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Does the Future Depend on Our Youth?

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IT WOULD seem trite to say that the future depends upon our youth, for it appears obvious to one who thinks along these lines that the leaders of tomorrow must come from the boys and girls who today sit in the classrooms and who play on the campuses of our schools. The future, however, is as much, if not more, dependent upon adult leadership; for each generation, as it succeeds another, must face the problem of preparing its young people to take over its responsibilities. As time passes the old folks and "pioneers" pass off the scene of action and their places are taken by the "youngsters", but whether or not they stand the test of the day depends upon the inspiration they receive from their adult educators.

A certain professor, as he surveyed American education and observed its results in the lives of young people, was much perturbed over the fact that the boys and girls were for many long years largely under the influence of women. He pointed out that we

live in a woman's world—a world which is becoming more and more dominated by the thinking of women. "Our children", he said, "spend the first six years of their lives under the influence of women. For the next eight years they go to elementary schools where almost invariably they again are subject to the influence of women—teachers now instead of mothers. In high school, although the percentage of women teachers may be less than in the lower grades, their influence can be seen to persist."

This particular factor was important to this educator because he recognized that the influence under which a child is placed is certain to have its profound effect upon the child's character and upon his future attitudes in life. While we are not concerned with the desirability or lack of such in having women predominate our elementary education, we cannot fail to recognize in this illustration the importance attached by educators to the influence of those who are in a position to impress

and mould the thinking of children during the formative years of their experience.

As Adventists we need to recognize the importance of placing our youth under an inspiring leadership. The problem is not merely to select admirable principals to head up our schools but it extends to the selection of every member of the school staff. Everyone, in fact, should look upon himself as a leader; for all of us in the world are followers! There is no man who is not under the influence of another at some time in his life. Workers who have been called to the sacred task of guiding our young people have a unique opportunity of inspiring them as they assume positions of leadership. This situation places also a grave responsibility upon all educators. It is for this reason that we are told, "God calls for far more tact, more *wise generalship*, than has yet been given Him by his human agents."—Ellen G. White, *Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 284.

Shakespeare has said, "All the

world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." He well might have said that life is but a great game of "Follow the Leader". We see about us everywhere men idolizing others, copying and following one another. We recognize in our own experience the profound influence others have had upon us. This tendency on the part of mankind to be influenced by the object of his admiration has been utilized in principle in the gift of Christ to the world. The Scriptures testify that "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an *example*, that we should *follow* His steps." 1 Peter 2:21. Jesus recognized that His mission was to lead mankind, to direct their footsteps into paths of righteousness. He often spoke of Himself as the Good Shepherd who went before His flock calling them to follow Him. In dealing with His disciples, in the relationship of master and student, we find Jesus constantly inviting them to follow Him that they might become fishers of men. The Apostle Paul also understood the implications of this psychological phenomenon by which a man is captivated by the life of another until his ambition is swallowed up in following his hero. Thus it was, since his own life had been captivated by that of his Master and Lord, that he could say, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1.

Informed educational leadership today does not rely upon rules and regulations, scolding or sanctions, to achieve its objectives. Similarly we, as Christian educators, cannot expect that we shall mould and fashion a people prepared for leadership in denominational work simply by regimentation and discipline. We must rather employ God's method of motivation. We must be able to count upon the living example as revealed in the teacher. Our teachers, therefore, must be men of high ideals, men whose lives challenge and inspire youth into modes of proper conduct.

We live today in a world of rebellion—in a time when the student population all over the world is becoming restless and uncontrol-

lable. It is a time when students are showing an alarming disrespect for their teachers and a striking lack of confidence in them. Newspaper reports frequently reveal the absence of discipline and other serious consequences resulting from this lack of confidence and respect. As we face the problem of preparing our youth for the responsibilities of future church leadership we must determine whether or not our selection of teachers is such as will lead the youth into a genuine spiritual experience which will provide them with a strong faith in God or such as will estrange them from Him. Will their association with their teachers result in an attitude of co-operation with school authority and in a desire to conduct themselves in harmony with the school's Christian standards as well as in an attitude of devotion to truth and righteousness?

While we cannot expect to hold the teaching profession entirely responsible for every occasion when

observed that a teacher sincerely cares for their eternal salvation they at once become less difficult to handle: they become more receptive to suggestion and more susceptible to the guidance of the Spirit of God. The key to leading our youth to dedicate themselves to serve God in "newness of spirit" is, to a great extent, determined by the degree of consecration to the task which is manifested by the teachers themselves in their service for God. As Lindley J. Stiles has fittingly said, "The world seldom notices who teachers are; but civilization depends on what they do." A dedicated leadership results in a dedicated following!

