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Into all the World

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JESUS made it clear that the good news of approaching redemption would be heralded to the ends of the earth. Said He, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

A century ago, we undertook this last phase of God's work. We set out upon a spiritual trek to the ends of the earth. "Redeemed! How I love to proclaim it," became the motto of the Advent movement. We purposed to take the message of redemption across the street, and across the seas at the same time. This undertaking has met with success.

The statistical secretary of the General Conference indicates that Seventh-day Adventists have entered 197 of the total 230 countries, islands, and island groups listed officially in the *Statesman's Year Book*. There remain only 33 countries in which we are not yet officially pursuing our activities. The populations of the 197 countries we have entered represent 98.5 per cent of the total world population.

Surely we are reaching out to the "uttermost parts of the earth." Much remains to be done; millions are still unwarned in these entered territories, but much has been done. The languages have been learned, institutions and evangelistic facilities are there. Even some of the most isolated areas are now hearing the redemption

story. Around the world, thousands upon thousands of honest souls are marching day by day into the ranks of God's remnant church.

This is the picture of the measured advance of the Advent message. But think of the unmeasured out-reach of truth. Think of the billions of printed words that have been scattered like the leaves of autumn. They will do their work. They are doing their work. Think of the spoken words, the Bible Correspondence schools, the Radio broadcasts, the missionary visits, the Radio Doctor, the medical treatment, and all the circumstances that this Advent movement has brought into play to finish God's work. They, too, are on the march unmeasured by human knowledge.

In one field it is reported that sixty per cent of the people visited by our Ingathering workers were acquainted with one or the other of our radio programmes. Think of it. Sixty per cent of the people had heard something about the gospel.

Over in Casablanca, French Morocco, the president of the field handed me an envelope. He pointed to an incomplete address, "Work of the Gospel," Casablanca. The city counts more than half a million inhabitants. Many churches and missions have representatives there, but the postman brought the letter to our mission. It contained 5,000 francs for the "work of the gospel." The brethren asked the postman, "Why did you bring the envelope to the Seventh-day Adventist office?" "Why," he said, "everyone knows that the Adventists are the people who are doing the work of the gospel today."

I'm sure millions are convinced in their hearts that this people proclaim the message of God to the world. God has placed countless agencies at our disposal for the finishing of the work. Many of them are well known, tried, and effective. Others have come to us in later years. All these means and methods must now be brought into perfect focus upon the unfinished task. No doubt the most dramatic agency we now use is radio and television coupled with the correspondence schools. This gift of God

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A Letter from the President

DEAR "TIDINGS" FAMILY:

As this special number of the Voice of Prophecy and Bible Correspondence School goes to press I desire to add a line to let you know that we in the Division consider this great programme of radio and correspondence school work to be one of the greatest blessings that has ever come to the Southern Asia Division. Its growth has been phenomenal and its influence is much more far-reaching than many of us realize. It has reached out into the very corners of our field and has aroused an interest in the hearts and minds of thinking men and women in every language area of not only the Southern Asia Division but of many adjoining fields.

Letters pour in from week to week from many unentered lands and it causes us to pray that the Lord, through this medium, will bring a knowledge of present truth to those whom the living preacher and teacher will probably never be able to reach. We read of business men, doctors, nurses, and professional people turning their hearts to the message of the hour because of these lessons and the messages that have come over the radio.

While you read the various reports and articles in this issue of the "TIDINGS," may your heart respond to the challenge of the field and cause you to co-operate with this wonderful programme. Use your influence; go out personally and contact your neighbours, friends, and loved ones far and near, that they may also enjoy the blessings that these lessons bring into the home, and they in turn, no doubt, will respond to that message and give their hearts to the Lord.

We are thankful for the way the Lord is using the Bible Correspondence School and the Radio programme. And we are also thankful that we can go on the air in the Telugu language as well as in English, Hindi, and Tamil. We rejoice that Kanarese, Marathi, Bengali, and Telugu schools will soon be added to the present existing Bible schools.

As we reach out through these various avenues of service, may we find it in our heart to co-operate in every way with the Lord through this and other lines appointed in the great programme of evangelism in Southern Asia.

—O. O. MATTISON, *President, Southern Asia Division*

to the last church is doing astonishing things, and we are just beginning.

I was at Ben Guela near Labito Bay, Angola, a few months' ago. We have a nice church there. After the meetings of the Sabbath day, we sat in the missionary's home and listened to the first programme of the Voice of Prophecy broadcast in Portuguese to Angola. We waited, anxious and still with emotion, for the start of the programme. Would something yet make it impossible? Then suddenly the strains of the theme song came over the air in Portuguese, "Lift up the trumpet, loud let it ring: Jesus is coming again!" Brethren and sisters, the thrill of it got us to our feet.

It is impossible to measure in statistics the impact of this programme. But we do have a small conception of what the radio broadcasts, and Bible Correspon-

dence schools are doing in far away Madagascar. We have two programmes weekly—one in French and one in Malagase. The workers who sponsor these programmes are capable and zealous. This programme can be heard throughout the Indian Ocean. In Madagascar the number of receiving sets is not large, but the French government very generously has provided for the needs of the people. In every important village practically, the public address system has been installed so that all can benefit by the radio facilities. I stood in the public square and listened with many others to the Voice of Prophecy programme. There are today groups of people in regions of Madagascar where never a missionary has trod who are begging to be instructed and baptized into the Advent faith.

This story can be repeated in a

multitude of areas around the circle of the globe. I'm sure that in these populous lands of Southern Asia thousands and perhaps millions have been touched by the saving grace of the gospel, and are preparing to be gathered in to the full light of truth.

Truly the stage is set for the last great flash of power in the finishing of the work. The time of redemption's release is fast approaching. We are not far from the finished act. The open gates of our eternal home are beckoning us to a triumphant experience. Let us then dedicate ourselves completely and joyfully to the work that God has entrusted to our hands.

PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES

L. C. SHEPARD

THE Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School is the means of placing the message of God for these times before a class of people that, previous to this time, has been very difficult to contact. Many, because of prejudice or fear of being associated with the Christian movement, have refused to attend public lectures, but when they learned of a plan of private study of Bible prophecy, they have gladly enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence course.

As they have studied the lessons the Holy Spirit has quickened their hearts and some have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour. The Voice of Prophecy courses are open to all but a greater number of enrolments are among persons who have not been touched by our public evangelistic appeals. It is noticed that, as the number of Voice of Prophecy graduates and students in an area increases, so has attendance at evangelistic services grown in those places. This is another agency God has given to us in these last days to bring our message before the people of Southern Asia.

It is noticeable in those places where vernacular courses are available that the English enrolment has sharply fallen away. English courses appeal mainly to heads of families and students, the language courses reach into the family circle and touch the lives and consciences of the wives and daughters. Let us continue to enrol readers until every home has decided for or against God.

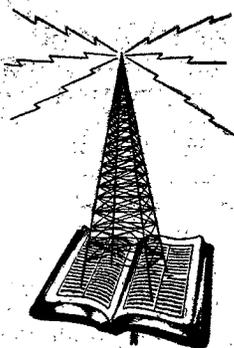
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EVER ONWARD—AND FORWARD IN FAITH!

A. E. RAWSON, *Secretary & Director*

of Radio & Bible Schools in Southern

Asia Division



THE above title of this article has been inspired by the overwhelming success of the Voice of Prophecy during the past few years, not only in the Bible school, but also in our radio work. We know that our church members and supporters will be interested in some facts and figures and for their benefit we give below some breath-taking figures in connection with the Bible Correspondence School:

ACHIEVEMENTS

Applicants for Bible lessons throughout S. Asia	410,000
Active students	210,000
Graduates	70,000
Lessons sent out (monthly)	90,000
Test papers corrected (monthly)	70,000
Number of non-Christians expressing faith in Jesus Christ	25,000

Don't you agree that these figures are awe-inspiring? Indeed they are; and we can confidently say that they are the direct result of the planting of the gospel seed throughout the length and breadth of Southern Asia.

The gospel seed has also borne other fruit: Literally thousands of Nicodemuses throughout Southern Asia, we believe, will take their stand openly for the Master in the near future; more than a thousand Voice of Prophecy students have been baptized; many more are preparing for baptism.

VERNACULAR BRANCH SCHOOLS

Our vernacular branch schools are also playing their part in spreading the message effectively in the languages in which the Bible lessons have been prepared. There is a bright and promising future for these schools. We trust that India's millions will take this opportunity of studying the Bible school lessons in their mother tongue.

We hope to start Telugu and

Marathi Bible schools the first half of 1955; and we are also planning to start Kanarese and Bengali Bible schools not later than January 1956.

Does all this not represent a splendid achievement in so short a time? And how has all this been possible, dear friends and church members? We answer—by your generous and loyal support.

