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GROWTH of the CHURCH from

WITHIN

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IN THE prophecy of Balaam, who I would have prophesied against the children of God had he been permitted to do so, Israel was likened to valleys that stretch afar, to gardens along the river bank, to lign aloe trees planted by the Lord, and to cedar trees beside the waters. (Numbers 24:6.) This fourfold picture is what God would have His church to be. He delights in His church and desires to see it spread afar like beautiful rich valleys. A valley rich in pasture, grain, and fruitful vines and trees is a beautiful sight to behold from a high mountain. I always think of this text as I look out over the vale of Kashmir from the height of Banihal Pass at the top of the mountains. The view is so beautiful it is hard to pull oneself back to reality and go on down into the valley.

The Divine Commission given to the church is to go into all the world, bringing life and spiritual bounties to its millions of inhabitants. God would not only have the church be bountiful in spiritual things, but He also desires that it be spiritually beautiful like a garden beside a river. Nothing is more restful than to stroll in the cool of the day through a lovely garden which is watered from a nearby flowing stream. All

seems at peace with the world. Worries and cares are forgotten and we feel drawn closer to the great Creator of it all. In such surroundings God will impart a restful and inspiring experience if we will but relax in His presence and in His created beauty. This also He would have us impart to the church and to the wayfarer.

The third portion of the picture is no less appealing—like lign aloes planted by the Lord. The lign aloe is a large, beautiful tree, and was renowned in Bible times for its soul-

inspiring fragrance. The fragrance came from the heart of the wood and not from its foliage or flowers. Before the fragrance could be obtained all the bark and soft wood had to be peeled away to the very heart of the tree. This portion was most highly valued and sought after by the kings and rich men of the earth. How beautifully this represents the true value of the church of God. It is not its size or its outward beauty that counts as much as the inner fragrance of its spiritual experience. It is the depth of Biblical knowledge and true character of God's church that is so much admired and valued by God, by angels, and by men.

The fourth comparison in this picture is the stately cedar of Lebanon, a sturdy, beautiful tree with far-reaching branches. Its wood is durable enough to withstand the varying vicissitudes of weather, the numerous diseases common to trees, and drought. Its wood can be depended upon and for this reason Solomon chose the cedar above all other kinds of timber for the House of God. Balaam in his poetry places it beside the river, but its common habitat is not where life is easy but out on the rugged mountain where it has to withstand the cold, the storm, and the drought.



This is the strength God is looking for in His church. He desires it to spread out like a valley. He wants it to be beautiful like a garden. He desires it to be spirit-filled like the fragrance of the lign aloe. But above all He desires, and expects, the strength of the cedar in His church. This strength does not come from beautiful foliage which is easily seen, but it comes from the strength that has been built into it over the years of trial and spiritual development.

We rejoice to see the church spread from district to district, from city to city, and from country to country. But we should pause occasionally and examine the true strength and growth of the church to make sure it can endure. I thank God for new companies that are being raised up each year through our faithful evangelists. We wish there were more. But I would ask you who are pastors if God, who looks upon the heart, should pull aside the foliage of your church and closely examine the timber of your church tree, would He find a strong church, well grounded on Truth and able to withstand the temptations and trials which are soon to break upon it?

Let us never draw in our out-reach for the lost, but as we by faith spread like lovely valleys let us also make sure that what we establish has enduring qualities and the element of growth built into it. Whether it is by a stream of living water or out on the rugged mountain side, let us ask ourselves the following questions: Will my church not only endure but continue to grow like the stately cedar? If financial nourishment from without should for some reason be cut off, will the inner strength of my church endure and continue to grow? Is my church strong enough to carry on a good spiritual service in case I should be ill or away for a time? If you cannot answer these questions in the affirmative, you are not strengthening and fortifying your church as you should.

Pastors, definitely plan and work for your church so that the members will grow strong spiritually and will be making that preparation necessary for translation when Jesus returns. Just as a tree grows taller, thicker, and stronger each year of its life, so your church should grow in numbers and in financial strength.

Will your church be able to stand on its own well-grounded roots and also be able to reach out and give strength and support to smaller and newer churches? Think on these things, and prove to the Lord through

your ministry and leadership of your church that you are a good husband-man. Make sure that your church is truly growing inwardly, which is the only real growth that will count in the end.

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WEST PAKISTAN MV CAMP

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IT WAS early October and West Pakistan's first M. V. Camp was scheduled to commence on the 21st of the month. With road and rail services disrupted because of the floods and mail and telegraphic communication impossible, to plan for a camp seemed out of the question. The question of how this or that village had fared and whether the homes of our people in these villages had survived or not loomed large in our thinking. With the passage of the days and the restoration of limited communication and transportation, the answer came from one section after another. Each bit of news brought the same encouraging report. There had been no loss of life to our people. Crop damage there *had* been, but the workers and believers with their families were all safe.

It was impossible to start the Camp on the 21st, but we were sure we could make it by the 24th. Every-

body worked and all arrangements were made. Plans were disrupted to the extent that we had no Division help and some in the Union were absent whom we had hoped would attend.

Late on the night of the 24th the shrill whistle of the little chain drive engine of very ancient make announced its arrival as it pushed a "brake" loaded to the full with girls, and pulled two flat cars full of boys, bedding and boxes. There was great excitement as everything was unscrambled, but as the first quarter moon sank below the horizon, quiet again slowly settled over the campground.

The sun rose in a clear sky as the camp awoke to activity. The cooks had been at work for some time preparing "chapaties" in the two large mud ovens and other substantial food over the open fires for the more than 200 who would soon be ready for breakfast. There was a little confusion that first morning but soon all learned their places and Morning Watch, Prayer Bands, and Flag raising moved forward smoothly.

All seemed to be ravenous when the call to breakfast came and this was only an indication of what was coming at the meals to follow as the camp activities in the open air whetted still more the appetites of these young people. This gave Mrs. Fouts, our efficient camp matron, plenty to do and much satisfaction as she saw all the food eaten so readily.

We were fortunate in that we had good help on our staff. Pastor C. H. Hamel spent most of the camp time with us and Dr. Carrie Robbins was our camp doctor. The Sherwins from Rawalpindi were with us, and Mrs. Sherwin was our camp nurse. Brother and Sister H. C. Alexander of the

THEY ARE WISE

Inez Clark Thorson

Tomorrow is an artful word that proves
To be a stumbling block in paths of men—
Tomorrow is the day on which they mean
To seek the magic "Land of Start Again."

Yet they are wise who do not wait until
Tomorrow's sun shall rise and shed its ray,
But with a song of faith they journey forth
To seek the "Land of Start Again" today!

Chuharkana school did much to make the camp a success.

The inspection after breakfast was always a time of interest. With such a good group of inspectors and the co-operation of all, the camp was kept clean and orderly. The demerits for failure to come up to the standard in personal and tent cleanliness and order were very few. Each day so many units were tied for top honours that only unit captains could be called on as "colour guard." Much interest was shown in the first aid classes as well as the rope work. Many found that to put the knots to a practical use and to tie the correct knot for a specific use was very different from tying them with a short practice rope. The contests on the last day of the camp showed plainly that much progress had been made.

Such special features as the boat ride across the river were greatly enjoyed by all. It took three of the large boats to accommodate the whole group. As we returned after sunset with the moon reflected on the water, the songs of the MV's drifted over a very peaceful scene. Each day closed with singing, stories, and a devotional talk around the camp fire.

The water in the river was much higher than had been expected at that time of the year and it was with some difficulty that a suitable place was found for the baptism that was planned for Sabbath. It was about half a mile below the weir on the left bank of the river. A large rock-work spur had been built to keep the river in its channel. On the sloping sides of this spur the group sat and sang while Pastor Alexander, principal of Chuharkana School baptized eight of the students. After the baptism we sat for some time in that peaceful spot and sang English and Urdu songs, returning to the camp site in time for vespers and the flag lowering.

We were happy to have Elder D. A. McAdams and Elder J. W. Nixon present for the Sunday evening camp fire gathering. These men talked to the group as we sat around a blazing camp fire with the moon casting a silver light over the scene.

