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How Much Do I Owe God?

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THIS is a pertinent question for workers and lay members alike to ask themselves. It is a question which must be answered individually. We should seek an answer to this important query in the light of what God Himself tells us in His Word.

St. Paul says: "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Christ gave His all in order that we might be saved. He considered no sacrifice too great to redeem a lost world. Had Jesus not made the supreme sacrifice, not a single soul could have hoped for salvation. Jesus says, "I give unto them eternal life." John 10: 28.

How much do we owe God for His unfailing love to sinful, needy human beings? Do we stop to think of our great debt to God? Do we not owe Him everything in return for His great gift to us? How can we ever repay Him for "the multitude of His mercies" that He has wrought toward us?

In return for all He has done for us, God simply desires our loving obedience. Indeed, love should be the great motivating force of all our conduct toward Him. In

our own limited, narrow sphere we each have opportunities to give of our means and, even more than that, to give ourselves in loving service to God. That is all He asks of us. If we love as God did we will be anxious to give also. Every individual has something to give. Some will give time, talents, even life. All will give joyfully of their means for the accomplishment of the great task which God has committed to His church.

Even when we are satisfied that we are living in accordance with God's will for us, and that we are endeavouring to fill our small part in the furtherance of God's Work, there are still some things which we need to re-evaluate in our lives.

We each need to ask ourselves, Am I spending my time in a way that would be pleasing to Him? Am I trying to interest some other soul in God's Word? Am I trying to encourage some wayward one

to attend service in God's House?

Are you looking for something to do for God? There are many things you, personally, can do, no matter where you live. For instance, have you ever thought that within a five minutes walk of your home souls may be longing for someone to show them the way to Christ? As you go about your daily business, do you ever take thought of the infinite value of even one human soul in God's sight? There is much that you can do to draw these precious souls within reach of the saving message. One good way is to seek to enrol them in the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course, for in this way they will be kept in steady touch with an organization whose one aim is their spiritual welfare. Of course, your task need not end there. By your friendly and genuine interest in them, you can do much to maintain their interest in spiritual things. Never lose sight of the fact that you have a task to do which no one else can accomplish nearly as well. When faced with new opportunities for helpful service, remember the question, friend, How much do I owe God?

"Arise and shine, let us
not wait, 20,000 souls by
June '58."

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REPORT OF HIMALAYAN SECTION—(Cont.)

ALLEN MABERLEY

Brother Maberley had been conducting an evangelistic campaign in Kalimpong and although many were coming to the meetings and seemed interested no decisions were being made. He was told it was because of the influence of Ong Tshering Young, head man of Tannak "busty." Brother Maberley planned to win this man with God's help. On one of his visits the man told Brother Maberley the following strange dream and asked him to explain it.

"I had a most strange dream last night and I can't get it out of my mind. In this dream I was climbing up a very steep path that wound away up into the snow above. The snow had a strange light shining on it as though someone was shining a huge lantern on it. Ahead of me on the path you also were climbing and looking back to see where I was. While you were looking back you came to a great hole in the path that was filled with water and you suddenly fell in. I rushed up to see what had happened but for some time could not see anything. Then I saw you struggling far below in the water calling for help. I immediately jumped in to help you and after a struggle we both got out of the water safely and started up the path once more. Then I awoke. Tell me, what does this mean for I feel sure God has spoken to me?"

NOW, I am no seer and do not claim power to interpret dreams but there in that room I asked God to give an answer to this man. Then it became plain to me. The path, of course, was the narrow way that leads to the city of light beyond. I pointed out to him that God was showing him he was right in following the message we were giving him. "Now," I said, "we have come to this great hole in the road, a place of difficulty where I can go no further. For weeks I have been preaching to these people here to give their hearts to Jesus but no response has come. Now I need your help to get beyond this point in the road. And there is only one way. You must get down with me into the waters of baptism and when we come out we will see God's blessing on the work." He thought for a minute and then looking up said, "When can we have the baptism?" What a thrill to hear those words and to know that he really meant them!

