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[I wish each of you could have attended the joint worships during the Committee Meetings. The General Conference men brought us inspiring messages of which I bring you only a taste, that it may stimulate and direct your thinking. —Ed.]

F. A. Mote—Sabbath, December 13

Reading from 2 Pet. 3:1-4 Pastor Mote emphasized several expressions: "scoffers", "willingly ignorant", "what manner of persons". Are we really looking for the coming of the Lord, and what part are we taking in "hasting" that event? With Paul he urged us to "be diligent . . . without spot or blameless".

"The work may appear to be restricted by circumstances, but

wherever it is, if it is performed with faith and diligence, it will be felt to the uttermost parts of the world. God uses the simplest means to accomplish the greatest results. . . . The humblest worker, moved by the Holy Spirit, will touch invisible chords whose vibrations will ring to the ends of the earth and make melody through eternal ages."—D. A. p. 822.

A revival is going to take place, God is waiting for us to get ready.

We have not begun to touch the millions of India as yet. How much longer must God wait? How are we hastening the coming of the Lord?

F. A. Mote—Tuesday, December 16

A leader is not to be a lord or a dictator. A man who uses his authority best, uses it the least. A leader is positive and affirmative in his approach. He is above all, a follower of Jesus.

"If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be a hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one." 9T. p. 189.

"There are many ways in which church members may give the message to those around them. . . . Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather over the soul."—9T. p. 30.

R. R. Figuhr—Wednesday, December 17

The organization of the church began with the ordination of the twelve. It is an organization given to us by inspiration and is comprehensive of the growing needs of the church of God.

The church has been organized to (1) support the ministry, (2) carry the work to new fields, (3) protect the church and its members from unworthy members, (4) hold church property, (5) publish and distribute literature.

The secret of the prosperity and progress of the church is the Spirit of prophecy. It promotes a spirit of harmony and sacrifice among the members, a unity of action toward a desired goal, and a loyalty to the principles of the church.

What does organization mean to the individual? The surrender of certain ideas, a sense of responsibility to his fellow, the existence of policies as a guide to thought and action, much counselling together, advanced thinking.

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"Nothing is more needed in the work than the practical results of communion with God. . . . No work for the church should take precedence of this."—6T. p. 47.

POWER FOR 1959

O. W. LANGE

WE ENTER a New Year. This is a decisive year. Each day is a day of decision, a day of action. The call of God is for full consecration each morning, each hour of the day.

The prophecy states, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Ps. 110:3.

This is the day of power and more power—power on the highway, power in the factories, power in the air. Men are learning to use power in ways heretofore unknown.

How little do we realize the power available today. Jesus, who has called us and commanded us to "go", said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." Those who recognize and obey Him receive power.

Will you ask saying,

"Give me power

"To live a victorious life daily for Christ.

"To witness for Him to those with whom I come in contact.

"To do my part in the Harvest Ingathering work.

"To enrol my neighbours in one of the Voice of Prophecy courses.

"To secure five subscriptions for the new full-message magazine, OUR TIMES.

"To win at least one soul for the Master by June 30.

"To conduct or assist in conducting at least one branch Sabbath school or Sunday school in my home town weekly.

"To give to my needy neighbour the kind of help Jesus would approve of.

"To be faithful in paying my tithes and offerings into the treasury.

"To be faithful in prayer and Bible study.

"To lead my children or close friends nearer to Jesus."

Will you decide to accept this power today, every day, this year? Are you willing now, this day of His power, to be used by God?

