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## Why the Emphasis on Evangelism?

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**A** CORRECT understanding of world conditions in the light of Bible prophecy leads to the conclusion that probation's hour is soon to close. While many people are wilfully ignorant of this, the honest in heart and spiritual minded feel that the end is very near. The rapidly multiplying signs of Christ's coming cry out in thundering tones to this last generation, both in solemn warning and stirring appeal.

It is estimated that 10,000 babies are born each hour. This means that every day 240,000 little boys and girls are thrust into this complex world, either to partake of its sickness, its sin and its death or to receive sympathy, love and life. Even more sobering is the fact that here in the Southern Asia Division about 15,000,000 persons will go to their death during this present year. Right around us, and in distant villages, 40,000 men, women and children die daily, and a great majority close their eyes without the blessed hope of life eternal. Seeing in prophetic vision,

this human current cascading into the awful unknown the Lord's messenger was moved to write, "The whole world appears to be in the march of death." *Evangelism*, p. 26.

In these critical moments God has entrusted us with present truth, and has given to us a commission which includes every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We know that only a little time remains and that the task is gigantic. We stand in heaven's limelight of high privilege and unparalleled responsibility. Therefore, we must now place the emphasis on evangelism.

Evangelism in all its phases is heaven's appointed means to seek and to save the lost. Thus far no other method of revealing God's love and making known His wonderful plan of salvation has been given. Evangelism then, today, is the supreme concern of God's elect. The work of evangelism must claim our hearts, our talents and our time. It is the essential item for every committee agenda. It is

the extremely urgent business of every minister of the gospel. Nothing, absolutely nothing, no matter how necessary, must be allowed to take its place. No project, no matter how interesting or attractive or promising, must be permitted to have precedence over evangelism. Listen, servants of the most High, "Evangelistic work, opening the Scriptures to others, warning men and women of what is coming upon the world, is to occupy more and still more of the time of God's servants." *Evangelism*, p. 17.

Thank God the burden for souls is gripping the hearts and claiming the attention of an ever increasing number of the indigenous ministers of this Division. During 1958, in Southern Asia, 57 city and 278 village efforts were conducted. Union reports reveal that twelve national ministers of the gospel, between January 1 and December 31, 1958, baptized 300 persons—an average of 25 each. How our hearts rejoice because of this evidence of the Lord's blessing upon these and the many others who participated, in harmony with their training and ability, in the soul winning programme which resulted in the baptism of more than 2,000 precious souls!

Encouraged by the evidences of God's leadership in the past, and assured by His unfailing promises for the future, let us accept the challenge of the unfinished task and continue to place special emphasis upon Evangelism.

# They Went Everywhere Preaching the Word

O. O. MATTISON

**T**HE SPIRITUAL life of the church is wrapped up in the great programme of evangelism. "This gospel to all the world" is evangelism. This movement ordained by God to carry the message of the three angels to all the world is dedicated to a world-wide plan of evangelism. How are we measuring up to the task to preach Jesus and the good news of salvation? This responsibility does not rest merely upon the so-called evangelist. Every worker in the cause of God is definitely first and foremost an evangelist. It may be in the office, it may be in the classroom; in the hospital ward, or it may be the colporteur going from door to door. Whatever the responsibility and whatever name, the ultimate objective is to bring the knowledge of Jesus—whose name means "to save people from their sins"—as a soon-coming Saviour to a world hastening on to its doom. That is evangelism.

Evangelism was the first duty of the early church. They were commissioned to this. It is a wonderful thing to receive a commission. It is a high honour to be commissioned by one's government to carry out a task for that government, or to carry a message from that government to another government. No one would think of treating such a commission with indifference. They would first become well informed concerning the commission that was given to them and then they would drop everything else in the world to carry out that commission.

The early church were diligent in carrying out their commission in Jerusalem. This is where they had their homes and their places of business. Being engrossed in their home affairs and in their everyday business, they were just too busy to go beyond Jerusalem. God did not want those who were commissioned to be confined to



Jerusalem where they were living. He saw that their interests were there and those interests were keeping the early church from carrying out His commission. All that he could do, therefore, was to disrupt their homes, close down their businesses, and cause them to flee persecution. But when they left they did not leave complaining of their loss, either of home or business, or the severe persecution which they were suffering, but they went everywhere preaching the word. That is true evangelism.

We have not yet been driven from our homes. We have not been persecuted. I pray God that this experience may never come to us, but I ask you, have you carried out your commission to your next door neighbour? To the one across the street from you? Have you witnessed in Jerusalem, not counting Judea or Samaria much less the uttermost parts of the world?

I recently went into a very ordinary city here in India. I wanted to see the evangelist who had been living there for several years. I had forgotten his address so began to inquire at every shop and the homes along the streets as

to where Mr. So-and-so lived. No one seemed to know. So I asked the people that were passing up and down the street if they could tell me where a certain Adventist preacher was living. No one seemed to know him either by name or by profession. Finally, a little boy heard me making inquiries. He came up to me and said, "Come with me, I will show you where he lives." And he took me to a house just a short distance from the place where I had been making inquiries and there was the evangelist-pastor that I was looking for. I asked the lad how he knew where this man lived and he said, "His son is reading in the same school with me in my class." I thanked him, and he went on his way realizing that he had done a good deed in taking me to the evangelist. I began to wonder who was really the evangelist in that city, the father or the son. It seems to me that the little lad was a better evangelist than his father because he was at least known to his playmates in school as an Adventist and the son of an evangelist. But his father was neither known by his name, religion, nor profession to the neighbours living very near to him.

