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Dear Fellow-workers and Believers throughout  
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Before leaving Cleveland and just as we have finished our last committee work I thought I would drop you a line concerning the General Conference while things were still fresh in my mind. How we wish all of you could have been here. It has been a wonderful two-weeks of sitting together. The meetings preceding the General Conference were packed full of good things with evangelism taking its rightful place well out in front and everything else coming from every department seemed geared to the great programme of evangelism as it faces us today.

Right on the dot of 8 p.m. on Thursday night, the 19th, things began and there was not an idle moment until the closing hours of the Sabbath last evening, the 28th. I will not try to bring you details of the daily programme as it would take too much space and time, but every meeting was of a deep spiritual tone and the devotional meetings and main sermons of the entire programme were earnest calls to a closer walk with God and pleading for a deeper experience on the part of the church throughout the world and a heart preparation for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Able men of God were chosen to lead out in these meetings and the whole camp were often found in prayer.

Friday, the first day of business, reports from the leaders of our world work were given and the nominating committee brought in a unanimous report choosing Elder Figuhr as the leader of our world work for another four year term. Brother Figuhr is one in whom the entire delegation has full confidence and he led out throughout the meetings in a wonderful way.

The first Sabbath was our day of fasting and prayer and thanksgiving and as the report of the Million Dollar Offering came in it thrilled our hearts to know that we had gone more than two hundred

and fifty thousand dollars over the million and that not counting the offering of the last Sabbath which we believe will bring the total near the three hundred thousand mark over the million.

Sabbath afternoon of June 21 was one never to be forgotten as it was given to the march-pass of all Mission lands, viewed by some 14,000 faithful believers. It was a glorious sight and I can assure you that Southern Asia came behind in nothing but was well represented by not only our delegates but by many of our former missionaries who all send their greetings to you throughout Southern Asia. At the close of this pageantry a doctor stepped forward who had given a thousand dollars to the Million Dollar Offering in the morning and made it into a ten thousand dollar gift and appealed to others to join him. Immediately other sacrifices came rolling in. It would have brought tears to your eyes to have seen the devotion of these people who love the Truth so much.

Sunday we went into routine work which moved along like clock-work, everything was so well planned. As leaders of Southern Asia it made us feel very humble indeed to all be chosen along with the leaders of Inter-America and Australasia without any changes and we here and now rededicate our all to the great work of co-operating with all of you throughout Southern Asia for the onward march of the work of God among the people who mean so much to us. No changes were made in our departmental leaders of the Division and we are most grateful for that as we have true and tried men in every department. Brother Rawson has asked that a successor be chosen for his work when he returns home in September and we were happy that Brother Bonney of England, another experienced man in VOP field and school work, was

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# How Do You Conduct Your Sabbath School?

O. W. LANGE, *Secretary, Sabbath School Department, Southern Asia Division.*

**UNCLE ED** has been in Sabbath school for fifty years or more. Recently he was elected superintendent of the Sabbath school. He was ever so pleased to receive the honour.

Now, Uncle Ed is a good man. He loves the truth, he studies his lesson faithfully, he accepts his responsibility. But really Uncle Ed has slowed down considerably. He hasn't taken the trouble to read his *Sabbath School Worker* carefully, neither has he read the material sent out by the Union Sabbath school secretary. Of course, he is in full harmony with the plans the brethren lay and I honestly believe he thinks he is following them. He just thinks that he already knows.

Uncle Ed has been in the Sabbath school so long he knows Sabbath school procedure by heart. His memory for things that took place 25-30 years ago is very good. Every time a suggestion is made it strikes a responsive chord and Uncle Ed reacts quickly. He visualizes the plan at once, but his mental reproduction pictures Uncle Judson and turns every up-to-date idea or method back into Uncle Judson's old rut.

When the Sabbath school bulletins come Uncle Ed is so happy that he just smiles and smiles. When present day policies are mentioned he simply beams, "Isn't that lovely; of course, we should bring our Sabbath school in tune. Why, I remember Uncle Judson used to be Sabbath school superintendent and teach classes, too. Probably I better help things out a little for a while now by taking over the classes in my Sabbath school."

So it goes. All the while he thinks he is following the blueprint because he has had so much experi-

ence. While he thinks he is doing a perfect job he is years behind—in Uncle Judson's day. He is making the same mistakes, doing things the same way Uncle Judson did in those good old bullock-cart days.

Instead of re-organizing in harmony with present policies he unmindfully goes deeper and deeper in an old, old rut, doing everything himself because he has been asked to be superintendent.

To be a success the superintendent should thoroughly acquaint himself with present day policies. He must practise efficient Christian leadership. The superintendent is the manager of the school. To render the best service he will work in harmony with the Sabbath school council. Council meetings should be held at least once a month. Plans should be carefully laid well in advance for each session.

Uncle Ed's antiquated concept of special projects often brings embarrassment to him and the members of his Sabbath school. He

has not taken pains to find out the real meaning and way of promoting investment, birthday and expense offerings.

Unfortunately, Uncle Ed spends too long in bed Sabbath morning so that he very often arrives at the church after time for Sabbath school to begin. Someone told me that once he arrived when the Sabbath school was singing the last song.

