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IT IS the purpose of the Annual Spirit of Prophecy Day programme to keep before all church members the benefits and blessings of the gift of prophecy as manifested in the writings of Ellen G. White. As we near the end of time it is extremely necessary that those who are preparing for translation avail themselves of the instruction, warning, reproof, admonition, illumination of doctrine, and special guidance of these divinely inspired messages.

For one hundred and fifteen years these heaven-sent counsels have successfully directed in the founding and operating of medical, educational and publishing institutions and in the establishing and administering of denominational organizations and churches. As a result the Christ-like service of Seventh-day Adventists today is known and appreciated throughout the world. The specific guidance given to administrators, departmental secretaries, and church leaders makes for a well balanced church programme, a unity of purpose, and continual progress all along the far flung

spiritual battle lines of earth. The brightest periods in the history of God's people on this earth have been those when the messages of the prophets were received and heeded. The darkest eras have been those when the inspired counsels were neglected or rejected.

Not only for institutions and organizations but for the individual followers of Christ are the Spirit of prophecy writings specifically given. Those who permit these messages to occupy their rightful places in their individual lives experience a deepening and broadening of spiritual perception, and greater joy and better success in Christian service. All of the volumes of the Spirit of prophecy magnify the Bible and urge readers to study it regularly and diligently. They condemn sin in all its forms and point to Jesus as the only Saviour. They create loyalty and love in the hearts of church members. They give confidence in the soon and certain triumph of the church of God. They make heaven attractive and appeal to every earthly pilgrim to prepare for the eternal kingdom.

By action of the General Conference, Division and Union executive committees, Sabbath, May 16, 1959, has been set apart as Spirit of Prophecy Day. An appropriate sermon has been prepared by Elder A. V. Olson to be presented at the eleven-o'clock service in all Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world. Advance copies of this heart warming sermon from the pen of Pastor Olson, who is well known in Southern Asia, have been sent to the unions to be translated and prepared for vernacular churches. Additional copies, in English, are being supplied to the unions for all English speaking pastors and church elders. Thus provision has been made to enable every church in India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon to enjoy the inspiration and help of Spirit of Prophecy Day.

It is our sincere prayer that our people everywhere, old and young alike, may understand the purpose of this gift to the remnant church and read and give heed to its counsels.

Disaster and Famine Relief

R. R. Figuhr, President, General Conference

WE ARE writing to call your attention to the 1959 Disaster and Famine Relief offering to be taken on May 9. With disaster striking unannounced and unexpected in so many places, it is incumbent upon us to be prepared in every emergency to extend help immediately to the stricken. It is imperative, therefore, that each division do all possible to place before its church members the importance of this offering, and the necessity of giving liberally to this worthy cause.

The plan this year, as heretofore, is for each division to participate in promoting this offering, with the understanding that fifty per cent of the amount raised in each division shall revert to the division for disaster and famine relief in its own territory. The goals for each division for 1959 are the same as for 1957. You may recall this offering is taken every two years. The goals are as follows:

Australasian Division	\$11,000	Northern European Division	\$8,000
Central European Division	6,000	South American Division	7,000
Far Eastern Division	5,000	Southern African Division	4,500
Inter-American Division	9,000	Southern Asia Division	1,000
Middle East Division	500	Southern European Division	3,000

These goals have been set on the basis of the tithe. We were pleased with the response of the overseas divisions two years ago. We are hoping for an even greater participation this year.

You will be glad to know that as a result of the 1957 offering it was possible to give assistance to overseas fields as follows:

Korea, 209,000 pounds of clothing and 2,114,753 pounds of food.
West Pakistan, 32,000 pounds of food and 25 barrels of shoes.
Hong Kong, 374,000 pounds of food.
Philippines, 25,000 pounds of food and 15 barrels of shoes.
Haiti, 18,000 pounds of food.
Taiwan, 32 tons of food.
Cuba, 12,000 pounds of clothing.

This is not a complete list but a total of 569,038 pounds of clothing and 2,524,269 pounds of food were shipped to needy areas overseas during the year and a half to the close of 1958.

May the blessing of the Lord rest richly upon your fields as you encourage our believers to assist the unfortunate in their own fields and in other needy spots around the world, with a liberal offering for Disaster and Famine Relief in 1959.

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Spirit of Prophecy

F. A. MOTE

AS A PEOPLE we should be most grateful to God for the provisions which have been made in the remnant church for the gift of the Spirit of prophecy. How wonderful it is to have the many volumes of counsel and instruction which have been left on record for our use. Personally I consider it a real privilege to serve as one of the trustees of the White Estate. It is our duty on the board of trustees for the estate of Mrs. Ellen G. White to see that her writings are properly safeguarded and prepared for circulation as translations are made in the many different languages around the circle of the world. We are endeavouring to have still more of the writings of Sister White translated so that our brethren may have access to them.

Wherever the Seventh-day Adventist church has carefully translated and published the writings of the Spirit of prophecy our church members have been greatly strengthened and established in the message which we love so much. Our children and youth should be taught the wonderful truths as revealed in the books of the Spirit of prophecy. All of our church members and workers should study these writings more widely.

It is essential for our leaders and workers to believe in the Spirit of prophecy. Our new candidates for baptism should be instructed in the Spirit of prophecy doctrine which is a part of our faith as Seventh-day Adventists. The following statement from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White helps us to

understand the importance of the Spirit of prophecy: "If men close their eyes to the testimonies God has been pleased to give, and think it wisdom to walk in the light of the sparks of their own kindling, it will spoil the church. Such men are not qualified to become either ministers or presidents of conferences; they have not taken counsel from the source of all wisdom."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 327.

In these closing days of probationary time we find much encouragement and help as we study the writings of the servant of God. The following statements bring great courage to us and should cause us to be faithful even unto the end. "There is a great work to be done, and every effort possible must be made to reveal Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour, Christ as the sin-bearer, Christ as the bright and morning star; and the Lord will give us favour before the world until our work is done."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 20, 21. "The work of many may appear to be restricted by circumstances; but, wherever it is, if performed with faith and diligence it will be felt to the uttermost parts of the earth. . . . 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."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 822, 823. "In heathen Africa, in the Catholic lands of Europe and of South America, in China, in India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 189.

May the God whom we serve teach us to be more faithful in the study of His Word and the Spirit of prophecy as we approach the end of all things and prepare for the second coming of our blessed Lord and Master. ". . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—*Revelation* 2:10.

Inspired Counsel for the Church

W. F. STORZ

“WE HAVE also, in our past experience, been made to rejoice in the goodness of our God who has manifested His care for His people by leading us in His way and correcting our errors, through the operation of His Spirit; and the majority of Sabbath-keepers in the third angel’s message, have firmly believed that the Lord was calling His church out of the wilderness by means appointed to bring us to the unity of the faith. We refer to the visions which God has promised to the remnant ‘in the last days.’”—*Report of Conference, R. & H., Dec. 4, 1855.*

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us and His teaching in our past history.” L. S. 196.

In the formative years of the remnant church, many times instruction was sent from heaven to direct and protect the infant church. Then as the young church grew, direction was often given by the Spirit of prophecy to show the proper course to pursue. It is very interesting to note that the Lord did not make the course an easy one, but often required it to hew out its own path through many obstacles.

It is still our position that “the Bible, and the Bible alone, is the rule of faith and duty,” but this does not shut out the gifts which God set in the church. The same Spirit that guided the church of the past is still the guide of the church today. We have very little excuse to err today because we have before us in printed form so much of God’s counsel to the early church. Yes, if we err, it is because we make too little use of the guidance we have.

