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God's Chosen Messenger

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"IT WAS HERE that the angel Gabriel stood as he talked to God's chosen messenger" said our kind host who was showing us through the rooms of Elmshaven, the home of Ellen G. White at St. Helena, California. We were in the bedroom used by Sister White during the last fifteen years of her life. We paused there for a moment to think upon the experience of the angel of revelation who came from heaven to make known God's will and purpose for His people in these last days. We then went down the little hallway to the room where many of the messages were written. There was the old rocking chair in which Sister White had sat, the footstool on which her feet had rested, and the writing board which she had placed across her lap while working. On a shelf nearby were several of the books which, under inspiration, she had penned in that very room. As we thought upon the scenes enacted in this place our hearts were deeply grateful for the precious gift of prophecy.

As we read today the Spirit of prophecy writings and apply them to our experiences and needs, we think more of the messages than of the messenger. This is as it should be and it is as Sister White would have had it. She never put herself up as an example nor did she ask others to look to her. She trusted wholly in the Lord Jesus and always pointed others to Him.

We are thankful, however, that Sister White did live a beautiful, consistent, Christian life. In her home and before the public she practised what she preached. Those who knew her intimately testify that she was a true and faithful follower of the Saviour.

Spirit of Prophecy
Day
May 17, 1958

During the seventy years of her service to the Advent cause Ellen G. White received about 2,000 communications from the Lord. She wrote more than 23,900 pages which have been published in book form, in addition to 4,500 articles for magazines and periodicals. It is estimated that she penned more than 25,000,000 words. One book, *Steps to Christ*, has had a circulation of 8,000,000 copies in 72 languages. More than 1,500,000 copies of the 700 page book *Great Controversy* have been issued in 30 languages.

Men of the world acknowledge that Mrs. White was indeed an unusual person. George W. James in his work, *California—Romantic and Beautiful*, stated: "This remarkable woman, though almost entirely self-educated, has written and published more books and in more languages, which circulate to a greater extent than the written works of any woman of history."

In a New York city paper, *The Independent*, there appeared in

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BY A PROPHET WAS ISRAEL PRESERVED

H. H. MATTISON

TO THE thoughtful student of the Bible it is obvious that there is a definite parallel between the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt and the calling out of God's people in these days from spiritual Babylon. Both Egypt and Babylon represent slavish systems which have held God's people until God has miraculously called them forth to make them His peculiar people. There is also a parallel between the methods God has chosen by which to accomplish this task. The prophet Hosea tells us that "by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." Hosea 12:13. To the student of denominational history God's leadership of His remnant people through His messenger is both thrilling and heartening. The Guiding Mind in the development of our organization, the beginning and development of our health work, our publishing work, our educational system was revealed through the Spirit of prophecy. As we have followed God's leading we have prospered; as we have deviated from His counsel we have suffered. A simultaneous work (just as important if not more so) has been going on which many of us are prone to overlook—I refer to the work of preserving from the inside, the heart of the message, guarding it against elements of thought foreign to its spirit, trends of doctrine that, if left unchecked, would have been our undoing. This work of preserving has likewise been heartening. It will be profitable for us each to make a study of how this has been done, ever remembering that Paul feared the inner foes of the Church more than its outer enemies. See Acts 20:28-32. When God launches a movement Satan never stands idly by. When this movement was launched on its world-wide mission to proclaim God's last warning message, Satan also began to

move to counteract, if possible, all that God designed to do through His messengers. The Seventh-day Adventist church began to take shape in 1845. It grew out of the Advent Awakening launched by William Miller in the early thirties of the 19th century. Another movement, claiming to be the remnant of God, under the leadership of Joseph Smith began at approximately the same time and grew into what is known today as the Church of Latter-day Saints. Modern Spiritualism in the Western world had its beginnings at Hydesville, New York, in the year 1847—only a short distance from



Pastors and Church Elders
Throughout Southern Asia
Are Urged to Observe
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the cradle of Seventh-day Adventism. Charles Darwin began to publish his ideas on evolution in the year 1858. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the system known as Christian Science, began to teach her new views of Science and Healing in the year 1866. Through the maze of these contemporary doctrines the Spirit of prophecy guided the remnant church and preserved it from errors without, as well as from error which began to develop within the Church itself. When millions were becoming curious about the "rappings" of spiritualism, wondering whether they were genuine or not, the voice among us was clear and distinct. "I saw", wrote the servant of the Lord, "that the mysterious knocking, in New York and other places, was the power of Satan, and that such things would be more and more common, clothed in a religious

garb so as to lull the deceived to greater security, and to draw the minds of God's people, if possible to those things, and cause them to doubt the teachings and power of the Holy Ghost."—*Early Writings*, p. 86. Here was counsel to suffice, for the present, and the future.

It is interesting to observe that where many will shrink from one delusion of the deceiver they will be taken in by another. The fact that we are not deceived by one wile of the Devil does not mean that we are immune to deception. The servant of the Lord has helped us to see this. While many have been repulsed by spiritualism they have been drawn to Christian Science. The message to God's people regarding this is clear and distinct. "There are many who shrink with horror from the thought of consulting spirit mediums, but who are attracted by more pleasing forms of spiritism. Others are led astray by the teaching of Christian Science, and by the mysticism of Theosophy and other Oriental religions."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 210.

