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Father Follows in the Footsteps of his Son

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Often we speak of a son following in the footsteps of his father, but this is a brief account of where the father has followed in the footsteps of his son.

For a long time I have desired to visit the work throughout Northern India, a portion of which used to be in my territory years ago. Now, the work in this territory is under the direction of my son, Weldon.

On April 12, Mrs. O. O. Mattison, Norma Mackett and I boarded the Janata for Delhi. It was planned that I attend the Northwestern India Union committee meeting which was to convene before Brother Allen left for the homeland and Brother Torkelson left Delhi to take up his duties as editor-in-chief of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House.

The committee work was concluded with a heart-warming farewell for Brethren Torkelson and Allen who have done so much for the Northwest. Brother Osmond, who is taking Brother Allen's place, has already moved to Delhi and is carrying his responsibilities there as secretary-treasurer. Pastor D. S. Johnson, who was able to be with us, will be caring for the responsibilities of Brother Torkel-

son until the arrival of Brother A. J. Johanson whom we hope will arrive shortly.

After the Union committee was over, Brother Johnson and I attended the Upper Ganges Committee as well as the Roorkee School Board meeting. It was a good time spent together and I enjoyed hearing the reports from the various sections of the Northwest.

Arriving in Jullundur, I found the workers very busy in the last week of their evangelistic effort which had been running seven nights a week. During the day we visited the surrounding villages. On Friday night we met with the church in Phulariwala and then on Sabbath had the privilege of meeting with the interested ones from the effort.

The work in Phulariwala is steadily growing in strength and the church is well filled. The new school will soon be completed. What a joy it will be to the teacher and the students to have a building which may be expected to stand through storm and flood. Heretofore, the mud school building has repeatedly collapsed due to the heavy floods that take place in this part of the country from time to time.

Saturday night, leaving Grandma to baby sit with the four young Mattisons, Grandpa left with Weldon and his wife, Clara, for Simla. It is always a joy to visit our work in Simla, but on this occasion we only stopped long enough to pick up the hospital mobile unit and head out toward Kothghar. It was a pleasant trip even though it was cold from heavy rains and sleet which covered the mountainside most of the way out.

We arrived Sunday night, the 19th, at Thanadar and stayed in the dak bungalow. From this point we visited the interests in and around Kothghar which have been so ably cared for by Brother Ferrer. We were the guests of Brother Sunny John and his family who have been faithful members and true witnesses to this message throughout all of this beautiful fruit-growing area. Brother Sunny John has a lovely fruit orchard. Even though he was a busy man, he spent several days with us visiting many interests throughout this new area.

After making many contacts in these villages, we took the road toward Rampur on the Tibetan border eventually reaching the little town of Louri nestled on the banks of the Sutlej. Here we changed from our mobile unit to a "horse-

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back unit" so as to go another fifteen miles up to Ani. Some of the people who live here are farmers. Some are operators of flour mills run by water power. All love this

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message and are standing true and loyal to its principles. Our two days here were much too short to do all the visiting and conduct the meetings that we desired to have. We had to head back toward Simla as we wanted to spend Thursday there.

The work in Simla is most encouraging. The hospital is filled to capacity and the spiritual interests are most inspiring. After spending the day visiting the patients with the doctors and talking with various old friends connected with the hospital, it was a joy to meet with them in worship that evening in their beautiful little chapel. Drs. Bazliel with Miss Cooper, the nursing supervisor, and the other hospital help, as well as Miss Hadayat Khan, are to be commended for the wonderful Spirit-filled programme that they are carrying on here in this institution.

Early Sabbath morning, the 25th, we relieved Grandma of her baby sitting and went out about 50 miles to spend the day with our people in Mehtabghar, Desuya and other surrounding villages. Brother Mathews, who is in charge of this work, is starting the construction

**A Baptismal Class
Should be organized in every
Church and school
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of a new church and workers' quarters at Mehtabghar. His wife, Berkat Bibi Khan, is conducting a very successful village school for the children of our members in this place.

The next day we went over to Amritsar where Pastor Saubagar

Chand has charge of the work. The Amritsar property has been developed into a very attractive evangelistic centre. The publishing secretary of Northern India and the church school teacher live here. With the inspiring assistance given by Brother Samuel Dass, one of our faithful lay members, a very strong work is being carried on and we were happy to review its growth and meet with the believers Sunday night in their lovely little chapel. We were fortunate to be the guests of my old bearer, Inayat Masih, who served us so faithfully during the war years while we were in Delhi. It was a joy to visit with this faithful layman and his family. On the 27th we visited our very interesting work in the Beas Valley around Bhani Meyan Khan. This place is of special interest to many workers both in North India, Pakistan and other parts of India because a dozen or more workers have grown up in this very humble village. They have gone to Chuharkana and

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of
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is
MV Week of Prayer**

Roorkee and further to Spicer Memorial College for their education, and today are bearing heavy responsibilities both in Pakistan and India. It was a joy to meet with their parents, relatives and friends and to have meetings with them morning and evening.