Changing times do not alter our responsibility toward God. The rule of life is the same today as it was one hundred years ago. The inspired writings of Scripture magnified for us today by the Spirit of prophecy cannot be mis-

understood if we will make free use of the “eyesalve” that is so abundantly offered. Let us make much use of the “gift” to the church lest we find ourselves neglecting salvation which has been so

freely offered. May the following confession not be repeated by the church of this enlightened day: “Nor have we appreciated the glorious privilege of claiming the gifts which our blessed Master has vouchsafed to His people; and we greatly fear that we have grieved the Spirit by neglecting the blessings already conferred upon the church.”—*Report of Conference, R. & H. Dec. 4, 1855.*

The Spirit of Prophecy and Seventh-day Adventist Education

M. O. MANLEY

STANDING five centuries and three decades before the birth of Christ, Daniel the prophet was given an inspired and projected view of human events on this planet which extended to the end of time. He was moved to declare that as time here draws to its conclusion “knowledge shall be increased.”¹ Today no thinking man or woman will deny that the increase in knowledge which Daniel foresaw is a reality.

Probably in no area of his existence is man more aware of this increase of knowledge than in the field of education. Coupled with this awareness is the realization of many divergent and relentless forces which are moving and which compel a response. “One of these forces is man’s unquenchable search for knowledge, now crucially accelerated. ‘Knowledge is power,’ and the high school is the portal to knowledge for many youth.”² Seventh-day Adventist youth should find our schools “the portal to knowledge” just as surely as do other mid-twentieth century young people who are in attendance in other schools.

If our schools are to be the portal to true knowledge how important it is that the knowledge imparted therein be Christ-centered and God-directed. How grateful we should be for the writings of Ellen G. White as an inspired authority on education. Truly her writings in this respect may be re-

ferred to as the “blueprint” of Christian education.

Adventists are rightly concerned about following the blueprint of Christian education. We believe we have been singularly blessed as a denomination in that the prophetic gift has been generously employed in the development of the philosophy and plan of our education. This instruction from the messenger of the Lord is the most precious heritage of our schools, setting forth a philosophy of education peculiarly suited to the service of the church and the needs of young people.³

I believe that every Seventh-day Adventist teacher and school administrator should realize that he is in a pivotal position at the point of articulation between the God appointed blueprint of Christian education, as revealed in the writings of Ellen White, and the Adventist youth which he serves in the school in which he teaches. He owes it to his God, his Church and the youth of the Church to be so familiar with this blueprint that his actions, teaching, and philosophy will never be out of harmony with its principles and directives. The Great Teacher himself said “This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.”⁴ How essential it is that every Seventh-day Adventist teacher have this vital relationship with his God that comes

as a result of thoughtful Bible study and a careful carrying out of the "blueprint" of Christian education. Such a teacher will be prepared to make the school in which he serves a portal to true knowledge in these times of diver-

gent and relentless forces when knowledge is being increased and crucially accelerated.

¹ Daniel 12:4.

² American Association of School Administrations, "Thirty-Sixth Yearbook," 1956, p. 297.

³ "Concerning Blueprint Readings," "The Journal of True Education," Vol. 10:5 (June, 1948).

⁴ John 17:3.

The Spirit of Prophecy in Business Affairs

W. L. MURRILL

IN OUR age of passion for getting money one often hears the statement: "Religion is religion, business is business and the two do not mix." And many people are of the opinion that one cannot be successful in business without resorting to questionable and dishonest practices.

How timely is the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy which serves as an anchor to the Seventh-day Adventist business man who is often surrounded by a sea of unscrupulous business associates. "With the followers of Christ, religion should never be divorced from business. They should go hand in hand, and God's commandments should be strictly regarded in all details of worldly matters." *Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 190, 191.

"Religion and business are not two separate things; they are one. Bible religion is to be interwoven with all we do or say. . . . There is need of business men who will weave the grand principles of truth into all their transactions. . . . Of Daniel we learn that in all his business transactions, when subjected to the closest scrutiny, not one fault or error could be found. He was a sample of what every businessman may be."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 349, 351.

The objective of every business enterprise should be to benefit mankind as well as to bring a financial return to the proprietor. If the Christian businessman is to be truly successful, he must have a clear understanding of his relationship to his God and his fellow-men. "That which lies at the foundation of business integrity

and of true success is the recognition of God's ownership. The Creator of all things, He is the original proprietor. . . . The goods we handle are not our own, and never can this fact safely be lost sight of. We are but stewards, and on the discharge of our obligation to God and man depend both the welfare of our fellow-beings and our own destiny for this life and

for the life to come."—*Education*, pp. 137, 139.

Business men may deceive their customers but they cannot deceive God. "The accounts of every business, the details of every transaction, pass the scrutiny of unseen auditors, agents of Him who never compromises with injustice, never overlooks evil, never palliates wrong."—*Education*, p. 144.

Seventh-day Adventists have a unique opportunity to prove to the world that business ventures can be operated successfully by following Bible principles explicitly. "The Christian in his life is to represent to the world the manner in which our Lord would conduct business enterprises. In every transaction he is to make it manifest that God is his teacher. 'Holiness unto the Lord' is to be written upon daybooks and ledgers, on deeds, receipts, and bills of exchange."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 556.

The Spirit of Prophecy in Our Medical Work

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THE MEDICAL work of the Seventh-day Adventists has been developed because of God's direction through the Spirit of Prophecy. It was the prophetic vision and direction of Mrs. White which inspired the development of our great chain of hospitals, clinics, dispensaries and treatment rooms around the world, as well as our medical and nursing schools and schools of allied medical sciences which help to staff these institutions. The influence of the Spirit of prophecy on our medical work can be seen from the very beginning of its development until the present time.

We can trace the beginning of our medical work back to the time when God began giving His servant the messages that developed the health reform interest among our people. These messages developed an interest in all things relating to better health and gave our people a background of under-

standing in medical programmes not present in similar groups at that time. Thus, when the time came to develop a medical programme to serve as a "right arm" and "opening wedge" for our evangelistic programme, God had a people prepared with the proper perspective to step in and take responsibility.

Our medical school at Loma Linda is built on property Mrs. White had seen in vision before its purchase. It is a thrilling story of how men, through faith in the leading of God through Mrs. White, and over the opposition of many, made a deposit on this property without knowing where the rest of the money would come from; and how in some instances, when it appeared that the property would be lost for the lack of the next payment, money would be provided from unexpected sources on the very day the payment was due.

On the unhappier side we can look back to the over development of our Battle Creek Sanitarium against the guidance given, and the tragedy and eventual loss to the denomination. Though the experience helped to develop more faith among the leaders in the Spirit of prophecy, it was a loss to the progress of our medical work.

Today we see the value of medical work in opening doors and breaking down prejudice, and we understand better the wisdom in God's plan for the use of the Spirit of prophecy in the development of the remnant church.

One of the greatest proofs that the Spirit of prophecy was given to Mrs. White is the evidence that has accumulated to sustain her statements. Many of her teachings were not accepted and proven by scientists for fifty years after God's revelation to her. I know of one doctor who became a Seventh-day Adventist after reading the book *Ministry of Healing*, because he saw medical facts revealed there in a book published before the facts were discovered by science.

We who have been called as workers in our medical institutions are thankful for the evidence we have that our work is ordained of God.

The Spirit of Prophecy in Spiritual Experience

F. E. SPIESS

ONE OF the most convincing proofs of the inspiration of the writings of Ellen G. White is the great boon their reading is to one's Christian experience. One just cannot read these books without being lifted up into an atmosphere of better-living ideals.

In general, one is struck with the deep sincerity of the writer, the purity of thought, the clarity of expression and the purposefulness of every sentence. Many years ago, as a young colporteur selling "Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan", I daily filled my canvassing bags with as many copies as I could carry of "Steps to Christ". When I could not sell the big book I tried to sell "Steps to Christ." They were so easy to sell. Most times my canvass for them was simply to hold up a copy in the paper binding and say, "Just take this little book in your hand, turn to any page, put your finger at random on any sentence and see if you don't get a real message for your heart when you read the sentence beneath your finger." . . . That is what I mean when I say the writings of Sister White have purposefulness in every sentence.

reads, that there is no spiritual pride in the heart of the writer but a whole-hearted love for all that is good, true and lovely. Her only goal in writing was to the glory of God and the eternal welfare of her fellowmen.