Psychologists would inform us that excellence stems from something more than mere talent. It is, in fact, a blend of talent and motive, of ability and zeal. Aptitude, in other words, without aspiration is lifeless and inert. Herein can be seen the importance of an inspiring teacher. Not only

God called Abraham to be a teacher of His word, . . . because He saw that Abraham would instruct his children and his household in the principles of God's law. . . . His great household consisted of more than a thousand souls, many of them newly converted from heathenism. . . . His authority was exercised with such wisdom and tenderness that hearts were won. . . . And Abraham's influence extended beyond his own household. . . . That which gave power to Abraham's teaching was the influence of his own life. No less effective today will be the teaching of God's word when it finds as faithful a reflection in the teacher's life.

—*Education*, pp. 187, 188.

our young people fail to measure up to our expectations; we do, nevertheless appeal to them to recognize that they are in a most unique position of opportunity to lead them into paths of righteousness.

Young people often possess more genuine intelligence than their teachers suspect. They may not solve the problems of mathematics or science with the dexterity desired, but yet they immediately recognize when a teacher has a sincere and earnest concern for them. When it is

does he have the opportunity to influence his pupils to use their gifts but more particularly to direct them in regard to the end to which these gifts shall be applied. Teachers have an exceptional opportunity to inspire young minds with a sense of purpose and with an ambition to join the forces of right in the great culminating scenes of the plan of salvation. Students, as in the case of a society or a nation, can, however, only achieve the kind of greatness and the degree of dedication which they have been led to see and to

understand. It should be clear, therefore, that a substantial part of the task of every teacher is to exercise "wise generalship". His leadership should encourage high performance, a sense of mission and of devotion. Students should be led by example to fully appreciate the fact that they are privileged to join as contestants in a great struggle which is the most exciting of conflicts with which history has ever dealt. They should come to also possess a sense of purpose in relation to this conflict. Essentially they should be led to see that they are privileged to play a vital and decisive part in the greatest crisis that has ever occurred in man's experience. They must be led to recognize that, if they have the courage to profit by it, theirs is the greatest opportunity ever presented to mankind!

Education is not just a mechanical process of communicating to the young certain facts, skills, and information. It is an experience of life which should spring from our most deeply rooted convictions. Thus, if it is to have vitality, to be productive of good in the future, then both teachers and students must be infused with the values which shape the system of education. That the process might be effective, therefore, requires, a degree of genuine living on the part of the teacher. That which it is expected the student shall obtain must first be found in the teacher!

Youth will be helped to grow in their concepts of Christian behaviour and in strength of character as the "models" with whom they associate from day to day exhibit a genuineness of character which demands to be followed. It may be expected, then, that the life goals of young people will be determined to a very considerable degree by the identification of themselves with the figures in the adult world who claim their admiration. As a church community, we can consider ourselves most fortunate if the adults with whom our children associate for long periods of time are those who are admired and

respected and who may be looked upon as the most suitable models for our youth to follow. It is unfair to expect our youth to attain to heights of dedication beyond that of their teachers. If they fail to meet the challenge of the future, we must be prepared to bear the responsibility of their failure. For, if there is a deficiency in the character of children it must be blamed upon the failures in the adult world with whom they associate and after whom they pattern their thinking—whether this be in the home, the church, or in the school. Ultimately their failure is our failure!

The homes of the Adventist church in Southern Asia are fairly swarming with children. Rightly trained, they constitute the denomination's richest possession! What shall we do to exploit this potential?

Today we as a people—like Israel of old—stand upon the border of a promised land in readiness to enter a heavenly Canaan. Only the finishing of the work of God on earth remains to be accomplished. God has promised that the power of the Holy Spirit will finish the work,

but we must never forget that *He will work through youth* who will develop into mature consecrated Christian men and women. Yet, it is apparent that unless the youth of the church are nurtured in Christian schools by consecrated leaders and are led to yield themselves as willing instruments in the hands of God, this movement—like that of ancient Israel—is apt to go in circles of wandering in the desert of confusion made up of the ideologies of the twentieth century and never attain the goal of carrying the gospel to all the world in this generation. If this should happen we shall all die in the desert. What a tragedy this would be, for the responsibility will have been ours!

