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Every Member of the Remnant Church

A FAITHFUL TITHE PAYER

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AS THIS special issue of the **TIDINGS** goes out to all of our readers throughout the Southern Asia Division, I take pleasure, even at this late hour, to wish you the season's greetings and a very prosperous year for 1959. When we think of the Lord's blessings in the past, and in faith and confidence look forward to Him renewing those blessings during 1959, it causes me to pause and ask myself, "Have I been a faithful steward of His during the year 1958 to such a degree that I can look forward with confidence to receiving His blessings throughout 1959?" Have you? Look back over the past year. I am confident that you have paid tithes and offerings, but have you paid a faithful, complete, honest tithe, thus acknowledging Him as not only the giver of every good and perfect gift but also acknowledging Him as your Lord and Master and the rightful owner of all that you have received and all that you possess.

Do you acknowledge that you are a steward of that which He has given you and acknowledge that stewardship by rendering to Him an honest tithe? If you have, then I am sure that there is joy and happiness in your life, and a satisfaction of faithfulness that others do not possess who have not been

faithful. And if you acknowledge and recognize that you have not been faithful, this is a wonderful time to make the best New Year's resolution of your life, and sincerely promise the Lord that whatever comes during 1959—blessings or adversities, you will render Him that which is His own, a faithful, honest tithe of all that you receive at His hand. This will enrich your soul.

If every member of the Advent family in Southern Asia were truly honest in faithfully rendering unto the Lord a tenth of their income, what a wonderful experience would be theirs, knowing that by this means they were hastening on the work of God, so that it can be finished and Jesus' coming hastened! It would greatly enrich each individual life and bring in a spirit of revival and godliness into the church. Our joy and happiness would overflow, as did that of Jacob when he returned to his father's house to fulfil the covenant that he made with God when he was fleeing from his brother at Bethel.

It is also just as true that when we withhold God's tithe, we rob ourselves of blessings, and Satan would have us think that we are enriching ourselves, but instead we are impoverishing ourselves and closing up the windows of heaven that God desires to open to pour out blessings upon us that we are unable to receive. How short-sighted we are and how weak we are in faith by not believing that the Lord means just what He says, by not putting ourselves in that relationship to Him whereby He can enrich our lives spiritually, and even materially. We would not want to pay tithe from a selfish motive because that would not be pleasing to God, but we must pay it out of a heart filled with gratitude because He has been so good to us, thus acknowledging Him as the Giver of all that we receive.

Our work in its early beginnings was established by great sacrifice yet on a strong faith in God's promises by a small group of people who were very faithful in returning to God a tenth of their income. The servant of the Lord wrote many years ago in volume three of the *Testimonies*, page 388, as follows: "God's plan in the tithing system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage

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for it is divine in its origin. . . . If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God, and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world."

That is not a message to a few but a message with a promise to every individual member of the Adventist church. From the same volume of the *Testimonies*, page 395, this instruction comes to us: "God gives men nine tenths, while He claims one tenth for sacred purposes, as He has given man six days for his own work, and has reserved and set apart the seventh day to Himself. For, like the Sabbath, a tenth of the increase is sacred; God has reserved it for

Himself." That message, dear brethren and sisters, is to you and to me individually and to the church at large.

Let us, through this year of 1959, covenant with God to be faithful in returning to Him that which is His own, knowing that He will bless the nine tenths that He has given us, and will cover our every need and many of our wants. How I long to see our church throughout Southern Asia true and faithful to God in Sabbath-keeping, tithe-paying, and in every other standard of the church that God has given us! May He bless you individually and bless your church because of your giving, and may the message march steadily and rapidly onward because we support it, in tithes and offerings.

the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel, they have no inheritance. But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance." It will be noted that, "The Lord spake unto Aaron." The tithe is not a method of men's devising but a plan of God. The tribe of Levi had no inheritance apart from the tenth of the increase experienced by the other tribes.

This method was carried on in the church down to Christ's day and was recognized by Him.

In the early Christian church, which was just a continuation of the church in the wilderness, Paul emphasized that the same method for church finances was in operation. In 1 Cor. 9:7-14 we are given a statement on this which ends with the words: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Notice that the "Lord ordained". Again, it is God's plan, and what a wonderful plan it is! For with it is promised the immeasurable blessing of God.

It affects all men alike, such as Abraham with all his wealth (Gen. 14:17-20) and Jacob, who was fleeing from home in all his poverty (Gen. 28:20-22).

If ever the church really needed the wholehearted and faithful support of the members in order to carry out the great commission of God it is now.

Let us all co-operate with God in finishing His work and saving souls for His soon-coming kingdom. Such a co-operation will bring to us, as individuals and as a church, the promised blessings of God which are not to be compared with what we give. This is God's plan and He longs for every one of us to enter into it with Him.

God's Purpose for Tithe Paying

C. R. BONNEY.

THE STUDY of church finance as it is revealed in the Bible is interesting. The Lord has not left us to any uncertain or haphazard plan in caring for His work, neither is He depending on any questionable methods of raising the necessary money.

The tithing system is a fundamental part of the plan of salvation as it was devised by God through Jesus Christ.

When our first parents sinned, and so forfeited their right to eternal life, God immediately introduced a plan whereby the fallen human family could be redeemed and finally inherit all that was lost through sin. This plan, which has Christ and the cross as its centre, is to take in all men irrespective of colour, creed or nationality. This being so, it is God's desire that all men should know of this way which is open for all to accept. God has not been taken unawares by the necessary expense which is involved in carrying out the great commission of taking the good news of salvation to all the world. He knows the end from the beginning and so introduced the wonderful system of finance based upon

tithes and offerings, which can be traced through the history of the church.

When God called His people as a church (Acts 7:38) out of Egyptian bondage, He revealed His plan through His servants Moses and Aaron. Someone, or some group of men, had to be chosen to care for the spiritual needs of the people and do the work of God pertaining to the tabernacle and its services. It is well known that the Levites were chosen for this great work. But it could not be expected of this tribe that they should minister continually in the tabernacle without some method of support whereby they could supply their necessary needs. This was recognized by God and so His plan was put into operation and thus His work was not hindered. In Numbers 18:20, 21, 23, 24, we read: "And the Lord spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even

Holy Unto the Lord

J. F. ASHLOCK.

THE SCRIPTURES of the Old and New Testaments and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy make a clear distinction between that which is secular or common and that which is sacred or holy. Listed among the sacred and holy are the Lord's Sabbath and the Lord's tithe.

In the very heart of the decalogue it is written, "The seventh day *IS* the Sabbath of the Lord." This day which God has set apart as a memorial of His creative power has always been holy but in the last days it is in a special sense a sign between God and His people. One who understands the purpose of the Sabbath and truly loves God looks upon Sabbath observance as a delight and enjoys a great blessing. See Isaiah 58:13, 14. On the other hand a wilful disregard of the claims of the Sabbath results in great condemnation, spoken of as the wrath of God. See Revelation 14:10.

In Leviticus 27:30 a similar form of expression to that found in Exodus 20:10 in respect to the Sabbath, is recorded regarding the tithe. Note the exact words used, "The tithe . . . *IS* the Lord's." The tithe has always been holy unto the Lord and is a test of God's ownership and man's continual dependence upon his Creator. In this last generation those who understand and appreciate the purpose of the tithing system express their love to God and their interest in His work by returning to Him a faithful and honest tithe. In this act of worship the true disciple places himself in the channel of one of heaven's richest blessings. In fact it is so great a blessing that he cannot receive all of it. On the other hand one who refuses to acknowledge the proper relationship between God and His people and who withholds his support for the work of God places himself in the company of the thief and the robber and invites the curse of God to come upon him. See Malachi 3:8-10.

Under no circumstances should one become careless in respect to

holy things or treat lightly the claims of the Divine Sovereign. Our Heavenly Father in love and mercy has warned against the sin of presumption by placing in the Bible such experiences as that of Uzzah at Nachon's threshing floor when the ark was being transported on the ox cart. Those in high places should never feel that their positions release them from the proper attitude toward these things. The punishment of King Uzziah as recorded in II Chron. 26 is a forceful lesson. Rather should all think much upon the blessings and the rewards so bountifully bestowed upon the faithful and obedient. My brethren, my sisters, dear young people, the tithe is holy unto the Lord. Let us never withhold or misuse it.

WHY I PAY MY TITHE

J. PANDIT.

THE BIBLE is the rule of faith and practice in my life. Anything my Bible tells I gladly do, for I know and am acquainted with the Giver of my Bible. He will not ask anything of me which will not be good and beneficial to me and my family, neither will He ask that which is beyond my capacity to give. The blessings promised in Malachi 3:10 have been experienced by my family in a very marked way. I have taken these promises as personal, as if they are meant only for us. Through the years these promises have never failed us. His promises are ever fresh, true and unchanged.