Brother E. G. Mathews is in charge of the work in and around Betala and is giving a very strong lead, indeed, to our various interests. Would that we had many more workers like Brother Mathews who builds strongly and is such an inspiration to our people! After another night in Betala, we struck out across country again to Fatehgarh Churrian where Brother Hernam Dass is doing a most splendid work. Brother Hernam Dass joined me in village evangelism in 1924 and has had the joy

of seeing many won to the message and his own brothers brought into the truth and educated for the Lord's service. While here we had an old-time "jalsa" (general meeting) and the whole town turned out. In the afternoon four were baptized. Quite a few others are in the baptismal class. Again we saw

**Conclude MV Week with
MV Community Service Day**

openings on every hand. Brother Hernam Dass, his faithful companion and laymembers, are doing all that they can to reach out as far as possible around Fatehgarh Churrian.

All too soon that week had passed! In spite of the heat, dust and the flies, every day of the week had been an inspiration to me because it was in these villages that years ago I had the privilege of sowing the seeds of truth which seemed to bring so little results at that time.

On May 1 we left for Kernal which has the newest work in Northern India. Brother M. C. Singh, another one of our experienced evangelists, is in charge of this new work. Early Sabbath morning we started out to visit some of the interests in the surrounding villages. At the first village we came to I was very happily surprised to see a Sabbath School just beginning which was conducted by one of Brother D. S. Johnson's old students, Ghulam Masih. I had not heard of Ghulam for many a long year, but now I found him a diligent tiller of the soil in the new section that is being opened up in this new land development area. He and his family and several of his neighbours are rejoicing in the truth. All around him look to him as their "worker" although he is a humble layman labouring during the week and witnessing for the truth on the Sabbath.

Early Sunday, the 3rd of May, we headed out to the Bhakra Dam works to do Uplift among the national and American engineers of the big Nangal and Bhakra Dam

projects. Millions of acres of land will be brought under cultivation and great industrial centres opened up when this dam is finished toward the end of 1960.

After completing our work here, we visited several other villages about twenty miles from Jullundur where Brother C. M. Dass is opening up new work. Some of this is very encouraging, indeed. Some of our old members from Pakistan have migrated to this place and we were happy to find them still faithful and true to the message. After a service with our people and other interested ones here, a Voice of Prophecy student invited us into his shoemaking shop because he said that he had something that he wanted to give us. He picked up a little box with a slot in the top, pried the lid off and said, "You count it." He had been faithfully dropping into this box naye paise and annas as his tithe. When we counted the coins they amounted to Rs. 7.85. He then wanted us to have prayer for him and his

work and ask the Lord to bless the tithe that he had so faithfully given. The door of his little shop was packed with curious people from the street and how thankful we were to see this humble shoemaker witnessing before all with whom he worked even though he was not yet a member, but an ardent Voice of Prophecy student faithfully putting aside his tithe and preparing for baptism.

As my visit to the Northern India Section drew to a close, I became increasingly aware that while the prospects are very bright and the openings so very many, the workers are so very few! Thus, while it was a joy to see the work in Northern India, and a unique pleasure for father to follow in the footsteps of his son and see the work that he and his fellow workers are doing in this very interesting section of the field, I found myself saying, "Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers unto His harvest."

tian missions are working among the hill tribes. The mission programme sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventists organization is meeting with success. A vast majority of the inhabitants of Manipur and Assam have not had the privilege of hearing the good news of the soon-coming Christ.

I visited a few villages up in the hills. The unhealthy surroundings, ignorance of how to live a healthful life and the mental outlook clouded with superstitions, are factors that must be overcome. Many are subject to tuberculosis and die for want of proper medical help. These precious souls are a challenge to those who are living in more privileged sections of the world. A Christian medical mobile unit can accomplish a great deal of good mentally, physically and spiritually to these people, who are sick bodily and spiritually. The people here, as a whole, especially the hill tribes, are simple, faithful and sincere.

Their staple food is rice. Rice is grown in the valleys, sufficient enough to go around the year. But money is very scarce, hence the young people from among the hills find it difficult to pay their way through the boarding schools to receive an adequate education to become teachers and preachers. We are very short of teachers and preachers to man the schools and churches in this area.