Let us never forget that God has said: "There can be no more important work than the proper education of our youth. We must guard them, fighting back Satan, that he shall not take them out of our arms."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 89.

While we recognize that the future *belongs* to the youth, let us not forget that the turn this future takes *depends* upon what we shall do for our youth NOW—TODAY!

Those Early Years

THE education that begins in the cradle is a never-ending process. It cannot be neglected for a day without causing loss. Constant watchcare, constant teaching, constant guiding, constant right example, are essentials of right education. Do you sense how much divine help you need? All you need is waiting for you.

"Let mothers come to Jesus with their perplexities. They will find grace sufficient to aid them in the management of their children. . . . Even the babe in its mother's arms may dwell as under the shadow of the Almighty through the faith of the praying mother."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 512. (Read the entire page.)

How often the importance of the early years is overlooked. Habits are allowed to develop that will one day be hard to break. Attitudes grow that will shape all the rest of life.

"Too much importance cannot be placed on the early training of children. The lessons that the child learns during the first seven years of life have more to do with forming his character than all it learns in future years."—*Child Guidance*, p. 193.

This is speaking of the preschool education you give your children. The lessons that will determine their relationship to school and church and life and to you are

"An Heritage of the Lord"



"LO, CHILDREN are an heritage of the Lord"—but that baby still belongs to God. Your children are yours only in trust, a sacred trust.

A steward's responsibility is to care for what he has, not for himself, but for the real Owner. God's intent is that you shall educate your children for Him—that you shall lead them to know Him as their Father.

"God Himself, who has placed upon them a responsibility for the souls committed to their charge, has ordained that during the earlier years of life, parents shall stand in place of God to their children."—*The Adventist Home*, p. 293.

What a glorious privilege and solemn responsibility!

"Education begins with the infant in its mother's arms. While the mother is moulding and fashioning the character of her children, she is educating them. . . .

"Children should virtually be trained in a home school from the cradle to maturity. And, as in the case of any well-regulated school, the teachers themselves gain important knowledge; the mother especially, who is the principal teacher in the home, should *there learn the most valuable lessons of her life*. . . .

"Your children are God's property, bought with a price. Be very particular, O fathers and mothers, to treat them in a Christlike manner."—*Child Guidance*, pp. 26, 27. (Italics supplied.)

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* Psalm 127:3.

largely learned by the time they are seven.

At this stage you are preparing your children to leave you for several hours a day to attend school. Never again will they be exclusively yours to teach. Use every moment wisely.

It is a sad-glad day when Johnny or Janet goes to school for the first time. Mother is a little afraid she is losing her "baby".

But even she wouldn't have childhood's growth slowed by as much as a day. Dad is bursting with pride and is already looking forward to college graduation.

Thoughtful parents know how important are the first days and the first years in school. They want their children to have the best possible opportunity to get off to a good start in life. They will get that opportunity in a Seventh-day

Adventist church school.

What about expense? It costs a good deal to send our children through the schools provided by the church. Most parents have to curtail expenditures for things they want and need, in order to keep up with monthly tuition charges. But is there any way to compare such values as rupees and children? Times without number,

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A Doctor Who is Set on Top of a Hill Cannot be Hid

O. O. MATTISON

I HAVE long waited for an opportunity to visit Nepal, and on December 8 my long cherished dream came true. Early that morning found Brethren Beach, Torrey and myself on the plane headed for Kathmandu. They were just as keen to go there as I was. Brother Storz had gone on ahead so when we arrived at the airport at Kathmandu he and Dr. Sturges and his Landrover were there to meet us.

Soon after we arrived, a freight plane came in and Dr. Sturges was very happy to learn that the X-ray for which he had been looking so long was on this plane. He helped in the unloading of the X-ray and soon we were on our way from Kathmandu up to Banipa. It may be called a "way", but never a "road". Since it is the only way to get out there, and since the doctor has been over the road many times in his Landrover, we trusted our lives into his care. Even though portions of the road reminded one of climbing the steps of one of the pyramids in Egypt, still by steady driving we were able to make the sixteen miles in two hours and a quarter. It was late in the evening when we arrived, and after a good hot supper, we were all happy to get to bed.