When the time of baptism drew near I asked him where we could hold the baptism as we had no font there. "Leave that to me," he replied. "I want it in a place where all my neighbours can see the baptism. You just come here on Sab-

bath afternoon and all will be ready." We took him at his word and arrived down at the place a little before the time for the baptism. What a sight! A little mountain stream had been dammed up right in the middle of the huge paddy fields and sitting on terrace after terrace above the pool were all the people of that area. Hundreds of them were there and I found our brother had personally been to every home in the district inviting the people to come and see his "burial." Not one of them had ever seen a baptism before for although a number were professing Christians they had only been sprinkled. There were four others, besides Brother Young, from our work in the town who were ready for baptism that day. We will never forget it. Each gave his testimony before the baptism and it was thrilling to hear. Brother Young preached a sermon that would do credit to any minister. He spoke for half an hour and told the people what kind of man he had been. "Now," he said "this is all changed, for Jesus has called me to follow His way." Then with pleading voice he turned to that great throng and pleaded with them to follow Jesus.

We then entered the water and it was bitterly cold as these mountain streams always are. But when I went to baptize Brother Young he said, "Wait a minute, I want to sing a song." Then he began to sing in Nepali "I am coming to the cross." He had learnt all the verses and I joined in with him in the parts I remembered. "Now," I said, "let's have the baptism." "First," he said, "I want to speak to the people again." So while we stood in the freezing water, he preached another sermon. "Now I am ready," he said. Silence reigned over the vast throng as they saw the headman of their "busty" going down into the watery grave. Going up from the water our brother refused to get changed but said, "No, I must talk to the people before they

go away from here." And in his wet clothes he went from one to another, pleading with them to follow the Lord. The fruitage came two weeks ago when we had the privilege of baptizing four more in this same place and every one of these was fully instructed by Brother Young himself. But far beyond that is the tremendous influence his baptism has had on our work here. Truly from that day, we have gotten out of the "hole" and see the light ahead. In the past four years, we had baptized only thirteen Nepalis, every one won by hard work and much prayer.

Every week our Mobile Clinic pushes out into the village areas and we are now treating around 800 per month. Some of our clinics have up to 200 people attending them. The problem was to find the time to give our health talks as well as the gospel talks. Again God provided for our needs. Brother Young again had a dream and this time he saw hundreds begging for medicine and as he looked closer he saw they were all blind. Then a voice said, "You can open their eyes." He immediately offered to assist us in our work and now you will find this faithful layman out with the clinic every week preaching to the people while we give medicines.

Our medical work is now on a self-supporting basis and we expect to see more progress in the near future.

RANCHI HOSPITAL MAKES STEADY PROGRESS

PETER K. PETERSON

I HAVE just filled in the Report for the Seventh-day Adventist Statistical Summary, Sanitariums and Hospitals, for the year 1957, and found the report quite satisfying. Then I compared it with the previous years. The picture is one of steady progress. Let me support my statement by figures:

	1954	1955	1956	1957
Beds	31	37	49	52
In-patients	679	1,014	1,006	1,249
Out-patients	5,555	6,638	14,039	12,446
Charity Work	15,613.06	19,986.62	16,000	25,521.12
Operations	376	567	756	967
Deliveries	28	34	45	55

We are grateful to God for the wonderful and steady progress the Ranchi Hospital is making. Here is another instance:

The report for 1953 has an interesting item which reads *Highest Cash Receipt for a Single Day* (since the beginning of the hospital.)—Rs. 461.00 on August 28, 1953. The cash receipt on December 8, 1957, was Rs. 1,113.75. According to our records the highest monthly income this hospital ever received was in December 1957 which was Rs. 13,198.48.

Much credit is due Dr. and Mrs. Buxton for the steady progress depicted here. Without progress in income, the progress in other statistical items would be meaningless. The financial position of this hospital is sound. The monthly average incomes for the past four years are as follows:

1954	1955	1956	1957
4,300.00	6,100.00	8,300.00	10,600.00

We have a group of good workers and with God's help we are endeavouring to fulfil the purpose for which this institution was established.

I do not want the reader to think that we have no problems. Our biggest problem is finding enough good nurses. Our staff has not increased in proportion to the increase in in-patients. Our second problem is finding more accommodation for our patients. Last year we built a six-unit family ward and we fixed the rents between Rs. 8.00 and Rs. 10.00 per day. These rooms remain occupied most of the time. We are, however, contemplating a new ward to accommodate about twenty-five private patients.

