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## To The Seventh-day Adventist Youth in Southern Asia

Dear Youth,

Greetings sincere and true! We, the members of the Division Committee assembled in mid-year session at Salisbury Park, Poona, July 8-13, go on record as cherishing a profound love for and an abiding interest in you.

God's ideal for each of you is higher than the highest human thought can reach. His love for you is as tender as it is strong and it is stronger than death. So personal is His interest in you that if anyone of you, whether you dwell in the largest city or in the smallest village, had been the only one needing a Saviour He gladly would have given His Son to die on Calvary's cross for you.

The Lord Jesus shares in this love to the fullest. To Him has been given all power in heaven and earth and this He makes available to you through the Holy Spirit and heavenly angels. In addition, you have the counsel of the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy, and the sympathetic help of Christian parents, dedicated teachers and devoted church leaders.

At the same time Satan, the enemy of youth, realizing that his time is short, is making a final effort to gain your attention and to claim your service. With signs and wonders he makes sinful indulgence appealing and disobedience attractive. Guard well, then, the avenues of your souls by choosing, day by day, to honour Christ in all your actions—by what you see; by what you read; by what you hear; by where you go; by your choice of associates; by what you speak; and by the way you care for your body temple. By the grace and power of God: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy; cultivate your spiritual natures through prayer, Bible study, and the continual yielding of your wills to the will of God; share your faith; and avoid unhappiness in your home by refusal to marry non-Adventists.

Some of you in various parts of the Division have been faced with the problem of having examinations scheduled for the Sabbath day. Thus you have been placed in positions where you had to decide between taking the examinations on God's holy day or refusing to take them and by so doing accept failure. We commend you, who like Daniel and the three Hebrew youth, have stood for principle irrespective of the consequences, and feel confident that you will be rewarded for your faithfulness.

The church has endeavoured to make provision for all your spiritual, mental, physical and social needs. These provisions include: Christian education; the Missionary Volunteer organization; MV classes, Master Guide and Pathfinder clubs; Leadercraft training courses; vocational honour activities; senior and junior training camps; book clubs and other informative and inspirational reading such as "Messages to Young People," "Love Unlimited," "The Youth's Instructor" and "The Junior Guide."

Cherish the ideals of the church. Set an example in speech, in conduct, in modesty, in simplicity, in faith, in dignity, in purity, in loyalty and in service. Let the love of Christ continue to constrain you. "Choose poverty, reproach; separation from friends, or any suffering rather than to defile the soul with sin."—"Messages," p. 80. For "It is better to die than to sin, better to want than to defraud, better to hunger than to lie."—"Messages," p. 74. Therefore let your motto be: "Death before dishonour or the transgression of God's law."—"Messages," p. 80. Those who thus honour God will be honoured by Him. He will show you the path of life, in His presence you will find fulness of joy and at His right hand pleasures for evermore.

—The Division Committee



The fruit juice stall.

The junior choir.

A fancywork stall.

## The Matara Dorcas Sale

R. G. BURGESS

**J**ULY 1 was a very exciting day for the Matara church. It was the day of the Dorcas sale.

Brother C. N. Ederesinghe and the writer left Colombo on an express bus at five o'clock in the morning to be on hand for the special occasion.

Upon arriving in Matara Brother Ederesinghe immediately began visiting the church members to assist in last-minute plans, for besides the regular Dorcas sale a special children's programme was to be presented.

About eleven o'clock Sister Wijesinghe arrived with the news that Sister Andree, the Dorcas leader, was sick and wondered if the sale should be postponed. After reviewing the programme it was decided that the sale should be carried on as planned. Tables were set up

with clean white covers, and the many attractive pieces of clothing and household linen were put on display. On the veranda an inviting fruit juice and biscuit stall was set up, and soon everything was in readiness.

At four in the evening the children's programme began with the junior choir singing "Stand up, Stand up, for Jesus" in Tamil. Other musical numbers followed including a trumpet solo by Brother Ederesinghe, and several poems were read by the children.

Brother Ederesinghe had spent many hours training the junior choir which was made up of Christian and Buddhist boys and girls.

At the end of the programme the writer gave a short talk on the origin and purpose of the Dorcas

society. He then declared the sale officially opened and the activity started.

