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GOD'S TITHE ALWAYS HIS

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YES, BRETHREN and sisters, the tithe belongs to God, it is His property. He permits this portion of His goods to pass through our hands as temporary caretakers only, and a sacred responsibility rests on us to return the tithe to God.

From the very beginning of this world's history God has endeavoured to make His ownership of all things clear to the human family. At the same time we find that Satan has tried devious methods to usurp and counteract God's rightful claims. This struggle goes on and becomes the decisive principle on which the tithing plan rests. Do you and I recognize God as owner or do we disregard Him and thus deny His very existence by our actions? This is the heart of the question which must be considered by all who claim to be God's children.

Just as God made all things for us to enjoy, just so surely did He reserve the tithe for the use of His church, with careful direction that it should be placed in His treasury. There is absolutely no doubt as to the plan God has ordained and blessed.

In the garden of Eden, God gave man everything to make him happy, everything he needed to live a complete life of loving service, yet God reserved one tree as a test of man's love and devotion and as a recognition of God's ownership. This tree became the basic test of righteousness versus sin, an opportunity to demonstrate perfect obedience. The servant of the Lord refers to this experience in Vol. 6 page 386, where she writes:

"Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat. This tree God reserved as a constant reminder of His ownership of all. Thus He gave them opportunity to demonstrate their faith and trust in Him by their perfect obedience to His requirements.

"So it is with God's claims upon us. He places His treasures in the hands of men, but requires that one tenth shall be faithfully laid aside for His work. He requires this portion to be placed in His treasury. It is to be rendered to Him as His own; it is sacred, and is to be used for sacred purposes, for the support of those who carry the message of salvation to all parts of the world. He reserves

this portion, that means may ever be flowing into His treasure-house, and that the light of truth may be carried to those who are nigh and those who are afar off. By faithfully obeying this requirement, we acknowledge that all belongs to God."

There it is, very clear and very simple to understand. The tithe test stands today in the midst of the church much as the tree of knowledge of good and evil stood in that beautiful home of our first parents. The question that we face today is how we shall stand that test? Faithfulness in returning to God that which is His will result in great blessing just as He has promised. Any disregarding of this divine obligation will automatically result in terrible loss, in eternal loss, if not corrected.

An unchanging heavenly Father has indicated that the tithe belongs to Him. The tithe is His by virtue of His creation and redemption of this world. It is His reserved property today just as always. Have you considered this fact in the light of your personal

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HONOURING GOD

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"HONOUR the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9, 10.

A few weeks ago I sat in one of our churches on Sabbath morning and observed the deacon passing the offering plate from one row of worshippers to the next. It being early in the month many had brought their tithe and special offerings. Envelopes were quietly dropped into the plate as it was handed noiselessly along. It passed a wealthy contractor, a nurse, a laboratory technician, a day labourer, a housekeeper, a farmer, a doctor and those from other walks of life.

I noted their faces as the envelopes came out of their pockets and dropped into the offering. Their eyes sparkled; satisfaction stood out clear on their faces; this part of the service was their part for they were honouring their Creator in a tangible way by supporting His work. They were working with God to meet men's greatest need. Some givers had greater, some lesser means, but in this act of giving, all were really on a par.

They were honouring God because as the Lord's messenger has written: "The Lord tells every man that in the sight of God he is not the owner of what he possesses, but only a trustee. Not thine, but Mine, said the Lord. God will call you to account for your stewardship. Whether you have one talent or two, or five, not a farthing is to be squandered on your own selfish indulgences. Your accountability to heaven should cause you to fear and tremble."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 399, 400.

These faithful ones were loyally giving an account of their stewardship.

In this overt act of love and loyal devotion God takes delight. Through the Bible plan of tithing God makes a supreme bid for our

love and loyalty. As though to underscore men's need of His blessing and His desire for men's love and loyalty He challenges: "Prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

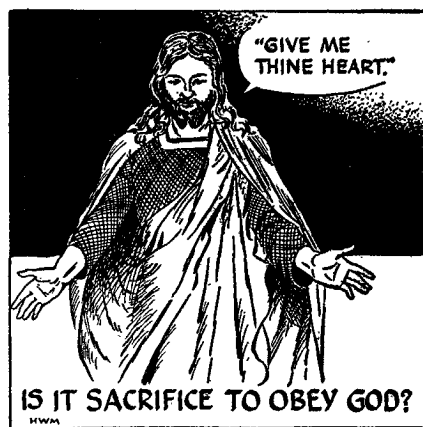
True experiences of how God honours those who honour Him abound. Young William, 16 years old, was leaving home since his father no longer had employment for him. A neighbour, the canalboat captain advised him, "Be sure you start right, and you'll get along fine."

William confided in his friend some fears regarding the large city and his ability to make a success since his only trade was soap making with which he had helped his father. The old man knelt and prayed earnestly with William, and then gave him this advice: "Someone will soon be the leading soapmaker in New York. It can be you as well as any one. I hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound; and I am certain you will yet be a great, good, and rich man."