RADIO BROADCASTS

And now let us look at the other side of the picture—our Radio work. We all know that today, the radio is the most powerful and effective means of communication throughout the world, and we are fortunate that we are living in an age when it is possible for us to use this invaluable medium as a means of bringing the gospel message to millions of people throughout the world:

You may not be aware of this, but we are broadcasting 13 times each week—12 times over Radio Ceylon and once over Radio Burma. Our messages are heard over more than 900 radio stations and from reports and letters which are pouring in daily, it is evident that this figure will soon reach a new high as millions more in hitherto 'untapped' areas listen to this glorious soul-saving message.

VOICE OF PROPHECY OFFERING GOAL

South India Union	Rs. 1,500
Northwestern Union	Rs. 400
Northeast Union	Rs. 400
Pakistan Union	Rs. 300
Burma Union	Rs. 250
Ceylon Union	Rs. 375
Bombay State Section	Rs. 500
Total	Rs. 3,725

In addition to our Tamil and Hindi programmes which are being broadcast weekly, we are now happy to tell you that Radio Ceylon has accepted our request for a Telugu broadcast which we hope to inaugurate the first week of February; and we hope that by the time our listeners receive this issue of the "TIMINGS," that our Telugu broadcast will be on the air.

Here, indeed, dear friends and church members, is proof beyond doubt that the Voice of Prophecy is making a great success of the super-human task of spreading this message, but we are humble in acknowledging our attainments, for we realize that, truly, the Lord is helping us.

WHO WILL GET THE STARS?

A friend asked me the other day—Who will get the stars for the work that the Voice of Prophecy is doing? The one who wrote the Bible lessons? The one who sends in the students' names? The teachers who take the students through the Bible course? The one who contacts the students and follows up the interest? The minister who baptizes the students? Or the one who contributes liberally to the support of the work? This was somewhat of an embarrassing question and required much thought before I could venture to reply. Then with a smile I said, "Why, everyone of them, for all have played a part in this great programme."

OUR APPEAL

I recall the words of that beautiful hymn which reads:

"While the souls of men are dying,

And the Master calls for you,

Let none hear you idly saying,

'There is nothing I can do!'

With your prayers and with your bounties

You can do what Heaven demands,
You can be like faithful Aaron,

Holding up the prophet's hand."

It makes no difference who you are—or what you are. You may not speak like an angel, you may not be able to preach like Paul, but you too can play an important part in this grand and glorious work by loosening your purse-strings and giving generously to the cause. So, we are appealing to you to rally round the banner as never before and give us your support and help us achieve a glorious success in 1955, in all our efforts to spread the message for these last days, so that we may justify our motto—EVER ONWARD—AND FORWARD IN FAITH!

"NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER" !

A. M. SAJID

Voice of Prophecy Secretary, West Pakistan Union

THE Lord is blessing our Voice of Prophecy work in West Pakistan. During the last few years the seed of the gospel has been sown in this country. By the power of the Holy Spirit that seed is now germinating and is bearing fruit for the kingdom of God. Several have been baptized and quite a few others are getting ready for this sacred rite.

Within the past month and a half, eight precious souls have been baptized from among the Voice of Prophecy students. Some of these are real victories for Christ. Special mention must be made here of a brave young woman who has shown great courage amid fierce opposition. The spirit of God led her on until nothing, not even the devil, could separate her from the Lord and from following Him all the way.

The day she was to be baptized in Lahore, a fierce storm and floods came and it seemed that the devil was opposing her with all his fury, but her courage was high and she, along with another nurse and her brother, reached Lahore safely one Friday evening, and on Sabbath morning all three of them were baptized. They came from Sargodha where this lady is working in the Military hospital. I want to tell you that she is the happiest person you ever saw and they now have a Sabbath school at Sargodha.

Just two weeks ago, two young men were baptized at Lahore. They are purely Voice of Prophecy fruitage. They are educated young men and had to go through fiery trials and great opposition but, by the grace of God, they have come out as conquerors through it all. Finally they were baptized and are now conducting Sabbath school and daily morning and evening meetings in their village.

I have just returned from a trip to Sialkot and the districts. In one village we had six or seven V. O. P. students. As they studied they discovered the Sabbath truth and other truths along with it. They began to search for any one who kept the Sabbath "according to the commandments." Finally they came to know of our worker in Sialkot and pleaded and entreated till our worker went there to conduct a series of meetings for six weeks. Now fifty or sixty of

them are planning to keep holy the Sabbath day. A Sabbath school has been organized there. Several have started keeping the Sabbath already and have quit smoking. They are experiencing a joy which cannot be described in words.

In Sialkot proper there are about five or six more who are definitely planning to be baptized. Our work in Sialkot began through the Voice of Prophecy and it is growing and bearing fruit.

Brother McGhee made a trip to Quetta recently and visited all the Voice of Prophecy students there. He reports a very good interest. There is a lady doctor who is definitely



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interested in the message and is preparing for baptism.

Brother Hill writes from 'Pindi that the interest among the Voice of Prophecy students there is very good. Recently two were baptized, and he says that several more are preparing for baptism. He is expecting some definite results from his Voice of Prophecy work there. A couple who took the Voice of Prophecy lessons from the Poona School are now ready for baptism. And another fine young lady is also very definitely interested in the message.

Pastors K. Brown and Ghulam Masih give a very cheering report from their territory. In Kohat they report wonderful interest among the Voice of Prophecy students. Recently Brother Ghulam Masih visited them and found that two or three students

were conducting a Sabbath school. At this place a few have started paying their tithe and are preparing for baptism.

Recently another request was received from a lady doctor asking us to send someone to visit that place as many people were taking a keen interest in our lessons. Brother Sajid and Brother McGhee went there and now this lady doctor is trying to bring her friends into this truth and is also planning on baptism.

Many of the Voice of Prophecy students who were contacted in Hyderabad (Sind) said that as a result of the lessons they are inwardly followers of Christ but are afraid to openly declare it. They request that special prayers be offered in their behalf that the time may soon come when they will be able to declare their faith before their fellow men.

In Lahore there is a great interest also among the V. O. P. students. Some of these have been baptized. Some are getting the victory over evil habits and are preparing for baptism. At present Pastor McGhee is conducting another effort and plans to win many of the interested V. O. P. students into the truth.

By God's grace we are expecting a great harvest of souls from all over Pakistan. The Lord is giving us the honest ones and the interested ones here and there. We praise His name. Please remember our work in your prayers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE V.O.P. IN THE TELUGU MISSION

R. I. MATTHEW

V. O. P. Secretary, North Telugu Mission

THE Voice of Prophecy Bible School and Radio Broadcasts are the instruments in propagating the final warning message on earth. Without these the message will never go out into various cities, towns, and villages down to the remote parts of the earth. Man is unable to reach the great multitudes of people with the message and it will take him centuries to finish the task.

God in His infinite mercy has given these two instruments to aid us in finishing the work. I believe with all my heart that if there is any way of accomplishing the gospel commission, the Voice of Prophecy Bible School and Radio Broadcasts form an essential part of that way.

As I visit cities, towns, and villages, I see hundreds of people at their radios listening to the messages that come through. Many of these, stay away from churches on Sundays just to hear the Radio message. A certain prominent person recently wrote as follows: "I am not only dragged from the darkness to the light by your precious coaching in the Bible course, but also am able to impress upon the minds of many people belonging to several congregations, the truth of the Bible and the

principles of the Seventh-day Adventists. I am indebted to the patrons of the School for doing such great work for the people who are ignorant about the greatness of our Master."

Are you doing your best to support the school and radio broadcasts? It requires your support through personal prayers and unstinted offering. Let us make use of this privilege and give liberally. May God bless all of us as we sacrifice for this cause.

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY AND EVANGELISM

B. NOWRANGI

Voice of Prophecy Secretary, Northeast Union

CHRISt'S last words to His disciples were "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

Friends, we are bidden to go forth as Christ's messengers to teach, instruct, and persuade men and women and to urge upon their attention the words of life. We are now living in the closing scenes of this world's history. Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth. The weighty obligation of warning a world of its coming doom is upon us. From every direction far and near calls are coming to us for help. A world perishing in sin is to be enlightened.

When we open our eyes to the teeming millions of our Union territory, thousands of whom are dying every moment without the knowledge of Christ, it throws a great challenge to us. "Jesus saw the multitude and He was moved with compassion on them." The Northeast has a population of approximately 150 million. If the whole population were apportioned to our 2,500 church members, each member would have about 60,000 people to care for, or each of our 158 workers would have about 900,000 persons to be responsible for. If our members should spend only one day with each of the persons they are to care for, it would take each member 166 years to accomplish this. It should not, therefore, be difficult to realize how humanly impossible the task is. But does the Lord want us to do an impossible task? No, never. He says, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." When He says "Nations" He includes

Hindus, Mohammedans, Buddhists, Sikhs, Parsees and all others who live within our territory.

