil which lies in South Travancore, yet within the territory of the South Tamil Mission. Then it was felt that the effort should be conducted at Madura rather than at Nagercoil. For a couple of months we tried to make the necessary arrangements to conduct the meetings there. But it seemed as though God was not in favour of that for we were not able to secure a central place and also the monsoon threatened us. So again the decision was made to have God's word preached to the people of Nagercoil.

Speedy arrangements were made: Pastor N. Vinayagam, the church pastor of Nagercoil, and our Mission president, Pastor D. David, were able to select and secure a nice plot for the meeting. Pastor R. H. Broderson and his family arrived at Nagercoil on September 10. Necessary arrangements were made with the electric company for the supply of electricity. Under the guidance of Pastor Broderson the pandal began to take shape. Most of the effort helpers were with us by September 15 and as all preparations had to be completed in a fortnight everyone had to work hard.

On Friday the 17th, when we began to arrange the chairs, our hearts were filled with joy for the work was almost complete and the Sabbath was really a day of rest to us. The Sabbath school began at 9 a. m. and the church service which followed was taken by Pastor Broderson who spoke to the church members of the part a church-member plays in evangelistic work.

Special invitations were sent out to 800 Tamil and English Voice of Prophecy students who are at Nagercoil. By Sunday morning 7,000 hand bills were distributed inviting people to the "Prophecy Speaks" auditorium.

By 4:15 p. m. on Sunday every worker was at the pandal with his or her best dress to greet the people. Our song service was to begin at 5:15 p. m.; but at 5:15 we didn't have more than fifty people at the pandal. We were almost discouraged.

We waited about fifteen minutes and the song service began at 5:30 with an audience of 200. At 5:45 when Pastor Broderson spoke on "Is Peace Possible?" there were over 800 people at the pandal which will hold only 500! Pastor David spoke on the same subject in Tamil at 7 p. m. after a fifteen minute Tamil song service. Then we had an audience of about 1,200. When we saw this our hearts were filled with joy for what God had done for us.

Since then we have had the same attendance. People come to hear the Word of God regularly. On the Sabbath, September 25, we had an audience of over 1,500 to see the sound motion picture on "God of the Atom."

Pastor Broderson and his ten helpers need your prayers for the success of God's work at this place. The Word of Truth was presented in like manner once before by Pastor E. D. Wilmott and R. H. Pierson. As "prophecy speaks" to the citizens of Nagercoil once again, remember us and the work in your family and private prayers.

### What Will Happen When Christ Comes?

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power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matt. 24:30, 31.

That glorious, blinding light "when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's and of the holy angels"—millions and millions of them—will penetrate the darkest recesses of the sinner's heart. It will open up clearer than the light of day all the secrets of men's devisings, their evil designs and dark plottings. Nothing will be hidden in that day; all will be open before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. No wonder that all tribes of the earth will mourn when they see Him coming in all His splendour! Sin will have had its day. Wicked men and demons will have had their last night of iniquity. Persecutors and selfish men will be finished with all their nefarious acts. Now they must face the Lord of the universe. Now they must look into the stern face of the One they have denied and dishonoured and blasphemed. Now must they bear their own iniquitous deeds and be punished for their sins.

"When He appears" the Pharisee, the sham religionist, the seeker after position and power over his fellows, will feel the heavy hand of justice, and must stand at that moment in the white light of purity and truth and righteousness that they have never before known. There the dishonest, the blood-thirsty, the vile, the double-faced, along with the casual professor of Christianity, the complacent church member, the professor but not the possessor, must all stand together and look into the face of Him who is all truth, purity, righteousness. There men will face what they have done and what they have desired to do had they but the power. Oh, what a day of righting the affairs of men's lives that will be!

But thank God, "when He appears" the stress and strain felt by the saints who would do right and be right no matter what the cost, will relax. Then they will receive their reward. Then comes the vindication of truth and goodness. Every prison bar that holds the people of God will be broken. Every chain that binds the people of God will fall off. Every grave holding His saints will be opened and families will be reunited. . . . We will clasp our loved ones again. The saints will be caught up to meet their Lord in the air, ever to be with Him in the home He has gone to prepare for them that love Him.