So the unanswered cry is "Lord of harvest send forth reapers." This cry is to be sounded over and over again in the highways and byways of the hills and plains of Assam mission field in order to rouse the interest of her native sons. Also it is to be sounded into the hearts and minds of the people who live in other parts of the world field that a number will rise up and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

This field is already white unto harvest. It is time—I say, high time—for reaping the harvest. The doors of opportunities are still open. Labourers are few—almost nil. Let us ask the Lord of harvest to open up ways and means to prepare and send forth reapers into this most needy harvest field.

My Visit to Imphal

C. N. ABRAHAM

It was my happy privilege to spend a few weeks visiting Manipur State, a section of the Assam Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, in the interest of the work there. Fifteen miles away from Imphal proper, on the way to Ukhrul, we own approximately 450 acres of property.

Imphal town is being developed rapidly, as the central Government and the town development unit are at work. In the near future Imphal and the surrounding places will be a developed area.

Recently we have built buildings and established an elementary boarding school on this 450 acre land. This school has an enrolment of twenty-four boarders and one day student. This institution is situated in a central place to meet the needs of the people of both the

plains and the hills. I find the students in this school are happy and contented. As it is located in a central place this school could develop, in the course of time, into a training school for the Manipur section. We have a few other elementary schools in other sections of this field.

In Manipur, in the plains and the hills, we have a few churches, with a membership of twelve to fifty. It was my privilege to speak at a few church gatherings. The people here are a little different in their mode of life and culture from those of other parts of India and one needs to understand them well before he can do an effective evangelistic work among them.

The people in this section, especially in the hill areas, are susceptible to Christianity. A few Chris-

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ANDAMAN ISLANDS

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It was indeed a unique pleasure for me to pay a visit to the Andaman Islands during the month of April. Our workers in Port Blair, the chief town of the Islands, are Brother S. Daniel and his wife, who live in rented quarters on the main street that leads to the Aberdeen Bazaar. The population of 18,000 is rather cosmopolitan, for we find Telugus, Tamils, Malayalis, Bengalis, Gujaratis mixing freely with the descendants of the convicts whose parents hailed from Peshawar, Meerut and even as far away as Aden, that being a British Protectorate when the British used these islands as a Penal Settlement. The Penal Settlement however, was known internationally, I am told, as the Paradise of Penal Settlements, for all prisoners were allowed their freedom, after three months of confinement in the Cellular Jail, as it is known from its peculiar construction.

The Seventh-day Adventist work started there seven years ago, when Brother and Sister S. Daniel, inspired with the desire to open new work, (an inspiration which they received from Elder R. H. Pierson) volunteered to move to that island and pioneer the work there. They have baptized about five souls during their stay there and at one time were receiving a tithe of rupees seventy per month. Since these islands are only seven hundred miles away from the mainland of India, the population keeps travelling back and forth and so the church membership too, suffers. At the time of my visit there, I found a fine group of ten individuals attending the meetings which are held in the lower flat of the house occupied by the Daniels, for we do not have a

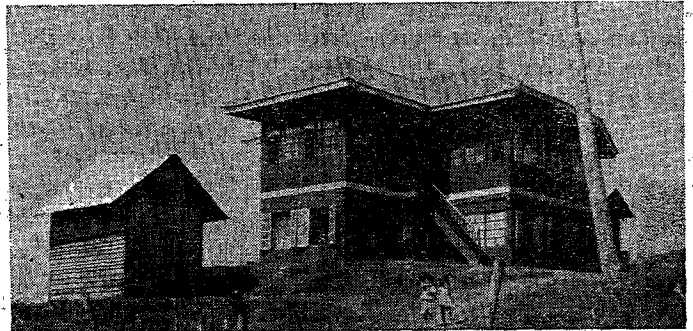
church building of our own in which to meet.

During my brief stay of a week there, I had the privilege of holding meetings every evening. Two of these were Public Meetings, held under the chairmanship of the Education Officer of the Island. One of these was devoted to Temperance and the other to our educational programme. We also had a number of Voice of Prophecy

others sign the Temperance Pledge. These meetings have gone a long way to help strengthen our work on the island. It was indeed interesting to find three ready for baptism.

Although only 700 miles away from the shores of India, it takes about a month for letters etc to reach there and a reply to be sent back. Urgent communications need to be sent by telegraph. The Chief

Rented
quarters of
our Mission
in Andaman
Islands.



Meetings. At all of these meetings we were able to show moving pictures. At the Educational Rally we showed the picture 'Discipline'. At the Temperance Rally we were able to use the picture "One in Twenty Thousand" to advantage, and at the V.O.P. Rallies we used "The Birth of a New World," "The Hope of the World" and other pictures. It was indeed inspiring to see the attendance at these the first Temperance, Educational, and Voice of Prophecy rallies ever held in these islands. We were able to take a few hundred enrolments for the V.O.P. and also have many

Commissioner, a Gujarati Hindu, is quite progressive and is doing his best to begin a regular Airmail service between the islands and the mainland. The progress of the work on the islands at the present moment will need very careful nurturing and because of the common language being a crude form of Hindi, there is a need of a Hindi speaking man to help out. Let us remember Brother and Sister Daniel in our prayer, that the Lord may bless them abundantly and give them souls for their labours.