We are very grateful to the Division for assigning Dr. J. C. Johannes to the Ranchi Hospital and we know that under his guidance the steady progress will continue.

Doctor Johannes is not money-minded. His instruction to those in the office is that we should not turn away any patient because the patient is poor, or because the doctor is too busy. And we have adhered to his instructions. Every time he speaks to the staff he ex-

horts them to be humble, kind, and courteous.

Please pray for this institution and the workers connected with it so that we may not fail to fulfil the purpose for which it was established.

WITCH DOCTOR JOINS REMNANT CHURCH

BEFORE he became a Christian Chutu Soren was a witch doctor and a leader in his community. He led out in all the heathen festivals and in spirit worship. Because he was an Ayurvedic Kaviry the people looked to him for help and counsel in all their sickness and trouble. Every day they came to him for treatment. Some of the people he treated got well. To get his medicine, the people invited him to their homes and gave him liquor to drink. Naturally he became a great drunkard. Not a single day passed when he was not drunk. When he came home he would beat his wife and children. So his case, as far as his ever becoming a Christian was concerned, looked hopeless. His uncle had been a Christian since Chutu was a young man, but Chutu hated Christianity and talked against it.

In 1954 we were holding some evangelistic meetings in Damdorpur. During the day time we visited the people in their homes, and invited them to our meetings. We also invited Chutu and he came to the meetings regularly. We were praying for him. He expressed his desire to become a Christian and began to come to the Sabbath

school. But he found it difficult to give up his drinking. We visited him in his home, gave him Bible studies and prayed with him. Some people then went to him and told him that as he was not yet baptized, he could continue his drinking. After baptism he could not drink alcohol. But we told him we could not baptize him unless he stopped. One day when we went to visit him, we found him drunk. "This is the last time you will find me drunk," he said. "The next time you find me drunk you are at liberty to cut off my ears." Several times after that we found him drunk, but of course, we did not carry out his word regarding his ears. But we realized how difficult it is for a man to be saved by his own power. We taught him to pray. We prayed with him and prayed for him. At last he fully surrendered to God, and by the power of the Spirit he stopped drinking.

We studied with him one year and he became a new man. He was baptized on June 11, 1955.

Now Chutu Soren is rejoicing in the truth, and his wife is the most happy woman in the world.

He has brought a headman, Gura Hansdak, and his family to the truth, and has created several interests in his village.

ASSAM CALLS

M. D. SPICER

MUCH could be said about the progress of God's work in the states of Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Northeast Frontier Agency and the adjoining areas of this vast section. This is so because of the fact that many of the unentered sections of this field have been contacted and reached, either by preachers or through the Voice of Prophecy during recent years. It was through the Voice of Prophecy that we first gained an interest in the Garo Hills and established work there in 1954. During the past three years there has been an amazing increase of membership in this place.

At present full-scale efforts are being conducted in two different villages of this section. Brother Prem Nath Bazroy writes

NOTICE

A packet containing a piece of blue material for a coat, two pieces of tussur for pants, and one second-hand shirt was left with Pastor E. L. Sorensen by somebody at the time of the Division Council in Poona two years ago. Information regarding the giver and the receiver is lacking. Will anyone who can identify this parcel please contact:

**Pastor E. L. Sorensen
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of his effort at Dilma, one of the biggest villages in the Garo Hills. Brother Dapsingh Nongtdu told us that the meetings at Puntimary were coming along well and that many non-Christians were listening to the message. We pray that the Lord will abundantly bless his meetings in that place. From other parts of this field many calls came to us to send someone to teach them the way of salvation. We do not have a worker to spare, nevertheless, Brother Bazroy plans to answer at least one such call when he closes his present effort.

Right here in this area, where our local headquarters is located, we are reaching out in an effort to bring souls to Christ. Recently an effort was planned and started at Sohrymkham village where we have an organized church. The effort was started by Brother Baxter Fanwar, one of the leading evangelists of this section, but after a few weeks he fell sick and couldn't proceed with the meetings. Seeing the need, Brother K. E. Tariang came to the rescue and carried on the meetings. Brother Janmiet Dkhar has started another effort at Mawryngkneng village, just at the middle gate from Shillong to the Assam Training School. The first night's meeting was very good and we are hoping for good results. We have a strong soul-saving programme for this section and Brother B. J. Williams, the acting president, is giving his full support and lead.

