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**A**T THE dedication of a large and expensive building, which had been erected to care for so-called problem boys, the principal speaker startled his audience by saying, "If one boy is saved as a result of the work of this institution it will be well worth the investment made." At the conclusion of the address one listener, thinking the speaker had been over enthusiastic, reproached him by saying, "You stated our money is well spent if one boy is saved, don't you think that quite a price to pay for *ONE* boy?" Without hesitation and with deep feeling came the forceful reply, "Not if he were my boy!"

When about a year and a half ago the idea of a Youth Evangelism Month was suggested, one, who had not heard the reasons given and the details of the plan set forth, asked, "Why a full month, why not just the regular MV Week?" It was a good question and was asked by one who is interested in young people. This individual and all TIDINGS readers are entitled to know why division, union and local committees have voted to set apart one twelfth of the year to be devoted exclusively to the spiritual interests of our boys and girls.

## WHAT IS A BOY WORTH

J. F. ASHLOCK

Briefly, Youth Evangelism Month has come about because our young people need it, and because they are entitled to it! Last year we spent Rs. 2,10,000.00 to finance 335 evangelistic efforts for the public. We feel that this was money well spent and only wish that ten times as much had been available to use in bringing the good news of salvation to our friends in the cities, towns and villages of Southern Asia. But in our enthusiasm for others, let us not overlook the youth in our homes, in our schools, in our churches, and in our communities. The chief Shepherd has placed them under our influence as a sacred trust. No amount of labour for others will excuse us for any neglect of them. As faithful shepherds we must not shirk this responsibility.

Further, the young people constitute a very fruitful field of successful evangelism. Their hearts are tender and responsive and their minds are keen and receptive. From sad experience we know all too well that as they grow older they are less inclined to choose the good way. When they are young, before the evil one plants his seeds of unrighteousness, they more readily accept the challenge to noble living and Christlike service. Truly here is a field white already to harvest!

Youth Evangelism Month offers opportunity for church leaders and parents to show their interest in and love for the young people. It enables the youth to know that God has a plan for their lives, and a place in His service for them. It binds the hearts of parents closer to their children. The month

July—Youth Evangelism Month

affords time for a youth survey and the taking of a careful census enabling church officers to get a true picture of the youth and their needs, making possible intelligent and purposeful labour in their behalf. It provides opportunities for experienced, consecrated youth to work for other youth. It creates a favourable atmosphere for the unconverted to take their stand, and for the backslidden youth to return to the fold. It enables the pastor to preach two youth sermons in preparation for the services of the regular eight days of the Week of Prayer. It allows for the unhurried organization of a baptismal class, as well as for a good MV Community Service day. It includes a follow-up of well organized Share Your Faith activity and, in many instances, prepares the way for a successful Voice of Youth effort.

## Come up Higher

E. L. MINCHIN

(Associate Secretary, General Conference MV Department)

**I**NTO the hearts of thousands of God's children all over the earth is coming a longing for something deeper, richer, and more satisfying in their religious experience. There is a dissatisfaction with their present low standard of spiritual living and a deep hunger for a more satisfactory and more intimate walk with God. Many of our youth are reaching out for God, longing to know Him better and to do His will more perfectly.

On every hand there is evidence that the Spirit of God is moving upon the hearts of His people, calling them to come up higher, to

seek His face, and to know the power of the redeemed life and of victory over sin. "Those who are engaged in service for the Master need an experience much higher, deeper, broader, than many have thought of having."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 503. Too many of us are living the Christian life on a low level. We are living it shabbily when it might be lived gloriously. We are spiritual paupers, when we might be spiritual millionaires, possessing and enjoying our riches in Christ Jesus.

Leaders of youth should ever remember that "none of us liveth to himself." The level of our Christian experience is consciously and unconsciously affecting those who look to us. A self-satisfied leader brings inestimable harm to those he would lead. By his example he fails to fulfil the first requisite of spiritual leadership, that of inspiring others to higher and holier attainments. He actually confirms them in low-level living. David cried, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." This revelation of David's soul yearning for God is the explanation of his power to affect the souls of men throughout the centuries.

Dear leader, this Week of Prayer brings a call to you, to examine your own heart and your own standing before God. What is the level of your spiritual life? What soul hunger is yours as you seek to lead your youth to know God through fellowship with Jesus? God bids us, "Come up to me in the mount." This is the way of secret prayer, and of self-examination in the light of His Word. We must take time to be holy. Such Christian experience and leadership is costly, but it will open the flood-gates of heaven and bring results that only eternity will measure.

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"In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigour, zeal and courage." *Messages*, p. 20.

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The plan was new last year. Some may not have fully understood it and perhaps for that reason a few churches did not participate. In those places, however, where it was entered into heartily God's blessings were abundant and great benefit came, not only to the young people, but to the entire church. A true revival and reformation resulted. During the month, in 188 churches, with-

out extra expenditure of funds, 2,056 young people made decisions for Christ. Youth baptisms for 1958 constituted more than 50% of the total for the division.

We urge every church leader to use the materials provided and enter into the plan for a full month of service with and for the youth. Remember, if "one boy" is saved in your church it truly will be a good investment.

### JULY

#### Youth Evangelism Month

(Materials and suggestions for the following services have been provided for every church, company and school in the Division. These will be passed on by the union and section MV Departments.)

- July 4, Sermon, "Our Sons and Daughters"
- July 11, Sermon, "Christlike Christian Youth"
- July 18, Sermon, "Youth and the Crisis Hour"
- July 19-24, Topics, Mimeographed and supplied
- July 25, Sermon, "Space Flight Reservation"
- July 25, Afternoon, MV Community Service

# To Youth of Southern Asia

M. E. KERN

(First General Conference MV Secretary)

**T**HE PERIOD of childhood and youth is the most important time in our lives; for what is put into the first of life, is put into all of life. It is during this period that decisions are made which determine our whole future, for time and eternity. We are admonished in the Bible: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Eccl. 12:1. And why? Unless we make this most important decision to serve God, in this formative, decisive time of life, most likely we will become hardened in sin, and lose our desire for fellowship with our loving heavenly Father.