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WORK IN THE GARO HILLS

B. J. WILLIAMS

THE CHURCH and school building in Rajasimla is complete at last. Work was started in 1954. At that time they got out a few trees and sawed some lumber. Actually it was towards the end of 1953 that plans were approved, and the site was chosen. Also in 1954 the top of the hill was levelled and a roadway up to it started. The site is an imposing one on the top of a hillock towards one side of the village, thus the building stands out in clear view from way down the valley. It is truly a lighthouse set upon a hill. In 1955 and early 1956 Pastor Burr secured the help

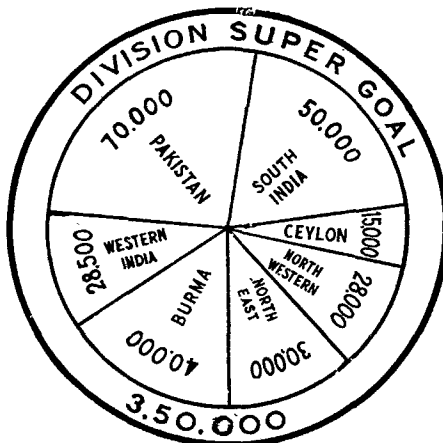
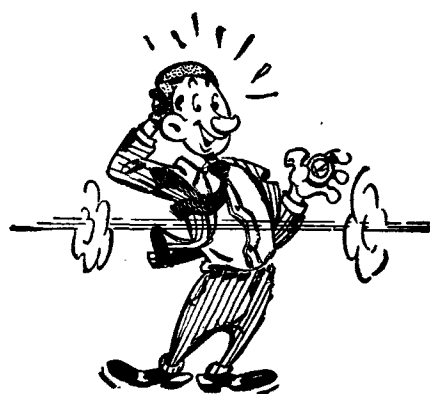
of a contractor and got the foundation pillars poured. Then more time passed, and it was evident that funds were not sufficient. The local church members had worked hard, but with the size of the project, and the years it had been dragging on, their spirits had begun to fail.

In November of 1957, Pastor Kemmerer, Pastor Streeter and I visited the place and gave careful study to the situation. Following this Pastor Streeter drew a new plan, on a somewhat smaller and more realistic scale. I promised the believers that if they would rally to the work we would complete the building during 1958.

I immediately began to try to find a dependable mistry that

Uplift 1959

OFF TO A GOOD START



could be left to do the job without my being present all the time to check things. Through the help of Brother E. A. Streeter at Falakata this was done. I sent word to the folk at Rajasimla when we would be coming. Brother Bazroy, our Circle leader of the Garo area, wrote back that the believers said they would not believe that we were coming until they saw us. Nevertheless we arrived with the mistries and the members chided their own lack of faith, and rallied to the work. In November of 1958, the building was ready for the school to move from its former bamboo shack, and Brother Bazroy began a series of evangelistic meetings in the meeting hall.

This new building has four classrooms 16X14 feet each which will serve as a sixth standard school for the Garo Circle. The auditorium is 32X28 with a platform 6X14, and a small room behind the platform 6X14. The completion of this building has been a source of real inspiration to all our people in that area, and especially to the members in Rajasimla itself. May God bless its use for the training of the young people in the Garo Field to become real light bearers for their Master, and also as a place of worship where the presence of God is manifest.

P. N. Bazroy, Circle leader of the Garo district, says of the building and the work in his field, "It is an up-to-date style. It may be the first building of its kind in the area. This is a big boost to our work in the Garo Hills.

"The Rajasimla church has a membership of 139. A little over one half of these live in Rajasimla itself and the others in the surrounding villages. In the Garo Hills we have three organized churches and three other good-sized companies. During the past ten months 47 have been baptized as the result of four efforts. We have three elementary day schools and one middle English school. Twelve of our young people are in the Assam Training School and we have one student attending Spicer College.

"We have reason to rejoice in the Lord for His wonderful blessings. One of our big problems has

been that there was no one in our mission who could perform the marriage ceremony. Pastor Williams now holds a licence so that problem has been solved. Our Uplift collections for last year amounted to Rs. 600 and our lay tithe is increasing. Brother G. A. Marak is continuing his second effort in Bekanang."

Recently I have been visiting isolated church members. Some of them had never before been visited by any Seventh-day Adventist. My heart was greatly thrilled to see their joy at someone coming to see them. Some of the trails were rugged. One place was just about up and down stone steps for most

of three miles, but the good experiences well repaid the little travel difficulties. In almost every place the believers took me to visit others in the village that they had been studying with. They also pointed out the opportunities if someone would come and conduct an effort in their village. Forty to eighty people attended each of the public meetings held in these places, and that was with no advertisement except the grapevine method. It was a real inspiration to visit and encourage these isolated members.