Our message which enjoins men to "worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water" (Rev. 14:6) is a timely one. God designed that His people should stand as sentinels in the Christian world to warn against the sweep of evolution. Through the observance of the Sabbath, the memorial of creation, God's people are to stand as a rebuke to those who have been deluded through the subtleties of this doctrine of the Devil—evolution. To God's people comes this faith-strengthening counsel from God's messenger—counsel so balanced and wise. Of evolution she wrote, "When consideration is given to man's opportunities for research; how brief his life; how limited his sphere of action; how restricted his vision; how frequent and how great the errors in his conclusions, especially as concerned the events thought to antedate Bible history how often the supposed deductions of science are revised or cast aside; with what readiness the assumed period of earth's development is

from time to time increased or diminished by millions of years; and how the theories advanced by different scientists conflict with one another—considering all this, shall we, for the privilege of tracing our descent from germs and mollusks and apes, consent to cast away the statement of Holy Writ, so grand in its simplicity, 'God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him'? Shall we reject that genealogical record—prouder than any treasured in the courts of kings, — 'which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God'?— *Educator*, p. 130.

Perhaps the most dangerous threat to the Church is that which threatened us from within. Mrs. White had designated that the proceeds from the sale of the book *Christ's Object Lessons* should go to reduce the indebtedness of our educational institutions, and our people were urged to sell the book for this purpose. The venture was so successful that those associated with our medical work wanted to use a similar project for the erecting of a new medical institution to take the place of the Battle Creek Sanitarium which had burned down in February of 1902. Dr. J. H. Kellogg was authorized to write a book which was to deal in simple language with physiology and hygiene, and home remedies for the sick, but the committee authorizing this made it plain that the new ideas of pantheism with which Dr. Kellogg was toying at that time should not be put into the book. These ideas were new and novel to our people and even Dr. Kellogg himself did not under-

stand their implications. Our brethren were not at all united over his teachings. When the book came out it was honeycombed with pantheistic ideas through and through. The committee dealing with the manuscript was divided. The General Conference next dealt with it, and rejected the manuscript. In spite of this decision the order for the book was placed with the Review & Herald Publishing House, then located at Battle

was living in California. Again in clear tones the voice among us warned: "Be careful how you sustain the sentiments of this book regarding the personality of God. As the Lord presents the matter to me, these sentiments do not bear the endorsement of God. They are a snare the enemy has prepared for these last days. . . . The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by

the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error."—E. G. White, *Letter*, 211, 1903.

As this letter was read to the divided committee, peace again settled down upon their troubled hearts. The author of the book agreed to withdraw it from circulation. Some individuals stubbornly clung to their erroneous ideas and cut themselves off from the body, but the Church

was saved from insidious and far-reaching errors. We who are privileged to live and work in Southern Asia Division can see the error from which the Church was saved by observing the baleful effects of pantheism as demonstrated in the pagan religions surrounding us.

Yes, dear reader, God is leading out a people from spiritual Babylon. And, thank God, He is preserving a people as He leads them on. It is true that God is leading a Church, but He leads us as individuals. His desire is to lead you into His kingdom, and to preserve you as you go. So "believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper."

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ELLEN G. WHITE

J. F. ASHLOCK

Born at Gorham, Maine, U.S.A., November 26, 1827.
Parents, Robert and Eunice Harmon, Methodist church members. Eight children in the family.
Twin sister, Elizabeth Harmon.
Ellen was converted at a Methodist camp meeting in 1840 and was baptized at the age of 13.
In 1843 she was dropped from membership in the Methodist church because of her Adventist beliefs.
Her first vision as recorded in *Early Writings*, pp. 13-20, was given in December 1844.
She was married to James White, August 30, 1846. Four children, all boys, were born to James and Ellen White.
Began keeping the Sabbath with her husband soon after their marriage in 1846.
Given instructions to begin the Publishing work in November 1848.
The first issue of *Present Truth*, July 1849.
Travelled extensively in U.S.A., speaking, writing, and encouraging advent believers.
James White died August 6, 1881.
Ellen G. White laboured in Europe summer 1885 to autumn 1887, in Australia 1892 to 1900.
Lived at St. Helena, California 1900 to 1915.
Died July 16, 1915, in California, and buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, at Battle Creek, Michigan, July 24, 1915.
The greatest monument to her memory is the library of books that she left as a rich heritage to advent believers until the end of time.

Creek, Michigan. While the book *Living Temple* was in the process of being printed the Review and Herald building burned to the ground, and all the plates from which the printing was being done were destroyed. Still refusing warning, Dr. Kellogg's faction placed an order for an even larger edition with another printing firm. The book finally came off the press and its distribution was being planned for. Our denominational leaders were terribly divided over the issue. Elder Daniels, then president of the General Conference, was in a terrible state of mental anguish over the threatened division when a message came from across the continent, from Mrs. White, who



THE CHURCH and THE LIGHT

(The Spirit of Prophecy and its relation to the church and the Bible.)

R. L. ROWE

SEVENTH-DAY Adventists are a people of prophecy. This church came into existence as the result of the greatest study of prophecy in modern times. The pioneers of our movement searched the Scriptures, and discerned the historical fulfilment of prophecies made long centuries before. With clear discernment they studied God's outline of the future and predicted events that were yet to come to pass. Our confidence in God's Word has been strengthened as we have seen the fulfilment of many of the events which they anticipated. They found God's last church portrayed in prophecy and identified it as one that would be found keeping God's commandments and possessing the Spirit of prophecy. This true church would not only seek to follow the counsel of the ancient prophets, but in a special sense would possess the spiritual gift of prophecy, a recognizable manifestation of God's presence in the church.