The wicked, those who have not heeded the gracious, loving call of the gospel, will be afraid at Jesus' coming. Fear will fill their hearts, and as the earth reels to and fro in that final great earthquake, when the mountains shall be moved out of their places and the islands shall flee away at His appearance, sinners will cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them "from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb." (See Rev. 6, latter part.) They have sinned away their day of grace, probation has closed, Christ has declared: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still." Rev. 22:11. There will be no second chance. Men will have to remain where they are found in that day and face their Maker and give an account for the deeds done in the body.

Now is the time to prepare for that great day when He shall appear. This is the time of salvation, and there will never be another time.

—*Review and Herald.*

## How to Keep Young

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If your ambitions' fires are dead,  
Then you are old.  
"But if from life you take the best,  
And if in life you keep the jest—  
If love you hold,  
No matter how the years go by,  
No matter how the birthdays fly,  
You are not old."

Oh, yes, the measure of any man is in his own mind. This is further illustrated by the famous words of Sir Isaac Watt when he stood before Queen Anne of England, who said, "And, is *this* the great little Doctor Watts."

He answered: "Were I so tall to reach the pole, or grasp the ocean with my span, I must be measured by my soul; the mind's the measure of the man."

Yes, and God says, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Prov. 23:7.

Therefore, friend, stay young by keeping your mind young, your imagination rich, your temper and emotions sweet, and your enthusiasm for the work fresh and strong. Keep doubt, suspicion, and fear out of your system. Keep a song in your heart and be a friend to man.

## Laying Aside Every Weight

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about themselves, leaving everyone else outside. Their sympathies and interests were alone for those inside the circle. This may happen in many spheres of our lives today.

Christ drew a circle that took everyone in so far as His sympathies and interests were concerned. He came to break down the "middle wall of partition" of whatever kind between men to make all believers everywhere to feel that they are "no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Eph. 2:14, 19.

Apparently too many of Christ's followers have forgotten this in a day of growing pride and prejudice over nationality and race. Too often we hear of a brother or a sister who professes to belong to a spiritual world family joining in the clamour being raised against another nation or another race.

Such issues as these could very well be a handicap in our running of the race set before us.

Let us draw no prideful circle

around ourselves. We are all members of a sinful race, condemned to eternal death, and but for the grace of Christ open to all men, we cannot hope for salvation.

### 3. Grievance and complaint

It is easy for those running in the Christian race to accumulate a certain number of grievances, which of course result in murmuring and complaining.

There probably are no greater impediments in the Christian race than grievances. We would do well to be rid of them as soon as they occur to us, and never, never seek to hold onto them, for they surely will keep one from winning the race.

Many other such impediments common to man and often over-looked could be mentioned. Let us determine that by the grace of God we will lay aside every hindrance to the winning of the race for "the crown of righteousness" that shall be given to all who have "fought a good fight" and finished the course when Christ shall come.

## Weighed against Love

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crites and renegades and unconverted. What is that to thee! *You*, my brother, my sister, are a thief taking goods belonging to the house of heaven, if you hold back your tithes. And the curse of God will surely follow you till you have fully returned the uttermost farthing.

If I should borrow from any one of you a hundred rupees and repay you ninety and withhold the balance of ten, you would rightly consider me to be a thief. And as long as I should live, as long as that ten rupees was outstanding, I should be a thief, and you would think less and less of giving me any further loans that I might need. And when we do this with God, eternal life is withheld.

But lest you think that all one does is break the eighth commandment when he withholds his tithes, I would not have you to be ignorant brethren that such an one has broken every one of the ten commandments. How can this be, you ask? Listen.

What makes a man steal from God? There are several excuses proffered. A man is too poor to pay God what he owes Him; he needs it to

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TWO hundred teachers sat watching intently as the professor of biology from the college demonstrated various nature study projects that might be used effectively in the classrooms. Methods of collecting, mounting, preserving, and identifying many of the familiar specimens were explained. Perhaps the project that created the most interest and enthusiasm of all was the use of a glass tank as an aquarium. The meaning of a "balanced aquarium" was explained in simple, non-technical language, so that one could readily understand the dependent relationship of all plant and animal life.

