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FRUITAGE OF THE PROPHETIC GIFT

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"Ye shall know them by their fruits. . . . A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. . . . Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:16, 18, 20.

ANY attempt to evaluate the influence of the gift of the Spirit of prophecy as seen in the life and work of Mrs. E. G. White should be made in the light of the historical facts. These facts are abundant both in regard to her character and her work. For seventy years she laboured among us. For forty years her voice has been silent, for she died in 1915. Yet she still speaks, for her writings, numbering many volumes, appear in numerous languages and are read the world around. *The Great Controversy* alone has been printed in thirty languages, and well over a million copies have been circulated. *Steps to*

Christ has been translated into seventy-two languages and circulated by the millions. So we are examining a tree with not only leaves and blooms—but with fruit which has developed and ripened. Its wholesome effects may be observed in the rise and progress of the great Advent Movement and in the lives of its members.

Mrs. White wrote concerning her work with great Christian humility:

"I have no claims to make, only that I am instructed that I am the Lord's messenger; that He called me in my youth to be His messenger, to receive His word, and to give a clear and decided message in the name of the Lord Jesus."—*Review and Herald*, July 26, 1906.

"I have written many books," she wrote, "and they have been given a wide circulation. Of myself I could not have brought out the truth in these books, but the Lord has given me the help of

His Holy Spirit. These books, giving the instruction that the Lord has given me during the past sixty years, contain light from heaven, and will bear the test of investigation."—*Ibid.* (Italics supplied.)

The servant of God urged that her life and work be tested by its fruits.

"Let the *Testimonies* be judged by their fruits," she wrote. "What is the spirit of their teaching? What has been the result of their influence? 'All who desire to do so can acquaint themselves with the fruits of these visions.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 671.

The fruitage borne by the gift of prophecy as manifested to the Remnant Church takes shape in a great weight of evidence. Think first of the high standard of Christian life held forth in the writings of Mrs. White. These Christ-centred messages have influenced hundreds of thousands of lives for the better. Think

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of how they have influenced your life. And the growth and progress of the work of the third angel's message in its many lines of endeavour has prospered in proportion to the loyalty with which the church has related itself to the Spirit of prophecy counsels. Let us now examine five of the most conspicuous fruits growing on the tree of inspiration.

1. THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BUILDS FAITH IN THE BIBLE

Mrs. White regarded the Scriptures as the supreme revelation of truth. The *Testimonies* were given to draw the minds of God's people to the great principles of salvation set forth in the Bible. This is made plain in the following statement from her pen:

"The Word of God is sufficient to enlighten the most beclouded mind, and may be understood by those who have any desire to understand it. But notwithstanding all this, some who profess to make the Word of God their study, are found living in direct opposition to its plainest teachings. Then, to leave men and women without excuse, God gives plain and pointed testimonies, bringing them back to the word that they have neglected to follow. The Word of God abounds in general principles for the formation of correct habits of living, and the testimonies, general and personal, have been calculated to call their attention more especially to these principles."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 663, 664.

In another place Mrs. White said that "little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 37.

2. THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BUILDS UNITY AMONG BELIEVERS

Paul tells us that the gifts of the Spirit were given to prosper the Christian movement in all its soul-saving activities and at the same time to bring in unity and love among the believers.

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity (into the unity, margin) of the faith." Eph. 4:11-13.

As an example of how unity was brought to the leadership of the church through the Spirit of prophecy, we point to an experience which transpired at the turn of the century.

TO THE church of God on earth the gift of prophecy is of inestimable value.

Darkness, dense darkness covers our present world. Spiritual darkness, gross spiritual darkness, has settled like a pall upon the people. The immediate need is for light. This need is vital. The Spirit of prophecy reflects that light. Its heaven-sent beam indicates clearly and distinctly the only safe pathway for Seventh-day Adventist pilgrims. Those who walk in its rays find joy and peace in victorious Christian living and in successful soul-winning service.

For more than a century the Lord has made known His interest in His people through the Spirit of prophecy as manifested in the writings of Ellen G. White. Advent believers do not substitute these messages for the Holy Scriptures. They do not accept them as a new rule of faith and doctrine. These inspired writings were not given for these purposes, but they were given for counsel, for reproof, for admonition, for encouragement, for illumination of doctrine and for guidance. In all instances where this divine counsel has been received and followed there has always resulted a higher standard of Christian living and a more fruitful Christian service. Today the writings of the Spirit of prophecy are a priceless treasure to the aged and a precious heritage to the youth in our churches.

As we come nearer to the end of

The Advent Movement faced at that time a crisis, when, under the garb of new and beautiful light, the false doctrine of pantheism was widely agitated by a prominent worker. If accepted, this doctrine would have annihilated our concepts of a personal God and obliterated our essential doctrines. But the pen of Mrs. White was busy, and her messages exposed the fallacy and restored doctrinal

time the conflict will become more severe, the road will become more difficult, the darkness, will become more dense. The enemy will marshal all his hosts to destroy, if possible, the very elect. The need for church members, old and young alike, to acquaint themselves with the teachings of the Spirit of prophecy is extremely urgent. Therefore April 14, 1956 has been set apart by General Conference Committee action to be observed as Spirit of Prophecy Day in Seventh-day Adventist churches in all the world. Pastors and church leaders in Southern Asia are invited to use the carefully prepared study by Leo R. Odom and the excellent messages from the pen of D. A. Delafield, along with material from such valuable publications as, *Ellen G. White, Messenger to the Remnant* by A. L. White; *A Prophet Among You* by T. Housel Jemison; *Divine Guidance* by D. E. Rebok; and *His Messenger* by Ruth Wheeler. These sources, with the leadership of the Holy Spirit, will make possible eleven o'clock messages in our churches on April 14 which will bring spiritual blessings and benefits to our members.

Let all "TIDINGS" readers join in praying that Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath may create such an interest in, such a love for, and such faithfulness in the study of these inspired writings that they may accomplish their purpose in helping to prepare our people for translation at the soon-coming of Jesus.

unity and harmony among the perplexed brethren.

An expression of confidence in the Spirit of prophecy was soon forthcoming from the pen of A. G. Daniells, at that time President of the General Conference. Having presided at the Autumn Council of the General Conference Committee held in Takoma Park in which this issue had been dealt with, he had received from

day to day important and timely testimonies related to the issue, which had been mailed from California even before the council opened. Sensing that a disastrous crisis which would have affected the entire future of the movement had been averted because of these messages, he wrote to Mrs. White on October 20, 1903, stating that the message "came at just the right time exactly" and he continued: "The conflict was severe, and we knew not how things would turn. But your clear, clean-cut, beautiful message came and settled the controversy."

3. THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BUILDS A STRONG CHURCH ORGANIZATION

The influence of the Spirit of prophecy has been felt in the church in a most active way from beginning days when James White was called upon to publish a paper. This counsel has brought increased activity in many areas of endeavour. The leaders were called upon to establish a health institute, and educate the people how to keep well. Then the call came to institute a school and educate men for the ministry and organize young men for Christian service. We were pointed to the regions beyond, and urged to send missionaries and support them liberally. We were told to build up home missions and care for the poor and the neglected. Then the call came to train nurses and qualify men as physicians, to train many to become medical missionaries.

In 1901 the work of the denomination was re-organized as Ellen White pointed out the need of a distribution of responsibility. In subsequent years the Spirit of prophecy had much to do with directing the Adventist cause in departmental activities.

The Spirit of prophecy gave guidance to the church in extending our boundaries out into the very perimeter of the earth. The Old Testament prophecy had special meaning: "Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Before J. N. Andrews sailed from Boston as our first missionary to Europe in 1874 the message came from the inspired pen of God's servant:

"Your light must not be confined to a small compass, put under a bushel, or under a bed, but on a candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in the

"The Lord has sent His people much instruction, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater light. Oh, how much good would be accomplished if the books containing this light were read with a determination to carry out the principles they contain! There would be a thousand-fold greater vigilance, a thousand-fold more self-denial and resolute effort."—*Colporteur Ministry*, pp. 125, 126.

house. The house is the world. You must take broader views of the work than you have taken. . . .