The young people found the fruit juice and biscuit stall the most attractive place, while the adults chose the items they wanted from the other tables. By seven in the evening there was very little left to choose from. The ladies were tired but happy and satisfied that with God's blessing the sale had been a wonderful success.

The town of Matara is known as a stronghold of spiritism, but that does not affect the members of the Matara church. Here the members are inspired by the true spirit, the spirit of unity in service for their fellowmen. Let us thank God for the service of devoted ladies like these of the Matara Dorcas Society.

## The Enderamulla Effort

P. P. DIAS

**O**NE evening in April Pastor Scott, of the Colombo churches, asked the writer if a full-scale effort could be held in Enderamulla. We were very happy that Pastor Scott was willing to come and hold an effort in this village. Before we could start it was necessary to find a suitable place and erect the tabernacle. It took only

a few hours to find the place we wanted, and the owners kindly let us have the use of the ground free of charge.

On May 16, three thousand handbills were distributed by our church members. On Sunday, the 17th, the opening day, people began to arrive early; and by the time the song service began every

seat in the tabernacle was taken and many were standing outside. Pastor Scott's first sermon, "Minutes to Midnight", gripped the hearts of the people. This lecture and every lecture following were illustrated with blacklight. Even though the weather at times was not favourable, people kept on coming day after day to hear the

wonderful truths from God's Word. A great religious interest was created in the village as a result of these meetings.

Special mention should be made of a young lady who was a regular attendant at these meetings. This was the first time that she had ever attended a Christian meeting, but there was a desire in her heart to become a Christian. She gave up drinking tea and coffee. When we spoke to her about removing her jewelry, she said that she would give up anything for the sake of Jesus. The next day she came to the meeting without her jewelry and asked for baptism even before we mentioned it to her.

An elderly gentleman attended regularly and manifested a genuine interest. Then for some reason he remained away from the meetings and we wondered why. Later it became known that he was a slave to tobacco and liquor, so we decided to take his name off our list of interested ones. That very evening he came to see Pastor Scott. Appearing very ill, he said that he had given up tobacco and liquor two days before, and asked for special prayer. We prayed with him, earnestly asking the Lord to give him victory over his bad habits. God gave him the victory and he has not touched tobacco or liquor since.

On Sabbath, June 26, our hearts were made glad to see nine persons enter the church to observe their first seventh-day Sabbath. Several Voice of Prophecy students attended these meetings. There are thirteen in our Bible class preparing for baptism, but many more are interested. We give all glory to Him who is mighty to save from sin.

**Give a Liberal 13th  
Sabbath Offering  
for the  
Far Eastern Division  
September 26**

## YOU ARE A SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER

### CLEAR PICTURES NEEDED IN TEACHING

**THE APOSTLE** Paul declared that Christians should be "apt to teach," and by this he meant we should be skilful in the work. Many times in the New Testament the word "Master" is used to describe Jesus, and in all but three instances the word "Master" means "teacher," when it refers to Jesus. How well this describes the Son of God in His ministry to men. He is the greatest of all teachers, and if we follow His methods, we can be the most efficient and inspiring teachers, whether we are church elders, deacons, pastors, or Sabbath school teachers. If we follow Christ's methods, we have the ideal blueprint for effective teaching.

We have a God-given task as teachers, and we must realize that dealing "with minds is the nicest work in which men ever engaged." —Mrs. E. G. White, *Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 269. How then can I be an inspiring and an efficient teacher?

Teaching is a challenge because we are dealing with the human mind, the most wonderful instrument of God's creation. It is the teacher's privilege to help mould and fashion the thoughts that enter that mind, which may bring decisions for eternity. Yes, teaching is a solemn task!

### HOW WE LEARN TO TEACH

Before we can learn to teach better we must know, first of all, how to teach. It is one thing to be called a teacher; it is another thing to be a good teacher.

1. We learn to teach by observing others teach. Most of us have never had any particular training in Sabbath school teaching, but we

are average teachers. How did we become teachers?

2. We learn by teaching. When you start to teach you will learn more than your class does. The time that you derive the most good from your Bible is when you are a good Sabbath school teacher. Do you know the doctrines of the Bible? The test comes when you must teach them. You will have to study as you never have before. The greatest test of your knowledge is this: Can you teach what you "know" to someone else? If you can't, you do not "know" it yourself.