The possession of the gift of prophecy is not simply a doctrine of the church; it is an evidence that this is God's true church on earth today. Men may claim to be loyal members of the church who really do not believe in the evidence that we do have divinely-given light from heaven. It is not an issue of believing or not believing in the gift of the Spirit of prophecy. Since this is one of the major marks identifying God's special people in the last days, then if the church does not possess it, recognize it, and accept it, it is not the church of prophecy. Those who reject or refuse to believe in it are therefore not a part of the true flock. The true church members will keep the commandments of God and show evidence of acceptance of the Spirit of prophecy. If the church does possess

the gift, its members are truly members only when they recognize its presence and follow its counsel and light.

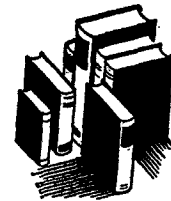
There are some who feel no need to read and study and follow this light which God has so graciously given to His people. They feel that if they follow the Bible they need no other aid to Christian living. Some even refer to Mrs. White as saying that if they follow the Bible the testimonies are not necessary. Mrs. White actually says: "If you had made God's word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the *Testimonies*. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, p. 665.

The church has not studied the Bible as it should. It has not followed the light God has there revealed. In mercy God has given additional light to direct the mind back again to God's Word. These messages were not intended to serve as additions to the Bible. The Bible will always be the test of truth, the revealer of doctrines, the Guide to life eternal. The Spirit of prophecy is especially intended to redirect us to the neglected truths of God's Word. It also serves other purposes that in no way conflict with the Bible or lessen its importance. It often gives specific details to bring into clearer focus the statements of Scripture. Especially is this true of coming events and truths which apply

particularly to our times—"present truth." Its counsels help us to avoid the by-ways that might lead us aside from the narrow way. We are warned of dangers that beset us on our way to heaven. We are urged to give ourselves in whole-hearted service; to unite our hearts in love and fellowship; to live purer, holier lives; to prepare ourselves for Christ's soon coming. Inspiration tells us: "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 Ministry*, p. 125. Both lights have their place. God's people through the ages have been walking in advancing light. Every Bible prophet added to the revealed light already given. Each



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During 1958 all who purchase complete sets of the Conflict of the Ages Series—"Patriarchs and Prophets,"

"Prophecy and Kings," "The Great Controversy," "The Desire of Ages," and "The Acts of the Apostles"—will receive a free copy of the Index to the complete writings of Mrs. E. G. White. Sets are priced as follows:

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new unfolding of God's purpose has carried with it a corresponding obligation to acceptance and obedience. The church is responsible for every added ray of light. The people in Christ's day had far more light than did the patriarchs. The church today has received the bright light of both Old and New Testaments. To the church living in the greatest moral darkness God has given an even clearer revelation. Through the testimonies to His remnant people the way to life is made exceedingly plain. Great truths are brought out. Principles of living are brought out and applied. Additional details are given. A connected story of truth exposes the workings of evil and reveals God's plan as the controversy between good and evil is traced through the ages to the final glorious triumph of truth and God.

We have the light of heaven revealed to us. To refuse to accept light means to walk in darkness. He who rejects the lesser light may miss the way in the night. He who turns away from the light must walk in the shadow and stumble in the dark. God's servant warns us: "It is not God that blinds the eyes of men or hardens their hearts. He sends them light to correct their errors, and to lead them in safe paths; it is by rejection of this light that the eyes are blinded and the heart hardened. . . . Light comes to the soul through God's Word, through His servants, or by the direct agency of His Spirit; but when one ray of light is disregarded, there is a partial benumbing of the spiritual perceptions, and the second revealing of light is less clearly discerned so the darkness increases until it is night in the soul."

"Our standing before God depends, not upon the amount of light we have received, but upon the use we have made of what we have. Thus even the heathen who choose the right as far as they can distinguish it are in a more favourable condition than those who have had great light, and profess to serve God, but who disregard the light, and by their daily lives contradict their profession."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 239.

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For Youth

THE BIBLE

MAGNIFIED

J. F. Ashlock

THE SPIRIT of prophecy writings exalt the Bible and emphasize the importance of an understanding of its teachings. In the first book written by Mrs. E. G. White, *Experiences and Views*, on page 64, we find the keynote of her messages, "I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice." Fifty-eight years later while speaking to a General Conference session audience she held her Bible high above the pulpit and concluded her stirring message with these words, "My brethren, I commend to you this Book."

In volume eight of the *Testimonies*, page 298, we are counselled that perilous times are before us and everyone who has a knowledge of the truth should awake and place himself body, soul, and spirit under Divine discipline. "God has spoken to us through His word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty."

The Spirit of prophecy writings not only call attention to the Bible but they explain and clarify its great truths. The Bible is the greater light and the Spirit of prophecy is the lesser light. The Spirit of prophecy magnifies the Bible and makes it plain, therefore the two should be studied together.