To add to this I have an undiminished faith in our Mission programme. The privilege given by God Himself to mankind bought with an infinite price is mine. To keep a world-wide vision, to support a world-wide programme requires us to follow a certain system of giving. And thank God, that in His wise plan this system has been

revealed to us so plainly that we cannot err.

A worship without the thought of others is no worship at all. We are to come before the Lord to worship Him with our tithes and offerings. My tithe and offerings are an indication of the fact that I am genuinely interested in the advancement of the cause of God. It shows what value I place upon the souls of others for whom also Christ gave His life. Surely this is one of the most genuine types of worship to God. If all our people everywhere, no matter how poor they may be, rally into this kind of worship, undoubtedly our Mission work will advance in leaps and bounds and the work will hasten to a close earlier than we expect.

Unity of faith is one of the characteristics of our church. The more faithfully we join hands in this kind of giving, the more the Lord will bless the work and strengthen and enrich the church. Payment of tithe is one of the strong factors in the organization of our church. I am grateful to God for our church organization.

I pay my tithe not to be saved in the kingdom, but because I am already saved. I am saved by the grace of God. My tithe is a natural outcome of what Christ has done for me. Surely this is a good reason why I pay my tithe. May the reader of the TIDINGS be faithful in giving to God His own.

TEN WAYS

TO BE MISERABLE

1. Talk about yourself
2. Think about yourself
3. Be sensitive to slights
4. Expect to be appreciated
5. Trust nobody but yourself
6. Shirk your duties if you can
7. Use 'I' as often as possible
8. Do as little as possible for others
9. Sulk if people are not grateful to you for favours shown them
10. Demand agreement with your own views on everything.

—Author Unknown.

Faithful Tithers

O. W. LANGE.

COULD this have happened to you?

A hurricane raged. Fishing boats on the Bay of Bengal bobbed about like uncontrollable corks. In despair the helpless fishermen did everything possible to save their frail crafts and their catch but to no avail. That is, all but one—a true Adventist, a faithful tithe payer. His boat was to all appearances just like the others. Possibly his load of fish was even heavier than some, yet his ship rode safely through the storm, while many ships were lost and all suffered much damage.

Hungry elephants tramping from the reserve forest entered the lush paddy fields on its border. With trunks raised they passed serenely through one of the best and nearest fields only to devastate the surrounding ones. Why? Its owner is a Seventh-day Adventist who pays an honest tithe. The elephants were restrained by God.

Shouts, the beating of drums and tins—frenzied turmoil prevailed one Sabbath near a Seventh-day Adventist believer's home. The locusts had invaded the almost-ready-to-harvest rice fields.

"Come quickly or your field will be a total loss," shouted a village man to a faithful Sabbath keeper.

It was an emergency. He might have gone to his field to help drive the locusts away, but instead he dropped to his knees and prayed to a covenant-keeping God for protection. Yielding his life and all into God's hand he went to church. Hours later the tumult died down. Then the whole village whose fields, in spite of their efforts had been destroyed, thronged the believer's house.

"You did not go to protect your fields," they cried, "yet it is all safe. What kind of magic did you use? Come and see!"

Men and women, even Government officials, came for miles to see the beautiful field of the faithful believer. It was untouched in the

midst of the locust-ruined waste.

There, standing beautiful and rich, it bore testimony to the faithfulness of a humble believer and God.

"Fire! Fire!" the people shouted. "Run to your potato field if you will save your crop," relatives and friends shouted at the door of a faithful tithe-paying sister. It was Sabbath morning, her potatoes were the source of support for herself and her three children. What should she do? The grass, brush fire was sweeping over the hill toward her potato patch. She turned away, closed the door and talked to her heavenly Father, "You know my need, I have tried to pay my honest tithe. This is the holy Sabbath day. I am Thy child, Thy will be done." Rising from her knees she went to Sabbath school.

"Mad woman," said her friends and relatives. "Fanatic," some said. She kept the Sabbath. After sun-

set she found that her potatoes alone were saved. The potatoes of all her neighbours and friends had been ruined by the fire. God had heard her prayers.

God's promise states, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground." Malachi 3:10, 11.

The examples above are typical of many cases in Southern Asia, where God's power has protected the harvest of faithful tithe payers. Each of the believers involved had regularly remembered that God is the owner of all they possess; rendering to Him His portion, they could claim His promised protection. God not only blesses tithe payers in a material way, He also pours out the much more valuable spiritual blessings.

God never fails!

Tithe paying is one of the ways we show our faith and loyalty to God.

Is God in Your Budget?

One thing is certain, God has you in His budget. Did it ever occur to you the tremendous amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, sulphur, iron, manganese, copper, zinc, boron and iodine that God has placed in the soil in order to sustain life?

Or has it dawned upon you how necessary are the copious showers and warm sunshine to your daily bread? Try to figure out the cost of these elements per acre of ground and it staggers the imagination; yet God supplies these gifts impartially and requires only a tithe, or one-tenth, in return.

"The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. . . . And all the tithe of the land, whether of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:32, 30.

Consider, therefore, your weekly or monthly budget. Do you include

God in it, or do you leave Him out? Since He includes you in His provisions, should you not remember Him in yours? Acknowledging the Lord's goodness means that you will "honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase." Prov. 3:9.

Just how does your budget look? Anything like this?

1. Tithe
2. Sabbath school offering
3. Church expense
4. Rent
5. Food
6. Clothes
7. Education
8. Heat
9. Light
10. Medical
11. Transportation
12. Recreation
13. Incidentals

Are the first three forgotten, or placed last on the list? God does

not forget you, so why overlook Him in your planning? The Scripture commands that we honour the Lord with "the firstfruits" of all our increase and not the last.

The past year has been a year of bountiful blessings. The abundant sunshine and moisture made possible waving fields of grain. For all of us it was a good year, and we should not only thank God, but return to Him His own.

Let us then, take strict account and be honest with God. Are all the tithes in God's treasury? What about the pledge you made? Sabbath school offerings and church expense? Is everything right between you and God? Is God in your budget?

—THEODORE CARCICH.

Calvary

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dark to see inside without a torch.

At each end of the grave there is a shelf and here the angels must have sat "one at the head and the other at the feet." John 20:12. I was interested to notice that the grave was originally only average length, but an extra piece had been hollowed out at the foot, making it an extra foot long. Interesting in view of the fact that the Spirit of Prophecy says Jesus was taller than the average.

The Scripture speaks of the stone being rolled in front of the tomb

RETURN TO GOD HIS OWN

"God is the bountiful giver of all good, and He desires that there shall be an acknowledgment, on the part of the receiver, of these gifts that provide for every necessity of the body and soul. God demands only His own."—Mrs. E. G. White, "Counsels on Stewardship," p. 72.

and after the resurrection the angel sat on this stone. Apparently the front of the tomb has been somewhat altered when a Crusader church was built outside it. But we saw a number of Jewish tombs which still have such stones, like big thick silver rupees. Even King Herod's tomb has such a stone perfectly preserved. But the most important fact is that now the tomb is empty. "He is not here, but is risen." Luke 24:6. We serve a risen Saviour. This thought was uppermost in our hearts as we had our family Sabbath School in the quiet garden outside the tomb beyond the city wall.

TESTIMONIES ON UPLIFT:

"The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in be-

half of His people. Those who are labouring for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give for the advancement of His cause. The agents through whom these gifts come, may open ways by which the light of truth shall be given to many benighted lands. These men may have no sympathy with God's work, no faith in Christ, no acquaintance with His Word; but their gifts are not on this account to be refused.

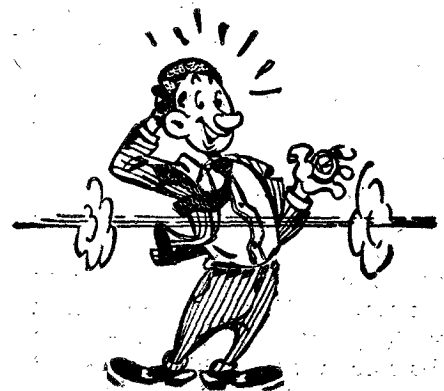
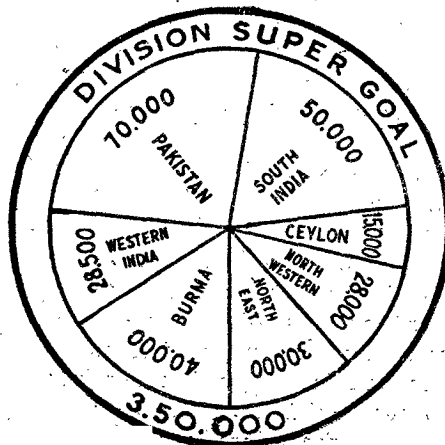
"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favours as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause.