"Our message is to go forth in power to all parts of the world, . . . to all nations, tongues, and peoples. Many countries are waiting for the advanced light the Lord has for them, and your faith must grow, that you may meet the demands for this time. Go forward and upward; God will work in accordance with your faith and devotedness to the advancement of His cause."—*Manuscript 1*, 1874, pp. 4, 16, 17. (See also *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 118.)

4. THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BUILDS SANCTIFIED CHRISTIAN LIVES

However important the Spirit of prophecy has been to the Seventh-day Adventist movement, with which it has been connected from the earliest days of the church, it exerts no less vital influence on the individual lives of those comprising its membership. From that day, in December, 1844, when her first vision was given, till her death in 1915, Ellen White, through her voice and her pen, ever kept before the church the need of preparing to meet the Lord at His second coming. Character must be perfected. We are a people looking forward to translation. Appropriate fruit must appear in the everyday lives of church members.

Many Seventh-day Adventists who have unbounded confidence in the prophetic gift manifested through Mrs. White have little realization of the personal need of studying the writings for themselves as an essential part of their spiritual preparation for

the crisis we are soon to enter.

The prophet of old pictured the remnant as they who "keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus," (Rev. 12:17, A.R.V.) which is "the Spirit of prophecy." The word translated *hold*, where the authorized version renders *has* is the same Greek word as that found in 1 Thess. 5:19-21: "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." And those who have held to that gift in a time of rapidly lowering standards have found sanctifying power in their lives.

God has given the minute details of holy living through the *Testimonies*. "Satan leads many to believe that God will overlook their unfaithfulness in the minor affairs of life."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 620. We need, not only to know the general principles of righteousness as they are found in the Bible, but their plain application to the everyday life, as it is set forth in the Spirit of prophecy.

It is difficult for a covetous man to recognize all the symptoms of covetousness. Men who believe themselves to be honest, are frequently practising unwittingly habits that are dishonest. Selfishness is recognized as sinful, but is not always realized by those who still manifest it in their lives. In the messages that are sent by God to His people to prepare them for translation, the application of the principles found in the Scriptures are made so plain that the sincere Christian may discern the evil in his heart and by the grace of God eradicate it.

Does not our entire membership stand in need of being mightily influenced by the special messages given by the Spirit of God for this time, and for this people? These messages magnify God's Word and exalt Jesus as the Saviour. They stress the power of prayer and the responsibility for soul-saving service. They furnish a foreknowledge of the future crisis, and the wiles and delusions of the enemy. They help us to understand the simple gospel of righteousness by faith, of laying hold upon the mighty power of God, and of the assurance of victory. No other means except the

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THE GIFT OF PROPHECY THROUGH THE AGES

LEO R. ODOM

THE purpose of this study is to show (1) that all through the centuries God has kept in communication with His people by means of the Spirit of prophecy, (2) that the prophetic gift was never intended to take the place of the Bible, (3) that possession of this gift is one of the identifying marks of the true church in the last days, and (4) that we need to make the most of the instruction which God has given us by this means.

I. BEFORE THE WRITING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

"God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:21. (See also Luke 1:70.)

NOTE: After the fall of Adam, when open and direct communication between heaven and earth was cut off, the Lord chose from time to time some godly person to serve as His prophet, or spokesman, to men, as Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Job, Jacob, Joseph, and others of the patriarchal age. "During the first twenty-five hundred years of human history, there was no written revelation. Those who had been taught of God, communicated their knowledge to others, and it was handed down from father to son, through successive generations."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 5.

II. DURING THE WRITING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

1. God has spoken to men "by His prophets in the holy scriptures." Rom. 1:2.

NOTE: "The preparation of the written Word began in the time of Moses. Inspired revelations were then embodied in an inspired Book. This work continued during the long period of sixteen hundred years—from Moses, the historian of creation

and the law, to John, the recorder of the most sublime truths of the gospel."—*The Great Controversy*, p. v.

2. During these 1,600 years the ministry of the prophetic office was not limited to the writing of the books of the Bible.

NOTE: "During the ages while the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testament were being given, the Holy Spirit did not cease to communicate light to individual minds, apart from the revelations to be embodied in the Sacred Canon. The Bible itself relates how, through the Holy Spirit, men received warning, reproof, counsel, and instruction, in matters in no way relating to the giving of the Scriptures. And mention is made of prophets in different ages, of whose utterances nothing is recorded."—*The Great Controversy*, p. viii.

In the old Testament:—The prophetesses Miriam (Ex. 15:20), Deborah (Judges 4:4), and Huldah (2 Kings 22:14; 2 Chron. 34:22). Some of those prophets are specifically said to have written books (1 Chron. 29:29; 2 Chron. 9:29; 12:15; 13:22; 30:34; 33:18), which were not embodied in, and were never intended to take the place of the Holy Scriptures.

In the New Testament:—Simeon, John the Baptist, Agabus, and Silas (Luke 2:25-35; 1:76; Matt. 11:9; Acts 11:27, 28; 21:10, 11; 15:32). To these must be added the prophetess Anna (Luke 2:36-38) and Philip's "four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy." Acts 21:8, 9.

3. "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." 1 Cor. 12:28.

NOTE: The word "prophet" is used in the plural form in this text. In Ephesians 4:11 Paul speaks of the

spiritual gifts in the church, and again lists among them the "prophets." And the ministry of "prophets" at Jerusalem and Antioch is noted by Luke (Acts 11:27, 28; 13:1; 15:32). In still another listing of the spiritual gifts in the church, Paul places "prophecy" (1 Cor. 12:10). And he cautions God's people not to harbour a hostile attitude toward this gift, saying: "Despise not prophesyings." 1 Thess. 5:20.

III. AFTER THE WRITING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

1. "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12:17. "The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy." Rev. 19:10.

NOTE: Thus the Bible itself has definitely foretold that one of the identifying marks of God's Remnant Church—His true people in the last days—would be the Spirit of prophecy in their midst. Hence this statement: "In like manner, after the close of the canon of Scripture, the Holy Spirit was still to continue its work, to enlighten, warn, and comfort the children of God."—*The Great Controversy*, p. viii.

2. As the honest in heart, a few here and a few there, earnestly prayed to God for light during the dismal days of disappointment and confusion that prevailed in the religious world after October 22, 1844, He sent them solace and instruction by means of the gift of prophecy.

NOTE: After two other persons had failed to do His bidding in the matter, God laid the burden of the prophetic office upon Ellen Gould Harmon, a young woman only seventeen years old, in December of 1844. She was married to Elder James White on August 30, 1846, and in the years that followed became the mother of four boys. Her death occurred at her home near St. Helena, California, on July 16, 1915.

The work which was done by Sister White was broad in its scope, much like that of Moses. Some are inclined to limit the work of a

prophet to foretelling future events. To this we should add the broader picture set forth in Hosea 12:13: "By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved."

At the very outset of the Remnant Church God sent messages to sustain the confidence of the believers, and then He led His people on step by step. Through the years with this gift among us, we were led, guided, re-proved, corrected, informed, and instructed, for God is "perfecting" a people, preparing them to meet Him.

During her seventy years of prophetic ministry, Sister White faithfully performed the duties of a wife

and mother, travelled far and wide, preached and lectured frequently, and wrote extensively. She spent two years (from 1885 to 1887) travelling and helping in our work in various countries of Europe. In 1891, when sixty-four years old and at the age when many gospel workers retire from active service, she sailed for Australia, where she laboured nine years in pioneer missionary work. She wrote no less than 23,900 pages of matter which has appeared in book form, besides 4,500 articles published in several of our denominational periodicals. Her little book *Steps to Christ* has had a circulation

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AURANGABAD EFFORT

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IN September, 1955, Central India Section committee asked the writer to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings in the city of Aurangabad, Hyderabad State. Brother Gaikwad, our station evangelist, Brother Athawale, a sustentation worker, Dr. Ranjane, a lay-member from Aurangabad, and Brother Shinde from Gangapur assisted in the effort.

On October 2, after the evangelistic workshop conducted for Central India workers by Pastor S. P. Vitrano ended, our lecture series began. In spite of the heavy rain that day we had about 450 people present for the opening meeting in our large tent.

Among the regular attenders we had one of the leaders of another denomination who was bitterly opposed to our message. He informed our people that he would never allow the meetings to continue peacefully. Some months previous to these meetings he had gathered from the people around the area copies of the book *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy* and burned them. These books had been presented to the regular attenders of an effort held four years ago. When he came to disturb the meetings the spirit of the Lord worked in his heart.