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PALODE

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THE evangelistic campaign at Palode in South Kerala Section was opened on March 22, by Pastor S. Nathaniel, President of South Kerala Section and by Pastor T. P. Wilson, V. O. P. Secretary. Associated with them were K. C. Chacko, G. Dharmadhas, S. Daniel, J. Joshua, Miss



Bro. and Sr. S. Daniel.

M. G. Saramma, Mrs. Joshua and the writer. A large auditorium was pitched in a central location.

Pastor Nathaniel presented the opening topic: "Coming World Ruler." The auditorium was packed and every inch of space was occupied. We had meetings four nights a week and over three hundred people attended the meetings night after night.

A special temperance meeting was arranged in the interest of total abstainers from liquor and other narcotics. Pastor E. L. Sorensen and Pastor I. K. Moses from the South India Union were with us and a feature film was shown. Every bit of seating space in the auditorium was occupied and many remained standing outside to hear the message over the loud speakers.

One interesting observation of the effort was that, about twenty non-Christians attended the meetings without any break. The inspiring messages had touched many hearts. One of the most impressive features of the meetings was the call for decision. Many took their stand and gave their hearts to Jesus. Among them were two of the non-Christian brethren, who gave their public testimony, that they loved Jesus and accepted Him as their personal Saviour and were willing to follow His footsteps. One of the men after going home from the meeting that night burned his religious books.

There has been a great deal of interest in this area. The people are eager to hear the message. There has also been a great deal of opposition. On several occasions our brethren's lives have been threatened. In spite of opposition the campaign reached its climax when eighteen precious souls bore their witness for Christ to a large number of people who had gathered to watch the baptismal service. The present interest indicates that an encouraging number of others will be added within a few weeks. Many were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School and among them more than a hundred and twenty-five students have already completed their fourteenth lesson.

Many of them are attending our evening Bible classes.

We look forward to seeing a strong church organized in the city of Palode before long. Hundreds who have heard the message are convicted, but are still lingering in the valley of decision. Some are faithfully studying the truth and hope to take their stand for Christ in the near future. Therefore we humbly solicit the prayers of our believers throughout the division field for the work in the city of Palode.

M. S. Prasadarao writes:

"At the close of the effort he has conducted in the city of Rajamundry, North Andhra section, Pastor B. S. Moses baptized seven candidates on May 30, 1959. He hopes to baptize five more candidates in the near future."

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VOICE OF PROPHECY SOWS THE SEED

F. E. SPIESS

President, Western India Union

THUS FAR in 1959 the Voice of Prophecy Rally programme under the Union Voice of Prophecy Secretary, Pastor W. M. Moses has held six rallies, one in each of the following centers: Sangli, Satara, Amraoti, Nagpur, Chanda and Sholapur. Of these places only Nagpur and Sholapur are places in which we have our work established and, in the case of Sholapur, only last year was the work established. Most of the remaining places in which rallies were held, this year's meeting was the first of its kind ever held. Of the meeting in Amraoti Pastor Moses writes as follows:—

"In Amraoti we had an excellent meeting last Sunday night. We were fortunate in getting the finest hall in town belonging to

Theosophical Society. They charged us a nominal sum of Rs. 10/-. The hall was literally packed. You perhaps noticed on the handbills that we are not admitting children under twelve unless accompanied by parents. This is certainly helping us in having orderly meetings. The absence of children was readily noticed in Amraoti. A fine class of people attended. Many educated Hindus expressed appreciation for such a good meeting. A lawyer (Hindu) came to my brother at the close and asked if he could come over and see him the next day. The lawyer was very disappointed when my brother said we were leaving for Chanda early next day. He then said, "We never heard such wonderful things from Christians before. Your message tonight is just what our city needs. I want to take you to our schools and colleges in this area to speak these words to them. I want you folk to conduct a series of meetings in this city." Hundreds of enrolments came in that night and I am sure these will be multiplied many fold in a short time."

If funds can be found to continue this splendid programme the schedule prepared by Pastor Moses envisages 8 or 9 more such rallies before December 31, 1959, and one full scale effort. Such centers as Ahmedabad, (nearly one million population) Godhra, Bulsar, Bilimoria, Doraji, Jamnagar, Miraj and Nasik are among the places on the itinerary. The able field help of Pastor N. G. Mookerjee and the faithful co-operation of Pastor Bonney, Director of the Voice of Prophecy, has meant much in this endeavour. Our goal is a Voice of Prophecy rally in every city and District Headquarters of the 43 districts of the Bombay State before we stop. The prayers of all the readers of this article are solicited for this all-out programme of seed sowing throughout the Bombay State.