God has a great purpose for every one of us; and like the apostle Paul, we should ever be pressing on "toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14. The Lord's messenger to the remnant church has said: "Higher than the highest human thoughts can reach, is God's ideal for His children." Ed. p. 18. With such high purposes for each one of us, on the part of our heavenly Father, it is certainly a sin for us to live mediocre lives; but we should rather be ever advancing in the fulfilment of God's ideal for us. As Adventist youth, we must stand on a platform high above this common-place world. We can, and should, mingle with the unsaved, without contamination of our own souls, but with the drawing power of the Holy Spirit seek to save sinners.

In David's heart-broken prayer for forgiveness, after his great sin, he cried out: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right ("constant"—margin) spirit within me. . . . Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit." Then what? "Then will I teach transgressors Thy way, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee." Ps. 51:10, 12, 13.

Yes, when we know by experience the saving power of God,

the Lord's command is: "Go work today in my vineyard." Matthew 21:28. In a message to our Adventist young people, it is said: "Will the young men and the young women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath keepers, but for those who are not of our faith." "Cannot you form companies, and

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"The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand." *Messages*, p. 7.

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as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact, and skill, and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin."—*Signs of the Times*, May 29, 1893.

The most urgent demand of the church today is to go forth quickly and finish the work. And of the

young people it is said: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."—*Education*, p. 271. It is said of Jesus that "From His earliest years He was possessed of one purpose; He lived to bless others." *Desire of Ages*, p. 70. And so must we.

And thank God, we are told that: "There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit." *Id.* p. 250.

And let us remember, dear young people, that: "For all that we might have become, through the right use of our talents, God holds us responsible. We shall be judged by what we ought to have done but did not accomplish, because we did not use our powers to glorify God." *Messages to Young People*, p. 309. So, having accepted your commission, do not waver, "Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before you. . . . Let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left." Proverbs 4:25-27. "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13. (R.S.V.).



Sixteen students of the Assam Training School baptized at the close of the school year. Six languages represented.

## Sharing One's Faith

KALEE PAW

**S**AW YE AYE (Mr. Cold Water) is only ten years old and lives in Yebu (Hot Water) village. He wanted to come to our newly opened school in that village, but his mother refused to send him. She was afraid that if she sent her son there, her pastor would be angry with her and would take her name from the church book. Saw Ye Aye begged his mother day after day, but to no avail.

One day while his mother had to be away at a nearby village for business, this boy went to the Adventist school. As he had never been in this school before, he felt shy and dared not enter the school with other boys and girls. He went into a clump of bushes which is not far from the school and quietly sat down there and listened to the singing of the boys and girls in the school. While the students were singing, the teacher looked out the window and noticed branches of the small trees shaking in the bush. Wanting to know what made the branches move, he went over to see and was surprised to find Mr. Cold Water sitting there alone. He took him by the arm and led him into the school.

All the boys and girls were very happy as they saw Little Cold Water come to the school and they offered him a seat. He sat quietly with the rest of the students and learned to sing with others. He liked the songs so well that he could sing some by heart after only



Pastor D. S. Johnson baptizing a young lady in the Ganga canal.

a week. Each time when he went home, he sang to his mother. She was happy that he had learned the good songs, but she wouldn't say anything.

One Sabbath morning, Mr. Cold Water took his mother's hand and begged her to accompany him to the Sabbath school. Mother refused but he kept on pulling her hands and asking her to come with him. At last the mother decided, "to please my son, I will go only once to this church." When she arrived at the church she was delighted by the children's songs. Cold Water also, with much happiness in his heart, sang heartily with his friends. After the children's class, she joined the service and was much impressed with the message.

The next Sabbath she went to church again with her son. One day, two of her friends came and told her that if she did not stop

going to the Adventist church, they would report the matter to the pastor and her name might be dropped from the church. She begged the two friends to accompany her once to the Adventist church. After that, if they wished to do anything to her they could. One friend agreed and went. This lady also became interested with what she heard at the Adventist

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"Jesus is the wellspring of joy."  
*Messages*, p. 38.

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church and continued going Sabbath after Sabbath. At last the mother and her friend were both baptized and became members of the Adventist church.

First, Mr. Cold Water brought his mother to church. Then his mother brought her friend. By sharing their faith in this way, we see how the gospel of Christ moves forward in remote places in Burma.

My dear Junior boys and girls, what about you? Have you done anything for Jesus in sharing your faith with others as Mr. Cold Water did? I am sure you have a better opportunity than Mr. Cold Water had in studying or training for the service of God. Use your talents as this boy did and God will bless your work.

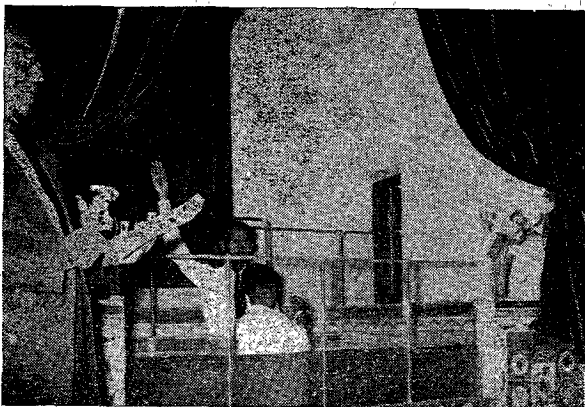
## MV Week at Jalirpar

D. T. HAWLEY

**F**ROM the beginning I knew that we were going to have an excellent Week of Prayer at Jalirpar School, because the devil seemed determined to keep me from getting over there to see the young people.