Yes, this is an extreme case, but as officers, as office workers, do others see an evangelist in you? You who are teachers, are the students in your classes being prepared by you for the coming of Jesus or only for the coming examination? As church elders, deacons and members are we going everywhere teaching the good news that Jesus is coming again? What a time in which we are living, just before Jesus will appear in the clouds of heaven! What a task to warn men and women everywhere of that glorious event! What wonderful opportunities are ours to evangelize others everywhere

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# EVANGELISM IN THE UNIONS

## NORTHEAST

W. F. Storz

**S**OULS are in the valley of decision throughout the entire Northeast Union. Nearly all our field workers have been engaged in a series of evangelistic meetings during the first half of this year; plans are laid for similar efforts during the last half. Some of the meetings for the first half have been finished and baptisms held, while others are not yet finished but we are looking forward to a baptism soon.

In Assam it seems that the Lushai circle held the most efforts and also holds first place for baptisms so far. It appears from reports that in the village of Khwar-ehim eighteen have been baptized. The Lord has richly blessed in that effort. The Khasi-Jaintia circle comes a close second. I have no information that any meetings were held in the Manipur Circle. Thus far a total of sixty-one have been baptized in Assam.

We are looking for greater things from Assam during the last half of the year. They recently finished a workers' meeting of nearly a month's duration in which Pastor H. H. Mattison led out and they report a great blessing to those who attended. I am sure that these blessings will add up to souls won during the remainder of the year.

East India holds the record for the number of efforts held and the number of workers involved in them. At the time of this writing, no efforts have been finished and no baptisms held. However, aside from this, fifty-eight have been baptized.

One of the East India efforts is a double-header city effort in

Ranchi conducted by Pastor D. K. Down in English and by Pastor B. Nowrangi in Hindi. These meetings will continue for some time yet, but now, including the workers engaged there, from seventy to seventy-five attend the Sabbath services regularly.

Our smallest unit has the credit of the largest percentage of its workers engaged in the effort programme—all of them. In the two efforts that they conducted, five are now ready for baptism and a few more are studying.

Our schools also play a major role in the evangelistic programme. During the Week of Prayer held before the close of the last school year, though that of Assam Training School was near the end of 1958, sixteen were baptized there and another fifteen at the Raymond Memorial Training School.

To this part of the report we should also add what the Bengali Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School is doing. For the first half of the year one student was baptized and seven more have expressed in a definite way their desire for baptism. Our lack of workers speaking the Bengali language is to be deplored. I am sure that many more could be brought across the line if our students could be visited promptly. In addition to the interests mentioned above, many of those attending the meetings in Ranchi are Voice of Prophecy students and only time will tell what the result will be.

For the last part of the year we are looking for a greater harvest. Continue to pray for our workers who are holding high the banner of Truth.

## CEYLON

N. O. DAHLSTEN

**T**HE flame of evangelism burns brightly in the heart of our workers and members in Ceylon. Their greatest desire is to see God's word preached to the multitudes of this fair isle. During the first part of this year, our workers have been busy with efforts in Jaffna, Colombo, Enderamulla and several smaller communities. The interest in Enderamulla is good and the prospects for a good harvest of souls are bright.

In Jaffna Pastor R. S. Fernando is at present holding meetings in two communities. There are several preparing for baptism there. Recently a series of Sunday night meetings was conducted by Pastor Anderson in Kandy. Among those in attendance was a man whose family are members of our Kandy church. This gentleman agreed, more or less, to please his wife, that he would attend the first meeting. He also told her that he did not intend to attend the following Sunday night. But God spoke to his heart that first night and he attended every Sunday night. He, with several others, has now taken his stand for the truth and attends Sabbath school regularly. The first thing he did after he accepted the Sabbath truth was to resign from the office he held in another church organization. A fine branch Sabbath school has also been organized as a result of these Sunday night meetings.

In Wedegama, Diganwella and Matara, cottage meetings and Bible study classes are carried on for the interested ones. The number of

baptisms is not large compared to other fields, but we are of good courage and face the future with confidence. Especially are we encouraged by the fact that church members are taking an increasingly active part in church activities. These united efforts are sure to have God's special blessing.

In a few days full scale efforts will begin in Batticaloa and Madampe. Preparations for these efforts are well under way and the local church has entered into the programme enthusiastically. An effort is also planned for Kandy to be held after the MV Camp in August. The big tabernacle has been set aside for use there. We also hope that something can be done for Moratuwa before the end of the year. That place is ripe for an effort if we can find the personnel. We believe that God is with us here in Ceylon, as we plan for work and we expect and pray for great blessings from Him during the remaining months of this year.

## NORTHWESTERN

GEORGE R. JENSON

**D**URING the first half of the year in the Northwestern India Union city campaigns were conducted in New Delhi, Jullunder and Dehra Dun, while approximately twelve village efforts were conducted in the local fields. A comparative report on the number of baptisms reveals a consistent growth. For the first five months of 1959 there was a total of 52 baptisms in this union and for these souls who have been claimed for His kingdom we can say "The Lord hath done great things for us."

For the second half of the year, a programme has been outlined which will employ every available man in the work of public evangelism in some capacity. City campaigns are scheduled in the following places. Pastor G. Christo will go to Allahabad with his team of workers in an endeavour to re-

kindle the work there. Pastor I. M. Chand will go to Jhansi with his group in an attempt to open new work in this large city which has had no previous evangelistic effort by our people. Pastor G. R. Jenson will continue in New Delhi in a programme of evangelism that involves at least two efforts a year in this great city. In North India Pastor W. H. Mattison will join with Pastor Faqir Chand in holding a three-weeks effort in Srinagar, Kashmir, and in Amritsar for a campaign in the fall. In anticipation of the return of the Pastor W. Gordon Jenson family to India, plans have been laid for them to locate in Simla, and for Pastor Jenson to hold a series of lectures in the large city of Karnal, located about 50 miles north of Delhi. Apart from these large city campaigns, there are plans for every worker in the villages to join in an effort during the fall season.