Early the next morning we were out surveying the progress of the developments on which the doctor has been working so faithfully. The whole set-up is on the brow of a hill a short distance from the town of Banipa, and had they searched for miles around, they could not have found a more beautiful location for either their home or the hospital. The people of Banipa raised the Rs. 7,000 for the purchasing of this hilltop for the hospital and donated it to the doctor. The home, while modest, is really second to none in our Division. The grounds are well terraced and the house opens out onto a nicely laid out lawn overlooking the valley in which scores of villages can be counted—the 80,000 inhabitants of which will look to the doctor for their

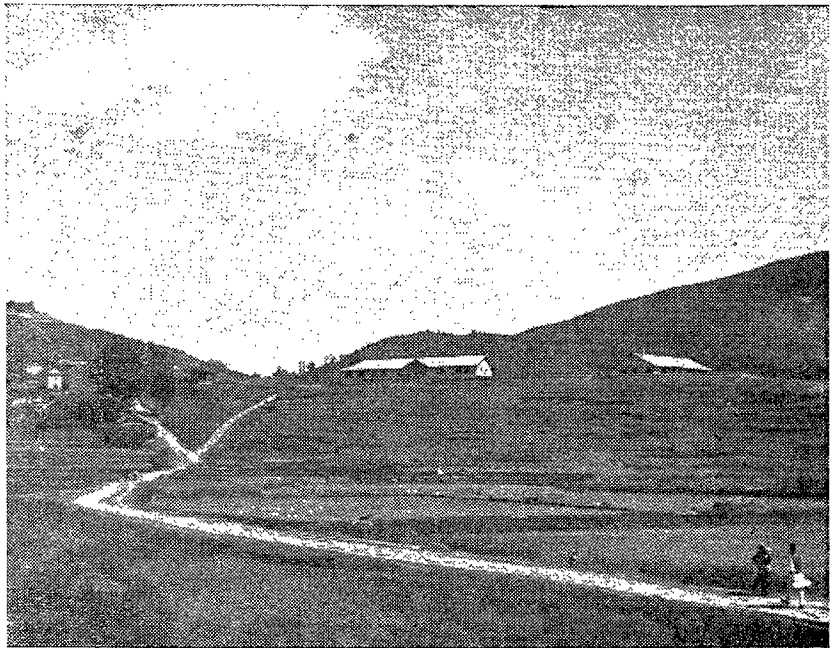
medical relief. The thrill of the location is that it is the last outpost on the road to Everest from Kathmandu where all packs have to be changed from any form of transportation to the backs of the carriers who go on to Everest.

Just behind the bungalow the

25-bed hospital is nearing completion. It is all very conveniently planned. The buildings are roofed with aluminium sheeting and regardless of how far away one gets in the valley he can see these roofs sparkling in the sunshine like searchlights.

There is a lovely spring of soft cool water about half a mile up in the hills beyond the hospital from which the doctor has been able to

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Hospital and Doctor's home, Banepa, Nepal.



Lower: Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Sturges and the children.

So You Are Going Ingathering

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Are you fearful as you go from door to door or from office to office? An Adventist sister who has solicited the homes and business offices of her town for the last nine or ten years would like to offer a few suggestions:

1. Never begin the day without prayer.
2. Always be cheerful and friendly. Never dwell on the dark side of life. If you can in any way comfort and relieve a heartache, do it by all means. The religion of Christ is a religion of hope.
3. Be willing and ready at all times of the year to do anything for every one and do it cheerfully.
4. The best things of life are free: flowers, a smile, and with but little cost you can place our health literature where all can read and be glad. You can also place copies of the "Our Times."
5. Know the aged, the ill, the handicapped. Spend a Sabbath now and then cheering them. Remember those in prison. We are not to think of them as hopeless or dwell on their faults. Christ came to save sinners. Remember the woman at the well. Then when Ingathering time comes you won't be afraid to go.