3. We learn by taking an inventory of our abilities and our weaknesses. We look at ourselves to see where we can improve. You may not be a good critic of yourself; but if you have a wife, or a husband, who can sit in the class and check you, it is invaluable help. Do not be afraid of criticism; seek it so that you can improve. Ask a genuine friend to be a critic. He can tell you where you did wrong, or where you can improve your Sabbath school teaching.

4. We learn how to improve our teaching by studying various books on the subject. We also need the help of the *Sabbath School Worker* and the books in the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course. We should never be satisfied with our teaching. The moment we stop improving, we are no longer doing our best.

A good teacher must realize his need for a regular time of study. The only way to improve your muscles is to exercise them, and the only way to keep a strong, alert mind is to use it.

Never think you are too old to learn. It has been proved by educational tests that you are never too old to improve your mind.

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**O**UR YOUNG people are standing on the threshold of life poised for service. The future opens before them like a rough uncharted sea of confusion, economic upsets, and religious indifference.

God never intended that we live in a strange and troubled world. In the beginning He created everything beautiful and peaceful. Ellen G. White describes the first home and its environment in the following words:

The blue heavens were its dome; the earth, with its delicate flowers and carpet of living green, was its floor; and the leafy branches of the goodly trees were its canopy. Its walls were hung with the most magnificent adornings,—the handiwork of the great Master-artist.—“Patriarchs and Prophets,” p. 49.

But man wrought havoc with God's Eden, and today we face a crisis. We face it together. We are a part of it. The storm beats its fury upon our heads, and even though we find shelter for a time, it will not be permanent. The issues before the world are on a huge, unprecedented scale, and we are moving toward the great and terrible day of the Lord.

This is a thumbnail picture of our heritage. However, we are not to let this picture discourage us. We must prepare for it as we would for a great contest. Our opponent is well able to overcome us unless we stretch our muscles to the limit of great living. So let the opposition be keen; then the attainment of our goal will be the more glorious.

Young people have a right to expect great things from life. They want their totals to mount high in the estimation of others. They want to participate in worthy endeavours. They want recognition, security, affection, and new experiences. These are the natural desires of youth and they are right, but youth must know that to attain these pinnacles they must have a plan, a pattern, a design for living.

Youth is synonymous with strength, courage, ambition, success, and conquest. Youth delights in difficulties. Youth rushes to aid a noble cause. Youth solves baffling problems. Youth reaches goals. Youth breaks records.

Great issues always produce great leaders among youth. So in this greatest of all crises, young

people, recognizing the solemnity of the times, will dedicate their lives and will sacrifice to finish the work of the gospel in the world. What a rare opportunity is ours in witnessing the culmination of God's purposes in the earth!

It is inspiring to read of the youth of the Bible and of their witness. The trials and persecutions to which they were subjected brought them to triumph with the church. It is a tribute indeed to the church of apostolic times that young people were included in its planning and its future. The courage, enthusiasm, and freshness of youth were recognized. They became a part of the movement of their day.

It is just so in the Advent Movement today. There are young people who will be thrust into the midst of danger and suffering, and it is there that they will strike the heaviest blows for God. Results of overwhelming importance will de-

pend upon the solemnity of the times, will dedicate their lives and will sacrifice to finish the work of the gospel in the world. What a rare opportunity is ours in witnessing the culmination of God's purposes in the earth! If the world's best Man fed upon the Scriptures, so must we. We will find it inviting, revealing, inspiring, appealing, exciting, and also reproaching. Search as for a treasure, for in it are the gems of great and successful living. From the Bible we can obtain the power of principle that comes to one whose conscience is as “true to duty as the needle to the pole.” Daniel and Joseph and Esther proved themselves true to the principles of their early training. These young people were honoured as they yielded themselves to God and helped fulfil His purpose.

Paul accepted the challenge of the cross as a principle in his life. He determined to know nothing save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He accepted his share of responsibility and suffering. He admonished young Timothy to do likewise, and this admonition reaches down through the ages to the young people of today.