The camp fire programme was closed earlier than usual that last night for all were to be called at

three a.m. to be ready to start the journey home. The ancient Iron Horse shrilly whistled about four o'clock in the morning and the "brake" was loaded with bedding and boxes preparatory to starting for the railway station three miles away. Soon the place was quiet. All were gone but

the handful who had remained to take down the camp.

It is our prayer that the knowledge gained at the camp and the counsel and light given may bear fruit in the service of God in this world and at last in that great MV Camp of all nations.

EXPANSION AND PROGRESS IN KARACHI

DUANE S. JOHNSON

THE week-end of November twelve will long be remembered by our church members and people in Karachi. Pastor and Mrs. O. O. Mattison and Pastor M. E. Kemmerer had arrived from the Division office on Friday. Dr. and Mrs. Flaiz, enroute to the Far Eastern Division had also arrived the same day.

The religious services of the week-end were beamed to the youth of whom there are many in the Karachi church. Pastor M. G. Champion was on hand from the Union M. V. Department to lead out in these plans, which had been laid by Pastor E. R. Reynolds.

Lively song services, interesting nature stories, and special music were features of the meetings. Then on Sabbath morning Pastor O. O. Mattison brought a special challenge to the church from the life of the Apostle Paul. Paul's success as a preacher, it was pointed out, was due to his devotion to Jesus Christ. Two hundred members and friends crowded the church for this special Sabbath service. A great blessing was received.

The missionary volunteers climaxed their activities on the fifteenth with nature study and recreation at the beach, gathering seashells and swimming. Then in the evening Pastor Champion and Pastor Reynolds invested those ready to receive their insignia.

November fifteen and sixteen were devoted to Hospital Board meetings. For three years the negotiations for the purchase of the property adjoin-

ing the hospital have been carried on. The owner of the property has been willing to sell it, and a price has been fixed, but a government agency occupying it has been unable to find alternate accommodation. This constitutes the real problem. As a result of representations made to several government officers, it is now quite certain the agency will soon be moved thus giving vacant possession of the building on the property and opening the way to complete the purchase.

But the board did not feel they should wait for this to materialize. An action was taken authorizing the hospital administration to plan to accept the first class for nurses training in the summer of 1956. This will be difficult, but possible in present quarters. Then as soon as the adjacent property is obtained, an extension to the hospital will be constructed, and additional staff quarters erected. These staff quarters are a positive necessity as the institution is now spending Rs. 20,000/- annually on rents which it was felt should be invested in our own buildings.

The addition to the hospital will provide from 50 to 75 additional beds for patients from the poorer classes. These will be greatly appreciated by the people of the city. It will also help to meet government requirements for the nurses' training school.

Just four years ago last month the Seventh-day Adventist hospital was opened by Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, wife of the Prime Minister who had been assassinated two days earlier. A telephone call by her from her

home declared the hospital open. A brave message from this bereaved leader encouraged the workers to press forward in the work.

A great need has been filled. During the first ten months of 1955 Rs. 1,37,000/- from hospital funds went into the care of charity cases. The records indicate that many clinics run to 150 patients daily. The surgical work done at the hospital is well known. Several European patients visited in the wards had chosen to remain in our hospital for care rather than return to England or Europe. Wealthy Pakistanis who often go overseas for health reasons appreciate finding efficient medical workers right there to meet their needs. The poor have not been forgotten, and a larger number have received outpatient care, and where necessary have been hospitalized.

It is gratifying to see the staff of the hospital forming to render the greatest possible service. Because of necessity, the hospital was opened with a heterogeneous staff, but gradually this has been remedied. A fine spirit of co-operation prevails.

On the sixteenth morning the staff

welcomed the arrival of nurse Ellen Carter from America. She was born in Northern India. Now she returns to duty there, and this welcome was a happy one. It was also a pleasure to meet Miss Beverly Bunnell again, who had recently returned from furlough.

As we met there in counsel the leaders in the institution expressed their concern over the work of soul-saving. The busy medical staff, with the help of Pastor Reynolds, are giving attention to this most important phase of the work.

Mrs. White wrote of our sanitariums and hospitals thus: "They are to be so conducted that a decided impression in favour of the truth will be made on the minds of those who come to them for treatment, the conduct of the workers, from the head manager to the worker occupying the humblest position, is to tell on the side of truth, the institution is to be pervaded by a spiritual atmosphere. We have a warning message to bear to the world, and our earnestness, our devotion to God's service, is to impress those who come to our sanitariums."—*Counsels on Health*, pp. 272, 273.

the day's work. Many who were present were amazed at the amount of work handled by the Voice of Prophecy in a single day.

Next we touched on the filing and use of contact cards. As the name implies, it is a veritable record of the contact maintained between the school and the student. The ultimate saving of a soul is dependent on the faithful follow-up work which is the sacred duty of every Voice of Prophecy employee. It has been estimated that, provided steady contact is maintained throughout, one out of every ten enrollees in the Voice of Prophecy becomes a baptized member of the Remnant Church. This is a good percentage under the circumstances. Every worker was reminded of the text "A good report maketh the bones fat" and was encouraged to report faithfully on every contact made.

Follow-up work to be successful must be sustained, and a certain procedure is necessary to obviate any likelihood of failure. For instance, it is the worker's duty to go through the files, select the names of those living in distant places, make appointments for visits, and finally clinch the contacts.

Another interesting discussion was conducted on the subject of—How to co-ordinate the work of the Voice of Prophecy with that of the evangelist. This is where the Voice of Prophecy and the evangelistic field unite in assisting the student to make his or her decision for the Lord. There are cases of students who, on completion of the Bible lessons and before they have had an opportunity of meeting a worker, attend an evangelistic effort and there make their request for baptism. Such students would then be under the special care of the pastor whose duty it is to indoctrinate them further into the truth and to prepare them for baptism. Cases like this prove that a new day has dawned, and that whereas in the past it has been our responsibility to interest people in Bible studies, they are now seeking instruction of their own accord.

The radio broadcasts were another aspect of the work briefly touched upon. When one considers that sound travels around the world $7\frac{1}{2}$ times per second, it is not so amazing to

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A UNIQUE INSTITUTE IN NORTH MAHARASHTRA

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A VOICE of Prophecy Institute was held at Lasalgaon from October 20 to 22, 1955. About twenty-five workers from that section of the Bombay State were in attendance, together with President Appel, the treasurer, and the Sabbath School and Home Missionary secretaries of that Union.

Pastor William Moses, Voice of Prophecy secretary, made comfortable arrangements, and the principal and staff of the High School at Lasalgaon were extremely attentive and made each one feel absolutely at home.

We had a full programme every day, commencing from 8 a.m. and

lasting till 8.30 p.m., with two breaks for lunch and supper.

From beginning to end every phase of this unique Institute was a success. It may also be termed a Ministerial Institute, for some of the counsel given was along those lines. Methods of approach were explained to the colporteurs in attendance, and in that respect it could also be called a Colporteurs' Institute. Some of the discussions pertained to the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments as well.

On this particular occasion, after the usual morning devotions there followed interesting discussions on the importance of the Voice of Prophecy. It was explained to the workers how the Bible School functions and the necessity for each employee to keep a strict account of

ABOVE THE CLOUDS

Weldon Taylor Hammond



Above the clouds the sun is ever shining,
And sunbeams vie to make the heavens glow.
The eagle soars aloft on wings reclining
While tempest rages violently below.
She knows her place of rest above the thunder,
For eagles' wings are taught of God to rise
Above the clouds to feel the glorious wonder
Of everlasting calm amid the skies.

So may it be with you and ev'ry other,
As storms of trial and sorrow weave their shrouds.
There is a place of refuge, sister, brother:
You'll find it as you rise above the clouds.
Above the clouds, I mean, of earth's repining,
The child of faith may rise on eagle's wings
To find the Sun of Righteousness e'er shining,
And peace transcending all these earthly things!

record the response of a listener from distant Alaska who writes to say that amid the stillness and snow of this bleak region he tunes in faithfully on Sundays to the only religious broadcast he has ever heard. Time alone will reveal the far-reaching effects of the English and vernacular broadcasts over Radio Ceylon.