As we launch out into the deep in search of men, our courage is good. We count ourselves as ambassadors for God. We seek your prayers and support as we attempt to labour in these sunset hours. The tempo of events all around us says, "Hasten." We must go for the night will soon be upon us.

## BURMA

W. L. MURRILL

**U**NTIL a few years ago most of our work was confined to the villages. However, during the last three or four years it has been possible to locate workers in a number of the principal towns and cities of the country. Public efforts were started in two of these places—Bassein and Pyapon—during the latter part of 1958, and were concluded in the early part of 1959. Pastor E. Maung and Saya Brown were in charge of the Bassein effort and Pastor Johnny and Saya Maung Twa led out in the Pyapon meetings.

Both of these meetings were well attended right up to the end and a

large number of people expressed a keen interest in the messages that were presented from night to night. A few people have been baptized so far and the workers are continuing studies with interested persons. We hope that the seed that has been sown during these efforts will soon bear a rich harvest of fruit in these two important cities.

Pastor R. H. Woolsey concluded an effort among the Lushai people of Tahan during the early part of 1959. Twenty-one precious souls joined the Remnant Church at the time of his final baptism. Twenty-five were baptized in December 1958 making a total of forty-one from this effort. The church in Tahan has been greatly strengthened as a result of these meetings and the work in that area is moving forward in a most encouraging way.

During the months of April and May Pastor Woolsey conducted another effort at Tiddim, the headquarters for our work in the Chin Hills. In spite of strong, well-organized opposition, 400 people were present for the opening meeting and the attendance was good throughout the effort. At the final meeting 37 people, including many of the leading people of the town, came forward and signed their names indicating their desire to join the Remnant Church. As our workers there continue studies with these seekers after truth we pray that God will strengthen them and help them to make a full surrender to Him.

A very successful effort was conducted in the village of Kokkogone during the first quarter of 1959 by one of our veteran evangelists, Pastor Peter. Nine persons were baptized from these meetings. This has revived our work in this place where very little progress had been made for a number of years.

Our young people have also taken an active part in public evangelism. The first Voice of Youth effort to be held in the Burma Union was conducted in Rangoon by the young people of the Rangoon Church. Brother Herschel Hendley, MV Leader of

the church, gave excellent direction to these meetings which were held in the Union evangelistic tent. The truths of God were presented in a very interesting way and the meetings were well attended throughout. Our young people in Rangoon have been greatly blessed as they have shared their faith in this way.

Many of the village efforts that had been planned in the Tenasserim and Delta Sections for the first half of 1959 had to be cancelled due to the very unsettled conditions in many parts of these fields. However, our workers have conducted cottage meetings wherever possible. We trust that conditions will improve in these areas so that a strong evangelistic programme can be carried on during the latter part of 1959.

A few days ago the Union Committee gave careful study to our evangelistic programme for the last half of the year. For many years we have been sowing the gospel seed through our various evangelistic activities. We believe the time has come when we should expect a much larger harvest of souls each year. Our workers are being urged to make an all-out effort during the remainder of 1959 to reach the many people throughout Burma who are already well acquainted with our message.

City efforts are being planned for Paan, Tavoy, Henzada, Maymyo and Mandalay. We have only had work in the first three of these cities for a short time so we trust that these meetings will be the means of greatly strengthening our work in these places. A large number of village efforts are also being planned throughout the field. During 1959 it has been possible to locate workers in three more cities—Taunggyi, Lashio, and Maubin. We hope to hold evangelistic meetings in these places in the near future.

Our plans call for every evangelistic worker including the section presidents to be actively engaged in some type of public evangelism during the last half of 1959. Under the guidance and blessing of God we look forward to a good harvest of souls by the end of the year.

## SOUTH INDIA

E. L. SORENSEN

**O**N THE morning of May 28th in the quiet little village of Gandiganamalla, among the gypsy hills, the usual round of activities was being carried on. Suddenly the word spread around, "The missionaries have come!" When we arrived what a royal welcome we received! All were happy to see us. In their quaint costumes, they greeted us with warm affection. It was easy to see that the love of Jesus, especially through the strong right arm of our medical work has softened the hearts of these people that have been so hardened through the years. Now their minds are open to hear the message from God's Book. Only a few years ago they looked upon us with suspicion and distrust and wished to have nothing to do with the gospel. Now we see them opening their hearts and homes to the ones who bring the message of peace and the healing power of Christ.

This is typical of our work all around South India, where scores of evangelists are now bringing the good news of salvation to the remotest corners of our field. One hundred and twelve evangelistic campaigns were completed by the end of June, and well over 300 souls baptized into the Remnant Church. In the North Kerala field, Pastor A. Joseph, the field leader, has completed a strong campaign in Shoranur. And just about twenty or thirty miles away our zealous evangelist, Brother T. J. Joseph, has completed a successful campaign in the previously unworked town of Perintalmanna. In both of these campaigns a good number of souls have been baptized, and we hope to have churches organized there soon. Not far away in Nilabut on the border of the jungle we have recently organized a church of over 40 members. At present negotiations

are going on for a piece of property for a church building.

In the North Tamil Section Pastor C. Moses, the president, has completed a successful campaign in Pollachi, another new area of our work. Several souls have been baptized, and we look for an organized church there before many months go by. In Madras a strong campaign has just been opened by Pastors Watts and Anbiah. More than six hundred were in attendance at the opening meeting, and we are confident that the Lord will bring rich results from this campaign in South India's largest city.