Instead of disturbing he started helping us to keep order in the meetings. Night after night he was convinced that this was the true church of God. At the close of the effort he and his whole family were baptized into the Remnant Church.

At the conclusion of the effort it was a great pleasure to take a large group of believers and interested ones out to a beautiful stream and there baptize nine precious souls. To date twenty-one have been baptized from this effort and six more are getting ready for the next baptism.

Arrangements are being made to organize a church in this historical city which will be a witness for Christ.

ENJOYING GOD'S HANDIWORK

K. BHASKARA RAO

MR. W. F. ZILL, principal of the S. D. A. High School, Narsapur, officially announced to the students and the staff that there would be a four-day MV camp near the sea shore at Antervedi, a village which is six miles away from the town of Narsapur, commencing from January 25, 1956. Thereafter the students could talk of little else.

Pretty soon arrangements were

made for four boats to take us from Narsapur to the camp site. We had to trudge three miles to get to the boats but soon we were sailing on the Godavari, and soon we reached our destination accompanied by Mr. P. Rajah Rao, secretary-treasurer of North Telugu Section, who was our camp director. The whole student body was divided into several units and each unit pitched its own tent.

The next morning at six, at the blowing of a whistle by Mr. P. Rajah Rao, everybody got up and prepared for morning worship. At 7:30 another whistle was blown calling the campers together for the observance of the Morning Watch. Pastor I. Subushanam, president of the North Telugu Section, was the speaker for the first meeting. He pictured to us the first home of Adam and Eve, with its breath-taking beauty. Our camp director in his devotional talk made it clear that one of the purposes of the MV camp was to teach us to enjoy the things of nature, and to praise God for His beautiful handiwork.

Every day we had our morning worship, prayer bands, camp duties, games and sea-bathing, devotional, and camp-fire. Every tent was kept spick and span for there was a daily camp inspection.

On Sabbath, January 28, a memorable Sabbath school programme was arranged and the Antervedi church members joined us in our open-air Sabbath school. In the church service that followed Mr. Zill attracted the attention of the audience by saying: "There are only three classes of Christians, namely, the row-boat Christians, the sail-boat Christians and the steam-boat Christians. Since the first two depend mostly on circumstances and fair weather, there is a great danger in being like them." Concluding his sermon, Mr. Zill exhorted us to be like the steam-boats having power within.

In the afternoon a forum was conducted in a casuarina garden, a good distance from our camp, by Mr. Rajah Rao, the subject being "The Sabbath and Its Observance." He also conducted the last prayer meeting which closed the MV camp. The students and staff members said that it was one of the best camps they had ever had.

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SOUTH ASIA TIDINGS

HOSPITAL'S STUDENT NURSES WIN SILVER CUP ON MODEL EXHIBITED AT NURSES' CONFERENCE

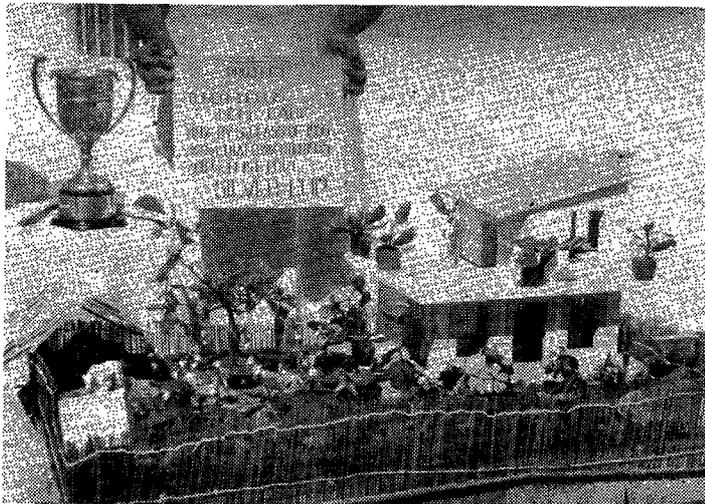
THE Annual Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India for 1955 was held in Patna. One of its most attractive features was the Student Nurses' Exhibition. Projects were received from all parts of India. We, the student nurses of Giffard Memorial Hospital, sent in five projects. One of them was "The Care of the T. B. Patient in the Home." We chose it for three reasons: 1. T. B. is prevalent in India. 2. T. B. could be prevented and cured. 3. As an education to the public.

The completed project was 2 x 3 feet. The garden was laid with shade trees, flower beds, and paths. In one corner was a sanitarily-built well and in the opposite corner a cow-shed. The house itself consisted of two storeys. The patient's quarters upstairs had a bedroom, a dining room, a lavatory, a bathroom, and a balcony. The bed, tables, chairs and utensils were made to suit; also the two figures—the patient and the nurse.

The nursing care points emphasized were: Rest, good diet, quiet recreation, light exercise, fresh air, sunshine, pleasant surroundings, need for isolation, disinfection of sputum, prevention of droplet infection, cleanliness and drinking boiled water and boiled milk.

The picture below shows the complete exhibit and the silver cup received as prize.

—QUEENIE KRISHNAPILLAI



A NURSE

There stands a girl with a heavenward gaze.
Look into her eyes and you'll see the rays
Of a burning love for the human race
Whom, God gave His Son, to redeem by grace.

What is her purpose? What is her aim?
What so high in heaven could be her game?

Ah! she is a nurse—her life she has given
To the sick and sorrowing, the maimed and riven.

Her hands are busy, her feet are steady,
Her head held high with her wits all ready

To sense the slightest want, the call, the plaint
Of anyone! the king, the beggar, the rogue and saint.

Day and night she toils sometimes.
Food, rest and sleep forgotten oft-times.
Is she ever tired, does she ever grumble?
No, never, the thought of others keeps her humble.

Does she crave for a reward? Is it a name?

Wealth, state or fame, does she try to claim?

Well, listen! 'I do it for true love's sake,'
She says, 'and shun all hate, of human make.'

So:

Help me, dear Jesus, in my arms to enfold like Thee
The needy; only a poor human though I be.

—Queenie Krishnapillai

[Note: The above poem was written by a Catholic girl who is a senior nursing student at Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, Krishna District, South India. It received a second prize at the recent Trained Nurses' Association of India Conference.]

MY APPRECIATION OF THE PROPHETIC GIFT

R. L. ROWE

I BELIEVE that God has given us one of the strongest proofs of His love in the gift of the Spirit of prophecy. It presents to us a reasonable picture of the great struggle between good and evil, and shows us an adequate reason for our existence, both individually and as a church group. To me the Spirit of prophecy is more than a collection of books or commentaries on religious themes and the Scriptures. It is a sure guide to heaven. It gives helpful counsel on every important problem affecting Christian living. It opens the doors of heaven, that we may find richer blessings in the Bible, and discern God's purposes and His love more clearly. It lifts the veil that hides the future, and permits us to look beyond the shadows. It traces our way through the dark unknown, and deepens our conviction that God will guide us "unto the perfect day." In its messages we find new revelations of the amazing love of God, and the "riches of love in Christ Jesus." Jesus becomes more real to us, as Friend, Elder Brother, Companion, and Saviour. The Christian's hope grows brighter, as he is about to behold glimpses of the reward of the saints.

Not only is the future made clearer, but a flood of light is given revealing our present life. Our responsibilities as Christian neighbours is amplified. The road to better living and more abundant health, the way of recovery from disease and lengthening of our years is demonstrated in the counsels of the health messages. How glad we should be that God has not left us to walk blindly, but has revealed to us a sure guide that shall bring us safely into His everlasting kingdom, in spite of all the attempts of Satan to cause us to stumble and fall. Truly we should thank God for this demonstration of His love.

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GARO HILLS, ASSAM**

G. A. MARAK

BROTHER P. K. Gayen and the writer planned to hold an effort in Bakenang village. On January 13 we left Rajasimla, but had to stop at Puntimary for a night in order to collect some effort equipment which had been left there. A buffalo-cart was engaged to take the things, and we started at day-break. Our journey took us through thick jungles which were not very safe in the night as there were wild beasts and dacoits around. However, we eventually arrived in Bakenang at two o'clock the next morning.