We know that you rejoice with us over the progress of the work in the Garo Circle.

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THE PLEASANT tasks of blessing babies, dedicating a rice mill, praying for the sick, and conducting open-air evangelistic services are all interesting sidelights to our recent itinerary in South Tamil Nad. At Madura where we began our work, Brother A. M. Job, Principal of the E. D. Thomas Memorial High School, and Pastor G. Gurubatham, acting President of the South Tamil Section, gave our educational work good impetus. One of our sisters in Madura is willing to labour hard at coolie work to send her daughter to our EDTM school. What a worthy example to us all!

After a night of travelling we arrived at the James Elementary School, were greeted by Pastor Y. G. Thomas and spent that morning in inspection. Brother D. P. Thomas with his staff are doing an excellent work for our young people there. We met with the staff and discussed the question of how we can better lead our youth in character development.

At Mudalur that afternoon another meeting was held. At the close of the meetings Brother Kanagaraj asked us to go over and dedicate his newly-opened rice mill to God's service. This rice mill remains closed every Sabbath as a testimony to God's truth. Although Brother Kanagaraj has had some persecution, he remains true, and he has prospered more than many others who have disregarded God's claims.

We were scarcely prepared for what awaited us at Palaniappapuram. Loudspeakers and a platform were set up in the public square. It seemed that the entire community was gathered that evening to hear the message. The bright lights, the garlanding, the music, and the large gathering almost reminded one of the Constituency Meetings and the special anniversary service recently held at Prakasapuram.

Nagercoil was our next stop. In fact, that Sabbath we held a number of meetings including those at Nawalkadu and Charode. We even neglected to eat until almost midnight, when we were reminded that we were hungry.

Next morning, after visiting a sick lady who is awaiting baptism, we took leave of Brother Wessel.

By means of bus and cycle we arrived at Valliappapuram where we were greeted by Brother Job Miller. We had a good meeting with our brethren and sisters of this little remote community.

A Palayamcottah we somehow failed to make connections with our people. We stood for a long time in the rain at the house of the pastor, N. Y. Chelliah, but he had already left for the meeting. We inquired from a shopkeeper and others concerning the location of the hall, but we finally had to go back to our rooms disappointed. Later we learned that the people had awaited our arrival and had posted a watchman to direct us to the hall. Somehow we had missed him.

Monday morning we found ourselves in the little village of Azhakiapandiapuram where Pastor Yesudian and his helpers have good meetings in progress. There we met a lay preacher who had just accepted our message and was on fire with his newly-found faith. Later that day we met with Brother Columbus and his flock in the church at Koilpatty. I had often been through this town and had not known about our little lighthouse there.

That same night at Sankarancoil we spoke with a number of prospective students after the meeting. Here we found young people engaged in active soul-winning. An evangelistic series was recently held in a nearby village in which young people led out with Brother Ponniah as advisor.

At Karianandal and Vakkanangundu new buildings were almost completed, yet they were not far enough along for our use. So we held our meeting in a small outdoor compound. Plans have been laid for the reopening of the village school under Brother Pandian's direction next year.

Dindigul, our next stop, was the scene of evangelistic activity. Brother Russel Isaac and his helpers have a fine interest. There we met some of the interested people. One man, having heard the message fifteen years ago under the preaching of the late Pastor V. D. Koilpillai, is now under deep conviction to give his heart to Christ.

As we left the South Tamil field, it was with the assurance that God has not forsaken His people but "that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ." Phil 1:6.

ARAKONAM

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WE ARE in our seventh week of the meetings at Arakonam now. We have already entered into the testing truths such as the "State of the Dead" and "Sabbath". About three hundred people are attending regularly. All the town seem interested in the meetings, though some of them are interested from a negative view point. Some are walking from a distance of three, four and five miles to attend. I see a great awakening among the people here.