Brother Thangpuimanga has been working in Cachar district for some time and we now have a good interest there. This district had not been touched before by us. This is a new venture and the prospects are very bright. Brother C. Saikhumma is also busy organizing and making things ready for his effort at Damcherra in Tripura State. This is also a new place for us in which to work and we hope to have a church established there soon.

Our hearts were cheered when we heard recently from Pastor D. J. Donesky that eighteen souls were baptized and a new church was organized at Charroi-chakatloung, a village twenty-two miles

out of Imphal. A few years ago no one in this village had heard about the Adventist message, but now, because of it, a marvellous change has taken place in the lives of the people there. There is now a group of clean, honest people and nobody eats swine's flesh. Brother Donesky also mentioned the many calls that were coming to him to teach this

message to the people. Most of the calls go unanswered because we do not have workers to send. We wish we could answer the calls from the various places of this section. But we cannot do it without funds and personnel. Please continue to remember the work and workers of the Assam section in your prayers.

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Bombay: J. G. CORBAN reporting:

Christmas Carol singing was in full swing each night in Bombay city from December 14 until Christmas Eve. The singers were fewer in number at the start, than other years, but at the half-way mark greatly appreciated reinforcements arrived. Pastor and Mrs. E. P. Wolfe of Surat, Brother and Sister Lin Burns of Spicer Memorial College, and five boys from the college kindly gave of their time and vocal powers to make the programme a success. Collections were just under the Rs. 2,000 mark on Christmas Eve.

Sabbath, December 21, was a day of rejoicing in the Bombay Church as eight precious souls took their stand for the Message by entering the waters of baptism. Three of these were the first-fruits of Brother M. K. Samuel's Tamil effort in the Dharavi section of Bombay. (A total of 11 from this effort have made decisions for the Sabbath, and a second baptism is expected to follow shortly.) The other five individuals had taken the Voice of Prophecy Course, and had been reaped in Pastor Corban's evangelistic meetings. The service was conducted by Pastor J. G. Corban.

Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Rawson

It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. Lighthouses do not ring bells and fire cannons to call attention to their shining. They just shine. —Moody.

conducted a Voice of Prophecy Rally in Bombay over the week-end of November 15-17. Many Voice of Prophecy students from the surrounding area attended the meetings held.

Surat: ERIC P. WOLFE reporting:

The arrival of Pastor O. O. Mattison commenced our senior Week of Prayer for us and we did appreciate his visit. That was a good week for us here and at the end of it Pastor A. R. Appel and his family visited us. Sister Appel sang for us and the president's golden trumpet pleased us very much. His message at the conclusion of the Week of Prayer was a blessing to us all.

We have had representation from the Young People's Department in Elder L. A. Skinner and youth leader Pastor V. P. Muthiah. Dr. J. Oliver from Nuzvid spent a week-end with us too. The hospital staff enjoyed counselling with him on their medical problems. Another doctor to visit us was Dr. S. Sturgess of faraway Nepal. His visit thrilled us as he told of the birth of the new clinic in Nepal.

Doctors Otto and Alfriede Hauser are really in harness now in the Surat hospital. They have tackled the work with long hours of devoted service and have won our hearts.

Missionary projects of recent months include the "singing band" which meets at 5 p.m. each Sabbath evening for a round of the wards. The singing is in Gujarati

and English and the young people pray alternately around the rooms and wards as a short sermonette is delivered. Mouth organs feature strongly in the programme. Brother Gilbert Devadas, Brother Solomon Moses, Brother Joseph Willmott and Sister Votaw all render items on their instruments to the obvious delight of the patients. Quite a few expressions of appreciation come in as a result of this programme. Sometimes at least fifty people gather on the roadway to hear the sermonette. Visitors, too, receive the literature freely and seem to appreciate our prayers for their loved ones. God has blessed the hospital with several wonderful recoveries of recent months.

Brother C. K. Rathode is conducting a successful effort in the city of Baroda. He has a large number of people attending. We are happy to report the decision of one young man to attend Spicer College next year. He expressed his faith in this message in no uncertain terms and I believe he will be baptized shortly. He is without parents, yet he has educated himself. He even has a credit with which to commence his work at "Spicer". Pray God for more boys with such ambition and initiative. We look forward to further results of the meetings in Baroda. Brother Rathode has his meeting place tastefully decorated and a volunteer band of Christian young people make a "joyful noise" before the meetings commence.