"The Lord's work might receive far greater favours than it is now receiving, if we would approach men in wisdom, acquainting them with the work, and giving them an opportunity of doing that which it is our privilege to induce them to do for its advancement. If we, as God's servants, would take a wise and prudent course, His good hand would prosper in our efforts."

—Christian Service, p. 168, 170.

Watch this Space Uplift 1959

Uplift reports from around the field are bright. One donor in Calcutta gave Rs. 2,000. New Delhi is going over the goal faster than last year. South India is making great strides. Pakistan is too busy to write. We expect an early Uplift Victory. Good news everywhere! —O. W. L.



Science and the Spirit of Prophecy Agree

We Are Right—Did You Know It?

(This series of articles will appear without the name of the author that thought may be given to the material and not to an individual.—Ed.)

"ONE OF the most remarkable women who ever lived in America." Fourteen Seventh-day Adventists were electrified last March in Memphis, Tennessee, when Dr. Clive M. McKay, Professor of Nutrition at Cornell University, described Mrs. E. G. White in these words before his large audience of over a thousand at a convention of Natural Food Associates.

Dr. McKay gave a comprehensive biographical sketch of Mrs. White's life and highlighted the motivation behind her years of self-sacrificing work. Most interesting of all his comments was this statement:

"Ellen G. White wrote many books and gave much valuable instruction, which to my mind has been buried (by her followers) under the title 'Spirit of Prophecy.' This instruction the world needs today. She taught that to have a good soul, you must have a good body and a good diet. She believed that there is a definite relationship between religion and diet, and in 1863 came out strongly on health principles. The best of her books was *Counsels on Diet and Foods*."

Mrs. White herself made this forceful statement about the health principles presented to the Israelites and through her writings. "Had the Israelites obeyed the instruction they received, and profited by their advantages, they would have been the world's object lesson of health and prosperity. If as a people they had lived according to God's plan, they would have been preserved from the diseases that afflict other nations. Above any other people they would have possessed physical strength, and vigour of intellect. They would have been the mightiest nation on the earth. . . . Had they been willing to deny appetite in obedience to His wise restrictions, feebleness and disease would have been unknown

among them. . . . Like faithfulness today will produce like results."

For years we have known that we have a wonderful message, but too many of us have failed to take it seriously and to really find out what we are missing if we do not apply the principles in our daily living. Sister White told us, "One reason why we do not enjoy more of the blessing of the Lord is, we do not heed the light which He has been pleased to give us in regard to the laws of life and health."

Several years ago a missionary family travelled to India on the S. S. *President Harrison*, a slow moving passenger ship which gave them plenty of time to become acquainted with the passengers. Among these was a doctor who boarded the boat in Singapore, travelling to England from Australia. In the course of conversation with this man, a health book was mentioned, *Ministry of Healing*, by Mrs. E. G. White. Immediately the man was interested.

"I know that book," he said, "in fact I have a copy of it and have read it several times. The woman who wrote that book was inspired."

This medical man made such a forceful statement, not because he knew about Seventh-day Adventists, nor because he knew Mrs. White. He spoke solely because he knew the true science and medical knowledge presented in *Ministry of Healing* was written by Mrs. White when the principles which she presented were unknown to doctors and men of science. This worldly doctor felt impressed that Mrs. White was inspired because of the true science of healthful living which she presented. Dr. McKay also recognizes her health message, rather than her religious views.

We know that the messages presented by Mrs. White were given her by God, but we need to study them still further to find out just how wonderful they are; we have to adopt them into our lives in

order to appreciate how great a blessing comes to us as we incorporate the new habits and practices into our own lives. Each year more and more of the statements in Mrs. White's health books are proven true in the scientific research laboratories of the world. In 1883, faith was needed to accept the health message. Today the health principles can form a basis for faith in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, as well as a solid platform for good personal health and sound religion.

We have the warning that "The controlling power of appetite will prove the ruin of thousands, when, if they had conquered on this point, they would have had moral power to gain the victory over every other temptation of Satan. But those who are slaves to appetite will fail in perfecting Christian character. The continual transgression of man for six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruits. And as we near the close of time, Satan's temptation to indulge appetite will be more powerful and more difficult to overcome."

We have the admonition that "The health should be as sacredly guarded as the character."

We also have the promise that "He who cherishes the light which God has given him upon health reform has an important aid in the work of becoming sanctified through the truth, and fitted for immortality."

"The truth is that for everything that can be accomplished by showing a person when he's wrong, ten times as much can be accomplished by showing him where he's right. The reason we don't do it so often is that it's more fun to throw a rock through a window than to put in a pane of glass."—Robert T. Allen.

For some time this column will be filled with interesting and reliable information to prove that the principles of healthful living laid down in the Spirit of prophecy are RIGHT. We are RIGHT if we follow them all.

1. "Today's Food," Summer 1958, p. 2.
2. MH, 283; 9T, 165; PP, 378.
3. R&H, May 8, 1883.
4. ST, 492.
5. PCE, 147.
6. CH, 22.

Calvary

D. K. DOWN

At daybreak they then went to Pilate's judgment hall. This was known as the Palace of Antonia and was built on to the north end of the temple courtyard so that the Roman soldiers could keep an eye on the temple. It was thus back to the opposite side of the city, a distance of about half a mile. Beneath a chapel belonging to the convent of Dames de Sion, the very pavement of Pilate's courtyard can be seen. On some of the large flagstones can be seen the marks of games which the Roman soldiers played during their leisure hours.

From here Jesus was taken to Herod's palace in the centre of the city, three furlongs away, then back to Pilate's hall where Jesus was condemned to crucifixion and given up to insult and mockery. Incidentally, spitting is still very common over there. A dumb Samaritan beggar spat into the back of the car because we had no coins to give him; an Iraqi pedestrian spat at us when he got a fright when we swung around a corner towards him, and we saw plenty of other incidents of spitting as an insult.

They then led Jesus to the sheepgate (*Desire of Ages* p. 576). This gate was near the pool of Bethesda (John 5:2). So apparently this gate was at the north-east corner of the city just near Pilate's Antonia. "As Jesus passed

the gates of Pilate's court, the cross . . . was laid upon His bruised and bleeding shoulders." *Desire of Ages* p. 741. He then started up the hill toward Calvary. The temple and the city were built on the side of Mount Moriah where Abraham had offered up his son. The crest of the hill was outside the city and here God allowed His Son to be sacrificed. Calvary is only two furlongs from Antonia and it is not a very steep ascent. But in His faint and tortured condition Jesus was unable to bear the burden of His cross and fell beneath the load. However, they were now just outside the north wall of the city and here the main roads from Jericho, Bethlehem and Beersheba passed. Many people approaching the city joined the crowd. Among them was Simon of Cyrene. He was chosen to carry Jesus' cross to nearby Calvary. "And there they crucified Him."

Travellers passing along the main road between the city and Calvary would see the crosses silhouetted against the skyline and on inquiring who was the victim would be told in jeering tones that it was the king of the Jews. They would then join in the mockery of Christ and shout up to the top of the hill, "If thou be the son of God, come down from the cross." Matthew 27:40.

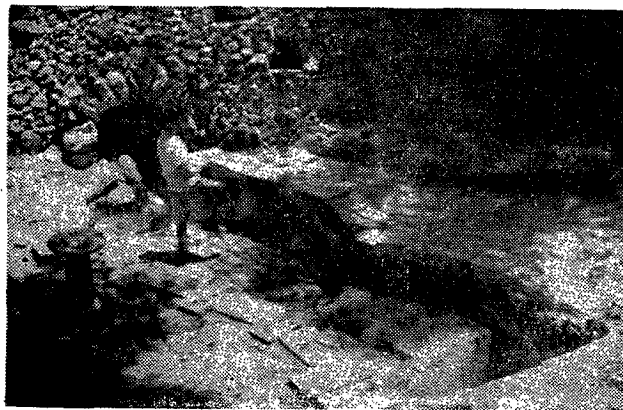
At 3:00 p.m. Jesus cried with a loud voice, "It is finished," and

died. Luke 23:46; John 19:30. This cry was possibly heard at the temple, only one half mile away. At the same moment the veil of the temple was rent in twain. I used to wonder:—

1. How the priests could get Pilate's permission to break the victims' legs
2. How Joseph of Arimathæa could get to Pilate to ask for Jesus' body
3. How Pilate could call for the centurion at the cross to ascertain if Jesus was really dead, all in such a short time. But having visited Jerusalem and having seen how close Calvary was to Pilate's fortress, it is easy to understand.