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THEODORE LUCAS, *World Leader*

pend upon their alertness in the cause of God.

## *Youth's Need of Power and Principle*

This is a day when “power” is a popular word. This is a power age. We hear of power, we read of it, and we see demonstration of it everywhere. Our ears have been pricked by words such as “atomic,” “jet propulsion,” and “radar.” But the kind of power we are discussing today is the *power of God unto salvation*.

No one can be successful in any endeavour unless the power intake is greater than the power output. The longer a machine runs the more service it requires. The harder an individual works the more food his body must have. We would challenge the young people to avail themselves of Bible power; all other literature is sec-

Paul found “the way” on the road leading to Damascus. Luther found his Lord while studying the book of Romans. James White caught the vision under the Advent preaching of William Miller.

How is it with you, young man, young woman? Set your mark high and step by step, by self-denial and sacrifice, ascend the whole ladder of Christian progress. Let nothing hinder you. Opposing circumstances should create a more firm determination to overcome them. “Press in the right direction. . . . Then circumstances will be your helpers and not your hindrances.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 145. Be determined to live for Christ. Let this be your motivating principle.

## *Making Decisions*

Jesus decided His own course and it led Him straight to Golgo-

tha's hill. Paul reversed his ideas and determinedly followed his Lord in service to mankind. Your strict adherence to moral principle, your unflinching stand for what you know to be right, your steady resolve to be true to high standards—all these entitle you to be sons and daughters of the heavenly King.

Young companions in the faith, decision is power. Can you make a decision and stand by it, or do you weaken when the going is hard? Can you make up your mind and line up? There are some decisions that you may delay. There are some that are unimportant. But there is one that you must not neglect, and that is your response to your Saviour's invitation to "Come, follow Me." On this you must act quickly, no matter what consequences may follow. All your decisions in the future must be in accordance with the great decision

Pure religion has to do with the will. The will is the governing power in the nature of man, bringing all the other faculties under its sway. The will is not the taste or the inclination, but it is the deciding power, which works in the children of men unto obedience to God, or unto disobedience. . . .

You will be in constant peril until you understand the true force of the will. You may believe and promise all things, but your promises or your faith are of no value until you put your will on the side of faith and action. If you fight the fight of faith with all your will-power, you will conquer. Your feelings, your impressions, your emotions, are not to be trusted, for they are not reliable, especially with your perverted ideas; and the knowledge of your broken promises and your forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in yourself, and the faith of others in you.

### Youth's Cross-bearing

To be a Christian is to take up the cross, and this is not as simple as it may seem. To carry the cross of Christ means service, giving, and sacrifice. But these give "depth, stability, and Christlike loveliness to the character," and bring "peace and happiness" to the possessor. (*Steps to Christ*, p. 80.) Many refuse to take up their cross. They lack the grit that is needed for such

prayer, or are we dodging the experience for which the cross stands?

Simon, the Cyrenian, was willing to help Jesus carry His cross and thereby gained a blessing.

He hears the taunts and ribaldry of the crowd; he hears the words contemptuously repeated, "Make way for the King of the Jews!" He stops in astonishment at the scene; and as he expresses his compassion, they seize him and place the cross upon his shoulders.

Simon had heard of Jesus. His sons were believers in the Saviour, but he himself was not a disciple. The hearing of the cross to Calvary was a blessing to Simon, and he was ever after grateful for this providence. It led him to take upon himself the cross of Christ from choice, and ever cheerfully stand beneath its burden.—"The Desire of Ages," p. 742.

The best way to ease one's burdens is to lighten those of another. The best way to find comfort and peace is to sense the companionship of Jesus in cross sharing. "The cross is an emblem of suffering for the sake of Christ and His cause. It involves a willingness to follow where He leads."—Minnie E. Dauphinee, *Drawing Nigh to God*, p. 202.

A little fellow and his father were sightseeing in a great city. They entered one of the city's great churches and saw a beautiful cross on the altar. Having been recently introduced to arithmetic the young son inquired of his father, "Daddy, what is that big plus sign?" How significant an observation. To those who bear it gracefully the cross of Christ is a great plus sign. It adds to the life, never subtracts. By it, new and beautiful attributes are added to the character—kindness, sympathy, unselfishness, love, and courage.

