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JULY—YOUTH EVANGELISM MONTH

FOR the first time in more than sixty years of Christlike ministry to the peoples of Southern Asia, Seventh-day Adventists have dedicated a full month to the boys and girls, the young men and women under the influence of their homes, schools, churches and MV societies. By action of Division and Union committees July has been set aside as Youth Evangelism Month.

Our loving heavenly Father sent His only Son to seek and to save the youth. For the youth of every generation, Jesus as a youth, clearly revealed God's wonderful love and demonstrated in His own life God's provisions and purposes for youth. He who understands God's plan must realize that every unsaved adult is the result of sin's blight and man's neglect. Therefore, every youth is a challenge and an opportunity to the church! To meet this challenge and to take advantage of this opportunity, July has been designated Youth Evangelism Month—an entire month to be devoted to the salva-

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Missionary Volunteer Department

tion and guidance of our most precious possession and greatest asset, the youth.

The objective of this emphasis upon youth is twofold. First, Youth Evangelism during July is to be a concerted effort on the part of pastors, evangelists, teachers, parents, Master Guides, and MV Society officers to win young people to Christ. This is evangelism for youth. This important ministry for youth includes both personal and public efforts in their behalf. This service is, for all who successfully engage in it, a delightful pursuit. The youth under our influence constitute an intensely interesting and a most promising field for soul winning. MV Week, July 19 to 26, creates a most favourable atmosphere for youth to make decisions for Christ.

Second, Youth Evangelism during July means a Christian army of rightly trained young people, loving the Lord Jesus, taking an active part in the work of the Missionary Volunteer Society and effectively sharing their faith in the communities where they reside. This is evangelism by youth. Almost unlimited power for good is wrapped up in the lives of consecrated, enthusiastic youth. They are a tremendous influence for righteousness and truth and are to be used mightily in God's service for the salvation of souls.

July 26 is MV Community Service Day. On this closing Sabbath of MV Week every youth in Southern Asia should take part in some kind of Christian service for those who live in the vicinity of his church, school, or Missionary Volunteer Society.

Let us join in praying, planning and working for a true revival and reformation among the youth of India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon.

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PASTORS, TEACHERS, PARENTS,	July	—	Youth Evangelism Month
YOUTH LEADERS	July 19-26	—	MV Week
Remember to pray and plan for—	July 26	—	MV Community Service Day

Northeast India Union MV Secretary S. JESU DASS says

MV WEEK IS FOR EVERY YOUTH OF EVERY CHURCH

ANOTHER year has quietly gone by, and it is again time to plan and prepare for another blessed MV Week. What a tremendous challenge, what a glorious opportunity this week presents before the youth leaders and church workers! This is the week to which our children and youth look forward with joy and expectation. This is the week that brings spiritual victories and the true joy of living to our young people. This is the week when many a child and youth formally offers his or her heart to the loving Jesus. Since a well-conducted MV Week is of such tremendous importance in influencing our boys and girls to follow Jesus, O, how needful it is that we include every boy and girl among us in our plans for this coming MV Week. Our slogan very well could be "MV Week for every Adventist child in '58." Is this impossible of fulfilment? Not if we as youth leaders and church leaders desire it, pray for it, plan for it, prepare for it and **WORK** for it!

Of course, there are certain difficulties that stand in the way of pushing a programme of this nature to reach every school, church and company scattered all over the field. But these difficulties can be overcome by the right approach. With the active support and co-operation of the union and the local mission officers the problem becomes easy indeed. It is important that a master plan for the whole field be drawn up months before the commencement of the MV Week. Each school, church or company should be geared for this week and an experienced speaker assigned and notified weeks in advance.

To bring the inestimable blessings of this week to all of our children and youth, it is of the utmost importance that each school, church and company leader makes a survey of the children and youth under his care to insure that none is denied the blessings of the week. Special invitation should be given

to every child and youth, especially to those who are indifferent and backslidden. What about the youth who are not of our fold? By all means include them in the general plan.

There is another group of children and youth whom we must not neglect as we plan for the MV Week. I refer to the children and youth of isolated Adventist homes. In every field there are Adventist families living away from an organized church, school or company. What about the children and youth of these families? Are we including them in our plans for 1958? Is it not possible to gather these youth in to the places where the MV Week is being held so that they, too, may share in the joy and blessings of the week? I do hope that our church leaders and youth workers will endeavour to include these youth also in their plans. Each church must feel a burden for these children. Why not en-

courage each family among us to invite an isolated child for this week? I am positive that our people will be willing to do this if they are given an opportunity to do so. Why not try this idea this year?

May the good Lord bless all of you as you plan to include every Adventist boy and girl in the coming MV Week activities. Our children's hearts turned lovingly toward Jesus! Our children's feet in the pathway leading heavenward! Our children saved from sin! Our children saved to the coming of the Lord! Let these be the glorious themes that fill our hearts as we plan for the coming MV Week. Shoulder to shoulder in this work of soul-saving, let us renew our vows of personal consecration. Let us pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to aid us in our work. Let us look with longing eyes upon the children that may assemble during this special week as the field of our personal endeavour—a flock for whom we are willing to surrender our ease, our time, and our strength. Let us claim the promise of Isaiah 49:25, "I will contend with him that contendeth with thee and I will save thy children."

"Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow men."—*Messengers to Young People*, p. 20.

YOUTH EVANGELISM IN WESTERN INDIA

F. E. SPIESS,

President, Western India Union

WESTERN India Union has every reason to be interested in Youth Evangelism Month and MV Week, because ours is the greatest young people's field in Southern Asia Division. I think I am correctly delineating facts when I say Western India Union has more young people in her membership per 100 members than any other field. We are deeply grateful for our Lasalgaon High School, our two Poona Church

Schools, our Hatkanagale Boarding School, our three schools in Spicer Memorial College campus, our Bombay Church School and our hosts of boys and girls in the village schools. Moreover, most of our leaders are young people and that, to us, is a great challenge to move forward this week in the most carefully planned, best organized and most efficiently executed MV Week of which we are capable. We are depending on every church where there are young people to carry out the plans which have been carefully prepared and provided for them.

IT IS the closing Sabbath of the Week of Prayer. The young people of the Rayapuram MV Society have stood in consecration. Now we hear the closing remarks of the leader: "Only what we give away do we keep. There have been many spiritual highlights in our lives. Why is it that we have not made these permanent?"

A voice is heard from the con-

gregation. It is the voice of young Deva Dass, newly baptized and full of zeal to radiate his joy. He reads a text:

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring. . ."

The audience is spell-bound not knowing what is to follow. But everyone knows that right in the suburbs of Rayapuram are many interested souls awaiting further light.

Deva Dass continues: "Six months ago, I, too, was longing for light. I prayed earnestly that God might send someone to our house who might reveal His will for my life. As if in answer to my prayer, along came Brother Chopra to my door. He had come to our neighbourhood to pass out tracts. Ours was the first house he visited. I could see that he was nervous. But

he smiled, said a few words and left. I called him back and asked him where he lived. After reading the tract, I knew I had found spiritual help. Boarding a bus, I went to where Brother Chopra lived. He told me of God's way. Then he took me to his minister who invited me to attend his meetings, which I did. The call of God came to my heart, and now I am

a follower of Christ. But, what does it mean to follow Christ? Of Him we read: 'I am no more in the world, but these are in the world. . . As Thou has sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.'

"Because Brother Chopra came to our house to pass out a tract, I am here today. I have determined to use every method to find others who will also respond. A friend has told me he would donate the use of his pandal if the youth from our church would hold night Bible study classes for the youth of our neighbourhood. I propose that we ask Brother Chopra to act as leader of these *Voice of Youth* meetings. I shall be glad to assist him."

With such a spirit, under the blessing of God, how could these young people fail? Literature bands were organized; invitations

were prepared; a handbill was circulated. Young ladies started branch Sabbath schools, and soon a large group of young people were preparing for baptism.

Is this a hypothetical case? Perhaps; but it need not be. We cannot hoard all heaven's blessings to ourselves. To do so gives evidence that we are not at all followers of Christ. To decline God's call is to perish. God's call consists of two integral parts one of which cannot exist without the other; first, our own spiritual betterment, and then a sharing of our faith with others.

MV Leader, you have completed your Week of Prayer. Where do you go from here? You have not had a successful week until you have laid strong plans for active missionary work by the youth in your care. Begin now, **JULY 26 IS MV COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY!**

J. I. CRAWFORD,

South India Union MV Secretary

Prayer Bands, literature bands, branch Sabbath schools, Voice of Youth efforts in which our young people actually do the speaking, the singing and all the rest—these are part and parcel of the MV Week. Has someone had a part in bringing spiritual help into your life? "Go thou, and do likewise."



This group of Southern Asia youth leaders are Master Guides.

C. B. GUILD, *President and MV Secretary, Burma Union*, urges

YOUTH WEEK FOLLOW-UP

THE experience of the youth who have attended the youth Week of Prayer has doubtless been different from the experience of the average attendant at a series of evangelistic meetings. He may or may not experience a very marked conversion. For some time he may have looked forward to the time when he, like others before him, could take part in the baptismal class and join in the baptism, and become a full-fledged and regular member of the church. If he has had a Christian-home training, and has been in our schools, this is more or less of a natural conclusion.

However, it should be made very plain to each that there is a definite transaction in deciding to step over the line and live fully for Christ. That henceforth old habits must be given up, and whatever the occupation or pursuit in life,

should be satisfied until every truth is thoroughly understood. The class may be conducted something like a school, with questions and answers, but care should be taken that the spiritual implication of each subject is also understood.

Hard questions should not be neglected or feared, but every candidate should be prepared for all emergencies, by being given an armour of defense. He should be told why we shun worldly amusements as the cinema and card-playing.

Youth is the best time to form Christian habits, and there is no better time to initiate this than during the baptismal class. The leader should not be satisfied when the member of his class can answer all the questions. Does he have a Bible? Does he have a Sabbath school lesson quarterly, and a regular time to study the lesson?

"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"—*Messages to Young People*, p. 196.

the first allegiance is to God. He should also be taught that this is a lifetime decision.

The young believer will have the enthusiasm of youth. Everything should be done to encourage this spirit, directing his energy toward those ideals which are high, and true, and pure. He should be taught how to meet temptation, not only by having the courage to say "NO" when the need arises, but by substituting something good in its place.