An excellent devotional guide in the reading of the five volumes of the Conflict of the Ages series along with the Bible has been prepared. This plan is known as "The Character Classics." By following the programme outlined in this plan one completes the reading of the Bible and the five Spirit of prophecy books in four years. The first year the four gospels and the *Desire of Ages* are read simultaneously, and each year thereafter a similar order of reading is followed.



The Character Classics

(1) First Year

From Manger to Majesty

The four Gos- pels	<i>The Desire of Ages</i>
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(2) Second Year

From Trial to Triumph

Acts to Revela- tion	<i>Acts of the Apostles Great Contro- versy</i>
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(3) Third Year

From Rebellion to Redemption

First half of the Old Testament	<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i>
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(4) Fourth Year

From Glories that Fade to Glories Everlasting

Last half of the Old Testament	<i>Prophets and Kings</i>
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A similar plan has been worked out for the reading of *Messages to Young People* along with related Scriptures. This plan is highly recommended at this time when *Messages to Young People* is attractively available to the youth of Southern Asia.

The Missionary Volunteer Department will gladly supply the leaflets which have been printed to guide those who desire the inspiration and blessing to be derived from such profitable reading. The leaflets may be secured from local and union MV secretaries.

FAREWELL GREETINGS

Dear fellow-workers and believers
throughout Southern Asia:

BEFORE Mrs. Mattison and I leave on a short furlough and to attend the General Conference, I should like to pause a little in our busy programme of winding up the work here to send a message to each of you. I do appreciate the wonderful part that you have played during the past four years in promoting the work throughout this Division field. It is because of your faithfulness to the task assigned to you as workers, and the love for the message and the faithful witnessing of our laymen, that our churches have been strengthened and a goodly number have been won to the truth. You have played a definite role in the onward march of the message throughout the Division.

As I sit here and think of our many churches scattered around the Division, I thank God for every one of you who is rejoicing in the blessed hope, and for your zeal in witnessing to others about that which cheers you along the Christian way. I think of all of you as faithful pastors in our city and village churches going about in your routine duties of shepherding the flock, reaching out through evangelism, following up Voice of Prophecy interests, and making daily personal contacts to win men and women to Christ. May God continue to bless you as you labour diligently for Him.

My mind goes out to our many schools and the loyal teachers in these schools. How thankful we are for our thousands of young people sitting at the feet of you godly teachers, getting the right mould of character and training for service. You have done much for our youth during the past four years. The baptisms from our schools have been most encouraging, and the scholastic programme has steadily grown in strength. Our schools are not only cities of refuge for our youth but they are also

Pastor and Mrs.
O. O. Mattison.



a great source of supply to our ever-increasing band of workers. May the Lord bless each of you as teachers, and bless our students.

I thank God for the band of young people who are going out from our schools into the colporteur work this summer, and especially for our faithful regular colporteurs who stay by their tasks month after month, placing the printed page in the hands of those who are seeking for truth.

I think of our faithful doctors and nurses in our hospitals, and the fine group of young people in many of these hospitals who are obtaining their training for more efficient service in the ministry of healing. Our doctors carry a heavy load and are continually on the grind ministering to the bodies and

souls of men. I think often of how one-sided our programme would be throughout Southern Asia if it were not for our hospitals, dispensaries, and clinics throughout the land. We are happy to see them grow under your leadership, and also to see our young people get that training for service that will enable them to follow in your footsteps and hold up your hands in the heavy programme you are carrying.

Then I think of that fine group of departmental men in every union and local field, and of the inspiring leadership of our departmental men here at the Division. You are the men who are pressing the battle to the gates. You are constantly inspiring our working force and our laymen to greater achievements and more faithfulness in service, whether it is in the Sabbath school, home missionary, young people's, educational, temperance, or whatever department it might be. It all adds up to one great objective of seeing men and women saved in the kingdom. May the Lord keep each of you faithful to your task and to Him.

So as we go on our way I want to thank you for your wonderful co-operation and wish for you the Lord's richest blessings. May He continue to keep each of you in health and strength and give you success in your labours. We will be meeting many of our former workers on the other side to whom we will take your greetings. Quite a few of our missionaries and some of our national people will be at the General Conference, and rest

EXAMPLE

MARY GUSTAFSON

I can't expect my growing son
To be perfect when I fail
To be a true example
Along his upward trail.

He follows doing as I do,
The up, the downward way;
Mine is the moulding of his life,
The leading day by day.

I then must look to God to lead
My footsteps so I can
Be a good example on
His way from boy to man.

assured as we represent you at this great gathering and speak on behalf of Southern Asia, we will remember each of you who have made the reports of this past four years possible. Pray for us as we go on our way and we will continue to pray for you. If it is the Lord's will, we hope to be back with you in the fall of the year. With sincere greetings, we remain,
PASTOR AND MRS. O. O. MATTISON.

GOD'S CHOSEN MESSENGER

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August, 1915, the following words about Ellen G. White, "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."

Leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist church acknowledge with gratitude the value of Ellen G. White's work. A. G. Daniels, who served as president of the General Conference for 21 years and who was closely associated with Sister White during the nine years she was in Australia and the last fifteen years in California, wrote, "It is my deep conviction that Mrs. White's life far transcends the life of anyone I have ever known or with whom I have been associated. She was uniformly pleasant, cheerful, and courageous. She was never careless, flippant, or in any way cheap in conversation or manner of life. She was the personification of serious earnestness regarding the things of the kingdom. I never once heard her boast of the gracious gift God had bestowed upon her, or of the marvellous results of her endeavours. She did rejoice in the fruitage, but gave all the glory to Him who wrought through her."

