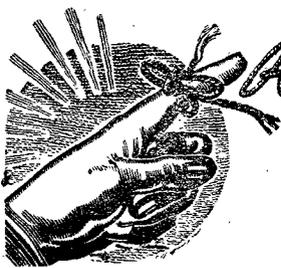




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# Remember Home Visitation Day

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**H**OME Visitation Day is not a new idea to the people of God. Although there has been a great deal of emphasis placed upon this method of spreading the gospel during the past two or three years, yet the plan itself is as old as Christianity.

In Acts 2:46, 47 it is revealed that the disciples followed this plan "and they, continuing daily *with one accord* in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

It is interesting and encouraging to note that the disciples worked together—with one accord. Teamwork like that is bound to make an impression on the people who are visited. It surely did in the days of the disciples because the report in the Book of Acts is that they were "having favour with all the people." Naturally when God's people work together and gain the favour of all the people there are bound to be results, and the Bible records bear witness that people were added to the church *daily*.

Of course the idea of Home Visitation did not originate with the dis-

ciples. They were simply putting into practice the methods they were taught by the Saviour. Matthew records the occasion when Jesus sent the twelve to preach the message that "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 10:7. His instructions were clear. "And when ye come *into* an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it." Verses 12, 13.

The blueprint is very clear. God's work is to be done on a house-to-house basis. And *ALL* of His disciples worked *with one accord*.

Isn't it reasonable to believe that the methods that had God's divine blessing in the early days of the Christian movement, and proved so successful, will prove to be successful with His blessing today? The plan has never been changed—only the attitude of His professed followers has changed. Now we are seeing a revival of apostolic fervour and faith. The Home Visitation Day, launched a few years ago, is proving to be a means of finding souls that are hungry for the truth, and through participation, is building up the spirituality of the church member and the church.

During the last Home Visitation Day campaign many of our believers

went from house to house, and at the close of the day brought back wonderful reports of their visits. I wish it were possible to publish all of these reports. Space will only permit two:

"We visited several homes in the — area and found several interested people. One of them was a Voice of Prophecy student who had finished his course. . . . He is very interested in our message. We enrolled several Buddhists in the area, and found several people who were reading the *Signs of the Times*. A lawyer said that he had been reading the "*Signs*" for years. He had met one of our pastors and said that he had never met a better person. We gave many Bible studies and some of the people



wanted us to visit them again for more studies."

"I met a newly married couple who are Christians and they have invited me to hold studies with them once a week. We met another couple, both with different faiths. The father said that he was trying to get his wife to become a Christian. He invited me to hold Bible studies in his home once a week. Please pray that these two families will accept the message of Truth."

Yes, Christ's method, Home Visitation, is a successful method of winning souls and finishing the work. We are happy that it has become a *world-wide* programme in the Seventh-day Adventist church and that specific Sabbaths in the year have been designated as Home Visitation Days. Sabbath, March 5, is the

first Home Visitation Day for 1955. Of course this does not mean that we will visit that afternoon only and then do no more visitation until the next day assigned for Home Visitation Day. These are just days when special promotion is done for this project, but we know that God's loyal people who are anxious to see His work finished on earth will follow the example of the disciples and plan a programme of daily, house-to-house visitation. And when all the disciples work together *with one accord* the work begun when the first sin was committed will be completed and God's plan for redeeming man will be finished.

We know *YOU* will plan to take an active part in Home Visitation Day on March 5.—W. L. Barclay.

Brother B. M. Isaac was transferred to Kashmir to work among those interested in Bible study. Sunder Dass, a very active worker now located at Jaipur, is to become the Voice of Prophecy secretary of the Upper Ganges Section. A goal of 225 baptisms was set for the Union.

Brother C. H. Tidwell continues to be principal of the school at Roorkee and has been asked to be the secretary for the Education and Missionary Volunteer departments also. The schools report a good year. Pastor B. M. Shad heads the Hapur School in a strong scholastic programme, and the peanut butter and kool-aid industries have continued to strengthen the finances. Plans are being laid for the production of puffed wheat and other prepared breakfast cereals at Roorkee. Study was also given to the distribution of these products and agents were arranged.

Pastor C. R. Holford, soon returning from furlough, is to be the secretary for the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments. He will be located in Nagpur in evangelistic work and will carry the departments with help from the Union office. Brother Holford is an enthusiastic promoter and a strong personal worker and will bring much to these departments.

The Northwestern India Union has long awaited the arrival of the Drs. Bazziel. On February 7 they arrived in Bombay. This was welcome news to all. The 1955 summer season in Simla will be a strong one. It is hoped the way will open for the establishment of medical work in New Delhi during the coming months.

A total of Rs. 27,000/- in lay tithe was received during 1954 in this section of the Southern Asia field. The brethren voted a tithe goal of Rs. 29,000/- for 1955. Certainly this is an important feature of our work.

Delhi is a natural centre for the work in this area, and God has blessed with consecrated national and overseas workers. The plans have been well constructed for 1955, but the problems are many. No permanent home has yet been provided for our office force in the city. There is also a great need for young workers, especially in evangelistic lines. We solicit your continued prayers for this great task.

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### NORTHWESTERN UNION COMMITTEE SESSION

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**B**EING in attendance at the Northwestern India Union Committee meeting held at Delhi on the 8th and 9th of February was a reminder of the changing world in which we live. Only a few years ago the office was moved to Bombay when the Western India Union and the Northwest India Union were combined. Now Western India Union is known as the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Bombay State, and the Northwestern India Union is back at Delhi, a strong unit of our work in Southern Asia.

Pastor T. R. Torkelson, the president of this field laid plans for this meeting at his bedroom-cum-office accommodation at 23 Curzon Road. Pastor L. E. Allen, newly appointed secretary-treasurer, had just arrived in Delhi a few days prior to the meetings and was in temporary quarters. This condition emphasized the importance of the recent Division action authorizing the acquisition of property in Delhi for living accommodation and offices. The brethren in

Delhi have worked through one of our faithful laymen, Mr. Ahsan Ullah to purchase land or buildings. There are now good prospects for such a purchase.

In addition to a strong evangelistic programme in Delhi, Pastor S. P. Vitrano has led the work in the Upper Ganges Section during Brother Torkelson's absence. He also leads out in the evangelistic planning for the Union. Major efforts to be held during 1955 will be at Agra under the leadership of Pastor Faqir Chand, and at Ludhiana with Pastor Inayat Chand as speaker. Long-range evangelistic plans extending into 1956 were also discussed.

Included in the evangelistic plans was the action inviting Inayat Chand to become the Voice of Prophecy secretary of the Union. A goal was set for 15,000 enrolments in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School during 1955. Efforts will then be conducted in the centres where interests have been developed. To strengthen the evangelistic programme, John Milton, who has been doing colporteur work in Dehra Dun, has been brought to Delhi. To meet the need for a worker in Srinagar

## WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HOLD OUR NEW CONVERTS?



D. A. DELAFIELD

**D**URING the year 1952, 75,774 people joined the ranks of Adventist believers round the circle of the world. The number was larger in 1953—80,036. An additional 5,677 were added to the church by profession of faith, making a total of 161,487 new members during this two-year period. What can be done to help these new converts to become established in the church.

We believe that *the best work the church can do for the new converts is to teach them how to work for the church.* Not many of the new believers will become ministers, but all the new converts may minister for Christ (see 2 Cor. 5:17, 18).

One phase of ministry that would be a blessing to them is literature evangelism. This is a work in which all may engage to a greater or less degree. *“Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time.* We need colporteurs, who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere.”—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 21. (Italics supplied.) The call for labourers of this type is so urgent that every church is asked to produce at least one canvasser. *“God calls for workers from every church among us to enter His service as canvasser evangelists.”*—*Ibid.*, p. 20. (Italics supplied.) Not all are fitted for the career of a full-time literature evangelist, but hundreds might qualify if they would take up the work. And the experience would be a helpful one.