Interspersed between the main meetings were the very interesting and helpful round table discussions during which every worker had an opportunity of presenting his particular problem, and of having the benefit of the experience and advice of other workers. Here experiences were related and views exchanged—all to the betterment of the work in general.

During the last day of this great feast the twenty-five workers present pledged themselves to enrol 6,300 men and women in the new Marathi School in the course of the next four months. In addition to this, individual church enrolment goals were also set. It is for the lay members to imbibe this spirit and accept the challenge that the Marathi field throws out. It is estimated that there are forty million Marathi-speaking people in the confines of the Bombay State Section to whom this message is to be made known. This is no mean task

and one in which an even closer partnership with God is indicated if we are to achieve anything like success.

In the short distance it has traversed so far, the Marathi Bible School has functioned creditably, the daily enrolment figure being one hundred. This goal can be maintained if the Marathi school workers, with the co-operation of those labouring in that field, play their part in service to the people. May the Lord help us to accept the challenge and go forward in His name to "bring them in from the fields of sin" by presenting to them the plain, practical, and positive truths of the Bible.

SOUTH MAHARASHTRA VOP INSTITUTE

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TWENTY-FIVE people including teachers, evangelists and Voice of Prophecy leaders met on October 27 at a Voice of Prophecy Institute held for the benefit of workers in the South Marathi field of the Bombay State Section.

Drawn from villages and cities to the campus of the Hatkanagale Training School, the delegates evinced a unified desire to better equip them-

selves spiritually and mentally to promote the new Marathi V. O. P. School, so that in the faithful follow-up of established interests a rich harvest of souls may be reaped.

Throughout the three days we were gathered there, a wonderful spirit of co-operation prevailed among the delegates, and the deep spiritual tone of the meetings solemnized the instruction and suggestions offered. As we realize the great problem we face in the Bombay State and the burden of delivering the message that rests upon us, we are deeply appreciative of the opportunity afforded us by way of a new Marathi Bible School.

Leading out in these meetings were Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Rawson and Pastor N. G. Mookerjee from the Division; Pastors A. Appel, W. Moses, V. P. Muthiah, Brother C. N. John and the writer were from the Bombay State Section. As we listened to the counsel given in connection with the work, we were conscious of a renewed spirit of enthusiasm which filled our beings making us ever more cognizant of the heavy responsibility which rests on our shoulders.

As the meetings came to a close, the delegates consecrated themselves anew to the task of sowing seeds with the V. O. P. enrolment cards, and of gathering the harvest by earnest prayer and personal visits. Each worker in the South Marathi field pledged to enrol 250 students or more in the V. O. P. within the next three months, besides setting a church goal that will mean almost 1,800 students enrolled by lay members in the same period.

May the Lord bless His work in the rolling hills of South Maharashtra and may we be the gratified witnesses of a great harvest gathered in that area.

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The world's work has always been done by men who have suffered pains or taken pains.—*Charles Brent.*

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A house is no home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as for the body.—*Margaret Fuller.*

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A man really believes only as much religion as he is willing to apply to his daily living.—*Harold E. Garner.*

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WINNING THE BATTLE WITH SELF

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.

TYPICAL of the battle waged for the soul of the Christian is that pictured in the book of Zechariah. Joshua the priest was confessing his sins and those of his people (see Chapter 3). At his side stood Satan, resisting his efforts to find pardon, and on the other side stood the Angel of the Lord, sternly rebuking the enemy.

Typical also of the success that may result from each struggle was the happy condition of the praying priest when his accuser was banished and he was left clothed with the garments of righteousness in the presence of his Lord.

Our common enemy is a careful student of human nature, and he is often pictured as a close observer of the movements and behaviour of the believer. "Satan watches them [the people of God] continually, waiting for some weakness to develop, through which he may make a successful attack upon them. And how he triumphs when he succeeds! for an ambassador for Christ, off his guard, allows the great adversary to secure many souls to himself."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 17.

In his attacks upon the Lord his methods are clearly evident. During one encounter the enemy took advantage of the Lord's physical weakness when He was hungry, tempting Him to doubt His divinity. His temptations vary little today. Satan can be counted upon to aim his temptations at every weakness in our nature. Constantly he is seeking to arouse some innate desire, some craving of the flesh, some passion for wrong. He will alert every inclination that will lead us astray, and awaken every tendency to doubt and distrust the Lord.

Yet as surely as Satan's tempta-

tions are presented, the angels of the Lord are on hand with power to resist. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Ps. 34:7. Thus the battle for the souls of men is waged again and again.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Every temptation from the enemy sets the stage anew for battle: Always Satan is on the side urging his temptations, and unfailingly the Angel of the Lord stands at our side with power to resist. We poor humans are caught in the middle.

We have our Lord to thank that Satan cannot compel the conscience; he dare not take any advantage the Lord will not permit. Satan can do nothing more than to vehemently urge upon us his temptations, while the Spirit of the Lord urges us to resist. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His

HAVE WE ACCEPTED PARDON?

ABOUT the year 1830, a man named George Wilson killed a government employee who caught him in the act of robbing the mails. He was tried and sentenced to be hanged. However, the President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, sent him a pardon. But Wilson did a strange thing. He refused to accept the pardon and no one seemed to know what to do. So the case was carried to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Chief Justice Marshall, perhaps the greatest chief justice we have ever had, wrote the opinion. In it he said, "A pardon is a slip of paper, the value of which is determined by the acceptance of the person to be pardoned. If it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must be hanged." And he was.—*A Reader's Notebook*, pp. 93, 94.

God offers pardon to us; let us accept it. There is no pardon for those who do not receive it by faith.—*Review and Herald*.

good pleasure," and conversely, Satan stirs every tendency and inclination to sin. (Phil. 2:13.)

Being in the middle presents to us the opportunity to choose. We decide the outcome of the controversy, for neither the Holy Spirit nor the "unholy spirit" can force the will. We choose what we will, as a rule. Victory or defeat then depends upon the choice we make during the temptation.

Victory or defeat depends also upon the defence we employ during the temptation. As Joshua pleaded before the Lord, so our defence in every hour of temptation is to plead in earnest prayer to God for power and strength to overcome. At such times "their only hope is in the mercy of God; their only defence will be prayer."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 588.

Prayer, at the instant of temptation, enables the Lord to release in our behalf the infinite power of Omnipotence. And that power is sufficient to hold in abeyance every inclination and tendency to sin and to oppose every demon in earth or hell. "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." 2 Peter 1:3. We cannot yield to temptation as long as we are sincerely praying and the power of God is upon us. It is impossible for us to sin when our defence is prayer, and when the power of Omnipotence is controlling our lives.

When the practice of praying our way through temptations, and problems becomes *habit*, the Christian becomes impregnable to the sophistries of the enemy. Such a person is "kept by the power of God." 1 Peter 1:5. He is winning the controversy within; he is living the divine life in human flesh and partaking of the divine nature. (2 Peter 1:4.)

To put this much-to-be-desired experience into a simple formula: in every temptation to sin, yield prayerfully to Him; and we will never be overcome, no, never. "If we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 668.—*Review and Herald*.

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THE need for Adventist physicians in India and other countries of Southern Asia is great. There is a special need for well-trained national physicians to work in and to direct our sanitariums and hospitals. To meet this need, and because of the impracticability of sending our Indian Adventist youth to the College of Medical Evangelists in the United States for training, Dr. Theodore Flaiz several years ago made arrangements with the Christian Medical College at Vellore, South India, to accept some of our students. The school has generously exempted them from Sabbath classes.

Our first student started his medical course in this interdenominational school in 1947. He finished in 1953. The Adventist enrolment doubled in 1951, doubling again a year later.

FIRST ADVENTISTS TO SERVE

Drs. Jacob and Ernestine Janzen were the first Adventists to serve on the teaching staff of the hospital and medical school. They represented the fields of surgery and anæsthesia respectively. It was also their privilege to shepherd the small flock of students during the year 1953.

From the time the Jenzens left for America until my family and I arrived in December, 1954, the five students then attending met by themselves every Sabbath under the shade of a mango tree away from the campus. Since our arrival the services have been held in our living room each week.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Hadley and two children, of Los Angeles, California, joined our small group toward the end of February 1955, increasing the number to fifteen.