As William arrived in New York, lonesome and far from home he remembered the words of his mother and the canalboat captain:



"seek . . . first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." He followed the Lord's instruction in the Bible, tithing the first dollar he earned. Later he gave a double tithe as the business grew. As he continued to prosper he never lost sight of the God whose promises he had accepted. He gave three tenths, then four tenths, then five tenths, and finally as an aging business man, after his family had been educated, William Colgate told the Lord he would give Him all his income. He honoured God by publicly recognizing that God had made him a success, and God honoured him by swelling his income so he could give millions to support God's work.



A seaman in the navy was asked to write an essay on the topic, "Why the Spanish Armada Failed." He replied, "For lack of three ships." The professor was inquisitive. Since the Spanish fleet consisted of three hundred vessels, how could three ships make a difference? The seaman replied, "The Armada lacked 'marksmanship,' 'seamanship,' and 'leadership.'"

The flagship of the Christian fleet is 'Stewardship.' Our lives are like a great ship, owned by God, and loaded with many bounties with which we may bless those we meet. Our lives, time, health, talents, and money are the cargo we must bring safely to the right ports and deliver to the right people. This is stewardship. In discharging this responsibility faithfully we are in partnership with God.

Just now, as you ponder God's love for you and His blessings so bountifully bestowed, think of

David's words, "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Ps. 34:8.

How much we need God's blessing! Upon ourselves, our families, our church, our community, and our nation. But have we shown our trust of Him who has been so faithful in dealing with us? The promise is, "Whenever God's people, in any period of the world, have cheerfully and willingly car-

ried out His plan in systematic benevolence and in gifts and offerings, they have realized the standing promise that prosperity should attend all their loyalty just in proportion as they obeyed His requirements."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 395.

His promises are sure. If we have been faithful, let us claim them. His sure mercies and blessings He bestows in an unmeasured shower upon those who love Him.

THE USE OF THE TITHE

W. E. READ

GOD HAS a well-defined plan for caring for His work in all the world. It is not His purpose that the support of those who give themselves to preaching the everlasting gospel should be left to chance. The God who calls to service will also provide for His servants.

The plan as outlined in the Bible, in the New Testament as well as Old, is that of the tithing system. This was mentioned long before the Levites were called to the ministry of the sanctuary. We read that Abraham and Jacob paid tithes. Abraham recognized his responsibility to Melchizedek; consequently, the payment of tithes was required not only under the Levitical priesthood, but also under the Melchizedek priesthood. The Melchizedek priesthood which received tithes in Abraham's day, receives tithes also in our day. The Christ whom we serve is our high priest, a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Hence, when we bring our tithes, we bring them to Him, just as Abraham did in ancient days.

The tithe is holy to the Lord; He claims it as His. It is not ours. It is not a question of whether we can afford to pay our tithes; the question is whether we can afford not to pay our tithes. If the tithe is the Lord's, then the only honourable thing for us to do is to bring to Him that which is His own.

Also worthy of notice is the fact that when we pay our tithes, we do not pay to any man or group of men; we pay to the Lord. It is hardly correct for us to reason that we support the ministry. Really, it is God who supports the ministry. We bring our tithes to Him, and He chooses from the tithe to support His servants today just as He supported the Levites in days gone by. The Levitical order, however, has passed away, but the Melchizedek order stands "forever."

A great deal of counsel concerning the tithe is given to us in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, and we will notice certain paragraphs as follows:

WARNINGS AGAINST MISUSE OF TITHE

1. *We are not to use the tithe as we think fit.*

"The portion that God has reserved for Himself is not to be di-



verted to any other purpose than that which He has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it . . . as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work.

"The minister should, by precept and example, teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not feel that he can retain and apply it according to his own judgment, because he is a minister. It is not his. He is not at liberty to devote to himself whatever he thinks is his due."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 247.

2. *We are not to withhold the tithe because of dissatisfaction.*

"Some have been dissatisfied, and have said, 'I will no longer pay my tithe; for I have no confidence in the way things are managed at the heart of the work.' But will you rob God because you think the management of the work is not right? Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order; but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right."—*Ibid.*, p. 249.

3. *We are not to pay debts with tithe.*

"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."—Vol. 6, p. 391.

4. *We are not to use the tithe for gifts of charity.*

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves,

are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things."—Vol. 9, p. 248.

5. *We are not to use the tithe for educational purposes.*

"One reasons that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers. There should be today in the field one hundred well-qualified labourers where now there is but one."—Vol. 9, pp. 248, 249.

FAITHFULNESS URGED

The counsel of the Lord as given to His servant of old is: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat

in Mine house." Mal. 3:10. The tithe which is holy unto the Lord is to be brought into His storehouse. The storehouse is His church, and the church is the guardian of His funds.

What a responsibility rests upon us in this age and generation! The full flame of gospel glory shines upon us in these last days. How different is our lot compared with that of Israel! Again, the coming of the Lord is near at hand. How this should urge us to be faithful to the Lord! Furthermore, we have a message to give to the world in this generation. The messengers must go from the home bases and travel to distant lands and unfurl the banner of Prince Immanuel.