With younger people, the one who conducts the baptismal class should be careful not to make these occasions dry and formal. Neither should he fall into the delusion that the Truth must be dished out in simple form only. Young people have good minds, and young people are able to think straight thoughts if their interest is aroused. They will revel in the joy of accomplishment, and no leader

Does he know about the Morning Watch? Does he know how to figure his tithe? Has he learned to speak to his friends about his faith? These questions should all be answered in the affirmative.

Some members can answer the questions, but they are not too well equipped with the knowledge of just how the Christian is saved from sin by Christ. The one conducting the class will need to make a diligent study of this for himself from such books as *Steps to Christ*, so that he can explain it well. This should become a heart experience, and each member of the class should feel a deep sense of gratitude for all that the Saviour has done for him.

Class members should also be well instructed about just what to do when sin occurs in their lives. While at conversion and baptism they renounce *all* of their past sins, making restoration where neces-

sary, after baptism they may have from time to time to confess *specific* sins. If these are between the individual and God only they should be confessed to Him. If people are concerned, and someone has been wronged, the wrong that has been done should be fully renounced, and confession of fault made to the one who has been hurt, and restoration made if necessary. Whether that individual forgives



ANNOUNCEMENT

Spicer Memorial College

All freshmen students and new registrants joining the college this year must be at the college by June 17. Orientation and registration for them will begin at 8:00 a.m., June 18, and those who are not here for that will be charged a late registration fee of Rs. 15.00.

Registration for old students will be on June 20 and 22. For them the late registration fee (Rs. 15.00) will begin on June 23.

—Registrar.

or not, the conscience is free. Full instructions are found in Matthew 18. This is an essential knowledge for unity in the church.

Youth workers should go forth with the full assurance that they have the assistance of heaven in their work. They are also meeting the most hopeful and receptive group of hearers, for the largest number of conversions take place during the teen years, and they may claim all the promises of heaven in their work.

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 "Let us never lose sight of the fact that Jesus is a wellspring of joy."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 38.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

D. H. SKAU,

Western India Union MV Secretary

IN reading my Bible, I find in the Gospels frequent texts which tell of the spiritual life of Jesus, our perfect example, and how He maintained His connection with His Father, your Father, and mine. Christ felt a need to come away from the bustle of life for a period of meditation and prayer.

The Morning Watch is an ideal method for a systematic programme of prayer and meditation. It is a period which has been defined as, "the communion of mind with mind, and heart with heart, of the human with the divine." It is a time of spiritual recharging of one's battery of faith and strength to meet the demands of the day. Christ found it necessary to draw apart, for we find that after periods of work, "He went up into the mountain apart to pray." Matt. 14: 23. He chose the morning hours as being the most blessed time for this. "In the morning, rising up a great while before day," He went out to study, meditate, and pray. (Mark 1:35.)

In the Bible we find that these times of spiritual growth consisted of periods when the person was alone, in a secret or solitary place, to pray and meditate, and to listen to the words of God. Mrs. White, in *Ministry of Healing*, page 52, says, "The early morning often found Him [Christ] in some secluded place, meditating, searching the Scriptures, or in prayer." If we follow the Master's example we will also try to follow the pattern of a Morning Watch, alone, to read the Scriptures, to pray and to meditate. "Consecrate yourself to

God in the morning; make this your very first work. Let your prayer be, 'Take me, O Lord, as wholly Thine. I lay all my plans at Thy feet. Use me today in Thy service. Abide with me and let all my work be wrought in Thee.'"
—*Steps to Christ*, page 70, pocket edition.

The Missionary Volunteer Department, this year, has as another one of its devotional features, the day to day reading of *Messages to Young People* along with passages from the Bible. This plan has worked out a systematic reading of the book *Messages to Young People* correlated with Scriptural passages so that one who faithfully follows it will, by the end of the year, have read the entire book. This plan is similar to the Character Classics plan which is based on a systematic reading of the *Conflict of the Ages Series*. The Character Classics are divided into four years of daily assignments from the Bible and the five *Conflict of the Ages* books by a regular sequence of events. Each of these plans is excellent for the strengthening of one's spiritual growth. Every member should resolve to follow one of these fine plans and encourage others to take up the reading of the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy writings.

The systematic reading of the Bible must also be mentioned.

There are two outlines offered, catering to a person's individual ability, the "Junior Bible Year" and the "Senior Bible Year." By carefully following the outlined programme, one can read his Bible from cover to cover in a year's time. Too frequently we refer to the Bible for a proof text, or for some bit of information, or as the reference given in the *Sabbath School Quarterly*. Too seldom do we seek the great prize that the Bible really offers—spiritual uplift. It is through the diligent prayerful study of the Scriptures and the application to our lives of the principles found therein that we are "partakers of the divine nature." 2 Peter 1:4. We cannot grow in grace or in spiritual things unless we come to the Bible with seeking hearts. Then we may be sure that we shall find inspiration for all the duties and problems of life.

Another aspect of one's spiritual growth, which is many times not used, is that of praying together with others in prayer bands. Young persons who have formed prayer bands and have continued these after the initial surge of the MV Week of Prayer, although meeting only once each week, have found in them a great source of strength. The drawing together of like minds in a common endeavour has a powerful influence for good throughout the week. This idea is brought out in the text in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Also note verse 19: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven."