Recently five Seventh-day Adventist

youth, four young men and one young woman, having passed certain examinations successfully, were invited to come to Vellore to participate in a two-day practical selection examination. From almost ninety applicants who came for these selection examinations fifty were to be chosen—twenty-five men and twenty-five women. Because about forty denominations participate in sponsoring students at Vellore, and because four or five of those selected would probably be non-Christians, we felt that the most that would be chosen from our group of young people would be three. This thought did not deter us from having special seasons of prayer, asking God to make it possible for all of them to be selected if it was His will. God heard and answered those sincere petitions. All five were chosen to enter the first-year class. It was found that our students always do two or three times better than any of the other candidates in their Bible examination.

It was with thanksgiving that we all knelt to praise God for His goodness to us. Ten per cent of the first-

THINK ON THESE

Pray earnestly, sincerely, accurately, definitely, lovingly, trustingly, but pray, pray.—*Phillips Brooks.*

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A pint can't hold a quart—if it holds a pint it is doing all that can be expected of it.—*Margaret Deland.*

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There may be luck in getting a good job—but there's no luck in keeping it.—*J. Ogden Armour.*

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To some people almost any question is like the moon: they see only one side.—*Good Impressions.*

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The danger today is not so much that the world will force you to conform but that you will want to conform.—*Harold W. Dodds.*

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Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent.—*Horace Walpole.*

year class are Seventh-day Adventists. We are proud of these upstanding Christian young people who are training in this school for leadership in God's medical work in Southern Asia. One of the faculty members expressed himself in this manner: There are students who by their presence drag down other students; some do not do much of anything; and still others lift and inspire. The Seventh-day Adventist young people, he observed, are of the last class.

The students take an active part in the school activities, including singing in the men's chorus, and the church choir on Sunday evenings. They also willingly participate in our own spiritual activities.

SABBATH PROBLEMS OVERCOME

There have been some Sabbath problems. C. A. Ninan and John C. Abraham refused to take their Sabbath-scheduled examination in April despite a slight amount of pressure from some of the teachers and students. As a result they were given failures in those subjects and cannot continue with their class. They must repeat the examination in December. Even though this was a difficult testing time for them, their courage is stronger than before and they have not regretted their decision. Their firm stand for principle will not go unrewarded. In due time there will undoubtedly be fruits garnered in as a result of their witnessing. God has intervened so that the boys will not have to write their examinations on Sabbath in December. We praise God for His goodness.

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Briggs, of Stoneham, Massachusetts, arrived in Vellore the middle of July. Dr. Briggs has been sent under the Fulbright Scholarship plan for a period of nine months. He is serving in the department of anæsthesia. Dr. Hadley is in charge of the department of pathology while the head of the department is on furlough until June, 1956. I am in charge of the department of otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat). Our term is five years.

We solicit the prayers of all our believers that God will give us the strength, grace and courage to faithfully witness for Christ and for His truth in this unusual situation.—*Review and Herald.*

THE year 1955 is fast coming to an end. Soon the things we have done during the past twelve months will become history. While we still have a few more weeks remaining in the old year, let us look squarely into our individual records and see whether there are some accounts we should adjust before the year closes. Let us spend a little time in taking an inventory. Some may say, "I haven't time to check back." But remember, commercial firms and business houses in the world spend millions of rupees in taking their inventories. How much more important it is for us, as followers of Christ, to take an accurate inventory as to how our records stand on the books of heaven.

Let us look carefully into our financial relations with God. Turning to the Bible, we read from Malachi 3:8-10:

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

God has clearly given us a plan for the support of the work of the church, and this plan is to operate until the end of time.

"God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and



**OUR REDEMPTION
DRAWETH NIGH**

Mrs. Arletta C. Steele

When the hopes of earth seem fading,
And its joys sink in decline,
When the hearts of men are failing
In this strange uncertain time—

Oh, there is a joy unfading;
'Tis a hope that never dims;
Long we've sung of its foundation
In our good old Advent hymns.

As the shades of time grow deeper,
Like the stars in darkening sky,
This old hope takes on new lustre—
Our redemption draweth nigh!



equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin. In it are combined simplicity and utility, and it does not require depth of learning to understand and execute it. All may feel that they can act a part in carrying forward the precious work of salvation.

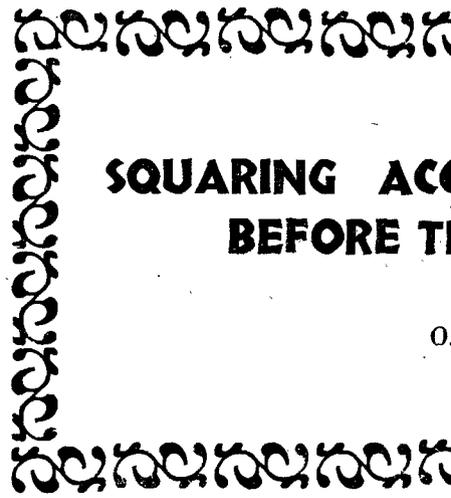
"Great objects are accomplished by this system. If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God, and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer. Through every investment made they will become more wedded to the cause of present truth. They will be 'laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, pp. 388, 389.

"Our heavenly Father did not originate the plan of systematic benevolence to enrich Himself, but to be a great blessing to man. He saw that this system of beneficence was just what man needed.

"Those churches who are the most systematic and liberal in sustaining the cause of God are the most prosperous spiritually. True liberality in the follower of Christ identifies his interest with that of his Master. . . . The plan of salvation was laid by the infinite sacrifice of the Son of God. The light of the gospel shining from the cross of Christ rebukes selfishness and encourages liberality and benevolence. . . . Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Worldliness and covetousness are eating out the vitals of God's people. They should understand that it is His mercy which multiplies the demands for their means. The angel of God places benevolent acts close beside prayer. He said to Cornelius: 'Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, pp. 404, 405.

By examining our personal records, let us make sure that we have paid a faithful tithe. If not, let us make it right before the year ends.

"I saw that many who profess to be keeping the commandments of God are appropriating to their own



**SQUARING ACCOUNTS
BEFORE TIME**

use the means which the Lord has entrusted to them and which should come into His treasury. . . . They bring leanness and poverty upon themselves and darkness upon the church because of their covetousness, their dissembling, and their robbing God in tithes and in offerings."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 269.

Many experiences might be related as to the blessings that have come to God's people when they have put God to a test and have been faithful in paying their tithe. The following experience occurred in southern Negros in the Philippine Islands, during a time when there were great swarms of locusts devastating the crops. A certain sister's sugar-cane field was miraculously saved from these prolific insects, the most terrible enemy of the farmer. Her husband was not a believer, but he had agreed to her tithing all his income.

When the great swarms of locusts hovered around the sugar-cane fields of the farmers in that section, all the people were panic stricken. The insects darkened the light of the sun. While the neighbours were beating their broken petroleum cans for the purpose of scaring them away, our sister went into the midst of her sugar-cane field and knelt there, praying God to save her plantation and fulfil His promise to her. After that she went home, trusting all in His care.

The next morning this sister went to see her sugar-cane plantation, and found that not a single stalk had been destroyed, but those of her neighbours were entirely eaten during the night. The people wondered at such a mystery. Some told her that she had a certain charm or magic.

ITS WITH GOD YEAR ENDS

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Our sister told them that it was because she was faithful in paying her tithe to the Lord. "God took care of my sugar-cane plantation. He rebuked the devourer for my sake."

Shall we not be more faithful in paying our tithes to God, as this sister did? If we do so, I am sure we will all receive multiplied blessings from the storehouse of heaven.

This solemn statement should give pause to all who are tempted to use sacred money for themselves: "The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, pp. 249, 250.

Turning to our text again in Malachi 3, we find, in verse 8: "Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings." Not only are tithes to be given, but offerings are a



part of God's requirement. The Lord is constantly testing His people as to whether they will give Him the offerings necessary to carry forward His work. Said the servant of God:

"I saw that some have excused themselves from aiding the cause of God because they were in debt. Had they closely examined their own

hearts, they would have discovered that selfishness was the true reason why they brought no freewill offering to God. Some will always remain in debt. Because of their covetousness, the prospering hand of God will not be with them to bless their undertakings. They love this world better than they love the truth. They are not being fitted up and made ready for the kingdom of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 225.