At the close of 1953 we had 11,158 organized churches in all the world. If “every church among us” is to yield at least one literature evangelist, we should have had 11,158 colporteurs in the field during 1954. But at the close of 1953 we had only 3,355 colporteurs in all the world. And this unhappy situation has

prevailed for a long time. In 1924 we had 5,393 churches. At that time we had only 2,849 colporteurs. In 1934 we had 7,818 churches, with but 3,264 canvassers. In 1944 we had 9,351 churches and only 3,440 canvassers, and in December, 1953, our colporteur group numbered only 3,355 as against 11,158 churches. (See *91st Annual Statistical Report of Seventh-day Adventists, 1953.*)

But even if we had as many colporteurs as church organizations, we would fall short of God’s plan for the literature ministry. In the year 1900 Sister White wrote: *“From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred.”*—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 25. (Italics supplied.)

### FIFTY THOUSAND “WITNESSES”

One of our Adventist union publishing secretaries told us just recently that during the week-end of December 5, 1954, he attended a convention of Jehovah’s Witnesses at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Six hundred delegates were at this meeting. Every delegate paid his own way to Williamsport. In the very first meeting it was announced that in North America there were fifty thousand believers regularly engaged in the distribution of Jehovah’s Witnesses literature. This select group of workers are known as publishers. The other members of the organization were referred to simply as sympathizers. Much of the first meeting was taken up by demonstrations on the platform showing how a principal emphasis was upon the distribution of small books, which the publishers leave in the home in return for a “contribution” of \$1.50.

After recounting this experience the Adventist publishing secretary

said, “My heart burned within me when I saw the emphasis given by this convention to personal work by laymen. What would happen in the Seventh-day Adventist ranks if we could have 50,000 ‘publishers’ in North America distributing our wonderful literature?”

At the Autumn Council the statistical secretary of the General Conference told us that there was a possibility that by December 31, 1954, our world membership would total one million. *Suppose that just one out of every one hundred Adventists in the world took up the literature work. That would mean that during 1955 we would have ten thousand colporteurs engaged in this extremely fruitful ministry.* And if with the 161,487 new converts in 1952 and 1953, we could develop just one out of every hundred as literature evangelists, we would have for these two years alone 1,614 new colporteurs to engage in the distribution of our books and magazines. These figures suggest, not the ideal, but, it would seem, the minimum of what we ought to be doing in the canvassing field.

Listen to these words of appeal from God’s servant: *“The new year is just before us, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master’s service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success.* It is the Lord’s work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence.”—*Ibid.*, pp. 17, 18. (Italics supplied.)

Many of our new converts, and older believers as well, may be instructed and sent forth to do literature work. Not only will new members be added as the result of their activities, but the experience will serve to hold them true to Christ and the message.

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The man who moved the mountain began by carrying away small stones.—*Chinese Proverb.*

Few men during their lifetime came anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling in them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used.—RICHARD W. BYRD.

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W. F. STORZ

**N**EARLY all of our year-end meetings have now been finished. Strong plans have been laid for the work during 1955. These, with God's blessings, should materially advance His work during this year. Workers are enthusiastic to see plans become a reality. Now the real battle lies before us, and it depends on how much each one meets the issue that presents itself that will determine the progress of the work in 1955.

I am reminded of that short yet meaningful verse found in Eze. 1:12 which says, "And they went everyone straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went." I believe that there are two very important thoughts in this verse. One is the importance of following the Spirit. Not a thing can be accomplished without the aid of the wooing power of the Spirit of God. The other is that, "they went everyone straight forward; . . . they turned not when they went." All have been fired with zeal for the accomplishment of a great work during this year but it will be necessary to go "straight forward." There can be no turning. Many obstacles will come in the path we have chosen, but "straight forward" must be the watchword for 1955.

Pastor D. K. Down has only one month left for his evangelistic meetings in Calcutta. He reports that, though attendances are not large, there are some who are definitely planning for baptism. Ranchi has long awaited an effort and in about a month Pastor H. T. Burr will have his tent pitched in that city for the preaching of God's Word. Soon, also, Pastor Down will take a large tent to Shillong and start meetings there. Besides these, other city efforts as well as many village efforts are in progress or in the plan stage.

Our Uplift campaign is off to a good start also and we hope to finish

our campaign soon after mid-year. A report received this morning from Brother M.D. Spicer, secretary-treasurer of the Assam Mission, states that he and Brother P. K. Gayen had good success in Gauhati. Brother H. D. Erickson of the Assam Training School is now working in the tea estates of Upper Assam. Pastor P. D. Kujur and Brother D. S. Laursen from Khunti reported collecting Rs. 500/- in a short time. Others are

## EDITORIAL

**THIS IS THE VICTORY**

**G**OD knew that Israel would be enticed by wicked nations to follow practices contrary to His will and to their own good, but He wanted Israel to know that He would never forsake them, and would always be waiting for them to return to His fold.

Into whatever sin they might have wandered, God said, "If from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 4:29. Here God declares that we shall find Him only when we seek Him with all our heart and all our soul.

No victory over an entrenched enemy can be won by half-hearted, desultory fighting. It can only be won by a determined, full-scale attack that takes all the spirit and daring we can summon.

Paul tells us the reason so many of us fail in the battle against sinful habits is that we "have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Heb. 12:4.

In order to gain the victory we must first feel the need of it. We must see sin as it truly is—evil and dangerous, a threat to our present happiness and our eternal welfare.

We likewise need an undivided

joining the big drive and favourable reports are coming in.

Pastor B. Nowrangi writes that he has met with a number of leaders of the Bihar Government and has presented to them our views regarding Calendar Reform. He reports that most of them are not favourable to the proposed revision.

God will hold in check the winds of strife until such a time as His people are prepared. Here and there trouble is brewing and we even see the reins slipping in places. Time is short and much is yet to be done. When 1955 closes may it be said of us truly, "And they went everyone straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went."

purpose and a surrendered will to enable us to give all if need be for the victory.

Let us examine our motives in our efforts to see why we have not gained the victory over the sins that have so easily beset us. This should be a subject of every hour of meditation and devotional study.

"In order to receive help from Christ, we must realize our need. We must have a true knowledge of ourselves. It is only he who knows himself to be a sinner that Christ can save, only as we see our utter helplessness and renounce all self-trust shall we lay hold on divine power.

"It is not only at the beginning of the Christian life that this renunciation of self is to be made. At every advance step heavenward it is to be renewed. All our good works are dependent on a power outside of ourselves; therefore there needs to be a continual reaching out of the soul before Him. Peril surrounds us; and we are safe only as we feel our weakness and cling with the grasp of faith to our mighty Deliverer."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 316.

This is the way of Christian victory. Will you follow it?—*Review and Herald*.

A GROUP of friends stepped from their car onto the velvety grass of a beautiful knoll in the nation's capital. Before them was the small door opening into the tall structure that stood on top of this hill. But eyes did not linger long on the door or the base of this shrine they had come to see. Heads tipped as they looked upward at the tall, majestic monument built to honour George Washington, the father of his country.

Inside the famous monument hung a short sign with great meaning, "Elevator Out of Order." The group exchanged looks, and through each mind there flashed the picture of that pointed top 555 feet above them.

To the right of the elevator was a stairway. Its steps rose one upon another, invitingly. These steps led to the top. They seemed to challenge the visitors, "Why not walk up? Surely the view would be wonderful from up there."

The younger ones started on their merry way, two steps at a time. Those older and more experienced started deliberately, knowing they really had a climb ahead of them. Step after step, upward, upward. Leg muscles protested. Hearts laboured harder. The stairway grew narrower as it neared the top. But the treads were smooth and solid and firm underfoot. Soon trembling muscles were relieved when the group stepped out onto the floor at the top.