Dear young people, God is calling you to more intense devotion. Are you ready to abandon yourself to His mission? Are you willing to let the cross of Jesus become the dynamic principle of your life—your design for living? If you are, it will become a mighty power unto salvation—your salvation, and the salvation of many whom you will be able to influence. As you place your will power on the side of Jesus, continually making clear decisions for truth and righteousness, your youthful life will be a life of power. In this wonderful hour of earth's history, the Advent cause is presenting the challenge of full surrender to the service of Christ. What is your decision?

# R LIVING

## Seventh-day Adventist Youth

to follow Christ. Choose today whom you will serve.

Genesis 24 holds a beautiful story of decision. Abraham had sent his servant in search of a wife for the son of his old age. The servant had just finished a prayer in behalf of his mission when his eyes fell upon Rebekah. She measured to the standard. The faithful old servant saw that she was not only beautiful outwardly but beautiful within—beautifully generous and kind. After he had given her gifts he approached her family as to the possibility of her becoming the wife of Isaac. The family wisely left the decision with Rebekah, and she said, "I will go." Rebekah was not only a kind and generous young woman but she was also a woman of principle, courage, and decision.

In *Messages to Young People*, pages 151 and 152, we read:

a venture. They want to take the way of least resistance and when they do, the telling numbers on the scoreboard of life add up to nothing. To such, life is merely arithmetic instead of the painting of a picture. One is a duty and the other a Christian skill.

A commanding officer was asked to choose a certain number of men to undertake a hazardous assignment. He wanted to be fair and impartial, and therefore decided upon the following plan. He took pieces of paper equal to the number of men under his command. He marked a cross on some which, when chosen, would indicate to the soldier that he had been selected for this service. The slips of paper were then put into a container and passed among the boys. One of the men wrote home, "I prayed earnestly that I might draw a cross."

Have we prayed this significant

# Burma Union Lay Institutes

O. W. LANGE

**T**O BRING about a clearer concept of the possibilities and opportunities of lay evangelism, Pastor Kalee Paw, the Burma Union Home Missionary Secretary, engineered three institutes on lay work, at which union officers, local section leaders and evangelists, district leaders and teachers together with leading laymen were present. One institute was held in the beautiful church at Moulmein, one was conducted in Rangoon and the other at the Myaungmya school.

Pastor Kalee Paw planned the institutes with a full daily programme, beginning with a devotional period at 6:00 a.m. and concluding with a demonstration of slides on the life of Christ. The evening service ended at 8:30 p.m.

To help carry out this intensive programme a number of workers were enlisted. The Division Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary and Burma Union sec-

retary gave instruction on lay work in the churches. Pastor F. C. Wyman conducted classes in Bible Evangelism. Mrs. Wyman led out in women's classes in Sabbath school and home responsibilities. Brother W. L. Murrill presented Bible Finance. There was a wonderful spirit of unity and co-operation throughout. A sweet spirit of true Christian fellowship prevailed everywhere during the meetings.

The practical visitation programme, during which the brethren present were divided into bands, as though they were members of one church, and then led in actual contact with neighbours in their homes, was both profitable and enlightening. Even in sections near our churches, where it was taken for granted that our people had visited, we found many souls who had never been contacted before.

We were all impressed by the eagerness with which we were re-

ceived by the people and by the opportunities that presented themselves to pray in their homes.

The spontaneous expression by one brother, when his team returned, expressed the feelings of those who went out. "It was much easier than I thought it would be. It has been a wonderful experience."

We felt that a new mile post in the work in Burma had been reached. Church pastors and church leaders laid plans for the organizing of the lay members in each church and made out a programme which they intended to put into operation when they reached home.

The laymen and workers were united in their purpose to systematically give every family in their neighbourhoods the gospel message and God's last warning. The church in Burma is responding to the great challenge of this mighty hour.

## Consistent Christian Living

J. S. KAPUR

**WE LIVE** in a world which is constantly changing its standards in regard to morals, social behaviour and dress. We have been told by Jesus that before His Second Advent, the world will witness increasing wickedness, such wickedness as was witnessed by Noah before the Flood came. Truly the standards upon which our civilization is leaning are crumbling. This should be of concern to us.