Uncle Ed and the pastor are very close friends, but the pastor is a young man, which out of deference for his age makes it awkward for the pastor to give counsel when it is needed. Uncle Ed would strengthen his own work a great deal if he would seek help and counsel from this young, well-trained worker. After all, the pastor is the spiritual advisor of the Sabbath school.

The Sabbath school cannot be successfully conducted unless a good programme is adhered to. Sometimes Uncle Ed fails to make out a programme at all, and when



A Branch Sabbath School in action.

he does make it out he fails to follow it. Often he is like my little dog, Blackie. When we were out for walks Blackie chased birds. First he started out after one, but when another flew up near his path he changed his course to follow it and so it went all the way. Uncle Ed is inclined to wander off the programme and ramble on and on. If Uncle Ed followed the programme suggested in the *Sabbath School Manual* his Sabbath school would have the proper time for everything including its main purpose, the study of the lesson.

Because Uncle Ed has not taken the trouble to learn the duties of each one of the officers, he can not guide them in their work. Therefore, the secretary has not done a very good job. Sometimes she doesn't even have the report ready.

Last week, however, there was a little change. Uncle Ed returned from a two-week visit to Modelpur. Brother V. G. Moses conducts a fine Sabbath school and three branch Sabbath schools in this growing centre. What Uncle Ed saw there evidently greatly impressed him because he mentioned it in the opening remarks this week. He said he had learned a great deal from his visit and intended to pattern his Sabbath school after the one in Modelpur.

Brother V. G. Moses holds a Sabbath school council right after the prayer meeting on the first

Tuesday of every month. Every officer of the Modelpur Sabbath school has been trained in his responsibility. The assistant superintendent is in charge of the branch Sabbath schools. They have a well-planned organization and maintain a regular programme in which many of the Sabbath school members participate.

Brother Moses always makes careful preparation. The Modelpur Sabbath school really runs on a good schedule. By being well prepared the leaders know just what they are going to do and say and there is no lost time nor boring unnecessary remarks or announcements. They have a lively teachers' meeting. The teachers not only receive good help in their classes but they are made conscious of their responsibility for the spiritual condition of the members of their classes.

The secretary certainly tries to do her duty well. She has a regular place where each class record card is kept ready before the classes assemble. Her reports are stimulating, they feature the activities and progress of the school. She keeps everything in readiness so that there is no delay or loss through tardy distribution of supplies, etc.

At Modelpur every phase of the Sabbath school seems to receive its proper emphasis and attention.

The membership of Modelpur is rapidly growing steadily. There are

three times as many Sabbath school members as church members. Every member tries to enlist at least one new member each quarter. They are continuously adding new classes to the school because they follow the counsel of maintaining not more than ten members in a class. Brother V. G. Moses is carrying on a regular programme for training Sabbath school teachers so that he will always have a ready teaching staff.

Needless to say that the Sabbath school offerings receipts are very encouraging. Forty per cent of tithe is easily reached because every one is caused to understand the benefit of systematic giving.

One especially interesting item in connection with Modelpur's offerings has been their investment fund. This Sabbath school seems to have caught on to the real idea of investment. It seems that nearly every member has a genuine investment project, not just a scheme to sell something to another church member, but true investment for God.

Some of the members have dedicated a small vegetable plot for investment. Others have set aside a banana plant or a fruit tree. One man dedicated one limb of a guava tree, another promised all the black chicks that hatched from a setting of eggs. The investment secretary has a good many helpful ideas. She keeps the investment plan before the Sabbath school in an interesting and friendly way.

Uncle Ed said that the last Sabbath he was in Modelpur they had a decision day programme after which fifteen joined the baptismal class. He said that as he sat in that Sabbath school he felt as though his eyes had suddenly been opened to a new kind of Sabbath school and its responsibilities.

Shall we not all pray that our eyes, too, will be opened? Shall we not work to make our Sabbath schools real model soul-winning Sabbath schools?

A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run.—*George Eliot.*



These women are in the baptismal class at Chuharkana as a result of a Branch Sabbath School.

**A**S I hurried along the road my heart was a bit heavy because I knew I would be late for my appointment with God—precious minutes lost from the Sabbath school. Upon arriving at the church I found that only three others had arrived ahead of me.

I sat for at least twenty minutes with the quiet but now impatient group. It had increased to about fifteen people. Then I heard a slight commotion at the entrance of the church. It was the superintendent hurrying in to get things started. Seizing a song book he hastened to the platform and sat down. Leafing through the hymnal he found a hymn and announced it as the opening song—the same song which he used to close the previous week's programme. Prayer was offered. The superintendent read the mission story as he had made no plan for someone else to read it. About twenty minutes was used in reading the questions and answers to the previous week's lesson. The Sabbath school lesson was "preached"—the teacher gave no one an opportunity to discuss, comment, or disagree with his discourse. The secretary arrived about ten minutes before the teacher finished his sermon and her report was read. With a sigh of relief that was almost audible the Sabbath school closed with the singing of another much used hymn.