May the Lord help us to be faithful in bringing our tithes and offerings, that plans may be made to finish speedily the work in this generation.

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UNUSUAL TITHE

Mrs. W. G. Lowry sends in the following interesting incident concerning a Lushai tithe payer. And while we do not wish to advocate the dowry system as a means of income, we would remind you that God's tithing plan calls for "one tenth of all our increase."

"The Lord has been good to us this month, and I have brought some tithe," stated the bewhiskered old man as he seated himself in the chair I had offered. "We sold our *nula* [young lady]."

"You what?" I asked amazed, forgetting my manners.

"We sold our young lady, and I have brought the part that belongs to God's kingdom." From his pocket he withdrew a soiled and ancient knot of cloth, which he untied with care, then counted out six crumpled rupee notes. "And this," he said, unknitting another bit of rag, "is the Sabbath school offering for the past quarter." Four rupees, nine annas, and six pies

were counted out. "This is Sabbath school expense offering." One rupee.

"We sold our young lady." Was there ever a stranger offering brought before the Lord? Was it an acceptable tithe? Yes, indeed, for the man's statement meant only that the daughter had been married according to Lushai law and custom. There was no slavery involved, no heartbreak, only a happy bride and proud bridegroom.

"You have done well to bring the Lord's part. May your daughter be happy," I said, handing him his receipt.

That old man had walked for five days over rugged mountains and across swollen rivers to bring his tithes and offerings for "God's kingdom" at the end of the quarter. I wonder how many of us would have the same care for a matter of eleven rupees nine and one half annas.

IN BAGHDAD OR INDIA'S HIMALAYA MOUNTAINS

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General Conference Medical Secretary

IMMERSED in the routine duties of a large institution, it is possible that one may, at times, be not aware of the rather large programme of missionary endeavour going forward, in other parts of the world.

We sometimes have the significance of this work called to our attention by those not directly connected with us. Recently, the U.S. State Department called our General Conference office and reported that high Government officials travelling in the Middle East had been held up in Baghdad by the serious illness of one of their number. The American embassy had taken this party to the Adventist hospital. Their diagnosis—acute obstruction—and indications were for immediate surgery.

They had called Washington for an opinion, and Washington had called us for an evaluation for our surgical staff. I was glad to be able to report that their man would be in the competent hands of physicians Wagner, Karmi, and Genevieve Ubbink; and that no better care was available in the Middle East.

The operation was performed, and a few days later the grateful wife of the patient called us at the General Conference office to express her personal gratitude for what an Adventist medical institution in that faraway city meant to their family.

This deep appreciation is shared by many who owe their health or perhaps life itself, to the kindly efficient ministry of an Adventist medical institution. Not all of the working units are modern medical institutions like the Baghdad Hospital. The Mobile Medical Unit, operated by Dr. Bazliel along the precarious roadways between Simla and the Tibetan frontier, brings hope and physical relief to the people in this remote area of India's northern frontier.

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THE FRUITAGE OF TRIVANDRUM CITY EFFORT

S. THOMAS, *Voice of Prophecy* Secretary, South India Union

MANY of the readers of the TIDINGS know of the evangelistic effort which has been held in Trivandrum, the capital city of Kerala State. [Reported by A. D. Jackson in issue of May 15.] The pandal was erected on the plot newly purchased for the local section headquarters, where a church is also to be constructed in due course of time. Besides a wide circulation of handbills in the area, the local newspapers carried advertisements of the forthcoming effort. The pandal was called "Christ for Today Auditorium." From the onset we wanted the public, both Christian and non-Christian, to know that these lectures would present none other than "Christ and Him Crucified," as the Hope and Solution of all the problems of the world. Also, the Bible as the exponent, the creed and authority in matters of faith and practice.

All the meetings were well attended in spite of bad weather at times. The pandal was crowded each night. Some of us were dubious as to whether the good attendance would continue after the testing points of the message had been presented, but to our great surprise the attendance never dropped. On the other hand when we delivered our forty-fourth lecture there was an audience of over 600. When the effort closed after three months many expressed their deep regrets and requested that such meetings be held each year. The effort has created a great interest in the capital city, so much so, that many have come to realize that this is the truth.

A large number of *Voice of Prophecy* students are in attend-

ance, some of them taking their stand for the truth.

At the close of the effort thirty-three precious souls were baptized. Several others are waiting for subsequent baptismal services. Friends, what does this signify? We have no question but that we have reached the times of the outpouring of the latter rain. We ascribe all glory to God for the fruitage which has been the result of the long, patient wooing of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of men and women.

Following their baptism the candidates brought their children to be dedicated to the Lord and His service, and in the Communion service conducted that day, the new members joined with the old in partaking of the ordinances. That day will be long remembered, I am sure.