Arriving at the airport the man at the PIA desk informed me that my name was not on the list of passengers. After checking my ticket again we discovered that my plane had left just 24 hours previously! However, they squeezed me on to the flight leaving within a few minutes.

After flying to Dacca and taking



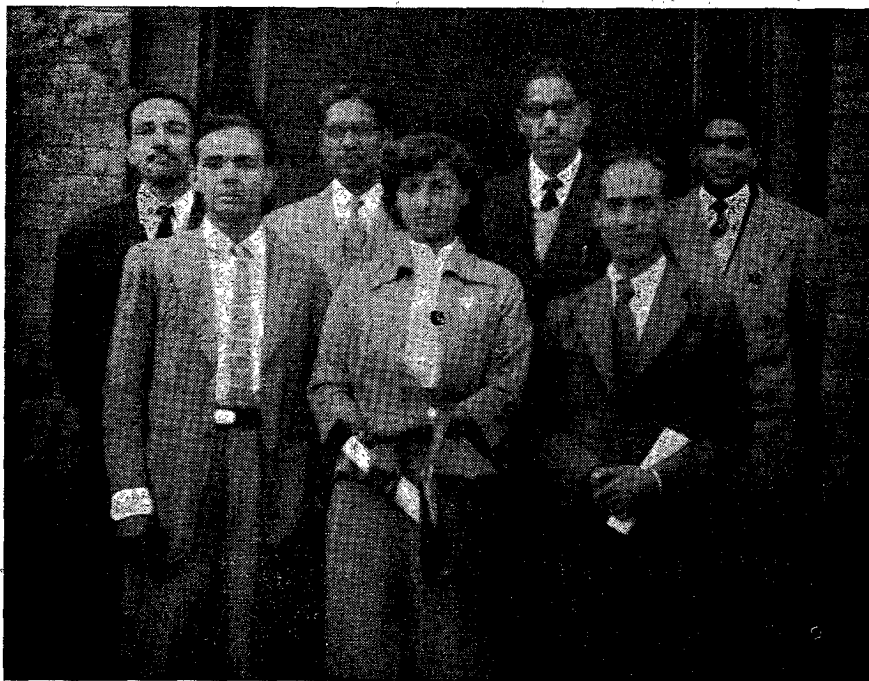
Pastor Y. G. Thomas baptizing a Junior youth at Prakasapuram, Nazareth.

another plane to Jessore I boarded a train for Khulna where I could catch a smaller steamer for Jalirpar due to arrive Friday morning. Or so I thought. But the ticket agent refused to sell me a ticket because storm warnings were up all along the river. (This was the big storm in which several lives were lost.) Wearily I went to bed in a steamer cabin hoping that I would hear the paddle wheels turning before long, but in the morning we were still tied to the dock. I was informed that the steamer would not leave until near midnight, so I located a small launch that promised to get me to Jalirpar by 6 p.m. Actually I reached there and was put off on the wrong side of the river long after dark. Standing in the darkness wondering what to do next, I heard young voices singing a Christian chorus, and I knew that I had friends not too far away.

Reaching the school I was made to feel right at home. I found a large group of friendly, attentive young people living on a beautiful and well kept campus. Brother Jacques and his wife are to be commended for the excellent work they have carried on.

Meetings were held in the attractive new chapel twice daily! The theme of the week-long services was, "The Army of the Lord". Before the week was over all the young people signified their intention of remaining or becoming loyal members of the Lord's army. Even those too young to become members of the church indicated their desire of being baptized. During the week time was allowed for personal counselling. On the last Friday night most of the student body as well as parents and faculty members came forward to testify that their Heavenly Commander could count on them.

The pen of inspiration has informed us that with such an army of young people, rightly trained, it will not take long to carry this message to the entire world and see God's Kingdom ushered in. I believe we have a unit of the Lord's army in Jalirpar that we can depend on.



Speakers at the Lahore Voice of Youth effort. L to R: Robert Coshan, David Coshan, S. Rai, Mrs. McMullen, Pastor F. M. Sajid, Nobel Peter, Maxwell Khan.

## Youth Evangelism

D. H. SKAU

"WITH such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" *Messages to Young People*, p. 196. It was this inspired challenge to rightly train our army of youth, that the MV Week and Youth Evangelism programmes were launched. The efforts put forth in the past years have shown the worth of these inspired methods of drawing our youth into a closer walk with the Master.

In Western India last year there was 100% participation, with every worker leading out in MV Week activities. The Lord blessed these efforts with souls won. In the first four months of 1959, nineteen young people have given their hearts to the Lord and have been baptized. I believe, all the baptisms in our union for the first four months have been young people.

If every young person who has attended our schools during the last 25 years had become a worker,

or even if every youth baptized during the same period of time had gone into the harvest field, what an army of workers we would now have!

Let us not bemoan the past but look forward in faith resolving to use every means possible to provide our youth with the necessary training so they will be prepared to carry the message of a soon-coming Saviour to this dying world.

"When divine power is combined with human effort the work will spread like a fire in the stubble." For much of this effort God is counting on the youth to finish the great task of giving the Advent message to all the world in this generation. (E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, December 15, 1885)

MV Week with its golden opportunity for the entire church to unite to win our youth is again before us. Let us make, not only MV Week, but all of July a month of special work and prayer in their behalf. Then the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon all and this great work may soon be finished and we may all hear the welcome words, "Well done!"