The programme described above is a compilation of items as they have been presented in some Sabbath schools. Probably no Sabbath school committed every error listed. However, these things have occurred and no doubt still do. These careless errors which destroy

the spiritual effectiveness of God's church at study may be easily avoided by organization and planning.

The most powerful tool the church has at its disposal for the finishing of God's work on earth is the Sabbath school. Rightly conducted the Sabbath school not only wins souls for the kingdom but also is the means of enlisting every member into the active ranks of the church militant.

The Ideal Sabbath School is constantly swelling the ranks of God's remnant people. To do this it must be able to obtain and maintain the interest of both members and visitors. Only interested people will continually come to Sabbath school. To keep people interested the programme must be interesting.

One sure way of losing interest is to show a lack of interest by always beginning the programme late by ten, twenty or thirty minutes. In one Sabbath school the superintendent is reported to have arrived during the closing hymn. The members who waited for thirty minutes finally made up a spontaneous programme.

To hold the interest of the Sabbath school members the leaders must show enough leadership and interest to begin on time.

To interest those who come the programme should be carefully planned well in advance. Every

## The Ideal Sabbath School

C. R. HOLFORD, *Sabbath School  
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Union.*

Sabbath school member, not the church members only, should be given an opportunity to participate. They can give the mission story, review the previous week's lesson, render special music, recite a poem on the day's subject, etc. This trains the members in service and also makes them an integral part of the Sabbath school. The Sabbath school becomes their own Sabbath school. Thus they will eagerly work for its success.

A well-planned programme blends every part into the theme of the day. The key thought of the lesson is almost always found in the memory verse. Sabbath school leaders should encourage the members to memorize these texts by doing so themselves.

Enough cannot be said about making the lesson the centre around which the whole programme is built. Thoughtful discussion during the lesson study should be encouraged and directed. Care should be taken that the discussions do not drift from the subject or that the wrong emphasis is not placed on certain points. To avoid this some teachers prepare a kind of a sermon to present. This gives the teacher an opportunity to enlarge upon the spiritual gems he or she has discovered while studying the lesson. By such a procedure many inspiring and elevating thoughts are lost to the class. Through a thorough knowledge of the lesson and with tact the teacher may direct the discussion in the right channel giving opportunity for class participation. Good, helpful, pointed discussions by the Sabbath school members will build and hold their interest.

I was in a certain city. One beautiful Sabbath morning as I made my way to the Sabbath school I found myself quickening my pace. I did not want to miss even a small part of the programme because I knew it would all be of interest. Entering the



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This Church at Barapada, N. E. India, began as a Branch Sabbath School under a banyan tree.

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church five minutes before time to begin, I saw the superintendent and the secretary putting the final touches on the up to date goal chart. Everything was in order and everyone was on time. Why? Because they were interested.

The well-planned and well-presented programme showed the reason for this keen interest. Between some of the items the superintendent made pertinent remarks that tied the programme together. Sufficient time was given for the lesson study and most of the members added their bit. While the words of the closing hymn were being sung I thought of the spiritual feast we had received and hoped that the next Sabbath would hurry around so I could enjoy another Sabbath school. This was indeed an ideal Sabbath school.

### Thy People Shall Be Willing

**L**EADERS often neglect the important matter of appealing to the believers to be liberal in sacrificial giving. Abraham's richest experience came only when he had given all. God knows His people. He has said that as we sow so shall we also reap and as we measure so shall it also be measured unto us. Leaders and workers have the privilege of being liberal. They should also remember to encourage liberality.

Brother M. C. Stanley reports an experience in his church.

"A week before the world-wide Disaster and Famine Relief Offering, I read out the appeal which came from the General Conference and urged all to bring a liberal offering the following Sabbath.

"Our membership is small and our usual offering is about Rs. 3/-. The Sabbath I made the announcement it had been only Rs. 2.50. But the day we received the special relief offering it was Rs. 107/-, nearly fifty times the usual amount.

"Some weeks after this encouraging incident we were nearing the thirteenth Sabbath. Our superintendent reminded us to give three times our usual weekly offer-

### OUR SABBATH SCHOOL

This is our Sabbath school—a dear, remembered place;  
Not just these walls, e'en though these walls be dear.  
It is the hearts that burn and glow within,  
For just so many hearts make up a school.

This is the sweetest hour of sacred time  
Wherein we gather round the feet of God,  
And hear His words, so charged with life and hope,  
So bountiful with love, fall from His page.  
These pages we have pondered every day;  
Like pearls the truth has shone beneath our eyes;  
And now we share the treasure we have found:  
This is the breath, the life, of Sabbath school.

'Tis here that we have learned to give to God  
Our offerings of sacrifice and prayer,  
That we may bridge the terror of the dark  
From heathen lands, unto the gates of heaven.  
We scan for miles His miracles of grace  
Out where the seas of blue wash white the sands,  
And offer Him our means, our prayers, our sons,  
From this—our Sabbath school.

These things we do that our dear school may live—  
Our daily study is her beating heart,  
Which ceasing, makes her pulse grow tired and slow—  
Not just for record, but to fill men's hearts.  
We will remember how our school was formed,  
And we will hearken to Thy prophet's words—  
That for the future we have nought to fear,  
Remembering Thy leading in the past.