Brother J. P. Christian is ploughing his lonely furrow in Ahmedabad, the Mill city of central Gujerat. He will not be doing so for long however because several people are regularly attending Sabbath School in his small but neat home at Raikhad Dharwaja. One man, a doctor of Ayurveda, has closed his clinic on Sabbaths and has expressed his desire to join this people by baptism. He is very keen to assist our veteran colporteur Christian in establishing our work in Ahmedabad.

In the afternoon of our last Sabbath in Ahmedabad we visited some Voice of Prophecy interests. It was a thrill to have the student in one home plead with us to make a visit to someone of his acquaint-

UNDER the efficient leadership of Pastor L. A. Skinner twelve MV Leadercraft Training Courses were conducted in all the unions of Southern Asia during the closing weeks of 1957. Seven hundred and ninety-eight youth leaders completed the requirements as set forth by the General Conference MV Department and were granted Missionary Volunteer Leadercraft Certificates. Hundreds of others, who did not quite qualify for certificates, benefited by the excellent instruction.

The object of the MV Leadercraft Training Course is: (1) To set forth the purpose of the MV Department, "To save from sin and to guide in service" the youth under our influence; (2) to acquaint youth leaders with the devotional, educational, share-your-faith and recreational features of the MV society; and (3) to provide instruction on how to organize and foster a successful MV society in each church, how to

ance, also a Voice of Prophecy student, who had been going through some hard times. He had the real Adventist spirit. We went out several miles and met with this family and encouraged them and left greatly encouraged ourselves as they pleaded for more visits and some meetings in their "society" residential block. Imagine how we felt on being introduced to friends of other Christian persuasions as "our missionaries." That little note of possession in our missionary minded student's voice told a whole lot to us. As District leader here I have more courage than ever before that the message is going to be onward in Gujerat.

This is the Gujerat story. It is short and simple but full of hope and opportunity. We look forward

prepare and present interesting and appropriate programmes and how to qualify as successful society officers.

The graduation exercise or closing ceremony of each training class was a service long to be remembered by those taking part. The soul-stirring charge was followed by a solemn pledge of commitment and climaxed by an earnest prayer of dedication. In the candle-lighting services the MV Department secretaries stood at attention as with their torches of truth they lighted the candles in the hands of clear-eyed, keen-minded, courageous-hearted, consecrated Missionary Volunteers. Impressive indeed was the final scene as the youth leaders with flaming torches and brightly burning candles held aloft, marched forth singing, "I'll Share My Faith," determined to warm the hearts, brighten the homes, and spread the light in the villages and cities of Southern Asia during 1958!

to the possible opening of the Gujerati Voice of Prophecy School in the new year and know that God has His hand over this field. Yes, dear friends around Western India. Pray for US.

*Aurangabad: M. L. GAIKWAD
reporting:*

It is God's plan that we should preach the gospel in every village, town and city. True to this commission we set out to start evangelistic meetings at Bokad, Jalgaon, a village fourteen miles away from Aurangabad. When I asked the people of this village to give me a portion of land to conduct our meetings, they were most reluctant to do so because they did not want the gospel preached there. After

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SOUTH INDIA UNION

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**ADVANCE IN THE
E. D. THOMAS MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

A. MANUEL

AT THE beginning of the school year, Pastor C. Moses, the North, Tamil Section president, conducted the MV Week of Prayer. It was a week of wonderful experiences for both the staff and the students. Everybody on the campus attended these inspiring meetings and some of the students surrendered their hearts to the Lord and decided to join the baptismal class. During this school year three baptismal services were conducted and twenty boys and girls took their stand for the Master.

The young people of our school do a considerable amount of missionary work every Sabbath afternoon. They go by groups to the surrounding villages and distribute

WEDDING BELLS

NORMA HLA PE, daughter of U and Mrs. Hla Pe, and **Harold Brock**, son of Daw Sein May, exchanged vows on November 7 at six o'clock in the evening in a beautiful candlelight ceremony at the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist church.