At our home base in Bangalore the president of the Kannada Section, Pastor C. P. Jonahs, is conducting a campaign. The attendance, though not large, is regular. We know that several will step out and take their stand as a result of this series of meetings. Pastor Christiansen, the Bangalore church pastor, reports that an old brother more than 90 years of age has decided to take his stand and be baptized. What an encouragement this is to all of us to realize that no one is ever too old to find something new in the things of God.

In the South Telugu Section Pastor I. Subushanam, the president, says that there are a number of efforts in progress now, though they were a bit late in getting started due to the change in field leadership. We believe there will be an abundant harvest in another month or so.

In Trimulgiri, where Pastor Beach and Brother Sudarshanam conducted a series of meetings, there is an excellent interest. Dr. Sundarrao, one of our good lay lady doctors, from Secunderabad, has helped materially in giving medical aid and lectures in this most interesting programme.

In North Andhra Pastor M. S. Prasada Rao reports that the evangelistic programme is in full swing, with 30 or more efforts in progress. In old Rajahmundry Pastor B. S. Moses has followed the work of Pastor Subushanam, and a strong company has been raised up which we believe will soon be a church. At Bhimavaram Brother

P. S. Prasada Rao has conducted a good series of meetings, results of which will help to establish our work in that hitherto unworked centre.

Coming down to our South Tamil field, Pastor Gurubatham, president, tells us that they have more than doubled the amount of baptisms they had to this point last year. One of the outstanding campaigns was conducted in Madura by Pastor G. W. Maywald, secretary of the Union Sabbath School and Home Missionary Departments, with Pastor N. Y. Chelliah, the South Tamil Sabbath School and Home Missionary secretary. An outstanding feature of this programme was a lay institute conducted during the first week of the meetings. About 30 lay preachers from North and South Tamil Nad were gathered together, instructed and injected with enthusiasm which has led to a new spirit of evangelism among the laymen in Tamil Nad. In one instance a team of laymen reported that nearly 30 souls are ready for baptism already. One of the lay preachers is a blind man, but he preaches with power. Though he has not physical sight God has given him the talent of bringing spiritual sight to those with whom he comes in contact. What a lesson this is to us who have all our faculties! Let us dedicate them to the winning of souls.

In South Kerala Pastor S. Nathaniel, the president, led out in a strong campaign with Brother T. C. Chacko in Nedumangad. Already nearly 20 souls have accepted the faith there and we are negotiating for the property on which the meetings were held. A church will be established there before the year's end. Meetings have also been held in Pathanamthitta, Thalavadi and elsewhere. Pastor P. S. Johnson and Brother John Thomas in Thalavadi have succeeded in bringing eight more souls, who will join hands with those who are already with us in forming a strong congregation in that area.

In the South India Union during 1958 there were 1050 members added to the church through baptism. Our goal for 1959, which has

been set by our field leaders, is 1400. This is a tremendous goal, yet we believe with everyone working together it can be reached.

Carefully thought-out plans have been laid for the last six months of this year to conduct more than 130 campaigns; our laymen, our young people, village and city evangelists will unite their hands together with teachers, hospital workers, colporteurs and administrators in an all-out drive to make 1959 the best year for soul-winning that our Union has ever known. We solicit the prayers of all of our brethren in South India and throughout Southern Asia as we launch out in the campaign for Christ for the balance of this year. We have full confidence and courage in the leading of God, and believe that as we unite our efforts with one another under His guidance He will bless us with abundant success.

## WESTERN INDIA

WILLIAM M. MOSES

**W**E see the dawn of a new day in Western India. During 1958 we baptized 141 precious souls, the highest number so far in any single year. This was the result of an all-out evangelistic drive launched by the entire evangelistic force of the Union. We conducted five major and thirty-two small-town and village efforts. The Lord has blessed us immensely.

During the first half of the current year we have conducted three major and ten other efforts. We are looking forward to an even more aggressive programme for the rest of the year. We have laid plans to hold six major and twenty-four village efforts. With God's help, we anticipate great things from these campaigns.

We have been able to open two new centres at Sholapur and Dhulia. Though the work in these cities is still in its infant stage, the opportunities are great for the development of our work in and around these cities. We have just

concluded a second effort in Sholapur and, according to reports, over twenty-five people are in the baptismal class at the present time. So far five people have been baptized and more are expected soon. The work in Dhulia is even more encouraging. The tithes and offerings from this centre are continuously moving upward, which is a clear indication of their confidence in the message and spiritual growth. We are looking forward to organizing this church before the end of the year.

Likewise there is evidence of the hand of God mightily at work in the Gujerat section of Western India. Pastor Wolfe, our leader and evangelist in this district, is giving strong leadership in evangelism. Unprecedented opportunities are presenting themselves from all of the sixteen Gujerati-speaking districts. In Bombay Pastor Corban is literally carrying on a round-the-year evangelistic campaign with a steady attendance and good interest. He is continuing the meetings right through the wet season in spite of Bombay's heavy monsoon. This has been done at the instance of a number of regular attendants not to discontinue this series.

We are all of good courage. A heartening aspect of our work is that from the president downward every worker is either an evangelist or evangelistic-minded. In the same manner, every branch of our work—the Voice of Prophecy, Sabbath school, home missionary, Missionary Volunteer, educational, publishing and medical—is so geared as to obtain maximum results in souls.

Yet the work in Western India is far from being finished. There is "much land to be possessed" and large areas to be conquered. Still hundreds of miles stretch between mission stations, and unnumbered millions of unwarned human beings live in these vast stretches of territory. No one has gone to tell them that Jesus died for them. They too must hear the gospel of Christ before the end. What a challenge! Our humble prayer is that God might inspire us to arise and finish the task that lies ahead.