## Operation Rescue

J. I. CRAWFORD

*The siren sounds, the bells ring, four teams of white stallions leap to their places, the harness drops as if from unseen hands, firemen having donned their gear slide down brass poles to buckle the surcingles, the fire-engine begins to roll, policemen at the city's busy intersections shout **MAKE WAY FOR THE FIRE-ENGINE**—and another rescue operation is under-way. Anxious faces, high in the burning building, light up with new hope; rescue nets are spread, ladders are placed, bucket brigades are at work. One by one the necessary steps are taken for saving lives and property. The fire is extinguished, the danger is averted, all lives are safe, and peace and happiness reign.*

**D**EAR READER, a rescue operation is planned for our young people this July,—especially during MV Week. Plans do not mature unaided and unrehearsed. Success in soul-saving just does not happen. The firemen are successful because they have a system—a plan. Moreover, they achieve through concerted action. So it should be even before July 18 comes around. Every worker in every line should plan to join this rescue operation. He should know where he is to carry on the operation. Details should be worked out. Objectives should be set.

Picture, if you can, the minister who runs into the church on July 18. He is all out of breath; but worse, he is confused. He cannot find his helpers, the expected congregation is not in place, his MV sermon has not been prepared, there is no special music. I ask you, does this man rescue people, or does he himself need to be rescued? He is like Ahimaaz who was a good runner but ran without a message. He might also be compared to the man who came running up behind a mob. He exclaimed, "I had better hurry up; I'm supposed to be the leader of this crowd."

Brethren, if we are supposed to be leaders, let us lead. Let all forces be mobilized for action; let strong plans be laid and let us act in concert for the saving of our youth.

*"While the souls of men are dying,  
And the Master calls for you,  
Let none hear you idly saying  
'There is nothing I can do.'  
Gladly take the task He gives you,  
Let His work thy pleasure be,  
Answer quickly when He calleth  
'Here am I, O Lord, send me.'"*

## Prayer

A true Christian recognizes prayer as communion with the living God, Creator of heaven and earth. It seems incredible that a weak, sinful human being could have such a privilege. It is possible only because of Jesus. "God hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ." 2 Cor. 5:18. This wonderful act of love and mercy toward men has opened the door for us to communicate with God. Jesus taught His disciples to address God in prayer as "Our Father."

Prayer is said to be the "key that unlocks heaven's store house."

"Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. God would send every angel in heaven to the aid of such an one, rather than allow him to be overcome." *Messages*, p. 94.

Prayer from a humble contrite heart is a potential more powerful than the atom bomb.

How should a Christian pray? The approach to God in prayer should always be with genuine humility and reverence. Calling upon God in a commanding way, demanding His attention to our needs is quite the opposite of prayer.

Though we are told that prayer is "speaking to God as to a friend," we must remember that prayer does not bring God down to us but rather elevates us to God. Through prayer we enter the audience chamber of heaven. Much repetition of God's name in prayer is improper and disrespectful. Shouting to God is a sign of disrespect and unbelief. Non-Christians are inclined to shout and demand of God, whereas, those who know and believe in the true God know He is ever mindful of His children.

Knowing this our attitude in prayer should always show our loving respect and reverence for God.

As conversation with our friends is moulded by circumstances and environment so our prayers should be appropriate to the occasions. For example, in our personal secret prayers, we are able to pour our hearts to God about our personal problems without reserve, whereas in public our prayers should be appropriate to the occasion and the edification of all.

It is proper for the one who offers the prayer in a regularly appointed service, such as church service, Sabbath school, MV meeting, prayer meeting, to be seated on the rostrum. To call upon one seated in the audience to offer the main prayer in such a service indicates a tendency toward slackness. Although it is our privilege to kneel before God in prayer and we should consider it pleasure to kneel when possible, there may be occasions when because of overcrowded conditions or other reasons it is more advisable to stand with bowed head. The position of one in prayer is not as important as one's attitude.

Let us come reverently before God when we pray.

—O. W. LANGE.



Science and the Spirit of Prophecy Agree

## Do You Want to Live?

**"YOUR** diet, what you eat, largely influences the rate at which your organism ages and consequently the duration of your life."—Victor Heiser M. D., *You're the Doctor*, 14.

Dr. John R. Heller, Director of the National Cancer Institute points to the Eskimos of East Greenland whose diet consists of more than 90% raw flesh. These Eskimos are apparently healthy until they reach 25 or so, but by the time they are 35 they have—in Dr. Heller's words—"lost their youthfulness, energy and skill; are lazy, clumsy, look old, are seriously arteriosclerotic, and die from influenza, or hunting accidents. Average life span is only 27½ years." He contrasts these Eskimos with the Hunza people north of Kashmir who are unusually healthy until a great age—subsisting on a simple diet with extremely little animal or dairy protein.

"Studies in Greenland and in Denmark show that for Eskimos the death rate at the prime of life is for men four times, for women three times, higher than for the Danes. The Eskimos cannot therefore be used, or misused, as proof of the harmlessness of a meat diet. They may appear strong and healthy, but the internal organs are probably ruined at an early age.

"Comparing the death rates of Denmark and Iceland seventy years ago, when the Icelanders were living largely on animal foods, the death rate was fifty to 100 per cent higher in Iceland than in Denmark, but since the importation of cereals has increased, the difference in the death rate has dropped to 11 per cent.

"As a result of extensive studies in this field, I am convinced that overnutrition, the result of palatable meat dishes, is one of the most common causes of disease."

Animal experiments on both omnivorous and herbivorous ani-

mals have shown in all cases decided degenerative changes of the kidneys on high meat and high protein diets. Although the animals grew large and strong, they died suddenly and at an early age. Autopsy revealed evidence of arteriosclerosis and liver and kidney damage as the cause of death. Much of this damage is due to large amounts of uric acid in the body.