As God's people we have been chosen to bear witness for Him. Isaiah cries out to us on God's behalf, "Lift up a standard for the people." Isaiah 62:10 (last part).

Here is where you and I come in. All of us are bearing witness to the truths we hold precious. But the question that I place before you, dear reader, is this, "Are you

witnessing daily, consistently for Christ? or do you witness for Him now and then?"

I am pleading for a more consistent Christian witness among us. We need to uphold the standards of Christian living that are found in the Bible and in the Spirit of prophecy. Can it be that there are varying standards that each one of us upholds? Yes, this is so. In regard to diet some are following the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy. Some are not. Now, more than ever before, we need to follow the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy. While we are to do all things to the glory of God, we must remember that "All things are lawful for me, but all things edify not." 1 Cor. 10:23.

This counsel that Paul gives us applies to all of our standards of dress, diet and social behaviour.

As workers for God we are influencing those around us by whatever we do or say. Hence we need to daily examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith; prove ourselves. (2 Cor. 13:5.)

Let us beware of making a lofty profession of the truth and yet fail to live by it. The more we read the Spirit of prophecy and follow its counsel, the clearer and firmer will be our witness. Then there will not be so much varying in our standards of Christian living.

In closing I leave the reader with a statement taken from *Messages to Young People*, p. 110, which reads: "Remember that in your life, religion is not merely one influence among others; it is to be an influence dominating all others."

# Soul-Winning Activity at Japan Missionary College

T. YAMAGATA, College President

**I**N A country like Japan where there is an established tradition and culture, education is one of the most effective means of soul winning. Japan Missionary College has been endeavouring to be a strong soul-winning agency. The Lord has blessed the efforts of teachers and students. The number of baptisms in the school has been steadily increasing.

Here on our campus are four schools—elementary, junior high, senior high and college. At the end of last year, the percentages of baptized students in the various schools were as follows: elementary, 0; junior high school, 20; senior high school, 70; and college, 98.

The students themselves are active in soul-winning work outside the college. Early this year, the Missionary Volunteer officers of the College church met and discussed youth activities. They felt that they should do more evangelistic work in the community. They decided to start a series of evangelistic meetings in a nearby town.

A committee of seven members was elected to make plans for the meetings. Nightly meetings were planned for one week. Many students worked hard to prepare the field in house-to-house visitation and in distribution of handbills. They were allowed to use a public hall free of charge.

The meetings were started. The speaker was Brother S. Hokama, one of our Bible teachers. From the first night, the hall was full with an average attendance of sixty. The people were so interested that after one week they asked that the meetings be continued. Some of them said that they wanted to have the meetings continue forever.

One of the students, Miss Masako Ito, was very happy about this effort. In a Missionary Volunteer meeting, she testified as follows:

"I was very happy when I heard

that an evangelistic effort was going to be held in Takayanagi. It is near my home. I prayed very earnestly and faithfully for the success of the meetings and helped as much as I could. I was glad to see some of my former schoolmates attend the meetings. Above all, it was my happy surprise to see my parents attend the meetings. At first I could hardly believe my eyes.

"When I began to attend the Seventh-day Adventist church several years ago, my father did not like it. He took my Bible and burned it. He told me that Christians were queer people, and that I should not join them. I already had determined to follow Jesus and continued to attend church. My father became angry and beat me furiously. I saw his fist trembling as he beat me and tears in his eyes. I felt my resolution shake, but the Lord helped me to stand firm on His promises.

"My father told me to get out of the home. I went to Mr. Hokama and stayed in his home.

## YOU ARE A S. S. TEACHER

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You may not be able to memorize so easily as you once did, but you can increase your knowledge by concentrated study. Some of the best students I ever had were more than fifty years of age.

We have a challenge: Every Seventh-day Adventist should be a constant learner, expanding his mind. We have not found all the truth. Because we have taught a certain doctrine the same way for fifty years does not mean that all the truth on the subject has been exhausted. Let us enlarge our minds in the study of the Scriptures.



Miss Masako Ito and her parents.

Later, I entered Japan Missionary College. Since that time there has been no communication between me and my father, so you can imagine how happy I was to see my parents attend the meetings. The Lord worked a wonderful thing for me."