# Highlights of Progress

Division departmental secretaries and presidents of the Unions gave highlights of progress during the mid-year committee meeting while at Poona from July 8 to 13.

## Northeast

One hundred and twenty baptisms thus far this year. There are twelve efforts in progress in East India, nine in Assam and two in the Himalayan Section. The D. K. Down—B. Nowrangi effort in Ranchi has been in progress for fourteen weeks and 1,200 are in attendance each Saturday and Sunday night. Attendance at Raymond Memorial School is 180 and at Assam Training School 140.

## Ceylon

An excellent response from the Colombo meeting with fourteen definite interests at the present time. Smaller efforts and cottage meetings are being conducted in Jaffna and Matara. A non-Adventist lady who is a Voice of Prophecy student, has just donated a two-acre plot of land about forty miles outside Colombo. There are 160 students enrolled at the Mailapitiya school.

## Pakistan

Nearly 100 baptisms thus far this year. Including the special drive for the Karachi Hospital Rs. 121,000 received in Uplift with Rs. 91,000 from the regular campaign. There are 160 enrolled at Chuharkana and 140 at Jalirpar and 90 in the middle school at Monosapara. An encouraging feature at Chuharkana is the sale of food industry which promises to sell Rs. 50,000 during 1959. The new 6" tube well is supplying water to the land, so the agricultural programme at Chuharkana is hopeful. The new buildings at Jalirpar and the land improvements have greatly improved that institution.

## Burma

The efforts in the Tahan area among the Lushai people at the foot of the Chin Hills resulted in the baptism of 25 in December and another 16 in January. An effort has recently been concluded for the Chin people in Tiddim, and 37 people have joined the Bible class. A crowd of 250 people attended each meeting regularly at the effort conducted at Bassein. The MV Society in the Rangoon church organized a very successful youth effort in Rangoon on a budget of Rs. 1,500 most of which was raised by the society and local church. The Kyauktain School is overflowing with 250 students in attendance.

## Northwestern India

There have been 52 baptisms thus far this year, and during the coming six months efforts are planned at Amritsar, Karnal, Ambala, Jhansi, Allahabad, Delhi and Agra. Meetings are also being conducted in Srinagar this summer. Six Voice of Prophecy students are preparing for baptism in old Bikaner. The enrolment is up at the Roorkee School and the land in the Ganges canal has been leased for another 10 years. Sales for the first five months by the literature evangelists totalled over Rs. 56,000. Nearly 1,000 subscriptions for "Our Times" magazine have come in.

## Western India

Six full scale efforts—3 city and 3 village—have been conducted thus far this year and 56 have been baptized thus far. The Surat Hospital is having a very good patronage and the income has improved considerably over past years. One of the fields in Western India has had an increase of 50% in lay tithe during the past five months. Uplift income has increased from Rs. 21,000 during 1958 to Rs. 45,000 during the

present campaign. "Our Times" subscriptions totalled 1,668. The Gujarati Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School has grown beyond all expectations.

## South India

During 1958 baptisms totalled 1,050 and up to the present time 364 have been baptized. There are 138 full scale village and city efforts planned for the remainder of 1959. This does not include Voice of Prophecy rallies and spearhead meetings. The hospital at Nuzvid is doing excellent work and the self-supporting medical units at Gandiganamulla, Palaniappapuram, and Asanpur have done very successful work. There are 225 students enrolled at the Narsapur School, 125 in the boarding at Tanjore, 120 boarders at Lowry Memorial High School and a good enrolment is expected at Kottarakara. This has been an outstanding year for the acquisition of village church properties, construction of churches and mission offices. 1959 promises to be one of the greatest years in the history of the work in South India.

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## PREACHING THE WORD

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through our lives, our messages, our pleadings and our prayers!

Let us through the last half of this year work unitedly as we have never worked before. God grant that we as workers may lead our entire church membership into the greatest evangelistic drive this Division has ever seen. Then, as the year draws to its close, and the leaders of this Division gather in the fourthcoming quadrennial session, what stirring reports will be given of the results of a united evangelical church which went forth everywhere preaching the word! What rejoicing there will be in heaven as we rejoice here on earth because of the results of the Division-wide-united-worker-membership-evangelistic drive warning Southern Asia that Jesus is coming again!



# Just a Reminder

O. O. MATTISON

IN LOOKING over the church calendar this morning, I noticed that August 22 has been set apart as Tithe Reminder Day. As I thought of this title, I felt how unnecessary it should be that a day be set apart for Seventh-day Adventists to be reminded of their duty and their privilege to render unto God that which is His own. In so many ways He reminds us of this every day of our lives. We are reminded of it when we get up in the morning, enjoying good health and the blessings of the Lord, and are given strength for another day's work. We are reminded of it many times during the day by His protecting care and His constant guidance and help in so many problems that face us each day. We are reminded of it every time we get our pay cheques; every time we get the hire of a day's labour. We are reminded when we harvest a crop or when there is an increase of our livestock, cattle, chickens or anything else that a tenth of our increase belongs to the Lord. We are reminded of it when we see the onward march of the message and the great need for workers. We are reminded of it each Sabbath when we come together to worship and enjoy spiritual fellowship and when the offering is taken. This reminds us that we should render unto the Lord faithful tithe week by week, month by month or year by year according to the method in which we receive our daily sustenance.