"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. Just down the left side of Mount Moriah is the garden tomb. It is a sepulchre hewed out of the limestone, and the disciples had only to carry Jesus' body about one half a furlong to Joseph's tomb. Twenty yards from the tomb is an old winepress indicating that it was probably a vineyard orchard or "garden". The sepulchre had a small doorway and inside on the right hand side are places for three bodies to be laid. A small tunnel has been cut in the roof allowing a shaft of light to shine on the grave on the opposite side of the tomb. Thus the women and disciples could "see" that Jesus' body was not there when they came after the resurrection (John 20:5). Most other tombs we visited were too

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Jewish believer standing at the entrance to Herod's family tomb.



Wine press near the garden tomb.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEV

| NAME OF UNION AND LOCAL SECTIONS | Number of Churches | Church Membership at Beginning of Quarter | Members Added During Quarter | | | Members Dropped During Quarter | | | | Total Church Membership at Close of Quarter | Ordained Ministers | | | | Credentialed Missionaries | | | | Credentialed Bible Instructors | | | | Licen- sured Min- isters | | |
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| | | | 3a By Baptism | 3b By Profes- sion of Faith | 3c By Letter | 4a By Letter | 4b By Death | 4c By Apostasy | 4d Missing | | Active | | Honorary | | Active | | Honorary | | Active | | Honorary | | | | |
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| BURMA UNION: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central & Upper Burma Section | 9 | 328 | 10 | — | — | — | 5 | 3 | 330 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Irrawaddy Delta Section | 14 | 987 | — | — | 9 | 15 | 5 | 93 | 883 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Tenasserim Section | 9 | 535 | 25 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 1 | 4 | 540 | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| Union & Institutions | 1 | 312 | 1 | — | 14 | — | 1 | 4 | 322 | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 7 |
| Totals | 32 | 2,162 | 36 | 3 | 27 | 31 | 7 | 13 | 102 | 2,075 | 5 | 11 | — | 1 | 2 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 18 |
| CEYLON UNION: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 12 | 567 | 6 | — | 2 | 1 | — | 2 | — | 572 | 3 | 4 | — | 1 | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| NORTHEAST INDIA UNION: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Assam Section | 22 | 1,451 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,451 | 3 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| East India Section | 27 | 1,422 | — | — | 7 | — | 3 | — | 1,426 | 3 | 5 | — | — | 4 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Himalayan & Andamans Section | 1 | 35 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 35 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Union & Institutions | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Totals | 50 | 2,908 | — | — | 7 | — | 3 | — | 2,912 | 8 | 6 | — | 4 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 14 |
| NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central India Section | 1 | 25 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 26 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| North India Section | 6 | 438 | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | 447 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Upper Ganges Section | 15 | 641 | 1 | — | 23 | 23 | 3 | — | 639 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 |
| Union & Institutions | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 2 |
| Totals | 22 | 1,104 | 10 | — | 24 | 23 | 3 | — | 1,112 | 5 | 6 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 11 |
| PAKISTAN UNION: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Pakistan Section | 18 | 759 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 759 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| Punjab Section | 14 | 1,104 | 23 | — | 3 | 16 | — | 10 | 1,104 | 2 | 5 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Union & Institutions | 4 | 202 | — | — | 6 | 2 | — | — | 206 | 5 | 3 | — | — | 5 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | 1 |
| Totals | 36 | 2,065 | 23 | — | 9 | 18 | — | 10 | 2,069 | 7 | 9 | — | 1 | 5 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | — | 13 |
| SOUTH INDIA UNION: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kannada Section | 7 | 594 | 12 | — | 6 | 7 | 1 | — | 604 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| North Kerala Section | 3 | 269 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 270 | — | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| North Tamil Section | 15 | 825 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 820 | — | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 1 |
| North Telugu Section | 46 | 2,694 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | — | 2,705 | — | 8 | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| South Kerala Section | 36 | 2,259 | 17 | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | 2,275 | — | 8 | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| South Tamil Section | 33 | 1,880 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1,894 | — | 6 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| South Telugu Section | 13 | 886 | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | — | 885 | 1 | 3 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Union & Institutions | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 5 | 1 | — | 6 | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 2 |
| Totals | 153 | 9,407 | 64 | 4 | 21 | 30 | 11 | 2 | 9,453 | 6 | 43 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | 35 |
| WESTERN INDIA UNION: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North Maharashtra Section | 5 | 318 | 11 | — | — | 6 | 4 | 1 | 318 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Union & Institutions | 15 | 1,194 | 41 | — | 6 | 29 | — | 4 | 1,208 | 3 | 4 | — | — | 1 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 6 |
| Totals | 20 | 1,512 | 52 | — | 6 | 35 | 4 | 5 | 1,526 | 3 | 7 | — | — | 1 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 10 |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 185 | 19,725 | 191 | 7 | 96 | 128 | 28 | 52 | 112 | 19,719 | 53 | 89 | 2 | 14 | 30 | 40 | — | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | — | 21 | — | 103 |

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1-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1958

| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | | | |
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| Ministerial Teachers N.F. | Licensed Missionaries F. | N.F. | Licensed Bible Instructors F. | N.F. | Elementary School Teachers F. | N.F. | Literature Evangelists F. | N.F. | All Other Regular Workers F. | N.F. | Total Workers (Columns 6-15) F. | N.F. | Tithe | | Foreign Missions | | Total Sabbath School Offerings | Total Contributions for Home Mission Work | Total Contributions for Local Church Work | Home and Local Contributions Per Capita |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total Tithe Receipts | Tithe Per Capita | Total Offerings for Foreign Missions, including Sabbath-School Offerings | Mission Offerings Per Capita | | | | |
| — | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 4 | 19 | — | 4,158.15 | 12.60 | 10,182.95 | 30.86 | 1,396.00 | 79.05 | 140.70 | 0.67 |
| — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 21 | — | — | 1 | — | 33 | — | 3,943.40 | 4.47 | 3,887.35 | 3.84 | 1,191.80 | — | 117.30 | 0.13 |
| — | 9 | 13 | — | — | 6 | — | 3 | — | 53 | 17 | 88 | — | 2,197.40 | 4.07 | 4,263.75 | 7.90 | 1,074.85 | 165.00 | 31.85 | 0.36 |
| — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 14,297.24 | 44.40 | 42,818.71 | 132.98 | 5,589.41 | 201.30 | 2,074.40 | 7.06 |
| — | 11 | 27 | — | — | 44 | — | 3 | — | 61 | 21 | 169 | — | 24,596.19 | 12.20 | 61,152.76 | 4.81 | 9,252.06 | 445.35 | 2,364.25 | 1.35 |
| — | 5 | 4 | — | — | 11 | — | 6 | — | 17 | 10 | 51 | — | 12,549.51 | 21.94 | 2,779.02 | 4.86 | 2,347.35 | — | 1,627.12 | 2.84 |
| — | 5 | 13 | — | — | 25 | — | — | — | 15 | 9 | 63 | — | 5,821.93 | 4.03 | 1,928.98 | 1.37 | 1,912.12 | 38.71 | 187.98 | 0.13 |
| — | 3 | 11 | — | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 18 | 6 | 49 | — | 10,410.77 | 7.30 | 3,964.09 | 2.78 | 3,842.78 | 101.81 | 257.07 | 0.18 |
| — | 3 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 6 | 3 | — | 570.73 | 16.31 | 616.65 | 17.62 | 588.58 | — | — | — |
| — | 11 | 27 | — | 1 | 27 | — | — | — | 34 | 21 | 117 | — | 16,803.43 | 5.78 | 6,511.72 | 2.23 | 6,343.48 | 140.52 | 445.05 | 0.15 |
| — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 6 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 4 | — | 526.29 | 21.05 | 564.02 | 22.56 | 154.02 | 3.64 | — | 0.14 |
| — | 1 | 7 | — | — | 11 | — | 3 | — | 1 | 2 | 23 | — | 2,304.64 | 5.16 | 1,290.87 | 2.84 | 1,197.51 | 35.90 | 682.00 | 1.52 |
| — | 7 | 10 | — | — | 4 | — | 5 | — | 12 | 14 | 34 | — | 6,650.91 | 10.41 | 4,231.15 | 6.62 | 3,754.36 | 289.07 | 852.55 | 1.78 |
| — | 9 | 29 | — | — | 21 | — | 12 | — | 14 | 18 | 96 | — | 9,481.84 | 8.52 | 6,086.04 | 5.47 | 5,105.89 | 328.61 | 1,534.55 | 1.67 |
| — | 3 | 11 | — | — | 7 | — | — | — | 9 | 6 | 38 | — | 2,801.88 | 3.68 | 3,236.19 | 4.26 | 1,236.19 | — | — | — |
| — | 20 | 17 | — | — | 2 | — | 2 | — | 12 | 35 | 39 | — | 4,659.50 | 4.22 | 6,326.75 | 5.73 | 2,985.75 | — | — | — |
| — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5,933.56 | 29.00 | 10,407.25 | 50.52 | 3,273.56 | — | — | — |
| — | 23 | 36 | — | — | 16 | — | 2 | — | 30 | 41 | 114 | — | 13,394.94 | 6.47 | 19,970.19 | 9.65 | 7,495.50 | — | — | — |
| — | 1 | 8 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 2 | 16 | — | 3,855.81 | 6.38 | 2,054.11 | 3.40 | 1,479.72 | 20.76 | 356.24 | 0.62 |
| — | 2 | 6 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | 14 | — | 887.79 | 3.29 | 295.62 | 1.09 | 295.62 | — | 50.00 | 0.19 |
| — | — | 7 | — | — | 5 | — | 4 | — | 5 | 4 | 29 | — | 5,053.56 | 6.16 | 1,824.25 | 2.22 | 1,639.96 | 55.86 | 464.05 | 0.63 |
| — | — | 11 | — | — | 9 | — | 6 | — | 10 | — | 57 | — | 5,473.19 | 2.01 | 3,506.05 | 1.29 | 2,760.27 | 3.42 | 252.00 | 0.09 |
| — | — | 10 | — | — | 6 | — | 2 | — | 3 | — | 41 | — | 2,655.37 | 1.17 | 781.10 | 0.34 | 781.10 | 30.88 | 21.53 | 0.07 |
| — | — | 11 | — | — | 2 | — | 5 | — | 3 | — | 38 | — | 4,974.77 | 2.53 | 1,237.75 | 0.67 | 1,175.46 | 4.40 | 4,606.19 | 2.49 |
| — | 1 | 6 | — | — | 5 | — | 7 | — | 8 | 2 | 34 | — | 2,335.42 | 2.64 | 872.90 | 0.99 | 635.90 | 34.71 | 28.44 | 0.07 |
| — | 7 | 25 | — | — | 19 | — | — | — | 45 | 20 | 103 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| — | 11 | 84 | — | — | 46 | — | 28 | — | 75 | 28 | 332 | — | 25,055.91 | 2.65 | 10,571.78 | 1.12 | 8,768.03 | 149.97 | 5,778.45 | 0.63 |
| — | 5 | 2 | — | — | 19 | — | 1 | — | 29 | 11 | 9 | — | 313.64 | 0.36 | 463.95 | 1.46 | 418.82 | — | 15.25 | 0.15 |
| — | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 74 | — | 14,044.41 | 11.62 | 7,241.70 | 6.00 | 6,989.62 | — | 1,434.64 | 1.18 |
| — | 5 | 12 | — | — | 19 | — | 1 | — | 29 | 11 | 83 | — | 14,158.05 | 9.28 | 7,753.56 | 5.02 | 7,408.44 | 224.51 | 1,449.89 | 1.09 |
| ON | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| — | 11 | 27 | — | — | 44 | — | 3 | — | 61 | 21 | 169 | — | 24,596.19 | 12.20 | 61,152.76 | 4.81 | 9,252.06 | 445.35 | 2,364.25 | 1.35 |
| — | 5 | 4 | — | — | 11 | — | 6 | — | 17 | 10 | 51 | — | 12,549.51 | 21.94 | 2,779.02 | 4.86 | 2,347.35 | — | 1,627.12 | 2.84 |
| — | 11 | 27 | — | 1 | 27 | — | — | — | 34 | 21 | 117 | — | 16,803.43 | 5.78 | 6,511.72 | 2.23 | 6,343.48 | 140.52 | 445.05 | 0.15 |
| — | 9 | 29 | — | — | 21 | — | 12 | — | 14 | 18 | 96 | — | 9,481.84 | 8.52 | 6,086.04 | 5.47 | 5,105.89 | 328.61 | 1,534.55 | 1.67 |
| — | 23 | 36 | — | — | 16 | — | 2 | — | 30 | 41 | 114 | — | 13,394.94 | 6.47 | 19,970.19 | 9.65 | 7,495.50 | — | — | — |
| — | 11 | 84 | — | — | 46 | — | 28 | — | 75 | 28 | 332 | — | 25,055.91 | 2.65 | 10,571.78 | 1.12 | 8,768.03 | 149.97 | 5,778.45 | 0.63 |
| — | 5 | 12 | — | — | 19 | — | 1 | — | 29 | 11 | 83 | — | 14,158.05 | 9.28 | 7,753.56 | 5.02 | 7,408.44 | 224.51 | 1,449.89 | 1.09 |
| — | 33 | 26 | — | — | 6 | — | — | — | 68 | 65 | 114 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| — | 108 | 245 | — | 1 | 190 | — | 52 | — | 328 | 215 | 1,076 | — | 116,089.87 | 5.88 | 114,825.07 | 5.82 | 46,720.75 | 1,288.96 | 13,199.31 | 0.73 |

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LAKPAHANA TEMPERANCE CONTEST

*E. S. RAJA, Temperance Secretary,
Lakpahana Training Institute*

THE 2nd Annual Oratorical Contest on Temperance at the Lakpahana Training Institute was sponsored by Mr. E. S. Raja and was presented before a large gathering on November 23, 1958 at 4:30 p.m. At the same time the posters done up by the students, on the same theme were also on display. The new and interesting contest introduced this year was the 'Jingle' Contest.

Since the Contest was held in the 3 language media, we had to have a panel of six judges: two for the English—Dr. P. A. P. I. Joseph, visiting surgeon at the Civil Hospital, Kandy, and Pastor E. A. Anderson of the Kandy Church; two for the Sinhalese—Mr. S. Perera of the Dept. of Agriculture and Pastor B. Pinghe of the Jaffna Church and Temperance Secretary for Ceylon Union; two for the Tamil—Mr. Ratnam, Headmaster of the Tamil School, Marassana and Mr. S. T. Gomer, business man of Devulapitiya.

In welcoming the judges and the audience, the writer briefly explained that to Adventists, the word "Temperance" means much more than the mere abstaining from tobacco and alcohol. To us it means the judicious use of all that is good, and the total abstinence from all that is harmful to the body.

Mr. A. W. Robinson, the Principal, then introduced the panel of judges to the audience and called on Pastor N. O. Dahlsten, the President of the Ceylon Union, to ask the Lord to bless the evening's programme.

Little Sweenitha Kulasekere, who was the only contestant from the Junior group, did well in her recitation of appropriate verses.

This was followed by five very important messages from the Intermediate group and eight stirring speeches by the Senior group.

Immediately after the last contestant had been seated Mr. A. Jayakodi and Mrs. A. W. Robinson, the sponsors of the Poster and Jingle contest respectively explained these projects to the audience, and invited the panel of judges to judge the entries in those fields as well.

After a period of about half hour during which the judges were comparing notes to arrive at a decision regarding the winners of these contests, they selected as their spokesman Dr. Joseph, who, in a short talk, expressed how happy he was to have been present at this occasion and how impressed he was with the very high standard maintained by the students in all three contests. He also expressed the hope that this work in the cause of Temperance started here would reach a grand finale.

Mr. S. W. Robinson next read out the names of the winners and Mrs. Joseph gave out the prizes. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Oratorical Contest:

Junior: Sweenitha
Kulasekere

Intermediate: W. D. Joseph, 1st
D. Krause, 2nd

Senior: S. Jesudason, 1st
C. Fernando, 2nd

Poster Contest:

Junior: David
Munasinghe

Intermediate: W. D. Joseph
Senior: Errol Shockman

The winning Jingle which was written by Merle de Silva, read as follows:

"He thought that wine was good
for health,
But when he took it, he lost his
wealth.

Health and wealth he could not
save;

His habit led him to the grave."

The subjects of the winning speeches were:

Junior: An Interesting Comparison in Verse between Beer and Milk.

Intermediate: The Miseries of the Liquor Traffic.

Senior: 1st. Ceylon and Prohibition. 2nd. Temperance in Food, Studies, and Alcoholic Beverages.

Pastor B. Pinghe, the Temperance Secretary for the Ceylon Union then invited the members of the audience to sign the Temperance Pledge, after which two films were shown: "One in 20,000" and "Susan's Dragon."