It is impossible to escape the conviction, as you read, that she wrote with a clear insight into human nature, and that she is looking down into the deep recesses of your own heart and finding just what is wrong with it—at the same time with clear understanding of what should be done and how.

The best part of it all is that the inspiration to do better is there. After reading these inspiring pages one cannot go back to sin and selfish pleasures and be content to remain as before. The heart is found resolving again and again to rise above the pettish things of life and live in the atmosphere of these books and their writer, for only in such an atmosphere do we feel the deep peace of God in our souls.

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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

V. RAJU

MY FAITH in the Spirit of prophecy is firm, and as I read more and more of the writings of Sister White, and hear others quote from them, my confidence is being perfected. The two outstanding characteristics of the remnant church of God are "keeping the commandments of God and having the testimony of Jesus Christ," Rev. 12:17, "for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy" Rev. 19:10. God's true church must have these two qualifications, and she cannot afford to leave off either one or the other. Of the Holy Scriptures, Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away," and of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, Sister White said, ". . . My writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last." "The Lord has given a lesser light (Spirit of prophecy) to lead men and women to the greater light (the Holy Scriptures)." Every honest seeker of God will be greatly benefited by the reading of the Spirit of prophecy publications in his endeavour to rightly understand "the Holy Scriptures which are able to make one wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:15.



Science and the Spirit of Prophecy Agree

Good Materials Make a Good Building

THE NAME "Protein" originates from the Greek for 'pre-eminence', 'to take first place', and people have come to recognize their importance as building blocks in the human body. It is well known that the proteins of animal origin, meat, milk and eggs are complete proteins and that most proteins of vegetable origin are incomplete. This knowledge has led to the unwarranted conclusion that a diet which does not contain animal protein is inadequate to maintain health and strength for an extended period of time.

A very brief period of retrospection will show that this thesis is incorrect, for we know that the vegetarian population of the earth before the flood greatly surpassed people of the present day in both strength and longevity. Compare the physical strength and longevity of the herbivorous animals on the earth today, i.e. elephants, rhinoceroses, camels, with those in the carnivorous group, i.e. lions, tigers, leopards, and it is immediately evident that the herb eaters have greater strength, and endurance and longer life.

During the two great world war periods and now, due to the great increase in world population which has become apparent during the past few years, much interest has centred on the problem of adequate nourishment for the peoples of the world. Many experiments have been carried on comparing the ability of various diets to support growth and optimum health over a period of time, and many animal experiments have extended over a number of generations. Results from a few of these experiments will interest you.

Kwashiorkor is a deficiency disease common in sections of the world where the protein intake is low and inadequate. The August 10, 1955 issue of the "Journal of Nutrition" gave a report of some of the research done on this dis-

ease, with the following conclusion:

"The fact that vegetable proteins (peanuts and soybeans) are retained equally as well as animal protein is a valuable conclusion in the prophylaxis and treatment of Kwashiorkor. Dean ('52) claimed good results in curing this disease by the use of vegetable proteins.

"The nitrogen retention was as good for vegetable protein as for animal protein."¹

The same issue of this journal reports another experiment on six student dietitians who were fed on calculated diets containing all vegetable proteins and concludes with this statement: "The fact remains that it is difficult to obtain a mixed vegetable diet which will produce an appreciable loss of body nitrogen without resorting to high levels of sugar, jams and jellies, and other essentially protein-free foods.

"The data emphasizes the probability that the protein of fruits and vegetables which are usually not considered to be of importance in protein nutrition may be an important supplement to the cereal proteins."²

Many of the world's leading nutritionists have added their testimony regarding the adequacy of vegetable protein—

Dr. Ralph Bircher, eminent German nutritionist advises that "... if you start with a natural diet containing a sufficient amount of fresh food, green leaves and cereal germs, . . . mankind can not only exist without animal protein, but it can attain a higher level of health . . . then and only then can we reach full health and stamina. But so much is certain: full health is attainable without animal food, even without milk. This is practically proved by about one third of living mankind, I mean the rural populations of the major part of China, Indonesia, and the highlands of Latin America. They have mostly been

checked by scientific research and represent experiments of much higher relevance than any animal experiments for they stretch over centuries and millions of human beings."³

He cites as examples the people of Hunza, north of Kashmir, who are strikingly healthy and maintain their vigour until old age with extremely little animal and dairy protein, and contrasts the early decline and death rate of the Eskimos of East Greenland whose diet consists of more than 90 per cent raw flesh and whose average life span is only 27½ years.

Dr. E. V. McCollum of Johns Hopkins University, one of our leading authorities on foods, declares: "All the evidence from both animal experimentation and human experience supports, in a manner which can never be broken down, the viewpoint that meat is not necessary in the human diet." He adds: "I am convinced that anyone who eats the average amount of meat consumed in this country will improve rather than suffer by cutting it all out of his diet."

And he again repeats, "I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that a vegetarian diet, supplemented with fairly liberal amounts of milk, is the most satisfactory type of diet that man can take. . . . Palatable and attractive as they (meats) may be, I feel confident that they are not very satisfactory as human foods when adhered to over appreciable periods."⁴

Another authority expressed her opinion in this way: "The housewife who provides a somewhat varied diet, ample in fuel value, including milk and eggs, need not feel that she is depriving her family of any essential if she furnishes a very small amount of meat or none at all."⁵

Dr. H. C. Sherman, one of the most widely recognized authorities adds his opinion: "Any reader of these pages who desires to be scientifically progressive instead of tradition-bound in garnering the benefits offered by the nutritional knowledge of today may go much farther than most writers yet suggest in living largely on fruits, vegetables and milk. Our present

knowledge justifies a high degree of confidence that this will be beneficial in the broadest sense, even if it involves retrenchment of expenditure in some other directions."⁸

These sentiments have been repeated by authorities around the world, Dr. Hegstedt summed it up thus: "It is most unlikely that protein deficiency will develop in apparently healthy adults on a diet in which cereals and vegetables supply adequate calories."⁹

This is the current approach to the protein problem, and it is still not clearly understood by the average citizen, but we find that Sister White again anticipated scientific findings for she wrote many years ago—

"Meat is not essential for health or strength, else the Lord made a mistake when He provided food for Adam and Eve before their fall. All the elements of nutrition are contained in the fruits, vegetables, and grains."⁸

It is a mistake to suppose that muscular strength depends on the use of animal food. . . . The grains, with fruits, nuts, and vegetables, contain all the nutritive properties necessary to make good blood."⁹

"When flesh is discarded, its place should be supplied with a

variety of grains, nuts, vegetables, and fruits, that will be both nourishing and appetizing."¹⁰

"Parents can secure small homes in the country, with land for cultivation, where they can have orchards and where they can raise vegetables and small fruits to take the place of flesh meat."¹¹

"Grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables constitute the diet chosen for us by our Creator. These foods, prepared in as simple and natural a manner as possible, are the most healthful and nourishing. They impart a strength, a power of endurance, and a vigor of intellect, that are not afforded by a more complex and stimulating diet."¹²

"In grains, fruits, vegetables, and nuts are to be found all the food elements that we need. If we will come to the Lord in simplicity of mind, He will teach us how to prepare wholesome food free from the taint of flesh meat."¹³

1. "Journal of Nutrition", August 10, 1955, 491, 492.
2. *Ibid.*, 555-576.
3. Dr. Ralph Bircher, "Today's Food", Autumn, 1957.
4. E. V. McCollum, Director of School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.
5. Mary Swartz Rose, "Feeding the Family."
6. Dr. H. C. Sherman, "The Nutritional Improvement of Life," 1949.
7. Dr. D. M. Hagstedt.
8. Ellen G. White, CDF, 394.
9. *Ibid.*, 396.
10. *Ibid.*, 397.
11. *Ibid.*, 400.
12. *M.H.*, 296, 1905.
13. *MS.* 27, 1906.

people go out to work all day, so we held two meetings each evening. The attendance was about one hundred. Because of sickness in one of the homes, the believers from Beldanga could not attend, so Pastors Champion and Tessier went to their village and held a meeting with them. It is reported that around Beldanga there is a great prospective field of labour where we have not yet entered with our message. Recently Bro. B. Talukdar was asked to take charge of the work in that area and we are glad to revive the work among the Santali people.