During the lectures the writer spoke in English, while J. Ahimaz translated into Malayalam. The musical part of the programme was under the leadership of G. Dharmadas, who is himself a mu-

sician, an artist and a preacher. Pastor M. Bhaggien, an experienced soul winner, joined the team after a few weeks. The local section *Voice of Prophecy* secretary, A. D. Jackson, and two lady workers, Miss Sarammal and Miss Bessie worked faithfully and long in visiting and Bible work. Pastor Bhaggien and Brother Ahimaz will remain to follow-up the work in this place. May we request the TIDINGS family to remember the work at Trivandrum City before the throne of grace.

ALWAYS HIS!

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actions? Do you personally measure up to that test?

Some day very soon Jesus will come to claim His own. Only those who recognize His just claims by giving their lives and hearts in service and by returning His tithe faithfully now will be prepared in that day to go home with Him. This one reason alone should be sufficient to encourage each of us to be faithful in this regard.

Think it over again and determine anew today that you will be victorious and share in the promised blessings.



Pastor S. Thomas (seated centre), his assistants (seated to his left) and the newly baptized members.

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These hospitals, these mobile units, these clinics are able to function only because we here at home are faithful in tithes and offerings,

THROUGH PERSIA

AFTER three thrilling weeks in Afghanistan we crossed the Iranian border and headed for Teheran, the modern capital. The country between Nashed and Teheran is a monotonous repetition of treeless plains and bare stony hills. True, the towns were more modern and prosperous than in Afghanistan but the 700 miles of intervening country is no less arid. This made our entering into Teheran all the more surprising. Five miles out of the city we were still rattling along on corrugated gravel road and we had to stop a truck and ask the way to Teheran. But ten minutes later we were being swept along in a whirl of fast traffic.

Teheran is an ultra-up-to-date city and even a New York taxi driver would be right out of the race. For a driver, Teheran is a survival of the fittest and it took us two hours to find the mission. The white horses of the Persian kings have given way to the sleek limousines of the modern Iranian oil magnates.

On Friday night I was invited to preach an evangelistic sermon to a largely Muslim audience in the mission chapel, and Sabbath morning I preached in the well-attended Armenian church in the centre of the city.

Before we left Teheran we visited the Gulistan Palace museum and saw the Peacock Throne which

had originally graced Shah Jahan's Red Fort Palace at New Delhi. It is now used for the coronation of the Persian Shahs. The chandeliers, mirrors, and furnishings of the palace were magnificent, but we were frankly disappointed with the Peacock Throne. No doubt its value in precious stones is beyond measure but its colours are sombre and we were hard pressed to find any resemblance to the peacock. However, its historical worth is paramount and we felt our visit had been richly rewarded.

Monday morning we were again on our way heading for Ecbatana



The magnificent chandeliers and furnishings of Gulistan Palace (Teheran) with the Peacock throne at the far end.

(modern Hamadan), the ancient summer capital of the Persian kings. Ecbatana (the Achmetha of the Bible) was the city where the decree was found permitting the Jews to continue their rebuilding of the temple at Jerusalem (Ezra 6:2). We could not find a trace of the ancient city but we were interested to visit the reputed tomb of Esther and Mordecai. There is a grave doubt concerning its authenticity, but it is an ancient mausoleum with a modern exterior, and we were particularly interested in the old Jew who unlocked and swung aside the small stone door and showed us the interior of the tomb. By the look of his nose there was no doubting he was a true son of Abraham, and by his



Tomb of Esther and Mordecai at Hamadan (the Achmetha of the Bible).

insistent demand for plenty of buk-sheesh we could not doubt his descent from Jacob, either.

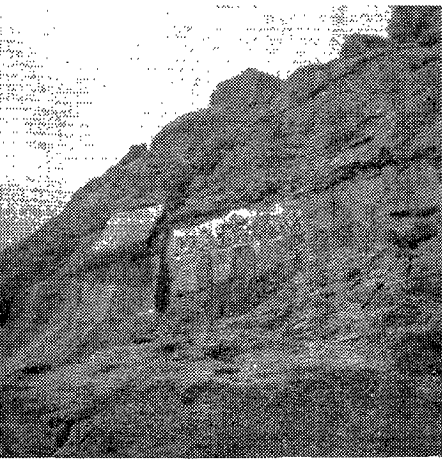
From Hamadan we travelled west to Bisitun. More than 24 centuries ago Darius, the proud monarch of the great Persian empire, decided to have a record of his exploits chiselled into the face of a large volcanic mountain on the main road from Ecbatana to Babylon. To make sure that his greatness would be sufficiently extolled Darius had the inscription recorded in three languages. Little did he know at that time that the record of his deeds would become world famous, not to his honour, but to the glory of God and the establishment of His Word. For during the centuries the key to two ancient languages, Elamite and Babylonian, was lost and archaeologists were unable to interpret many inscriptions and stone writings. Then the Behistun rock was discovered and by comparing the two unknown languages with the known, Old Persian, the hundreds of hitherto unknown mysterious inscriptions become intelligible, throwing a flood of light on ancient history and confirming many historic statements of the Bible.