The pandal was supposed to be ready a week earlier than our arrival and we were disappointed to find it was just being started. The contractor had been unable to engage coolies because the Baptist Church Annual Meetings were being held at that time. So with the aid of the contractor we decided to build the pandal ourselves. We had some difficulty in finding a place to put the pandal but we believed God's work could not be hindered and we rejoiced when a plot of land was offered to us by Mr. Kontinath R. Marak, a V.O.P. student. We were very grateful to him for his kind offer. The pandal was erected on the edge of the Dunmakkra stream facing towards the Bildeng Mountain. This place is the gateway into the heart of the Garo Hills where the primitive Ambeng Garos are living.

The opening meeting was on January 22 and a crowd of more than five hundred people attended. This interest kept up for several nights. Brother P. K. Gayen is the speaker and the writer is the interpreter. The gospel lectures which are being presented every night are appreciated by the congregation. Many people said they had never heard such clear explanations of the Scripture before.

In spite of opposition and prejudice the honest-in-heart are searching for the vital truths of the Scriptures.

Questions are being asked in every meeting. These people seem to be modern Bereans. By the grace of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ and through the work of the Holy Spirit twenty people are ready to be baptized at the close of the meetings.

We are entering into the place of the aboriginal or primitive Garos. They are still half-naked and worship stones and trees. We long for the light of Jesus to shine upon them. God says, "Whom shall I send? Who will go and tell them of the love of Jesus?" Let us answer with Isaiah, "Here am I; send me." Please bear in mind the Ambeng Garos in your prayers.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS IN THE
NAGA HILLS**

J. JAPAGNANAM

IN THE Naga Hills there is a small village in the range of the mountains known as Champhung. The cottages lie concealed among the shrubberies and the whole village is surrounded by trees and mountains and are thus protected from the noise and bustle of the world. Here the workers and believers of the Adventist Church in the Naga Hills gathered for the Annual Meetings from February 1-4, 1956.

Pastor H. T. Burr, president of the Assam Mission, Pastor D. J. Donesky, who has just come to this Section in response to the challenging call of the Himalayas, and the writer, assisted in the meetings. Before the first rays of the sun reddened the clouds in the morning sky, all happily sang at the hour of the devotional meetings every day. At the noon hours under the shade of the shamiana all were present to hear the Word of God again.

Nearly 300 people from different villages in the foot-hills of the Himalayas attended the meetings, some walking seven days to get there. On the Sabbath day Pastor Donesky baptized twenty-two souls who had been prepared by Brethren Peter and Benjamin Luikham. After the meet-

ings we walked about twenty-seven miles to reach two villages where Pastor Burr had the privilege of solemnizing three weddings.

Please remember the work, workers, and believers of the Naga Hills in your prayers.

**INSPIRING WEEK AT
KELLOGG-MOOKERJEE
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

H. H. MATTISON

AFTER an absence of fifteen years it was my privilege to return to the Netherlands of East Pakistan to conduct the Week of Prayer at Kellogg-Mookerjee Memorial High School from January 20 to 28.

I was especially interested in the changes time has wrought in the school plant in Jalirpar where the school is situated. It was my task to transfer the school from Gopalganj to Jalirpar in the year 1939. At that time many things had to be improvised as the school began to be settled in what had been the old hospital building. Additions have since been made which give more room and provide a good deal more comfort than we had that first year. I was impressed with the efforts that have been made to raise the level of the compound. This race with the rising flood waters has been a losing one the past two years because floods of unprecedented height have covered everything including the highest bunds or levees and from twelve to eighteen inches of water has stood for weeks on end in buildings whose floors were considered to be well above the highest water level when they were built.

Despite the recent floods whose marks are still plainly visible on all the woodwork and furniture of the school and teachers' homes, I found the school family in good spirits and nothing was said about the flood except in reply to questions put by the visitor. Every one was busy trying to redeem the time lost during the last flood when they were forced to close school for a period of about six weeks. Brother and Sister Jacques, the principal and his wife, are new workers, Jalirpar School being their

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SPICER JUNIOR M.V. SOCIETY

J. N. SILVANUS

FRIDAY, February 17, witnessed a very memorable and solemn occasion at the Spicer Elementary School at Kirkee. A number of boys and girls of varying ages crowded into a small-sized room to participate in the annual Investiture service.

The guest speaker of the day was the college dean of men—Pastor O. W. Lange. A veritable picture of a true Master Guide, Elder Lange commended the young people on their splendid accomplishments. Forty-two juniors received their tokens of Busy Bees, Builders, and Helping Hands. Besides, as many as forty-six certificates were awarded to those who had qualified for the Primary Reading Course Certificates. They were highly commended by Dean Lange for these achievements.

One of the most active persons on the spot was Miss Rose Meister, the principal of the Elementary School. As she looked into the faces of the little ones, one could say most as-

surely, she saw many prospective workers for God. This, notwithstanding the fact that almost all these students are day scholars and come from non-Christian homes.

As Miss Meister takes her departure from her field of foreign service, she can be encouraged by the fact that she has done a splendid job in boosting the Elementary school of Spicer which had an enrolment of 68 during 1955-56 and the Junior M. V. Society will certainly miss an earnest Master Guide.

POONA CITY CHURCH REPORT

S. P. ENGLER

RECENTLY we concluded another effort in the Poona City Church. Several Voice of Prophecy students attended the meetings. Personal contacts were made. Cottage meetings and public meetings were held. God blessed our effort and in spite of opposition four dear souls took their stand and embraced the precious truth and underwent the rite of baptism.

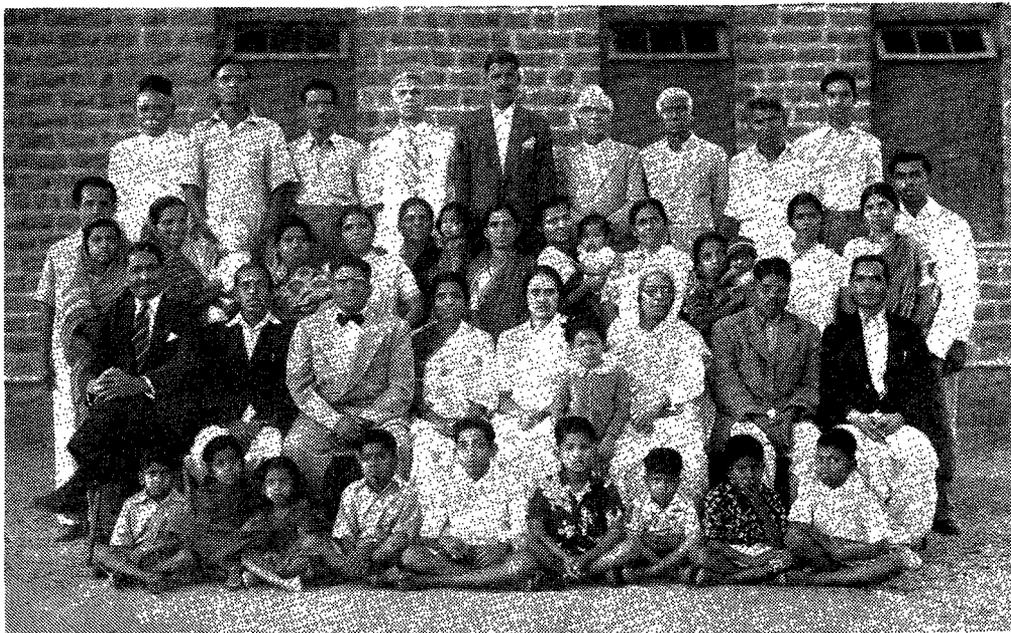
One of the candidates had attended all the previous campaigns held in this place and with the help of the Lord courageously determined at last to follow the light that she had received. Her husband who has been transferred to Calcutta, is studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons in Marathi. He writes that after reading *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy* and the life of Sister White he has made up his mind to accept the truth and be baptized. Another candidate, Brother V. M. Madukar, has completed three courses in English—First, Advanced and Youth's courses. Now he is studying the Marathi course. There are still a few Voice of Prophecy students who, we hope, will be ready for the next baptism.

Most of our church members are faithful tithe payers and active lay workers.