There are about two hundred Voice of Prophecy graduates in Arakonam and many of them are coming regularly. On the 9th of November I called for a silent offering and Rs. 60.34 was received. Many have testified that this is the truth. We had arranged a Temperance Rally on November 28. Pastors E. L. Sorensen and I. K. Moses were with us on that occasion.

God is, by His grace, wonderfully helping in these meetings and we sincerely work and pray to see a group taking their stand for God here. Kindly remember us in your prayers in a very special way, as we are presenting the testing truths now.

LOWRY MEMORIAL MV CAMP

HULDAH SAROJA BAI CHELLIAH

THE LOWRY Memorial High School held a five-day MV Camp at Srirangapatam Nov. 11-15. Pastor J. I. Crawford, MV Secretary for the South India Union, and Pastor A. F. Jesson, Principal of the High School, were the directors.

Long before the appointed day, more than 125 students were busy

getting ready for it. On the night of the 10th, we were indeed a happy party as we boarded the Mysore train for Srirangapatam. The next morning, at the break of day, we streamed out of the railway station at Srirangapatam and carried our boxes and bedding to the Travellers' Bungalow, situated just on the bank of the well-known Cauvery River.

Srirangapatam is a beautiful spot, 85 miles from Bangalore. It is completely surrounded by the two branches of the river, and we can say it is a tiny island. The river banks are covered with rich coconut and guava groves. Our campers enjoyed drinking the refreshing water of the coconuts during our stay there.

It is also a place of historical interest. We visited Tipu Sultan's Fort and his summer palace. The paintings on the walls and the carvings on the pillars are good samples of old Indian art. We saw the underground prison where he kept his British prisoners, and the tomb where Tipu and his father and mother lie buried.

One of the interesting features of the camp was the study of nature. We went out in groups with our leaders to study trees, birds and insects. These creatures of the natural world praise God, the supreme Ruler of the universe. Morning and evening worship was held under the large shady trees. During these worships and at the camp council hour hearts were refreshed by the spiritual lessons given by Pastor Crawford and the members of the staff. These were happy days and we sang as we went about our duties.

One day we had a trip to Mysore City, where we visited the Zoo and the picturesque palace of the Maharajah. We also strolled around the market. We wished we had plenty of money to buy some of the nice things we saw there!

One Friday evening, just as the sun was setting in the west we began our Vesper meeting. Pastor Jessen spoke to us very seriously about yielding our lives wholly to the Lord. It was a moving sight to see these young boys and girls consecrating their lives to God that night.

Sabbath was a day never to be forgotten. We conducted Sabbath School under the trees, and we listened to the interesting sermon preached by Pastor Crawford. We had especially nice food that day, and the afternoon was spent in distributing literature in the villages. At eleven o'clock that night we reluctantly went to the station to return to our usual programme at Lowry Memorial High School.

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WEEK OF PRAYER INFLUENCE LASTS

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PASTOR C. R. Holford, of the Northwestern India Union, conducted the Week of Prayer at Pakistan Union School and College, Chuharkana, the first week in October. Readers of the TIDINGS may wonder why a report of this event has not appeared earlier in its columns. A Week of Prayer in any school is one of the highlights of the school year, and normally a report of the event is made immediately upon its conclusion. This year we have chosen to make an observation based upon its longer results.

Pastor Holford loves to sing, and he led the student group in learning a number of new choruses, one of which was "I've Made My Decision for Jesus," composed by Pastor Gordon Jenson. This song constituted the theme of the Week of Prayer. It is interesting to note that at this date even the younger children who know little or no English can be heard singing to their hearts' delight some of the choruses learned during this Week of Prayer. This is something new at Chuharkana. It is our considered conviction that the strength and virility of the Advent Message, to speak nothing of its appeal, lies in its songs. As people learn and sing the snatches of its songs they

are repeating its message to their hearts and fortifying themselves for the conflict with Satan. The church has been informed by the servant of the Lord that Jesus often was found singing and this was the way He met discouragement and the assaults of Satan. We feel confident that if our young people here fix Christian songs in their minds and hearts they are strengthened to be overcomers. Thus Pastor Holford's musical contribution is having its effect in a permanent way.