All animal life must have an adequate supply of oxygen to breathe, or it will soon die. Plant life must have carbon dioxide with essential minerals brought up through the roots to be manufactured into plant cells and this must occur in the presence of sunlight by the chlorophyll in a process known as photosynthesis. I have been thinking about that aquarium for some time now and the absolute dependence of animal and plant life on each other. Animals need oxygen to breathe, and they exhale carbon dioxide as a waste product. Plant life must have carbon dioxide, and it gives off oxygen as a by-product after removing the carbon in the process of photosynthesis. So tropical fish can live in an aquarium

## THE ATMOSPHERE OF GRACE

J. T. PORTER.

indefinitely without the aid of mechanical aeration if the tank is properly balanced with vegetation and fish. So the so-called oxygen cycle goes on indefinitely with the oxygen being used alternatively by plants and animals, each supplying the needs of the other.

One stands in wonder and awe before the working of these natural laws that point to the Creator who set them in motion. Not only does our heavenly Father provide for these physical needs, but "in the matchless gift of His Son, God has encircled the whole world with an atmosphere of grace as real as the air which circulates around the globe. All who choose to breathe this life-giving atmosphere will live, and grow up to the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus."—*Steps to Christ* (Pocket ed.), p. 68.

### AS REAL AS THE AIR WE BREATHE

How real is this atmosphere of grace? It is as real as the air we breathe. Most of us are aware of the fact that our commercial planes that fly three to four miles above the earth must have pressurized cabins so the passengers can have an adequate supply of oxygen to breathe. High above the earth the air is thin and the oxygen content is so small that man cannot live. Perhaps the most dramatic example of this fact is found in the experience of the recent successful climb of Mount Everest. Sherpa Tenzing Norkay was credited with having a third lung, because he had lived much of his life in the high altitudes, herding animals as a boy at fifteen thousand to seventeen thousand feet altitude. Here among the high mountain peaks and valleys he had developed a lung capacity far greater than the average person, consequently his endurance was greater and it was said that he had a third lung.

Tenzing observed, however, that he was positive no one could live above 28,300 feet without a supply of bottled oxygen. So we find the earth is surrounded with an atmosphere like a shell in which men can live. This helps us to understand the "atmosphere of grace" with which God has

encircled the whole world. And "all who choose to breathe this life-giving atmosphere will live, and grow up to the stature of men and women in Christ Jesus."—*Steps to Christ* (Pocket ed.), p. 68.

The experience of Enoch best illustrates the lesson the Lord would have us learn. Of him we read:

"Enoch's walk with God was not in a trance or a vision, but in all the duties of his daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had, in the world, a work to do for God. In the family and in his intercourse with men, as a husband and father, a friend, a citizen, he was the steadfast, unwavering servant of God. His faith waxed stronger, his love became more ardent, with the lapse of centuries. To him prayer was as the breath of the soul. He lived in the atmosphere of heaven."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, pp. 329, 330.

### PRAYER THE BREATH OF THE SOUL

Enoch lived in this "atmosphere of grace" with which the Lord has encircled the earth. The breath of his soul was prayer, and the result in his life was a faith that waxed stronger and a love that became more ardent with the passing of the centuries. For three hundred years he walked with God, and God took him to heaven.

To each of us is given the same precious privilege. We may choose, if we will, to live in the same atmosphere of heaven and breathe as he breathed through the exercise of prayer. "While engaged in our daily work, we should lift the soul to heaven in prayer. These silent petitions rise like incense before the throne of grace; and the enemy is baffled. The Christian whose heart is thus stayed upon God cannot be overcome."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 254.