After a very enjoyable and instructive evening the programme was brought to a close by prayer, offered by Pastor B. D. Juriansz, the Pastor of the Mailapitiya Church.



MORE MEN

The farmer wanted still more land
To raise more corn, you see
To feed more stock, to get more
cash

(That was his honest plea)
To buy more land, to raise more
corn
To feed more stock again,
To get more cash, to buy more
land—
Thus in an endless chain.

We need more interest in this work
That we may get more men
To sell more books, to teach more
souls,

We'll get more interest then
We'll get more men, to sell more
books,

We'll reach more souls, you
know,

And then we'll have more interest
still—

And thus the work will grow.

—Australasian Record.

NEWS FROM THE FRONTIER

W. H. MCGHEE

AIRMAN and jet plane servicer, H. M. Williams, age 29, was baptized at Peshawar, October 18, by Pastor W. H. McGhee. Brother Williams is the first of a large group of airmen whom he himself has interested in the Truth, who we hope soon will follow his example and join the church. Our church compound where meetings are held for the public every week-end is in the Cantonment and next to the Air Force quarters making it convenient for airmen and military with religious inclinations.

Studying the truth for the first time about six years ago through the efforts of a fellow airman, Brother Khaleel, who enrolled him in the Voice of Prophecy course, Brother Williams became an enthusiastic lay evangelist, raising up a Sabbath School of 60 members at Kohat where he was stationed. His wife was baptized a few years ago, but because of Sabbath difficulties he held back. Brother Williams was posted at Karachi for a time, then back to Peshawar last spring. After much prayer with his pastor he decided to step out by faith and keep the Sabbath, a practice unprecedented in the Pakistan Air Force. Thanks to the intervening hand of God, Brother Williams has had full Sabbath

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the privileges which have been granted, Sabbath after Sabbath, by his immediate superiors. It is a remarkable story of faith and of how God can honour young men in this age who stand firm for His

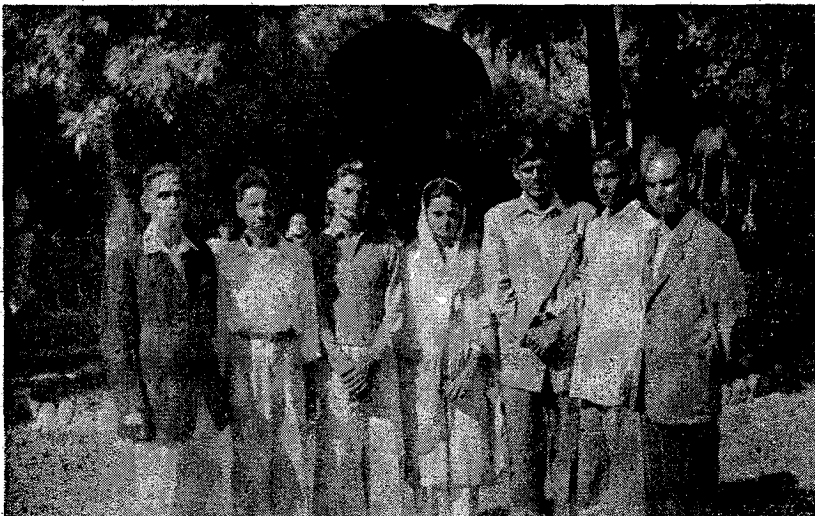


H. M. Williams.

Law. Holding a B.Sc. degree which fulfils pre-medical requirements as well, Brother Williams, who originally hails from South India and who can speak six or more languages, is looking forward to training for God's work after he leaves the Air Force.

attended the temperance lectures conducted by W. H. McGhee for two weeks last October. One hundred *Signs of the Times*, sent to the Peshawar church from friends in the United States are being distributed to specially interested souls every month. (More could be used.) *Health* magazines, limited in number, are used in the health classes. Nearly 100 Muslims were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy course during the opening meetings. Around 40 educated, English-knowing Muslim young men, mostly airmen, paid a rupee fee to join the Health Club, a follow-up service which combined health films with religious, in an attempt to crystallize the interest in a small-group atmosphere. Though the attendance has dropped to a faithful few, as expected, we are encouraged by the way in which our "Health Club" members with their friends continue to attend and drink in these lectures, even when combined with prophetic topics, every Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Friday (an all religious youth-lecture) nights. The health film strips by the "Radio Doctor" Clifford Andersen, M.D., a set of 20 newly purchased from the Review and Herald, are proving very popular in our health classes. We are indebted to the Pakistan Union for this far-sighted step.

At Rawalpindi the first fruits from the seed sown in last spring's evangelistic venture for Muslims and Christians are being harvested. Five high-school age young people, including a newly married couple, were baptized November 1, by Pastor W. H. McGhee. Though these were not from Islam, there are nearly a dozen Muslim young men with whom Pastors Ghulam Masih and R. Peter are studying who are looking forward to baptism. Pastor Ghulam Masih is following up the interest with Friday and Sunday night meetings in the church.



Pastors Gulam Masih and P. Peter with group baptized at Rawalpindi on Nov. 1.

privileges since June, on a week-to-week basis. He is deeply thankful to his Heavenly Commander for

In a dual experiment running meetings concurrently slanted for Christians and Muslims, over 300

On December 3, at a Voice of Prophecy rally on the Rawalpindi church compound, before 100 people, two Muslim young men VOP graduates who received a Bible for bringing in over 300 enrolments for the Voice of Prophecy. They are among those asking for baptism. They face difficulties and need our prayers. In addition to the above enrolments, church members sent in 600 names during October and November to the Voice of Prophecy, Urdu branch.

A new day in evangelism has dawned in the Frontier. Plans are under way to strengthen our medical centre in Peshawar, to establish a base at Abbottabad, where several potential Sabbath keepers are pleading for a worker, and to strengthen our church schools which are enjoying record enrolment this year. We need your prayers and the power of the Holy Spirit to reap the harvest, long overdue.

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PERELA EFFORT

On Sabbath, November 22, Pastor Solomon Nallathamby baptized thirteen as the result of the effort at Perela. K. C. Chacko and the lay members in the Sabbath School began the effort September 21 and have been busy with Bible studies, literature and home visitation.

There is now a membership of twenty-two at Perela and they look forward to having their own place of worship.

Brother P. M. Thomas writing from Trivandrum, reports that thirty-eight people were baptized in Kottayam on Sabbath, November 22, where Pastor K. P. Kurian has been conducting an effort.

Mr. Thomas gives the new address of the South Kerala section as **KAUDIAR, TRIVANDRUM 3.**

VILLUPURAM

Mrs. John and I were transferred from Madras to Villupuram last June. As I visited the Voice of Prophecy students in my district I found several persons in the village of Puthupet, near Panruti railway station, who were very interested in learning more of the truth.

I reported my findings to the local section president and our North Tamil Section committee arranged for me to begin meetings on October 25. Pastor C. Moses was with us at that time.

On December 6, five candidates from the meetings at Puthupet came to Villupuram for baptism. Others are preparing for baptism at a later date.

The Bible does not need to be rewritten, but reread.—*Unknown.*

Salvation is free to you because Somebody Else paid for it.—*H. J. Orman.*

If men do not put the love of the world to death, the love of the world will put them to death.—*Venning.*

Fanaticism harkens only to its own counsel, which it believes to be inspired.—*Francis Wilson.*

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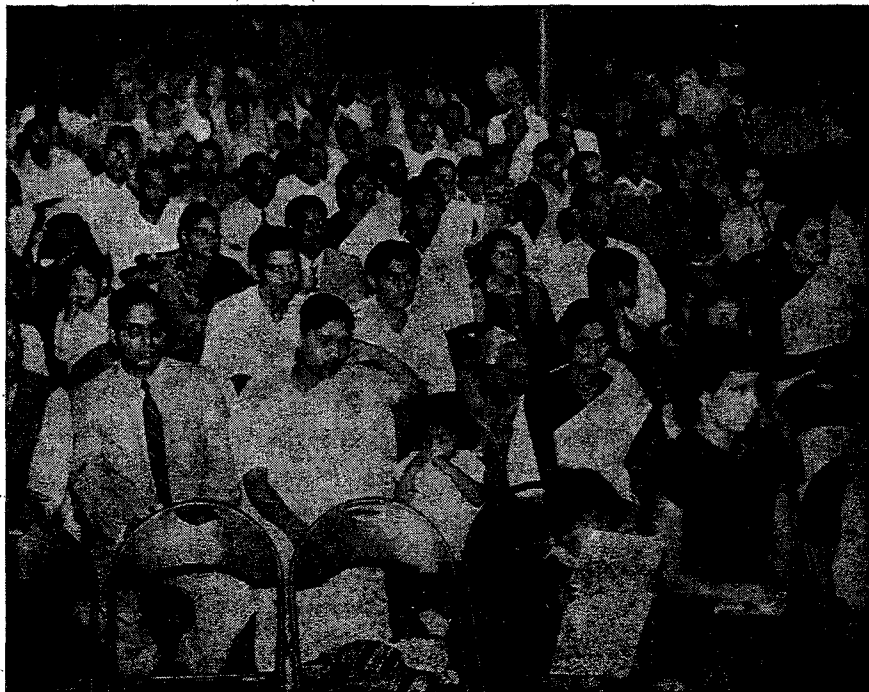
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LUCKNOW

SOME people doubtless said when they heard of the plans of the Upper Ganges Committee to hold an evangelistic campaign in Lucknow this season, "What! another effort in old Lucknow!" But from what has happened since the opening meeting on Sunday, October 12, it can be said that this was not just "another" effort. It has been unusual in several respects. First of all, they were able to secure the most ideal spot in the city for their tent—a park in front of the General Post Office. The messages were announced under the general title of "Hope for these Troubled Times", and they have made an unusual appeal. From the beginning the audiences have numbered around 200 per night.