"Never go to a place from where you would be unwilling to be called to your eternal home."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEV

NAME OF UNION AND LOCAL SECTIONS	1	2	3			4				5	6				7				8				9			
	Number of Churches	Church Membership at Beginning of Quarter	Members Added During Quarter			Members Dropped During Quarter				Total Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers				Credentialed Missionaries				Credentialed Bible Instructors				Lice Mia			
			3a	3b	3c	4a	4b	4c	4d		F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.		
BURMA UNION: Central & Upper Burma Section	13	434	30	—	—	—	—	—	464	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	5		
Irrawaddy Delta Section	13	850	—	—	—	—	—	—	859	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6		
Tenasserim Section	10	522	—	—	3	—	—	—	525	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Union & Institutions	1	321	4	—	1	3	—	—	325	3	4	—	1	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2			
Totals	37	2,138	34	—	4	3	—	—	2,173	5	12	—	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	20			
CEYLON UNION:																										
Totals	12	600	—	—	5	14	4	7	6	574	4	6	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—		
NORTHEAST UNION:																										
Assam Section	22	1,495	38	—	—	—	—	—	1,533	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6		
East India Section	27	1,474	50	—	—	6	3	1	1,514	3	6	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Himalayan & Andamans	2	55	—	—	2	1	—	—	56	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals	51	3,024	88	—	2	7	3	1	3,103	13	12	—	3	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13		
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION																										
Central India Section	1	24	7	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
North India Section	6	476	7	—	—	—	—	—	483	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Upper Ganges Section	15	633	14	—	—	5	1	—	641	1	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	3		
Totals	22	1,133	21	—	—	5	1	—	1,148	4	7	—	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	—		
PAKISTAN UNION:																										
East Pakistan Section	17	769	37	—	—	—	1	—	805	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—		
Punjab Section	18	1,180	1	—	—	—	—	—	1,181	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Union & Institutions	4	226	3	—	4	2	—	—	231	5	3	—	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	5	2		
Totals	39	2,175	41	—	4	2	1	—	2,217	7	8	—	2	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	13	—		
SOUTH INDIA UNION:																										
Kannada Section	7	616	4	—	2	7	1	1	613	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
North Andhra Section	47	2,868	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,868	—	8	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
North Kerala Section	4	315	—	—	—	—	1	—	314	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
North Tamil Section	16	877	10	—	1	—	1	2	873	1	7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—		
South Andhra Section	13	917	1	—	—	—	—	—	918	1	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
South Kerala Section	39	2,475	12	1	—	—	1	—	2,487	—	8	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
South Tamil Section	33	1,956	29	—	7	1	2	—	1,989	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	7	1	—	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals	159	10,024	56	1	10	8	6	3	10,062	10	46	1	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
WESTERN INDIA UNION:																										
North Maharashtra Section	6	303	5	—	81	—	—	—	389	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Union & Institutions	14	1,183	14	—	4	95	—	1	1,105	4	5	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	3	—		
Totals	20	1,486	19	—	85	95	—	1	1,494	4	7	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	6	—		
RECA																										
Burma Union	37	2,138	34	—	4	3	—	—	2,173	5	12	—	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	20	—	
Ceylon Union	12	600	—	—	5	14	4	7	6	574	4	6	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Northeast Union	51	3,024	88	—	2	7	3	1	3,103	13	12	—	3	7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Northwestern India Union	22	1,133	21	—	—	5	1	—	1,148	4	7	—	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	—		
Pakistan Union	39	2,175	41	—	4	2	1	—	2,217	7	8	—	2	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	13	—		
South India Union	159	10,024	56	1	10	8	6	3	10,062	10	46	1	6	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	38	—		
Western India Union	20	1,486	19	—	85	95	—	1	1,494	4	7	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	6	—		
Division & Div. Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	3	1	—	10	10	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	—	—		
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V. O. P. GRADUATION SERVICE IN THE FRONTIER

WILLIAM H. MCGHEE

At graduation services held in Peshawar and Rawalpindi recently, 26 Voice of Prophecy students received their certificates and over 200 new enrolments were obtained. Motion pictures on the Life of Christ and the prophetic film, "Birth of a New World" were shown to an enthusiastic audience. This type of meeting for Voice of Prophecy students in the community, unique in the Pakistan Union, gave impetus to the work. Graduates re-enrolled in the advanced courses and dilatory students were spurred on to finish their courses looking forward to another such service in the Fall. Six have joined the baptismal classes and are definitely planning on baptism soon.