Oh, how important it is that we give as freely to the Lord as we spend for our own needs. From Volume 2, pages 198, 199 these solemn words are taken:

"I looked to see who of those who professed to be looking for Christ's coming possessed a willingness to sacrifice offerings to God of their abundance. I could see a few humble poor ones who, like the poor widow, were stinting themselves and casting in their mite. Every such offering is accounted of God as precious treasure. But those who are acquiring means, and adding to their possessions, are far behind. They do comparatively nothing to what they might. They are withholding, and robbing God, for they are fearful they shall come to want. They dare not trust God. . . . How difficult, in this corrupt age, to keep from growing worldly and selfish. How easy to become ungrateful to the Giver of all our mercies. Great watchfulness is needed, and much prayer, to keep the soul with all diligence. 'Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.'"

The records are being kept in heaven of what we are giving to the cause of God. If we find that we have not given the offerings that we should have, let us make up to the Lord before the year ends what we should have given.

As the Lord has promised a faithful reward and blessing to those who pay a faithful tithe, He has also promised to grant heavenly blessings to those who give liberally and bring freewill offerings.

"God does not receive the offerings of any because He needs them and cannot have glory and riches without them, but because it is for the interest of His servants to render to God the things which are His. The freewill offerings of the humble,

contrite heart He will receive, and will reward the giver with the richest blessings."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, pp. 652, 653.

Some may ask, How much should I give? If we keep close to the Lord, He will indicate very clearly to us what sum should be dedicated to His cause.

"In determining the proportion to be given to the cause of God, be sure to exceed, rather than fall short, of the requirements of duty. Consider for whom the offering is to be made. This recollection will put covetousness to flight. Only consider the great love wherewith Christ has loved us, and our richest offerings will seem unworthy of His acceptance. When Christ is the object of our affections, those who have received His pardoning love will not stop to calculate the value of the alabaster box of precious ointment. Covetous Judas could do this; but the receiver of the gift of salvation will only regret that the offering has not a richer perfume and greater value. Christians must look upon themselves only as channels through which mercies and blessings are to flow from the Fountain of all goodness to their fellowmen."—*Ibid.*, p. 485.

There is another point that must not be overlooked as records are being examined. The questions can properly be asked, Have I made any pledges or vows to God that I have not fulfilled? Has the promise for some past Week of Sacrifice been fulfilled? Or are there other occasions

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HE WILL MAKE IT AGAIN

Willard Dessain

Upon his wheel the potter wrought
A vessel fine of form and hue;
With skill consummate, from the clay
He shaped it to the pattern true.
But lo, at fault the damp, blue earth,
Produced an object sadly marred,
And from his hand the potter cast
The vessel, spoiled and badly scarred.
Yet from that clay he made again
A vessel flawless and complete;
Nor looked he for more perfect clay
Than that discarded at his feet.
Our Father takes our shattered lives,
And from them makes an object fair:
That which was marred, beneath His
hand,
Will grace His service, know His care.



OVERCOMING THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL

F. D. NICHOL

(PART 3)

HOW does the Christian meet the second of man's great enemies, the flesh? He sees about him the multitudes of the world who have ever made the body the object of debauchery, gluttony, and drunkenness. That is why "flesh" became a synonym for all things earthly and corrupting. The Christian's view of the body is strangely different, how different is evident when we look back to the beginnings of Christianity.

Nothing more sharply distinguishes the preaching of the first Christian apostles than their doctrine concerning man's body. Into the pagan Roman world, into the decadent Greek world, they went. Their audiences were composed of men and women who governed their lives by the abandoned motto: Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. How startling the idea that they should glorify God in their bodies as part of a saving plan that would enable them to live forevermore. How strange the doctrine that God calls on men to make their bodies sanctified servants of regenerated minds and temples of the Holy Ghost.

But right here the Bible brings in a related fact that is most sobering. At conversion we receive a new heart and spirit, but must continue with our old bodies, bodies that have inherited all the maladies, physical and moral, to which human flesh is heir. Hence there is in some degree a constant tension between the desire of our hearts to serve God in holiness and the clamouring of a weakened nervous system, for example, that ever tempts us to lose our temper or precipitately to engage in some other course of action displeasing to God. It is in the setting of this fact that the words of Paul apply: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is

temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away." 1 Cor. 9:25-27.

And how does the Christian keep the body under control. First and most importantly, by a resolute decision of the will, a will enlightened and strengthened by divine power. The mark of the Christian, in contrast to the multitudes of earth who are enslaved by their habits and passions, is that he lays claim to a divine power that enables his will to dictate to his body and thus to keep it "under."

BEWARE OF PRESUMPTION

But if that claim on divine power is to be wholly free of presumption, there must be a temperate programme of living, so that the lower, fleshly nature shall not be strengthened. The man who prays for an empowering of the will so that he may control the body and then drinks a glass of whisky, is cancelling his prayer. Again the man who prays for a clear mind to serve God aright, and then eats gluttonously, is likewise cancelling his prayer. Sincerity calls for us ever to work together with God for the fulfilment of our prayers. To do otherwise is to insult the Majesty of heaven. It is in this context that we can most strikingly find the spiritual significance of true health reform. God gave us our health message, not as penance, but as an aid to the answering of our prayers for success in the Christian warfare.

If we would have victory over the flesh, we must ever be obedient to

the command of Holy Writ: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Rom. 13:14. Paul, who spoke of keeping the body under, declared: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20. To all Christians comes the admonition: "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

We carry on the good warfare against the inherited traits of our bodies, cheered by the assurance that through "watchfulness and prayer" our "weakest points" can become our "strongest," and that on these very points we "can encounter temptation without being overcome."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, p. 511.

We fight the good fight of faith heartened by the promise that the day is coming when our Lord will "change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." Phil. 3:21.

THE THIRD GREAT ENEMY

And what of the third great enemy of man, the devil himself? Does the true Christian rationalize him away? Emphatically no. The Bible makes clear beyond all question that Satan

GUIDANCE

Siegfried M. V. Sandstrom

Search the Holy Scriptures
To guide you in the right.
Pray the Holy Spirit
To lead you to the light.

Let God's loving letter
Encourage all the way.
There you will find comfort
Throughout the darkest day.

Read the Bible daily
And find the bread of life,
To strengthen and sustain you,
Though weary of the strife.

Follow Heaven's signpost
And you will never stray;
It will guide you surely
The safe and only way.

Read God's sacred message;
Oh, read it o'er and o'er.
It will show the pathway
To Jesus—heaven's door.

is a very real being who is ever engaged in warfare against the children of God.

Does the Christian minimize the power and cunning of the devil? No! Military authorities declare that it is a fatal mistake to under-estimate the power of an enemy. The Christian believes that the successful strategy in his deadly warfare with evil is not to minimize the power of the devil but to magnify the power of God. We think, not upon the victories that the devil has had over men, but of the victories that God has had over the devil.

When Christ instructed His disciples on their work of preaching the gospel, and of how they were to receive power for their task, He added: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18. The memory of those words was to fortify the hearts of the disciples and give to them courage as they faced the evil one. To them Satan was already a fallen foe.

When the devil attacks, the Christian does not flee; he resolutely stands. The result is that the devil flees. We read: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." We need to remember that we are not alone. There stands beside each one of us a tall, shining angel, who is more than a match for the devil and all of his evil hosts. Christ placed that angel by our side. That is why "we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Rom. 8:37.

We go forward on the path to heaven with confident tread. There will be battles, but we have victory assured. And besides, we know that the day is soon coming when our great adversary the devil will be no more. When he speaks to us now in dulcet notes of temptation or terrifying threat of evil, let us respond: "Get thee behind me, Satan." And then, for good measure, we may add: "I refuse to follow the suggestions, or be frightened by the threats of one who is headed for the lake of fire. I shall walk on your ashes ere long." If we think more often of Satan's soon-coming doom, than of his present activity, we shall be less disturbed by him. After all, an ash heap is wholly unimpressive.