The Behistun rock came into view while we were still 20 miles away and the nearer we approached the larger it appeared. At last we rounded a corner and there 160 feet up the mountain-side we could see where the flat face of the hard rock had been inscribed. It was quite near the roadside and a small tea shop nestled



A close up of the Peacock throne on which the Shahs of Persia are crowned.

among the trees on the opposite side of the road. We jumped out of the car and quickly started clambering up the rocky mountain. From the roadside the carvings seemed disappointingly small but we soon discovered we had under-estimated the distance and it really is a huge masterpiece of human craftsmanship. The family came to a halt about 40 feet below the rock face and I had heard that it was impossible to approach any closer. But a quick look at the rock face encouraged me to believe that it was not unapproachable. At the third attempt I found that by squeezing myself into a small crevice and flattening myself against the rock face I could inch my way upwards until I could at last step out onto the rocky shelf on which Darius' workmen had stood to chisel the inscription into the rock.



The writer standing beside Darius' famous inscription in three languages on the Behistun rock.

In places the writing was almost obliterated by time and weather, but in most places it was remarkably clear and I was sure that not only did the Lord work through human pride in the making of the inscription; but through the ages, a Divine hand has preserved the writing that, in these last days of higher criticism, the Word of God should be established before the eyes of men.

D. K. DOWN,
Baghdad, Iraq.

LAY TITHERS WIN SOULS

TITHE payers receive a blessing from God because they faithfully honour Him. The Bible says, "For them that honour Me, I will honour." 1 Samuel 2:30.

When believers faithfully bring their tithe into the treasury they will receive at least a double blessing—a personal one now and the reward of those who will be saved because their tithe helped to send the message to others.

Faithful tithe payers are productive witnesses.

Pastor I. M. Chand recently wrote about the witness of one of the faithful members in Jodpur. Sister Khan, who recently accepted the truth, is a nurse. She went on vacation to visit friends in Udaipur recently. While there she witnessed for the truth before a nurse friend. Before she left, her friend had accepted the Sabbath message and had begun to pay her tithe.

Whenever faithful believers witness for the truth, Sabbath-keepers and tithe-payers result and the blessed truth spreads onward.

—O. W. LANGE.

THE ASSAM TRAINING SCHOOL REPORTING

WE ARE receiving reports from the high schools all over the Division as they are opening at this time of the year. The enrolments in most cases are higher than ever before and they are off to a good start with the spiritual impetus of the MV Week of Prayer.

A typical report, which encourages us greatly, comes from H. D. Erickson, the principal of the Assam Training School, stating that 153 students have been registered. Brother Erickson writes, "The spirit of co-operation between the students and teachers is very good."

More land has been put under cultivation and planted to pasture, and a large number of fruit trees have been set out. The fields and woods are under development and work is going forward on the canal preparatory to installing a ram for pumping water from the creek up to the school site.

The tool shop has been completed and the foundation work has

been completed in preparation for construction of the chapel.

With the large enrolment the classroom space is insufficient and they are holding classes in the chapel, library, post office and dining hall. I understand in some cases two teachers are teaching simultaneously in one room. The teaching of the Lushai, Khasi and Garo languages has been added to the curriculum in an attempt to better prepare workers to return to work for their own people.

Two baptismal classes are now in progress and a student group is taking the Great Controversy Bible correspondence course. A study group of staff members is also studying this same course.

God has greatly blessed the development of the work in our schools and your prayers for a successful year in all of our educational institutions are solicited. More than ever before, our young people need the benefits of Christian education.

D. S. JOHNSON.

"FEED MY LAMBS"

MRS. M. S. PRASADA RAO

IN GOD'S Word He makes it very clear that He is as interested in the salvation of the children as He is in the salvation of men and women. Of the work of Christ, Isaiah says, "He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom." Isa. 40:11.

When Christ was on earth, seeing the little children crowding around Him, the disciples felt that the Master was being troubled, and so were trying to send them away. But He said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16.

His instruction to the church today is "Feed My lambs." He is going to ask you and me to give an account of the work entrusted to us. What are we as parents doing about it? Are the Sabbath school teachers doing their best? Is the church taking care of the little ones, guiding their feet in paths of righteousness?

It is too late to begin to feed the lambs when they reach the age of juniors and youth. Simple spiritual lessons should be taught from an early age. "Too much importance cannot be placed upon the early training of children. The lessons learned, the habits formed, during the years of infancy and childhood, have more to do with the formation of the character and the direction of the life than have all the instruction and training of after years."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 380.

Our children must be carefully taught and guarded so that they may grow up with the full knowledge of the truth, and that they may choose to serve God as long as they live. Our children are God's best gift to us. Let us train them as He has instructed and lend them to the Lord for service.

Coupled with parental training, the Sabbath school is the medium where the child is taken at birth and helped through each successive stage of mental and spiritual development until he is able to lead out in church activities. When I enter a Sabbath school my first

interest is the children, the little lambs of the flock—are they all being well fed?

Are you a Sabbath school teacher? Study your Sabbath school lesson well. Don't just look at the title of the lesson and say, "I know that story well, I have known it from my infancy. I will remember that when I see the children." Study your story again. Study it from the Bible and from the lesson helps. A *Sabbath School Worker* is indispensable. Then present it to the children in the simplest way, to suit their age. In all your story-telling remember to make Jesus and His love the most important thing of all.