Take this our school within Thy keeping hands,  
A sacred, chosen vessel unto Thee.  
For those who pray and for the ones who teach,  
For those who lead and those who lift their songs,  
Grant wisdom and a special gift of grace,  
Grant power and understanding of the heart.  
May this be home—where we can find deep peace  
And fellowship among the friends of God.

This is our Sabbath school, a dear, remembered place.  
Dear Master, may it be the gate to heaven  
To every weary soul who worships Thee.  
Here may our children learn to love Thee well,  
And here may our own souls find Thee most dear;  
May it shine brightly as the days grow dark.  
Our highest aim: to hear another say,  
" 'Twas in this Sabbath school I found my Lord."

—GWENDOLINE SMART.

ing on the thirteenth Sabbath to make a large thirteenth Sabbath offering overflow.

"When the thirteenth Sabbath offering was counted it amounted to more than seven times our weekly goal.

"Our little group claims the

promise, 'He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.'

One who gives in faith to advance the work of God will receive rich blessings. Encourage believers everywhere to greater liberality.

—O. W. LANGE.



### Her Eighty-seventh Birthday

**A**LL the church members and workers know her as "Mother Dass." She is the oldest Sabbath school member of the Lucknow church. Although Mother Dass is unable to attend the regular Sabbath school, she studies her lesson regularly and is a good Bible student. Discussions with her on spiritual things reveal that her mind is active, keen and alert. It is always a treat and a feast to visit her in her home.

In 1943 Pastor A. E. Nelson baptized Mother Dass. She was then seventy-two years young. From that time she has been a loyal Sabbath school and church member. Her two daughters are pillars in the church and support every branch of the work including the Sabbath school and church missionary work.

On April 12 Mother Dass celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday. She showed where her heart was by sending a birthday offering of one rupee for every year of her life with which God had blessed her. She says, "He has been good to me and I do so little to show my appreciation."

The Lucknow Sabbath school and every Sabbath school in Southern Asia needs more energetic, faithful, appreciative Sabbath school members like Mother Dass. May she live to see the clouds roll back and the King

of kings and Lord of lords descend with mighty power, and hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

### South India Voice of Prophecy Rally Tour

V. T. THOMAS, *Kannada Section Voice of Prophecy Secretary*

**I**T WAS our privilege to welcome Pastor N. G. Mookerjee, the Division Voice of Prophecy secretary, at Gulbarga station in the extreme north of our field. We could not hold a rally here so we moved to Bellary. We had a very large group of people at the rally in the public library hall. Three hundred and fifty people enrolled for the Bible correspondence courses in various languages.

Our rally at Hubli was extended one more day by popular request. (Brother Owen D'Costa is conducting an effort here.) We showed the films "Voice of Prophecy in Action" and "Birth of a New

World." The people were well impressed with the wonderful work of the Voice of Prophecy and many were enrolled in the Bible courses.

A special meeting was arranged at the Lowry Memorial High School. The students and staff were inspired to do greater work for the Voice of Prophecy school after having seen what has been done by the school. They enjoyed the picture "Voice of Prophecy in Action."

The Bangalore church was very happy to welcome their ex-pastor to the school auditorium and to hear him once again. Here, too, an introductory speech by Pastor Mookerjee preceded the pictures. The members expressed their appreciation for this opportunity of learning more of the Voice of Prophecy department.

The ten short days Pastor Mookerjee spent with us were not enough to visit the rest of the churches and inspire them to do more for the needy Kannada Bible school. We wish that he could come back again to help us further with the enrolment campaign.

### HAVE YOU?

**I have never heard of a faithful member of the Sabbath school that apostatized. Have you?**

**I have never heard of one who faithfully practises the daily study plan that went astray on false doctrines. Have you?**

**I have never heard of dissension and divorce occurring in a home in which the family joined in daily study of the Sabbath school lesson. Have you?**

**I have never heard of a man's becoming poor because he gave too liberally in Sabbath school offerings. Have you?**

**I have never heard of people who became ill because they arrived at Sabbath school on time. Have you?**

**I have never heard of anybody's**

**suffering a nervous breakdown because he invited too many friends to Sabbath school. Have you?**

**I have never heard of a church that had a good Sabbath school that was rent by dissension and bickering. Have you?**

**I have never heard of a church enjoying the united co-operation in the Sabbath school of both leaders and people but what grew and prospered in multiplied blessings. Have you?**

**I have found the Sabbath school a mighty means in the hand of God for my own soul's edification and my own spiritual advancement. Have you?**

—WILLIAM J. HARRIS, *Associate Secretary, General Conference Sabbath School Department.*



The goal of one thousand baptisms among our youth, to be reached between July 1, 1957 and June 7, 1958, has been exceeded by more than 27 per cent. The unions have reported 1,272 youth baptisms for this period of eleven months and one week. As has often been true, our Heavenly Father has blessed our efforts in behalf of the young people with a harvest greater than that of our faith of one year ago. Thanks to all who have co-operated, and to God be the glory.