The couple, bestman **Thein Shwe**, and bridesmaid **Lucy Aye**, were dressed in Burmese attire while bridal attendant **Jeanne Beck**, Bible boy **David Dallah**, flowergirls **Sylvia Dunn** and **Nancy Beck**, and officiating minister **Pastor E. C. Beck** wore contrasting Western garb.

After the bride was given away, a duet entitled "Together" was sung by **Herschel R. Hendley**, and **Keith R. Mundt** followed later during the ceremony by **Dr. B. Y. Stockhausen's** solo "O Perfect Love."

Over two hundred guests were present at the reception held on the church compound.

Miss Eliada B. Mann, **Mrs. W. L. Murrill**, and **Mrs. E. C. Beck** were responsible for the tastefully decorated church. **Pastor C. B. Guild** took pictures of the bridal group after the ceremony.

Norma, a graduate of the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1957, is now continuing her service to the sick at her alma mater while **Harry** works for the Union of Burma Purchase Board.

We wish them every happiness in their journey through life and much of heaven's blessing upon their newly established home.
—Keith R. Mundt

our truth-filled literature such as *The Signs of the Times* and *Present Truth*. One group of students holds a service on Sabbath afternoons in the nearest village. A branch Sabbath School is being conducted at a place called **Moovarkottai** about ten miles from the school under the direction of **Mr. J. Monickam**, a member of the staff.

You may be surprised to hear the results of our 1958 Uplift achievements. **Pastor G. W. Maywald**, the Union H. M. secretary came to help us for a week. **Brother E. J. Scott**, Union Publishing Department secretary, **Pastor Gurbatham** of the South Tamil Section, and **Brother P. Sigamoney**, our Tanjore literature-evangelist, also came to assist us. All the students and the staff went out for a full day and they brought in a good sum of money. Under the blessing of God, through co-operation and hard labour, our goal of Rs. 2,000 was reached in just five days!

We are indeed fortunate to have paddy fields which grow sufficient paddy to supply all our school needs. The *kuruvai* crop brought in a yield of nearly 262 bags of paddy so far this year (1957). The second crop is getting ready and we expect a good harvest. The banana plants are also coming up well.

Recently the Union supplied us with a flour mill which was greatly needed and for which we are very thankful. The rice and the flour mills are a source of daily income. A paddy boiling unit is also being prepared.

On the whole the school is showing a fine, healthy growth and for this we thank God.

South Tamil Section Report

D. DAVID

AS WE review the year that has just passed one thought supersedes all others, and that is,

we are one year nearer the kingdom!

As far as our feeble efforts are concerned, our Uplift receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 7,017.75 against the goal of Rs. 4,500. Our title for the first eleven months of the year was Rs. 19,037.08 and when the receipts for December are added we should be well over our goal of Rs. 20,000.

Up to the end of November, 127 souls had been baptized and fifty more were planning for baptism in December. This will surpass our goal of 175 souls for 1957. As workers in God's great cause, we give the glory for these results to Him.

We are determined, with God's help, to do greater things for Him in the year that lies ahead and trust that we will move actively and surely toward the kingdom.

**NORTHWESTERN INDIA
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Road, New Delhi**CAROL SINGING IN NEW
DELHI**

G. S. WILSON

UNDER the able musical direction of **Pastor W. G. Jensen**, the members of the New Delhi Church went out for four nights during the Christmas season singing carols and soliciting funds for the poor and needy.

As we went to each house and hotel the people flocked around us to hear the familiar music and listen to the words which described the birth of Christ—the Saviour—who came to heal this sin-sick world. It brought a thrill to each one who took part in this carol programme and all are looking forward to the next Christmas season when we can begin soliciting funds again in this pleasant way.

By our singing we helped to swell our goal of Rs. 1,000 for the current season. May the Lord bless this contribution and may it bring relief and happiness to many.