The third group of meetings was held in Manosapara, Garo Hills where we have a boarding school. The attendance at the meeting was over one hundred, even though because of smallpox and measles, our believers from several villages could not attend.

Like other hill peoples, the Garo students are good singers and we greatly appreciated the singing of the Manosapara students during the meetings. On Sabbath, Feb. 28, we baptized twelve people, making a total of thirty-seven baptisms during the three regional meetings. There is a great harvest field of interested groups in the Garo Hills and it presents a challenge for immediate action. Plans were laid to hold efforts in this area.

Our believers all over the field took back to their homes the inspiration received from the meetings. In several places they are as sheep without a shepherd to guide and feed them. We are confident that the messages brought to them by our leaders during these meetings have helped them in their own Christian experience and has strengthened their determination to work for others. Please remember East Pakistan in your prayers so that many precious jewels may be won for the Kingdom above.

Regional Meetings in East Pakistan

PEIN GYI, *Secretary-Treasurer, East Pakistan Section*

THREE Regional Meetings were arranged for East Pakistan. It had been a long time since the last Regional Meetings were held in this field and the people were glad for these feasts of good things brought to them by the leaders of our work. Pastor Mattison's timely messages and good counsel were greatly appreciated.

The first Regional Meeting was at Jalirpar, where Principal B. Jacques with the teachers and students the guests and visitors. The meetings were held in

the new school chapel, completed just in time for the occasion. The motto "Christ is the Answer," on the rostrum, became the theme of the meetings.

On Sabbath, February 21, we were glad to see twenty-five people renounce the old sinful life and follow their Lord in baptism. There were about two hundred in attendance at the meetings in Jalirpar.

The second meeting was held at Sonapur in a district where our members are Santals. Most of the

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SE

NAME OF UNION AND LOCAL SECTIONS	1	2	3			4				5	6				7				8				
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Central & Upper Burma Section	12	330	60	12	42	9	—	1	—	434	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Irawaddy Delta Section	13	883	31	—	31	62	—	1	23	859	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Tenasserim Section	10	540	11	—	—	31	—	—	—	522	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Union & Institutions	1	322	—	3	38	31	—	—	9	323	5	2	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	36	2,075	102	15	115	127	1	35	6	2,138	5	11	—	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	
CEYLON UNION:																							
Totals	12	572	29	2	5	5	3	—	—	600	3	4	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
NORTHEAST UNION:																							
Assam Section	22	1,451	43	—	1	—	—	—	—	1,495	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
East India Section	27	1,426	45	1	5	1	2	—	—	1,474	3	5	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Himalayan & Andamans	2	35	25	—	3	4	—	2	2	55	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	51	2,912	113	1	9	5	2	2	2	3,024	12	9	—	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION:																							
Central India Section	1	26	4	—	—	6	—	—	—	24	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
North India Section	6	447	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	476	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Upper Ganges Section	15	639	7	—	6	6	2	11	—	633	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	22	1,112	40	—	6	12	2	11	—	1,133	6	6	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	
PAKISTAN UNION:																							
East Pakistan Section	17	759	13	—	—	1	—	2	—	769	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Punjab Section	18	1,104	79	—	120	121	2	—	—	1,180	5	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Union & Institutions	4	206	7	2	18	7	—	—	—	226	5	4	—	—	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	39	2,069	99	2	138	129	2	2	—	2,175	7	10	—	2	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	6	
SOUTH INDIA UNION:																							
Kannada Section	7	604	20	—	1	8	1	—	—	616	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
North Kerala Section	2	270	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	315	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
North Tamil Section	17	820	35	—	27	2	—	3	—	877	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
North Telugu Section	47	2,705	161	2	16	11	1	4	—	2,868	—	8	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	
South Kerala Section	39	2,275	196	3	2	—	1	—	—	2,475	—	9	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
South Tamil Section	33	1,894	68	—	1	2	2	3	—	1,956	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
South Telugu Section	13	885	34	—	—	2	—	—	—	917	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	1	—	6	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	158	9,453	559	5	47	23	7	10	—	10,024	7	44	1	6	6	11	—	—	—	—	—	4	
WESTERN INDIA UNION:																							
North Maharashtra Section	5	319	11	—	—	14	1	12	—	303	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Unorganized Section	15	1,207	17	—	23	56	—	8	—	1,183	3	4	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	
Totals	20	1,526	28	—	23	70	1	20	—	1,486	3	7	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	1	—	1	
RECAPITULATION:																							
Burma Union	36	2,075	102	15	115	127	1	35	6	2,138	5	11	—	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ceylon Union	12	572	29	2	5	5	3	—	—	600	3	4	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Northeast Union	51	2,912	113	1	9	5	2	2	2	3,024	12	9	—	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Northwestern India Union	22	1,112	40	—	6	12	2	11	—	1,133	6	6	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pakistan Union	39	2,069	99	2	138	129	2	2	—	2,175	7	10	—	2	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	
South India Union	158	9,453	559	5	47	23	7	10	—	10,024	7	44	1	6	6	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Western India Union	20	1,526	28	—	23	70	1	20	—	1,486	3	7	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	1	—	—	
Division & Div. Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	3	1	—	10	10	—	2	—	—	—	—	
TOTALS	338	19,719	970	25	343	371	18	80	8	20,580	59	94	2	15	32	43	—	3	1	2	—	22	