With all of these reminders in mind it does seem very unnecessary that we should have a Sabbath set apart as Tithe Reminder Day, doesn't it? And yet, as we look over our records, we have to admit that many of our members seem to so easily forget

that God has been good to them and He has supplied their every need; that our families are enjoying His blessings and health and strength and our children are growing from little babes to manhood and womanhood. All of these are evidences of His tender care, and how can we so forget Him as the Giver of every perfect gift to such a degree that we do not remember to render back unto Him that which is rightfully His own?

Would you enjoy the blessings of the Lord more fully? Then I can assure you, upon the authority of His word, that if you will be faithful in your tithe and your offerings, He will give you more blessings than you have ever enjoyed in the past. He longs to bestow blessings on us, but so often we close the channels by keeping them clogged with selfish interests and unfaithfulness in rendering Him an honest, faithful tithe. God cannot reward unfaithfulness, neither can He reward selfishness. Therefore, we at times have to remind the pastors to remind their flocks, and remind the flocks to remind themselves, and in turn remind one another to be faithful and honest with the Lord so that He may open the windows of heaven and pour us out blessings far more than we can anticipate, and certainly more than we can receive if our lives are emptied of the cares of this life of selfishness and self interests.

May the Lord bless you wherever you may be to form the habit of tithe paying so that a reminder will never be necessary any more than one has to be reminded to eat one's food day by day. May God grant you His richest blessings because you have opened the channels whereby you may receive them.

## The First Gift

J. F. ASHLOCK

IN A Seventh-day Adventist college a class studying "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" was discussing the chapter "We Have Seen His Star," found in *Desire of Ages*. After having traced the travels and having referred to the experiences of the Magi until the time of their arrival at the humble stable in the little village of Bethlehem, the teacher asked, "As the wise men looked upon the baby Jesus and recognized the presence of Divinity, what was the first gift which they made in worship to Him?"

A member of the class, thinking of the phrase "gold, frankincense and myrrh," answered confidently, "gold." But as he studied the expression on the face of the instructor he realized that he had not been thorough enough in his preparation and had missed the point. Very kindly the teacher suggested that he turn to page 63 of *Desire of Ages* and read the comment at the bottom of the page which states, "They gave their hearts to Him as their Saviour and then poured out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Continuing on page 65 he discovered a very valuable lesson for himself, his classmates and for all of us. "If we have given our hearts to Jesus we shall also bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, our most precious earthly possessions, our highest mental and spiritual endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."

The principle set forth in these divinely inspired sentences from *The Desire of Ages* constitutes the only true basis of faithful Christian stewardship. To give offerings cheerfully and to return an honest tithe one must first give his heart. When self is surrendered without reservation the tithes and offerings will be presented without hesitation.



# Institutes and Meetings in Northeast

H. H. MATTISON

**J**UST ONE week after the close of the 1958-59 school year Mrs. Mattison and I joined the exodus from Spicer College, our destination being various points in the Northeast Union. After a day and a half spent hunting up old friends and looking again at once familiar sights in Calcutta, we set out via taxi, plane, cycle ricksha, overcrowded bus, and jeep for Raymond Memorial High School at Falakata.

Activities at Falakata would cheer anyone's heart. Brother Streeter and his staff of workers are to be commended for the excellent school plant and for the results being achieved, both scholastically and industrially. We were not able to arrive before the close of their school year but even so we found over half the student body hard at work on the farm and elsewhere. It was obvious that they were not only busy but were profitably engaged. These young people are education-minded. It was a real pleasure to address them, as I was privileged to do, both Friday evening and Sabbath morning, and also to discuss personal topics with them and help them plan for further education at Spicer College.

Sunday morning found us on our way again, bound for cooler climes. This time our transport was bus only, that most useful and misused of vehicles in India. What tales of comedy, monotony, and high adventure might not be told if only the worn tires and smelly interiors of buses could speak. Every hour of the day held its interesting episode and evening found us in that beautiful mountain retreat that is Kalimpong. Here it was our pleasure to spend four weeks of fellowship with Pastor and Mrs. King and their co-workers. The medical work done in the surrounding villages and in Kalimpong itself is proving to be an entering wedge for our message.

Much goodwill has been created through the efficient and kind medical service rendered by Pastor King and previously by Brother Maberly, now on furlough in Australia. People in Kalimpong are friendly toward Seventh-day Adventists. This was evidenced by the good attendance at Pastor King's illustrated lectures. We look forward to the day when our pretty new church in Kalimpong will be filled with earnest members.

Bidding good-bye to Kalimpong with its beautiful orchids and fluttering prayer flags, we found ourselves very soon in what resembled a Turkish bath too closely for comfort. How else can Siliguri in May be described? To move about is to be drenched with perspiration; to sit still is to occupy a warm cloud. We alternated between these two conditions until our train came. After that we enjoyed the same thing plus cinders. These discomforts were shortlived, however, and soon we were enjoying the wind-swept uplands of Shillong and Jowai, my next appointment being the Week of Prayer at Assam Training School.

This was the second time for me to conduct a Week of Prayer at this place. In both instances I found the experience to be both challenging and inspiring. Speaking through four or more translators at once presents its own peculiar problems. Certainly under such conditions the Holy Spirit bestows the gift of understanding upon those who are earnestly seeking to know the will of God. Under His blessing the barriers due to language differences are somehow overcome. Brother Fred Nash is giving strong leadership to the school and seems to have the loyal support and co-operation of the entire staff. One is impressed by the spirit of Christian fellowship that pervades the school family. Like all institutions, the Assam Train-

ing School has its problems, but God has used and is using that school mightily to strengthen the work in Assam. The theme of the Week of Prayer was Heavenly Citizenship. We studied together the requirements of God and the means. He has provided whereby we may fulfil His requirements through faith in Jesus. Our Heavenly Father came very close to us and we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as we sought Him in prayer. The prayer bands were well attended and earnest prayer was engaged in by staff and students together throughout the week. The response to calls for reconsecration was heartening. A goodly number took their stand for Christ and joined the baptismal class at the close of the week. Special music was provided for both morning and evening meetings. The various language groups took a keen interest in this phase of the week's activities and gave a song in a different language each evening. Praise and love to God thus expressed in so many different tongues made us think of the day when not only the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ but also the languages of earth shall become the language of heaven. Sabbath, May 9, brought our Week of Prayer at Jowai to a close and on the morning of the 10th I proceeded to Shillong to conduct the workers' institute there.