Two classes of young men and young women are among these nearly 1,300 new disciples of the Lord Jesus. In the first group are those who have enjoyed such benefits as the family altar, the Sabbath school, the Missionary Volunteer meeting and the church school. Others have been led to a knowledge of the Saviour and His plan of salvation through public evangelism, lay evangelism,

FOR YOUTH

## Youth for Christ

J. F. ASHLOCK

Voice of Youth efforts, and other avenues of service ordained of heaven to turn men from sin to righteousness and to point their feet to the path of peace and hope. In some instances several or all of these soul-winning agencies have had part in helping youth find the Way, the Truth and the Life. The means by which they have come is not as important as the fact that they have come. Luke's story of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost boy enables us to know that there is joy in heaven over the conversion of each and every one of these young people.

While there have been helpful influences in the experiences of the

young men and women the decision has been their own. Their acceptance of the Saviour and their public confession have been voluntary acts on their part. Not one has been received into the church but who has reached the age of accountability and not one has come except by his own choice.

As surely as there are places prepared in heaven for these followers of Christ, just so surely are there tasks for them to perform upon this earth for their fellow youth. "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. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. 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.

At the close of July during MV Week it is anticipated that at least another one thousand young people will make decisions which will result in their being baptized before the end of the year. "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. To train them is truly a pleasant and a rewarding service.

### WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

"The light of a true Christian, shining forth in steadfast piety, in unwavering faith, will prove to the world the power of a living Saviour."—"Christian Service," p. 19.

An honest citizen, a faithful believer in the word of God, an unselfish neighbour, a humble follower of Jesus, is the best sermon that can be preached.

Do you remember hearing of a brother in Lucknow? Recently he was on a little holiday in the jungle with a friend. The friend was impressed—no cigarettes, no liquor, no bad language, no cards, no novels, but a Bible and a devotion to God.

"Why?" queried the friend.

A copy of the "Signs" was given. Voice of Prophecy lessons followed. An interest with nearly fifty people resulted.

A humble earnest sister in an Indian city responded to the appeal to carry literature for free distribution.

A youth waited at a bus stop. God arranged the appointment. The sister offered the paper. The youth accepted the truth.

God has appointments for earnest, loyal, faithful believers in every city and village today.

"If you withhold your light, someone must be left in darkness through your neglect."—"Christian Service," p. 100.

"The humble worker who obediently responds to the call of God may be sure of receiving divine assistance."—"Christian Service," p. 100.

—O. W. Lange.

In the report on baptisms in the July 1, issue of "Southern Asia Tidings" under the title "First Fruits of 1958 Evangelism" the first sentence should have read, "Although only five months of 1958 are in the past more people have been baptized in Southern Asia this year than during any previous first six months in the history of our work." The word "first" was unintentionally omitted between "previous" and "six." Sorry.

—J. F. Ashlock.

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## An Evangelistic Venture in Islam

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**T**O OVER 500 brethren in Islam including their women in *burqa*, sitting or standing in rapt attention on the lawn of our mission compound, Rawalpindi—fourth largest city of Pakistan—the story of Jesus as unfolded by the holy prophets is being portrayed every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night by Pakistani Seventh-day Adventist brethren. We have not advertised and the expense has been very negligible.

To our knowledge this evangelistic venture for Muslims is unique in the Pakistan Union—nothing has ever been done like this before.

Pastor Ghulam Masih and Master R. Peter, assisted by our colporteur, A. S. Khan, our temperance worker, Chaudhry Inam Ullah Khan and others began these meetings, the first week-end in April. Starting with around five non-Christians the attendance increased each week until it numbered over 500 when I showed the motion picture, "Birth of a New World." Ninety-five per cent of the audience were Muslims. Around 100 children sat in front on the *dari*. Very few leave, even of the curious.

Are there results?

Attendance at Sabbath school has increased—one Muslim doctor is also attending. Soon we shall outgrow the little front room chapel. Enrolment in the church school has doubled to over 20. Fifty per cent enrolled are Muslims whose fathers attended our lawn lectures and who responded to the announcement regarding our school. Over fifty youth and seniors have enrolled in the locally operated Bible correspondence courses in Urdu and

English. Two have graduated—one a Muslim young man—and have received their certificates at a Sunday night meeting.

A Muslim headmaster in a nearby village has decided to become a Christian. At our last visit with him, locked in his office to avoid disturbance, he requested instruction on how to pray. He was first contacted by colporteur A. S. Khan in a city reading room.

In one of our lawn meetings recently a bearded Maulvi asked

with Pastor E. Robert Reynolds and his staff drawn from the workers and the students of the college, to conduct a week's series of prophetic and health lectures.

Invitations were mailed to over 200 National Temperance Society members in Rawalpindi and to Voice of Prophecy students. Without any other form of advertizing our attendance averaged 100 each night during "Temperance Week," as we called this series. Among those attending were business men, doctors, nurses, headmasters and teachers, military personnel, city officials, clerks, Maulvis and students.

We began simultaneously with Ramzan, but since we started at 7:30 p.m., one hour after sunset,



Workers and Church members at Rawalpindi.

for permission to speak. It was granted. He enthusiastically endorsed our temperance work, delighted to find a group of Christians who ate no pork, drank no wine, smoked no cigarettes, nor used tea or coffee. With hands cupped in Islamic fashion he offered a fervent prayer for the success of our work.