Friends, let us not lose our courage when we see the gigantic task that lies before us. Let us not forget the wonderful promise the Lord has made to us—"Lo, I am with you always." It is His work, and He knows how to finish it. Without in any way discounting any of the agencies now in operation to evangelize the world, I believe that the Voice of Prophecy Radio programme and Bible Correspondence schools have proved to be one of the most effective means of broadcasting the warning message to the millions of our country. I believe this is the programme, ordained by heaven, through which the name of Jesus is being confessed by those who dwell in high hills and deep valleys and in places which are inaccessible to the missionary.

In Nepal which has banned foreigners and foreign religions all these centuries, the Voice of Prophecy students are numbered by the hundreds. We have scores of Voice of Prophecy students in Sikkim and Bhutan studying about the soon coming of the Saviour of the world. Brother Albert, our Voice of Prophecy secretary of the Himalayan Mission tells me that he is the first evangelist to enter Sikkim. And he is the first to get an opportunity to appear before the Prime Minister of Sikkim. In the course of their conversation, the Prime Minister told our brother that his standing order for Christians was to have their tongues out before they entered his State. Our brother took courage and preached to him about the present truth, and since then he has no

trouble in entering that State! The chief wireless officer of the State of Bhutan is one of our Voice of Prophecy students and he calls himself a Seventh-day Adventist. When we look toward the North of the Ganges which is the cradle of Indian Nationalism, and where foreigners and Christianity are hated with intensity we yet have hundreds of students in whose homes, though they are Hindu, our message is being preached silently through the Voice of Prophecy lessons, and the Radio.

Pastor R. S. Fernando, president, East Pakistan Mission, writes saying, "A very inspiring letter came from a Muslim convert who has just finished the Advanced Course. He desires us to arrange for his baptism. Others are studying and preparing for baptism. At our Jalirpar effort we came across a Voice of Prophecy student who is now attending our services with his wife. We hope to baptize them both at our next baptismal service." Brother M. C. Kujur, Voice of Prophecy secretary, East India Mission, writes that several people have started keeping the Sabbath at Patna and Jamsheedpur. He has already started a branch Sabbath school in the town of Ranchi among our Voice of Prophecy students.

Many of us believe we are now seeing what the Lord told us would happen in the very last days when the message would go like fire in the stubble. Great things are about to happen. The message is soon to accomplish its full work and we believe we are on the verge of seeing the fulfilment of the following statement: "On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth, hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 126.

Friends, knowing that we have but a short time in which to finish the work that God has given to us, we can thank Him for this medium of reaching the teeming millions of India. Let us not become weary in well doing, but seek every opportunity to get our neighbours, our friends and relatives, and the strangers within our gates, enrolled as students of the Voice of Prophecy and get them into the habit of listening to the Radio Broadcast. Thus we will hasten the coming of Jesus.

**GIVE LIBERALLY ON
FEBRUARY 12.**

DOES IT PAY ?

S. THOMAS

Director, Tamil Branch School

BEFORE we attempt to judge whether the running of a Bible Correspondence school in the vernacular languages pays or not, let us take an inventory of what has been accomplished and the cost to the cause to operate such an enterprise. Many of you are aware of the fact that the Tamil Bible School has been in operation over a year and a half and the Malayalam School since April 1954.

Since the inception of the Tamil Bible School over 23,805 applications have been taken care of to the end of August 1954. And over 9,304 people have been enrolled. The number of graduates for this same period is 2,430. By systematically studying the Tamil Voice of Prophecy lessons over 2,769 Hindus have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Several hundreds of Christians, and non-Christians, have accepted the Sabbath truth. We have scores and scores of requests from our students for baptism. Already many of them have been baptized. From our dear students belonging to various religions, and churches we have received over Rs. 1,872 as tithes and offerings. This shows how they love the message that they have studied. Eternity alone will reveal the exact fruits of our Bible schools.

We are also greatly cheered as we see the onward march of the Malayalam Bible School. If any of our readers were to visit our two Bible Schools in Bangalore, they would be interested to see the big map displayed in the office which shows where all these Tamil students are located. We have students not only in the Tamil and Kerala field, but all over India, some in Burma, a good many in Ceylon, and some in the Malay States, Arabia, Andaman Islands, and Kashmir. The third angel's message, through the Voice of Prophecy, is now penetrating into the many unentered territories and many great and effectual doors for evangelism are now being opened. Let me ask the question once again: Does it pay to run a vernacular Bible school? I leave it for you to answer. Surely as one reads these figures he cannot deny the immense value of our Bible schools.

But at the same time think of the

enormous amount of money involved in launching this great soul-winning programme. It costs over Rs. 20,000 for the Tamil Bible School and Rs. 14,000 for the Malayalam Bible School to operate for one year. On account of the limited budget, we are not in a position to take care of all the applications pouring into the office each day. People are pleading to be enrolled and are even willing to pay any admission fee but as a denomination we are not accepting any fees for admission. The Bible course is entirely free as you all

know. But how can we meet the tremendous expenses?

We are happy that the Division has appointed February 12 as Voice of Prophecy Day. We are depending upon YOU, every worker and church member, to help meet our urgent needs. Will you not plan ahead for a liberal offering to be taken on that day? May each worker and church member realize that the Bible school is YOUR school. We are creating and building up the interest from this end for YOU and YOUR field.

We wish that every worker in charge of churches and schools and circles would plan for an interesting programme on February 12, and appeal for liberal contributions. May God bless you as you co-operate in the finishing of His work in Southern Asia.

A GREAT ENTERING WEDGE

W. MOSES

V. O. P. Secretary, Bombay Mission

THE Voice of Prophecy Bible School and Radio programmes are undoubtedly heaven's best means available today for reaching the millions that still live in stark spiritual darkness. This fact has never come to my mind so forcibly as in my travels and visits around the Western India field during recent months. No other single agency at our command has influenced the religious trend of the people on such a vast scale, and in such a short time, as has the Voice of Prophecy. I was more and more convinced of this fact as I talked to people on the train, in the bus, and on the street. The influence of the Voice of Prophecy has gone far beyond the limits of our imagination. Though many people have not accepted the truth openly, they tell of the great joy of heart and peace of mind that has come to them as a result of the heart-touching messages contained in the lessons and the Radio sermons.

The Voice of Prophecy has mended broken homes, brought hope and comfort to the bereaved and strength and courage to the down-hearted. This is not something that has happened on the other side of the globe, but right here within the borders of our Bombay State Section.

Recently, I met a Brahmin man who expressed with great feeling that the Voice of Prophecy was a tower of strength to him in the darkest hour of his life.

I met another man who, when on the verge of turning an atheist, was led to the Voice of Prophecy which restored his faith in God and His guidance. His wife told me that her husband is a changed man since he took the Voice of Prophecy Bible course; and that from being a cruel husband he is now a kind and loving man.

It was also my privilege to conduct a special Voice of Prophecy meeting at a military establishment where there are several V. O. P. students. The attendance was very encouraging. They all requested that such meetings be conducted regularly for them. We have made arrangements for a Sabbath school to be conducted every Sabbath evening and I have confidence that this will eventually grow into a strong church.

I met another man who was under deep conviction. One morning we spent three hours together studying the Scriptures, especially the portion concerning the true Church of the Bible. He is convinced beyond doubt that the S. D. A. Church constitutes the Remnant Church of the Scriptures.

Many are preparing for baptism at the present time. That is the way it should be in every place. Let us all boost the Voice of Prophecy to the fullest extent in all our churches for the salvation of souls, while there is time, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

HINDI V.O.P. PENETRATES ALL BOUNDARIES

J. PANDIT

Director, Hindi Branch School

“THE light of the truth is to go to all the dark places of the earth in a much shorter time than many think possible.”—*G. C. Bulletin* 1893, p. 294. This is not impossible, for there is nothing impossible with God.

It has been reiterated time and again that “the final movements will be rapid ones.” I firmly believe that in this very age of ours we shall see progress in our gospel work such as has never been witnessed in the history of our denomination. Certainly a new day has dawned, presenting a new challenge to God’s remnant people.

The figures below will give you a picture of the tremendous amount of gospel literature which has been scattered throughout this vast land of our Division field and beyond. Let me point out that these figures are from the Hindi department only.

Applicants	46,272
Enrollees	23,546
Lessons Sent Out	87,781
Test Papers Graded	64,519
Graduates	7,196

Our contributions are not large, yet we feel they have helped us in our work. To date we have received Rs. 5,499. About eighty per cent of our non-Christian V. O. P. students who complete the Bible course accept Jesus as the Saviour of the world. This is certainly remarkable. Seventy-five per cent of our students from Christian denominations accept our Sabbath message.