Enoch's experience will always be an example of the possibilities that lie before every one of us for the Lord is anxious that we individually enter into the same experience that came to him. He is preparing today a people who will also be translated and not see death. "As many as receive Him, to them gave He power to

### WHILE BREEZES SING

ETHELYN M. KINCNER

As long as there are trees  
to sway  
While breezes sing a  
roundelay;  
As long as birds build nests  
and fly  
Against the faultless blue  
of sky;  
As long as some men do  
their best  
To lessen pain, and greed  
arrest;  
So long as faith can comfort  
you  
And help you see your troubles  
through—  
So long is life worth all  
your pain,  
And not a moment of it  
vain!

become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12. "In ourselves we are incapable of doing any good thing; but that which we cannot do will be wrought by the power of God in every submissive and believing soul."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 98. This is "a truth we are slow to learn and ready to forget."—*Ibid.*

"When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural work, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 324.

Perhaps the strongest single fortress in this world is Gibraltar at the west entrance to the Mediterranean. Rising more than fourteen hundred feet above the water and connected with the mainland by a low, sandy isthmus, this forbidding block of marble conceals guns of the largest calibre and newest design and houses a permanent naval force of thirty-five hundred. Vast subterranean rooms have been carved out to house the personnel in emergencies. So a soul yielded to Christ becomes a fortress that He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own.

How is it then that we face defeat so often in Christian living? The secret of success is in yielding ourselves to Christ, for "unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one."—*Ibid.* In other words, we come under the control of one or the other, and we have the privilege of choosing who it shall be.

"It is not necessary for us deliberately to choose the service of the kingdom of darkness in order to come under its dominion. We have only to neglect to ally ourselves with the kingdom of light. If we do not co-operate with the heavenly agencies, Satan will take possession of the heart, and will make it his abiding place. The only defence against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness."—*Ibid.*

The time men spend in trying to impress others they could spend in doing the things by which others would be impressed.—Frank Romer.

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## NEWS FROM

## THE WORLD FIELD

NEW HOSPITAL IN  
SOUTH THAILAND

R. C. GREGORY, M. D.

*Medical Director*

IT was on the bright afternoon of July 1 that the new Haad Yai Mission Hospital was opened and dedicated. More than one hundred friends of the hospital came to the opening exercise held at 4 p.m. in front of the modern, two-storey building, which was barely completed. The hospital was officially opened by the regional governor of South Thailand, Phya Ratanabhakdi.

The medical work in Haad Yai, South Thailand, was started nearly five years ago in a renovated hotel building on a muddy back street. In a short time the clinic patient list increased, and a small hospital was started, accommodating ten patients. From time to time the hospital overflowed, so that patients had to be placed in the halls. More adequate quarters became a necessity.

Two acres of land on the outskirts of town had been donated by the Chee Kim Joong family to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination for the purpose of building a hospital. Plans were drawn for a small hospital unit, but funds were not adequate to build then.

The foundation of the new hospital building was laid late in September, 1953, not long before the lease terminated for the clinic. Funds for construction flowed in from far and near, from friends and old patients. This building is complete with surgery, nursery, doctor's office, X-ray and laboratory facilities, and accommodations for twenty-five patients. Even though construction was somewhat delayed, so that some of the finishing touches had to be added later, this brick and concrete building was opened to the public on July 1, 1954.

Dr. L. G. Ludington, superintendent of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, was present for the opening. C. C. Cleveland, representing the

Malayan Union Mission, gave the dedicatory address. The regional governor cut the pink ribbon barring the doorway, after which a tour of the building was made by all guests. Refreshments were served on the flat roof, where there is a good view of the town and surrounding country. Prof. and Mrs. D. C. Ludington, Dr. Eileen Ludington, Dr. Byron Eller, and Brethren R. M. Milne, V. L. Kon, and K. O. Tan were among the guests present.

The medical work has been the entering wedge for the three angels' messages in Southern Thailand. Already a number have accepted the truth, and many others are interested as a result of this work.

## A VOICE TO THE NATIONS

W. R. BEACH

*Secretary, General Conference*

THIS voice I have heard is that of the Advent message. The united efforts of the Church are making it heard today out to the ends of the earth. I can say this with double conviction just now, for a moment ago I listened to the Voice of Prophecy broadcast in Italian.