What a wonderful view! The landscape stretched out over the District of Columbia, into Maryland, across the historic Potomac River, and into Virginia. Far below, the great buildings of the beautiful city looked strangely small. Tiny cars rolled noiselessly down tree-lined streets. Men and women looked like midgets walking on miniature sidewalks. Yes, it was an extremely interesting picture, and well worth the climb.

And it is true in life that if you want to reach the top, you must climb. There is no elevator in which to relax and be carried upward. In fact, God tel's us that we *must* climb. He does not leave us alone on our journey, but He does insist that we do our part. He supplies the climbers with a Handbook containing all the rules for victorious climbing. To make the way easier He furnishes firm, sure foundations for our feet.

# 5 STEPS TO HEAVEN

HOWARD A. MUNSON

The way may get narrower as we near the top, but there is really no excuse for falling. And the rewards given to successful climbers are far beyond their fondest imaginations.

The steps for victorious climbing are clear'y outlined. Let us consider five of these steps—steps, which if followed, will take the climbers steadily, continuously upward toward the heights that God desires His children to reach.

Step number one has written across it, **STUDY THE WORD OF GOD**. Our Guidebook gives us the following advice: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:9-11.

We live and climb victoriously through the lifting power of the Word of God. To sin is to slip backward, but this does not happen when we stand solidly on the words of Scripture. Not only does this Word tell us how to climb; it also reminds us when we stop climbing, and it calls out, pleading with us to go forward when we are about to slip.

In the Word is reflected the goodness of God. That Word reveals His unfathomable love. When we look into the Word we see Him upon whom we must keep our eyes if we are to reach the top. Through this all-important Word we hear Him, and are made "wise unto salvation

through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Out of this Word we get "doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness." 2 Tim. 3:16. That furnishes the spiritual diet for successful climbers, "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Verse 17.

But climbers must beware, for this world glitters like a Christmas tree covered with tinsel, ornaments, and lights. The way is broad and filled with sounds that urge one to come and see. It is so easy for the unwary to have his ears so filled with the din of this noisy wor'd and his eyes so blinded by false glitter that the Word of God can find no lodgment.

The climber must turn to his Guidebook when temptation floods in upon him. The temptation may be to steal, or to lie, or to go to places where God is never found. Before rushing head'ong into danger, stop short! Look to the Word! What does it say? Can we follow the Word and still follow the tempter? If we cannot, then *follow the Word*. It is better to pause on a step and consider for a moment than to slip backward and have to climb all over again.

Now for some valuable cement and stone reinforcement for the first step: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39. And "His power, His very life, dwells in His Word."—*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 216.

The Word is our greatest source of power. When eaten, that Word furnishes us with powerful spiritual muscles and sinews for climbing—climbing right on through all the difficulties and entanglements set up by Satan, and right on into the kingdom. The strength of this Word will sustain us through the trials of the last days, support us during the time of trouble, and fit us for the glories of the new earth.

## FAITH AND BELIEF

The second step is labelled **FAITH AND BELIEF**. How important is this step? Let the apostle John tell us: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the

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### FRUIT FROM THE POONA CITY EFFORT

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**G**OD uses many and varied means to redeem lost humanity; and preaching the Gospel is one of them.

Six adults joined the Remnant Church by baptism as a result of the preaching of the word in our evangelistic effort which was conducted by Brother S. P. Engles in the City of Poona during the months of November and December, 1954. Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Engles and Brother B. H. Mohite were regular assistants. Members of the three Poona churches acted as casual helpers and all greatly rejoice at what God has done through them. Brother V. Raju deserves special mention. Despite his many burdens in the Publishing House he gladly and faithfully drove the truck which took the helpers to

these meetings. The person who helps in the transportation in connection with an effort or a campaign certainly plays an important roll in the success of the endeavour; hence the special mentioning of Brother Raju.

Hundreds of people of the City of Poona had the privilege of hearing and learning the truth for this time. The average attendance was 130 each evening. Many were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible School. Thousands of our tracts and papers were distributed. Scores of personal visits were made. And so the City of Poona has been given another opportunity of knowing heaven's last message of mercy. And the Poona churches were also given another opportunity of co-operating with heaven in the salvation of souls.

May the Lord bless the seed that has been sown and may many more take their stand for the Master as a result of this effort in Poona City.

### FIVE STEPS TO HEAVEN

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victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 John 5:4, 5.

Our Handbook for climbers says, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Heb. 11:6. And Paul, that successful climber, in writing to the Romans told them that "whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

The successful climber *must* have faith—faith in God's Word, faith in His promises, faith in His power. Faith is the basis of trust. And trust will keep one climbing under every circumstance. Trust must be as fully developed in us as it was in Job when he said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." "Faith is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it will flourish only as it is cherished. No man can become strong in faith without a determined effort."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 527.

Are we not inclined to think that either we have faith or we do not have it, and that there is not much else we can do about it? But this statement from the Spirit of prophecy says that *faith will grow if cherished*, and that our faith can be strong only by a *determined effort!*

We build strong bodies by proper exercise. Likewise it will take much determined exercise to build a strong faith. Ponder this statement: "There are many who, though striving to obey God's commandments, have little peace or joy. This lack in their experience is the result of a failure to exercise faith."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 563.

Faith, fellow believers, is a tremendous step—a step that will lead to perfection of character and to righteousness in the sight of God. "So long as we are united to Him by faith, sin has no more dominion over us."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 123.

In the book *The Acts of the Apostles*, page 564, we read, "Through the exercise of faith the believer comes into possession of these blessings. Through faith, every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed."

(To be continued)



Standing: V. Raju, S. P. Engles and some of their faithful helpers.

Seated: Four baptized candidates (two were not present when picture was taken.)

EDITORIAL

## THE JOY OF POSSESSION

AT THE close of Israel's wandering in the desert Moses reviewed God's providences during the years since they were delivered from Egypt. He appealed to the people to give themselves wholly to God, to love Him with all their hearts and all their souls and all their might. He told them to teach the commandments of God diligently to their children, and to talk of them "when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:7. After speaking of these things he appealed to them to remember how God had delivered them from bondage for a purpose.

"He brought us out from thence," He said, "that He might bring us in, to give us the land which He swore unto our fathers." Verse 23.

God desires the consummation of His hopes and plans for the children of men. It was not His purpose only to deliver Israel from bondage in Egypt, but He wanted them to live a life of freedom in the Land of Promise. It is for this too that He has delivered us from past sins. How disappointed He must feel when we reject His mercies and promised help and continue in the desert, halfway between deliverance and victory.

God is not only the Author but the Finisher of our faith. When He begins a good work in our lives, it is His longing desire to complete it. There is joy in deliverance, to be sure, but there will be greater joy in possession. We are not to continually look back upon the day of our conversion when we first took a step toward the kingdom, but we are to look to the future and press on toward the day when we will possess the kingdom.

Think of what it will mean to be ready to enter into the eternal world and be among those who shall possess the land.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9.

Only those who have their mind upon the better land will come into possession of those eternal realities that God even now is preparing for those who will be ready for them. We must set our affections upon things above, as Paul declares, if we would win them.

No earthly hope or ambition should absorb our attention. We must not have our mind upon the transient, fleeting treasures of earth, but upon the supreme objective of

NO TIME TO PRAY!

## GOD-GUIDED DRIVING

O. A. SKAU

INTUITION is an act of the mind. The dictionary says of the noun that it is "the power of the mind by which it immediately perceives the truth of things without reasoning or analysis." Is not this the still small voice that speaks to us? I think so. God sends us impressions in various ways and if we react to the impulse the difficulty is avoided or the danger passed. These impulses, feelings or intuitions are God's means by which He keeps us from harm and danger. I remember once when a strong feeling came to me about impending danger. I felt impressed that some one was about to strike me from behind. I quickly turned and by so doing I was saved from a clubbing.