The speaker is Pastor G. J. Christo. Associated with him are I. M. Chand, President of the Upper Ganges Section; M. C. Stanley,



Attendance in Lucknow effort.

Pastor of the Lucknow Church; Sunder Singh, Treasurer of the Upper Ganges Section; and T. H. Davin. They have been ably supported by the lady members of the team and by the members of the Lucknow Church. God has blessed in a marked way and the workers are hopeful of unusual results.

—T. R. Torkelson

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GUJERAT DISTRICT

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Surat

In Surat the activities of the Church and Hospital combine in the programme of medical-evangelism. There has been advance during 1958 in the spiritual and evangelistic lines of work as well as in the medical programme. Much of our work centres around the hospital, as here many people come within the sphere of our influence.

On Sabbath afternoons, Mrs. Wolfe and her group of ladies meet for a mailing band. Some two hundred copies of the *Signs of the Times* are being sent out in response to written requests for the paper. We have a file of interesting letters of appreciation of the message this magazine carries.

At the same time a visiting band led by the pastor visits each patient and has a short Bible reading and prayer. Only recently we

passed by one old lady who had not received us well the week before. As she appeared to be only half awake we greeted her, left a paper and went on. We had gone only a few steps when she called us back to know why we had not prayed with her. We went back at once and since then we stop to visit and pray with every one.

Miss Shinde has an enrolment of 14 in the church school this year. Some of the students come from non-Adventist homes. The parents from the city are co-operative in building up the school. So many requests have come in for admission in 1959 that we are hoping to add another teacher.

The Youth have been conducting an evangelistic effort in a village a few miles from the city. They have been using a projector and slides, and though results are not visible just now, we count it as seed sown and experience for the young people.

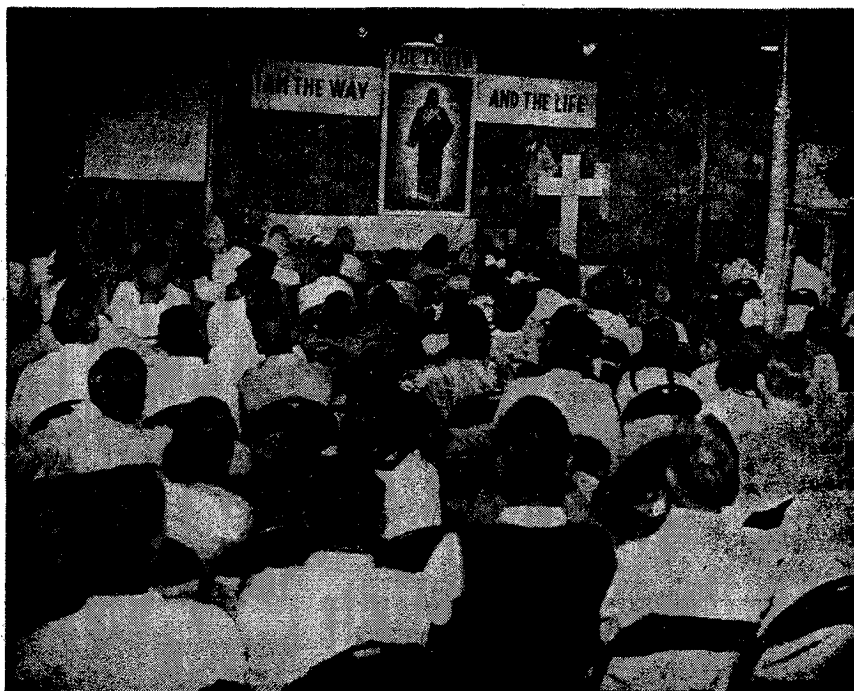
Baroda

D. D. Kaley has just completed a series of Hindi meetings in Baroda city. He is studying with several families and will remain in the city to continue the work there.

District Work

Though we have only one evangelist besides the district leader in this field of 17,000,000 people we were able, with the help of the Voice of Prophecy secretary to hold V. O. P. rallies in all the major cities of Gujerat in 1958. In addition to that, the writer has made many lonely pilgrimages through the field into places where his inadequate Gujerati barely got him by. God has blessed with the record enrolments in the new Gujerati Voice of Prophecy school.

We hope that a worker may be available for the city of Ahmedabad with its population of nearly one million. Please pray for the work in this almost unentered area.



Pastor G. J. Christo speaking.

UNION PRESIDENTS' REPORT

(Continued from last issue.)

Pastor T. R. Torkelson, President of the Northwestern India Union, reminded us that the oldest church in that Union is at Lucknow. The Division headquarters were located at Lucknow before being transferred to Poona. Pastor G. J. Christo has been conducting an effort there which promises to be the most fruitful ever held. During a recent meeting 26 persons signed cards indicating their desire to keep the Sabbath. A few nights later 17 more persons covenanted to keep the Sabbath. They look forward to a good harvest of honest in heart from that city.

Brother Torkelson also reported on the churches at Jodhpur and Jabalpure in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. He told of providences in obtaining a place in which our people could meet at Jabalpure. A family there listened to the message when it was first presented. Later the husband became somewhat bitter and told his family that they should not attend the meeting. This was a great disappointment to them because they loved the truth which they had just accepted.

A few months passed and our people had to vacate the place they had rented as the meeting hall. Our worker and our believers searched for another place in which they could meet. But it seemed there was no place available. Just at this time a wonderful change came over this man who had refused to allow his wife and daughter to attend the meetings. He had observed the faithful work of our brethren and the change in the lives of his family members and others who had accepted the message. He invited our people to use a large room in his home for our meetings until we could find a more suitable place.

Brother Samuel Dass, a faithful layman in Amritsar, is leading out in a village meeting just near that city. At some of the meetings, the attendance has reached 400 and he is arranging a baptismal class as a result of these meetings.

Brother Torkelson reported on the meetings being held in Delhi by George R. Jenson. One man who attended the meetings took with him a copy of the little pamphlet entitled "Smoke Signals". He was so impressed with the message about the evils of smoking that he gave up smoking immediately. His colleagues knew that he was a chain smoker and did not believe he could quit smoking. But he told them that he would never touch it again. He went on a crusade and asked others to give up smoking. Before long he had a group of people who had signed a covenant that they would never smoke again. This covenant was signed by each man in his own blood. It was expected that over 100 persons would have been baptized in the Northwestern India Union by the end of 1958.

Pastor E. L. Sorensen, President of the South India Union, reported on the work in each of the local sections in South India. He briefly referred to many of the 120 evangelistic campaigns in cities, towns and villages throughout that field. At Kottayam in the South Kerala field, Brother Kurian is conduct-

ing meetings, as a result of which 38 persons have been baptized. A church of 50 members will soon be organized there.

Pastor S. Thomas conducted a well-attended series of meetings in Trivandrum early in 1958 from which 36 persons were baptized. Many of these people have gone through serious difficulty so that they may take their stand for the truth and keep the Sabbath.

Brother Sorensen told of visiting Arkonam in company with Elder N. W. Dunn of the General Conference. V. D. Edward, Voice of Prophecy Secretary of the North Tamil Section, was the speaker there. When they entered the town they noted a very large crowd around a pandal and concluded some large political meeting or other gathering was in progress. As they came closer they noticed that this was the pandal in which our Voice of Prophecy lectures were being held and over 800 people attended the meetings that night.