At the first baptismal service two were baptized. The meetings are being continued. We are praying that a rich harvest of souls will be seen through this effort.

## Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1959

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

● Dr. O. B. Hauser, medical director of the Surat hospital, reports the completion of the unit and installation of equipment for physical therapy work. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davidson have spent several months at Surat helping with this addition and training physiotherapy workers. The new unit consists of six spacious cubicles for electrotherapy and hydrotherapy and six baths; shower baths and tub baths as well as fomentations are now possible. The laboratory has also been enlarged and improved, and two technicians serve in this department. A public address system has recently been installed, and twice each day spiritual programmes prepared by Pastor E. P. Wolfe are made available to the patients and workers. These talks are being translated into Gujarati and the programme is enriched with Oriental and Western music prepared by the Voice of Prophecy.

● Fourteen persons were baptized on the 15th of July in Colombo. Recent efforts in the Colombo churches and at Enderamulla, under the leadership of Pastor F. R. Scott, have yielded good results. Meetings are soon to open in Kandy with Pastor A. E. Anderson leading out in the programme.

● Five midwifery students sat for the Andhra State Midwifery Examination in June and passed successfully. They are D. Mercy Fernando of Ceylon, Packiamani Devadass from Tamilnad, Dhira Haldar from the Ranchi hospital, V. Saroja from the Surat hospital and Mrs. George Nelson from Bezwada.

● A new class of midwifery students were admitted on the first of July at the Giffard Memorial Hospital. Five are enrolled in this class, including Priscilla Bara, Helen Hsuen, C. K. Naomi, Mariamma Daniel and Lois Daniel.

● J. F. Ashlock led out in the MV Week of Prayer at Surat. Approximately fifty persons attended the weekend services. On the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer

two young people were baptized, and in addition to a consecration service, the communion service was conducted. In the afternoon the group joined in community Share Your Faith activities. Dr. Hauser is conducting the baptismal class for a fine group of senior youth.

● The biennial meetings of the North India and Upper Ganges Sections are to be held at Phulriwala and Hapur from September 2-12. It is expected that Pastor A. J. Johanson, newly appointed president of the Northwestern India Union, will have arrived in India and will be in attendance at these meetings. C. R. Bonney and D. S. Johnson from the Division will also be in attendance.

● During August R. S. Lowry, Secretary of the Division Department of Education, is visiting Khunti, Assam Training School, Raymond Memorial High School, Kellogg-Mookerjee High School, Kyauktaing and Myaungmya. Excellent reports are coming in from all of our school centres and churches regarding the recent MV Week of Prayer.

● J. F. Ashlock, Secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department, will be conducting a series of devotional meetings and Leadercraft training classes at Vellore from August 12-23. From August 24 to September 6, the Ceylon Union has arranged two youth camps at which Pastor Ashlock will also give leadership.

● A contribution has been made available from famine and flood relief funds to help the Tibetan refugees in the Northeast areas of India. R. J. King, who operates a mobile medical unit at Kalimpong, will help with the distribution of shoes to these refugees, some of whom have been provided work in the high mountains of Sikkim.

● The North India Section has arranged for meetings in the Naidu Hotel in Srinagar. These opened on August 8 and will continue for about a month. Some relief is being administered to the victims of the recent floods in Kashmir by Pastor W. H. Mattison and a team of workers in Kashmir. The offerings given for famine and flood re-

lief have proven to be a great blessing during the recent heavy destruction caused by unprecedented rain in the northern areas of India.

● Miss Hilary Cooper, who has been serving temporarily at the hospital in Simla until the arrival of Miss Hallie Thomas on July 25, is now transferring to the Ranchi hospital.

● Miss Ann Hurle, who has been at Ranchi for a number of years, will be going to Nepal temporarily to help with the medical work at Banepa.

● M. Amirtham, who attended the General Conference Session in June 1958 and then enrolled for graduate study at Pacific Union College, where he completed his Master's degree, arrived in Bombay July 26, on the S.S. "Wongiri." Brother Amirtham is now on the staff at Spicer Memorial College. His contribution to our churches and institutions in America was much appreciated. We welcome him home and back to the work in India.

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