WESTERN INDIA REPORT

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many difficulties we got a piece of land. With the help of two of our members we started the meetings. On the opening night the meeting place was full. This was the first time these people had heard Christ

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

January 25	Religious Liberty Offering
February 1	Uplift Rally, H. M. Offering
February 15	Famine and Flood Relief Offering
March 1	Uplift Victory Day, H.M. Offering
March 8	General Conference "Million Dollar" Offering
March 15	Tithe Covenant Day
April 5	Home Visitation Day, H.M. Offering
April 19	Christian Education and Offering
April 26	"Southern Asia Tidings" Offering
May 3	Christian Home and Family Altar Day, H.M. Offering
May 17	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June 7	Dorcas Welfare and Evangelism & Dorcas Offering
June 21	Christian Health Day
July 5	Medical Missionary Day, H.M. Offering
July 12	Mid-Summer Offering
July 19-26	MV Week of Prayer
August 2	Home Missionary Day and Offering
August 16	Sabbath School Rally Day
August 23	Bible Society Offering
September 6	Home Missionary Day and Offering
September 20	Tithe Covenant Day
October 4	Home Missionary Day and Offering
October 4-11	"Review and Herald" Campaign
October 18	Colporteur Rally Day
October 25	Temperance Day and Offering
November 1	Lay Witnessing Day, H.M. Offering
November 8	Voice of Prophecy Evangelism Day and Offering
November 22-29	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
November 29	Week of Sacrifice Offering
December 6	Home Missionary Day and Offering



THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

March 29	Southern European Division
June 28	Australasian Division
September 27	Inter-American Division
December 27	South American Division

preached to them. To make the message more understandable to them I presented illustrated lectures. These proved very effective. They listened patiently each night, then some of them said: "whatever you want to preach or teach you can do, but do not try to make us Christians." But this spirit did not last long. When we started the baptismal class many joined. The Spirit of the Lord began to work on their hearts, and already many have expressed their desire for baptism. This baptismal class is still going on. Because of this good interest we have constructed a small room for a worship hall. Now more than twenty people are taking Bible studies. Very soon some of them will be baptized. Pray for these souls.

Nevasa: S. L. KHANDAGALE
reporting:

Pastor S. L. Khandagale reports sixteen baptisms as a result of his recent effort. He wants us to remember the work in that section of our field.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the people whose names are given below, please inform W. Muller Isaac, Prakasapuram, Mukuperi P. O., Tinnevely Dist.

Pastor Isaac will appreciate this as he would like to get his church records cleared up by transferring these names to the churches where their owners now attend.

1. Mrs. Annal Swamiadial
2. Mrs. Ponniah Gnanapushpam
3. Mrs. E. Packiam
4. Mrs. Pushpam Thayammal
5. Mrs. Gnanathebam Elizabeth
6. Mrs. Packiammal
7. Mrs. Mariammal Joseph
8. Miss Rajammal Samuel
9. Miss M. Jeya
10. Miss I. Grace
11. Miss Ponnammal
12. Miss Annamarial Lilly Pushpam
13. Mr. M. John William
14. Mr. V. Sandanasamy
15. Mr. M. Sathianathan
16. Mr. K. Arumanayagam
17. Mr. T. George
18. Mr. Ebenezer Dass

19. Mr. S. Koilpillai
20. Mr. M. David Yesudian
21. Mr. V. Arumainayagam
22. Mr. M. Chelladurai
23. Mr. S. Abraham

GOOD NEWS

Every Sabbath school member in the Southern Asia Division will be interested to know that word has come from Elder E. B. Hare stating that the Southern Asia Division will receive an overflow of Rs. 268,081.10 from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the third quarter of 1957. This is the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Southern Asia has ever received.—JIW.

One is never more on trial than in the moment of excessive good fortune.—Lew Wallace.

The man whose wants are few is the man most likely to be carrying a light heart.—William Reed Huntington.

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Miscellany

● **BROTHER David Skau** and family arrived back in India on December 14 to begin another term of service. He will head up the Educational and MV departments of the Western India Union. We welcome this family back into our midst and trust the Lord will bless their service.

● **PASTOR R. H. Woolsey** of Maymyo writes that four adults were baptized into the Maymyo church on Sabbath December 14, and three others into the Mandalay church. The baptism was held in the Mandalay church. Others are now preparing for this rite.

● **FROM Peshawar, B. M. Mush-taq** reports that the church school now has forty students. Most are able to meet the school fees, and the school is self-supporting. It is hoped that the 6th standard work can soon be offered in the Peshawar school, and the teaching staff further expanded.

● **PASTOR Ba Nyein** reports from the Delta Section of Burma that all the workers in the Delta have been conducting revivals and rallies during the past few months. A number have been baptized as a result of this work, and all have felt the working of the Holy Spirit in the revivals and rallies.