M. S. Prasada Rao, President of the North Telugu Section was also in attendance at the Division meetings and

reported that more than 300 had been baptized in the North Telugu Section during 1958. They have a record enrolment at the Narsapur School of over 220 and both the Telugu Sections are giving study to provide adequate facilities for Christian education. Generous offerings were made by our workers and people at the Constituency meeting at Nuzvid. The plan for the development of schools in the Telugu Section will be under study during the South India Union Constituency meetings.

Pastor F. E. Spiess, President of the Western India Union, reported that the work on the new boys' hostel in Lasalgaon is nearly completed. One hundred and fifty persons have been baptized in Western India during 1958. Many interests have developed in the Gujarat and much is being accomplished through the Voice of Prophecy Schools being conducted in Marathi and Gujarati.

As we review the work for 1958 our hearts cry out with joy and thankfulness for what has been accomplished. The 20,000 mark in church membership has been exceeded and from the South India Union we learn that there are more than 10,000 believers in that field alone.

Strong plans have been made for evangelism during 1959. God will help us to carry these plans out in our day. Let us 'praise God from whom all blessings flow.'



ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES

MANY people lose big opportunities because they do not take advantage of small ones. John D. Rockefeller became the world's richest oil man because he paid close attention to small items.

For example, one day he stood by a man who was sealing kerosene oil tins. He watched for about half an hour keenly observing the operation. Finally he spoke to the technician on the job. He said, "I have been counting the drops of solder you use to seal a tin. Sometimes you use twenty-three drops and sometimes you use less. I have noticed that sixteen drops of solder seal a tin satisfactorily." Then Mr. Rockefeller gave an order. "From now on see that no more than sixteen drops of solder are used in sealing a tin."

By this order Mr. Rockefeller estimated that he saved nearly one lakh of rupees a year on solder.

Small items are very important.

Small savings grow to be large bank accounts. One bank advertises that by depositing Rs. 10 per month of their savings, the depositor will be able to draw out Rs. 500 in forty-two months. Also, small, continuous wastes by one member of the family may bring the whole family to poverty.

However, in no sphere is the importance of small things so vital as in regard to our children. Sometimes older ones are of the opinion that a small child is insignificant.

Once a friend of mine said, "I'll be so glad when my child gets old enough to teach." How sad! His child was then about three years old. He thought he was too small to teach.

Francis Xavier, the famous Jesuit educator, said, "Give me children until they are seven and anyone may have them afterwards."

V. M. Hellyer, in his book *Child Training*, page 11, states, "A child who has his own way or pretty

nearly his own way, from infancy to the age of seven, is so far along the wrong road that it is almost a hopeless task to set him back and have him start on the right road to obedience."

The Spirit of prophecy says, "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 character and the direction of the life than have all the instruction and training of after years."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 380.

These statements clearly set forth the established facts of the importance of the early training of our little ones.

We can address ourselves to nothing more important than the care and training of our children.

Mothers and fathers, the early days in the home are most important. Are we by example and precept training our little ones up in the nurture of the Lord?

Have you, fathers, realized your responsibility toward the infant in your home—twenty-four hours a day? Your influence, your attitudes, your conversations before your child are unconsciously aiding in the development of his char-

acter. Church members, have you neglected the children in your Sabbath school—by your life and influence? Are you helping to provide an adequate place for the children in the church so that they can worship in a Sabbath school room of their own? Are you willing to pay an abundant expense offering so that there may be adequate teaching facilities for these little ones in your church?



What about the children in your neighbourhood? Here is an almost untouched field of evangelism. Here is one of the nicest, most interesting doors of opportunity.

One does not need much equipment for this job. Simple things interest children. Simple Bible stories told enthusiastically find a ready response in children's hearts. Illustrate these with pictures if you can. Use stick men or a sand box if you have one. Just try—once—before you say, "I can't."

Wonderful opportunities to draw souls to Christ are afforded by the Sabbath school.

One of the Sabbath school members in our Sabbath school has been conducting a Story Hour in a neighbourhood, where we have tried to let our little light shine.

A few days ago I entered the compound. A little South Indian girl of about six or seven ran to greet me shouting, "Uncle has come. Uncle has come." Ordinarily she is a shy little girl, but on this occasion she came up close. At first I hardly noticed that she wanted to speak to me about a special item, but when I started to leave she ran beside me until we reached the gate. Then mustering up all her courage she reached out with both hands and grasped mine, thus arresting me in my departure. Holding tightly to my fingers in faltering speech she said, "Uncle, I want to go to Sabbath school!"

Brethren and Sisters, there are thousands of children who, if they

only had a chance to know about it, would want to go to Sabbath school.

Are we—are you—paying attention to the little things—"these little ones?" "If ye have done it unto one of these little ones ye have done it unto me." Look for your little opportunities.

—O. W. LANGE.

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1959

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| Jan. 1-Feb. 28 | Division Uplift Campaign |
| 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

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



acter. These are helping to determine his future.

Have you, mothers, realized your full time responsibility as the teacher of your children—especially during the first eight or ten years? Or, have you thought of your home as a part-time job—of minor importance?

Miscellany

● Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Mattison arrived in New Delhi on December 11, 1958, returning from a short furlough in the homeland. They had been expected one week earlier, but had to postpone their departure when Mrs. Mattison contracted the mumps.

● Pastor and Mrs. D. K. Down and family returned from their furlough trip through the Middle East and Europe during the middle of December. They are now located in Ranchi where Elder Down will be holding an effort during the next few months. Mrs. V. Scarr, mother of Mrs. Down, welcomed them in Delhi before she left for Australia on December 26, 1958.

● Miss Hillary Cooper arrived in Bombay on December 14 from Australia. After spending a few days at Salisbury Park she left for Delhi and Simla where she will serve as Director of Nurses at the Simla Sanitarium until the arrival of Miss Hallie Thomas.

● The Berger family returned to Spicer College early in December from a short furlough. Mr. Berger has resumed his busy programme as manager of the College farm.

● Dr. Marjorie Young of New Zealand arrived in Bombay on December 31, where she transhipped and went on to Karachi. She will serve in the Karachi Hospital. The Southern Asia Division welcome all these workers to our field. May the Lord bless their service abundantly.

● During the month of November, nine hundred fifty nine persons expressed faith in Christ in their correspondence with the Voice of Prophecy.

● The Voice of Prophecy work in Burma has grown phenomenally during the latter part of 1958. More than twice as many applications were received during the third quarter as during the 2nd quarter. Enrolments also more than doubled. The number of gra-

duates also increased by more than 50%. This extraordinary growth shows that the workers in Burma are supporting the Voice of Prophecy and that the Lord is abundantly blessing their efforts.

● Pastor Hla Baw recently baptized seven persons at Ohndaw. At Tavoy Pastor Ohn Bwint baptized two, in the Naungkaraing church thirteen were baptized, and at Balugyun three.

● From the northern part of Burma Pastor Parker writes that he baptized three in Falam. A church was organized at Khawsak with a charter membership of seventeen and two were baptized in that same place. There was also one person baptized in Sing-u-nau.

● The Delta, the Tenasserim and the Rangoon regions all show slight increases in lay tithe for the first seven months of 1958.

● The lay tithe in Pakistan Union shows an increase of approximately Rs. 3,000.00 for the first ten months of 1958. This is an excellent gain.

● During the month of November two properties were purchased for the denomination in the Northwestern India Union. In Jodhpur a plot for the construction of a church has been obtained and at Dharampur in Moradabad District a site for a school and worker's quarter has been obtained. Construction will begin in 1959. These purchases bring church owned properties in the Northwestern India Union to thirteen.

● Reports from the Northwestern India Union indicate that the efforts which were begun early in the fall will soon be binding off their interests with cottage meetings and Bible studies. Interest has been good and well sustained. Three new efforts have recently opened—in Naya Majra near Kashipur, in Kasimpur near Amroha and in Kakipind near Jullunder. We will look forward to further word as to the success of these meetings.

● Pastor Allen reports that four were baptized at Ani in the Simla Hills in October and one at Shahpur in the Punjab in November.

● The Division set a goal of Rs. 28,000 for the 1959 Uplift for the Northwestern India Union, but the Local Sections have set their own goals—totalling Rs. 35,500.00. With this spirit success is a foregone conclusion. Reports of Uplift successes in this union and from the other six unions will be coming in early issues of the "Tidings."

● The special offering taken at the Northwestern India Biennial Meetings held in Hapur totalled Rs. 2250.00. The Union had aimed to reach Rs. 1,000.00 and this excellent overflow shows real sacrifice. This offering is being set up by the union as a Trust Fund to be used on a sharing basis to help churches within the Union to obtain needed furniture and hymn-books.

● During the holidays at the Assam Training School 5 Lushais, 1 Manipuri, and 2 Khasis have gone out to do colporteur work. We hope more will join them and that all will earn full scholarships.

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