How did it all start?

It began in March—with temperance.

Linking the mobilized "right arm" of the Third Angel's message with an Islamic-slanted spearhead series it was my privilege to work

in response to public request, the holy month did not seem to affect Muslim attendance noticeably.

After a short motion picture each evening—"health heroes" of the past were featured, such as Abraham, Daniel, Moses, etc. honoured also in Islam—a brief talk on temperance followed with a portion from the "Signs of the Times" filmstrip to conclude. Our brethren in Islam were delighted with this type of programme and especially with our emphasis on judgment and resurrection.

Then, to climax this week, Pastor Reynolds delivered three



powerful addresses entitled "Abraham's Search for Paradise," "Abraham's View of Hell," and "Noah and the End of the World." The impact of these Spirit-filled, narrative type messages was overwhelming. The speaker who carefully couched his words in religious terms easily accepted and understood by Muslims made a tremendous psychological impression on his listeners.

At the close of the last meeting, a Bengali gentleman asked me to visit his home. Later when we visited him, he said to us, in front of his wife, "I want you to make Christians of my wife and daughters." He has seven daughters, one of whom sings over the radio. He enrolled three of his youngest

daughters on the spot in our church school admonishing us to "bend the twig while it is young."

Though this evangelistic venture—an experiment—in Islam has not been concluded and the results are not all in yet, the first-fruits seem to indicate a harvest beyond our expectations, with four or five definite commitments for Christianity so far. It will be our plan to repeat this pattern of evangelism elsewhere in the Frontier district. It is time Islam was reached with the gospel. It is time that the gospel go to "every kindred, tongue and people,"—and this included the 80 million souls of Pakistan. What power is needed! What prayer is needed by the church!

## E. G. White Publications

God in His great mercy has given to His remnant church a treasure house of instruction and counsel which, if studied and obeyed, will bring the individual members of the church a deeper and clearer understanding of the Scriptures, and will draw them closer to their Maker and Redeemer.

While a vast amount of this material is available in English, only a very small portion of the writings of Mrs. E. G. White has been translated into the languages of Southern Asia.

In 1955, Pastor A. L. White spent some time at Poona in connection with the Seminary Extension School, and while he was here, the work began on what we call the Spirit of Prophecy Publication Programme for Southern Asia.

Because of the great cost of translation and publication the Division committee felt that it would be impossible to print the complete nine volumes of *Testimonies to the Church*, but it was felt that there was much valuable instruction in these books which should be made available to our people throughout the Division.

Realizing that it would be unwise to leave the selection of this important matter in the hands of one or two people, the material was sent to about 50 of our leading workers, both national and overseas, throughout the Division. These men and women carefully and prayerfully indicated those portions which they felt would be of greatest value to the people of Southern Asia. Then all of these portions were gathered together at the Editorial office and compiled into a manuscript of about 600 pages. This selection was then sent to the Trustees of the E. G. White Publications in Washington D. C. There the selections were carefully studied to see that quotations were not taken out of their context, that they were not misused or misquoted, and that they were representative of the author's views on the subject. Some paragraphs were omitted, and other materials were added, until finally the White Trustees and the General Conference, as well as the Southern Asia Division Committee were satisfied that the manuscript was representative of the writings of E. G. White, and did not reflect any individual or group bias or prejudice.

The final manuscript has been returned to Southern Asia, and is now being translated into eleven of the languages in which we carry on our work. A similar abridgement has been made of the book *Gospel Workers*. This is also being translated. A compilation of quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy dealing with Christian Education was prepared by the General Conference a few years ago. This material is also being translated into the eleven languages. The book *Story of Redemption*, which is actually an abridgement of the five books in the *Conflict of the Ages* series has already been printed in one of these languages, and is under translation in a number of the others. The precious little book *Steps to Christ* has already been published in a number of our languages, but before our present programme is complete, it will have been published in all of the eleven languages. This publication programme will, for the first time in the history of our work, make available to our people in Southern Asia, a representative library of the writings of Mrs. E. G. White.

It is my personal conviction that this project is the most important publishing programme that the Southern Asia Division has ever undertaken, and will, I believe, result in the strengthening and encouragement of our national church.

We request the prayers of our believers throughout the Division, that God's Holy Spirit will guide our translators and bless them in a special way as they continue to work on this important literature project.

We are very happy that soon our people in Southern Asia will have in their own languages the same inspiring messages that our English speaking church throughout the world has been enjoying for so many years.

We are very happy to learn that other Division fields are making use of these same compilations which we initially developed here in Southern Asia, and that they are having these same materials translated into many of the languages in their Division territories.

—L. J. LARSON.

## Progress at the Surat Mission Hospital

SOLOMON M. MOSES, Secretary,  
Surat Hospital Trust Association

**S**URAT was a flourishing commercial city with a large Dutch and Armenian community 300 years ago when Bombay was an obscure fishing village. Today, the population is mainly of Hindus, Muslims and Parsees engaged in agriculture and business. Surat holds the monopoly for the silver and gold thread industry and also produces the latest in linen and nylon cloth.