Friends, fellow MV's, let us not neglect the power that is ours for the taking. Let us go forward in faith, laying hold of all the means at our disposal to strengthen ourselves spiritually that when the Master comes He may find us fit vessels for His use.

TITHE NOT TO BE USED TO PAY DEBTS

"The man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt, should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellow-men. He should consider that in these transactions he is being tested, and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use he is robbing the Giver. He is debtor to God for all that he has, but he becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserved fund in paying debts to human beings. 'Unfaithfulness to God' is written against his name in the books of heaven. He has an account to settle with God for appropriating the Lord's means for his own convenience. And the want of principle shown in his misappropriation of God's means will be revealed in his management of other matters. It will be seen in all matters connected with his own business. The man who will rob God is cultivating traits of character that will cut him off from admittance into the family of God above."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 391.

Southern Asia MV Secretary recommends

PERSONAL WORK FOR BY YOUTH

INDIVIDUAL work for individuals is a most effective method of soul-winning. Jesus spent much time in personal work for the one soul audience. The Samaritan woman at the well and Nicodemus on the housetop are apt illustrations. A wonderful experience awaits every pastor, teacher, parent, and youth leader who purposes in his heart that during the month of July he will win one youth for Christ.

Every true follower of the Master can and should do this. Whatever one's calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ. He may not be able to speak to congregations but he can work for individuals. See *Desire of Ages*, p. 822. Qualifications include consecration, burden for souls, tact, enthusiasm, faith, prayer, and hard work.

The youth who has given his

heart to Jesus and who truly loves His Lord and Master is qualified to do successful personal work for other youth. The pen of inspiration states that he is better qualified than anyone else. He can reach and win young people whom older laymen and even ministers cannot affect. Read the special counsel on this subject found in *Messages to Young People*, pages 197-208. Then let every Missionary Volunteer determine, with the encouragement of church leaders and under the blessings of the Holy Spirit, to win at least one other youth to Christ during July.

S. JAMES,

Division Temperance Secretary

MV WEEK HELPS ENTIRE CHURCH

BEING called upon to speak to young people is a real privilege and an opportunity to do the greatest good to any cause. There is a verse in Zechariah which suggests how God regards such a call. The text is: "Run, speak to this young man." When He sends a message to His young people, God wants the messenger to "run," implying that the errand is important, urgent, and of far-reaching consequences, and requires unhesitant haste.

It was my privilege to conduct an MV Week of Prayer in a number of churches in the North-western India Union, where MV Week occupies an important part in the overall planning. As far as I can evaluate, the MV Week assignments were the highlights of my brief service in that union. What I have witnessed as fruit of these special meetings convinced me of three things: 1. That the MV Week is God-ordained; 2. That God speaks to His young people in a special, compelling way during the MV Week; and 3. That the season could be a period of spiritual revival to the entire church.

In my experience, however, the MV Week "was" a blessing to entire congregations, for entire congregations were in the meetings. It's not difficult to conceive how the MV Week could prove a

blessing to the entire church if the entire church were in the MV Week. This week's messages are no doubt geared to the needs of the young people, but this does not mean that the messages have no relevance to the life of the adult. To the contrary, some messages helpful to the adults are definitely not understood or needed by the youth; but there is not a subject presented to the youth that will not be understood or needed by the older folk. When the entire church is present at these meetings, the spiritual impact, which is great during the MV Week, does carry the entire church to a higher plane of spiritual experience. We should sense this fact and endeavour to draw the entire church into the MV Week.

I was conducting MV Week in a small city church. Night after night all the church members, young and old, attended the meetings faithfully and regularly. The members brought along their friends also. When the altar call was made the entire church did not hesitate a moment in responding to the call. Old and young came forward with tear-filled eyes. It looked as though it was a scene of general church revival rather than a meeting for young people. There were some Voice of Prophecy students in the consecration group.

There was also an elderly gentleman whose penitent attitude arrested my special attention. On enquiry I found out that he was a brother who had left the Advent fold some years ago. There was no difference in expression or enthusiasm between the young and the old as to what that MV Week had meant to them. This is a sample of what MV Week can do to the church if the church is in the Week of Prayer. It's a session of revival of the youth for the church and a revival of the church for the youth.

Further, it is imperative that the church be there, for the spiritual welfare of the youth does not stand alone on what is accomplished in their hearts but also on what is accomplished in the hearts of the parents. Many times the good seed sown in the hearts of the youth during the Week of Prayer are crushed to death by ignorant or indifferent parents. Why many of our youth are not converted and consecrated may be due to the unconverted and unconsecrated hearts of parents. Parents must one day meet God's question: "Where is the flock that was given thee?", and they should not fail to hear it now at the MV Week of Prayer.

MV Week is for the entire church, for it has a message and a blessing for the entire church.

Motto

"The love of Christ constraineth us"

M. G. CHAMPION,

Pakistan Union MV Secretary

Aim

"The advent message to all the world in this generation"

MV Is a Way of Life

IN THE day of final reckoning success will not be accounted by the heights attained in an all-out drive or the results of some special week or month. The victor's crown will not be worn by those who, under the pressure of compelling influence, have reached the peak of ecstasy. Well done will be said to the one who lives ever to attain higher and higher to the standard of perfection.