J. L. McElhany, another General Conference president, paid this tribute to Sister White, "She was a godly woman, she lived a consistent Christian life which was a living exemplification of the principles she taught and that were revealed to and through her."

The forty-fifth session of the General Conference held in Washington D. C. went on record in

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CHIN HILLS BIBLE INSTITUTE

R. H. WOOLSEY

A REAL spiritual feast was provided for church members in the Chin Hill area, through a two-week Bible Institute that began February 19. The institute was held in the Sing U Nau church, just at the foot of the Chin Hills, 45 miles from Tiddim. Fifty Chin and Lushai delegates from a dozen churches and companies gathered at Sing U Nau for a total of sixty-five sessions. Some delegates had to walk two days before reaching the motor road that leads down from Tiddim.

Pastor and Mrs. C. B. Guild from the Union, Pastor Kalee Paw from the Tenasserim Region, and Pastor R. H. Woolsey, from Central and Upper Burma region,

these words: "We are happy to express to the constituency of the Advent Movement throughout the world field our unbounded confidence in the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, which has been manifested among us from the beginning.

"We heartily commend to you, dear fellow believers, the writings which have come to us through the Spirit of prophecy, and urge a prayerful study of these Heaven-sent messages, presenting clearly the way of entrance into a life of fellowship with God and how to render acceptable service in soul winning and giving counsel regarding the conduct of the work of the church in the critical period just ahead."

May the Lord richly bless every church leader and every member of every congregation throughout Southern Asia, as Spirit of prophecy Day is observed on Sabbath, May 17, that the inspired counsels may have the place and accomplish the purpose that God intends that they should.

led out in the institute. They were ably assisted by Pastor Baw Dee, of Tiddim, and his evangelists and workers.

Each day's programme was begun by a devotional talk by one of the local workers. After breakfast, Mrs. Guild gave detailed instructions in the Sabbath school work and on the importance of good Christian homes. Pastor Woolsey gave a number of studies on the Spirit of prophecy, health, and evangelism. Pastor Guild conducted a series of studies in Revelation, and Pastor Kalee Paw gave a careful presentation of the 2,300 day prophecy. Pastors Guild, Kalee Paw, and Woolsey shared in the evening lectures, open to the public, on important evangelical themes. The evening lectures were repeated in near-by Tahan each night, for the benefit of Lushai members and their friends who could not come to Sing U Nau.

All the delegates showed a keen interest in Bible study, as was evidenced by the careful notes they made on each subject. A question period, held each day, created lively discussions on doctrine, exegesis, and Christian practice.

Following the institute as Pastor Woolsey went to Khampat to see the new work opening there, Pastor and Mrs. Guild visited the Siyin Valley, Tiddim, Koptel, and Lunmual. This meant a total of three weeks that they spent in the Chin Hill area. During this time, the Tahan church was organized, the Tuivar church building was dedicated, and 21 souls were baptized. Baptisms were held at Sing U Nau, Tahan, Tuivar and Khampat. Thus, in an area where five years ago there were few or no Adventists, now the members of the remnant church total nearly 175. Surely, "What hath God wrought!" May the Lord bless the results of this Bible Institute, that His name may be glorified through the addition of many more souls to His kingdom.



Spicer Memorial College, Class of '58.

Top row: Stephen Phasge, Daniel Lwin, N. Victor Reddy, N. Jacob, Emmanuel Lakra, Lazarus Borge.

Bottom row: Eldine Frederick (pianist), John Wilmont, Madhukar Ohal, L. R. Burns (class sponsor), George Gabriel, Lian Khaw Kama, Jasmine Fernando.

Below: President R. E. Rice presents diploma to Lal Thangliana Sailo.

WEDDING

AN atmosphere of gaiety and happiness pervaded the Roorkee High School compound on the evening of the 20th of March as the final preparations were being made for the wedding of Miss Sarojini Massey, a teacher in the school, and Mr. Sadiq M. Isaac, Voice of Prophecy secretary for the North India Section. The chapel had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and many friends and relatives had arrived to attend the service. Following the ceremony, a reception was held on the school campus.

Both of these young people have received all their education in Adventist schools, Brother Isaac having completed a four-year course in Business Administration from Spicer College. They will be making their home at 498L Model Town, Jullunder, Punjab, where Brother Isaac will continue his work as Voice of Prophecy Secretary for the North India Section and also as Secretary of the local Section.

T. R. Torkelson.



N. TELUGU MEETINGS

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Pastor M. S. Prasada Rao brought a very heart-searching and heart-touching message. There were signs of the moving of God's Spirit in the hearts of men and women present there. Time was given them for expression. Several broke down and wept as they testified. They pledged to be courageous and faithful in the message by God's help.

With renewed courage and faith our loyal workers and members have returned to their respective

AUXILIARY MEDICAL TRAINING

FROM time to time opportunities open for training in Laboratory technique, Radiography, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, and Medical Mechanics.

Some of these openings occur in our own institutions for training in some of these fields. It may be possible to arrange for training in some of these courses in other institutions with Sabbath concessions.