Meat is health destroying because it places an extra burden on the body. The waste products found in the tissues of slaughtered animals are called extractives, and are stimulating to the human body. "When we receive these extractives, we are simply adding to the duties of our own kidneys. These extractives, too, are probably mild stimulants in the same sense in which coffee and tea can be called so."

Dr. E. V. McCollum says, "A liberal consumption of meat and eggs encourages putrefaction in the large intestine, and although some maintain that this is not detrimental to health, the preponderance of evidence is to the contrary."

"It seems well established that meat proteins are more susceptible to putrefaction in the intestine than are proteins of most other foods."

Meat is classed as an acid ash food. Dr. Bogart states: "Acid ash foods deplete the alkaline reserve. If there is a reserve store of base in the tissues they seem to be healthier and better able to resist disease germs than when acid-forming foods predominate." To use a diet that is preponderately acid over a long period of time is not desirable."

Meat is a carrier of diseases which are easily transmitted to man when the flesh is eaten. Tuberculosis is very common in cattle and swine. Undulant fever or brucellosis is another disease common in goats, cows, sheep and

pigs. Trichinosis or worm infection is a disease which may be contracted from the eating of pork. Salmonellæ can be contracted by using either meat products or eggs which have not been thoroughly sterilized. This requires a higher temperature and a longer period of cooking than is commonly used in the preparation of these foods for human consumption. "Animals are subject to many diseases which may cause their flesh to be unfit for human consumption. Federal meat inspection regulations specify some 17 diseases which may render animals entirely unfit for food, and another dozen or more, which if in any advanced stage may render them unfit."

Mohler and Eichhorn of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry write: "Of the various classes of foods, meat is one of the most important, and it is certainly the most subject to conditions rendering it unwholesome or even dangerous."

Diets are generally tested to find the least quantity of protein which will give the maximum of growth. A leading nutritionist, Dr. Keyes, says, "Longevity is infrequently considered because perhaps the small evidence available points to an inverse correlation between rate of growth and eventual longevity." Dr. H. C. Sherman of Colombia University in the book *Science of Nutrition* summarized various experiments on different levels of protein intake in relation to longevity or life span. The results obtained showed that with increasing protein intake above that required, "growth was faster, and life was shorter."

In a special manuscript published July 15, 1901 Mrs. White has written, "After the curse was pronounced upon the human family, God permitted man to eat flesh meat. This he did that life might be shortened."

"Those who indulge in meat eating, tea drinking, and gluttony are sowing seeds for a harvest of pain and death. The unhealthful food placed in the stomach strengthens the appetites that war against the soul, developing the lower pro-

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# From Dan to Beersheba

D. K. DOWN

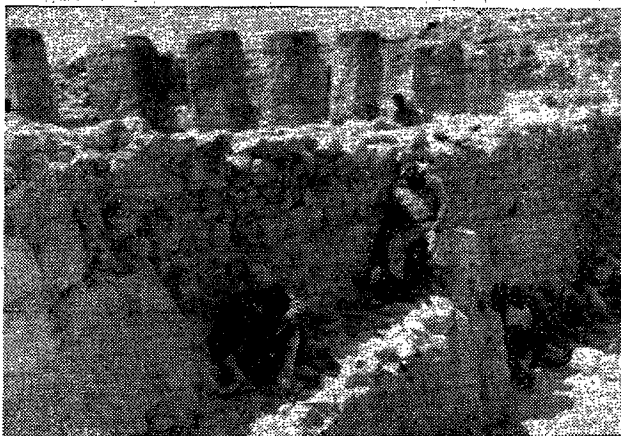
**K**ING DAVID said to Joab, "Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba and number ye the people." 2 Sam. 24:2. This expression, denoting the extremities of Israel, is frequently used in Scripture. We had already been as far south as Beersheba and beyond. From Capernaum we set out for Dan which is at the northern tip of the present state of Israel.

We left our caravan at the Capernaum church and climbed northwards. On a small hill rising from the northern shore, we passed the small Church of the Beatitudes, where Jesus is said to have preached the sermon on the Mount. But I had previously searched out a suitable looking hill behind the plain of Gennesaret where I concluded this discourse may have been given. D. A. 298 says, "After the ordination of the apostles, Jesus went with them to the seaside. . . . The narrow beach did not afford even standing room within reach of His voice. . . . and Jesus led the way back to the mountainside." Luke says he "stood in the plain." The only true plain around Galilee is Gennesaret. Moreover there is no beach by traditional Capernaum.

A few miles further and a steep man-made hill came into view. This was Hazor and I had previously read in the "Jerusalem Post" that the archaeologists were working on the ruins. We were anxious to see the work in progress, so we parked the car and while climbing the sharp rise we were greeted by a truck load of earth which was tipped over the side of the mount by a small rail truck. On topping the hill we were amused to observe that the small trucks were hauled along the lines by a small petrol engine labelled "Hazor Express." The train bustled

were gently scraping the earth from the surface; others were sifting it, while others carefully brushed the dust off objects uncovered. A rather robust woman superintendent by the Biblical name of Ruth took time off to explain things to us. A piece of gunny spread over one area marked the base of a pillar which had been unearthed. Thirteen layers of civilization had already been uncovered and the stones were telling a remarkably complete story of each area. She pointed out to us distinct remains from the time of David, Solomon, Ahab and others. Thinking of Joshua's conquest—"He smote Hazor with fire" (Joshua 11:10) I asked, "Is there any evidence that Hazor was ever burnt with fire?"

"There certainly is," she replied.



Workmen eating their lunch in the King Solomon level of Hazor. Pillars of King Ahab's time are above them.



Team of archaeologists carefully digging up the ruins of Hazor.

"The city was completely destroyed by fire and from the evidence of the remains we can even tell from which end the burning commenced."