MV is a way of life. It is a way of life that covers all phases of the truly successful existence of social beings created by God. It is a plan devised for the endless development of the image of God in human beings. Not only is it designed to restore the physical image of God, but also to purify heart and mind that sinners might think God's thoughts after Him and learn the proper use of the creative powers placed in them that are akin to the power of the Creator.

Of our example we read, "As Jesus worked in childhood and youth, mind and body were developed. He did not use His physical powers recklessly, but in such a way as to keep them in health, that He might do the best work in every line. He was not willing to be defective, even in the handling of tools. He was perfect as a workman, as He was perfect in character. By His own example He taught that it is our duty to be industrious, that our work should be performed with exactness and thoroughness and that such labour is honourable."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 72.

This is a clear statement of the place of that phase of the MV programme that deals with arts, crafts, and industries. A young person growing up, yet failing to develop proficiency in these lines fails to follow the pattern. It is in the wisdom of God that young

people receive the training that would make them "perfect workmen." God planned that parents should give this opportunity to their children. To supplement and strengthen their efforts the school and the church have been called into being.

It is not, however, a programme of all work. Contact with nature and a gaining of proficiency in the nature honours is but a further step in following the Example of Perfection. He learned from nature lessons of love, kindness, and the goodness of God. (*Desire of Ages*, p. 90.)

How different are these lessons from those learned from the regular texts and books on nature! How different from the teaching of the nature stories of the world! How are our boys and girls, our young men and women, going to learn to rightly interpret the lessons of nature if parents are unacquainted with God's great lesson book of nature, and the texts used in school are a portrayal of fang and claw, the work of an enemy?

As of the record concerning the establishment of the schools of the prophets, it is written, "to serve as a barrier against the wide-spread corruption, to provide for the moral and spiritual welfare of the youth, and to promote the future prosperity of the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counsellors," (*Patriarchs and Pro-*

phets, p. 593), so it might be said of the MV work in its over-all purpose.

Plants, stars, constellations, birds, flowers, trees, poisonous plants, can all be taught from pictures and teacher's descriptions, but the unfortunate part is, that one seldom learns by this method to recognize these where God put them. Few are the inspiring lessons learned by growing children and youth while they study *about* nature shut in by four walls and using as a medium poor illustrations of God's handiwork. But few are the children or youth who, if taken in small groups (family size) by enthusiastic and well-informed instructors, will not be eager and anxious to go out where the flowers, the trees and the plants that God made grow, out where the stars and planets twinkle their messages of hope and courage. There they will learn nature, not just detached names or names of pictures on the classroom wall. There they will study God's own handiwork.

It is in such environments that nature becomes more than a never-ending list of names. Here it is beauty. Here it is a lesson book to teach the way of life. Here a piece of rope becomes a tool. It is a swing, when properly tied, for a short time of refreshment under the welcome shade of the trees. It is a safety measure and a help for the boy who is going to investigate a bird's nest in a tall tree, or get a flower on a cliff face. Knots become meaningful and the progressive way of living is no longer the theory of a class. A good magnifying glass or a field microscope becomes a door to an undreamed-of wonderland. Minimum requirements will mean but little. Names will be learned, not in 5's or 10's

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Pledge

"Loving the Lord Jesus I promise to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world."

YOUTH OF THE NORTH-WESTERN UNION

T. R. TORKELSON,

President, Northwestern India Union

EVENTS and conditions among youth in the world today, displayed so often in the news, declare plainly that young people require guidance. Recently we have read of frequent disturbances over examinations. An investigation into student behaviour, one observer states, seems to reveal a rebellion against a system of education which gives them little mental food and yet expects them to fatten on it. Long ago the Seventh-day Adventist Church received inspired counsel regarding these vital needs of young people, and how their needs should be met. Following this instruction, our leaders set up a special department in the denomination for the youth, and leaders in this department are constantly making plans and programmes to provide adequate and proper spiritual and mental food.

Again this year, as last, the MV Department of this Union is arranging for special weeks of prayer in the churches during the period of July 19 to 26.

In the Northwestern India Union live more than seven hundred Adventist youth. Last year some fifty of them were baptized, which figure was about half of the

total baptisms in the Union. This summer during the holidays around thirty of them, stalwart young men, are out in the canvassing field. In many places they are leading out in Sabbath schools and other meetings, and in other ways doing their part to witness for Christ. They are the best young people in the world, and deserve the best the church can give them during this special Week of Prayer.

MV WEEK BRINGS GREAT BLESSINGS TO THE SPEAKER

I. KANAGARAYAN MOSES,

Secretary, South India Union

THE common belief regarding a speech is that it benefits only the hearers; but what a wonderful thought, as well as a reality, is in the statement, "The speaker, is blessed along with the hearers." Of course, this refers only to speeches that edify the spiritual part of man. There is no doubt that the messages that are given during the time of the young people's Week of Prayer are such speeches as those mentioned above. The speaker may be an elderly person and may have had sufficient instruction along the lines of consistent Christian life and yet,

when he admonishes his eagerly listening group of young people, he is once again brought face to face with the realities of being an example in doing what he presents to his hearers. A conscientious, sincere leader will not dare preach to an audience on the subject of Christian living without making sure that he himself leads an exemplary Christian life.