Board and fees for such training courses cost from Rs. 1,000.00 to Rs. 2,000.00. The educational prerequisite is an S. S. L. C. with science. Further information regarding these training opportunities can be obtained by contacting the Educational Secretary of your Union or the Educational Secretary, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Southern Asia Division, P. O. Box 15, Poona 1.

places to live more like Jesus. These regional meetings made us feel a step closer to His kingdom and drew us closer to Christ and to His Cause. "Thy kingdom come" was the message in conclusion. "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

DIVISION UPLIFT RECEIPTS

TO DATE OVER RS. 3,10,000.

THE CHURCH AND THE LIGHT

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This people has the light. We have received more light than any people who ever lived. God has graciously given us a veritable treasure-house of truth, full of the riches of His counsel. Even many non-Adventists acknowledge it to be of an uplifting and ennobling nature, tending toward purity and godly living. God has lighted the way to life so clearly that none need stumble. Time has proved that the light of the Spirit of prophecy is a true light. Its revelations are in harmony with the Bible. It meets the Bible tests. It has saved the church from pitfalls. It encourages godly living and opposes even the appearance of evil. It brings hope and confidence for the future. It thus has every evidence of being light from heaven. Can we, dare we, neglect it or reject it but at the peril of our souls?

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REGIONAL MEETINGS IN NORTH TELUGU SECTION

Y. G. THOMAS

IT WAS the happy privilege of the writer to attend the two-day regional meetings held in the North Telugu section.

Yellurupadu is a pretty little village with a group of lively Adventists. Here, both young and old joined in the singing, raising their voices to praise God. Mrs. M. S. Prasada Rao, Mrs. Rajah Rao and Pastor B. S. Moses promoted the work of their departments. Bible studies and a consecration service were assigned to the writer. Pastor M. S. Prasada Rao, the section president, brought very deep spiritual messages each night. And the people rededicated their lives to the Master. On Sabbath, February 22, 1958 in an impressive and inspiring service, the pretty little church building in

Dear Graduate:

You will now be entering into a new experience. Your service is unto the Lord. You will be expected to co-operate with men as human and as weak as yourself. Some of their weaknesses will seem very great to you, and you will be disappointed because you expected more of them.

Satan will try to cause you to misunderstand and to get you confused. Therefore, keep your eyes upon Jesus, remembering that He is leading His people onward and upward. He is using weak, feeble human beings and He will use you if you fully yield yourself to Him.

File these quotations away in a place where you will often read them:

"Obstacles to the advancement of the work of God will appear; but fear not. To the omnipotence of the King of kings, our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of the tender shepherd. Nothing can stand in His way. His power is absolute, and it is the pledge of the sure fulfilment of His promises to His people. He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs may be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite, and His covenant is unalterable.

"The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be firm and well established, but He can overthrow the strongest of these plans, and in His own time and way He will do this, when He sees that our faith has been sufficiently tested, and that we are drawing near to Him, and making Him our counsellor.

"In the darkest days, when appearances seem so forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day. His understanding will be placed at their service, that they may not err in the carrying out of His purposes.

"There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance to the world.

"The members of the church need now to confess their backslidings, and press together. My brethren, allow nothing to come in that will separate you from one another or from God. Talk not of differences of opinion, but unite in the love of the truth as it is in Jesus. Come before God, and plead the shed blood of the Saviour as a reason why you should receive help in the warfare against evil. You will not plead in vain. As you draw near to God, with heartfelt contrition and in full assurance of faith, the enemy who seeks to destroy you will be overcome.

"God calls upon His faithful ones, who believe in Him, to talk courage to those who are unbelieving and hopeless. May the Lord help us to help one another, and to prove Him by living faith."

—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, pages 10-12.

"Things will go wrong because of unconsecrated workers. You may shed tears over the result of this; but don't worry. The blessed Master has all His work from end to end under His masterly supervision. All He asks is that the workers shall come to Him for their orders, and obey His directions. Everything—our churches, our missions, our Sabbath schools, our institutions—is carried upon His divine heart. Why worry? The intense longing to see the church a living and shining light as God designs it shall be must be tempered with entire trust in God."—*Christian Service*, page 243.

"Workers for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things; His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands, to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted. We may draw upon His fulness, and receive of that grace which has no limit."—*Christian Service*, page 261.

Keep these thoughts in mind and speak encouragement and loyalty to every soul.

Read the promise of God found in Isaiah 41:8-10, Isaiah 43:1-6 and Proverbs 3:5-7 often and know that God will never fail you nor forsake you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus will be sufficient for you. Let the promise of eternal life with Jesus and the Redeemed be the reward you seek.

With best regards,

Your brother in Christ,
O. W. Lange

Yellurupadu was dedicated to the glory of our great God. The little company of believers brought a liberal offering which amounted to Rs. 123.60.

After the meetings here, many of us left Yellurupadu the same night. It may have been owing to the unbalanced heavy weight on the men's side in the bus, that a spring broke at a very slight jerk and the bus could go no further. While we were wondering how and where to spend that dark night on the road, we learned that a boat was waiting to go in our direction. Thanking God for the providence, we took to boat ride and arrived at a place close to a railway station. This was a pleasant voyage and reminded us of St. Paul's journey by boat.