Some years ago we were driving along on a gravel road. It was raining fast and it was hard for us to hear anything but the noise of the motor and the pouring rain. It was dark and we were trying to meet an appointment. As we drove along we suddenly came upon a bend in the road and a cut. I took my foot off the accelerator to place it on the brake pedal, but instead I was prompted to push the gas pedal clear to the floor board! It was a strange

the Christian life, the possession of the glorious kingdom that Christ shall set up when He comes. Thus we will daily pray to the exclusion of all other things, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Of that time Daniel declares, "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." Dan. 7:18.

God grant that we shall not only know the joy of being brought out of the bondage of sin, but that we shall finally know the supreme joy of entering in and possessing the riches and honour and fellowship of the world made new.—*Review and Herald*.

thing to do. The car shot through the cut and over the railway line. We had barely crossed the line when a loose engine roared through. Had I obeyed my first impulse and slowed down we would have been caught on the track by that fast-running engine and my wife and I would have met instant death. We had not heard the warning bell at the crossing. We had not noticed any red lights. The bank through which the road had been cut shut out the view of the railway line.

Was there time for prayer? No.

Was the act on the part of my foot an intuition? Was it an act of the mind or was it the angel of God pushing my foot on the gas pedal rather than the brake pedal? Personally we believe that God once again demonstrated the fact that He is "a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1.

What we need is to trust Him daily. We need to be in constant communion with Him so that He can help us when we are in need. He has invited us to come to Him and to abide with Him. We should in turn invite His Spirit to dwell in us and to be our ever present Counsellor.

WHENEVER the expression "the Spirit of the Lord" is used in the Old Testament, the prevalent idea associated with it is that of power, of a will mightily at work. To the believer under the theocracy, the moving of the Spirit always denoted energy, force, vigour, strength to act.

When Elijah was carried away (1 Kings 18:12), and Ezekiel was lifted up with the sound of a tremendous rushing noise (Eze. 3:12), the child of God never doubted but that it was the Spirit of God in action. Of his own life and being, he recognized that man exists because the Spirit of God made him (Job 34:14).

The modern Bible student must re-capture that truth of the Old Testament, which is also a truth of the New Testament, that the Spirit of God is always active, and that His action is concerned mostly with men.

The Old Testament promises so much that is carried on into the New, to become applicable to men of faith today. The prophet Ezekiel is the first to record the glorious promise that God would place His Spirit within us (Eze. 36:27). This Spirit should not be identified with the "new spirit" (Eze. 36:26), for that is man's spirit made new. It is only by the divine energy of the third person of the Godhead that the "new spirit" in man can undeviatingly keep God's instructions, requirements, and exhortations.

The unity and mutual interests of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are observable in many ways in the Scriptures. Jesus Christ is "the beginning of the creation of God." Rev. 3:14. From the beginning of time the "Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Gen. 1:2.

The two advents of the two Divine Persons are clearly depicted. It is true that the Divine Word is eternal, for there is neither beginning nor ending of days with Him, but the Incarnate Word did have a beginning in time. He became flesh at a point of time in this world's history (John 1:14). The Holy Spirit, as the third person of the Godhead, has neither beginning nor end, yet the special outpouring of the Spirit dates in time from Pentecost.

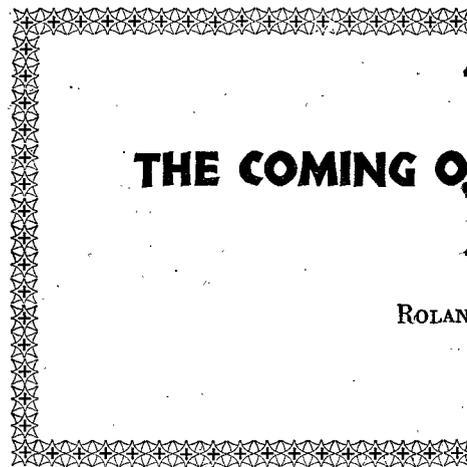
The little village named Bethlehem (House of Bread) was the locale

where the second person of the Godhead took flesh to dwell among us, and became the Bread of Life.

When the 120 believers, and probably those disciples who ordinarily did not live in Jerusalem, were gathered in unity of spirit in one place on the day of Pentecost, they all became filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:1-4). As the day unfolded and the measure of time filled up, the divine promise of the outpouring of the third person of the Godhead was fulfilled.

UNITY OF CHRIST AND THE SPIRIT

What experience could better emphasize the unity of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Christ had promised this baptism, and the third person of the Godhead filled the disciples, in harmony with that promise. It was the descent of the Spirit to dwell Himself in the heart of each sincere child of God. As the Holy Spirit fills the individuals of the church with His glorious presence, that very act in a point of time makes the advent of the Holy Spirit a historical fact in Christian church history. We see then how the two advents are very closely related. The incarnation of Jesus Christ was a necessary preparation for the abiding indwelling of the Holy Spirit in



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the Christian and in the church.

The intimate, singular connection between Jesus and the Holy Spirit is further indicated by that pregnant word *paraclete*. This is a compound word that is used only five times in the Scriptures, four times of the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). and once of Jesus Christ (1 John 2:1), and translated *Advocate*. This word *paraclete* is formed from the preposition *para*, "by the side of," and the verb root *kaleo*, "to call." So the *paraclete* is the one who comes to our side as an Advocate to defend, to shield, to champion, and to comfort.

Jesus Himself is the first *paraclete*. He now functions as such in the true sanctuary of heaven. It was He who gave the promise: "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter." John 14:16. Jesus promises *another* comforter, using a word which means *one more, one of like kind*. This one more comforter like unto Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit, further designated in John as the "Spirit of truth." (John 14:17). In the work and mission of the Holy Spirit, who is the very Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9; Gal. 4:6), we have the communication of Jesus Christ Himself (Rom. 8:10; Gal. 2:20).

The Holy Spirit was made manifest in the Old Testament as the Spirit of God, for at no time in history has God left men orphans in the world. Now He is present in the spiritual church of men as the Spirit of Jesus Christ. The indwelling of the third person of the Godhead is the dynamic power in human flesh that works effectually for the eternal sal-

A PRAYER

WINIFRED ROTH

Dear Father, please help my mind to be clear and bright, I want to talk to a neighbour tonight.

He has asked me why I keep the seventh day And why I give Jesus one tenth of my pay.

I've thought of this person a long time now And I've wanted to talk to him, dear Lord, but how?

I'm not a good speaker, and I've never been bold, But somehow this story of Love must be told.

I've never gone out with my Bible before— Please give me the courage to knock on his door.

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vation of all those that believe and trust.

### A VITAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT

As a Christian I may have vital relationship with the Holy Spirit. I must be fully cognizant of that relation in spiritual matters in order that He may control me in a sanctified life. To enable me to understand that personal relation there are some four hundred references in the New Testament to the Holy Spirit. In a study of these texts the believer must at least understand and appreciate two fundamental truths, namely, the *baptism* of the Holy Spirit and the *infilling* of the Holy Spirit.

1. The *baptism* of the Holy Spirit occurs when the believer experiences justification and at that identical point of time when the sinner surrenders to Christ for personal salvation from sin.

2. The *infilling* of the Holy Spirit is a continuous process, seen in the moral activities of the believer's spiritual life. It is a vital part of the believer's daily sanctification and spiritual growth.

3. A person's *position* is effected by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Before faith came he was outside Christ, but now he is in Christ, justified, accepted. The Christian's *daily experience* is affected by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This is the Christian's sanctification in process and progress, a continuous day-by-day experience that moulds him more and more into the pattern of the perfect man in Jesus Christ. There can be

no eternal salvation without both these spiritual experiences.