The fire was, however, at a later date than Joshua. Further digging may confirm the truth of Joshua's record. But at least it can be said that others beside Joshua recognized the necessity of completely destroying this strategic military post.

Further north we strained our eyes to see the snows of Mount Hermon but a heavy haze limited visibility to a few miles. Near Israel's northern boundary we started enquiring about the site of Dan. Several helpfully suggested "Kibbutz Dan" but of ancient Dan nobody seemed to have any knowl-

The whole northern shore is black volcanic rock with no beach. But there is a narrow beach on Gennesaret, so we passed by the Church of the Beatitudes.

back for another load and we followed to the diggings.

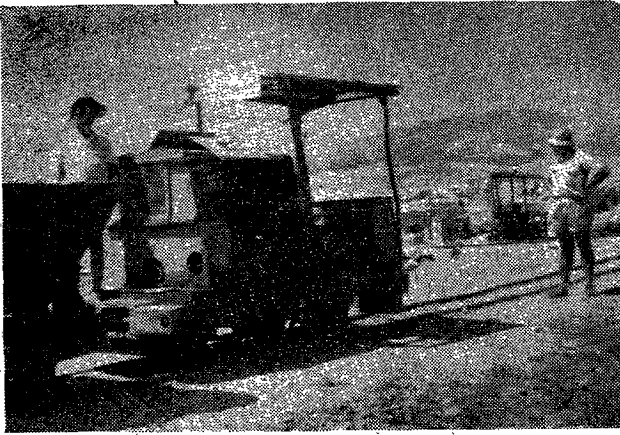
Two teams of archaeologists and labourers were at work and we watched fascinated. Some men



edge. We decided to ask at the kibbutz. Many modern Jewish settlements are named after ancient cities thought not necessarily on the exact site. But even here no one had any information, so we just had to follow the map. We bumped along a dusty track and drove up the side of a likely looking mound. But on top we found, not the ruins of ancient Dan but a United Nations observation post,

whose occupants appeared rather startled that we should be wandering around so close to the heavily armed Syrian border. Perhaps to discourage any further meanderings they permitted us to look through binoculars at a Syrian machine gun nest just across the other side of the valley. We thanked them and left to continue our search.

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Kendall standing on the "Hazor Express," a small train used for disposing of the rubbish at the ruins of Hazor.

## The Law of God

M. G. CHAMPION

**O**UR VIEW of the law of God is altogether too dim, and our understanding of it on a far too low plane. The law of God is not as wide as the world, it is as wide as the universe. It concerns every object, from the super giants hurtling through space to the minutest particles that make up the atoms. It is for the controlling of every form of life, from the giant trees to the single-celled microscopic plants, from the great whales to the well-nigh ultrascopic organisms. Everything, animate and inanimate, is concerned with the law of God.

Our school books teach us of Kepler's laws and Newton's laws, governing motion, gravity, the movement of heavenly bodies, and the thrown ball. They tell us of Boyle's law, dealing with volumes and pressures; of Dalton's law, dealing with partial pressures; of Mendel's law, that concerns all hereditary traits. These, with many others, are given men's names, and the common concept seems to be

that these are men's laws, and not integral parts of God's law. All are the law of God, controlling the universe in its immensity, as well as the unseen molecular particles. It controls the opening flowers, the flight of bird and butterfly, along with the heart beat of every creature He has made.

"The lessons to be learned from the various objects of the natural world are these: they are obedient to the will of their Creator; they never deny God, never refuse obedience to any intimation of His will. Fallen beings alone refuse to yield full obedience to their Maker." 3T. 333.

It was of this unalterable law that Jesus spoke when He said in John 14:21, "He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

If we would have Jesus manifest himself to us, then whatever we do must be in accord with the unalterable everlasting law of God. If we work in the garden, what we do must be in accordance with the law that governs the plants with which

we are dealing. If we put our plants in the ground with the leaves buried and the roots in the air we cannot expect Jesus to manifest Himself to us in giving success to what we do. When, however, we acquaint ourselves with His law, and co-operate with Him in this regard He will manifest Himself to us and our garden will be a virtual Eden, for as our quotation says, "The objects of nature are obedient to the will of our Creator, they never deny God, never refuse obedience to any intimation of His will." This may be applied to every phase of life, to every task we perform. To avoid failure or accident, suffering or the curse we must have His commandments and do them.

Some weeks ago as I wandered over the fields at Spicer Memorial College there were scores of beautiful birds tripping lightly over the rough ground. They were olive green and black with bright primrose yellow breasts and slaty blue heads,—the Blue Headed Wag-tails. All were in their summer garb, and were practising their new-found songs. A week or two later, as I walked over the same fields, not one was to be seen, all had left—over the plains, over the hills, through the great mountain passes, off to the mountains of Hindu Kush and the Steppes of Russia—gone in answer to the intimation of His will who created and guides them. That will, expressed in His law is a grand whole, capable of holding the balance of harmony throughout the universe,—broken, the curse follows: obeyed, joy, harmony, accord.

Yes, God's law concerns more than the moral phase of human life. All is unchanging, all stands fast forever. Now the curse is an evidence of the broken law. But God is soon to restore the universe to a law-abiding condition. He is now seeking those who will obey His law in all its aspects. There will be no broken law in the earth restored, no place there for the law breaker. Now is the time to obey God's law in its every phase, now is the time to have His commandments, to keep them, that Jesus may manifest Himself to us and in us.

## FROM DAN TO BEERSHEBA

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We travelled south along the same road as we came until it reaches the Labanese border. Then we turned west and made for the Mediterranean Sea. En route we obliged numerous pedestrians who cheerily implored a ride. If ever there was a land of hitch-hikers, it is in Israel. We lost count of the people to whom we gave free rides, not to mention the scores whom we could not accommodate.