Our next meeting place was Mantapeta. Someone once told me that the people in this region (probably in 1933) did not know what famine was. Hence the missionary could not then make much impression upon the minds of the people from Amos 8:11. It is a very fertile region. I wish the same might be true of the spiritual condition, wherever God's people live. During the regional meetings here, the devotional services, and the Bible studies on tithe and Christian Home were very profitable. With tears, many confessed their past mistakes in their irregular tithe-paying and resolved by God's help to be faithful in future. Both men and women stood up and testified and added their experiences. During the departmental hours, Mrs. Prasada Rao and Pastor B. S. Moses brought messages of the needs and the methods, and the people made their vows to God to win more souls this year.

The meetings at Nandigama also drew us closer to God. The meetings were very inspiring and deeply spiritual. We met some of our good old veteran workers like Devanand; we are proud of such earnest Adventist Christian families. We also met Mrs. Ananda Rao, a devoted and faithful widowed mother in Israel. There may be many more. We are thankful to God for such earnest faithful souls. On Sabbath, March 1, 1958, the church service was well attended.

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INVESTMENT BLESSINGS

Around the world Advent believers have gained blessings and inspiration through investing for God.

We have talked with those whose barren trees bloomed and yielded luscious fruit when dugged around and dedicated to God as an investment for His work.

God's blessing and providential care are so evident that even a non-Christian mali observed it in an experience at Sister E. R. Streeter's home at Salisbury Park, Poona.

She dedicated a plot of lettuce for investment and told her mali about the plan. The lettuce flourished and grew. Then one night a stray bull broke through her hedge and mutilated her garden, tramping back and forth through her lettuce patch, eating tender morsels here and there in the garden. When morning came the mali looked with dismay upon the havoc wrought until he saw the investment lettuce. The bull had been there too. His tracks were large and deep. Then the weary mali beheld a wonderful thing—not one of the investment lettuce plants had been touched either by hoof or mouth. There they stood unhurt, unharmed!

The mali said, "Memsahab, God kept the bull from injuring the garden you gave to Him." And so it was.

God really blesses investment gardens. Try it.

—O. W. Lange.

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EAST PAKISTAN AWAKENING

PEIN GYE

Secretary-Treasurer, East Pakistan

ON DECEMBER 18, 1957, I said good-bye to my good wife and the family in Rangoon and came to Pakistan to take up my newly appointed work as the Secretary and Treasurer of the East Pakistan Section at Dacca.

I had lived in Dacca for about a month, when Pastor K. S. Brown informed me that there is a Burmese Consul in the city, and so I immediately made his acquaintance. He is a nice young man and his residence is near our mission. Often when I am free in the evenings, I visit him at his residence.

On the first visit to his home,

two army officers and another government official were also there. The consul served us with chips and sauce, followed by tea. I thanked him for the chips and told him that I do not take tea. When he offered me a cigarette, I explained to him that I do not smoke. After the other visitors had gone, he asked me to explain to him the reason why I do not take tea. Although he had an appointment at 7:30 that evening, he said, "never mind about my appointment, I want to know more about tea and cigarettes." In the course of our conversation he said, "It must be in the providence of God that at this time, here in Dacca, I should be meeting with you and discussing these matters." He wanted to know about our belief concerning life hereafter, the judgment, etc. So I have been happy to visit him quite often and talk with him about Present Truths. Who knows but that we have both been brought to a foreign land that he might become acquainted with our message. His words are very significant to me and I pray that the Holy Spirit will work upon his heart.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

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	
June 28	Australasian Division
September 27	Inter-American Division
December 27	South American Division

A few days after this, as I was returning home from the market, a Moslem gentleman stopped me and said, "Mister, may I speak to you for a minute? Are you from this Seventh-day Adventist people? I want to attend your church service." I invited him to come every Sabbath morning. He said that he was leaving soon on a trip to West Pakistan. So I asked him if he would be interested in reading our literature and explained to him that we have a Bengali Bible correspondence school. At his eager assent I gave him Voice of Prophecy lessons No. 1 and 2. I am hoping to see him in our church some day soon. Here again, I am sure that the Spirit of the Lord is opening the way for me to witness for Him.

The other day I was at the Registration office in connection with my visa. In the course of our conversation one of the officers there told me that in comparing the different religions he has found that we have something better. He said, "I want to study your religion for my own benefit, so please give me some pamphlets on your religion." I gave him the book *God Speaks to Modern Man*. I wonder what made him say that we have something better than other religions.

When we were called to come to Pakistan last August, in my reply to Elder D. S. Johnson, I quoted the following lines from the *Ministry of Healing*, page 473:

"If the Lord desires us to bear a message to Nineveh, it will not be as pleasing to Him for us to go to Joppa or to Capernaum. He has reasons for sending us to the place toward which our feet have been directed. At that very place there may be some one in need of the help we can give."

In pondering these statements, I am convinced that the Lord has a work for me to do for Him here in East Pakistan that no other person could do. And that is true of each one of us. East Pakistan is awakening and we need your prayers that we may accept the challenge and go forward in faith to accomplish greater things for Him. We have camped around this mountain for many years and it is time that we approach the better class of people in towns and cities of East Pakistan. We must give the last warning message through the various means at our disposal, to hasten the coming of Christ. To capitalize on the awakening interest here in East Pakistan we solicit your prayers.

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● THE Chuharkana School opened on the 7th of April. Seven students from the Garo area have applied for enrolment this year. All of these will be in the upper classes or in the first year of college. Since July, 1957, Chuharkana has been offering work on the college level.