4. The baptism effects, brings about, our status, our standing with God. The infilling affects, influences, our condition as Christians who are already in good standing with God, and are obeying His Word, living His truth.

5. The baptism of the Holy Spirit re-creates a man into Christ, making of him a Christian, the new man; it is truly the product of a spiritually creative act. The infilling of the Holy Spirit vitalizes the daily life of the man who is already a Christian; it is a process in the life of the accepted believer that does not terminate this side of eternity. Mrs. E. G. White shows the close connection between the baptism and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 49, 50.

### STUDY EXPERIENCE OF THE APOSTLES

The experience of the early believers is one of deep significance for us today. The Saviour was anxious that His disciples should receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. He knew that with His ascension He must leave His followers. They knew from personal experience that the only hope for the individual to live a victorious life was to remain near the person of Jesus. It must have

been a frightful shock to them to hear Him say that He was going away where they could not follow: "It is expedient for you that I go away." John 16:7. These words must have appealed to the disciples as a bewildering and disconcerting thing. They had been under His personal supervision and training. What better education could they get? To whom could they go if He left them? They would be hopelessly stranded without the Master's personal guidance and help.

The situation the believers then faced was illustrated for me on a visit to a South England seaside village. I saw a stretch of shore line, unsightly, quite displeasing to view, with nothing but mud on the beach. High and dry, resting on their sides were a number of pleasure boats, beautiful of outline, graceful in every contour. Should the owner of each yacht hoist sail and heave with all his strength the little vessel would not budge. If the anchor of each one, deeply embedded in the mud, were hauled abroad, still no purpose would be accomplished. What, then, was the remedy? It was plain to see as the forces set in motion by God came into play, and the tide, a veritable flood of waters, swept in. The sea overflowed the repulsive mud, and brought cleansing, life, and activity. Fully alive, and with grace in every movement, the little vessels came free from the encumbering mud, and floated upright on the broad waters, prepared to journey and work.

Such was the experience of the disciples. With Jesus absent, they could only visualize themselves as hopelessly stranded in all the detaining and restraining complexities of human life. They did not then realize the tremendous flood tide of pure energy that would sweep over them with the coming of the Holy Spirit, a tide that would cleanse, give power, vitalize, make fruitful in evangelizing effort, and give grace and beauty to Christian living.

Jesus was aware of the need of a new and stronger discipline for His believers. He knew that up to this point He had personally trained them for service. He had gently promoted and tenderly directed their spiritual development by teaching and visible

### THE SPIRIT'S POWER

MARGARET LOCKE

O sweet, mysterious Spirit of the Lord,

Come Thou with all Thy wondrous changing power,  
And fill me with devotion to Thy Word;

Prepare me for the awful judgment hour.

Cleanse me from inbred sin, teach me not to see

My brother's faults, but only those in me.

O gentle, loving Spirit of our God,  
Woo me anew, and woo again,  
nor cease;

If wooing fail, use Thou the chastening rod,  
But through it all impart to me Thy peace;

Impart Thy love, Thy grace, Thy Spirit's power

To stand each test in every trying hour.

example. He had always been with them in the flesh. With the departure of the Master they must have the braver compulsion when sight had given way to faith. This dauntless and more gallant discipline could only come by faith, scarcely by sight alone.

The disciples' experience with the Lord Jesus while He was with them in person may be illustrated by the little girl who wished to cross one of London's streets. Carefully instructed by her mother, she looked intently at each person waiting on the street corner, watching the lines of cabs, cars, and trucks streaming past. Then the little lady addressed one of the men, as she put her hand in his, and said, "Sir, will you please take me across the street?"

The man whom she addressed was John Winston Spencer Churchill, a prominent churchman, the seventh duke of Marlborough, descended from the Ley family, which had held the earldom of Marlborough since A.D. 1500. The duke liked to relate this incident as one of the happiest of his life, because a child, walking by sight, had seen in him that which inspired her confidence.

#### A NEW EXPERIENCE IN TRUST

With the ascension of Jesus to His Father, the disciples could not walk by physical sight, but must exercise faith and trust, supported by love. This can be better understood in the experience of the child, blind from birth, who had been so carefully cherished by her father. Not only was she blind, but her mother was dead. A visitor came to the home one day, and unthinkingly picked up the child and placed her on his shoulder. He was a stranger to her, but she showed no fear. In his anxiety her father asked her, "You aren't afraid, are you dear?" She replied, "No Daddy, I'm not afraid." He then said, "But you don't know who is holding you." To which she again replied, "No Daddy, but you do."

Here is an incident of brave discipline by faith and trust. And in a similar manner the disciples learned to walk by faith under the unseen hand of God. We have entered into the dispensation of the Holy Spirit after the disciples, and we too must walk by faith.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

### THE MOST EFFECTIVE AGENCIES

"The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 138.

#### Money versus Souls

"I have been shown that our publications should be printed in different languages and sent to every civilized country at any cost. What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls?"—*Life Sketches*, p. 214.

#### Literature in Every Direction.

"Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity."—*Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880.

#### Sell, Lend, or Give Away

"Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow."—*Id.*

#### Free Literature

"I have been shown that we were not doing our duty in the gratuitous circulation of small publications. There are many honest souls who might be brought to embrace the truth by this means alone. . . . These small tracts of four, eight, or sixteen pages, can be furnished for a trifle, from a fund raised by the donations of those who have the cause at heart."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, pp. 551, 552.

#### Secure Subscriptions

"We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscriptions for our periodicals."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 391.

#### Means to a Healthy Christian Experience

"Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand."—*The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 40.

How much free literature have you, dear reader, contributed to the Free Literature Fund? How much free literature now available have you distributed? Do you know that the Publishing House is making available in 1955 600,000 copies of *Truth for Our Times*? That means 2,400,000 pages of truth-filled literature. What, dear member, are you planning to do in 1955? Are you leaving the literature work to your

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**VICTORY THROUGH PRAYER**

PEIN GYI

**I**N THE Tenasserim area, where conditions are still rather unsettled, plans were made at the year-end meetings to launch out three efforts in the early part of this year. At present Pastor Ohn Bwint is holding an effort in the upper section of the field and Pastor E. C. Beck, with a group of workers, is holding a big tent effort in Moulmein. The interest in Moulmein is splendid and other Christian bodies are co-operating by rendering musical items and helping in other ways.

The third effort was conducted in Naungkaring village by Brethern Hla Baw, Mg Thein, and Shwe Hlaing. This effort went well for several weeks but had to be closed down because of the outbreak of small-pox in the village. However, our workers continued to teach the people and give Bible studies in their homes, as a result of which four persons got interested in the message and have accepted the truth and are looking forward to baptism at the time of the Tenasserim Annual Meeting.

Recently Brother Hla Baw came down to Moulmein and related the following interesting experience to Pastor Kalee Paw, the president of the Tenasserim Section. Brother Hla Baw said that among the people who were interested in our message was a lady from a heathen family who had never been inside a Christian church in her life. This lady with her husband had attended our meetings regularly for two weeks. One night during the third week, while she was in bed asleep, she suddenly felt a strong grip that twisted her so badly that she could hardly breathe. While she was struggling for breath her husband and others in the house woke up and saw to their surprise that her body was twisted and stiff.

This lady had been in good health all along and so they tried to

straighten her stiff body but without result. Since she had no fever they at once realized that it was the work of an evil spirit and so they immediately called the village witch doctor to their help but he, too, could give no relief. At last in their desperation they remembered the evangelist, Brother Hla Baw, who was holding an effort in the village and whom they had heard preaching about the true God.