In the Peshawar service on May 24, Pastor C. H. Hamel, president of the Pakistan Union, presided and eleven received certificates, (two in absentia). As a result of the 200 invitation cards mailed to current students nearly 100 were in attendance at the church. Five received certificates for the Introductory or Youth course; three, Regular; two, Advanced; and one,

Great Controversy. All were in English. Of those receiving certificates three were Muslim young men.

At the Rawalpindi service on June 1, fifteen were graduated, one in absentia. One received the Introductory certificate; ten, Regular; four, Advanced. Of these ten were Muslim young men.

From the 400 invitations mailed to current and past students in Rawalpindi 200 attended the service in the *shemiana* on the mission compound. The courses finished were in Urdu, with the exception of two. One of the two looking forward to baptism is a Muslim young man.

Credit for seeing the Peshawar English students through to graduation goes to Corporal H. M. Williams of the P.A.F. and local home Missionary leader.

Pray for the Voice of Prophecy work in the Frontier.

"One who in the home life represents the character of Christ . . . may in the sight of God be more precious than even the world-renowned missionary or martyr."—*C.O.L.*, p. 403.

HE WILL CARE FOR YOU

When your load seems hard to carry,

And the path of life is steep;
When the mountains rise above you,

And the valleys are so deep;
It is then you need the helper

And a friend to bear your load,
Some one who can lift your burdens

And assist you on the road.

When your heart is crushed and broken

With a nameless pain and grief;
When your soul is filled with sorrow

And you seek for some relief;
There is One who knows your burdens,

One who ever is your Friend;
He hath trod the way before you,
He doth fully understand.

There is One who will go with you
Through this world of pain and sin,

Though the tempest rage around you,

And your soul is stirred within,
Though the waves may roar and tumble,

They will all obey His will;
And the waves will cease their fury
When He speaks the "Peace be still."

There is One, the blessed Jesus
Who alone your heart doth know.

You may tell Him every sorrow,
Every heartache, pain, and woe.
He will press you to His bosom
With a tender, loving care;
He will whisper words of comfort,
And will all your troubles share.

Yes there's One who will go with you

Through the dark and cheerless night,

One who never fails nor falters—
He will make your burdens light.

It is He who died for sinners.
He will guide you all the way;
Then, dear soul, give Him your burdens

And your night will turn to day.

—N. P. Neilsen



V.O.P. Graduates at Peshawar.

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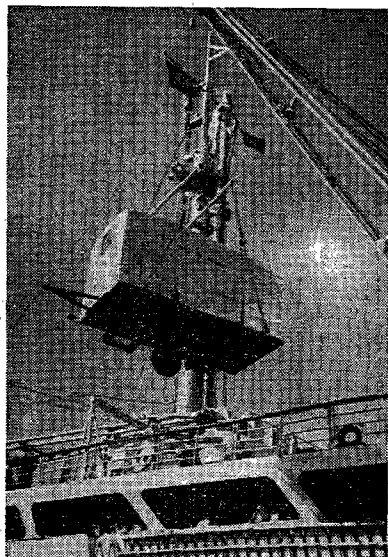
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In the Steps of Paul

D. K. DOWN

A HEAVY crane loaded our car and caravan onto the Turkish steamer "Marmara" and all that afternoon and night she rolled through heavy Mediterranean seas towards Turkey. Next morning



Loading our house trailer onto the ship at Haifa.

we regretfully watched the Lebanese mountains dissolve into the distance. We thought of Tyre, Sidon, Baalbek and the cedars of Lebanon which we were not now privileged to visit because of Lebanon's political strife.

Friday we arrived at Isakunde-run and spent the Sabbath beneath some shady gum trees just outside Tarsus, a bustling town about 8 miles from the coast. Originally Tarsus was a coastal city but the sea waters have receded during the centuries.

Driving into the town the next day we immediately noticed a conspicuous archway over the road angling off to the right. It is a well preserved edifice, considering its age, for it dates back to Roman times and Saul of Tarsus must frequently have walked beneath its arching stones. Through this gate we drove along the road and round behind an American mission