When a preacher speaks to a group, he speaks first of all to himself. This reminds me of an instance in the Bible. This is in regard to the conviction David had when he said, "I call to remembrance my song in the night: *I commune with mine own heart*: and my spirit made diligent search." Ps. 77:6. This is exactly what takes place when a speaker delivers a heart-touching message. He feels the message is definitely for him. And after he has delivered the message and has brought conviction to the hearers, his heart seems to have experienced a feeling of joy and happiness and his own soul is watered by the spring of living waters.

I also believe that men who have had heavy administrative work in the office and in the field find it a pleasant spiritual relaxation to lead out in a Week of Prayer in one of our institutions and spend time with the student body and the members of the staff during the week to bring about a deep spiritual realization and conviction.

LAYMAN'S CORNER

SUCCESS

REMEMBER Joash, King of Israel! He missed his opportunity because he lacked zeal and enthusiasm. (2 Kings 13:14-19.)

"When God opens the way for the accomplishment of a certain work, and gives assurance of success, the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result. IN PROPORTION to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward will be the success given."—*Prophets and Kings*, page 263.

Laymen, there are wonderful opportunities. "Put your talents into the work, ask God for wisdom, and it will be given you."—*Christian Service*, page 263.

Follow up the interests found during the Uplift campaign and visitation field day with literature, friendly visits, prayer and Bible study. There are many souls that you, only you, can win.

—O. W. LANGE.

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INVESTITURE SERVICES IN THE NORTHEAST UNION

RAYMOND MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL, FALAKATA

IT WAS a real joy to be in Falakata and take part in the closing exercises of the 1957-1958 school year. God has wonderfully blessed and bountifully rewarded the splendid efforts put forth by the staff and student body to make the school year an unqualified success. All departments of the school showed progress and profitable operation. A splendid school spirit was maintained throughout the year. The high spiritual tone and Christian courtesy felt everywhere were commendable.

The last Sabbath of the school year was indeed a very busy one. Every hour of the day was filled with some uplifting activity. In the afternoon during the regular MV hour a fine investiture service was held. It was a pleasure to see such a large company of splendid youth getting ready for future service for the great Master Guide. The seventy MV's invested that day with the various MV class insignia came under the following groups:

Builders	15
Friends	24
Companions	23
Guides	1
Master Guides	7

Every Master Guide present in the audience took part in the investiture. We look forward to another large Investiture at the close of this new school year.

CALCUTTA CHURCH SCHOOL

THE vesper hour on Friday, April the 11th, saw the Calcutta church full and the members expectant. As the soft strains of organ music filled the church a holy

calm fell over all. Thirty-two young people in their bright new Pathfinder uniforms briskly marched in and occupied the special reserved seats in the front. These fine young people presented a colourful picture indeed. In organizing the Pathfinder class, the Calcutta church made MV history, for this is the first Pathfinder organization in this union. Credit for this fine organization must go to Pastor Laurson for his inspiration and to Brother and Sister Moment for the hard work and the fine

leadership that they have put into the MV work in this great city.

Members of the different MV classes demonstrated various skills that they had acquired in preparing for membership in the MV classes. The group included:

Sunbeams	3
Busy Bees	10
Builders	7
Helping Hands	3
Friends	4
Companions	5

The organization of the Pathfinder club is a new venture in Cal-

Temperance T witters

DELHI LEADS WORLD TEMPERANCE POLL

THE International Temperance Association is running a round-the-globe poll on the drinking habits in the capitals of the nations. The plan is to spot check at random 100 men and 100 women on the streets of every capital city in the world and discover their drinking habits. The poll card has the following questions:

Do you drink?

If not, why not?

About how old were you when you had your first drink?

Where did you have your first drink?

Did you like your first drink?

Do you like the taste of it now?

Why do you drink?

Delhi Church, under the leadership of Union Temperance Secretary Pastor G. R. Jenson, spot checked 225 adults, and the poll brings to light the following on the drinking habits of the residents of India's capital:

Of the 225 polled, 48 drink and 177 don't drink.

Of the 177 abstainers, 17 are so from religious conviction, 44 from personal conviction, 115 don't like it.

Of the 48 drinkers, 34 started between the ages of 16-25; 24 took the first drink at a party, 11 in the home, 12 at the bar; 20 continue because of social pressure; 26 do so because they love it.

Delhi's poll sheets were the first to reach our Washington office.

"Brethren and sisters, we want you to see the importance of this temperance question, and we want our workers to interest themselves in it, and to know that it is just as much connected with the third angel's message as the right arm is with the body. We ought to make advancement in this work."—Ellen G. White.

—S. JAMES, Division Temperance Secretary.

cutta. It is gratifying to note the keen interest that the members of the Calcutta church manifest toward this organization. It is hoped that the full and liberal support of all MV-minded friends will be forthcoming in making the work of this Pathfinder class a fine success in Calcutta. —S. JESU DASS.

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

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
November 22-29	Evangelism Day and Offering 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

"In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigour, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 20.

"The pains of duty and the pleasures of sin are the cords with which Satan binds men in his snares. Those who would rather die than perform a wrong act are the only ones who will be found faithful."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 74.