Our hospital was opened in 1936 in rented buildings by Dr. G. A. Nelson—still remembered by many of the older patients. The present buildings were opened in 1942.

The hospital is self-supporting, except for foreign personnel sala-



## Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

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
November 29	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
December 6	Week of Sacrifice Offering
	Home Missionary Day and Offering

### THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

Sep'tember 27	Inter-American Division
December 27	South American Division

ries and capital expenditures. During the last two years a first floor has been added to the administrative building. The newly constructed iron fence in front of the hospital adds much to its beauty. Another addition has been a nurses' hostel, a part of which is serving as family quarters. A new X-ray unit was purchased in 1955.

Here are some statistics for 1957 which will interest the figure-minded—

Total cash income Rs. 130,692.00  
Total charity expenditure 24,463.00  
Number of outpatient visits 11,070  
Number of inpatients 678  
Number of major operations 160  
Number of minor operations 569

February of 1958 had a cash income figure of Rs. 14,221.00. This is the highest monthly income for several years. Although the figures may seem modest, they represent hard work by our doctors and medical staff. In recent years many new and modern hospitals are competing for the monopoly we previously enjoyed.

At present the hospital is headed by Dr. Otto B. Hauser and

his wife Dr. Elfriede Hauser of West Germany. Other doctors who were connected with Surat in recent years are Dr. J. C. Johannes, now medical director of the Ranchi hospital; Dr. Dunbar Smith, who did much to improve the physical plant; and Dr. J. E. Rentfro, who put in many years of faithful service at Surat. Dr. Lester Rhymes acted as relief doctor during the hill leave of Drs. Hauser.

Miss L. Votaw is the nursing superintendent and Pastor E. P. Wolfe has been looking after the spiritual activities of the community in addition to his duties in the district.

Our institution in Surat stands almost alone as a beacon light to the great unentered territories of the Gujarat. The responsibility resting on it is truly great.

### Correction:

Pastor C. Moses graduated in 1932 instead of in 1942 as stated in the "Tidings" of June 15. Brother Moses has been working 26 years since his graduation from the South India Training School.

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chosen to carry on the wonderful work to which Brother and Sister Rawson have given their all through the past years.

Some changes were made at the General Conference level to replace some of those who have been serving the Lord for so many years who have gladly passed on their burdens to younger men and that is as it should be but we will miss some of these who have been so close to us through the years. In some of the world Divisions changes were made but all of which you will be getting in due time through the pages of the Review. I hope all of you are taking it.

Day by day most thrilling reports from the world field came in each evening and encouraging reports from the various Departments through the day. Our Report of Southern Asia was given on Wednesday evening and our hearts were cheered as we listened to reports from each Union. Brethren Amirtham, M. D. Moses and Kalee Paw were outstanding, not only at the time of the report but throughout the entire Conference and how thankful we were to have them with us as well as Brother and Sister Gomer, of Ceylon, Sister Tsze Few of Burma and Brother and Sister Sam Koilpillai who are in Washington.

Our booth displaying Indian art and culture was one of the chief attractions throughout. Each Union was outstanding in its distinctive features one after the other each day. Many pictures were taken of it and displayed on Television.

There is so much more I would like to tell you about the Conference which I know you have been praying for but space and time will not permit. Your host of friends from everywhere send you greetings and I promised Elders Cormack, Wilson, Ham and Pierson who appeared with us on the platform the night our report was given that I would especially remember them to you. You will have learned that Elder Pierson has been chosen as President of the great South African Division so will be a neighbour of ours.

The last Sabbath was really the high day of the Conference however and how I wished for all of you to have seen it and enter into the experience which was ours as the programme of "The living church moving the world Godward," featuring every department of our great organization in its out-reach to bring the knowledge of a soon-coming Saviour to the world in this last hour. The climax was reached in a wonderful rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus and that great concourse singing "blest be the tie that binds" and "God be with you till we meet again" following a most touching benediction by Elder Figuhr. Yes I wish you could have been there. Soon Brethren Kemmerer and Johnson will be back with you and give you more in detail, but I did want to get this greeting and little message off to you. We will head west tomorrow visiting camp meetings and churches en route and God willing we will be with you again soon after the Autumn Council.

Most sincerely,  
The Mattisons.

## Million Dollar Offering

C. L. Torrey

Sabbath, June 21, is a day long to be remembered in the annals of Seventh-day Adventist giving, for it was on this day the largest offering for world-wide evangelism was reported, the amount being \$1,217,500.38. It is therefore seen that the amount exceeded the goal by \$217,500.38. Of the total offering reported \$832,832.34 was given by the North American Division and \$384,668.04 by the overseas divisions.

Following Elder Figuhr's earnest and inspiring sermon at the eleven o'clock hour, the presidents of the overseas divisions, the union conference presidents of the North American division, and the General Conference institutional leaders each in turn stepped forward to the

pulpit and reported the amount coming from their respective fields and institutions toward this offering. . . .

In addition to this, the congregation in the main auditorium and in the music room, as well as the youth meeting in the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, made further contributions. These offerings have not as yet been counted, but the amount will be reported on Sabbath, June 28, the last Sabbath of the session, and our people will be notified of the total amount received.