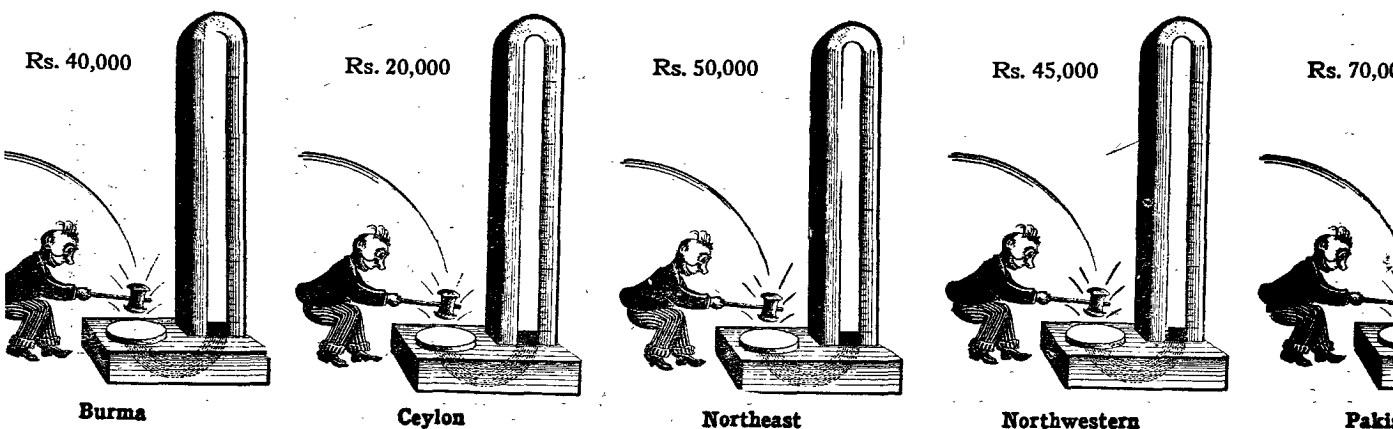
—Mrs. C. Ware.

February Outline for Lay-Effort Success in Up

1. God expects every member to do his part.
 - (a) "The Lord has a place for every one in His great plan."—*Christian Service*, p. 99.
2. The futility of working in our own strength alone.
 - (a) "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Ps. 127:1.
3. Right personal experience with God brings success and happiness.
 - (a) "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways.
"For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." Ps. 128:1, 2.
4. How may one obtain this experience?
 - (a) "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:8.
 - (b) "If any of you lack wisdom, let Him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5.
 - (c) "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5, 6.
5. Every member co-operating with the plans of the leaders in the churches.
 - (a) "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people."—*Christian Service*, p. 75.
 - (b) "All who desire the co-operation of the heavenly messengers, must work in unison with them. Those who have the unction from on high, will in all their efforts encourage order, discipline, and union of action, and then the angels of God can co-operate with them."—*Christian Service*, p. 75.
6. Every faithful believer must be an active worker in the Cause of God.
 - (a) "The Lord has presented the working of a certain law of mind and action, that should warn us in regard to our work. He says: 'Whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.' Those who do not improve upon their opportunities, who do not exercise the grace that God gives them, have less and less inclination to do so, and finally in a sleepy lethargy, lose that which they once possessed."—*Christian Service*, p. 91.
 - (b) "True worship consists in working together with Christ."—*Christian Service*, p. 96.

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Hit Uplift Hard In January



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ten from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

- (c) "The humble worker who obediently responds to the call of God may be sure of receiving divine assistance."—*Christian Service*, p. 100.
7. Woe to any who selfishly practise covetousness or deceit.
- (a) "Evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth." Ps. 37:9.
- (b) "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.
8. Success.
- (a) "Success in any line depends upon a definite aim. He who would achieve true success in life must keep steadily in view the aim worthy of his endeavour."—*Education*, p. 262.
- (b) "Success depends not so much on talent as on energy and willingness."—*Christian Service*, p. 264.
- "In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward, will be the success given."—*Christian Service*, p. 262.
- Conclusion:
- Let each member of the church consecrate himself to God for the willing service of the Lord and press forward to do the task in hand.
- "We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart."—*Christian Service*, p. 75.
- "Watch, Pray, Work."—*Christian Service*, p. 106.
- "Christ expects every man to do His duty."—*Christian Service*, p. 106.
- O. W. LANGE.

UPLIFT CHEQUES

THERE is a saying, "Keep out of your office as much as you can. That is the place you write your cheques and lose money." This is not true in the case of our Uplift accountant's office at the Division. We neither write cheques nor lose money but we do receive literally hundreds of cheques every Uplift season—cheques of every colour and description, representing almost every bank in the country. I cannot think of another organization and business concern that has the joy of handling such a colourful array of cheques. The sight of these cheques pooled into one place is simply grand.