SUNDAY ADVENTISTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1958

10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		18		19		20		21		22	
Licensed Ministerial Teachers		Licensed Missionaries		Licensed Bible Instructors		Elementary School Teachers		Literature Evangelists		All Other Regular Workers		Total Workers (Columns 6-15)		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	
F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offerings for Foreign Missions, Including Sabbath-School Offerings	Mission Offerings Per Capita	Total Sabbath School Offerings	Total Contributions for Home Mission Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	Home and Local Contributions Per Capita				
—	—	2	9	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	4,328.15	9.97	2,557.01	5.89	1,715.95	131.30	431.95	1.29			
—	—	—	4	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	3,439.65	4.00	2,150.95	2.56	1,333.10	150.00	200.00	0.40			
—	—	9	13	—	—	—	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	88	17,282.75	33.51	9,170.54	28.39	6,376.34	169.00	10,133.28	31.89			
—	—	11	28	—	—	—	37	—	3	—	—	—	—	21	158	26,965.70	12.61	15,195.25	7.10	10,450.84	550.30	10,890.23	5.35		
—	—	5	4	—	—	—	11	—	6	—	—	—	—	10	51	13,991.89	23.32	4,551.22	7.59	3,116.83	44.23	3,303.01	5.58		
—	—	5	13	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	63	6,870.26	4.60	3,058.71	2.03	2,278.50	858.82	79.21	0.63		
—	—	3	12	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	49	6,874.38	4.67	3,315.66	2.25	2,628.46	87.70	476.76	0.39		
—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	709.32	12.90	455.72	8.29	421.73	—	—	—		
—	—	13	14	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	39	—	—	2,310.00	—	—	—	—	—		
—	—	24	42	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	156	14,453.96	4.78	9,140.09	3.02	5,328.69	946.52	555.97	0.18		
—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	393.41	16.39	239.83	9.99	115.60	—	—	—		
—	—	1	12	—	—	—	7	—	4	—	—	—	—	2	25	2,198.81	4.62	1,200.77	2.52	1,032.67	72.82	—	0.15		
—	—	1	7	—	—	—	11	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	34	7,941.84	12.55	6,851.26	10.39	3,342.08	108.43	876.79	1.56		
—	—	7	9	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
—	—	9	29	—	—	—	24	—	12	—	—	—	—	18	95	10,534.06	9.29	8,021.86	7.09	4,490.35	181.25	876.79	0.93		
—	—	4	10	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	33	2,587.06	3.36	1,513.87	1.97	1,148.31	—	—	—		
—	—	18	3	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	56	5,071.31	4.29	4,984.00	4.23	3,503.50	—	—	—		
—	—	—	30	—	—	—	7	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,213.75	18.65	5,534.56	24.49	2,494.06	—	—	—		
—	—	22	43	—	—	—	20	—	3	—	—	—	—	42	112	11,872.42	5.46	12,032.43	5.53	7,145.87	—	—	—		
—	—	1	6	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	16	4,616.24	7.49	3,423.66	5.56	1,858.96	72.95	463.15	0.87		
—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	1,049.73	3.33	1,001.81	3.18	311.02	65.34	—	0.21		
—	—	2	7	—	—	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	29	5,616.72	6.40	2,713.13	3.09	1,395.90	55.27	450.00	0.57		
—	—	9	11	—	—	—	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	74	11,103.00	3.87	5,132.80	1.79	3,162.17	88.01	234.15	0.11		
—	—	10	11	—	—	—	9	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	49	4,557.35	1.84	1,507.62	0.61	799.95	56.98	25.20	0.03		
—	—	—	11	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	37	5,222.43	2.67	1,404.09	0.72	1,118.52	126.34	1,640.90	0.90		
—	—	1	6	—	—	—	5	—	7	—	—	—	—	2	34	3,338.17	3.64	2,078.54	2.27	1,114.25	15.44	133.39	0.16		
—	—	7	25	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	104	—	—	5,175.88	—	—	—	—	—		
—	19	12	83	—	1	—	47	—	30	—	—	—	—	30	357	35,503.64	3.54	22,437.53	2.24	9,760.77	480.33	2,946.79	0.34		
—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	136.90	0.45	694.46	2.30	524.78	13.25	19.62	0.11		
—	—	5	10	—	—	—	19	—	1	—	—	—	—	11	74	14,268.70	12.06	12,913.18	10.91	7,263.66	71.37	1,613.46	1.42		
—	—	5	12	—	—	—	19	—	1	—	—	—	—	11	83	14,405.60	9.69	13,607.64	9.16	7,788.44	84.62	1,633.08	1.16		
—	—	11	28	—	—	—	37	—	3	—	—	—	—	21	158	26,965.70	12.61	15,195.25	7.10	10,450.84	550.30	10,890.23	5.35		
—	—	5	4	—	—	—	11	—	6	—	—	—	—	10	51	13,991.89	23.32	4,551.22	7.59	3,116.83	44.23	3,303.01	5.58		
—	—	24	42	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	156	14,453.96	4.78	9,140.09	3.02	5,328.69	946.52	555.97	0.18		
—	—	9	29	—	—	—	24	—	12	—	—	—	—	18	95	10,534.06	9.29	8,021.86	7.09	4,490.35	181.25	876.79	0.93		
—	—	22	43	—	—	—	20	—	3	—	—	—	—	42	112	11,872.42	5.46	12,032.43	5.53	7,145.87	—	—	—		
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—	—	11	28	—	—	—	37	—	3	—	—	—	—	21	158	26,965.70	12.61	15,195.25	7.10	10,450.84	550.30	10,890.23	5.35		
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—	19	12	83	—	1	—	47	—	30	—	—	—	—	30	357	35,503.64	3.54	22,437.53	2.24	9,760.77	480.33	2,946.79	0.34		
—	—	5	12	—	—	—	19	—	1	—	—	—	—	11	83	14,405.60	9.69	13,607.64	9.16	7,788.44	84.62	1,633.08	1.16		
—	—	36	23	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	67	105	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	19	124	264	—	1	—	192	—	55	—	—	—	—	240	1,117	127,726.97	6.21	84,986.02	4.13	48,081.79	2,287.25	20,205.87	1.10		

Philistine Memories

D. K. DOWN

IN THE days of Eli the priest, the Philistines made war against Israel and captured the ark of the covenant containing the ten commandments. They took it to Ashdod and put it in the temple of Dagon their fish-like god. But the angel of the Lord smashed the idol and smote the Philistines. So the Philistines put the ark on a new cart pulled by cows and it made its way to Bethshemesh. The Israelites rejoiced to see the ark but some impious men looked inside it and the Lord destroyed more than 50,000 of them for their presumption. The ark was then taken to the house of Abinadab in Kirjath-jearim where it rested for 20 years (1 Samuel 4 to 7). Soon after David was proclaimed king he decided to bring the ark up to Jerusalem. The ark was placed on a new cart and carried towards Jerusalem, but on the way Uzzah put forth his hand to steady the ark and the Lord promptly slew him. The ark was then taken into the house of Obed-edom where it remained for three months. In the meantime David studied the Scriptures and realized that the ark should have been carried by the Levites instead of transported on a bullock cart. So once more the ark was taken up and carried with music and dancing to Jerusalem, a sacrifice being offered at every six paces. (2 Sam. 6)

Early one morning we left Jerusalem and followed the steep twisting road down into the Valley of Ajalon. Only 8 miles from the city we climbed to the top of a hill to the modern Arab village of Abu Ghosh. This is the site of the old Kirjath-jearim. Today the hill is crowned by a large Catholic Church which is surmounted by a huge statue of the Virgin Mary standing on top of the ark of the covenant. I always did believe that Mary took her stand on the Ten Commandments and it was good to know that the Catholics believe the same.

Today a modern highway connects Kirjath-jearim and Jeru-

salem, but in David's day the track must have been steep and rough going down the hill from Kirjath-jearim and up the stony mountain side to Jerusalem. It would have been a miracle if the ark had not fallen off the ox-cart.

I used to think that a sacrifice every six paces was rather an orgy of blood-letting, and it undoubtedly did involve many sacrifices. But when we realize the whole distance was less than six miles, and Obed-edom's house must have been much closer to the city, it may have been only a mile or even less.

Another ten miles and we came

David must have used a similar stone in his sling.



to the vale of Eshtaol. We then took the road south three miles to the Valley of Zorah, the home of Samson. It is in a bare, shallow valley and tradition still points to the rock on which Manoah is said to have made his offering to the angel. Over the other side of the railway line is Bethshemesh. The local inhabitants were reaping their wheat harvest when the ark arrived, and it is still a fertile valley of wheat fields.

A little further and we drove into the valley of Elah where David slew Goliath. A small brook runs through a plain only about 200 yards wide in places, flanked by gently sloping hills. On these hills the armies of Israel and Philistia were drawn up and each

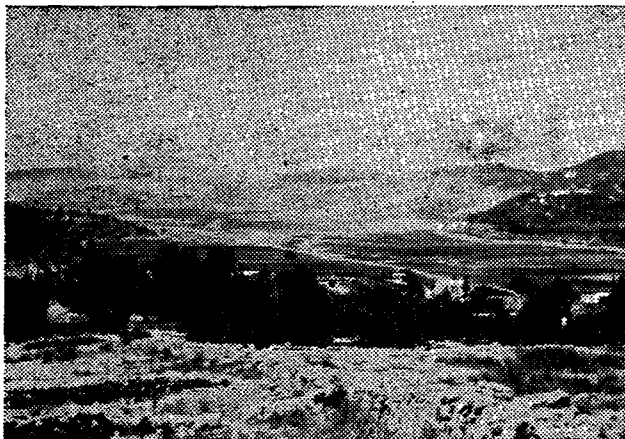
morning Goliath strode down into the plain shouting defiance at Israel. I went down into the bed of the brook which is dry during the summer season and found it full of round stones, mostly about the size of a chicken's egg, ideal for a sling such as David used to slay Goliath.

We journeyed on to Lachish which is now just a heap of dust and a little further to modern Quirvat Gat. A signpost informed us that we were passing Gath, one of the fine major cities of the Philistines.

With the highlands of Judah on our left we travelled on till we came to Beer-sheba where Abraham dwelt for so long and Isaac digged a well (Genesis 26:32). The well is still there but it is very dilapidated and full of stagnant

water. An old disused apparatus for drawing water, erected at a much later period, clutters up the entrance.