Well, you may say, "I am no teacher; I just don't know how to teach." The Spirit of Prophecy has this counsel to offer on page 112 of the *Gospel Workers*: "Those who consecrate body, soul and spirit to God, will constantly receive a new endowment of physical, mental and spiritual power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth His highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls."

Another may say, "I have no picture roll. Oh, if I could only have a picture roll what a lot I could do." A picture roll is a wonderful help in teaching children, and so are other pictures and cut-outs. But lack of such need not prevent us from having an interesting class for the children. The Word of God

is inspiring. There is power in His Word. It can touch the heart, and change the life of a person—even an infant. So we lack little when we have the source material with us. Let us take in as much of it ourselves, and using what aids may be available, then try to impart it to the little ones in our classes. If we could live those principles that we are trying to teach them, in our lives that will be the best appeal to them.

Some workers may feel, all that has been said is true, but there is nobody to teach. "I am the village evangelist here, I have to conduct the Sabbath school, give the mission talk, take the review and teach the adult's class, how can I teach the children also at the same time?"

Where are our women? Here is an opportunity for our evangelist's wife to step in to do her bit. Or, if there are any other capable women in the church, mobilize them and train them for service of this kind. There is no limit to the good work that could be done out in the villages. So much can be done for the children. Do not neglect the children on any account even if there are just two or three. The children are precious in God's sight. The souls of the children are of as much value as the souls of the heathen. The children of today are the church members of tomorrow. If we can save them now, at their tender age, we have won a whole life of usefulness for God. Treat them with kindness. Rebuke them with love, that they may grow up to be a blessing and an honour to the parents and to the church. "Feed My lambs." John 21:15.

TITHE IS A TOKEN OF HIS PRESENCE ON EARTH

"The value of the Sabbath as a means of education is beyond estimate. Whatever of ours God claims from us, He returns again, enriched, transfigured, with His own glory. The tithe that He claimed from Israel was devoted to preserving among men, in its glorious beauty, the pattern of His temple in the heavens, the token of His presence on the earth." *Education*, 250.

WE ARE happy to report the addition of four souls to the southern-most church of our Division—Matara, Ceylon.

Mrs. Margaret Andree, a faithful lay member, living twenty-two miles away from Matara, instructed a young lady with the help of the Sinhalese Voice of Prophecy lessons and prepared her for baptism. Since Sister Andree accepted the truth 18 years ago, she has helped to win several other young people who are faithfully witnessing for the truth.

As a result of intense personal work and evangelistic meetings Brother Hackerdon and Sister S. C. de Alwis joined the church by baptism. Mrs. Hackerdon's consistent Christian influence had led her husband to rejoin the Remnant church. Brother and Sister Hackerdon with their son, Harvey, collected over Rs. 200/- during the uplift campaign by soliciting from house to house in the Matara town.

Miss Alwis first heard the message from Pastor A. R. Peiris about eight years ago and gave her heart to Jesus in spite of much opposition from her people. Her bold stand for the truth has encouraged another apostatized member to restudy the message. Pastor A. R. Peiris baptized this sister at the Moratuwa church.

We are sorry that circumstances have forced our Tamil Adventists to withdraw from Matara after forty or more years of witnessing for the truth. One of their number was baptized early this year. They all rejoiced to see the growth of a local church with Sinhalese believers in the town. Their Sabbath school is unique in that it has no ladies or children as members. Their families live in South India. The men were generally satisfied to leave the investment projects for ladies and children but the introduction of a goal device to take in investment also gave this Sabbath school a desire to launch out in investment projects under the leadership of Mrs. R. S. Fernando and the Sabbath school superintendent Brother N. T. J. Chelliah. Within the first five months of the year the investment projects yielded almost Rs. 300/-. While we pray for God's

continued rich blessing to rest with these believers as they return to their homes in South India, we humbly pause to thank God for His marvellous protection over His people.

Since we lost all the movable property of our meeting house during recent months, the believers meet in the pastor's home for Sabbath school and service. Brother Edersingha of the Kandy church, who recently graduated from Spicer Memorial College, is looking after these believers during the absence of the pastor who is relieving Pastor Scott in Colombo.

TINY THINKERS

Daddy was helping Betty count her pennies: "Betty, count nine pennies and put them here, and put one penny over there."

Betty: "There they are. Now what do I do with them?"

Daddy: "The nine pennies are yours; the one is for Jesus."

Betty: "Oh, Jesus ought to have the nine!"

Daddy: "No, He gives you the nine. He takes the one."

Betty (after a long silence): "Well, Daddy, if Jesus only gets one penny, let's pick out the shiniest one for Him!"

Brother Donald M. Fernando, who assisted us at Matara for about a year, was united in marriage with Miss S. C. de Alwis on the 26th of June, at the Shiloah church, Colombo, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Pastor F. R. Scott officiated. The happy couple left for Kandy where they will assist Pastor Joseph in the work there. We wish them both a very fruitful life of service in the Lord's vineyard.