The work carried on in this Hindi V. O. P. Branch School is a Division-wide work. Though our school renders major service to the Northwest and Northeast Unions, yet we have hundreds of students outside these two Unions. Yes, we have students even in foreign countries such as in Africa and Israel. A student from the country of Israel—a Jew—is earnestly pleading for a visit. Six months have gone by but his desire is not yet fulfilled. He is anxious to meet our Advent believers in order that he may have the privilege of associating and worshipping with God’s people. He feels that his people have gone astray too far and must return “Home” ere darkness encompass the earth and gross darkness

the people. What an encouragement and what a thrill!

This particular student came in contact with our Hindi Bible course during his stay here in India where he learnt to read and write Hindi. Since he returned to his home country in Israel he has been urging the other members of his family to heed the call of Jesus. They have turned a deaf ear towards the message so far and are making it very difficult for him to get his lessons. He needs your prayers and mine.

A large number of Hindi Bible lessons and tracts have been sent to the Fiji Islands. We believe some lessons have gone even as far as New Zealand. We trust these lessons will bring a rich harvest in the course of time, for the brethren in that part of the world are making the best use of these lessons and tracts among the Hindi-speaking people and the seed is being sown.

The Hindustani Broadcast over the air from Sunday to Sunday is definitely proving a great blessing to thousands of people throughout the Division field and beyond. These most comforting messages bring peace, hope, and happiness to all who listen in. Some responses received from our radio listeners indicate that these fifteen minute programmes do not satisfy their hungry souls. They are requesting a half hour programme.

So, we are on the onward march, knowing that soon, yes, very soon our work on earth will come to a triumphant close and we shall be welcomed to our Father’s Home.

GOOD NEWS FROM BURMA

W. MARTIN

Director, Burma Branch School

GOD has promised to “finish His work and cut it short in righteousness.” World War II left Burma with conditions so unsettled and hazardous that it has been difficult to carry out public evangelistic work to any appreciable extent, especially in the outlying districts. But the Voice of Prophecy has filled the gap admirably.

Through the Radio and the Bible Correspondence School the message

has penetrated everywhere, reaching places hitherto inaccessible, to the Chin Hills on the Burma-India border, to Myitkyina and Lashio near the borders between Burma and China, to Akyab and other places on the west, and to Moulmein and Amherst far south.

The Burmese Branch School started modestly with about fifteen enrollees in July 1953. It has grown rapidly and now people throughout the length and breadth of Burma have enrolled. Many pongyis (Buddhist monks), army officers and men, (chiefly Chins and Lushais), and even jail inmates are taking the course, and many letters of appreciation and gratitude have been received from the students. So even in troubled, post-war Burma, with dangers threatening from within and without, we can see God is, in a marvellous way, fulfilling His promise to finish His work. We solicit your earnest prayers for the Voice of Prophecy work in Burma.

MY EXPERIENCE VISITING VOICE OF PROPHECY STUDENTS

MULLER ISAAC

V. O. P. Secretary, South Tamil Mission

IT HAS been my privilege to visit the Voice of Prophecy students right from the beginning of the work in this field, and I have been struck by the interest and zeal these lessons have engendered in men and women of diverse castes and creeds. Yes, the Voice of Prophecy has rendered signal service here, as it has done everywhere else, and has been a real and unifying influence among the people of this area. It has served to bring the exclusive Brahmin and the fanatic Muslim and the wretched outcaste together, knitting their souls into a oneness which is better felt than explained, hueing their hopes, aspirations and longings alike with the same roseate tint more magical than the blush of dawn. This is the testimony you will listen to, if you seek the company of any Voice of Prophecy student. Many of them have expressed their ineffable joy, in many forms and words, after finding Christ. I would append below a few of these.

Take my good friend, a Brahmin lecturer, who had come to know Christ through the Voice of Prophecy lessons. Recently he came to me and wanted one hundred Voice of Prophecy enrolment cards to distribute among his students. And now he

ARE YOU AMONG THESE?

Horace Bushnell once made an interesting list of all who might be excused from giving offerings. Here it is:

1. Those who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."
2. Those who believe the Gospel is not the power of God and cannot save the heathen.
3. Those who wish that missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves were still heathen.
4. Those who believe that it is "every man for himself" in this world, and who, with Cain, ask, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
5. Those who want no share in the final victory.
6. Those who believe they are not accountable to God for the money He has entrusted to them.
7. Those who are prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it NOT to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

writes: "I shall get some of my friends and students to study the Bible. . . . I believe in God, in Christ, and in prayer. Please pray for me." What a wonderful witness!

Another Brahmin gentleman, an employee on the Southern Railway, writes to the effect that neither the fear nor the love of his relatives would keep him from knowing or worshipping Christ, the true Son of the living God. He has intimated to me through this letter his desire to keep the Sabbath.

A Brahmin veteran of seventy from Tanjore told me: "I am a Christian. I follow Jesus. I read the Bible. No day passes without my reading the Bible. Your Voice of Prophecy lessons have opened my eyes to see the Saviour. I want to attend your services. Please open a centre in Tanjore."

Another Brahmin pleader witnesses: "The Voice of Prophecy has changed my character. . . . Anybody can be kind while he is well off. But Christianity teaches me to bless them that curse me. My means are meagre. A tenant of mine owes me four years' rent. I need the money badly, and I feel forced to demand the money of him, but the words of Jesus prick

my heart. Love that seeketh not self!!! I should be kind to him even if it means more hardships for me."

A Muslim Voice of Prophecy student I know attends the church regularly, and helps in outdoor evangelistic efforts.

FROM MADURA: "I am one of your regular listeners to your programmes over the air. Your programmes have been the chief source of increasing my love toward God. My only wish is that you would help me in bringing the Word of God more clearly to my understanding. I want to get a clear understanding of the life of Christ and His service to humanity. I shall be highly obliged if you could arrange to teach me the Bible truths through your Correspondence School. I hope your lessons will mould my spirit. Please send me the lessons."

There are hundreds of testimonies like this. And may I say that they form a real challenge to every believer. Dear friends, won't you help by contributing liberally to the Voice of Prophecy work?

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY IN CEYLON

L. F. HARDIN

THE Voice of Prophecy is doing a marvellous work here in the Ceylon Union. Thousands are taking the Bible course and learning the Gospel of Christ. Many are asking for baptism. In the evangelistic meetings being held all over the island a large number of those attending are Voice of Prophecy students. And because of the interest that has been created by the Voice of Prophecy the way has been opened for many of these evangelistic meetings.

The Voice of Prophecy is especially helpful when we are so short of workers. The students that take the lessons are already prepared for the evangelist. He has something with which to work. Here in Ceylon we find the best way to enter the homes, especially the Buddhist homes, is through the Voice of Prophecy. Many of these people cannot be reached by a preacher, yet the silent minister enters and hearts are convicted of the truth.

Several times last year a group of church members from the Colombo churches went out to distant cities to enrol Voice of Prophecy students. A little later we discovered there was more interest in one of these cities than the local man could take care of and an evangelist was sent in to bind off the interest. A very successful

effort was held and a number were baptized. We hope to establish a new church in this city.

One of our workers has already baptized twenty-five Voice of Prophecy students and many more are in the baptismal class preparing for baptism in the near future.

On December 29 three students were baptized and all were from Buddhism. One of them had been a priest but he laid off his robes and let his hair grow and is very enthusiastic about helping to finish the work by giving the message to others. He has been persecuted by the Buddhist priests and his one-time friends but in spite of this he is firm for the truth of God.

Certainly the Voice of Prophecy is one of the leading methods in reaching the millions who have not yet heard of the coming of our Lord. Our greatest need is to supply evangelists and workers to gather in the hundreds of interested ones who have taken the Voice of Prophecy Bible course.

WHAT THE VOICE OF PROPHECY MEANS TO US

N. Y. CHELLIAH

*V. O. P. Secretary, North Tamil
Mission*

THOUGH the Tamil Branch School is only eighteen months old, it is proving to be a great blessing to the Tamil fields. Millions of people, who otherwise would not have had the privilege of knowing the truth, have been warned through the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, and hundreds have been baptized.

Thousands are unable to attend our public meetings due to their religious and social barriers and customs. And there are others who cannot afford to buy our truth-filled literature. The only means left for the last warning message to be given to them, is the Voice of Prophecy Free Bible Correspondence Course. Hundreds of Muslim and orthodox Hindu men and women, who in no other way could be reached with the life-giving message, are taking the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. The message of the soon-coming Saviour is being given to the people living in the remotest villages through this new medium.

A Brahmin priest of a remote village has accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, as a

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NORTHEAST UNION*President:* W. F. Storz*Secretary-Treasurer:* M. S. Prāsada Rao.*Office Address:* Karmatar P. O., Santal Parganas, E. Rly.**A VISIT TO THE LUSHAIS**

W. F. STORZ

IT WAS my privilege a number of weeks ago to spend a few days with Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Lowry. One can truly say that on reaching Aijal among the beautiful Lushai Hills, he has found what might be termed "God's own country." The approach to this country is in many ways comparable to the "strait and narrow way" spoken of in the Scriptures.