We may sum up the relation of the Christian to his three great enemies

in this way: He asserts his right to moral choice, instead of letting himself, like a moral jellyfish, be washed about by the restless tides of heredity and the eddying swirls of environment. He asserts his God-given free will, which opens the way for freedom from slavery to the world, the flesh, and the devil. He believes literally that "whosoever will" can mean victory in Christ for him as well as for those who have the right environment and heredity, and the right glands and genes.

The Christian admits that he is an omnibus in which his ancestors ride, but he refuses to let them drive from the rear seats. He admits that the

body may war against the spirit at times, but he claims the promise that the child of God can be "strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man" (Eph. 3:16), and thus have victory over the body. Therefore he keeps the body "under" and makes it glorify God. He is confident that sinning is not inevitable. The Christian finds a satisfaction in life that others cannot know. He is conscious of freedom and victory, which brings a feeling of dignity and peace, a feeling of sonship to God. He keeps ever in mind that Heaven has given to him the decision as to his destiny and the power to carry out that decision.—*Review and Herald*.

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"A WONDERFUL ADDRESS"

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T. R. TORKELESON

A WAY out near the western frontier of Kashmir State is a little town called Sopore. Located on the shore of Woller Lake and famous for its fishing trade, it might be thought of as the Capernaum of Kashmir. One day in 1952 a colporteur visited that far-off place and took a subscription for the *Health* magazine. That started a chain of circumstances leading to the conversion of a young man which shows how God moved in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. In one of the issues of the magazine there appeared a notice about the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. A young Muslim student in that home, Ghulam by name, saw it and sent for the course. As he studied a deep impression was made upon his life. He desired to share his new-found interest with his friends. Some were interested, others were not. One of his fellow students was a Hindu lad of about 15 years of age called Pradman. Said Ghulam to Pradman one day as they met together in the hallway of their school, "Would you

like to know a wonderful address?"

"Sure," said Pradman, thinking it might be the address of some film star or picture director, as both had an interest in such things and often talked together on the subject.

"No," said Ghulam, "this is not the address of a film star. It is something more wonderful than that." Then he gave his friend the address of the Voice of Prophecy, Box 17, Poona 1, India, and explained to him the treasure he had received from there in the Bible course.

So Pradman also enrolled and began to study the Bible lessons. "Box one-seven, Poona one, India" became a wonderful address for him also. The message of the Bible went straight to his heart. Before he had finished the course, even with an incomplete knowledge of the will of God, he gave his heart to Christ. He openly declared his intention to be a Christian. He took a Christian name which he chose for himself out of the Bible, the name of Joseph.

Thus out of one of the remote places of the earth God has called one whose heart was right towards Him. By agencies seen and unseen the Lord is seeking to reclaim the lost; and one of those agencies is that "Wonderful Address"—*Box one-seven, Poona one, India*.

ABIDE IN THE SHIP

D. T. HAWLEY

IN THE building of the ark Noah carefully followed the blueprint that God gave him. As a result, that great craft became a haven of safety in time of crisis for its eight faithful occupants.

I like to think of the church as a great ship or place of safety in these times of distress. Not that mere membership in the church alone can save us, but the church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22, 23), and it is here that we find a living connection with the head, Jesus Christ. We are warned not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25), as the Lord adds to the church those who are to be saved.

But some might be inclined to cry out, "Oh, there are so many 'ships,' or churches, today, all claiming to be a haven of safety against the time of storm ahead. How shall I know which one will see me through?" The answer is simple: The one that will survive is the one that is built after God's own pattern. Some may appear very formidable, even having endured through centuries, but this is no assurance that they will "endure to the end." Trust no man's word, but rather check each one carefully and prayerfully against the master blueprint, the Word of God, until you find the one that matches in every detail. Then one can "get aboard" in calm assurance.

There is one thing more to consider. At sea in time of storm and distress one of two cries is sometimes heard—either "Abandon ship" or "Don't give up the ship." Many lives have been lost because individuals have given way to their feelings instead of heeding the plain instructions of the captain, who is in the best position to know what should be done.

Many are acquainted with the strange voyage of the raft *Kon Tiki* with its adventurous crew, over

thousands of miles of empty ocean to the islands of the South Pacific. After many long weeks they finally drifted toward one of those tropical islands, but alas, between them and the beautiful harbour which meant security, lay a treacherous coral reef. After much discussion the man in charge decided that the only safety was in each man staying with the raft at all costs and he gave orders to that effect. They even tied themselves on, and although huge waves crashed over the small vessel, all came safely into harbour at last.

We live in perilous times. "Every wind of doctrine" is blowing, and the "time of trouble, such as never was," lies just ahead. Some have taken council with their fears, and a few have "abandoned ship," going out from our midst to follow strange doctrine. It is high time for each one to stablish his heart. Remember that only the captain of a vessel has the authority to call for the ship to be abandoned, and our heavenly Captain, Jesus Christ, has given no such command. Nor will He. We have His own promise that His church will be victorious over all the tempests the devil can bring against it. "He who presides over His church and the destinies of nations, is carrying



forward the last work to be accomplished for this world."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 431.

O brethren, it is time to tie ourselves securely to God's truth with the bonds of conviction and faith. The warning is still applicable today: Except ye "abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." May we each one "abide" until God's "ship" has weathered the last great storm, and come serenely into the eternal harbour.—*Review and Herald*.

PURITY IS STRENGTH

R. L. KLINGBEIL

ANOTHER surprise has come out of the laboratories of science. It is a crystal of iron about one tenth the diameter of a human hair, which possesses the tensile strength of about one million pounds per square inch. It sounds incredible, doesn't it. But such phenomenal strength is nevertheless a reality today. The secret lies in the purity of the metal.

Metals as we know them contain relatively large amounts of impurities. For example, cast iron contains about 4 per cent carbon. So-called pure gold, the buried coin of the realm, is about four tenths of one per cent copper.

It has been very difficult to isolate any metal in almost absolute purity. Scientists have laboured untiringly to reduce foreign elements to the minutest proportions. Only recently has it been possible to produce metals in which impurities have been reduced to less than one part in a million! In the present drive for purity in metals new and unexpected properties have emerged that are truly phenomenal. Chromium, for instance, which in its ordinary state is very brittle and unworkable, becomes, when pure, as ductile as soft wire.

But I am even more thrilled to think about a purification process that is as old as humanity itself. It deals not with mere metals but with human character!

There was a time when man displayed all the wonderful characteristics of his native purity. Sin had not yet intruded to weaken the strength of his perfect character structure. Loyalty, integrity, honesty, and undivided devotion made up the warp and the woof of his robe of light. But when the foreign elements of sin penetrated Adam's character, its structure became debased.

Pure metals also possess a tight

crystalline structure in which the atoms are arranged in an orderly latticework. Impurities cause irregular breaks or discontinuities. These greatly weaken and degrade the metal.

Likewise sin in any form caused ugly breaks and gaps in the native framework of Adam's character. What was once continuous moral fibre in his godlike make-up, became a chaotic mass of disrupted strands. His robe of light was torn to tatters. Gone was the light of harmonious perfection. The tensile strength of loyalty became the brittleness of treachery.

Unmistakably, every sinner needs to undergo a process of profound purification. Man's character must display all the amazing properties of the Creator's original product before it can be fitted into the sublime and living temple of God.

This process of purification is not the invention of the advanced technology of this twentieth century. It is utterly beyond the ken of man. Only the Creator Himself, who understands the intricate structure of man's character, can restore an unbroken and harmonious framework.

"He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Mal. 3:3.

Every willing sinner is welcomed into this divine workshop. If he is submissive, the Lord will send him forth someday without a spot or wrinkle!

Purification is sanctification. It is a process of separation from the impurities of sin. As such, it is a gradual process, which probes deeper and deeper, until even the minute traces of foreign elements have been removed.

Little do we understand at present of the amazing possibilities of a purified character. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be." "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children."—*Education*, p. 18.