Immediately they called our brother to come and help them out. He came with his Bible in his hand and told the people about the Sacred Book which contained the Word of Truth. He told them to believe in Jesus, who alone could bring healing. Then he asked the lady to hold the Bible while he offered prayer for her. As Brother Hla Baw prayed earnestly for healing slowly her body relaxed and she opened her eyes and breathed freely. When she came to herself she felt very tired at first but in a little while she got up and spoke as though nothing had happened to her.

Previously she had never had this kind of trouble and evidently the devil was trying to keep her from becoming a child of God. Her husband and her people invited Brother Hla Baw to stay with them for two days and so every evening he studied the Bible with them.

During the two days Brother Hla Baw was with them this lady could go about her usual work without any trouble. On the third night our brother was away conducting his meeting, and that night the devil tormented her worse than the first time and the people thought that she would die. The woman's mother ran to Brother Hla Baw for help and immediately he came with his Bible and placed it beside her and prayed earnestly. Again at the close of the prayer the stiff and twisted body began to relax and the poor lady was well again.

The family realized that the devil was tormenting this soul to prevent her from following the true God.

They also knew that the Word of God and prayer had power over the devil so they requested Brother Hla Baw to leave his Bible at the bedside of the woman so that the devil would not dare trouble her again. Brother Hla Baw complied with their request and left the Good Book with this family for several days. One day he happened to meet the mother and asked her how her daughter was getting along. "Well," she said, "it is wonderful. Since you left your Bible with us there is no more trouble. My daughter can go about her work daily as before and we believe that you have a powerful God and we want to follow and worship Him."

This family has not accepted the message yet, but the young lady has definitely made up her mind to join the Remnant Church and is now taking Bible studies.

We wish to be remembered in your prayers, so won't you pray that our workers will be consecrated and ready to demonstrate the Power of God and so win many to the Truth and finish the work quickly in this land of Burma.

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If two friends ask you to judge a dispute, don't accept, for you will lose a friend. If two strangers ask you to judge a dispute, accept—you will gain a friend.

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Stephen Leacock, the novelist, covers the ponderous subject of luck most admirably and completely in his single-line comment: "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."

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There isn't much chance of your dreams, coming true unless you stay wide awake.

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Happiness consists in activity. It is a running stream, not a stagnant pool.—JOHN MASON GOOD.

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Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food but not appetite; medicine, but not health; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not faithfulness; days of joy, but not peace or happiness.—HENRIK IBSEN.

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You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.—OLIVER GOLDSMITH.

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The full use of today is the best preparation for tomorrow.—CARL HOMES.

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**SOUTH INDIA UNION***President: E. L. Sorensen**Secretary: I. K. Moses**Treasurer: S. John (Acting)**Office Address: 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore***RALLY OUR YOUTH FOR A VICTORIOUS 1955**

O. S. MATTHEWS

1955 offers a splendid challenge to all youth leaders throughout this Division field. It is a time when MV leaders in the army of the Lord should send forth a Division-wide call to Seventh-day Adventist youth everywhere to rally and make every personal pursuit secondary to the work of the King of kings—every young person in his appointed place ready to do his duty.

In response to an earnest call during the last world war, mighty armies, throughout the world, were marshaled and equipped and they accomplished a momentous victory. To fail to give heed or to be indifferent to that call branded a person as a traitor to his country.

It is expected of the young men and women of this denomination that they stand firm and be loyal in this final crisis hour of earth's history. The clock of time is striking the zero hour in the great war against sin and the call must sound from every MV leader for a hundred per cent mobilization.

As wise leaders in the Lord's army you will need to give careful study to the situation which exists in your section of the field and plan for this service in such a way as to challenge and arouse every young person in your society.

Service Band and Devotional Activity leaders should be chosen well in advance and instructed as to the special service they are to render so that they will be ready as soon as the young people are mobilized.

This is truly a great day in the history of God's work in this land and it is a wonderful privilege to be a young person living in such times; it is a time of warfare between the carnal and spiritual natures, and organization and discipline are necessary for success.

Why is the church of the last days likened to an army? Because an army strikingly illustrates the power of organization and discipline. Throughout the history of the Christian Church there is evidence of carefully planned organization. When the church was established in the days of the Exodus—God gave Jethro detailed counsel concerning organization. In every instance the Scriptures show that organization can increase efficiency by five hundred per cent. In Leviticus 26:8 it is stated, "And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight."

Even Jesus, Himself, gave recognition to the ancient form of organization when He fed the vast multitudes. The good Dr. Luke records that the people were seated in groups of fifty while the Apostle Mark includes the fact that they sat down by hundreds. Thus it is that the Scriptures teach

the vital importance of organization for successful service.

We must fight the battle of the Lord with the same form of organization and degree of discipline that marked the conquest of the then-known world by the early Christian Church. God's church today bears a striking similarity in organization to the ancient church of God. The Spirit of prophecy makes plain the need for a definite organization, "God is a God of order, everything connected with heaven is in perfect order. Subjection and hallowed discipline marks the government of the angelic host. Success can only attend order and harmonious action." —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 376.

In harmony with the council given should we not then as young people's leaders and young people press forward and see that all are actively engaged in organized missionary work? Everyone who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of evangelism. Everyone should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare.

Let every youth leader and church officer, in this great youth movement, endeavour to make 1955 the greatest year in missionary endeavour and soul winning for our young people.

**GO FORWARD**

W. L. BARCLAY

"AND THE Lord said, . . . Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Exodus 14:15. This command of the Lord has been the keynote of every successful venture by God's children throughout the ages. It is a challenge to the faith of every believer, and that faith is justified by the results when we go forward with God.

We believe that it is the desire of every Seventh-day Adventist in Southern Asia to go forward with God to finish His work in a very short time. Our recent itinerary with Elder E. B. Hare has convinced us that our people are anxious to learn new ways, and use every means, to finish the work. This can only be done by going forward.

Elder Hare showed us many ways in which we can go forward, especially in the field of Child Evangelism. "Obedient Blocks," "Rainbows," "Family groups," "Newspaper Cut-outs," "Shadow-graphs," illustrated songs, flannelgraph ideas, and action songs, were only some of the many ways that were taught to help us to reach our own children with the message that Christ died for them and thus help them to reach a decision to give their hearts to Him.

In the class-room each day simple lessons in psychology and the art of teaching were presented. Methods of story-telling were demonstrated and illustrated. The art of using attention devices was emphasized. Much of the time each day was spent in workshops

where the delegates learned how to make devices which they could use to catch and hold the interest of the children. It was a wonderful inspiration to see men and women who had never made a device before, begin to make things they had never before seen. And when they had made the first device all by themselves and found that it worked, the expression of joy and accomplishment on their faces was something to behold. We could see them go forward with confidence to the next device and make it successfully, and by the time the workshops were over four days later the delegates, whether from city or country church, whether college graduate or illiterate farmer, had a new look in their eye and were ready to go home with the realization that they had made, and could continue to make from material that could be found in any town in India, devices and illustrations that would make them better teachers.

Elder Hare, Mrs. Barclay and the writer had the privilege of working together in six workshops in West Pakistan, Northeast India, East Pakistan, Burma and Northwest India, and Elder Hare and the writer with Mrs. R. H. Broderson and Elder R. H. Broderson worked together in four more workshops in Ceylon and South India, making a total of ten workshops altogether in this field.

When the workshops were finished we were all convinced that God had been leading us all the way, and that a new day had dawned in Sabbath School Evangelism in Southern Asia. We saw workers and delegates get a new light in their eyes as they saw the possibilities that were before them through Sabbath School Evangelism and we were convinced that our Sabbath schools would go forward to finish their appointed task under the leadership of God.