Pastor W. C. Rick and Pastor Lowry met me at the Silchar airport. The twenty odd miles between the aerodrome and Silchar have prospects of being a good road some day considering the amount that was torn up for construction purposes. However, before evening, I found that this was only the "beginning of sorrow." The next 110 miles which took us from almost sea-level to approximately three thousand feet of elevation was a contest between time and endurance. The time element was no small item because of four control gates, the missing of any one of which would involve a night spent out on the road. Brother Rick and I also found that Brother Lowry's jeep had exposed hard spots that found their mark all too often before the 110 miles were accomplished. Each careless move for the next few days brought to mind again the twists and the bumps in the road. I might say, however, that while we found ourselves with only a few sore spots, the jeep ended up with three broken springs.

How like the way of life, I thought. The jolts and the twists are hard along the way and cause many bruises, but our Master has gone the way before us and has absorbed the greater shocks and injuries that might have been ours. Also, we dare not linger too long in the way lest we find ourselves shut out in utter darkness for eternity. The many beauty spots that are seen along the road, however, do much to lighten the difficulties of the journey and the beauties at the end of the road make up for any hardships that we may have had to endure on the way.

The Lowrys are doing a good work

in the hills. Their isolation would bring discouragement to anyone of lesser courage. Sister Lowry is conducting a small boarding school in Aijal which is the forerunner of an industrial school now being built. The Government has let us have a beautiful hill-top location for building this school and while Sister Lowry is conducting the school in very inadequate temporary quarters, Brother Lowry is working on the new school plant. During this year 1955, we hope that the new school can be occupied although not fully completed.

Let us remember the work in the hills in our prayers and let us remember particularly Pastor and Mrs. W. G. Lowry that they may have the strength and courage required for the task that is theirs.

MODERN BEREANS IN THE GARO HILLS

J. M. DKHAR

ON November 19 I left Shillong for the Garo Hills, as I had been directed to assist Brother P. K. Gayen in an effort which was to be held at a village named Resu Belpara. At five o'clock in the evening on the above date I arrived at Rajasimla, the headquarters for our work in the Garo Hills. Here at Rajasimla we have our biggest church in Assam and also our first church among the Garos, with ninety baptized members.

Early in the morning the buffalo cart which we had engaged was loaded with all our bedding, boxes and other necessary supplies for the effort and we left Rajasimla for Resu Belpara, which was thirty-four miles away. The buffalo cart is the only means of transportation available in these hills and to travel the distance of thirty-four miles took us the whole day, the whole night, and the next morning up to eight-thirty.

When we got all the things in their proper order we sent the news far and wide that the first meeting would be held on Sunday, November 28. We started the meeting at six o'clock in the evening. It was a thrilling sight to me when I saw our pandal filled to capacity. It could not accommodate the crowd that came along. A big crowd was still outside. Every night, seven nights a week the people,

young and old, came with an earnest desire to hear the words of truth. The average attendance was between 200 and 300 every night. At the close of each meeting, we called for questions, but the people replied: "No more questions, the presentation is very clear and true." Yes, Brother Gayen, by the inspiration of God, presented the message in its simplest form, so that even a child could understand it. We also distributed tracts on the subject presented each night. All went home with hearts satisfied; they took the tracts and studied them thoroughly, comparing them with the Bible, whether the things that were presented were according to the Word of God or not. They did exactly as the ancient Bereans did.

Already the people have expressed their belief and want to be baptized. They are honest and sincere and we expect a triumphant victory in this village, a victory of seeing many souls get ready for His Kingdom. Remember the people of this village and the workers of the Garo Hills in your private devotions.

What The Voice of Prophecy Means to Us*(Continued from p. 8.)*

result of studying these wonderful lessons.

A young Muslim man says that after studying the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons he is convinced that Christianity is the true religion.

Our branch schools are not able to do what they could and should do, due to lack of funds. Thousands of people who have requested the Bible lessons have been told to wait till means could be found. They have already waited for months now. How long are they to wait? Many are passing to their rest without having a chance to learn the truth. Shall we let them go to a Christless grave? Should we not do everything in our power to reach them with the life-giving message? One of the best ways of doing so, is to help the Voice of Prophecy work with our means and prayerful endeavour.

The opportunity will be yours on February 12. Who knows, this may be your last opportunity of helping this worthy cause. A time will come—and it is not far off—when your money will not be needed.

Therefore let us do our best and make this Voice of Prophecy Day a Red Letter Day in the history of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

SOUTH INDIA UNION*President: E. L. Sorensen**Secretary: I. K. Moses**Treasurer: S. John (Acting)**Office Address: 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore***VIJAYAWADA EFFORT****I. SUBUSHANAM**

VIJAYAWADA with a population of one lakh and eighty thousand is a centrally located city in the new Andhra State, and is the headquarters of the North Telugu Mission.

For the past three years the North Telugu Mission committee has kept hoping that a major city effort could be held here. Calls were made for a foreign evangelist. But as there was a scarcity of evangelists within the Union the dream of a major effort in this city did not materialize. Then the Mission president picked up courage and volunteered to run an effort himself.

Several sites were selected, but we were refused permission to put up our tent. One place was promised and in anticipation of getting vacant possession of the ground handbills were printed and plans were made to start the effort on November 7, 1954. On Thursday—four days before that date, there were no signs of getting vacant possession of the grounds. We earnestly prayed that God would open the way for us to start the meeting as planned, and give us a place to pitch the tent. God is great and greatly to be praised. On Friday morning we were in possession of a central place and started levelling the ground for the tent. By Friday evening the tent was raised on the poles. All other arrangements were made in a hurry on Sunday—electrification and all. The tent was ready at 6:15 p.m. right on time for the meeting to start. It was a modern miracle to fix the tent and arrange everything on Sunday when every business in the town was closed. We praise the Lord for His guidance. The meeting commenced on time and on the day planned.

The subject, "Quest for Peace," was presented in a vivid and clear-cut way pointing to Jesus as the only solution to world problems and real peace.

At the time of writing the series have been going on for five weeks and the attendance has been between 550 and 600. There were over 700 in attendance several nights when we had special programmes and when

health subjects were presented by the Nuzvid Hospital staff under the leadership of Miss E. M. Stoneburner and Dr. J. B. Oliver. We are fortunate to have the Giffard Mission Hospital situated only forty miles from Vijayawada. This institution is contributing its influence to our programme here.

The offerings have been very encouraging. At the end of four weeks nearly Rs. 160/- had been raised. When a special thank offering was requested a very lively atmosphere prevailed and nearly Rs. 60/- was contributed by the public. This is an indication that the people are with us in the programme and are willing to support it through their means and prayers.

The churches of Vijayawada are also behind the programme. Every member is supporting it by personal thank offerings and by inviting friends to the meetings.

"The Prophecy Speaks Lectures" and the "Big Tent" have become common conversation in the town. The devil is wrath and opponents are bringing other preachers to conduct revivals in this place, but the crowds still continue to come. It is a new day—a day of opportunity for public evangelism.

The evangelists associated with the effort are Brethren R. I. Mathew, the Voice of Prophecy secretary of the North Telugu Mission; P. Jacob, evangelist from Nandigama and two lay members of Vijayawada churches. Brother Rajah Rao, the secretary-treasurer of the field, though busy with his office work is taking an active part and leading out in the singing. We greatly appreciate the help of these brethren.

We appeal to the "TIDINGS" family to pray for the success of the Vijayawada effort.

LAY PREACHERS' EFFORTS**MRS. GABRIEL MATHEW**

IT is my happy privilege to inform the SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS family of the lay preacher's effort held in Puliangudi for six weeks by Brother Paul Ebenezer and the cottage meetings held in Sankarankoil by our

church elder, Mr. Gabriel Mathew.

As a result of the lay preacher's effort held in Puliangudi six souls have been won and they were baptized by Pastor G. Gurubatham on December 4, 1954 and added to the Puliangudi church. Four of them were formerly Hindus and the others were Christians. One of the Hindus, was a wizard who used to heal the sick by means of magic spells. Mr. Mathuranayagam and other church members were a great help in winning these souls to Christ.

At this time, Mr. Gabriel Mathew, the church elder conducted cottage meetings in Sankarankoil and won seven souls. These souls were well tested and baptized by Pastor G. Gurubatham on December 16, 1954 and added to the Sankarankoil church. All except one, were formerly orthodox Hindus. To break their old habits of wearing jewels, smoking and snuffing seemed to be an impossibility to them at first. But when the Word of God was preached to them under different topics, their hearts were changed and they decided to leave all their evil habits and follow Christ in baptism. Now they are faithful members in their church attendance and other obligations to God.

May God bless these thirteen souls who have been baptized in Sankarankoil and Puliangudi and keep them faithful to the very end.