Yes, this happened in Italy. In fact for several years now the radio programme has been broadcast weekly through Italy. Could one find a more dramatic expression of the achievements of the Seventh-day Adventist programme of world evangelism? I think not. And who could measure the impact of this programme? It has caught the imagination of our Italian workers and believers, so that, coupled with the Bible and educational correspondence schools, the radio and the postman are fast becoming vital factors in giving the message to Italy.

It is wonderful to see some of the results, particularly as regards the contact work of laymen. An elderly Italian brother, for instance, travelled twenty-five miles into the mountains to make a contact with a student of the Bible correspondence school. This is what he wrote:

"At the end of my trip I found the student. Her name is Emilia Negro. She has been following the Bible correspondence lessons for several months, and she is now ready to enter the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For a number of years she was an observer of the Seventh-day Sabbath, though she had no knowledge of the existence of Seventh-day Adventists. This lady showed me in the writings of Malachi what is said regarding the payment of tithe. She has been setting aside the Lord's part and holding it in readiness, for she did not want to be unfaithful to the point of robbing God."

A. Karl, the head of the Italian Bible correspondence school, has shown me a number of letters. The story of radio contacts is a remarkable one. Not only in the isolated areas of Italy is the voice being heard. Certainly millions hear it in the large cities. The following letter gives an idea of this interest:

"Our pleasure is great in being able to listen to your Voice each week. We finally bought a radio in order to be able to follow your Bible messages. There are many other radio programmes, but they have little interest for us. Each week four of us gather around our radio and listen to your Voice. Today we are sending you a little offering in order that you might know of our joy and also of our desire to be able to continue to hear your words."

The letter brought a cheque for a large sum of money.

What has been done in Italy is only a token of our world radio and television programme. In one field a survey was made at the time of the Ingathering Campaign, and it was found that sixty per cent of the people visited were acquainted with this voice of Seventh-day Adventists and invariably they were ready to give their offering when they knew that the sponsors of the Voice of Prophecy were committed to a world missionary programme. In a faraway mission land this same identification of sponsors brought government authorization for the Ingathering Campaign.

It is marvellous. The radio and Bible correspondence school work have had the united support of the church since the very beginning. As in Italy, the possibilities of this undertaking have fired the imagination of leaders and members alike, so that no sacrifice in time or effort or money has been found too great to ensure success and growth.

The radio and television department will give you facts and figures that are nothing short of remarkable. My purpose in writing these lines from Florence, Italy, the headquarters of our Italian radio and correspondence school work, is to add the

testimony of Italy and the pathetic call of the millions of the nations who must still hear the "Voice."

## GREATER FREEDOM IN AUSTRIA

W. A. HIGGINS

THE beautiful country of Austria with its seven million people is nearly one hundred per cent Catholic. In this land forty-five Seventh-day Adventist colporteurs are doing a great work for God. The people are eager to learn more about the Bible, and our colporteurs sell many Bibles and books that explain the Bible. Some of the colporteurs travel by bicycle, a few by motorcycle, but most of them go on foot as they visit the people in the hills and valleys and towns of this country. The snow-capped Alps and the fertile valleys form a restful scene for the little farms, where hay is still cut by the hand scythe and wagons are pulled by oxen.

### A TYPICAL COLPORTEUR

One of these colporteurs, Henry Ruzunek, has been working the past four years near the Slovakian border and has raised up a company of believers. Ten have already been baptized there. In one place the priest became angry about the work this colporteur was doing, and called the police to arrest him. When the police came they discovered that this colporteur had been underlining texts in the people's Bibles with red pencil and the police said there was not a thing wrong with that, so they let him go. Since the war our ministers and colporteurs have greater freedom in Austria than ever before. For this we thank God.

The labourers in Austria earn very little, and so books are small and inexpensive, but these colporteurs are true evangelists. One third of the students of the Bible correspondence school are being enrolled by the colporteurs. Our believers are of good courage, and our leaders are planning for an aggressive programme for the future. Surely, from this Catholic land there will yet come a great harvest of souls for the kingdom of God.