One of our members, Mrs. Y. E. Moses, is especially active in visiting and giving Bible studies and she already has two souls to her credit.

We have forty baptized members and as a group we feel we are especially privileged to be so close to the headquarters of our work. We thus have the opportunity of hearing many of our leaders from the Union and the Division.

We solicit the prayers of the "TIDINGS" readers for the growth of this church.



Some members and adherents of the Poona City church

Fruitage of the Prophetic Gift

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Bible has brought such grace into our hearts.

5. THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BUILDS FAITH IN THE TRIUMPH OF THE ADVENT CAUSE

Paul had said that the church would "come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:7. He also said that the gifts would be in the church until that time when the church was brought to perfection in Christ Jesus. That time has not come yet, but we are hastening toward that day. It is to be expected that the Spirit of prophecy should hold before us the bright hope of the second advent, and this is indeed the case. In her very first vision Mrs. White saw Christ bidding His children persevere until they reached the end of the journey. In later visions she saw the Saviour appearing in glory. These messages were passed on to cheer and encourage the Advent people. "The coming of Christ is near," she said, "and hasteth greatly. The time in which to labour is short, and men and women are perishing."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 105.

In her last message to the church as it was represented in General Conference Session in 1913 she assuringly wrote:

"When in the night season, I am unable to sleep I lift my heart in prayer to God, and He strengthens me and gives me the assurance that He is with His ministering servants in the home field and in distant lands. I am encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people, and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end."—*The Remnant Church*, p. 70.

Yet she stressed the ever present need of each church member being in a higher relationship with God. There is present-day work that we are to do while we are waiting for His coming. The three-fold message must be heralded to the world around, and there is a great temperance programme to be carried on in connection with the preaching of the Word. Welfare and medical ministry are to be engaged in by laymen as well as qualified medical personnel. Not only

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A VERY SUCCESSFUL UPLIFT TRIP

M. G. CHAMPION

(Home Missionary secretary, West Pakistan Union)

WILLYS, the jeep, had stood for two days in the rain and was cold and soaked through. There was no reason to go anyway, for who wanted to go Uplifting? All the persuasion that could be stirred up, with the help of all who were around, did not seem to do any good. We pushed and pushed until Willys figured there was nothing else for it, there was no way out of Uplift, so with many a cough and sputter, Willys, the jeep, started, and we were soon on our way. When we got out on the open road with the long trip to Multan ahead, and all the way stations on the outward, as well as the homeward journey, Willys just sang the miles away.

This was considered a three-week trip and when I had said that Pastor F. M. Sajid and I were going to



THE COMFORTER

Mary Kelsey

O could we feel each day, each hour,
The Holy Spirit's lifting power!
It drives the gloom of life away,
And turns our darkness into day.

Come, Holy Spirit, I bid Thee come,
To make my heart Thy lasting home.
Restore to me Thy touch divine,
Make all Thy deeds and virtues mine.

Control my thoughts, dispel my fears,
Confidence give for future years.
Build heart and home in love and peace,
Causing the sting of sin to cease.

Show me the Man who lived and died,
Planning I should with Him abide.
Show how to live, and for Him labour,
Counting every man my neighbour.

Make me a blessing in every case
Where sin has left its ugly trace.
Remove the scar, give blessed rest,
Upon the loving Saviour's breast.



work hard and see if we could finish it up in just over two weeks so we could get back and make a start on Lahore, most folk said that was wishful thinking. Now, that we were started, even Willys seemed ready for anything and the Rs. 2,500/- goal did not seem so bad.

Soon we were in Patoki and here was the man who started the list last year. Again he smilingly wrote his name on the one hundred rupee list and handed over a nice crisp note. We thanked him and went on our way, remembering that last year we only got Rs. 120/- in Patoki. In short order we had two more fifties and then a twenty. In a little over an hour we finished the little town with Rs. 220/-. Our hearts sang, "God Is With Us" as we moved on to the next town. We missed finding the men we were looking for in a place or two, but it seemed that we were making it faster than last year, and each place we got more than we had a year ago. We reached Okara with time to work and we worked until nearly eight o'clock. We had had a good day; yes, God was with us.

The next morning Okara was finished and on we went to Montgomery. We had not taken time for breakfast, and lunch was very sketchy, but we were Uplifting, and the second day was a good one.

Ahead of schedule, we were on the road to Pakpattan. We failed to find several people whom we had hoped to meet, but this was Friday and we could not expect to do too much, but we worked and we really seemed to be getting along. As the sun was getting low in the west on Friday afternoon we were much further from home than we had expected and with two and a half days work we were near the thousand mark.

A peaceful Sabbath was spent in the P. W. D. Rest House in Arifwala. We had made a good start there Friday afternoon, but could not finish the town. However, God had blessed us so far and we were sure that He would be with us as we went on. Sunday morning we made an early

start and we soon had another Rs. 220 from Arifwala and we were on the way again. We were not sure that Sunday was a good day, but we were going to find out.

There was one call we were a bit anxious about. We felt that we should ask that man for Rs. 1,000. We found the man in, and in less than five minutes we had his cheque for Rs. 1,000! On we went, sure that not only was God with us, but the windows of heaven were open. We worked until well after dark, forgetting food and everything. We had had a good day, for we were only Rs. 15 short of Rs. 1,500 for this day. Why! we practically had the goal and we had not reached Multan yet. So we began increasing our goal. We could not believe that it was possible that we were in Multan before noon on Monday and were already well over the goal. Our courage was at high level and we knew that there were friends in Multan who were just waiting to give to us. We worked till late and were at it early the next day. It was not long before we were over Rs. 1,000 for Multan. Now we had more than Rs. 1,000 over our goal and we had not been out a week. Certainly, the windows of

heaven were open. We reached home late Thursday afternoon, having made the trip in just over a week and we had Rs. 4,116!

Yes, it was a very successful Uplift trip. On the Friday afternoon we met a very fine Moslem gentleman whom we had seen the year before. After a few words of greeting we showed him the report. He said, "Today is Friday." That was sufficient. We had a nice little talk with him about the Sabbath and Sabbath-keeping. It was our last contact on Friday afternoon. When we saw him again on Sunday he gave and we talked with him for some time.

We talked with one group of ten or a dozen men, one or two of whom we had met the year before. None of them talked much English. One man whom we had never seen before reached in his pocket and pulled out Rs. 50 and gave it as he praised our work in a wonderful way and so we met friendship and liberality. We appreciated the liberality of our business friends in West Pakistan, and we are happy that it is our privilege to be of service to the peoples of West Pakistan through our Medical-Educational-Welfare Uplift programme.

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RANGOON VOICE OF PROPHECY SPEARHEAD RALLIES

E. C. BECK

IT IS certainly true that large crowds will attend an open-air meeting and will stay by to hear the messages we have to present. This may be one means of getting to the multitudes who might never enter our halls or churches. We conducted three spearhead rallies in the Rangoon area during the months of November and December, and we feel that considerable good has been done.

The meetings were conducted on four consecutive nights, starting with a Sunday night. Every night the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course was presented to the people as one of the best ways to become acquainted with

the wonderful Christ who can bring peace to troubled minds, and satisfy those unfulfilled longings of the human heart. The meetings were known as the "Life and Health" Crusade and began each night with two ten-minute films on some health topic, from the USIS. This was followed by a slide-illustrated lecture on the Wonderful Christ—His birth, His life, His death, resurrection and ascension, and His second coming. These were presented, one each night, in the order given. We were happily surprised to see the people staying right by through the last prayer.

As the audience gathered, our young people milled among them and passed out specially-prepared Voice of Prophecy announcements on which was a space for their name and address. This we asked them to bring



THINK ON THESE

He conquers who endures.—*Persius.*

When you doubt, abstain.—*Selected.*

Never do anything, concerning the rectitude of which you have a doubt.—*Pliny.*

When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone.—*Walter Scott.*

Reason is the glory of human nature, and one of the chief eminences whereby we are raised above the beasts, in this lower world.—*Watts.*

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity; they seem more afraid of life than of death.—*James F. Byrnes.*

An obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him.—*Pope.*

That man is not poor who has the use of things necessary.—*Horace.*

Prayer purifies; it is a self-preached sermon.—*Richter.*

Give less thought to what people are thinking of you, and you will have more time to think well of them.—*Tit-Bits.*



to the desk after the meeting or the next night and receive lessons 1 and 2. About 2,000 lessons were distributed in this way and answer sheets for about 250 were returned. Some of the people completed through lessons 5 and 6 during the rally.