On the evening of June 10, Pastor Williams opened the Assam Workers' Institute in the Shillong church with a stirring sermon especially directed to the workers gathered for the course of instruction. In this group we could see the products of our schools. The majority of the workers present had been students of the Assam Training School, and several had also received further training at

Spicer College. These men came in from the very front ranks of our work in Assam, from places where they were carrying on direct evangelism, and it was an inspiration to study with them. There were fourteen in the class—pastors, evangelists, a lay worker, a departmental secretary and members of the office staff. There were seven students from the Khasi section, six Lushais and one Munda in attendance. We began an intensive programme of study and discussion consisting of four fifty-minute class periods a day, six days a week. This was carried on for four full weeks. Two class periods each day were devoted to College Bible Doctrines and two to Daniel and Revelation. Discussion and recitation periods were interspersed with periods for study and research. We made use of the reference books available in

Shillong and also of books specially lent to this institute by the library at Spicer College. Special emphasis was placed on the "why" of our doctrines in order that we might give a reason for the hope that we cherish. We tried to maintain the attitude of true students of the Word by withholding judgment until all the facts we could muster were in. As we studied, meditated, and prayed for a deeper understanding of God's Word we often felt that His Holy Spirit came very close to us. Again and again we were reminded that we are not following "cunningly devised fables" but that our faith rests upon the sure foundation of the infallible Word of God. In this age of waning faith great responsibility rests upon the ministers of God's remnant church.

Our period of study was brought

to a close with a comprehensive examination in each of the subjects treated. The examinations were on a college level, and the grades obtained indicated hard study and a good grasp of the work which had been covered. The students expressed satisfaction with the courses and, as their teacher, I felt rewarded in their success. Surely such periods of study will prove fruitful in souls won to this message and in a strengthening of the spirituality of our believers, for only as our pastors and evangelists are thoroughly grounded in this message can they in turn thoroughly instruct those to whom they minister. I closed the institute convinced that more such seasons of study would greatly benefit the workers of this Division, and I trust the opportunity will be mine again soon to render a similar service elsewhere.

### Science and the Spirit of Prophecy Agree

## The Best Medicine

**"YOU CAN** be a charming, vivacious, vital, young person at 70 or a dull, bloated, worn-out, depleted old person at 30." It all depends on how alert you are to your needs and how well you go about taking care of yourself. Hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, heart failure, diabetes, goitre, fatty livers, injured kidneys, excessive body weight in adults, stomach and duodenal ulcers—these are the 'killers' of the 20th century. The goal of each individual is to baffle these killers, and medical and nutritional experts have informed us that the weapon which can be used most effectively is good nutrition. Not only those listed as 'killers' but also tooth decay, loosening of the teeth, underweight in children, tuberculosis and anæmia in children and adults, these and many other diseases are all acknowledged to be subject to lessened occurrence by a more intelligent use of food.<sup>1</sup>

"As tissues become damaged because they lack the chemicals of good nutrition, they tend to become old. They lack what I call 'tissue integrity.' There are people of 40 whose brains and arteries are senile. If we can help the tissues repair themselves by correcting nutritional deficiencies, we can make old age wait."<sup>2</sup> "All diseases are caused by chemicals, and all diseases can be cured by chemicals. All the chemicals used by the body—except for the oxygen which we breathe and the water which we drink—are taken in through food. If we only knew enough, all diseases could be prevented, and could be cured, through proper nutrition."<sup>3</sup>

Many years ago Sir William Osler said: "Ninety per cent of all conditions outside of acute infection and traumatism are directly traceable to diet." This statement has been proven and is being proved both in the laboratories and in our homes.

For many years Dr. Robert McCarrison, the British nutritionist, worked in India testing the diets of various groups of people on rats, which he could carefully watch and completely control. His experiments gave impressive evidence regarding the supreme importance of the vitamin and mineral elements in natural unrefined foods. The rats which were fed on the simple diet of the peoples of North India lived a long, healthy, peaceful life on a diet of whole grains, legumes, milk, fresh vegetables, a small amount of butter and meat once a week. Other test rats were fed on the diets of other groups of people. The rats fed on the diet of the poorer people of Bengal and Madras—rice, pulses, vegetables, condiments, with perhaps a very little milk suffered from a veritable Pandora's box of illnesses, with diseases of every organ they possessed. The only difference between the groups of rats was in their diets. All groups were young

and healthy at the beginning of the test. All groups were kept clean and cared for in the same fashion. What they ate caused the difference in their health and length of life. The test rats reacted in the same way as the human population. Whereas the life span of the people of Bengal and Madras does not average over 30 years, the Hunzas are well known for maintaining health and vigour to old age. They have been called the healthiest people in the world.<sup>4</sup>

Dr. McCarrison described the health of the Hunzas in part as follows:

"Certain of these races of magnificent physique, living until late in life the children of youth; they are unusually strong and long lived, and endowments of nervous systems of notable vitality . . .

"During the period of association with these peoples I never saw a case of asthenic dyspepsia, of gastric or duodenal ulcer, of appendicitis, of mucous colitis, of cancer.