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CHENNAMPARA MEETINGS

Brother G. C. Chacko, located in the village of Vidura in the Travandrum district in the early part of March, set about at once to hold evangelistic meetings in the nearby village of Chennampara. A suitable location was found, a shed erected, handbills distributed, and everything was ready for the opening meeting on March 30. About

150 were present at the first meeting.

The laymen and officers of the Vidura church have been assisting with the meetings and the distribution of literature and as a result many interests have been aroused.

We request the prayers of the TIDINGS family as we endeavour to win more souls for Christ and His eternal kingdom from the village of Chennampara.

—K. C. CHACKO.

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EFFORTS AND BAPTISMS IN CEYLON

ON THE 6th of April an evangelistic effort opened in Jaffna, conducted by Pastor B. Pinghe and Brother C. C. Kurunathan. Brother Kurunathan is the chief speaker as the effort is being conducted in Tamil.

Several weeks before the meetings were to start, the brethren purchased the material for a tent, stitched it and made it ready, then pitched it in a quiet place in one of the village areas of Jaffna. Although the seating capacity of the tent is only 140, the first night, and on several succeeding nights, there were 300 in attendance making it necessary for the sides of the tent to be rolled up so that those standing around the edge of the tent could see the pictures on the screen and hear the message from the speaker.

Pastor A. R. Pieries began an evangelistic series of meetings in Weedagama on the 18th of April. We trust that there will be a harvest of souls in Weedagama as a result of these meetings.

On Sabbath, the 5th of April, two were baptized in the Jaffna

church by Pastor Pinghe.

On the 16th of April a baptism was conducted by Pastor Hardin at Madampe. Brother Wijesinghe had prepared four candidates—the first fruits of his effort—for this beautiful service. Another baptism is planned before June 7 this year.

Pastor Dahlsten conducted a baptismal service in the Kandy church bringing two precious souls to the Lord. Another candidate was baptized in the Kandy church by Pastor Juriansz from Lakpahana Training Institute before the close of the first term of school this year.

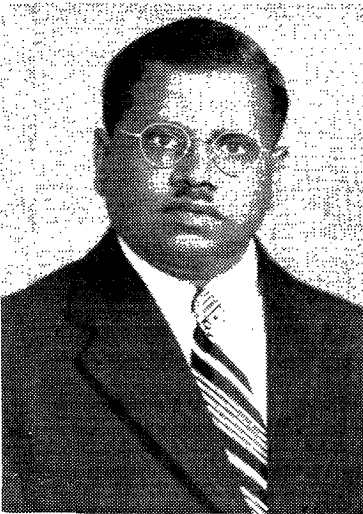
We are thankful to God for the souls won by our faithful evangelists. May the Lord bring many more fruits for His kingdom during the remaining months of this year.

—L. F. HARDIN.

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THE Enderamulla (Ceylon) Church members are busy digging the foundation for their new church. All the members are of an excellent spirit and determination to have the new place of worship finished as soon as possible. The old place is altogether too small

MEET OUR WORKERS



Pastor C. Moses is the president of the North Tamil Section. He graduated from the South India Training School in 1942, and for two years taught in the Tamil High School at Prakasapuram. From 1935-1942 he did evangelistic work in the Tamil field. After his ordination in 1942 Pastor Moses directed the educational work in the South Tamil section and was circle leader of the Koilpatty area. In 1945 he was appointed president of the South Tamil section. Three years later he was transferred to the North Tamil section to carry the same responsibility. After a recess of five years, during which time Pastor Moses served as Voice of Prophecy secretary for the Union, he was asked to again accept the leadership of the North Tamil section.

Pastor Moses says, "I have conducted one full-fledged effort each year and encourage my co-workers to do likewise."

and many have to stand throughout the services. A series of meetings is planned for Enderamulla as soon as the building programme is finished.

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ON Sunday, May 10, most of the members of the Colombo churches met at Bethel Chapel and after prayer proceeded by bus and cars to Kalutara where those participating being divided up into groups of two and three set out to enrol people in the Voice of Prophecy. Those they met were very friendly and there were very few refusals. During the day they secured a total of about 200 enrolments and every one returned very happy after a work well done. Brother G. B. Moser was the organizer.

—N. O. DAHLSTEN.

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EFFORT AT DHULIA

ONE of the outstanding features of the effort being conducted at Dhulia by D. D. Kaley was the Voice of Prophecy Rally conducted on May 4 and 5 by Pastor N. G. Mookerjee, field secretary for the Voice of Prophecy, and Wm. Moses, V.O.P. secretary for the Western India Union. Some 500 adults, representing the different communities of the city, attended each evening.

Mr. Kaley's effort began on April 27 on a stormy night when the wind shook the pavilion. It did not shake the interest, however, and the average attendance remains at about 150. Brother Kaley is assisted by M. D. Gaikwad and some of the laymen.

We request your prayers for the success of this work in this city.

—LAZARUS BORGE.

MV WAY OF LIFE

(Continued from p. 7.)

through a process of drudgery. In this way MV nature honours will be earned and related skills in crafts and industries will soon be acquired. These boys and girls, these young men and women will progress along the path of the "Perfect Pattern." "He spoke a word of sympathy here and a word there, as He saw men weary, yet compelled to bear heavy burdens. He shared their burdens, and repeated to them the lessons He had learned from nature, of the love, the kindness, the goodness of God."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 90.