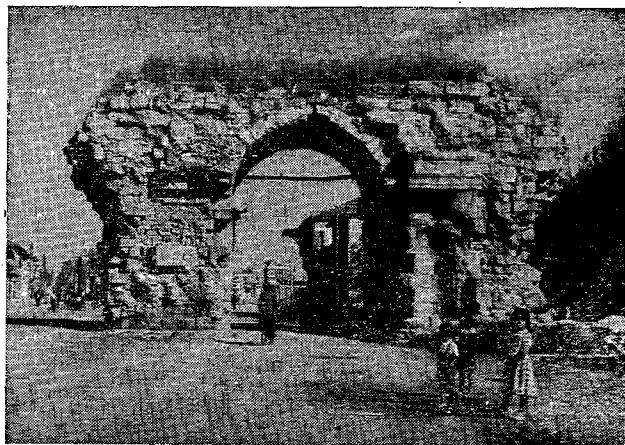
college to the archaeologists' diggings of ancient Tarsus. Little more than the pattern of walls and houses remains to be seen. But Paul said, "I am a man . . . of Tarsus . . . a citizen of no mean city." Acts 21:39 and the discoveries among these ruins show that Tarsus was a well known university city, indeed a prominent seat of learning. Incidentally all through this journey we had noticed the dark dome-like tents used by the nomads and they were all made from goat's hair. But a little farther west along the coast from Tarsus are rugged mountain ranges particularly famous for the production of tough goat's hair which is woven into a strong fabric used in tent making. Evidently this trade has been practised for a long time for Paul also learned this art. When he later came to Corinth he abode with Aquila and Priscilla "because he was of the same craft . . . for by their occupation they were tentmakers." Acts 18:3.

Our next destination was Konya, once the ancient city of Iconium, where in Paul's first missionary journey with Barnabas the Lord "granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands." Acts 14:3. We found Konya a surprisingly large thriving city, but we could locate nothing to remind us of its historic past. Only 20 miles away

are the ruins of Lystra where Paul healed the crippled man and was stoned and left for dead. But time did not permit a diversion, so we sped on to Laksehkir intending to follow the map to Antioch in Pisidia and thence to the sites of the seven churches on Turkey's western coast. We had heard of Turkey's steep gradients and bad roads but we found the roads no worse than in some other countries we had been through. But in attempting to reach Antioch we had our first taste of steep grades. Halfway up the mountain the car groaned to a stop. Hoping to reach a better grade I roared it up several times but only succeeded in dislodging the clutch from its pivot. After some hours I at last repaired that but decided discretion was the better part of valour and we had better retrace our steps. But turning a station waggon and a 13-ft. caravan on a steep narrow road with a cliff on one side and a precipice on the other is no easy task. I detached the trailer and turned the Willys safely but in turning the trailer by hand, at one point it nearly got out of control. However, at last we completed our difficult task and headed straight for Istanbul. We felt the seven churches could wait till our return journey when we could take the easier coastal road.

Fast and frequently, ferries ply across the narrow Bosphorous channel dividing Europe from Asia. It only seemed about half a mile in width from one side to the other. A similar narrow channel divides the continents 150 miles west of here at the Dardanelles. As

Roman archway at Tarsus.



I looked across at Istanbul from the southern headland I thought of Paul's vision. "There stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him saying, come over into Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:9. Troas, where this vision was given, was just near the Dardanelles and no doubt Paul had looked across the straits to the other side. A man standing on the Macedonian side could be clearly seen and Paul would readily recognize the origin of the call.

In Istanbul we have a nice new church overlooking the Bosphorous. Our lady worker there was rejoicing that after 50 years we at last had obtained permission to build a church.

But alas, it is our only church among Turkey's Muslim millions and we have no work or believers outside Istanbul.

"And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia. . . . Therefore loosing from Troas we came with a straight course to Samothracia and the next day to Neapolis and from thence to Philippi." Acts 16:10-12.

Troas is on the northwest coast of Turkey; Neapolis is on the coast of Macedon in Greece. Instead of following the land route and crossing the narrow Dardanelles, Paul, Barnabas and Luke chose to take a boat 120 miles direct to Neapolis; calling at the island of Samothracia on the way. Having a land vehicle we took the overland route.

Leaving Istanbul we drove to the Greek border and for the first time on our journey entered a nominally Christian country. The blue flag with dominant white cross fluttered over the customs office and all along the roadside are small cement shrines, most of which are devoted to St. Nicolas who seems to be the patron saint of Greece.

The New Testament was written in the Greek language and script and I had studied this at college. I had been led to believe that New Testament Greek was a dead language but I was delighted to find that I could easily read the signs and notices on the roadside and



New church at Istanbul, Turkey.

could understand much of the written Greek language. This was a great help to us in our travels through Greece.

A day's drive from the border brought us to Kavalla, the old port of Neapolis where Paul and his company landed. They must have had a good first impression of Macedonia because a more delightful harbour can not be found.

Looking down on it from a nearby hill with the early morning sun catching the rippling sea, it looked like a shimmering blue topaz set in a semi circular pendant of green. The old city was built on a knoll projecting into the sea, and an arm of land reaches out from this projection to encircle the placid waters of the harbour. A massive old aqueduct bridges the gap between the nearby hills and the projecting knoll and used to care for the old city's water supply.