We are deeply indebted to our Union and Local Mission committees, presidents and Sabbath School department leaders for their splendid cooperation in making it possible to have the workshops. We are grateful to the schools and academies for their co-operation in making dormitories and class-rooms available to us. And above all, we are grateful to those who sacrificed the comforts of home to travel with us, often

under adverse circumstances, and who spent weeks and months preparing the lessons and material that was presented in class-room and workshop. And last, but not least, we are grateful to the General Conference for making available to us the services of Elder Eric B. Hare whose valuable experience in Sabbath school work enabled him to bring to us these new ideas and devices that will help the Sabbath schools in Southern Asia to go forward to finish the work.

We regret that it was not possible for all Sabbath school teachers to attend these workshops, but we know that the good work that has now begun will be continued and that workshops of a local nature will be carried on by the Union and local Sabbath school secretaries so that others can learn how to make and use the various devices that will help our children. And we know that the Union and local missions will help by providing funds and material to help the Sabbath schools go forward.

## NEWS FROM

# THE WORLD FIELD

## LAYMEN AT WORK IN THE INCA UNION MISSION

R. A. HAYDEN

AR in the north of Peru lives Victor Campusano, a barber by trade, and a faithful layman. One day he heard that in the little town of Tumbes near the Ecuadorian border there was a small group of interested people who had learned of the Sabbath truth through reading our books. He also heard that in that town an evangelist from another church was doing all in his power to convince these people that they were deeply in error about the Sabbath. That was enough for Brother Campusano. He talked the matter over with his wife, and they decided to move to Tumbes. He got in touch with this group, instructed them in the truths of the message, and today there is a Sabbath school of sixty-two alert and active members.

Last year from the virgin territory of Jaen, Julia Mondragon journeyed many miles to the coast, part of the distance on foot, to be baptized. She had been won to the truth by an isolated lay member. After her baptism she returned to her country to win souls for the Master, who was so precious to her. The Lord greatly blessed the efforts of this sister, and when the pastors visited her this year she brought them to her Sabbath school where forty members were in attendance, twelve of whom

were preparing for baptism. She wants to do even more for her Lord. The last report from her district was that she now has seven branch Sabbath schools under her care.

Major Montoya is an important official in the army of his country. He also belongs to the army of the Lord, having been baptized just a few months ago. His contact with Adventists dates back to the day a layman signed him up for study in the radio Bible school. Along with other duties at this present time he is in charge of special moral instruction in his battalion, and he gives two periods of instruction every week using the same lessons that converted him to this message. Many soldiers will have the opportunity of following Christ through the testimony of this conscientious layman.

Anita Ramos is a young woman taking the nurses' course at the British-American Hospital in Lima. At the same time she studies the radio school Bible lessons. She was brought up in an Adventist home and knows our doctrines, but she is studying with the hope that others might inquire and become interested. Her plan has worked. Three other nurses became interested and asked for the course.

Before long the supervisor called Anita and asked why she was proselyting in the hospital. Anita explained that she was studying a very interesting Bible course and that

these nurses asked to be registered in the same course. But she was told that she could not continue this in that hospital, and all the lessons were burned. The three girls' interest was not destroyed, however. They sent their home addresses to the Voice of Prophecy Radio School so that the precious lessons might still reach them. Each week, on their day off, they joyfully open their envelopes and dig deeply into their Bibles, and before they go back to the hospital every question has been answered and a note of appreciation added.

At another hospital in this same city, Mario Wiederman, one of our young men, holds a responsible position. He has enrolled all the nurses in Bible courses, and as many as possible listen to the programme on the Voice of Prophecy as it comes over the radio in one of the nurses' rooms. We pray that God will give us a good harvest of nurses for this needy field.

### GOD STAYS PLAGUE FOR FAITHFUL TITHE-PAYERS

A. Z. RODA, *President, Southern Mindanao Mission*

THE people of Southern Mindanao, Philippines, are today passing through a painful travail of famine and want. The Philippine Government recently was prompted to send several million pesos for relief. The social welfare is pouring out food and clothing in order to encourage the people to remain where they are. But suffering and misery persist, and the exodus to seek relief elsewhere continues. This untold suffering is the aftermath of three consecutive years of devastation of rice fields at harvest season which was wrought by millions of rats. The government is doing what it can to help the people fight these rodents by every conceivable means, but the plague continues.

The agony of the people is great; for today the fields are all golden grain, with the promise of a rich harvest tomorrow, when suddenly they are laid waste in one night!

#### A BEAUTIFUL PAGE OF THE STORY

But herein comes a beautiful page of the story—an Adventist story. Many people today are wondering

## THE HEALTH MESSAGE ON THE AIR

C. R. BONNEY

IN THE British Union Conference we are peculiarly situated with regard to our preaching the message over the air. There are no commercial stations in our territory, so the only way to broadcast any radio programmes is to buy time from Radio Luxembourg, a powerful station, situated on the other side of the Low Countries of Europe.

It will be recognized that such a situation is not very inviting for aggressive radio work. Fortunately this station caters to the various countries of Europe at certain times of the day. The programmes in English are on the air from 6 p. m. until midnight. The only time available for religious broadcasts is at eleven each night. The British Voice of Prophecy programme can be heard each Friday at this time.

In spite of all these problems, the growing interest and the number of letters received from listeners have passed our expectations. We have already received in the first nine months of 1954, 2,400 applications for the lessons we are offering.

Such a rapid growth in the number of letters received from listeners is undoubtedly due to the monthly health talks given by Dr. C. R. Anderson. The first Friday of each month is allotted to this health programme.

The two reasons for broadcasting these health programmes were to make our broadcasts more popular and to introduce our health course that we hoped would lead to taking the Bible course. We know that the popularity of our programme has grown, and to our surprise almost ninety per cent of those who are finishing the health course are asking for the Bible course.

why the Adventist farms are left unmolested. Why is it that there seems to be a demarcation line between the Adventists and the suffering public? There seems to be an Unseen Hand that stays these destroyers when they come near the Adventist farms. They ask them what their talisman is.

A certain brother in Patindeguen, Midsayap, Cotabato, was having an unusually rich harvest, while all about him was complete devastation. The neighbours no longer could hold their peace, and so they asked our brother his secret. Being a good lay preacher, our good brother gave them a real Adventist study on the joy of tithe-paying and the fruits that accrue. And his text was one we all know—Malachi 3:8-10, "Bring ye all the tithes . . . and prove Me now. . . . And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes."

And because they see with their very eyes the evidence the people say, "The Adventists are the people

of God." As a by-product of our brother's faithfulness and testimony, there is today a goodly group nearby preparing for baptism and church membership.

#### "PASTOR, THE PLAGUE WAS STAYED"

Recently word was received from one of our people from the devastated areas, his testimony ringing with delight: "Pastor, I am happy to pass on the good news that though the farms all around me have suffered totally from the scourge of rats, the plague was stayed, and my farm was untouched and unmolested."

Pastor Loreto Duriquez writes: "The curse is proving a great blessing to many of our people, for God is fulfilling His promise of deliverance to those who are faithful in tithe-paying."

Surely, though the plague is seemingly a curse, it has brought un-

measured blessings upon our people and fortitude to their souls through their rich experiences of deliverance. And they have become living witnesses to an unbelieving world. Let us join the great army of faithful stewards the world around, marching triumphantly toward the goal of finishing the work of God.—*Review and Herald*.

## A PAGE FROM A COLPORTEUR'S DIARY

S. L. CLARK

**G**EORGE C. Peterson was the top man in colporteur sales in the Atlantic Union for 1953. His territory is in northern Maine, and during the past year his deliveries amounted to over thirteen thousand dollars. The following experience is typical of the good work that he is doing:

"I felt impressed to work a small town with a population of five hundred, even though it was a little farther away from our trailer home than I usually go. The Lord blessed with some soul-stirring experiences. In four days of canvassing, the Spirit of God impressed these folks to order 110 clothbound *Bedtime Stories*, 21 *Children's Hour*, 16 *Drama of the Ages*, 1 *The Desire of Ages*, 1 *Bible Readings*, 1 medical book, a few *Crisis Books*, and a Bible. I also enrolled people in the Bible course and had an opportunity to pray in all these homes.