This is yet another demonstration of loyalty and devotion to this great Advent cause. We are assured that the members are solidly behind our world

programme, and that they are determined to see the work finished. Surely the response of our members to the appeal for funds for world evangelism indicates their longing to see the work completed and the Lord Jesus come to redeem His people.

On behalf of the General Conference, the union and local conferences, and the missions and institutions, I take this opportunity to express to our brethren and sisters right around the world field, our deep and sincere appreciation for the generous and sacrificial gifts for the winning of souls and the hastening of Christ's coming. Thank God for a wonderful people.

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[On the last Sabbath of the meeting Pastor Torrey gives the total of the "Million Dollar Offering" as \$1,260,280.00. Southern Asia's contribution, as reported there, amounted to Rs. 66,500.00, or \$14,000.00. Ed.]

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# A Message from the General Conference Session at Cleveland, Ohio—June 19-28, 1958

## To the Advent People Around the World

Dearly Beloved:

We the delegates to the General Conference session are gathered here in Cleveland to carry on the business of the Lord. We have met and mingled day by day with fellow believers from every part of the earth. We have rejoiced to hear what to some, may sound like strange tongues and accents, for they testify that the Advent Movement knows no bounds of race or geography. We have listened to the reports from world leaders. And all these reports tell of progress and expansion—the voice of the three angels is being heard ever more loudly throughout the earth. With prayer and sober study we have elected certain brethren to stand at the forefront and lead us onward.

Joyous earnestness marks our meetings—joyousness, because we lift up our heads to rejoice that our redemption draws nigh; earnestness, because we realize that the gravity of the times requires of us a diligent devotion to our task beyond anything we have known before. We are meeting here for one supreme reason, to devise more effective means to conclude our work for God, that we may leave this world.

We are humbly aware that though we may find courage for our task in the impressive growth in members and resources, something more is needed. The devotional studies and sermons have daily stirred us to realize anew that true success comes not by might nor by power, but by the Divine Spirit. The first Sabbath of the session was a day of fasting and prayer, and the spirit of that solemn day has controlled our thoughts since then.

The great meeting is drawing to its close. Whether we shall meet again four years from now, we know not. In these tumultuous times, when earth-shattering events may come unawares, we remember the words of our Lord, "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Who knoweth what a day may bring forth?

But this we do know, by the grace of God we shall not be found wanting in the last great day. We are resolved to live in holiness before the Lord and to serve Him with ever-increasing zeal and efficiency. In this mood of holy dedication we make ready to return to our respective fields. But before we do so we wish to share with you the spirit of this meeting and to invite you to join with us in renewed dedication. Let us go onward to the kingdom together. The effective carrying out of the plans laid here at Cleveland depends on all of our brethren and sisters over the whole earth. Every Adventist is important to the success of the Advent Movement. We are a small people with a very great task. But in unity there is

strength. Beloved, the Advent people are one people. We are new men and women in Christ Jesus. Among us there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free; we are all members of the one family that is named in heaven above and in earth beneath. As the world is torn apart by opposing desires let us press together through the consuming desire to finish God's work in the earth.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is not merely one more church in the world. It is a prophetically foretold movement that God is leading to the kingdom. This prophetic movement, we believe, began in 1844 and will end inside the gates of heaven—as a people who "keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" Rev. 12:17. This belief has been central to the thinking of the Advent people since the days of the pioneers—it is our thinking today. When opposers arise—as they have arisen in the past—let us remember the inspired words of God's messenger who declared: "I testify to my brethren and sisters that the church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard." "God has a church upon earth who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people."—"Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 15, 61.

Let us remember, too, that genuine unity requires, above all else, a unity in belief, a harmony in doctrine. There are those who call to us to forsake the old paths, in favour of new teachings, and who thus seek to bring in confusion and division. Brethren, the doctrinal foundation of the Advent Movement standeth sure. We stand with the pioneers on this foundation of faith: Christ as our Lord and Saviour, the inspired Word of God, the Second Advent, obedience to God's commandments, including the Sabbath, the great prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation, the sanctuary, righteousness by faith, conditional immortality, the Spirit of prophecy. It is on these and related truths that the Advent Movement has been built. We need no new doctrines, only new fervour in the proclaiming of the old and tried truths given to us of God. If there is yet new light to come, it will not be the kind of light that casts a shadow over light already given to us.

Nor do we need new standards of life and conduct. The nearer we come to the end of the world the more resolutely should we seek to withdraw from the world, its pleasures, its practices, its policies. Not to blend with the world but with heaven is the goal of every true believer.

It is a solemn responsibility to be a Seventh-day Adventist today. Let us all

resolve anew to measure up to that responsibility, by a holy life, by a holy boldness in our witnessing, and by a sacrificial fervour for the finishing of the great task that is prophetically ours.

The hour is late and the darkness of night hangs heavy over this sinful world, but, thank God the day of deliverance is near at hand, and above the darkness shines the glorious light of our soon-coming Lord. We "are all children of light . . . Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thess. 5:5, 6. Beloved, "cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. . . . For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10:35, 37.

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