Our largest attendance was in the Insein area where the crowds were between two and three thousand. The smallest crowds of about 800 were at Kamayut. At each meeting we asked if they would like for us to come back for more lectures in the future and the response was always very gratifying. We plan to start an effort in Insein on January 15, and we ask our people in Southern Asia to remember this endeavour in their prayers.

At the close of the rallies we sent a letter to all those who had received lessons reminding them to send in the answer sheets. All in all we felt the rallies were a success. One of the factors contributing to their success was the help given by our young people who assisted at the Voice of Prophecy booth, and distributed V. O. P. enrolment sheets. United effort will win souls to Christ.

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DEHRA DUN EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

C. A. BOYKIN

SUNDAY evening, December 4, marked the beginning of an inspiring evangelistic effort here in Dehra Dun—an important centre in Northwest India. A church was established here several years ago but owing to a number of changes and transfers involving the members the church had to be dissolved.

Some months ago Pastor S. P. Vitrano, the Northwestern Union evangelist, in consultation with the officers of the Union committee selected Dehra Dun as the place where an effort should be held during the winter months. Thus early in November Pastor Vitrano's carefully laid plans began to take shape on a plot of ground that is truly the best location in the town. Here is a little story about this:

Last October contact was made with the owner of a local hotel, at present not in use, whose building and property is a few hundred feet off Rajpur Road, the main thoroughfare of the place. Just in front of the hotel is a ground-level cement floor space about 70 x 40 feet which in times past had been used as an out-door dance floor for the patrons of the hotel. The proprietor, a very friendly retired government official was favourable to letting us have this ideal space providing a certain previous deal for his hotel and property should not materialize by a given date. This did not seem a very hopeful situation, but the matter was taken to the Lord in prayer; and it was a happy moment several days later when we learned from the owner that the place we wanted could be ours for a most reasonable figure. Just here it is proper to pay tribute to some dear unknown Adventist brother in San Francisco, California, who at the time of one of our General Conference Sessions several years ago happened to meet this "stranger from India" on

the street near the Civic Auditorium. Our brother invited this man to come and attend the meetings. This kindness, coupled with what he heard and saw there in that large gathering of Christians impressed the gentleman from India very much. Thus when he learned that the sponsors of the planned meetings for Dehra Dun were Seventh-day Adventists, he was most willing to let us have the use of his property. Truly, one never knows what far-reaching influences a little act of kindness can have.

On the opening night it was an interesting sight to see so many communities represented. Sikhs, Hindus, Hill peoples, Christian leaders, business men, upper level students, professional men and women



HANDS

RALPH E. LIBBY

*Before the judgment bar of God
Each guilty sinner stands;
The blood of Christ, the Lamb of
God,
Is charged unto his hands.*

*Some men are lost while standing
there,
Enslaved in sinful bands;
For they have spurned God's love
and care,
Revealed in stretched-out hands.*

*A few are given hope so blest
In heaven's matchless lands.
These souls are saved because they
rest
Safe in the Master's hands.*

*Then come, ye children of the King,
Your Advocate now stands.
With grateful hearts now let us sing
Of Jesus' pierced hands.*



and others. The customary song service was the introductory part of the programme and the writer wondered just what kind of a singing response would come from such a mixed audience as this. Remembering, however, that the Voice of Prophecy headquarters at Poona had sent out special announcements and invitations to all their Bible class enrollees, and keeping in mind that the Radio programme from Ceylon sends its weekly Broadcast to this area too, it seemed best to begin the song service with that wonderful V. O. P. world-wide theme song—"Lift up the Trumpet." Mrs. Boykin at the piano was asked to play a few scores of that song and then the audience was signaled to sing and sing they did—"Lift up the Trumpet and Loud Let It Ring, Jesus Is Coming Again." It was thrilling to hear so many voices singing this song and thereby indicating that they were not all strangers to the things they had come to hear. The ice having been broken as it were, the peoples soon warmed up to other songs. As an added feature Glen Nixon, son of Pastor J. W. Nixon, Division Publishing secretary, gave the listeners a wonderful treat of really inspiring violin music after which the audience was well prepared to hear the message of the evening.

Pastor Vitrano presented his introductory subject with power and conviction. Respectful hearers realized right from the start that they were not listening to just another common speech. That a profound impression was made that first night is evidenced by the fact that on each meeting night since there has been a good number present. This is now the beginning of the fifth week and the interest is heading up in a way that brings encouragement to an evangelist and his associates. The vital truths are now being presented and soon decisions will be made. It is hoped that a good number will unite themselves with this great movement and thus once again a church be established in this centre.

Others connected with Pastor Vitrano are Brother Sunder Dass, the Voice of Prophecy secretary for the Upper Ganges Section; Brother Malcolm Stanley who recently was associated with the effort in Agra; Sister Vitrano who is kept busy with

the mimeograph work and varied duties in the Auditorium; Brother Glen Nixon who was with us during the first three weeks; Brother Wazir Chand, the local literature evangelist; Brethren R. Hooper from Vincent Hill School and C. H. Tidwell from Roorkee School, assisting in the

Sunday evening meetings, and not least is the faithful tent master, David Rajarathnam. The entire group are of good courage and believe that from the many now hearing these truths, a company will be formed here in this lovely place at the foothills of the Himalayas.

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BEHIND THE PADDY FIELDS

N. O. DAHLSTEN

THERE are numerous V. O. P. graduates in the vicinity of Kandy and the other day we were out calling on some of them in the villages around. After crossing several paddy fields, a small stream and climbing a mountain or two, we were nearing our destination. We saw a woman standing near the road holding a child and my companion asked in Sinhalese if she could tell us where Mr. So-and-so lived. Before she gave us the information we desired, she wanted to know what we wanted to see him for. When we had explained to her that we were from the "Bible School," she called up the hill to a man standing in the door of a house. He told us that the young man we wanted to meet was not in but that if it was important he would send for him. While we waited and talked, he brought out and showed his nephew's certificate and a book that he had received. He also explained that he himself was a graduate. We had a very nice visit with this family and they gave us the names of a number of V. O. P. graduates living in the vicinity. All of them were very pleased that we called on them.

In the second home our graduate was not at home so we went on our way to the next homestead. Here we were very cordially received and shown around the place which turned out to be a small factory. There were several young men there, some of whom spoke excellent English. It turned out that most of them were graduates from the Sinhalese Bible course. One of them seemed quite

interested and told us that he had been thinking about becoming a Christian, and that he wanted to visit our Sabbath services. I told him that we had some literature in the car and at once he offered to go with us to where we had left it. We gave him and his friends some tracts, a copy of the *Signs* each and were again assured that they would be with us on the Sabbath.

I have been surprised at the number of graduates there are in the villages around Kandy, of whom we know nothing. They are all very pleased when we call on them and invariably they call in some other graduates for us to meet. Many of them are eager to take the English V. O. P. course



TO EACH HIS OWN

Hazel Hartwell Simon

Not all the burdens that a man can bear

Were made for you!

Not all the righteous deeds there are God bids you do.

Yours is one little life in beauty planned,

A good design.

Another little life of grace and worth God made for mine.

Each has its burdens weighed by hands of love—

Enough to bear.

Each has its kindly deeds to do—

A full sweet share.

Each has a life of inspiration, hope,

And goodness planned.

When each has done his very best, we lay

It in God's hand.



and it is our hope that taking the course over in another language will help them to understand that this is a special message from God to them. We have been encouraged by having some V. O. P. graduates come to our house for regular Bible studies and who also attend Sabbath services as time will permit. The gospel seed has been sown in the hearts of those who have taken these courses and the Bible assures us that it will bear fruit, even if it may take a long time to materialize.

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religious teaching, but practical education in the common pursuits of life are to be imparted to the thousands of people around us. While she built faith in the future life, she also taught people how to live in a practical way in this world and to prepare for immortality through faith in the Redeemer.