For the first time in years, perhaps in the school's history, meetings were held separately for the Primary school and for the upper and college classes. The latter were in English, without translation, allowing Pastor Holford greater freedom in his informal way of getting next to the students. And it was successful, for the needs of both age groups could be better met.

However good and however high the spiritual tone of the meetings may be or however large the number of decisions made, the effect of a Week of Prayer is best measured in its permanency upon the Christian experience of those making an advance spiritual step. Frequently after a week or two there

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WEEK OF PRAYER AT LAKPAHANA

M. E. GNANASEKERAN

PASTOR J. F. Ashlock conducted a very inspiring Week of Prayer at the Lakpahana Training Institute from November 7-15. The theme song for the week was "Jesus Calls Us." The sermons were simple, forceful, logical and well illustrated. The entire school family enjoyed this week of spiritual refreshing and felt that the week had ended rather quickly.

Most of the young people took part in the testimony meeting, and during the last meeting a large group came forward and dedicated themselves to the Master.

Following the Week of Prayer, an Investiture service was held during the MV meeting on Sabbath November 15. Three Master Guides were invested at that time.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1959

Jan. 1-Feb. 28	Division Uplift Campaign
Jan. 3	Home Missionary Offering
Jan. 17	Religious Liberty Day and Offering
Feb. 7	Laymen's Uplift Rally Day and Home Missionary Offering
Feb. 14	Tithe Covenant Day
Feb. 28	Uplift Victory Day
March 7	Christian Home and Family Altar Day and H. M. Offering
March 14	Temperance Commitment Day
March 21	"S. Asia Tidings" Offering
April 4	Home Visitation Day—with "Our Times" and H. M. Offering
April 18	Educational Day and Offering
May 2	H. M. Day and Offering
May 9	Disaster and Famine Relief Offering
May 16	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June 6	H. M. Day and Offering
June 27	Mid-summer Offering
July 1-31	Youth Evangelism
July 4	Medical Missionary Day and H. M. Offering
July 11	Bible Society Offering
July 18-25	MV Week of Prayer
July 25	MV Share Your Faith Day
August 1	H. M. Day and Offering
August 8	Temperance Day and Offering
August 15	Sabbath School Rally Day
August 22	Tithe Reminder Day
Sept. 5	H. M. Day and Offering
Sept. 12	Mission Extension Offering
Oct. 3	Neighbourhood Evangelism and H. M. Offering
Oct. 10	Voice of Prophecy Offering
Oct. 24	Colporteur Rally Day
Nov. 7	Lay Witnessing Day and H. M. Offering
Nov. 7-14	Week of Prayer
Nov. 14	Week of Sacrifice Offering
Dec. 5	Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism Day and H. M. Offering

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

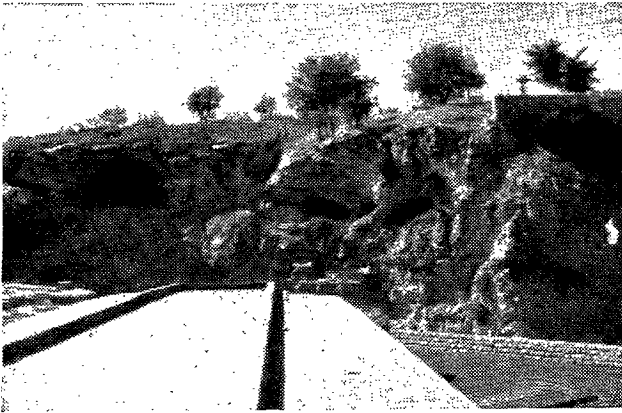
March 28	Southern African Division
June 27	Middle East Division
Sep. 26	Far Eastern Division
Dec. 26	Southern Asia Division

CALVARY

D. K. Down

"NOW IN the place where He was crucified there was a garden and in the garden a new sepulchre. . . . There laid they Jesus." John 19:41, 42. We visited the garden tomb six times while we were in Jerusalem. Its peace and simplicity appealed to us. There is, of course, much dispute as to which is the correct tomb, but for many reasons I am quite satisfied that the place known as the "Garden Tomb" fulfils all the

On Thursday night the Lord celebrated the passover with His disciples in Jerusalem. On the south of old Jerusalem and outside the present walls is an old stone building which tradition says is the upper room. But it was built much more recently. However, the site may have been there. From here Judas went to the high priest's house which was only about half a furlong away on the same side of the city. But it apparently took



Golgotha, the place of a skull, the hill on which Jesus was probably crucified.

specifications of the gospel story. I will therefore take it for granted that this is the correct tomb and describe it accordingly. But let us take each event in order.