"Indeed, their buoyant abdominal health has, since my return to the West, provided a remarkable contrast with . . . our highly civilized communities. Searching for an explanation of this difference in incidence of gastrointestinal disease in the two peoples, I find it, in the main, in four circumstances:

"1. Infants are reared as nature intended them to be reared—at the breast. If this source of nourishment fails, they die; and at least they are spared the future gastrointestinal miseries which so often have their origin in the first bottle.

"2. The people live on the unsophisticated foods of nature—milk, eggs, grains, fruit, and vegetables. . . .

"3. Their religion prohibits alcohol, and although they do not always lead in this respect a strictly religious life, nevertheless they are eminently a teetotal race.

"4. Their manner of life requires the vigorous exercise of their bodies."<sup>5</sup>

Of all the faulty diets he had tested on his many test animals, Dr. McCarrison states that the diet composed of margarine, tea, sugar, jam, preserved meat, and

scanty overcooked vegetables proved to be the worst and the most likely to be associated with the diseases from which his animals suffered.<sup>6</sup>

Not only have the chronic and degenerative diseases been traced to poor diet, but the incidence of acute infections has also shown a remarkable correlation with the eating habits as the following quotations indicate.

"The frequency of pneumonia may also be modified by food. The mice belonging to one of the strains kept in the mousery of the Rockefeller Institute died of pneumonia in the proportion of 52 per cent while subjected to the standard diet. Several groups of these animals were given different diets. The mortality from pneumonia fell to 32 per cent, 14 per cent, and even 0, according to the food."<sup>7</sup>

"Intensive research during the past twelve years on the relationship between diet and susceptibility to infection, not only in polio but also in common respiratory infections and tuberculosis, has convinced me that the human organism can protect itself against infection virtually completely by proper nutrition."<sup>8</sup> Your diet largely influences the duration of your life.<sup>9</sup> "Impounded rats, eating perforce what they are furnished, may thrive and grow vigorous. Reasoning man, with laboratory knowledge at his disposal, remains a slave to dietary habits, sacrificing his health, and sometimes even his life."<sup>10</sup>

Sister White passed this information on to us during the beginnings of the movement.

"Disease never comes without a cause. The way is prepared, and disease invited, by disregard of the laws of health."<sup>11</sup>

"The disease and suffering that everywhere prevail are largely due to popular errors in regard to diet."<sup>12</sup>

"A large share of the sickness and suffering among us is the result of the transgression of physical law, is brought upon individuals by their own wrong habits."<sup>13</sup>

"The character of the food and the manner in which it is eaten, exert a powerful influence on the health . . . The need of carefulness

in habits of diet should be impressed on the minds of all students. I have been instructed that those attending our schools are not to be served with flesh foods or with preparations of food that are known to be unwholesome. Nothing that will encourage a desire for stimulants should be placed on the table. I appeal to all to refuse to eat those things that will injure the health. Thus they can serve the Lord by sacrifice."<sup>14</sup>

"Those foods should be chosen that best supply the elements needed for building up the body."<sup>15</sup>

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## Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1959

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

● K. S. Brown and family visited briefly in Karachi while their boat discharged cargo. They were en-route to East Pakistan where Pastor Brown is the leader of that field. The Browns began their work in the Southern Asia Division in January 1947, and have served in Mussoorie, Rawalpindi, and Peshawar before accepting the appointment to Dacca in April 1956. We welcome these seasoned workers back to Southern Asia.

● A. Swaminathan of the South Tamil Section reports the baptism of 4 at Layam Pulianvily on May 24 by Pastor P. K. David. The meetings were held there regularly for two months. Brother Swaminathan also reports that 19 are enrolled in the vocational school conducted at Layam and requests the prayers of the readers of the TIDINGS for the work at Layam Pulianvily.

● Total literature sales during the month of May, 1959 were Rs. 86,850. This is Rs. 38,250 above the anticipated sales for the month of May this year. Both April and May have topped the sales records for the same months in any previous year. Total sales for the first five months of 1959 are Rs. 269,039 which is Rs. 16,039 above the goal for this period.

● Dr. Marjorie Young of the Karachi Hospital left for Bombay and Surat on the 9th of July. She travelled by boat and arrived in Surat on the 22nd of July. After approximately two months at

Surat, Dr. Young will proceed to the Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, where she will relieve during the absence of our lady doctors on furlough.

● We regret to pass on the sad news received from Sister L. Mookerjee that Mrs. C. C. Keller passed away in California just recently. The Kellers worked many years in East Pakistan and for a short time at Ranchi. Sister Keller rests after a long and painful illness. Friends will remember with gratitude the good work of this sister in India.

● The good news has just come in that Austin John, who canvassed in the Quetta area this summer, sold 25 copies of *God's Good News*, *These Days of Destiny*, *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Steps to Christ*. He gave Bible studies twice a week and enrolled 70 persons in the Voice of Prophecy. His total sales for the 11 weeks of canvassing were Rs. 2,484. Student colporteur sales records from around the field have been exceptionally good this year.

● South India Literature Evangelists sold Rs. 28,958.14 worth of literature during the month of June this year. Included in this amount were 2,977 *Our Times* subscriptions. For the first six

AUGUST 8TH

## ANNUAL TEMPERANCE DAY

Plan for a Liberal Offering

Our Temperance Programme is Accomplishing "A Blessed Work"



months of this year sales totalled Rs. 6,059.40, giving an increase of Rs. 14,746.11 over the first six months of 1958. This is Rs. 2,000 more than the goal to

The good news has come of the death of Brother and Sister L. J. Keller. Their 10-month old baby girl died from some form of illness. The Tessiers are working in the East Pakistan Section. Let us remember this family in our prayers.

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