● **PASTOR A. E. Rawson** reports that the Voice of Prophecy is continuing its steady advance into more and more language areas. By the early part of 1958 the Voice of Prophecy lessons will be serving fifteen distinct language areas, as follows: English, Burmese, Chinese, Karen, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Kanarese, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, Singhalese, Marathi, Gujerathi (ready to go to press), and Lushai (under preparation). Two branch schools are conducted in three languages, English, Bengali, and Urdu.

● **THE Moulmein church** was dedicated on October 19, 1957. A crowded church testified to the interest of the people of Moulmein.

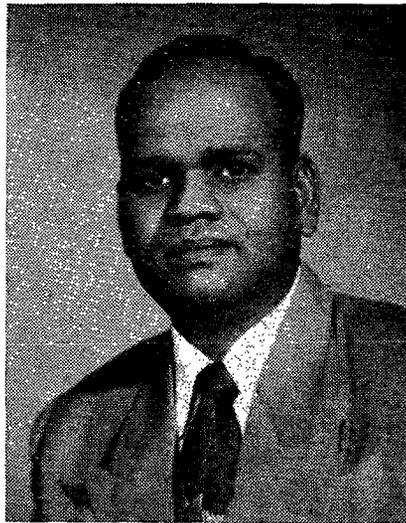
● **THE Rangoon city-wide evangelistic meetings** opened on November 3, 1957 with an attend-

ance of about 650 for the first night.

● **SIXTEEN** delegates from the several sections of the Burma Union and from the institutions attended the MV Leadercraft meetings conducted by Elders L. A. Skinner and J. F. Ashlock in Rangoon from December 17-22. In addition to these workers all the Rangoon workers and church members who were able to attend were cordially invited.



MEET OUR WORKERS



Brother S. Jesu Dass is another of our workers who has received all of his education in Seventh-day Adventist Schools.

His first appointment in the work was to the Kottawa school in Ceylon, where he served as science teacher until 1941 when he was selected as one of the students from the Southern Asia Division to go for further studies to the Philippine Union College at Manila.

Three months after he had enrolled there the Japanese army took possession of Manila and his four years of college were carried on under conditions of war. Even after receiving his B.A. degree in 1945 it was impossible for him to get back to India. So Brother Jesu Dass taught for about a year in the High School section of the college in Manila.

Since coming back to India in 1946 our Brother has taught in Lowry Memorial Training School, Kotarakara High School, and Raymond Memorial Training School. In the latter school he served as headmaster from 1951-1953 and as industrial manager for one year. Then in 1954 the Northeast India Union committee called Brother Jesu Dass to the Educational and MV departments of the Union in which capacity he serves at the present time.



● **BROTHER Yuimi** has recently come from Ukhrul—a Thangkhu Naga village in Manipur. During recent months he has been able to prepare twenty-five persons in Uyungmakhong and in Charoi for baptism. He now plans to attend Spicer College and obtain further training for soul-saving work among his own people.

● **BROTHER B. J. Williams** reports that the Mikir people are continually begging for a worker to come and teach them. In one place, where no Seventh-day Adventist has ever been, five families are keeping the Sabbath and calling themselves Seventh-day Adventists. Similar requests come from many other areas also.

● **PASTOR D. J. Donesky** reports that eighteen were baptized in Manipur Circle in the month of October and a church was organized at Charroi-chakatlong with thirty-seven charter members.

● **THE** youngest church in East India is at Balagaon. Pastor G. C. Arinda organized this church early in December with nineteen charter members, two of whom were baptized on the day the church was organized.

● **THE** Karmatar church Dorcas society conducted a Dorcas sale on December 15 in the Railway Station maidan. The sale was followed by a moving picture shown by Pastor R. H. Broderson, the Union Home Missionary secretary. The public responded well to this evening programme and request that it be repeated.—
D. S. J.

BAPTISM AT POONA

ON THE afternoon of December 28, 1957, eleven members were added to the churches of the Poona area by baptism. A congregation of 450 which included members of the Poona City church, the Salisbury Park Marathi church, and the Salisbury Memorial church, filled the latter to its capacity for the service which was conducted by the church pastor.

Others, now in baptismal classes, intend to unite with the church at the time of the next baptism which is scheduled for the last Sabbath in March.—L. J. L.