In the 1959 campaign, we received at this office 2,613 cheques, which if placed end-to-end would stretch over a distance of 1,306 feet. They totalled to Rs. 73,687.00. These cheques varied

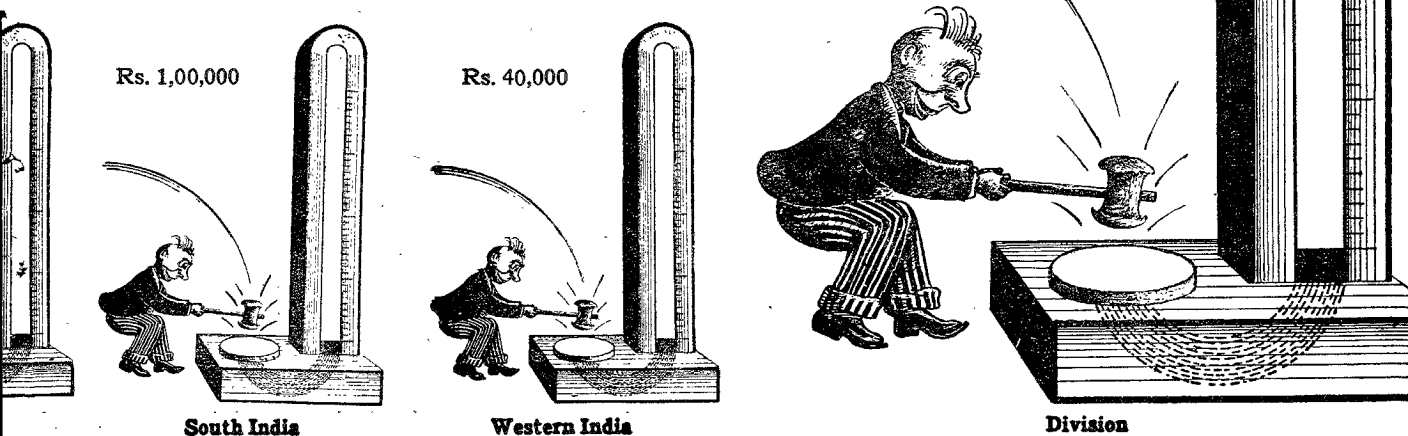
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Our Uplift Goal for 1960

Every member participating.
More souls won to Christ.
More funds raised for Uplift work.

Division Super Goal

Rs. 4,50,000



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bring an inch and a half pipe into the hospital compound. This gives them a continuous flow of water 24 hours of the day which is ample for the hospital, for the irrigation and for domestic purposes.

Just behind the hospital the engine room, the garage and godowns have been constructed and soon as their power plant is installed—which will be something really new for that part of the country—they will have ample power both for the hospital and for domestic needs.

In the afternoon we jostled and jolted over another road for eight miles to Penioti where the people have constructed a dispensary and a dwelling house for a doctor. Dr. Sturges makes a trip about twice a week out to Penioti.

Early on the morning of the 10th we were up before daylight to tackle the road back to Kathmandu because according to schedule the brethren were due in Calcutta that evening.

The doctor had told us of an offer from CARE to assist him in equipping the hospital. He had placed his request and was most anxious to see just what they would be able to do for him. We

stopped by the post office and he called for the mail. I don't believe I have ever seen any man any happier than Dr. Sturges was when he came back to the station wagon and told us that he had received a letter from CARE giving him Rs. 25,000 to help equip the hospital. So we told the doctor, that whether our visit meant very much to him or not, at least on our arrival he received his X-ray and on our departure his donation from CARE. Certainly we received much inspiration from observing the development of a vision by a man of vision in a place where the loving ministry of a Christian physician can reach out into the hearts and lives of tens of thousands of people who have no other medical assistance whatsoever.

I feel that the future is very bright for the work in Banipa, and our prayers are with the doctor and his family who count it a real privilege to live in this isolated place among people that they have learned to love and who in turn love them; and to follow in the footsteps of their Master going about doing good. May the Lord continue to bless their venture until it proves to be a real blessing to all of the state of Nepal.

with appetites equal to the arrangements, the result being mutual satisfaction. Vocational honours classes in the following subjects were conducted: Rocks and Minerals, R. L. Rowe; Reptiles, L. J. Larson; Weather, Mrs. Larson; Camp Craft, H. R. Hooper; Cats, Miss Buhler; and Flowers, H. H. Mattison.

Morning Watch, Prayer Bands, and Evening Worship were conducted daily by R. E. Rice, our camp Pastor. W. C. Mackett led out in the Camp Council meetings which were held each morning. All these studies were given in the setting of our camp theme, **BE READY**. The afternoon Forums were under the direction of the writer and followed the plan we have used with increasing success for several years. These sessions also kept close to the theme: **BE READY**. Student participation in all the spiritual activities of the camp were especially good this year. This greatly cheered the hearts of the leaders.