On Sunday morning we visited Kavalla. I thought for sure that some church would be built to commemorate Paul's landing; but apart from a chapel to St. Silas up in the hills, and the inevitable Church to St. Nicolas, there was not much to be seen. Of course the State church is the Greek Orthodox Church and we looked in at the St. Nicolas Church service which was in progress at the time of our visit. The congregation all stood throughout the tedious ritual, and the walls were profusely adorned with paintings, as is the case with all Greek Churches. In fact there are more images and pic-

tures in the Greek Orthodox than in the Roman Catholic Churches in Italy. The only indication of activity at all was the rather brisk trade in candles of various well marked sizes and prices that took place just inside the church door.

But Kavalla is today the centre of a thriving tobacco industry. In fact from Philippi right through to Thessalonika, tobacco seems to be the main industry. These Christian communities may be able to trace their history back to the great apostle Paul himself, but devoted as they are to the production of a weed which stupefies and kills the bodies and souls of men, they will surely be judged by the words of Paul to themselves; "That ye may be sincere and without offence **TILL THE DAY OF CHRIST**; being filled with the fruits of righteousness." Philippians 1:10, 11.

He never rises high who does not know how to kneel.

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1959

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

- The regular midyear committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Southern Asia Division will be held from July 8-13 at Poona.
- Keith Mundt, who has been doing evangelistic work in Rangoon, has now taken up work in the Taungyi area. Pray for this work in this needy place.
- O. O. Mattison attended meetings in Bangalore and Calcutta from June 10-22.
- The Bible Institute conducted in Shillong for the workers of the Assam Section has proven to be very profitable. H. H. Mattison of Spicer College and B. J. Williams of the Assam Section have given the instruction.
- Effort plans for the Northwestern India Union include meetings in Amritsar, Karnal, Delhi, Jhansi, and Allahabad. These will be held between September 15 and December 15.
- Mr. R. L. Henrickson has returned to the Karachi Hospital by air, reaching the field about the 5th of June. His early return to the Hospital is greatly appreciated as the Pakistan Union has been

Pastor Harold B. Weeks, Secretary of the Public Relations Department of the General Conference will be visiting Southern Asia until August 25. While he is in the East he plans to make acquaintance with editors, wire-news service and commissioners having to do with public exhibitions. If any one wishes to meet him, please contact:

C. N. Abraham, at 16 Club Road, Byculla, Bombay, July 6, 7; Salisbury Park, Poona 1, July 8-14; 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore, July 16-Aug. 2; 15/2 Alfred House Gardens, Colpetty, Colombo, Ceylon, Aug. 3-5; 36 Park Street, Calcutta, August 13-19; 68 U Wisara Road, Rangoon, August 20-25.

very short of help in the Treasury field and Brother Fouts, Division Auditor, has been helping out there for several months. Mrs. Henrickson and Virginia will be returning by boat during the next month.

● Thirteen candidates have been baptized recently as a result of the effort at Madurai. The soul-winning follow-up work continues, along with work on the new buildings there.

● U Chit Maung, Principal of Burma Union High school at Kyauktaing, reports the registration of 250 students. School opened on the 29th of May. They are still in temporary buildings, but are correcting this situation as soon as the land is registered.

● A. M. Akbar reports 37 baptisms in the Punjab Section thus far this year. An effort will soon open in Vihari and Pastor Akbar leads out in an effort in Gujranwala.

● W. H. Mc Ghee reports showing the film "One in 20,000" to more than 5,000 people in Abbotabad, North West Frontier Province. Ghulam Masih is holding meetings in Abbotabad now. A small school is also operating.

● M. E. Kemmerer has just returned from Karachi, Pakistan where he spent the week-end of the 20th June and attended a hospital board meeting on the 19th of June. Basement, ground floor and first floor of the new wing are being put into use and the second floor will temporarily house nurses in training.

● G. J. Christo led out in the opening services of the school year at Spicer Memorial College on June 20 and 21. The registration of students is now under way at the college and a report of enrolment will appear later.

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Uplift reports from the Unions show the Division total for 1959 to be an all-high of over Rs. 4,00,000. Let us praise God and thank our faithful workers and laymen for their wonderful co-operation.

O. W. Lange

Twenty-six elementary teachers attended the Nuzvid Teachers' Institute May 9-23. The hospital and staff opened their doors and gave us every facility for our comfort and convenience. Miss Elizabeth Hudak of Spicer Memorial College gave excellent instruction in Teaching Methods. Pastor G. Isaiah taught a course in *Principles of Life*, covering the main doctrines of our church. Dr. Philip S. Nelson gave several lectures on *Health and Sanitation*. This is the second such institute to be held in Andhra State in the past two years. The teachers expressed their determination to put their knowledge into practical use as they return to their schools. We believe a new day is dawning in our Andhra Seventh-day Adventist schools.

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