A steep valley separates the Mount of Olives and Mount Moriah on which Jerusalem is built. After foretelling the destruction of the temple Jesus walked down to the brook Kedron (which is little more than a drain during the summer and does not have a drop of water running through it) and then up through the olive groves and fig trees on the rocky slopes of Olivet and sat on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. Here the four disciples asked Him about the signs of His coming and the end of the world (Matthew 24). After outlining the events leading up to the last days Jesus said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree." v. 32. Today there are still many fig trees on the rocky slopes of Olivet and we stood beside one and thought of the Lord's prophecy which means so much to us Adventists.

some hours for the priests to gather the soldiers and rabble together and by the time they returned to the upper room, Jesus had gone.

From the upper room Jesus probably walked around the south wall of the city and along the Kedron valley. Today there is a flourishing orchard in the valley floor and it was probably here that the Lord stopped and pointing to

of the brook He began to climb to the other side. Near the foot of the mount there are three churches today, each claiming that they have the exact site where Jesus knelt. Of course no one knows the site of the Garden of Gethsemane, and I was far less interested in these pious churches than in a small garden nestling nearby. It had a loose rock wall around it with a quaint arched gate. There were few trees in the garden but there was a line of cypress trees around the inside of the wall. I do not necessarily think this was the garden, but this quiet orchard as it is today must have been very similar in appearance to the garden into which Jesus entered with the three disciples leaving the other eight at the entrance. *Desire of Ages*, p. 83 says: "The cypress and palm trees (not olive trees as is commonly supposed) were the silent witnesses of His anguish."

Some time after midnight the priests and rabble led by Judas came in search of the Master. Judas probably led them through the city and over the brook Kedron towards the Garden of Gethsemane. At that still hour of night Jesus must have heard them coming as soon as they left the city gate for it is only about one and one half furlongs from the gate to the foot of the mount. He said to the disciples, "Rise, let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray me." Matthew 26:46. Then they led Jesus back to the city and through the extremely narrow and twisting streets to the house of

Garden tomb where Jesus was probably buried.



a grape vine said, "I am the vine and ye are the branches." John 15:5. Then after crossing the bed

Annas at the diagonally opposite corner. From there He was taken to the palace of Caiaphas only

about one furlong away.

This place was built right on the edge of the valley and prisons were cut out of the solid limestone beneath the palace. Only the prison rooms remain today, and we went through them. But there is a church built nearby where St. Peter denied his Lord. The guide even showed us the rock on which the cock stood to crow! We could hardly believe that this site was authentic but it was probably somewhere near here that Peter's denial took place. *Desire of Ages*, p. 313 says that Peter then fled to the Garden of Gethsemane. He no doubt ran down into the valley and up the brook Kedron until he came to the garden.

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is a lapse and a tone of discouragement comes in. Students have made their decisions, but the actual working out of them is not as simple as they anticipated. Or they made their confessions, but afterward those who had not made them seem more indifferent than ever. A measure of this, perhaps, can always be expected. But when students come after weeks of time and make confessions and amends for things they have done in the past because the effect of the Week of Prayer is still operating on their hearts by their own statement, we are thankful to God for the seed planted that continues to bear fruit.

We have this year a good group of students, and the spiritual tone of the school is high. And we feel that the Week of Prayer has contributed, and is still continuing to contribute to this condition.

Principal R. K. Hamilton was ill most of the week and bedfast. But his loyal support of Pastor Holford and his interest in the success of the Week never waned, and the Lord heard our combined prayers and restored him to us before the week had ended.