Perhaps the crowning tribute to her work and to her church was given by the editor of *The Independent* magazine soon after she died. He wrote of her life and her death. He touched on some of the doctrinal points and of the fruit of their teaching, and the gift of prophecy as promised to the "Remnant Church." "Their faith," he wrote, "gave great purity of life and incessant zeal. No body of Christians excels them in moral character and religious earnestness." From the doctrines of the church this editor turned to the work of the denomination, and after giving their current statistics, he concluded:

"In all this Ellen G. White has been the inspiration and guide. Here is a noble record, and she deserves great honour.

"Did she really receive divine visions, and was she really chosen by the Holy Spirit to be endued with the charism of prophecy? Or was she the victim of an excited imagination? Why should we answer? One's doctrine of the Bible may affect the conclusion. At any rate she was absolutely honest in her belief in her revelations. Her life was worthy of them. She showed no spiritual pride and she sought no filthy lucre. She lived the life and did the work of a worthy prophetess, the most admir-

able of the American succession."—*The Independent*, Aug. 23, 1915. (Ellen G. White, *Messenger to the Remnant*, p. 126.)

Here then before us are some of the fruits that grow on the tree of inspiration. Are these fruits wholesome and good? Are you taking of this precious gift and feasting upon it until your soul is filled with the love and power of God? If not, why not begin now and enter into the fullness of spiritual blessing that comes to all who make the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy the guide of their lives?

The Gift of Prophecy through the Ages

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of approximately 8,000,000 copies in 72 languages. *The Great Controversy*, containing more than 700 pages, has been issued in thirty tongues with a circulation of approximately 1,500,000.

3. "Propheying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." 1 Cor. 14:22.

NOTE: Our evangelists and other gospel workers, in their labours for the salvation of unbelievers, present from the Holy Bible the proof supporting the great fundamentals of Christian faith for this time. The people who accept fully the teachings of the Sacred Scriptures, and are willing faithfully to obey God's Word, appreciate the messages given us through the Spirit of prophecy. But as for people not acquainted as yet with the truth, we have this word of caution:

"Some have taken an injudicious course; when they have talked their faith to unbelievers, and the proof has been asked for, they have read a vision, instead of going to the Bible for proof. I saw that this course was inconsistent, and prejudiced unbelievers against the truth. The visions can have no weight with those who have never seen them and know nothing of their spirit. They should not be referred to in such cases."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, pp. 119, 120.

4. Like the messages of so many prophets of old, the testimonies borne by Sister White were never intended to take the place of the Holy Scriptures among God's people.

NOTE: In her first book, issued in

NEWS FROM AN OLD MISSIONARY

ELDER P. K. Simpson, one time missionary in the United Provinces in India, writes about an experience which he had a few weeks ago in Coos Bay, Oregon, where he is now working for the Government of the United States.

Brother Simpson had been praying for some time that the Lord would open the way for him to make use of his knowledge of Hindi and Urdu on which he had spent many hours of hard study during his terms of service in India. The next day after he had prayed he went to the post office and at the general delivery window he noticed two Indian young men with whom he spoke in the Hindi language. Their faces fairly shone as they broke into smiles and answered him in the same tongue. After a little conversation Brother Simpson learned that these boys were from Fiji and that only the day before they had come to Coos Bay, one from New York City and the other from Marysville in California. They were looking for work.

Brother Simpson invited the young men to attend our Sabbath school and church the next day Sabbath, and as it was his turn to preach he preached a sermon especially for these young men. Some of the congregation said that at least half of his speech was in the vernacular language. Through these two young men he has contacted three other young Hindus. Two of them are Sikhs

from our field. The boys from Fiji are Roman Catholics and their homes are almost next door to the Central Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists with headquarters in Suva, Fiji. However, they had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists until Brother Simpson contacted them.

The only bit of Hindi literature that Brother Simpson possessed at that time was one copy of a tract entitled "The Beliefs and Practices of Seventh-day Adventists." This was placed in their hands and they have almost worn it out reading it over and over again. One of the young men has written to his wife that their newborn child should not be baptized into the Roman Catholic Church, that he was sending for her to come to him in the United States, and that they must wait and instruct the child in the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists.

The young men who were looking for work were introduced to a Seventh-day Adventist brother who was in need of help and they are now working for him in the lumbering business. Both have given up the use of tobacco and plan to be baptized. They are now attending a series of evangelistic services which are being held in the little village of Coos Bay.

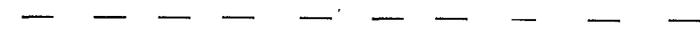
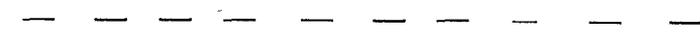
The friends of Brother Simpson in India will enjoy this experience as I did.—*L. C. Shepard*.

1851, Mrs. White said of the Bible: "I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice. By that Word we are to be judged. God has, in that Word, promised to give visions in the 'last days'; not for a new rule of faith, but for the comfort of His people, and to correct those who err from Bible truth."—*Early Writings*, p. 78.

And when she stood for the last time before the delegates assembled from all parts of the world during

the General Conference Session of 1909, at Washington, D.C., Sister White seemed to sense that she would never again attend such a meeting. After speaking a few words of cheer and farewell, she turned to the Bible that lay on the pulpit, opened it, held it out with hands trembling with age, and said to all: "Brethren and sisters, I commend unto you this book." Saying no more, she closed the Book, and left the platform. A veteran worker who witnessed the scene has aptly remarked: "It was her last

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BOMBAY											Rs. 26,000— 50%
BURMA											30,000
CEYLON											15,000
NORTHEAST											34,000— 29%
NORTHWEST INDIA											30,000— 87%
SOUTH INDIA											45,000—112%
WEST PAKISTAN											30,000—173%
DIVISION TOTAL											210,000— 72%

spoken word in the world assembly of the Remnant Church. Well was it symbolic of the lifelong ministry through this gift, ever exalting high, supreme above all, the Holy Scriptures as the foundation of the faith of the people of the Advent Movement."—William A. Spicer, *The Spirit of Prophecy in the Advent Movement*, p. 30.

IV. CONCLUSION

"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chron. 20:20.

NOTE: The brightest and happiest eras in the history of the people of God have been those when they diligently heeded the messages which He sent to them through His prophets. The darkest, saddest periods have been those when the divinely inspired testimonies of His messengers were spurned or neglected.

Kellogg-Mookerjee Memorial High School

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first appointment. Their initiation into mission service has been a rigorous one indeed, but it was obvious that their spirits are higher than the flood

waters have yet reached and they are carrying on with a smile. The pleasant time spent in their home will be long remembered.

Two members of the staff, Pastor S. K. Halder and Mrs. C. M. Biswas, were co-workers of mine in Gopalganj and moved with the school to Jalirpar. I believe I am correct in saying that Mrs. C. M. Biswas, still serving as preceptress and matron, is our oldest worker in point of service, in East Pakistan. Her conversation often went back in history beyond my coming to India in 1929. She spoke freely of Brother and Sister L. J. Burgess, Brother and Sister C. C. Kellar, and of our early schools in Calcutta. Through the years she has worked faithfully and efficiently and apparently no idea of retirement has yet occurred to her. Pastor Halder, the headmaster of the institution, has also given many years of faithful service and it was a real pleasure to renew our fellowship together. Other members of the staff were students of mine, or workers in other places when we were located in East Bengal. The two Dass brothers, S. N. and S. K., are doing good work. Brother N. C. Deuri, a graduate of Spicer Memorial College, teaches the history and geography and seems to be

happy in his native habitat again. It is a real reward to us to see our Spicer College students doing efficient service in their native places. Brother B. B. Talukdar, the preceptor, has the confidence of his boys and is a strength to the school. Brother N. D. Roy who recently joined the staff is a good addition to the school family. The lady staff members in addition to Mrs. C. M. Biswas are Mrs. S. K. Dass, Mrs. N. C. Deuri, and Miss Ira Halder. The press under the supervision of Brother S. K. Sircar is an asset to the institution in every respect and much of the printing for the East Pakistan Mission is done here. The health of the students is cared for by Brother A. C. Bala who in addition to his school responsibilities cares for a good number of patients from the surrounding villages. It is gratifying to know that the dispensary is paying its way and is proving itself a blessing. It helps to give the school and the mission a good standing in that area.