Man cannot hope to control the behavior of the electron and the atom until he learns to control himself in a world where one man's madness can make millions mourn.—Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff.

## Weighed against Love

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fill the god of his belly, to clothe the god of his family, to keep up the god of his reputation by a good house, fine clothes, bills all promptly paid—except God's that is—and to feed the god of education for his children. Ill-health is another excuse. Expenses must be met for doctors and medicines forgetful that the great Physician promised Israel of old that He would bring none of the diseases of the Egyptians upon them if they remained faithful. Is Israel's God less powerful today to prevent the diseases of this world from taking hold upon his faithful children than then? If we paid our tithe we would have less medical bills. As the shoes and clothes of Israel lasted them for forty years in the wilderness and God provided all their food and water needs all that time—not for six months or one year, but for forty years—so He can solve our clothing and food problems today. Still another excuse is that once a man has fallen into debt he needs to pay his debts first. But brethren, a business debt with man may not involve theft. But withholding tithes will. Nor is it sufficient to pay God the tithes after all other expenses are met. They are to be set aside *before* anything else is paid. Whatever the excuses, there are none adequate enough to justify the crime. And whatever the excuse we submit we immediately make a god out of it—and are convicted of idolatry as well. We have broken the first two commandments. Our money, our clothes, our children, our families, our homes, our food have become the graven gods to which we have bowed. And in bowing to these gods we are likewise guilty of spiritual adultery, breaking the seventh commandment as well. Professing to be the child of God and a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, who said men ought to have paid tithes, we have taken the name of the Lord in vain and have given the lie of false witness to the world, breaking the third and ninth commandments. This involves dishonouring our heavenly Father, resulting in the violation of the fifth commandment. Our continuance to withhold what is God's is covetousness, and thus commandment number ten is broken as well.

The man who keeps back from the storehouse of God the funds dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel withholds the bread of life from perishing souls, and is guilty of taking life both for time and eternity—

a most serious charge. God has said that upon such an unfaithful watchman the blood of the lost will rest. Commandment number six has followed the breaking of the other links. And how can such a one, who persists in breaking nine of the ten commandments, presume to come into the presence of a holy God on the Sabbath and render vain worship and think that he is remembering to keep the Sabbath holy. He is not. He has broken all ten of God's Ten Words. And he has no right to the tree of life, or to enter in through the gates into the city of God.

Can he say that he loves God? No. His actions have belied his lips. He is weighed in the balances and found wanting. Heaven was emptied that man might have eternal life, and need not perish. The mighty Creator stooped low to the hutments of beasts. The manger of sheep and of cattle was the cradle for the King of kings and Lord of lords. No robes of purple ever adorned His princely shoulders save in the hour of His deepest humiliation. His was the sceptre of service, His the crown of  
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## Miscellany

● THE Misses Myrtle and Barbara Davin sailed from Bombay on the SS *Stratheden* on October 7 for Sydney. The Misses Davin have arranged to take the Nurses' Training Course at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital when the class opens at the end of December this year. We wish these young people success in their venture.

● ON Sunday evening, October 10, Pastor S. P. Vitrano began a series of evangelistic meetings at the Ajmal Khan Park, Karolbagh, New Delhi. Karolbagh is located in one of the thickly populated areas of the old city of Delhi. Pastor Vitrano writes: "Our meetings are off to a good start. We had a capacity crowd the opening night and a very fine attendance every night since. I am happy that we planned for a good vernacular programme. Karolbagh is now a huge refugee centre and most of the people do not speak English. Our meetings have been orderly and successful. Last night (October 17) over 500 chairs were filled and 100 or more people were standing." Let us pray for the success of these meetings.

● AT THE present time sixteen evangelistic efforts are either in progress in the Division or will be beginning within a few days.

● AT THE time of writing Pastor O. O. Mattison is meeting appointments in Burma and will be there until the end of October.