But Beer-sheba is best noted for its Arab population and camel market which functions every Thursday. We certainly found the place a hive of activity with Arabs bargaining and camels grunting and several baby camels protesting loudly and vigorously at being separated from their mothers. But what dominated the scene was not camels or Arabs but tourists! Thousands of Jews from all over the world visit Israel every month. No Jew is allowed to enter an Arab country so Beer-sheba is about the only touch of the East any of these tourists are likely to



Valley of Elah
where David slew
Goliath.

of God when it was first captured. Today it is just a deserted mound and I had difficulty in locating it. No ruins mark the spot and an industrious farmer has plowed this once proud city intending to plant a crop on its soil. We did, however, find some broken pottery of old Ashdod which the farmer's plough had turned up.

It was late afternoon as we sped further north to Ekron, now a sleepy Israeli village and then headed back to Jerusalem. It is interesting to notice that of these five great Philistine cities, God foretold that two of them would not be inhabited—Ashkelon (Zechariah 9:5) and Ashdod (Micah 1:8). Today the other three are well populated but Ashdod and old Ashkelon are deserted and silent except for the chatter of guides showing tourists the relics of the ancient past.

By a strange coincidence the full moon was just rising out of the Valley of Ajalon as we topped the hill of Kirjath-jearim on our homeward journey. The sun had set an hour earlier and the moon

see. Moreover to the Western Jewish visitor, the Arab is visualized as a fierce warrior of the desert instead of the placid Easterner we found him to be and the visitor speaks of the Arabs in rather awed tones. So Beer-sheba camel market was thronged with excited tourists and movie cameras were whirring all around us.

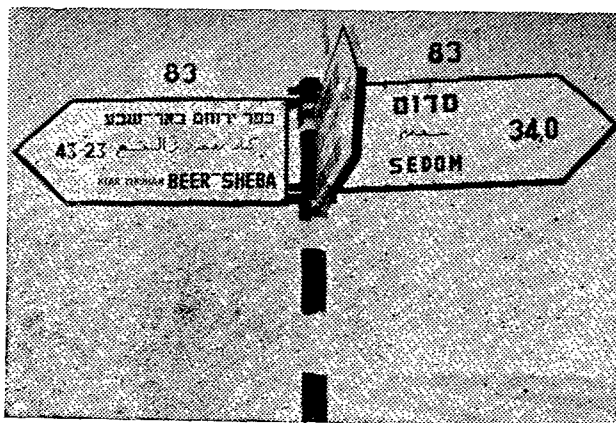
From Beer-sheba we headed into the Negev, the dry desert which is being rapidly settled by immigrant Jews. It is irrigated by huge water pipe lines converting arid wastes into fertile farm land. Enthusiastic but shallow-thinking Bible expositors have endeavoured to apply this as a fulfilment of God's new earth promise "the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." (Isaiah 35:1). Certainly modern Israel is to be commended for wresting a living from these wastelands but they are hardly blossoming as a rose. In fact they were just miles of bare and dusty fallow ground when we passed through, hardly a fulfilment of God's precious promises.

We wound down into the lifeless Dead Sea depression to the tourist resort of Sedom where we spent the night. If ever the curse of God has rested on any place on earth it has been on the once beautiful vale of Siddim. Sweltering hot, salty and bare, inhabited by neither bird nor beast; a stark testimony to the consequence of idleness and lust. It seemed as though an atomic cloud had blasted a huge basin in the earth and blotted out every sign of life. A cluster of tourist cabins and a dusty potash factory is all that

exists to remind the visitor that he is not visiting an uninhabited planet.

Back to Beer-sheba next morning and then on to Gerar and Ashkelon, passing Gaza in the distance. One of the five great cities of the Philistines, Ashkelon today is a flourishing seaside resort beside the sparkling blue waters of the Mediterranean. Modern Ashkelon was as gay and pleasant as Sedom was dead. Our children played in the golden sands whilst I went to look at the old Roman ruins about

Signpost in three
languages: He-
brew, Arabic
and English.



half a mile away. Philistine Ashkelon is now dead but its grave is hidden from the carefree populace of the modern city by tawny trees and delightful orange groves. The only reminders of the Philistine past to be found in the thriving city was in the names of tourists resorts such as "Dagon Hotel" and "Delilah Cage."

Ashdod is seven miles north of Ashkelon. The temple of Dagon once stood here and thither the jubilant Philistines brought the ark

seemed to glide slowly up the sides of the valley. Naturally we thought of the words of Joshua, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon and thou, moon, in the Valley of Ajalon." Joshua 10:12.

Spirit of Prophecy

Day

May 16

WEEK OF PRAYER AT E. D. THOMAS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

A. SIVARAMAKRISHNAN

WITH only four more weeks to go in the present school year, the school family was knit together in a sacred season of prayer. Pastor G. Gurubatham, the President of the South Tamil Section, conducted the Week of Prayer. Addressing the entire school family twice a day, he brought home the concept of full surrender to God. "Where art thou going?", "What hast thou in thine hand?", "Full surrender" were a few of the thought-provoking messages. The culmination of the Week of Prayer was the dedication of the entire school family in response to an appeal on Friday night, while on the Sabbath morning 12 young people took their stand for Christ by baptism. Pastor A. M. Job, the Principal of the school, conducted the baptismal service. The candidates were well trained in all the doctrinal points of our faith by Brother M. Dhason, the preceptor, who had worked with them personally for many months. During the church service, several others were convicted of their sins and decided to stand for Christ. They look forward to the next baptismal service. We solicit your prayer.

Baptismal candidates
with Pastors Guru-
batham, A. M. Job and
Mr. Monickam Dhason
(standing back row.)



RANCHI EFFORT

H. T. BURR

SATURDAY night, March 21, marked the opening meeting of the evangelistic effort in Ranchi. To my knowledge the last full-scale, town-wide effort conducted here was by Pastors P. D. Kujur and B. Nowrangi in 1942.

In this effort there will be two meetings each night. Pastor and Mrs. D. K. Down will lead out in the English meeting and Pastor and Mrs. B. Nowrangi in the Hindi. Both are capable men and we feel sure no stone will be left unturned to make these meetings a success.

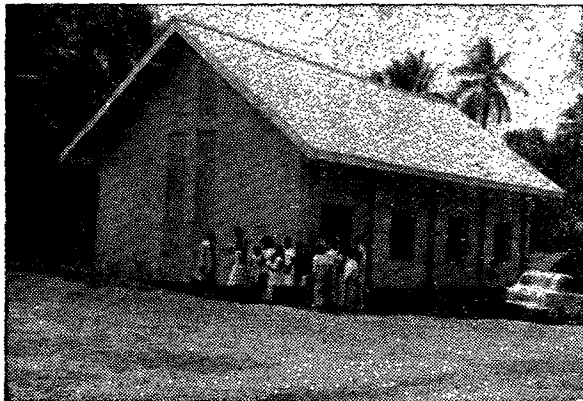
The new portable tabernacle is located on a fine plot of ground

on the main road not far from the centre of town, and makes an attractive setting for the fine spiritual messages that will be presented throughout the series.

The Burns family from Spicer College have joined the effort as singing evangelists and five national workers and their families have been called in from the field to assist. It is in Pastor Down's programme to conduct a school of evangelism in conjunction with his meetings and without doubt these brethren will benefit tremendously both in theory and practice.

We invite each one of the Southern Asia Division family to daily remember the labours of these brethren and their associates as they preach and live the Word in this place.

ENDERAMULLA CHURCH, CEYLON



JANUARY 10, 1959 was a happy day for the members of the Enderamulla church, for their new church was dedicated on that day. Over two-hundred people were present, representing almost all the churches in the Island. Pastor F. A. Mote from the General Conference, and Pastor O. O. Mattison and two others from the Division were also present.

At 3 o'clock on that Sabbath afternoon, after a brief welcome talk by Pastor P. P. Dias, the worker in charge of this little group, Pastor Dahlsten cut the ribbon and declared the church open. Pastor Mattison delivered the dedicatory sermon to a packed church. Pastor Mote offered the dedicatory prayer which reminded us of the prayer of Solomon when the Temple at Jerusalem was dedicated.