Continue to remember us at Chuharkana in your prayers that solid workers and members may be prepared for the finishing of God's work in this great field.

MINISTERIAL BOOK CLUB

Information has just come to hand about the Ministerial Book Club 1959. The books are:

Book	Author	Price
THE CHURCH FACES THE ISMS	Arnold B. Rhodes	Rs. 21.50
HANDBOOK OF CHURCH MANAGEMENT	William H. Leach	" 38.10
MINISTER'S LIBRARY HANDBOOK	Jay J. Smith	" 11.90
ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE PRE-CHRISTIAN CENTURIES	J. A. Thompson	" 7.15
REALLY LIVING	Narcotics Education, Inc.	" 11.90
FEED MY SHEEP	H. M. S. Richards	" 23.80
	Total	Rs. 114.35

Special Club Price

Rs. 95.00

We shall not stock these books but orders will be promptly processed in U. S. A. Send orders to the Publishing House or your own Book Depot.

Description of the Books

THE CHURCH FACES THE ISMS, by *Arnold B. Rhodes*. A very informative volume in which the authors plainly try to treat the subject very fairly. Of course they recognize that they are dealing with controversial issues and that in matters of theology "it is inevitable that able men will sometimes disagree." Each section of this volume is handled in a scholarly, kind, and Christian fashion. The book deals with many areas of interpretation such as Fundamentalism, Perfectionism, Ecumenism, Dispensationalism, Roman Catholicism, etc. Within these general areas of thought are a number of different denominations or groups which can be thus classified. Each section of this volume has its own bibliography. For instance, twenty-seven authors are listed as a source of reference in the area of Adventism—and twenty-four at the end of Roman Catholicism. This is a book for workers and church leaders around the world. It is factual, up-to-date, scholarly, and very readable.

HANDBOOK OF CHURCH MANAGEMENT, by *William H. Leach*. Written by the editor of *Church Management*, this new handbook is without question the most all-inclusive guide to church administration and operation ever to see print. As such it is of immediate interest not only to ministers and pastors but also to church board members, church school teachers, church officers. Here is found an intensely practical treatment of evangelism among the laity. The chapter sequence corresponds closely to the functional programme of a typical church. Many excellent illustrations serve to point up the actual methods and procedures used in a large number of America's best-managed churches.

MINISTER'S LIBRARY HANDBOOK, by *Jay J. Smith*. The purpose of this book is to serve as a guide and reference for the busy minister so that his library will not be an accumulation of random books but a functioning tool. It contains an analysis of the purpose of a library, principles to be used in buying individual books, and principles for systematically building a library tailored to the needs and interests of the individual minister or worker. It contains illuminating and penetrating suggestions to guide the minister in selecting and using the "tools of his trade."

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE PRE-CHRISTIAN CENTURIES, by *J. A. Thompson*. This new book deals with the archaeological discoveries which shed light on the Exile and Restoration of Judah. The author skilfully connects the findings of archaeology with the historical events and persons treated, and presents a brief but good survey of the history of the last six centuries preceding the Christian era. It is written for the average student of the Bible and is reliable but non-technical.

REALLY LIVING, by *Narcotics Education, Inc.* This book is of supreme importance to all ministers and church officers whose responsibility it is to counsel with our young people. The contents of this book have been drawn from special articles which have appeared in *Listen* magazine during the past ten years.

FEED MY SHEEP, by *H. M. S. Richards*. It is without doubt the best thing of its kind which has been produced by our denomination.

Worships*(Continued from p. 1.)***F. A. Mote—Thursday,
December 18**

Our plans must be so shaped that our children can get their education in our schools. If there isn't a way, make one.

Pastor Mote emphasized the importance of the home school—these early preschool years. The parent must take the responsibility for the education of the children. Our school system provides for the education of our youth from the cradle through the University and prepares them for many avenues of Christian service. It is not the purpose of Christian schools to prepare for service in the world.

**R. R. Figuhr—Friday,
December 19**

This morning Pastor Figuhr brought us lessons in faith—as illustrated in the life of Noah. Noah was given two great tasks—building and preaching—neither of which was the work he had chosen for himself. But because he built according to the Lord's specifications, and preached according to God's instructions we know of his work today. Noah walked with God and was perfect in his generation.