The climax of every day's programme was the camp fire. Camp fires this year were under the direction of C. H. Tidwell, who had an excellent programme arranged. Then as a fitting climax to each full day Pastor Rice lifted our thoughts heavenward in his short devotional talk.

Some time each day was spent in games under the direction of M. E. Cherian. Our rounding mountain top playing field did not lend itself to such games as football or baseball, but others were substituted which included more of the students as active participants. This year we escaped any serious illness or accident but even so Mrs. Mackett, our camp nurse, was kept busy ministering to sunburn, cracked lips and sundry scratches and bruises sustained in play. The long hike to the top of Singhgard occupied the whole of Sunday and was directed by L. J. Larson. This climb is no small one. The summit of the mountain stands 2000 feet above the surrounding land and the ascent is a steep one. All who started out made it to the top where we rested, ate lunch, examined the remaining ruins, and

Spicer MV Camp

H. H. MATTISON

THE ANNUAL Missionary Volunteer Camp for the students of Spicer Memorial College was held this year at Khadakvasla South Camp, about 14 miles from Poona, and was under the over-all direction of D. H. Skau. The time, October 27 to November 2, seemed to be as propitious as our camp site was beautiful for we were not once molested by rain even though there were several heavy showers in Poona during the last two days of the camp.

It seemed to me that the spiritual aspects of this year's camp were in keeping with the pleasant and beautiful physical surroundings. From the time of our arrival

on the grounds until we broke camp immediately after the last Forum all were occupied with a very full programme of instruction, recreation, crafts, council, and camp duties. All entered into the programme with enthusiasm and good will. Shirkers and trouble makers were conspicuous by their absence. Competition among the various units for highest honours of the day was very keen and persisted throughout the whole time.

Food arrangements under the direction of Mrs. Rice were very good and as far as I could see the campers came three times a day

viewed the surrounding landscape.

It seems to me that this year's camp was characterized by good cheer and fun without rowdiness, and by an increasing interest in the contemplation of God's Word and His works. We look forward to more such camps on an ascending scale.

More Progress in Palode

IN AN earlier issue of the TIDINGS we reported an effort held in Palode in March. This week we have received three further reports of this work there.

In September of last year Brethren K. C. Chacko and P. K. Matthew completed a series of follow-up meetings. These were well attended and some 20 people were baptized, bringing the church membership up to 44.

On Dec. 13, Pastor N. G. Mookerjee and Brother A. D. Jackson conducted a Voice of Prophecy rally there at which some 500 people attended. There are 150 Voice of Prophecy students in that vicinity. We are glad for the continued progress in Palode.

MV Activities at Chuharkana

E. ROBERT REYNOLDS

FOR THE third school year since the school at Chuharkana began offering college subjects, we held, recently, our Student Week of Devotion, which is in reality the MV Week of Prayer.

Using the MV Kit as the basis for our presentations, Mr. N. K. Baroi, who is currently our MV Sponsor, guided the students in the preparation of the materials. He did a good piece of work, as the messages presented by the students demonstrated. Calls were made in at least three of the meetings, and before the week had ended nearly the entire student body had responded by rededication of their lives. A number of students are in the baptismal class being conducted by Pastor M. R. Justin, and we are certain that this week will have its share in influencing them toward finally taking this step at the year-end baptismal service.

Friday evening, December 4, Pastor M. G. Champion, Pakistan Union MV Secretary, led out in an

investiture service to which many members of our student body have long looked forward. At this service 49 pins were awarded to students who had worked hard for many months to fulfil requirements. In addition to these 97 Book Club Certificates were awarded, and 22 Honour Tokens were given out. We look forward to a number of further accomplishments by the end of the school year, in which we hope to invest some Master Guides—the first to complete requirements at Chuharkana since the change in requirements three years ago. A new interest in MV activities is being awakened, for which we are happy.

Baptism in Ahmedabad

SABBATH afternoon, December 12th, was a time of rejoicing for us here in Ahmedabad as we led Dr. Samuel Das down into the Sabarmati river for his baptism. Brother Das has been studying the message for some years. He represents the first fruits of our work in North Gujarat.

The baptismal site was a beautiful little bend in the river. Over thirty-five people came to witness the scene, many of whom had not seen a baptism before. We conducted a preaching service and the recital of his baptismal vow in clear affirmative tones was most impressive.

We are in contact with many homes and we pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue to reap here among us.