As a parent, a school teacher, a minister or just a brother or a sister in the great family of earth and heaven, are you too busy to take time for such activities? Do you value other things greater than the younger members of this family?

Thank God for the blessing of the MV Week. Thank Him that you are able to have a part in an

active programme for progressive living, for yourself, your family and the younger members of the great family of God. Your school programme, your office demands, your ministerial burdens, your earning a livelihood are not so full that you do not have time for an occasional day out in nature. The flowers, the trees, the stars are a part of the life that God would have you live. Take heed that the cares of this life do not take too large a place. The lessons that would strengthen your faith, that would bring hope and courage to the growing members of the Lord's family, you would fail to learn, and so fail to impart. Now is when you need to start taking time for these things. Now is when you need to start helping the children and youth to a programme of progressive living that will be but the beginning of eternal progress for them. If you expect to hear "Well done, good and faithful servant" don't wait for the next MV Week to save your young people. MV is a way of life, live it and lead the young into living it.

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Miscellany

● Near the close of the school term at the E. D. Thomas Memorial High School, an impressive investiture service was held at which time 44 junior and 10 senior MV's were invested by Pastors J. I. Crawford, and N. Y. Chelliah.

● Brother and Sister E. B. Conley and their small daughter Michelle arrived in Bombay on the 2nd of June. After Brother Conley completes the clearing of their goods in Bombay, the family will proceed to South India where they have been called to work in the Nilgiri Hills. We welcome the Conleys to this Division.

● Pastor M. D. Moses has written to report a good trip through Karachi, Baghdad, Ur, and Babylon. In the Holy Land he and the other General Conference delegates, Pastor Kalee Paw and Brother M. Amirtham, were able to visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Jericho, and Bethany, and felt the Bible made very real and their vision of the work extended. From Beirut they sailed via Alexandria to Naples on the S.S. Sam-sun and after crossing Europe by train they spent a few days in London, leaving on the 29th for New York.

● Mrs. D. K. Down has sent word from Herat, Afghanistan, telling of the delays and difficulties they have encountered in their trip into the Middle East. They have, however, been able to make many interesting contacts which they feel have made the trip most worthwhile.

● From Trivandrum Pastor S. Thomas writes that 700 people were present to hear the 40th sermon of the effort series. Over 100 people are in regular attendance in the Bible class, and 24 souls were baptized on the 24th of May. Another group will soon be prepared for this rite. [Seven have been baptized since. Ed.]

● The Rangoon Church School

will be housed in the new building at 72 U Wisara Road and a gymnasium has been constructed at the back of the building which will be used by the school children and for recreational programmes planned by the young people of the Rangoon Church.

● Brother S. D. Moses of Karur writes that 12 adults were baptized into the Karur Church on Sabbath May 3, as a result of the effort he has been holding there. The baptism was conducted by Pastor C. Moses in the Cauvery River, the largest river in Tamilnad. Others are preparing for a later baptism.

● Miss Harriet Dinsmore flew from the States on the 12th of May, 1958, returning to the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital from furlough. Miss Mann has been working under heavy pressure during the past year in the Nurses' Training School and the arrival of Miss Dinsmore has been anxiously awaited.

● Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stout and their four children arrived in Madras during the first part of June, after a period of study in the

U.S.A. Brother Stout will take up his duties as head of the Laboratory Training Programme at the Nuzvid Hospital immediately. Southern Asia welcomes these workers back to the field.

● Spicer Memorial College Secondary School reports high percentages in the passes for the last school year. Five were successful out of the six who sat for the Senior Cambridge examinations in November 1957. They are Agarwal Mahabir Prasad, Edward Samuel, Desmond Rice, Mohan Patel, and Clarice Joseph. The result of the S.S.C. examinations held in March 1958 revealed ten successful out of the twelve who appeared. Those successful are Helen John, William Borge, Susheela David, Margaret Engles, Achamma Nathaniel, Sosamma Kurian, Lily Zachariah, Bijali Sircar, Godavari Shinde, and Lalitha Sam. Twenty-one sat for the March 1958 Division examination. Nineteen were successful. There were two incompletes. We rejoice to hear of these high percentages.

—D. S. J.

He Too, Was Young

Jessie Wilmore Murton



*Because He, too, was young, He knows
each snare
Along the way. He knows what youth
must dare!
He, too, in Nazareth's narrow little street,
Found hidden nets to trip the youthful
feet;
And such forbidden music as you hear
Fell, strangely luring, on the young
Christ's ear.*

*The broad way then, as now, was gay
with song
And laughter; and the straight way lone,
and long.
The same foes lurked beside His humble
way
That thwart the golden dreams of youth
today;
And all the dark temptations that you
know
He was acquainted with, long, long ago.*

*Tell Him your longings! He will bend
to hear.
Bring Him your heartaches! And the
skies will clear.
And share with Him your dreams! He
speaks the tongue
Of youth. He, too, was eager, glad, and
young.
Tell Him! He is a comrade, loyal, true,
To whom you can trust all you think, or
do.*

—Australasian Record.