It is the Refiner's choicest desire to continue the work of refining until He sees His image fully reflected in the life of each persevering

and trustful soul. The character of a redeemed person will not merely be purified until, as in the case of iron, it contains only one part of impurity in one million. To our human understanding this is a wonderful achievement. The Lord, however, will not rest until He shall have made every just man perfect.

It cannot be otherwise. If Jesus, "who did no sin," displayed in His life all the attributes of a pure character that was free from the intermixture of any foreign element, will not we also share His attributes when He shall set the stamp of His approval upon the finished product?—*Review and Herald*.

NEWS FROM

THE WORLD FIELD

GOD'S SPIRIT CHANGES HEARTS

M. V. TUCKER

DELMAR WOODS, literature evangelist of the Washington Conference, recently enjoyed an experience that reveals the results of earnest prayer and faithful work. Brother Woods reports the following incident:

"I called at the home of a man, wife, and sixteen-year-old girl, and was invited in by the wife, who was the only one at home. After a brief canvass on the Bible Pageant Series and a few remarks about the need of our youth today, she said she could not decide anything, and that I would have to talk to her husband, who was a Lutheran. About that time he came in, and very curtly he informed me that he did not want to know any more about the Bible. At this he stepped into the kitchen for something.

"While this man was telling me he wasn't interested, his wife left the house. I sent up a prayer that God would touch his heart, that His Spirit would give me the words to say. The man came back into the front room, and as I spoke to him again tears came into his eyes.

"I SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT"

"He soon said, 'I know too much that I am not living up to.' Then he asked me 'Do you believe in salvation through Jesus Christ and in being born again?' I assured him I did, and that it was my greatest desire to experience both in my life. And then

he said, 'I should do something about it too, as I know I am not doing right in not living up to my faith.' I encouraged him not to wait too long. He then began to talk about the books. He said he wanted his daughter to find salvation, but that his wife did not have faith in Christ's saving power. She only felt it necessary to try to live a good life.

"About this time his wife came back into the room, and seeing the change in her husband she said, 'We have to start living differently before our daughter.' She told him she thought it would be a nice thing for him to get the books and a Bible for his daughter for Easter. At this suggestion he seemed to agree and said, 'Maybe I should.'

"As I began to write the order, he said in a serious tone, 'I guess you are taking an order here after all.' I am praying that God may be able to use me, and that in some way they may be led into the truth."

It is our constant prayer that our literature evangelists will be completely dedicated to their great work, and that others will join them.—*Review and Herald*.

FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST

RADOLPHO BELZ

ONE day two girls, ages fifteen and sixteen, arrived at our college in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The girls' family were strict Catholics, but knowing the reputation of our school, and believing that the girls would be well taken care of, they decided to leave them in our dormitory.

Two years passed and it was time

"When any man tells you that he has no time to read, you can be sure that he is committing mental suicide. He has no more sense than the man who says, 'I have no time to eat.'"

for our annual baptism. The girls had attended the baptismal class and desired to be baptized. Before taking this step, however, they went to get their mother's permission. She became very angry and said that under no circumstances would she give her permission, and, furthermore, she would take them out of our school. The girls then asked me to talk with their mother. This I did, but without success. The Sabbath of the baptism arrived and the girls went forward.

Soon after, the mother took her daughters home and matriculated them in a Catholic school. She also opened a business. Then began the struggle.

There was the food question. The mother wanted to force them to eat foods prohibited in the Bible. She wanted the girls to work in her store and attend classes on the Sabbath. She took the girls' Bibles and hymn-books and tore them to pieces, and would not permit them to get others. So the girls do not have these. Noting the faithfulness of one, she beat her.

Attempts were made to force the girls to go to mass. When they did not go, she became very angry. This happened again the next Sabbath. This woman became so angry she wanted to beat the girls again. One girl fled to the home of one of our Adventist sisters. The mother called our school, and learning that the girl was not there, went to the home of our sister, an acquaintance of hers, and found her daughter there. It was then that she learned that they had been baptized and had joined the church. Now she was beside herself. She sent the girls home and went to the home of a Catholic friend to secure her help in persuading the girls to return to the family religion. This other woman was very refined. She talked with the girls, who had a copy of our school prospectus. They told her about our system of education. After hearing about it, she said, "If I had a daughter, I would send her to that school." She said much more, expressing her opinion that

religion is an individual matter. Thus the girls gained a great victory.

This woman proposed that the mother do the following: Not allow the girls to go to their own church until they were older, but also not oblige them to attend mass. And this is the way it has turned out. Now they are being urged to attend the motion-picture theatres and dances. It is a continual struggle for the girls, but they have remained faithful.

They were matriculated in another school with classes at night. They refused to attend on Friday night and they are obliged to leave the house on Friday night to go to the house of our Adventist sister instead of to the classes. Their school has agreed not to give them examinations on the Sabbath, so they are hoping for better days. Pray for these girls.—*Review and Herald.*

MY EXPERIENCE IN THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

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IT WAS in the year 1939 before World War II that the call of God came to me to enter the literature ministry. It was a definite call, in which the Spirit of God impressed me very strongly. For a time I resisted the urge, but after a while these promptings became irresistible and I felt constrained to respond. At that time I was occupying a very secure government position and had spent much time in study for higher responsibilities. As the world sees it, this promised comfort and security and an income for life, among other things. But when God spoke to me I had to do just as the disciples of old had done before me—forsake all and follow Him. I have never regretted this step. As the years have unfolded they have provided stepping-stones to victories and achievements that have rejoiced my heart and strengthened my confidence in Him in whom "we live, and move, and have our being."

Prior to entering the literature ministry I had never sold anything, but as I stepped out in faith God was with me. During the past eleven years God has enabled me to place something like \$124,000 value of orders for our subscription books, besides other literature and papers, in the

When a man has equipped himself by thought and study for a bigger job, it usually happens that promotion comes along even before it is expected.—*P. G. Winnett.*

hands of people who need His saving grace. As one year has succeeded another the figures have seemed to grow. In the year 1953 a total of about \$22,500 worth of orders was delivered. Not only has success been measured in terms of books sold but God has also graciously blessed in a harvest of souls who have been led to serve Him because of the visit of a literature-evangelist or the message his books have borne.

A VERY VALUABLE LESSON

On one occasion I remember how I had been for some time in a very well-to-do area of a city. I had found it very difficult work to approach these people and at the close of one particularly trying day I arrived at a very select home. Looking at it carefully I passed the gate slowly, telling myself that it would be useless going in as its owners would be like all the others with no interest in the things of eternal consequence. Suddenly I felt urged to go back, and after considering the matter for a moment, I gathered up my courage and was soon knocking at the door.

At the time I was selling *Home Guide*. After introducing myself to the lady of the house, I proceeded to give my canvass. Imagine my amazement when an immediate interest was shown in the Scripture study section, and questions were asked as fast as I could answer. The lady immediately called her daughter, and after satisfying themselves that my books were thoroughly Christian they wanted to know just what these books could teach them. They were hungry for the truth, and readily drank from the fountain of living water as it bubbled forth from the Word of God. Before I realized it an hour and a half had gone by, and as I had to go arrangements were made for more studies. Later an evangelist was introduced to them. This seemed to develop into a humorous situation, as in the interim between each weekly visit they had diligently studied the books purchased and seemed just a step ahead of our

subject matter for the night. Actually they studied themselves into the message and only needed a little help in preparation for the final step of baptism, which they were not long in following. Today they are strong members of one of our churches and a monument to God's saving grace.

This experience taught me a very valuable lesson—never to miss a house as potential souls for God are to be found in every highway and byway of life. I am still carrying on my work, and I pray earnestly that God will continue to use me to channel His truth to men and women who are seeking His soul-saving power.—*Review and Herald*.

SQUARING ACCOUNTS WITH GOD

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when I have agreed to give, and I have been negligent and careless? Brethren and sisters, let us be sure to give God all that we have agreed to before this year comes to a close. The servant of the Lord points out clearly that it is our solemn duty to fulfil vows and pledges made to Him:

"There must be an awakening among us as a people upon this matter. There are but few men who feel conscience-stricken if they neglect their duty in beneficence. But few feel remorse of soul because they are daily robbing God. . . . There are many neglected vows and unpaid pledges, and yet how few trouble their minds over the matter; how few feel the guilt of this violation of duty. We must have new and deeper convictions on this subject. The conscience must be aroused, and the matter receive earnest attention; for an account must be rendered to God in the last day, and His claims must be settled."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 468.