Today the members are very happy. May God bless them and help them to fill the church with more members.

CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS FEATURE TEMPERANCE

KEITH R. MUNDT

SOME 14,000 Burmese, Karens, Shans, Kachins, Chins, Chinese, Indians, and a conglomeration of other foreigners visited the

Burma Temperance Society booth at the Kachin Culture Exhibition held in Rangoon, February 8-19 on the one-time western moat of the famous Shwedagon Pagoda—an historical land-mark of the capital. The 20' x 40' booth was decorated in the blue and gold colours of the Society by the fifth

and sixth standard students of the Rangoon SDA Elementary School. Members of the Rangoon SDA Church helped in the over-all programme.

Eight professionally painted posters graced the bamboo walls of the booth with a ninth painting in "blacklite." The latter, depicting how alcohol destroys the powers of self-control, caught the eye of the average visitor.

Each evening from 6:30 till 11:30 a continuous showing of the film "One in 20,000" interspersed with the filmstrip "You and Alcohol" highlighted the "twin evils"—alcohol and tobacco.

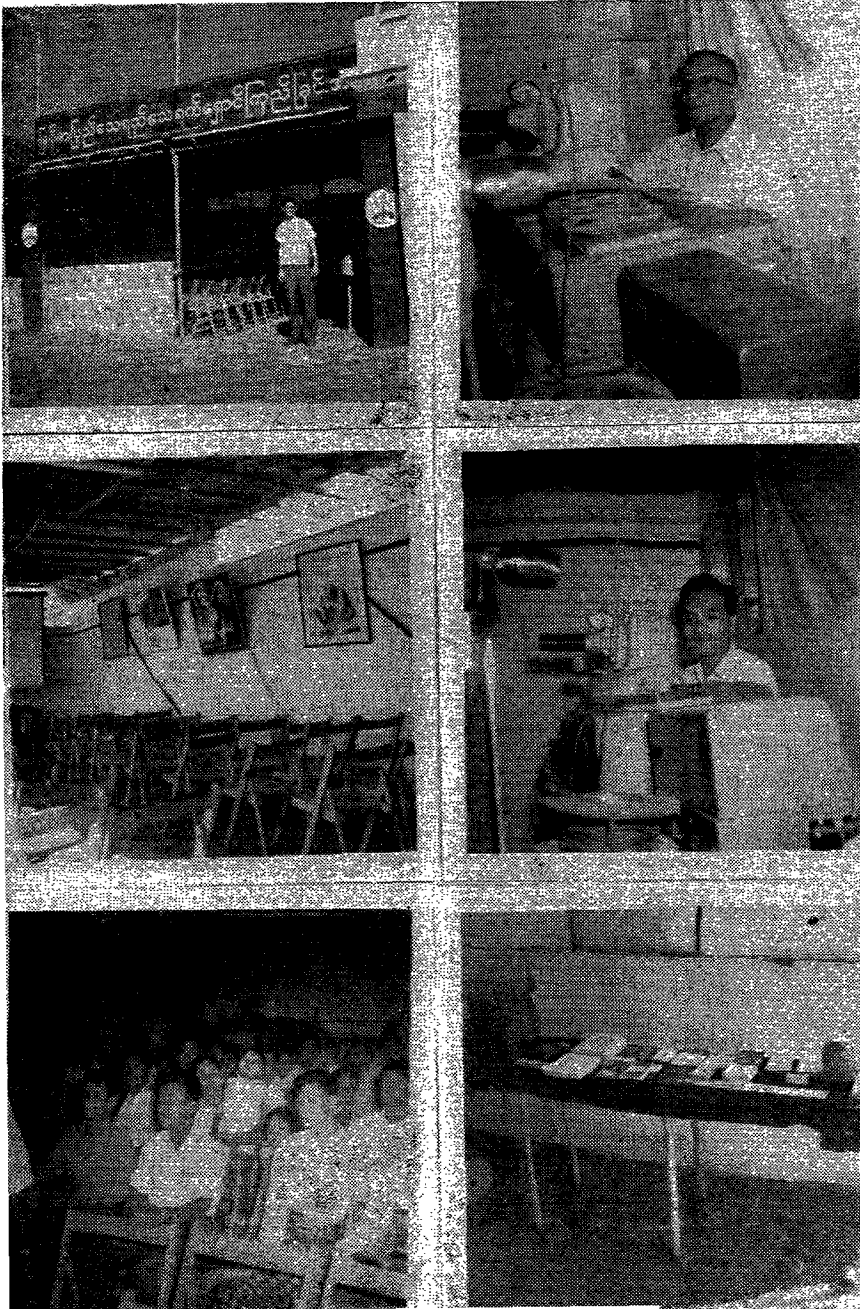
Temperance literature, published in Burmese for the first time since World War II, were sold at cost. Among others were: *Why Alcoholic Beverages?* by Andrew C. Ivy, Ph.D., M.D., D.Sc., LL.D.; *How to Stop Smoking* by Clifford R. Anderson, M.D.; *Murder at Midnight* by Donald Hewitt, M.D.; and *It's Smarter Not to Drink* by Ronald Selegar, M.D.

On the second night an operator of a cold drinks stall suggested open-air movies for a larger viewing of the temperance educational films. We felt, however, that a controlled audience would receive the most benefit.

Fifty miles away in Pegu—a comparatively large town—the Sixth Annual Mon Cultural Exhibition convened February 22-26. The city figured significantly in ancient Burmese history and noted for its many pagodas.

Decorated like its Rangoon counterpart, the 20' x 35' booth was visited by U Chit Thong, Minister of Union Culture, who expressed his appreciation for the work that the Burma Temperance Society was doing in the country. This was the second time that the Society was represented at the annual show. About 4,000 saw temperance on film and in posters.

Mr. J. R. Abraham, deacon of the local church, and George Maung Maung Gyi, active BTS member and VOP student, gave untiringly of their time and talents not only in Rangoon but also in Pegu.



1. The Booth at Pegu. Pastor F. C. Wyman.
2. View of the posters in the Pegu Booth.
3. A typical group at the Pegu Booth.
4. Brother J. R. Abraham at the controls.
5. Brother George Mg Mg Gyi at the controls.
6. Burmese and English displayed at the Pegu Booth.

After Forty Years

Good Bye!



Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Shepard.

L. C. SHEPARD

In a few days Mrs. Shepard and I leave India to resettle in our native place. Many friends and fellow workers have written to us and we take this opportunity to thank you for these expressions of love and regard. It is not easy to sever the ties of fellowship and comradeship that have developed during almost forty years of sojourn with you. All our children were born in India; the same house was home for more than thirty-five years. Our lives have become deeply rooted in Southern Asia. As we leave there is some wrench at the heart.

During the years we have been here great changes have taken place in the countries of Southern Asia. When we began our service in 1919 it was possible to travel without restriction, formalities or travel documents of any sort from Duzdap on the border of Persia in the west to Victoria Point in the extreme south of Burma or from Peshawar in the north-west to Matara in the far south of Ceylon. How different it is today!

In 1919 the highest priced item sold by our national colporteurs was sold for eight annas. *Present Truth*, the forerunner of *Nalwazhi* ("Goodway", Tamil) was priced at

6 as. for the year and the colporteur received all the money; we paid the postage and also paid the colporteur a cash retaining fee. It is different now.

The greatest forward strides have been in the realm of the spirit. Colporteurs and preachers have come to believe that they can meet and influence people. No longer do they fear the faces of the public. Some colporteurs now sell as much in a day as the best colporteur sold in two months in 1919. In the Unions the sale in a month is equal to sales of the entire Division in a year in the early 1920's. Even so, we have scarcely scratched the surface of our potential. Literacy is rapidly increasing, especially, among women and girls; even in the most conservative areas women take a prominent place in public life. New colleges are founded almost daily. These developments constitute a great challenge. We need greater efficiency and a deeper measure of consecration in order to successfully meet the challenge of current developments.