NEW WORK AT SRIKAKULAM**N. V. JESUDAS**

THE North Telugu Mission had long desired to open up work in the district of Srikakulam and so we were very grateful to the Union and Division when funds came through to enable us to conduct an effort in this new territory.

Handbills were printed and distributed throughout the town. There were obstacles to overcome but our Heavenly Father made all things possible and we were able to start our meetings on November 7, 1954. We are very glad to say that our first meeting was a success and the number present was more than three hundred and some had to stand outside the hall to hear the message of the soon-coming Saviour. Some of those attending were Voice of Prophecy students—one of them said: "I have been longing to see Adventists, and to observe Sabbath in this town." The other day when I was in the hall a Christian gentleman came

and said he desired his sons to be baptized into our church. We are praying and working for them.

Brethren P. Lazarus and P. Prabhudas are associated in this campaign and are an inspiration to the public. Brother Lazarus is the local evangelist and Brother Prabhudas is in charge of the song service. The wives of our workers are also of great help in inviting the women and encouraging them to attend the meetings regularly.

On Thursday, November 11, we announced that there would be a Sabbath school conducted in our shed, and there would also be a story-telling hour for the children. We thought that very few would attend

this Sabbath school, but to our surprise we saw many children and older ones coming into the shed exactly at ten o'clock on Sabbath morning. We commenced our Sabbath school by teaching some songs and the children learned them very quickly. Then Brother Lazarus told the story of Joseph to which the children paid very keen attention, and responded quite well to the questions. Afterwards we had the senior lesson study. Forty children and twenty adults attended that Sabbath morning.

Dear reader, we are now making a special request. Will you please pray for the people here that they might open their hearts and accept Jesus as their personal Saviour?

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH BOMBAY STATE SECTION

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PANHALA M.V. CAMP

SUMITRA S. PANDIT

PREPARATIONS for our camp this year were made well in advance by the writer and his associates. On being approached the P. W. D. authorities kindly allowed us to occupy the old Palace for the duration of the camp. As the appointed date, November 21, arrived, the hearts of the students as well as those of the workers were filled with joy as they looked forward to a time of spiritual refreshing and another opportunity to further prepare for God's service.

After successfully conducting the combined camps of Roorkee, Hapur, and Lasalgaon, Camp Pastor V. P. Muthiah, our enthusiastic Union Y. P. M. V. secretary, arrived at Panhala to lead our camp. We were indeed glad that Pastor A. R. Appel, the president of the Bombay State Section could spare a week from his busy programme to give us timely advice and spiritual food.

Along with the Hatkanagale Boarding School six church schools of the Kolhapur district were also represented at the camp. The well-balanced programme provided for the improvement of the body, mind, and soul. It consisted of daily flag-raising, worship, inspection, swimming, and hiking. The outstanding item of the daily programme was the "camp fire." During this time new songs were taught and spiritual food

was abundantly served by the different leaders of the camp. Brother Appel, a talented story teller, made the hours of camp-council extremely interesting. He also taught the First Aid class. Mr. W. M. Moses, the Voice of Prophecy secretary, made the hours of the Morning Watch very profitable.

We were fortunate to have Pastor J. F. Ashlock from the Division with us for the week-end. On Friday night almost every one responded to a call of consecration made by him. The Sabbath sermon, also preached by Brother Ashlock, will be long remembered by everyone of us. During his sermon he let us taste water which he had brought from the Dead Sea. It was bitter! He told us the reason for this was that the Dead Sea receives but never gives out. The water of the Sea of Galilee is sweet and refreshing because it not only receives but gives out. We should be channels through which the living water of life may flow to others. With this deep thought and added enthusiasm in the Share-Your-Faith plan we returned to our homes.

BLOSSOMS OF LASALGAON

IRENE BOSMAN

BLOSSOMS in a garden are the pride of the gardener. Similarly steadfast Christian young people are the pride of our Heavenly Father. These blossoms are scattered all over the world. We find some in Lasalgaon school. The students are preparing

themselves for the service of the Most High. Our principal, staff, and students all stand united. It is a joy to be in the Lord's service and to teach the workers of tomorrow. To work in the garden of God and to look after His blossoms is a privilege.

We have good boys and girls. Some of our students have great financial difficulties but we hope and pray that some way will be worked out for them so that they can continue their studies, and that from this place a continual stream of men and women may be sent out who will serve the King of kings bravely in this field.

The blossoms of our Lasalgaon school are carefully looked after so that they may grow strong. The Heavenly Gardener watches them with tender love. May all the "TIDINGS" readers pray for us so that the sweet scent of these blossoms may reach many people and new believers be drawn to Christ.

MINUTE MEDITATIONS

**NO
GREATER
LOSS**

HARRY M. TIPPETT

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11.

One morning a little family of children were having their usual romp in their room before dressing and coming downstairs. Their mother was smiling at the merriment they were making, but suddenly the sound of frolic ceased and there ensued an ominous silence. A minute later the oldest boy appeared at the top of the stairs in his night clothes and with considerable hesitation said, "The insides of Papa's watch came out."

When the mother went to investigate, she found that they had been playing with their father's old silver watch, an heirloom in the family for several generations. They were tossing it about with childish carelessness when the movement dropped out. They had had a wonderful time with something the true nature of which they had not understood. Suddenly something happened, and they knew that the watch was broken.

This homely little story is illustrative of what many believers are in danger of doing with the faith passed on to them by their parents, and to them in turn from an earlier generation. The arguments for the Advent faith are sound, and they know them all by heart. The requirements of the church are clear, and, like the rich young ruler proud of his profession, they cry, "All these have I kept from my youth." But talk to them confidentially, and they will admit, some thing is missing—the spirit of the movement is gone from them. Somehow it slipped out of their hearts, and they didn't realize it until it seemed beyond recovery.

The watch in the story had a lovely case, but it couldn't tell the time because its movement was gone. It's the story of the foolish virgins all over again—possessors of brightly burnished lamps, but without oil. It's a picture of many professors of the truth in past time who were nice people. Their homes were models of care and refinement. They gave loyal lip service to the ideals of the church, but the spirit of secularism had stolen away their fervent first love. Some were reclaimed when in moments of self-examination they recognized their need:

*"Where is the confidence I knew
When first I saw the Lord;
Where is the soul-refreshing dew
Of Jesus and His Word?"*

The great Wesley, in the eighteenth century, at the height of the evangelical movement he started, had one great fear, and although he was sure Methodists would never cease to exist, he grieved over the thought that someday they would lose their power and become only another lifeless sect. The faith and good works of the saintly founder of Methodism was efficacious only for himself. He could not pass on the spirit of it to succeeding generations. Every age of the church must seek its own power. Woe to the church when it can present its case before the world without any moving message of the times.

The faith and sound doctrine of the founding fathers of the Advent Movement are a precious heritage for the visible church in this generation. A crown is awaiting those who carry on its spirit and its work to its consummation. The last counsel the Spirit of God left in His Word is pertinent to the hour in which we live, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."—*Review and Herald*.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

(INTO the Publishing House many complaints come. Some of these may be due to the postal authorities but most of them are due to our colporteurs. The question that comes to me as I read these complaints is this, Are we carefully following the instruction given in the Spirit of prophecy?)

Care in Selecting Workers

"The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it, and as much *care* and *wisdom* must be used in selecting the workers as in selecting men for the ministry."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 405, 406.

"Our brethren should show discretion in selecting canvassers and colporteurs, unless they have made up their minds to have the truth misapprehended and misrepresented."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 405.

Men of Good Address, Tact, and Foresight

"In all parts of the field canvassers should be selected, not from the floating element in society, not from among men and women who *are good for nothing* else and have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have *good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability*. Such are needed to make a success as colporteurs, canvassers, and agents."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 389.

"Everyone is not fitted for this work. Those of the *best talent and ability*, who will take hold of the work understandingly and systematically, and carry it forward with persevering energy, are the ones who should be selected."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 390.

Religious Experience Needed

"Youth who have no religious experience should not be accepted as canvassers for our books because they cannot properly represent the precious truth to be presented. To send such youth into the canvassing field is unjust to them and to the Lord's work. This is a sacred work, and those who enter it should be able to bear witness for Christ."—*Review and Herald*, October 7, 1902.

A Sacred Work

"The canvassing work should be considered as sacred, and those who have unclean hands and defiled hearts should not be encouraged to enter upon it. The angels of God cannot accompany the unconsecrated to the homes of the people; therefore all those who are not converted, whose thoughts are corrupt, who will leave the taint of their imperfections upon everything they touch, should refrain from handling the truth of God."—*Review and Herald*, May 20, 1890.

(Could anything be plainer? Have we been careless in our selecting of men for this important work? When we discover that the men are unfaithful are we slow to take proper steps in making a change? May God help us to be honest and true to our responsibilities.—O. A. Shaw)

PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES

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February 12 is the day when every member of the church is invited to assist in the extension of the Vernacular Voice of Prophecy Bible

Correspondence Courses in Southern Asia. At present lessons are available in Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Sinhalese, Burmese, Urdu, and Chinese. Telugu and Marathi lessons are in preparation. Let us give liberally; your gift might make all the difference.