MATARA CHURCH

R. S. FERNANDO

Twelve busy bees received their insignias at an investiture service held in Mrs. H. C. B. Wijesingha's home at Matara. These Buddhist children received careful instruction in needlecraft and culinary art and were members of a community Bible school conducted on Sundays. We appreciate the efforts of the Wijesingha family to build up our work in Matara.

Our attempts to erect a permanent church have so far been unsuccessful. A number of Voice of Prophecy interests are experiencing fierce opposition. The instigator of all evil is seeking not only to counteract the effects of the Advent message but to destroy the messengers themselves. Despite all opposition the interest in the Advent message is continuing to increase. We again thank God for His mercies to us.

COURAGE

"There's a courage that nerves you in starting to climb

The mount of success rising sheer;

And when you've slipped back, there's the courage sublime,

That keeps you from shedding a tear.

These two kinds of courage, I give you my word,

Are worthy of tribute—but then, You'll not reach the summit unless you've the third—

The courage to try it again!"

—From *Michigan Ingathering Reporter*.

When you express good will you are oiling the machinery of your inner life. —Lowell Fillmore.

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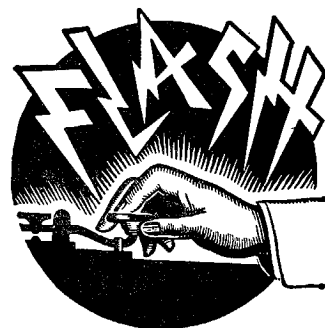
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"... And Carried Our Sorrows"

K. H. WOOD

THE problem of sorrow is one that will be with us as long as the effects of sin are felt in the world. How shall we relate ourselves to it?

Often our first response is to rebel. We dash ourselves against the unchangeable facts, only to fall down wounded and thus less able to meet life's continuing perplexities. In our stunned and hurt condition we are tempted to feel that God has forsaken us and that the experience that has crushed us is inscrutable.

Those who possess a living faith in God will not indefinitely remain in this state, however. It is true that there are many things we can never understand in this life. But our faith must be greater than our ignorance. We must believe that if we could possess infinite wisdom we would fully undestand all that now seems mysterious.

To illustrate: We go outdoors to start the car. Confidently we turn the key and step on the starter. The motor turns over briskly, but it refuses to start. We try again, and again, and again. In our blind frustration we stubbornly continue until both our patience and the battery are nearly exhausted. We get out and lift the hood to see what is causing the trouble, but we see no reason. Hence there is

none. Nonsense. A good mechanic can look in and immediately spot the difficulty.

O that we could always see all of God's reasons! But we cannot; we still "see through a glass, darkly." The day is coming, however, when "all the perplexities of life's experience will . . . be made plain. Where to us have appeared only confusion and disappointment, broken purposes and thwarted plans, will be seen a grand, overruling, victorious purpose, a divine harmony."—*Education*, p. 305.

We know that, of course. And we believe it. It is reassuring. But what about the present? First, let us remember that there are certain lessons that can be learned in no other way than through grief.

There are cords within the soul that never vibrate save in sorrow. Said John Vance Cheney, "The soul would have no rainbow had the eyes no tears."

Second, through sorrow one may obtain an intimacy with God that comes in no other way. And we can be comforted by knowing that Jesus was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." "He who took humanity upon Himself knows how to sympathize with the sufferings of humanity. Not only does Christ know every soul, and the peculiar needs and trials of that soul, but He knows all the circumstances that chafe and perplex the spirit. His hand is outstretched in pitying tenderness to every suffering child. Those who suffer most have most of His sympathy and pity. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and He desires us to lay our perplexities and troubles at His feet and leave them there."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 249.

Have we learned to "leave them there"? "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." 1

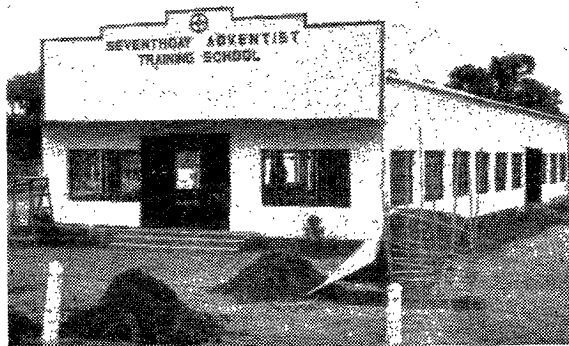
Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

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

September 27	Inter-American Division
December 27	South American Division

New Auditorium at Narsapur High School. The enrolment this year is 230.



Peter 5:7. Jesus came to this world not alone to carry our sins but to bear our sorrows as well. "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." Isa. 53:4. Thus even in sorrow we may exclaim, "What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus, my Lord."—*Review and Herald*.

FURTHER NEWS FROM CHENNAMPARA

(See report in *TIDINGS* of March 15)

K. C. CHACKO

ON THE 30th of March the writer and the laymen of the Vithura Church began an evangelistic effort in the village of Chen-

nempara. This village was an unentered territory as far as our message is concerned.