We shall continue to pray for the work and workers in Southern Asia in full confidence that the "Message" will march forward to a glorious triumph.

May God Bless You

I am sure that each member of the TIDINGS family would like to have shared in the personal farewells to Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Shepard here at Salisbury Park during these past few days.

The Publishing House workers and their families entertained the Shepards at a supper on Wednesday evening, and immediately following this, the Community Centre presented garlands and farewell speeches on the beautifully decorated grassy triangle in front of the Publishing House.

In the chapel the workers bade Mr. Shepard Godspeed and welcomed Mr. V. Raju who will take up the work Pastor Shepard has laid down. Many accompanied them to the train as they left Poona and a few were privileged to see them at the docks when they sailed from the shores of India, April 8.

We all join in wishing them a happy journey and God's blessing as they begin life anew with less strenuous duties than he has carried in his forty years of service in Southern Asia. —S. L.

Disaster and Famine Relief Offering—May 9, 1959

ROBERT JAMES RITCHIE

We regretfully share with the readers of the Southern Asia Tidings the news of the sudden passing of Pastor R. J. Ritchie on Sabbath evening, the 28th of March. He was apparently well during the day and delivered a sermon to our people in the Windsor, Ontario Church in the morning. After a busy afternoon of visiting the sick and attending the Missionary Volunteer service in the church he lay down to rest and passed away within half an hour. Pastor and Mrs. Ritchie had just been called to the Toronto church and they were to move there on the 12th of April.

Pastor Ritchie was born on the 13th of May, 1909 and obtained most of his education in our own Seventh-day Adventist schools. He attended Vincent Hill School from 1924 to 1929. He was baptized in Madras by Pastor Poley. Pastor A. W. Cormack united him in marriage to Mavis Killoway at the Salisbury Park Memorial Church in 1934. They brought talent, enthusiasm and consecration into their service and their home was a blessing to the church. Mrs. Mavis Ritchie passed away in October, 1957.

Workers throughout the Southern Asia Division will remember Pastor Ritchie as a colporteur in the Northwestern India Union, Publishing Department Secretary in the Western India Union, evangelist in Lahore, Lucknow, Karachi and Bombay. The church in Lahore was built in 1942 during the time Pastor and Mrs. Ritchie served there. A number of our believers in Karachi were baptized as a result of a large effort held there in 1944. Their labours in Lucknow and Bombay bore good fruit.

Pastor Ritchie was selected to attend the General Conference held at San Francisco in 1946 and the Great International Youth Congress held in San Francisco in 1947. The Southern Asia Youth Congress was held in 1952 while he served in the capacity of Missionary Volunteer leader of the Southern Asia Division. The Ritchies left for Canada in

1953 where he continued a heavy programme of pastoral work.

Pastor Ritchie was greatly beloved by the youth in the Southern Asia Division. He frequently led out in our school and church Weeks of Prayer, and his sincerity, enthusiasm, and unbounded faith were contagious, and have inspired hundreds of youth to more whole-hearted service for Christ. He unstintingly gave of his time and service in evangelism or any other good cause promoting the work of God.

Those who attended the General Conference in 1958 will remember Pastor Ritchie working zealously to make the booth representing Southern Asia attractive and successful. Everywhere he went he gave himself untiringly to the great work of sharing his faith.

In May, 1958 Brother Ritchie was united in marriage with Irma Reynolds, a Bible instructor in the Ontario-Quebec Conference. They were both successful soul winners. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Ritchie in her loss.

Workers and members in the Southern Asia Division join his loved ones in a tribute of loving respect to one who was large hearted, loyal and faithful to the very end.

He also leaves two sisters, Ethel Hart and Florence Collet in Australia and two brothers, C. A. W. Ritchie and Jim Ritchie also of Australia. An elder brother Cyril Ritchie has also been a leader in our work in America for a number of years.

Our hope is that of the glad reunion when we shall be privileged to be united with true-hearted friends and fellow workers in the earth made new.

Miscellany

● Dr. G. T. Anderson, President of the College of Medical Evan-

gelists, Loma Linda and Dr. P. S. Nelson, Medical Director of the Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid are making an extensive tour of the Southern Asia Division in the interest of our medical work. Among the important centres they are touching are, Rangoon, Calcutta, Nuzvid, Vellore, Delhi, Simla, Surat, Poona and Karachi. Many medical problems were studied while they visited Poona on April 7 and 8.

● We pass on the sad news from Brother and Sister M. W. Shultz of the sudden death of their infant child and request the readers of the TIDINGS to remember these young missionaries in your prayers. They are working in the East Pakistan Section.

● Pastor B. S. Moses is conducting a very successful effort at Rajahmundry. The prospects of establishing a church in this important and long-laboured city are very bright.

● William H. Egan of Spicer Memorial College is now teaching at the Chuharkana High School, West Pakistan while E. R. Hutchinson is helping out with the teaching programme at Spicer College Summer School.

● Pastor M. E. Kemmerer returned to Poona on the 1st of April from a trip to the Northeast Union. He reports about the excellent work being done by Dr. Stanley Sturges and Brother Haldar in Nepal. These two families have their new houses ready and look forward to the construction of our hospital near Banepa in the near future.

● A beautiful little church on the hillsides of Kalimpong was dedicated on March 28. Pastors A. R. Appel and M. E. Kemmerer were present at this service. Pastor R. J. King is doing a fine work and is making interesting contacts.

● The Falakata School is carrying on a well-balanced Christian education. Their industries are very helpful to the students financially. Scholastically the Falakata School students are measuring up very well with the rest of the Division.

Dorcas Society at

E. D. Thomas Memorial

High School, Tanjore.



● Brother and Sister Harry Osmond of the Division treasury office, Poona, left for Delhi on March 30. Brother Osmond will be the new Secretary-Treasurer for the Northwestern India Union.

● The students at the Chuharkana High School paid Rs. 1,446 in tithe to the church from their labour in school industries during 1958. Gross income from the breakfast cereal industry totalled Rs. 27,000.

● Over 1000 Seventh-day Adventists attended the four regional meetings held at Shahkat, Gujranwala, Muridke and Madar during March. Pastor A. M. Akbar, President of the West Punjab Section, led out in the programme and Pastors C. H. Hamel, D. S. Johnson, F. M. Sajid, and E. R. Reynolds were guest speakers. Brother R. K. Hamilton of the Chuharkana School strongly promoted Christian Education and a group of singers, "Heralds of Jesus," from the school gave much inspiration.

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Disaster and Famine

Relief Offering

May 9

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

THIS question was answered by Jesus Himself when He gave the parable of the Good Samaritan. Your neighbour and mine is anyone who is in need. We cannot escape this responsibility which God Himself places upon us; and in our response we demonstrate the reality of our Christian experience.

On May 9th all our churches in the world field will invite a liberal offering to help our needy neighbours. This is designated *The Famine Relief and Rehabilitation Offering*. Half of the amount received in this Division will come back immediately as a fund to meet emergencies in Southern Asia. The other half will be placed with the General Conference fund to help major needs and appeals from all areas in the world field.

Let us think at this time of our neighbours and show our love and devotion by bringing a more liberal offering than ever before. Plan for this offering and remember the date, Sabbath, May 9, 1959. May the Lord add his bountiful blessing to your generous gifts.

M. E. KEMMERER



SHARING

SHARING with others brings blessing to all. In giving this time to the Famine Relief, let each make it a real offering. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The gift we make to the unfortunate stricken ones is in reality an offering to God. Unless it comes from a heart warmed by love, it will accomplish only half its work.

Shall we not, in a very definite way, remember the orphans, the destitute and the famine stricken earnestly in our prayers around our family altars? Encourage our children to pray for the needy, suffering ones. Let us yield our hearts to God that He may use us as He sees we are able to answer our prayers.

—O. W. LANGE.

Let the offering box on your dining-room table remind you to do your part in meeting the needs of the poor and suffering.