● ON October 17, Mr. R. L. Juriansz, secretary-treasurer of the Northwestern India Union, left Bombay for important auditing appointments in Roorkee, Simla, and other points in Northern India.

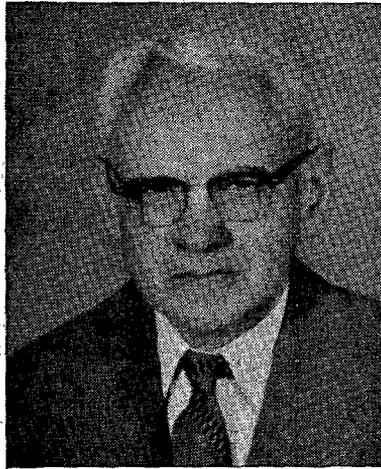
● ON Tuesday, October 20, Pastor E. R. Streeter, Division builder, left Calcutta for Burma. While in Burma Brother Streeter will study building needs connected with the Rangoon Hospital and other institutions in that field.

● THE following word comes in from A. H. Farthing, pastor of our church in Madras:

"We are having two meetings a week in the White Memorial Hall and one meeting a week in our own church. From the very first meeting, we have had a full house at the Hall. At the church, also, we have been packed to capacity. A very fine class of people are attending and so far

we have 500 names on our visiting list received from those attending the meetings. Already a big-visitation programme is under way with Brethren Chelliah, John, Kodan, and myself making the contacts. We are now in the third week of our effort."

### MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR L. C. SHEPARD has been in Southern Asia so long that he really does not need an introduction to the people here. But it is interesting to know some of the details of his service for the Lord. It seems as though Pastor Shepard has always been interested in the Publishing work. While at College he canvassed during the vacations and in 1916 became Publishing Department secretary of the North Wisconsin Conference, U. S. A. In 1918 he went from there to Western New York in the same capacity. Then he answered a call to South India in 1919 again as Publishing Department secretary. This task he carried for five years. He was then called to Poona in 1924 to be the Division Publishing Department secretary and held this responsibility for seventeen years. Pastor Shepard entered the Oriental Watchman Publishing House as manager in 1941 and filled that post very acceptably until 1953. Since returning from furlough in May of this year, he has been acting Division secretary, acting Division treasurer, and acting President of the Northwestern Union. May the Lord bless him with the health and strength necessary to carry this heavy load.

### Weighed against Love

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thorns. Herein is love, love in the balances. "For God so loved . . . that He gave." But what have we given? Our love in the other side of the balances is found wanting. God gave His own. We failed to give what is not ours.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He were rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2. Cor. 8:9. "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifted up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory." 1 Sam. 2:8. Think of it, beloved. This was for you. Up from the dunghill onto the throne of glory. Yet you would rob God. Oh, shame of it all! Brethren, sit up and count the cost, in its true evaluation. In the light of eternity is it worth it to gain the whole world and lose one's own soul? Would you want to stand outside the holy walls of the heavenly Jerusalem to receive the fiery wrath of God and the sentence "TEKEL; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting"? Is this the price you want to pay—eternal damnation—while the blessings of God for this life are promised in ultimate abundance, and immortal life with God for eternal ages lies before you? May the God of heaven help each one of us to come into conformity with His commandments that ours may be the blessed heritage of the saints.

### THANK YOU!

WE WANT to use this means of thanking each one of our Southern Asia Division family for the sympathy that you have expressed to us at this time of our bereavement. Also we wish to thank you for your many prayers in Darrel's behalf during the short time of his acute illness. We know that these prayers have been answered as we would wish to have them answered if we could see the end from the beginning. Your many telegrams are an indication that your hearts are very closely knit with ours over this great trial.

It is hard to understand how one so young and apparently healthy could in a few days be snatched from the land of the living, but it is an indication of the uncertainty of life and the need of a constant walk with Jesus. God has been very good to us with His sustaining grace and has taken off the keen edge from the cut of separation. We have faith to believe that it will not be many years before our family will be reunited in that home where there will be no more parting.—PASTOR AND MRS. W. F. STORZ AND RUTH.