HE WON HIS SONS

Mr. Ananthanarayanan, a lay member of the Tiruchirapalli (South India) church, passed away on February 26, 1958. A Hindu-Brahmin, he had noticed the prophecy Speaks meetings being conducted by Bro. P. A. T. C. Lobo in Trichy. In curiosity he attended. But it was more than curiosity that led him to continue attending and to study with Bro. Lobo. He closed his business on the Sabbath and attended the church services regularly with his family. He himself was baptized in 1950, and a little later his two oldest sons joined him in the Faith. Now one of these sons, A. Krishnan, is teaching at Spicer Memorial College, and the other, A. Ganesh, works in the O. W. P. H. accounts office. In spite of opposition and ostracism from his family and friends he remained firm in his conviction till his death, and rests in the sure hope of the resurrection.

[An obituary sent in by M. D. Samuel, pastor of the Trichy church arrived too late for publication.—Ed.]

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Miscellany

● WE have just received word that Pastor J. I. Crawford, Educational and MV Secretary of the South India Union, invested 50 students at the Lowry Memorial High School with progressive class insignia on the 5th of April and that 5 students were baptized.

● PASTOR I. Subushanam reports the baptism of 4 at Polakol in the North Telugu Section.

● PASTOR B. M. Shad, Principal of the Hapur Elementary Boarding School, reports the baptism of 14 at Hapur on the 1st of March. Thirteen of those baptized were students and one candidate was from the church at Meerut. The teachers and students at Hapur have been helpful during the past several years to the evangelistic programme at Meerut.

● FROM Pastor E. C. Beck of Rangoon comes the encouraging report of 12 baptisms during the

month of March. Two persons have also been added to the Rangoon church upon profession of faith. Pastor Beck indicates that another five or six have taken their stand and will be baptized on the 12th of April.

● BROTHER Robinson Koilpillai, Principal of the Lasalgaon High School of Western India, shares the news that 45 students were invested with insignia of the Missionary Volunteer Department during the closing exercises. Seven of these students were Master Guides. He also reports the baptism of six students on the closing Sabbath of the school year. Brother D. H. Skau, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of Western India, was present on this occasion.

● THE closing exercises at the Chuharkana School were highlighted by the baptism of 34 on the 23rd of March. Of this group 30 were students. Pastor M. G. Champion, Educational Secretary for the Pakistan Union, reports an excellent spirit among the young people of that field.

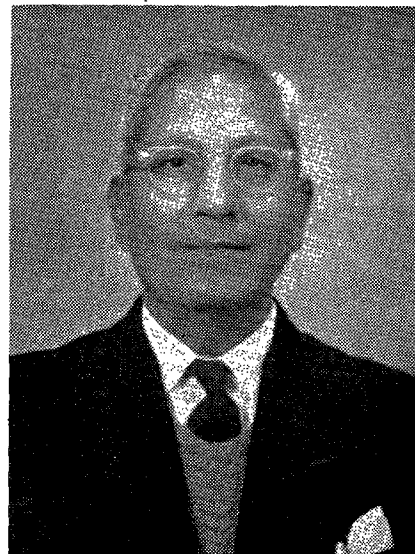
● THE 15 Voice of Prophecy Bible schools graduated 1,663 students during February of 1958. A total of 113,821 lessons were sent out and 5,007 students were enrolled. Up to the present time 116,816 persons have completed the Bible courses in Southern Asia.

● WITH regret we share with the readers of the *Southern Asia Tidings* a report from Brother C. A. Hart, of Australia, that Mrs. Ellen Meyers passed away at 2:00 o'clock on the morning of February 28, 1958. She had been in failing health for sometime but she was always cheerful, and whenever she wrote to the Voice of Prophecy she spoke of her strong faith in Jesus and His soon return. Mrs. Ellen Meyers was one of the first persons to be baptized in the Southern Asia Division, and she with her husband spent many years in colporteur work and other types of evangelism. She was patient and faithful and maintained her confidence in God to the very end.



Miss J. Ina White, editor of TIDINGS since 1949 receiving token of appreciation from her fellow workers in the Publishing House on the eve of her departure.

MEET OUR WORKERS



B. A. Howard was born into a non-Christian home but he was permitted to attend the Industrial school which Pastor L. J. Burgess had started in Chelusain, Garhwal. Here he received Christian training from C. C. Belgrave. He was baptized in 1914 and then had the privilege of attending another "first"—our first Union Training School at Lucknow, with I. F. Blue as principal.

In 1918 Brother Howard began work as a mission employee as a teacher. He was ordained in 1941. He served as superintendent of the United Provinces Mission from 1944-1949 when he accepted a call to edit the Hindi Magazine, "Swasthya Aur Jivan."

In 1955 Pastor Howard moved to Allahabad to assume the church pastorate there. In his four decades of mission employ he has served as teacher, preacher, translator, proof-reader, editor and pastor. What next? Whatever the Lord calls him to do.

● DURING 1957 the Ranchi Hospital reported a total of 12,446 out-patient visits, admitted 1,249 in-patients and performed 195 major surgical procedures and 773 minor operations. Our brethren at Ranchi recently reported that one of the patients volunteered a donation of Rs. 1,000.00 and stated, "There will be more coming." Another group have just donated Rs. 501.00 as a mark of respect and appreciation for the good work our staff at the Ranchi Hospital are rendering in the community.