After viewing our records for the current year, should we find that there is some tithe that should be paid let us not wait, but make it our first duty to pay it. Or if we find that at any time in the past we have been unwilling to give the offering we should, let that be adjusted. And should there still be an unpaid pledge, let us kneel in prayer asking God to give us the courage needed to make good what we have promised

AT REST

RURAM—We regret to announce the death of Sister Sumitra Ruram of Monsapara church, East Pakistan. She was a faithful member of the Adventist church. She was suddenly attacked by a disease after child birth and was ill for only a few days when she passed away on May 14, 1955. She leaves to mourn her husband, one small daughter, one month-old baby and brothers and sisters and a host of relatives. Please remember this family in your prayers.—**CHURCH LEADER**, Monsapara.

D ASS—On October 22, 1955, Brother J. M. S. Dass, one of our faithful Bangalore lay members was taken by death as he walked to the post office near his home. Brother Dass, along with his faithful wife, was baptized in 1939 by Pastor A. E. Rawson and has been held in the highest esteem by all who came under his godly influence. He was in his 74th year and had lived a life of quiet devotion. He never failed to lend his personal, sacrificial effort to any work of the church. At the time of his death, he had a signed covenant card in his pocket pledging himself to a programme of visitation and Bible study. On the card also was the name of an interested person for whom he was working.

Now he awaits the call of the Life-Giver. His consecrated wife, his six children, and his numerous friends are confident of his share in the resurrection of the righteous.—**J. A. CREWS**.

Him. Today the cause of God needs funds to advance as never before. Appeals are coming in from every land.

"The call for means to advance the cause of truth will never be more urgent than now. Our money will never do a greater amount of good than at the present time. Every day of delay in rightly appropriating it, is limiting the period in which it will do good in saving souls."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 81.

"If the hearts of God's people were filled with love for Christ, if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-

sacrifice, if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home or foreign missions. Our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God. If there was ever a time when sacrifices should be made, it is now."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 450.

May God richly and more fully bless His people as they honestly and liberally give for the finishing of His work.—*Review and Herald*.

A little old man was seen every Sunday morning walking to the church of his choice. He was deaf; so he could not hear a word of the sermon, or the music by the choir, or the hymns sung by the congregation. A scoffer asked, "Why do you spend your Sundays in that church when you can't hear a word?" He replied, "I want my neighbours to know which side I'm on."—*Kirkwood Craig*.

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Miscellany

● PASTOR D. A. McAdams of the General Conference Publishing Department arrived in Karachi on October 26. He was met there by Pastor J. W. Nixon who travelled with him to Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Peshawar in West Pakistan; then to the Colporteur Institute in Roorkee and on to appointments in Lucknow, Kanpur and Calcutta.

● WEST Pakistan Union has held its first MV camp. The camp opened on October 24, inspite of the severe floods. Eight were baptized on the Sabbath at Khanke head and Pastors McAdams and Nixon were visitors at the last campfire on October 30. Pastor M. G. Champion, Union MV secretary held another short MV outing in Karachi on November 13 for the young people who could not come to the Punjab.

● VINCENT Hill School has closed for the winter vacation. During the vacation months, Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Boykin will be helping in the effort at Dehra Dun. Mr. H. R. Hooper accompanied a party of the students to Poona. They arrived on November 8.

● ON November 9 the Poona church members and Spicer Memorial College held their annual Uplift Field Day. The Spicer group had a real victory meeting that evening as their final total was Rs. 3,200/-. They had surpassed their goal by Rs. 1,200/-. The Poona church did not reach their goal of Rs. 3,250/- but pledged themselves to continue the work until the goal is reached.

● ON November 10, the Northwestern India Union held their MV camp at Sunny Road. Pastor and Mrs. J. F. Ashlock report a fine camp with 204 in attendance. Eleven were baptized on the Sabbath. Pastor Ashlock has gone on to the Northeast to conduct an MV Camp at Khunti, as well as rallies, institutes and investitures at different stations.

● PASTOR L. C. Shepard left Poona on November 6 for a two-week visit to the Northwestern India Union where he attended the Colporteur Institute held at Roorkee.

● J. M. KHAN, Field Missionary

secretary of the West Pakistan Union, A. S. Khan, B. Solomon, and Jalal ud Din, colporteurs from that field, also attended the Institute in Roorkee.

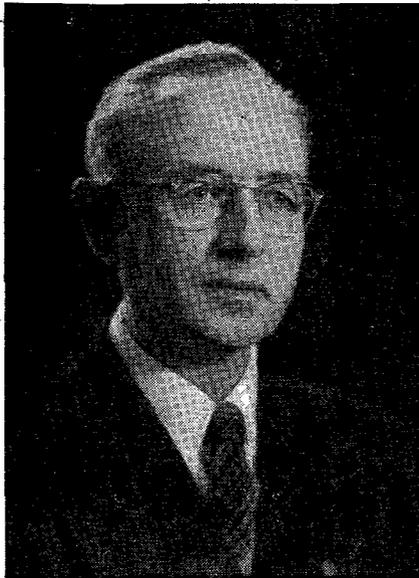
● PASTORS T. R. Torkelson and L. E. Allen have spent several days in Northwest India distributing the relief funds voted by the Division for the benefit of the flood victims in that area.

● MRS. L. E. Allen has spent over two weeks in Simla. Dr. Bazliel found that her broken arm had to be reset. After keeping it in an aeroplane cast for ten days he has placed it in a cast, and we hope that it will soon be as good as new.

● DURING October Pastor O. A.



MEET OUR WORKERS



Thirty years ago Pastor M. G. Champion came to the Southern Asia Division from the Northern California Conference, U.S.A. Some time was spent in progressive language study and in village evangelistic work near Lahore and in the United Provinces.

For several years he was connected with our Training School in Roorkee. Then in 1941 he was located at Kirkee where he helped prepare for the setting up of Spicer Memorial College which was transferred from South India in 1942.

Brother Champion's next field of labour was in the Northeast where among other tasks he had a part in starting our school at Falakata. Pastor Champion is now stationed in West Pakistan and carries the responsibility of four Union departments—Educational, Home Missionary, Sabbath School and Y.P.M.V.



Skau completed an extended tour of South India, inspecting our schools in that section. In November he is visiting the schools in the Northwest and in West Pakistan.

● PASTOR A. Fossey returned from auditing the Burma books on November 15. He hopes to spend a few weeks closer home after several months of travelling through the field.

● PASTOR K. S. Brown writes of the good interest in Kohat, N. W. F. P. Recently two brothers, one a carpenter, and the other interested in joining the colporteur work, were baptized from that frontier outpost, and a nurse and his wife are preparing for baptism. Pastor Brown is also conducting a Bible study class for eight of his Peshawar church members from whom he hopes to have a good group of lay workers.

● A WOMEN'S conference of the Bible Society, Bombay Auxiliary, met in Poona from November 11-14. Mrs. L. J. Larson and Miss Gloria Thomas attended as delegates from the Salisbury Park church. About seventy delegates representing churches of all denominations in the Bombay State were present at the meetings, where the importance of having the Bible in every home was stressed. The need of spreading the gospel story was also discussed.

● MRS. Hannah Samuel writes of the interest aroused in a Gypsy camp in the Eastern Ghats near Guntur, by a former gypsy who was converted in 1954. The head man in the Gypsy camp is now interested in learning more of the gospel, although the whole group are drunkards, thieves and murderers. Mrs. Samuel is visiting these people. Let us join our prayers with hers that the light of the gospel may come into the lives of these poor people.

● Miss Ellen Carter arrived at the Karachi Hospital on November 14 from the U. S. A. We welcome her to the medical work here in Southern Asia.

● AT THE close of the Week of Prayer the usual Week of Sacrifice offering was received in the Poona English church, Pastor A. E. Rawson reports a total of Rs. 3,500/-. This is the largest Week of Sacrifice offering that has ever been received in this church.—D. S. J.