Our Week of Prayer proved to be a boon to the whole school family and certainly it brought blessing to my own heart. The Bengali people love to sing and Brother and Sister Jacques have taught the students a number of English choruses to sup-

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plement their musical diet. The singing contributed much to the success of the meetings. The prayer bands proved to be a real blessing to all. They met daily and the manner in which all of the students participated indicated their desire to be right with God. Our theme for the week was "Preparation for Heavenly Citizenship." The last Sabbath of the Week, January 28, was a high day indeed. After the morning service it was my privilege to bury fifteen precious souls with their Lord in baptism. Twelve of these are members of the student body, and three are fruits of one of the branch Sabbath schools. Actually the three do not represent the full fruitage of their work so far for two candidates, a husband and wife who wanted to be baptized together, had to defer their baptism because of the sudden illness of the wife. One other candidate who was not quite fully prepared will no doubt be ready to join this couple at the time of the next baptism.

It is indeed heartening to realize that in spite of floods, famines, and epidemics the work of God goes steadily forward. Under the most adverse circumstances souls are called out and made ready for the Kingdom. Surely the Lord's hand is not shortened that He cannot save. He knows where the honest in heart are, and He is leading them into His Kingdom.

As I was leaving on Saturday night I stood for a long time on the deck of the steamer watching the lights of the school grow smaller and fainter in the distance as we chugged our deliberate way down the canal toward Khulna. The beams of light pierced the darkness for a long distance and I thought of the light of the Third Angel's Message piercing a greater darkness than that of the night I was witnessing. The Bible refers to it as "gross darkness." Amid this darkness He bids His servants "arise and shine" with ever increasing light. Truly the deeper the surrounding darkness the more dramatic and welcome the light. For that reason our institutions in East Pakistan have a unique opportunity to shine. Our people in Southern Asia should remember in their prayers those who carry on under such adverse conditions. Surely God has a special reward for their devotion and sacrifice.

- PASTOR and Mrs. L. J. Tessier and their two children, Timothy and Martha Jean, arrived in Karachi on February 22 on the s.s. *Cilesia*. The Tessiers will locate in Dacca, East Pakistan as soon as they can find a place to live. This will be the first time in many years that we have had a worker in the city of Dacca. This additional family will greatly strengthen our work in East Pakistan.
- DR. Barbara Stockhausen from Jamaica arrived in Bombay by air on March 8. Dr. Stockhausen received her medical training in England and we are happy to welcome her to Southern Asia and to the Rangoon Hospital where she will be located during the first few months of her service here. She was able to attend the Division Council at Poona before proceeding to Burma.
- ELDER R. R. Figuhr, President

UN-IDENTIFIED LITERATURE

SEVERAL of our workers have brought to our notice two pamphlets recently received from the Sabbath Reform Herald Publishing Company, 1005 Joy Street, Red Oak, Iowa, U. S. A. These tracts are titled "World History in Prophecy" and "Fulfilling Prophecy."

It will be recognised by most of our workers that these pamphlets have been published by an individual in Iowa. They make interesting reading but we felt our workers would like us to draw their attention to the fact that they are not from the Review and Herald, Pacific Press, or Southern Publishing Associations.

From time to time such pamphlets or tracts are received by our workers and members. We are not restricted in any way as to what we may read along these lines, but it is well to get our church members into the habit of checking the source of such publications, so that proper weight can be given to the material which is presented.—Duane S. Johnson.

of the General Conference arrived in Poona on March 2. Elder Figuhr gave the Baccalaureate sermon at Spicer Memorial College on March 3. He spent March 4-7 in the Bombay field.

● ELDER C. L. Torrey arrived in Poona on March 7. The presence of these officers from the General Conference has been a great blessing to many sections of our field.

● DR. Dunbar Smith, Medical Director of the Surat Hospital, was the guest speaker at the Consecration service at Spicer Memorial College on the evening of March 2, and the class pastor, Reginald Shires, gave the response. Professor R. E. Rice led out in the Commencement Exercises which were held on March 3 at 8:00 p.m. Twenty-four students received their degrees and certificates at this graduation service.

● MR. and Mrs. F. A. Gerling who have served in Burma during the past five years left Bombay for the United States on March 4. They served in the Rangoon Hospital and later in departmental and church work. Brother and Sister Gerling stopped for a brief visit in Poona and Bombay and will also visit some
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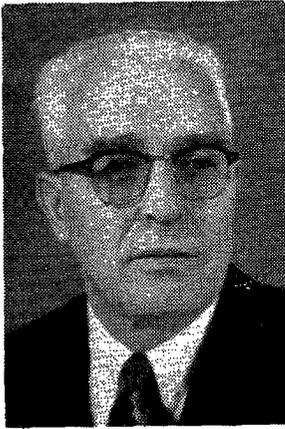
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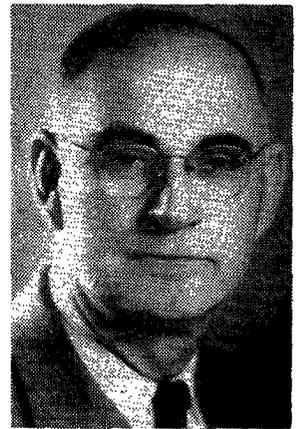
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Meet Our General Conference Visitors



Elder R. R. Figuhr



Elder C. L. Torrey

We are happy to introduce to you through the "TIDINGS" Elder R. R. Figuhr, the President of the General Conference, and Elder C. L. Torrey, the Treasurer. We feel ourselves most fortunate to have these men of God and of wide experience in our Division field for a month of intensive touring and Council work, and we give them a hearty welcome.

They have visited West Pakistan, Northwest and Northeast India and Ceylon, also the South India Unions and the Bombay Section. Everywhere they have gone they have brought messages of courage and inspiration to our people and we are most happy to have them with us as we enter into Council together.

After the Council they will stop for a brief visit in Rangoon en route to the Far East. They came to us via the Middle East and although giving the greater share of their itinerary to our field we know they have been and will be of great help to our sister Division fields. May the Lord keep them in health and strength throughout their long trip.

O. O. MATTISON

of our other mission centres en route to their homeland where we know they will have a happy reunion with their people.

● Miss Rose Meister of Spicer College left on March 7 for furlough. Miss Meister arrived in India in 1928 and has served in Mussoorie, Calcutta, and Spicer College during these many years. Teachers throughout the field will remember her leadership in various summer schools which they were privileged to attend. We wish Miss Meister a happy journey, and a happy reunion with her people, and trust she will have a much needed rest during these months in the homeland.

● THRILLING news received from Bombay State indicates that forty persons have been baptized in the first two months of 1956, and we are also happy to receive the word that sixty-three have been baptized in Assam during the first two months of 1956. Reports from other fields indicate that the ministerial activity of our church leaders is resulting in more baptisms in the first quarter of 1956 than has been the case in past years.

● A SPECIAL Sunday night meeting was held in the B. J. Medical College Assembly Hall on March 11, 1956. Elder R. R. Figuhr, President of the General Conference, gave a review of the social and moral services rendered by the Seventh-day Adventist Organization around the world. Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab, the governor of Bombay, presided at this meeting. Prominent citizens, officials, and leaders of Poona District, in addition to delegates from the Division Council attended this important meeting. Favourable publicity was received in the newspapers of Poona and Bombay.

● CHURCH members will rejoice that a large property which will house a worker and our church has been purchased in Hyderabad, Deccan. The South India Union already had a property in Secunderabad, and our church members in that area will appreciate this new home. God has blessed the efforts of our workers in the Secunderabad, Hyderabad area, and we believe the work there will greatly prosper in the months to come.

—D. S. J.

AT REST

CUNNINGHAM—Mrs. L. Cunningham was born on May 20, 1869 and passed away on November 16, 1955. The fullness of Christian joy came to her when she was buried in baptism in 1934 by Pastory A. E. Rawson. Since that time her life has been a continual testimony of the love of Christ and her every action given in service for others. Her life has never been easy yet during it all she has found time to visit others and by giving out *Signs of the Times* she did her best to carry the message of salvation to her neighbours. To the very last her faith was strong and those that visited her were always cheered by her words of courage in Christ.

Mrs. Cunningham leaves behind four sons, three daughters, thirty-two grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. One son has gone to rest before his mother.—R. E. STAHLNECKER.