At Nahariya on the Labanese border overlooking the Mediterranean we made a persistent endeavour to negotiate a crossing. I think if there had been less shooting going on in Labanon, or we had a little more time to arrange things, we may have succeeded, but under the circumstances we had no alternative but to run down the coast of Haifa and arrange a sea passage to Turkey. It was the most expensive lap of our whole journey.

Haifa is a modern Jewish port built on the tip of Mount Carmel and standing where Elijah had stood. I envisaged it a round crater-like mount where the scene could easily be reconstructed. In my mind I could almost see the fire flashing from heaven in answer to the prophet's prayer. But Carmel was one of the few disappointments of the journey.

Contrary to my imaginings, Mount Carmel is a large, heavily wooded mountain range over 10 miles in length. We drove up and down and round about a few traditional sites, but there could be a hundred places where the incident may have transpired. I soon gave up the search as hopeless. Carmel's range seemed to mock us as we turned west to Galilee.

The shortest road from Haifa to Capernaum is through Nazareth and Tiberias. Myriads of lights twinkled across the lake and powerful launches towed their strings of fishing boats to the most promising fishing grounds as we ran through Tiberias and over Gennesaret to Capernaum. Next day we said a reluctant goodbye to lovely Galilee and proceeded to Haifa.

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ACTIVITIES IN BANGALORE****M. D. SPICER**

After a hurried breakfast and a quick good-bye I had barely time enough to make the distance from my home to the railway station where I was to catch the train for Bangalore. I told the rickshaw man that I would give him "bukshies" if he would get me there in time to catch my train. He did a fine job but as I hurried on to the platform the train was already on the move. Just then a goodlooking young man opened the door to his compartment and reaching out his hand drew me inside.

I sat for a moment resting and trying to regain my breath. The kindly expression on my co-passenger's face invited me to enter into conversation with him. We were the only two passengers in the compartment so I thought this would be a good opportunity to speak to him about the things that pertain to religion. I told him that I was going to Bangalore where we have our Union headquarters and that I was a Seventh-day Adventist. I could see that he was a Brahmin Hindu. He told me that he was an assistant station master and was on his way to relieve his colleague who was going on a short leave. As we talked I found that he was interested in religion and this opened the way for me to tell him about my faith.

He was searching for the truth. He told me that he had attended a few meetings that were conducted by one of our workers at Villupuram a few years ago and that our doctrines appealed to him. I introduced him to the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence courses and handed him an enrolment card which he filled in. It took us some

time to reach his destination and we used those hours to discuss Bible subjects. I asked him to contact Pastor C. John who is our resident pastor in his town and later I wrote Pastor John and asked him to contact the young man.

A few weeks ago I received a card from the man telling me that he wanted to secure an English Bible so that he could proceed with his studies. We are also sending him the Signs of the Times regularly and we ask you that you will join us in prayer for the young man as he earnestly seeks to follow his Master.

**DO BRANCH SABBATH  
SCHOOLS PAY?****MRS. C. C. NATHANIEL**

**M**OST of us realize the value of missions and Sabbath schools for we have experienced their worth, but how about branch Sabbath schools? Do they also pay? In these days of speed and commotion, too often there is a tendency to forget the children. Our hopes are in the older, educated people but we do a very sad thing by forgetting the lambs—the workers of tomorrow. I am glad that Jesus emphasized the importance of bringing the children into the fold. What could we do without the children? Prophecy tells us that in the last days children will witness for their Master when older people and workers are no longer allowed to do so. Then what responsibility rests on us to see that they get the attention and the training that they need! Jesus himself loved all the children regardless of colour or creed, so we, as followers of Jesus ought to do the same.

October, 1954, was a glorious and exciting day for twenty non-Christian children who gathered under a tree at the home of one of our members who had offered her compound for a branch Sabbath school. That day they heard for the first time that there is a God who loves them. They had been taught to worship their gods more out of fear than from love. So when we told them the story of

God's love the children were surprised, and when we told them that we would come every week to tell them more of this loving God in heaven they could hardly believe their ears. Space will not permit me to tell you all that happened during those years, but I will relate a few of the interesting experiences I had working with them.

When we first started the meetings the children used to rush in like jungle children. They were very noisy and kept up a continual chatter with those around them. But, now, even though their clothes are torn they see to it that they are clean, and they have learned to look and listen quietly when pictures are being shown or to any of the activities of the day.

They have learned to believe in prayer and to pray for little things. They pray that the weather may be fine so that they can have their Sabbath school under their tree. One week when a teacher was ill they prayed for her, and the next week they proudly told her, "We prayed for you because you were sick and then we thanked God that He made you well." Really it thrills one's heart to hear such sentences from such children.

We had one boy of eight or nine years who was the worst child you would ever hope to see. He just did not know the meaning of obedience. His parents could not control him, the school did not control him, and neither could we in the branch Sabbath school. We had such a hard time with him that at times I felt like sending him away: but instead we prayed more earnestly and now he is showing himself to be a real jewel. In 1956 we persuaded the mother to send him to our boarding school at Krishnarajapuram. He became a different boy. He is a real help to the family, and his parents are justly proud of him.

Parents are wondering what has become of their disobedient children. Often they question me. "Whatever do you do on Saturday afternoons. Our children do not care about eating or sleeping. They are only interested in getting to the meetings on time." Two

little girls have received beatings for attending, yet they still come. The interest is truly great, very great.

Branch Sabbath schools are not easy. I might say that this is one of the hardest ways to share ones faith, for it requires a lot of patience and hard work, but it does pay in the long run.