At the beginning of the effort we found there were many difficulties to be overcome, but we felt the presence of the angels of the Lord with us throughout the effort and the Holy Spirit worked upon the hearts of many of the people. We trust that many who did not fully accept during these meetings may still continue to study and eventually accept the message.

On July 5, Pastor S. Nallathamby, district leader of Nedumangadu, came to be with us and baptized five precious souls into the Venthura Church. Following the baptismal service Pastor Nallathamby conducted the Communion service when old and new members joined in the Ordinances.



JUDGMENT

ARTHUR W. SPALDING

SAY not your brother has not built with God,
Because his humble structure fails to rise,
As yours does, up and up, and vastly broad;
Some men must dig while others scale the skies,
Deep down through treacherous quicksands sink their piles,

Because some evil chance gave them no rock.
Weary and soiled, they labour. Yet God smiles

Upon them all the more whom fortunes mock;
And sometime, in far ages, He will build
Upon their final rock what He has willed.

Miscellany

● A recent report from the North India Section indicates that 34 have been baptized during the first half of 1958 and six more were baptized at Jullundur on August 2. Tithes and offerings also show an upward trend during the same period.

● There are now 17 students from Burma at Spicer Memorial College and 4 from Burma at Wadia College. Brother Chit Maung, the principal of the Kyauktaing School reports an excellent enrolment for the 1958-59 school-year and a fine spirit in the school.

● The Voice of Prophecy reports an enrolment of 607 in the Great Controversy course at the present time. A total of 7,776 lessons had been sent out up to the end of June 1958. The course opened in January.

● Elizabeth Willis, Kaung Yen Li, Maurine Montgomery and

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Wendy Minus completed their midwifery and nurses' training course at the Rangoon Hospital and Naw Beaulah, Naw Hetty, Khin Thein, Ma Kyi Aung, Paw Htoo, Rebecca Dee, Thai Say, Than Kyi and Winnie Han completed the three year nursing course. Dr. R. M. Shrewsbury had the consecration service, Mr. Tun Maung, the baccalaureate service and Pastor C. B. Guild, the graduation address. This is the Third Annual Commencement of the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.

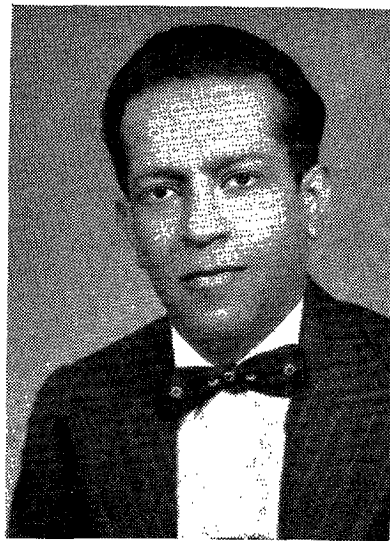
● Enrolment at our Chuharkana School this year totals 129. Nine of these students are taking work on the college level. The industries include preparation of breakfast cereals, manufacture of vanilla, printing, farming, gardening and welding.

● We are getting some interesting letters from Pastors M. D. Moses, Kalee Paw, and Brother Amirtham who are now in the U.S.A. Brother Amirtham wrote of a serious accident in which the car in which he was riding was involved but fortunately no one was seriously hurt. Brother Moses is attending classes at the Seminary, Brother Amirtham is working on his masters degree at Pacific Union College, and Brother Kalee Paw is attending meetings. God has greatly blessed the ministry of these brethren.

● The last day of the MV Week of Prayer at the Kottarakara school was marked by the organization of a baptismal class of 33 members, an investiture service, and an all-out MV Community Service programme. The students and teachers went out in small bands to visit the homes in the community. As they went from house to house they received a cordial welcome in each place. After greetings were exchanged, a song was sung, prayer offered, literature given out, and in some instances a little message was given. A place was located for the holding of a Voice of Youth effort.

● With a capacity estimated at 175 the Narsapur school is coping with an enrolment of 230 students. Three hundred and ninety stu-

MEET OUR WORKERS



William L. Sharalaya was one of Pastor A. E. Rawson's first converts from Coorg. He was baptized by the late Pastor L. G. Mookerjee. After finishing the Government High School course at Mercara, he attended Spicer College at Krishnarajapuram. He spent four years there, during which time he finished the courses of study in Commerce, and Teacher Training.

After graduation in 1939, he was called to the Division office as Stenographer-Secretary. Later he was transferred to the Western India Union and served there as Union accountant, and Book Depot Manager. After four years he was called again to the Division where he serves as Accountant-Cashier.

dents, 113 of them in the high school section, crowd the classrooms of the Kottarakara School. Lowry Memorial High School has enrolled 183 with only 44 of these in the elementary classes.

● The industrial products of the Lowry Memorial High School are becoming so popular that Pastor Jessen and his corps of student-workers are finding it difficult to keep the supply sufficient to meet the demand. High school students with insufficient funds to meet school expenses should inquire about the student-labour possibilities in this high school, which is a government recognized institution.

D. S. JOHNSON.