### MINISTER'S WIFE FRIENDLY

"As I considered the blessings that had come to me I felt I should see the minister in this little town. He lived just outside the village so I hadn't met him. When I called I found only his wife at home. She said her husband was looking for me, and that they had heard a lot about me, especially in the prayer meeting the night before. She said all the people were talking about our books and the visits.

"Early the next morning I made a special trip back to see the minister. He gave me a warm reception, and we began to visit as I showed the books. He ordered a set of *Bedtime Stories*, a set of *Children's Hour*, a *Bible Readings*, and six *Steps to Christ*, totalling fifty-four dollars. Then he expressed his great apprecia-

tion for the privilege of having these books. He said he would like to consider doing the work that I was doing, because he felt it afforded greater opportunities for soul winning than did the position he had. After visiting about two hours I prepared to leave and invited him to offer prayer. He prayed for this great publishing company and for me, that I would not become discouraged, and then he thanked the Lord for the writings of Sister White. He also prayed for an Adventist he had met over in Japan who was such a great influence for Christianity. Perhaps he had met a soldier over there who was responsible for sowing the first seed of truth. Praise the Lord for the faithfulness of the believers.

"Surely we can be thankful for praying brothers and sisters, and that there were receptive hearts in this village. The Lord spoke nineteen hundred years ago about the fields being white, ready to harvest. This is our hour; what a grand and glorious day!"—*Review and Herald*.



**O**UT of David's trials and disappointments came "a new song," which God put in his mouth (Ps. 40:3). The shepherd king learned the "words" of this song while passing through "the miry clay," in "an horrible pit." Troubled by long delays in the fulfilment of God's promises, he prayed for understanding and patience, and the Lord inclined His ear and heard his cry. Out of trying ordeal, sweet trust and confidence came to David's heart.

In all the ages of the church the great lessons of trust and obedience have been learned in the midst of troubles—without and within. Human nature finds great difficulty in distinguishing clearly between the world's way and God's way. Not until affliction and sorrow have levelled

human pride and unbelief has the church fully seen the weak and beggarly elements as they really are—refuse and dross. The preciousness of truth, the appropriateness of right doing, the overflowing blessings of the Lord—these, strangely, are seen best when the eyes are filled with tears and the mind weary and distressed by the conflicts of life.

But "the new song" of triumph is not for those to sing who merely see and understand. It is for those who see, who understand, and who *do* the will of God. It is a song of experience, like the song of Moses and the Lamb, which the 144,000 will sing on the sea of glass mingled with fire. This fire does not consume the glass and is therefore a fitting symbol of the fiery test that purifies but does not consume the church of Christ.

Does the discipline of life seem stern and hard to you, brother, sister? Do not be discouraged, but learn the "new song." With new courage the psalmist could sing, "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust." Ps. 40:4. That may be your song, too.—*Review and Herald*.

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## Miscellany

● DOCTOR and Mrs. Bazliel arrived back in Southern Asia on February 7, and after visiting in Poona, they left for Simla via Delhi. They spent some time en route from the States visiting in Rome and Palestine. Doctor Bazliel is already working on plans for opening the hospital in Simla as soon as the summer season begins.

● PASTOR O. O. Mattison will be away from the Division office until March 7 as he is attending meetings at Dacca, Mymensing, and Chittagong in East Pakistan. He will also assist the workers with their Uplift in East Pakistan for two weeks.

● PASTOR D. S. Johnson and Doctor J. B. Oliver will attend the Christian Medical College board meeting at Vellore, on February 25. During his visit to South India, Pastor Johnson will also attend a committee meeting at Bangalore, and will visit Madras and Nuzvid on his return to Poona via Secunderabad. This will be his first visit to South India since returning from furlough.

● WE ARE happy to report the arrival in Southern Asia of Mrs. D. S. Johnson and the three children, Danetta, George, and Stemple, also Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. George W. Cavin, who is eighty-one years old.

● DR. G. A. Nelson writes of the growing influence of the hospital in Karachi. There has been an increased patronage of government and business people of Pakistan, as well as representatives of foreign governments who are located there.

● THE Spring Week of Prayer opened at Spicer Memorial College on February 4 at the vesper hour. Pastor E. R. Reynolds from Karachi led out in these meetings. A healthy participation on the part of the staff and students was reported by Pastor Reynolds as he left for Karachi on the thirteenth. Pastor Reynolds' excellent help and counsel all during the week was much appreciated by the college group.

● PASTOR C. B. Israel is spending two weeks with Pastor M. D. Moses in the interests of the Uplift

and Calendar Reform work, part of the time in Nagpur.

● PASTOR W. L. Barclay is busy making preparations for the Home Missionary Secretaries' Council which will be held in Poona from March 16-18 inclusive.

● REPORTS are coming in that the Northwest and South India Unions are busy in their Uplift programme, and we are anxious to hear



### MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR I. SUBUSHANAM from Lakkavaram received his education in Adventist schools and was graduated in 1939 as a theological student from Spicer Missionary College, Krishnarajapuram. He then went to Karmatar to be a teacher in our High School. In 1940 he was called to head up the Telugu work in Rangoon, Burma. While there he assisted Pastor A. E. Rawson in a city English effort where he learnt to love public evangelistic work. After the Japanese raid in Rangoon, he was evacuated to India and was posted as an evangelist in the Telugu Mission. As an evangelist he opened the work in Bobbili and assisted in the Rajahmundry and Ellore efforts. In 1947 he was called to lead out in literature evangelism for the North and South Telugu Missions. During this time "Margadarsi," our Telugu health magazine, was launched. Then Brother Subushanam was again drafted into public evangelism and worked with Pastor E. L. Sorensen at Vishakapatnam. At the time of the 1952 Telugu Mission Constituency meeting, he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and was made the Sabbath School and Home Missionary departmental secretary for the local mission. By June of the same year he was appointed president of the North Telugu Mission. Pastor Subushanam's chief interest is evangelism and he has been connected with several successful campaigns. God has blessed him especially in his recent campaign in Vijayawada.



the final results of their campaigns. We wish them God's blessing.

● THE Division Sabbath School department, with the co-operation of the Voice of Prophecy, is preparing two-to-seven minute tape recordings to be used by our churches in America for promoting the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow which will come to Southern Asia in the second quarter of 1955. We appeal to all overseas workers to write to their friends at the home churches, passing on interesting stories and items that would appeal to our people.

● PASTER J. F. Ashlock reports that recent Missionary Volunteer investitures are indicative of the keen interest being taken in progressive classes sponsored throughout the Division. In Madras, over thirty were invested, among them two Master Guides. Of the eighty-seven invested at Nuzvid on January 22, eleven were Master Guides, bringing the total number of Master Guides at Nuzvid to forty-six. Eighty were invested at Narsapur in an impressive service at the close of a very successful Week of Prayer. The Junior Missionary Volunteer societies of the two church schools in Salisbury Park presented over sixty-five to be invested on February 4. After completing the Week of Prayer at Raymond Memorial Training School, Pastor Ashlock will conduct an investiture service at Surat.

—D. S. J.

### AT REST

ASPREY—A cable from Mrs. Nora Martinz brings the sad news that her mother, Mrs. T. W. Asprey, passed to her rest on January 27, 1955. Brother and Sister Asprey were faithful workers among our English churches from 1914 to 1934, when Brother Asprey passed away. Sister Asprey then made her home with her children, and later went with her daughter, Mrs. Nora Martinz, to Taping, Malay States, whose husband was in government employment. Here she was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.—O. O. Mattison.