We must learn to build to God's specifications; God inspects the building whether it be a mission project or our own personal venture. Noah preached of an impending flood for more than one hundred years. We have preached of the imminent return of Christ for more than one hundred years. The delay does not make the event less sure or less momentous.

**N. W. Dunn—Sunday,
December 21**

On this last morning together Pastor Dunn challenged us as Paul did Timothy to take time and trouble to keep ourselves physically and spiritually fit. To check up on ourselves and see how we measure up. Throughout the Bible God uses the

good shepherd and the hireling to represent the two types of workers.

"A high position does not give us value in the sight of God. A man is measured by his consecration and faithfulness in working out the will of God." 9T. p. 274.

Look in 7T. p. 249 for a list of qualifications of a good leader.

Reports from Union

Duane S. Johnson, Secretary

THE DIVISION Year-end Committee meetings have just adjourned. An outstanding feature of these meetings was the symposiums at the Salisbury Park Memorial Church and Spicer Memorial College. During these inspiring meetings, the Union Presidents brought interesting experiences revealing the providence of God in opening the work and the continued interest of men and women throughout the field to discover truth. Pastor W. F. Storz, President of the Northeast Union introduced his brief report by a thrilling experience from the effort at Hazaribagh conducted by Pastor B. Nowrangi, Voice of Prophecy Secretary of the Northeast Union. Every night the hall was filled to capacity and resulted in an excellent baptism.

At the close of the Week of Prayer at the Assam Training School 16 youth were baptized. Pastor B. J. Williams, President of the Assam Section, had recently reported to Brother Storz regarding a non-Christian Sabbath school in Assam with 60 people in attendance. Two men in this Sabbath school told of a home in which they had stayed in another village where the people did not chew betel-nut or tobacco and called themselves Seventh-day Adventists. These men stated there were five other families in that village who were Seventh-day Adventists. A visit of a worker to this new village is being arranged and Brother Storz indicated it would probably be found that a colporteur had sold books there or someone had enrolled these people in the Voice of Prophecy course.

The work in Manipur has been very encouraging. Our brethren there have obtained a large tract of hill land and are opening an elementary school run along multipurpose lines. The buildings and other facilities will be prepared by the people there, and the school will largely be self-supporting.

Pastor C. B. Guild, President of the Burma Union, reported on the faithfulness of the Sabbath School members in Rangoon, Burma in support of the Investment plan. By the end of October more than Rs. 3,000.00 had been raised for the Investment Fund. Up in North Burma meetings are being held at Singunau and Tahan, near Kalembo. The response is excellent and many are studying the truth.

It is necessary to have additional space for the laboratory, storage and other service departments of the Rangoon Hospital and a wing is being added to the present buildings to make this possible. New workers' quarters have been

built during this past year to house the hospital employees and more are under construction at the present time.

The brethren in Burma plan to raise Ks. 80,000.00 during the Uplift campaign which is just ahead.

Our workers in Pakistan have made unprecedented efforts to present the message during this past year. Brother Hamel, President of the Pakistan Union, indicated that baptisms are expected to go well over 250 during 1958. It has been decided to continue the high school work for East Pakistan at Jalirpar. Brother Hamel also reported interesting experiences from an extensive tour in the villages of E. Pakistan. An addition to the hospital in Karachi is now nearing completion and this will provide sufficient beds so that the Nurses' Training School can be recognized by the Government.

Pastor N. O. Dahlsten, Acting President of the Ceylon Union, reported on the wonderful work being done at the Lakpahana Training School, Mailapitiya, Ceylon. There they are required to teach in Tamil, English and Singhalese and strangely enough several educators in Government schools are sending their children to our Mailapitiya School.

Pastor F. R. Scott is conducting a triple-headed effort in Colombo and each week teaches through a translator twice in Singhalese and twice in Tamil plus two English services. A number have already been baptized, and the Nugegoda church is well filled each Sabbath.

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