THE RESTORATIVE POWERS OF A GRATEFUL HEART

FREDERICK LEE

NOTHING so quickly drives away the dark clouds of depression as the sunshine of gratitude. When the troubles and trials of life press down upon us with almost overwhelming weight, the mind and heart will find almost immediate release as we enumerate our assets of strength, love, and hope to be found in the grace and mercy of the Lord.

Yes, the problems are still there awaiting some solution. But we will more likely be able to solve them at the point of hopefulness than at the point of despair.

A grateful heart helps us to see our problems in the right light by replacing our dark glasses with those of clearer vision. This is what the Word of God does for us. It gives us a different perspective. Rather than look at our troubles from our own side, we turn our minds to God's side. If we are in partnership with God, as every Christian is supposed to be, then there are always two sides to every difficulty. There is the human side of looking at it. But if from that viewpoint the difficulty appears too hard for us to solve, we need not give up in despair, for we may view it from God's side, and we are reminded in the Scriptures that there is nothing too hard for God.

Thus the greatest things we have to be thankful for are the knowledge that God is ever by the side of all who trust in Him, and the Word of God that gives us this knowledge. Nothing is so able to inspire confidence and gratefulness as the words of Scripture. One of the most inspiring statements is this one written by Jeremiah in a time of great trial:

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy name, O Lord God of hosts." Jer. 15:16.

The Psalms express similar sentiments: "How sweet are Thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Ps. 119:103.

The prophet Samuel counsels us: "Consider how great things He [the Lord] hath done for you." 1 Sam. 12:24.

And the psalmist replies: "The

Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Ps. 126:3.

This is good medicine for every troubled heart. Gratitude and thankfulness opens up the channel toward God, permitting Him to send down to us streams of healing and strength.

Paul knew the blessedness of gratitude, for he wrote to the church in Colossae: "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:15.

This is stated by Weymouth thus: "Let the peace which Christ gives settle all questionings in your hearts,

to which peace indeed ye were called as belonging to His one Body; and be thankful."

The Christian is not alone in his trials. He belongs to a body of believers who have his good at heart, ready to help him and pray for him. God also is ever present to help, to bless, and to heal.

David knew the blessedness of a thankful heart in the time when he was hedged about by enemies, and even his own people threatened to stone him. David knew not what to do except to turn to the Lord, and the record states: "But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." 1 Sam. 30:6.

So let us cultivate a grateful heart under all circumstances, for nothing can happen to us in respect to troubles that is greater than the resources that are available to us and by which we may overcome them. —*Review and Herald.*

NO TIME TO PRAY

(No. 2)

O. A. SKAU

"BE YE also ready." To be ready means to be prepared. Time, energy, and thought have been used in order to be ready. To be ready at all times so as not to be caught unawares means careful, daily, hourly preparation. We must be in an attitude of prayer all the time. Our contact with God must be constant for only then can He be "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1.

The truthfulness of this statement was beautifully illustrated at the time of the great trouble in Calcutta—August 1946. For four days terror reigned throughout the city and literally thousands were killed. I came into the Howrah station about the second day of the disturbance. The station was dead—no coolies, no rickshaws, garries or taxis. I was confused as I stood outside the station. There wasn't a living soul around. I saw a heap of dead bodies on the top platform of some steps leading down to the river. As I stood there wondering what to do, suddenly I found myself surrounded by a large group of fine, stalwart Sikh men. Physically they looked fine, but their facial expressions were not very encouraging especially with the background of that big heap of dead bodies. I was too surprised for words and did something that was very strange. I

reached over to the man that appeared to be the leader and patted him on his well-filled stomach. That broke the spell and the men burst out laughing. The leader looked at me. He seemed puzzled and for a moment did not know how to take this. Then at last he took hold of his shirt tail in front and raised his shirt. I reached over the second time and patted his bare stomach. That brought a smile to his face and he said, "Sahib, where do you want to go?" I said, "To Park Street." He told one of the men to get his taxi and take me to our mission. He then warned me about being out. I didn't need much of a warning for the situation was serious. Over 100,000 had fled through the Howrah station alone in two days.

Was it my smartness that saved me at this time? Not at all. It was God that led me to make that silly move, but He knew what to do. He is "a very present help in trouble." I was in trouble. I had no time to pray. I was too surprised for words. My mouth was closed, but God moved me to do something that seemed ridiculous. I fully believe that strange act, prompted by God, saved my life.

Let us daily prepare for the unexpected, the unusual and thus be ready when the need arises.

NEWS FROM

THE WORLD FIELD

A VISIT TO ICELAND

L. MURDOCK

THE first two weeks in Iceland have taken me nearly round the island, which is almost twice the size of Ireland. It is a fascinating country, a land of a thousand waterfalls fed by hundreds of snow-capped mountains. In the mountain districts, snow is now falling fast, and all road traffic is about to end for the winter. The people are extremely well read; illiteracy is unknown. There are more bookshops than butcher shops in the capital, and more book titles in the libraries in proportion to the population than in any other country in the world.

Iceland is virtually crimeless. There has not been a murder committed on the island for twenty-five years. There has never been a bank robbery. It is refreshing to become acquainted with such well-adjusted, intelligent people. Recently a ten-year-old Adventist girl was chosen to present the president's wife with a bouquet of flowers during a visit of the president to a far north fishing village of three hundred inhabitants. It was my privilege to spend last Sabbath in her home, where four generations of Adventists live together in perfect harmony, sharing one common purse. What a wonderful home.

The Adventists here take their religion seriously and practise it seven days a week, and all the villages know it. They are held in the highest esteem. It was for this reason that Anna was chosen by common consent to make the presentation mentioned above. We stand amazed at the transforming power of this Advent message when we see it at work in the hearts of these men and women, unhindered by modern attractions and worldliness. There has never been an apostasy since the church was organized some twenty-odd years ago. No doubt the reason is that all the parents believe in Christian education, and as soon as the young people are old enough they are sent to our college.

GOOD SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP

When the president of the conference and I left at nine o'clock on Sunday evening, the members of the church in a chartered bus brought us on our way for about fifty miles over the most dangerous mountainous roads it would be possible to imagine. Then after finding a hotel for us, and supplying us with refreshments, they said good-bye. They would not reach home until 3 a. m. The emotions experienced by King David when he desired to drink from the well, and his men risked their lives, were ours that night. Is not this the spirit of fellowship that should permeate and possess the Advent church more and more as we journey homeward together?—*Review and Herald.*

NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY
IN NEW GUINEA

R. R. FIGUHR

A LETTER has just come from F. G. Clifford, who, as you know, is the new president of the Australasian Division. He states that recently a group of 400,000 people were discovered in the unexplored region of New Guinea. No one knew of their existence. This discovery, he says, has caused quite a sensation in the Australian Government, which has to extend its administration into this new area. It is planned to bring this large group of people under the administration of civil government.

The officials are eager for missionaries to go in there just as soon as possible and begin mission work. A number of mission groups are preparing to enter. We should enter too. Our brethren are hoping and praying that somehow funds may be forthcoming that we may move into this truly virgin territory. In other parts of New Guinea our work is prospering, and many are being won. We are certain that if we can enter this new section we shall see similar growth there.

This and other providential openings in far lands challenge all of us to greater liberality in our mission offerings.—*Review and Herald.*

INQUISITIVE POSTMAN
BAPTIZED IN FLORENCE,
ITALY

M. V. CAMPBELL

IN FLORENCE, Italy, our Bible correspondence school has a host of regular students and consequently enjoys a large daily inflow of mail. Also each day there is an equal volume of mail leaving the office, to be posted in a mail-box nearby.

About a year ago the postman who collects the mail from this box became curious about the organization which so regularly filled it to capacity. He called at the Bible correspondence office to satisfy his curiosity regarding the people who were responsible for his heavy load. Not only was the postman shown the office, but he was also enrolled as a student.

Not long ago, August 28, 1954 he and his wife were baptized. Both were present a week later at the Sabbath services of the Italian Union session, September 4, and told me of their joy in the Lord and of their happiness as members of our Florence church.—*Review and Herald.*

FIRST BAPTISM IN
GREENLAND

E. E. ROENFELT

WITH a view to giving the people of Greenland an opportunity to know the message of present truth, arrangements were made some time ago for two young workers from the East Denmark Conference to visit that large, sparsely populated country, much of which is far beyond the Arctic Circle. Upon their arrival they visited among the people, distributed literature, and wherever possible held meetings in halls and schoolhouses. Soon interests in the message developed and these were fostered.