You can find children everywhere. Why do you not start a branch Sabbath school? Invite the neighbourhood children to come and listen to stories and songs and soon the interest will spread like wildfire, a branch Sabbath school can be organized, and who knows whether it may not grow into a church within a short time.

The branch Sabbath school is a means of reaching persons not of our faith. To those of you who feel shy and backward about giving out literature and meeting older folk, to you lies the opportunity of starting a branch Sabbath school. The branch Sabbath school work is no longer an experiment. It has been tried and proved over and over again. Branch Sabbath schools do pay!

## DO YOU WANT TO LIVE?

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pensities. A diet of flesh meat tends to develop animalism."<sup>9</sup>

"The common use of the flesh of dead animals has had a deteriorating influence upon the morals, as well as the physical constitution. Ill health in a variety of forms, if effect could be traced to the cause would reveal the sure result of flesh eating."<sup>10</sup>

"Flesh was never the best food; but its use is now doubly objectionable since disease in animals is so rapidly increasing."<sup>11</sup>

"Animals are becoming more and more diseased, and it will not be long until animal food will be discarded by many besides Seventh-day Adventists. Foods that are healthful and life sustaining are to be prepared, so that men and women will not need to eat meat."<sup>12</sup>

"Ill health in a variety of forms, if effect could be traced to the cause, would reveal the sure result of flesh eating."<sup>13</sup>

"The liability to take disease is increased tenfold by meat eating."<sup>14</sup>

"Meat is the greatest disease breeder that can be introduced into the human system."<sup>15</sup>

*The Witness of Science* by G. K. Abbot, M. D. and *Counsels on Diet and Food* contain many more forceful quotations which clearly show that meat eating does not add years to the life or pleasure to the years.

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- <sup>12</sup> Ibid., 384, 7T, 124.
- <sup>13</sup> MH, 22.
- <sup>14</sup> CH, 70.
- <sup>15</sup> MM, 266, 267.

## Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1959

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**  
Sep. 26 Far Eastern Division  
Dec. 26 Southern Asia Division

## Miscellany

● On the 17th of May a full scale, nine-week effort was started in the village of Enderamulla, Ceylon where our new church building was recently dedicated. Permission to use the property where the tabernacle is located was granted without charge by the owners, one of whom is a graduate nurse from the Giffard Memorial

### QUESTIONS PEOPLE HAVE ASKED

ME by Francis D. Nichol

The editor of our church paper occupies a unique position as pastor and counsellor to members of the church. Because of his prominent position his advice is often sought by many who desire help in their personal problems whether of belief

or of conduct. Out of his wide experience as Bible student, writer, pastor, and sharer in the general administration of the church at denominational headquarters, Elder Nichol has sought to answer all such appeals for personal assistance in the light of the best denominational thought and experience.

In this new book will be found his answers to the most frequently recurring questions which have been put to him over a period of years. The average reader will certainly see himself in some of the situations discussed as he will discover many points of personal identity with at least some of the people who have asked the questions. Pastors, church elders, teachers, and all who at one time or another are called upon to counsel those in need of spiritual advice and encouragement will find in these pages how the editor of the Review has answered his questions.

*Because of the importance of this book in the moulding of Adventist thought, we are making a special pre-publication offer which will expire at the end of August. The book will be ready soon but the offer will be kept open until the end of August in order that all may have an opportunity to avail themselves of this volume at the special prepublication price which is Rs. 18.96. Thereafter the price will be Rs. 24.00.*

We are not in a position to import and stock this book. However, we shall be glad to receive and process the order for direct mailing from the publisher to the customer. Order through the nearest Book-Depot.

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Hospital, although not a church member. Pastors F. R. Scott and B. Pinghe will lead out in these meetings with Pastor P. P. Dias translating the lectures into Sinhalese, and Brother C. Ederesinghe assisting. About 275 were in attendance at the first meeting.

● Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Burgess and family are now located in Colombo, Ceylon where Brother Burgess will serve as Secretary-Treasurer following the return of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McHenry and family to the States for furlough and further study.

● The Shiloh Church at High Level Road, Kirillapone has undergone some much needed and costly repairs. The work has now been completed and the church building decorated with waterproof paint and "Snowcem."

● Quarters for the Preceptress have been provided at the entrance to the girls' hostel at the Lakpahanana Training Institute. This arrangement will make the work of the preceptress more convenient and efficient.

● The Western India Union colporteurs were Rs. 6,000.00 ahead of their monthly goal at the end of April.

● The Missionary Volunteers of the Rangoon Church began the first youth sponsored evangelistic effort in the Burma Union on February 1, 1959. Two groups of speakers alternated, one group speaking on Sunday night and the other group on Saturday night each week. The tent for these meetings was pitched in the hospital workers' quarters at 49 Sandwith Road since the community there is cosmopolitan and many understand English. Several families have become interested, and are studying the message.

● About four hundred attended the first meeting of a series held in Tiddim by Pastor R. H. Woolsey. These meetings had not been advertised and no moving pictures were shown.

● Wives of workers and other interested ladies attended the Laymen's Institute held at Moulmein, Rangoon, and Mayaungmya by

Pastor O. W. Lange and Pastor Kalee Paw. In the past only the men have been invited to such institutes in Burma.

● The Toungoo High School has installed a large generator which supplies the school with lights and power for the school pump. This will provide irrigation for the garden and will greatly improve the school.

● An intensive summer session was held in the Tenasserim Section at Moulmein for five weeks. This was attended primarily by teachers from the Tenasserim Section and by several others from other areas of Burma.

● C. H. Tidwell is completing work on his doctorate in Education at the University of Nebraska and will be back in India to head the Department of Education at Spicer Memorial College by the 15th of June. L. J. Larson will head the Department of English assisted by Mrs. L. J. Larson and Emil Fernando.

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