At the recent session of the East Denmark Conference, which was held in Copenhagen, and which the writer was privileged to attend, those present were thrilled when a telegram was received from Greenland reporting the baptism of our first convert in that newly entered field. Nothing cheers the hearts of Adventists as does the news of the advance of God's cause.—*Review and Herald.*

OUTPOST EVANGELISM IN
CUBA

E. W. DUNBAR

AS DEFINED by the General Conference session, Outpost Evangelism consists of work for "any individual, family, or community without a
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Miscellany

● AT OUR recent Division Year-end meetings far-reaching plans were laid to strengthen our evangelistic programme by starting more Voice of Prophecy schools; by more intensive follow-up work among those who have become interested in the Truth through the Voice of Prophecy lessons; and by a wider evangelistic programme which will include every worker and every department. Thus efforts will be held in cities, towns, and villages. We are praying that the Lord of the harvest will bless these plans to the completion of His work in Southern Asia.

● FOR closer and more effective administration the Bombay State was re-organized into a unit of its own. It is completely separate from the Northwest Union. Brother A. R. Appel was elected as the president of this re-organized field with Brother R. L. Juriansz as the secretary-treasurer. They are off to a good start for the new year and I am sure we can look for rapid progress in our newest, yet one of the oldest of our fields.

● BROTHER T. R. Torkelson was elected as president of the Northwest India Union and Brother S. Moses as the secretary-treasurer. They will have their headquarters in Delhi. These brethren have worked closely together before and I am sure it brings joy to their hearts to be able to shoulder the responsibilities of this large territory together.

● BROTHERS Pein Gyi and I. M. Chand were recently elected as members of the Division committee to serve for a period of two years. We are happy to welcome these new members and their counsel will be greatly appreciated.

● WE ARE all happy to know that Pastor D. S. Johnson arrived in Karachi on January 3 and will soon be here with us in the Division office.

● DR. V. ROBSON arrived in Karachi on January 4 to take up her duties in the hospital there. The staff has long looked forward to the arrival of another lady doctor and we are sure her presence will mean much to the hospital.

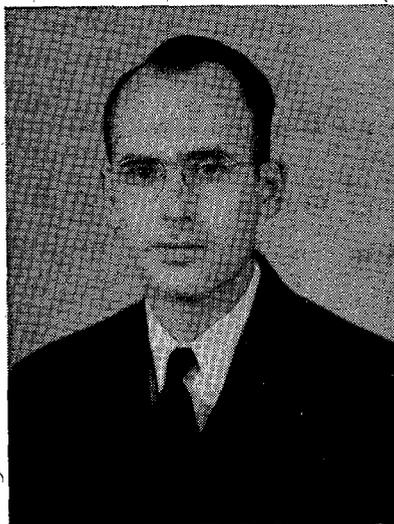
● HAVING closed successful workshops in the Northwest at Hapur and Spicer College since the Division meetings, Pastors E. B. Hare and W. L. Barclay have gone on to

Ceylon and from there back to South India to continue and complete the good work they have been doing throughout the Division field. Wherever one goes he hears words of appreciation spoken of what is being done by these brethren and their assistants to inspire our church members to greater Child Evangelism.

● BROTHER E. R. Streeter has completed the building work in Spicer College and has gone to Ceylon to construct the new school for our youth in that beautiful field. He and Sister Streeter will make their home there temporarily. Brother Streeter is constructing many monuments throughout the Division to his credit as a builder.

● BROTHER R. S. Lowry is at present in the midst of Uplift work with our brethren in West Pakistan and they hope to go over their goal

MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR K. S. BROWN is one of our younger workers in the Southern Asia Division. He arrived here in 1946 after graduating from the Washington Missionary College. Although intended for evangelistic work he was sent to Vincent Hill College where he was the Bible teacher until 1948. One school vacation was spent in an evangelistic campaign in Madras. Brother Brown was then moved to Rawalpindi, West Pakistan, where he did pastoral-evangelistic work for three years. In 1952 he went home on furlough and studied at the Seminary for his M. A. and returned to Southern Asia in July 1953. From October 1953—October 1954 Pastor Brown acted as president of the West Pakistan Union. Now he is back in field work and he tells us a primary school has been opened in Peshawar and also a medical uplift centre with a nurse in charge.

for 1955 during the month of January. When I left there a few days ago the entire field was rolling up its sleeves and getting under the load—figuratively speaking—in reality they were all buttoning their overcoats tighter trying to keep warm, but working hard nevertheless.

● ELDER E. W. Dunbar, the leader of our world-wide young people's work is stopping for a few days in Karachi. Pastor J. F. Ashlock has gone there to meet him.

● PASTOR C. A. Boykin is out in the field conducting Institutes for our colporteurs and students. He is brightening up their approach for the big literature drive which will take place throughout the Division during 1955.

● OUR newly appointed Publishing department secretary for the Division, Pastor J. W. Nixon, is expected here early in March to take over the responsibilities. Brother Boykin is temporarily carrying. Brother Boykin and Brother J. Soule will hold the Institute for the Spicer College students from January 28 to February 1 and soon afterwards Brother and Sister Boykin will leave for Vincent Hill School.—o. o. m.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO THE CHURCH

A GAIN we stand at the beginning of a new year, when it is the custom to wish one another 365 days of happiness and prosperity. In this cheerful sentiment we gladly join. How fine it is to cherish generous feelings and hopes toward those about us, and to wish them the best of everything!

Long ago we learned that no matter how sincerely friends and associates may wish us happiness it is not thus achieved. Were that possible, all our days would be joyous. Happiness is not obtained through wishing. Someone has truthfully said that it is elusive. No one ever finds it who seeks it for its own sake. Rather, it is a by-product, but a very real one.

The good Samaritan went on his way with happiness in his heart after performing his simple but immortal good deed—not because he had sought happiness on that road from Jerusalem to Jericho, but because he had responded to the needs of a fellow traveller in trouble. The time, the wine, the oil, that the Samaritan had planned for his personal use, were devoted generously to the needs of the stricken man. Quickly and willingly he shared his possessions with one in distress. It is not necessary for the record to tell us that he went on his way rejoicing. We know he did.

I have just been reading of a unique character who walked through the untamed forest and over the unsubdued prairies of early America. Often along the trail his voice was heard singing, "O the Lord is good to me, and I thank my Lord." His self-appointed mission was a strange one—to plant apple seeds throughout the land. They called him Johnny Applesseed, though his real name was Jonathan Chapman. He began his mission from Pitts-

burgh, where it is said that the glory of the blossoming apple trees in the spring inspired his soul with the mission of bringing this most useful fruit to the struggling and needy frontier people. From his old, ever-present leather bag he took apple seeds and lovingly and hopefully planted them wherever people might need them. "He left behind him a trail of love, faith, and apple trees." It is said that "one night he went to sleep under an apple tree and did not wake up again. The people who saw him said that there was something wonderful in the face of old Johnny Applesseed. It was the face of a man who had always created and never destroyed, who had seen his hopes bear fruit." For such a man every year is a happy one. While he lived, he blessed others. After his departure his work survived to bring blessing to countless people.

We shall find it a little difficult for a while to write 1955. Just as we had learned to put down 1954, when before we had been writing 1953, it slipped away from us forever, as its predecessors all have done. But we do have the new year now! 1955 is ours to use as we will. To all our people we wish the happiness and prosperity that comes from unselfish service, the enduring joy that is found in giving of our time and resources to others less fortunate. The needy in the earth are the Lord's representatives. In the last great day He will say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Inspiration tells us, "Happiness and prosperity will be the result of serving the Lord."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 495. May the happy results of faithful and devoted service be yours during the new year into which we have entered.

—R. R. Figuhr.

Outpost Evangelism in Cuba

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knowledge of a soon-coming Saviour."

According to a recent letter from David H. Baasch, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Inter-American Division, Outpost Evangelism is already capturing the hearts of our Missionary Volunteers in Cuba.

He writes: "Some of our MV Societies in Cuba have really taken the Outpost Evangelism idea to heart, and have three or four outposts. Practically all have at least one, for which we are happy. The results, of course, are marvellous. A conference president told me that of 124 baptisms in his conference during the first few months of the year, over 100 were

young people under the age of twenty-five."—*Review and Herald*.

OTHERS HAVE SAID

It is admirable to fight for a principle but be sure it's a principle, not a prejudice.—*National Parliamentarian*.

Without consistency there is no moral strength.—Owen.

A man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by his words.—Phillips Brooks.

Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the co-operation of many minds. I may be given credit for having blazed that trail but when I look at the subsequent developments I feel the credit is due to

others rather than to myself.—Alexander Graham Bell.

Good listeners generally make more sales than good talkers.—B. C. Holwick.

Worry is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.—Arthur Somers Roche.

Everything in creation obeys the law of love. There is no tree that bears fruit for its own use; the sun does not shine for itself. It is only man and the devil who in everything seek their own.—Anders Nygren.

Many people fail to get the message of the Bible because they read into it in the place of reading out of it.—*Arkansas Methodist*.