E. P. Wolfe



Pastors M. G. Champion and E. R. Reynolds inspect knots tied by JMV Progressive class before Investiture service, December 4.

Karachi Report

D. T. HAWLEY

THE previous few weeks have been tremendously busy ones here in Karachi. Perhaps the highlight of this period was the holding of a joint MV and JMV weekend camp-out. Of course there were ashes in the curry, and stones under the sleeping bags, but everyone had a wonderful time and all agreed that by coming close to nature we were in turn brought closer to the Creator. Friday night Missionary Volunteer meeting was held around a blazing camp-fire, and the next morning Sabbath School convened under the shade of the trees. Following a nature talk in the afternoon, the campers set off in different directions in search of nature specimens. An interesting display session was held an hour or so later with the campers exhibiting everything from ant lions to donkey skulls. The various activities, along with sleeping out under the stars, put a new spring into everyone's step, and all returned to duty Sunday morning better fit to serve.

During the ensuing week Pastor Champion, visiting from Lahore, conducted a JMV Leadercraft Course for interested church members. We have a wide-awake Pathfinder group here in Karachi, and they need wide-awake leaders. Much to the enjoyment of the students, some of the classes met at the seashore with one session even being held while en route in the Volkswagon bus. Mrs. Kenneth Saunders, local Pathfinder leader, reports that nine individuals completed all the requirements of the course.

On the Friday night following this Leadercraft Course, an impressive Investiture service was held in the Karachi church. Six Friends, and two Companions were invested, while 45 honour badges were presented. The Pathfinders, outfitted in their new uniforms, added much to the effectiveness of the programme.

Earlier in the month between

200 to 300 individuals crowded into Karachi's Theosophical Hall to hear Elder James E. Chase, of Washington, speak at the first of several Voice of Prophecy rallies to be held in Southern Asia during November and December. Elder C. R. Bonney, of Poona, presented graduation certificates to 28 young men and one young lady. At the close of the service many new students enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course.

On November 28, two were baptized in Hyderabad, and the following Sabbath, December 5, three received this ordinance in Karachi. Several others are studying and will be ready for baptism at a later date.

The women of the Karachi church have organized into a ladies study group which meets once a month, and to which the men are pointedly not invited. However, since the purpose of the organization is to study how they may better serve God in their capacity as homemakers, their husbands are enthusiastic in their support of the programme. Some important items to be considered are the establishment of a happy Christian home, the responsibilities of parents in the training of their children, and the maintaining of family health through proper nutrition.

The Pakistan Ministerial Institute was held in Karachi from December 16th through the 20th. The finest hall available in the city was rented for this entire period, and Elder R. A. Anderson of the General Conference conducted nightly evangelistic services. During the day time a full programme provided the ministers of the Union an opportunity to consider ways to better reach the unwarned people of this country.

The year is drawing to a close, but already plans are well under-way for the activities of a new year.

North India Village Evangelism

WE HAVE just received an interesting letter from Brother Harnam Dass of Gurdaspur District. From October 7 to November 14 an effort was held at Fategarh Churian, and on the 3rd of December, W. H. Mattison baptized four persons as the first-fruits of these meetings. Our people in this village were overjoyed at the visit of C. L. Torrey and M. E. Kemmerer on the 4th of December.

Brother Harnam Dass is opening another village meeting at Aushman Shahid which will run from December 8 to December 22. There are a number of Voice of Prophecy interests in this place and a keen interest is manifested in studying the Bible.

The plan for village efforts laid at the North India biennial meeting in Phulriwalla is being carefully followed. Good reports are coming in from these meetings and the united efforts of our workers in this area promise to make 1959 one of the best in the history of the work.

CHEQUES

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from Rs. 2.00 to Rs. 2,000.00. This averaged to about Rs. 30.00 per cheque. The Uplift cheques pour into the office in large numbers.

Handling these cheques is a thrilling experience to me for they bear silent witness to the hard and diligent work of our entire working force and to the generosity of the men of means.

In order to meet the needs of our expanding programme, there is need of increasing the sums of money. As we take part in another campaign, let us make an earnest appeal for more funds. "If the needs of the Lord's work were set forth in a proper light before those who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth."

—*Christian Service*, page, 167. Let us keep this counsel in mind as we approach another season of Uplift.

—William L. Sharalaya

THOSE EARLY YEARS

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sacrificing parents have felt themselves repaid a thousandfold for every rupee they saved to pay in school tuitions. Heaven is not gained by rupees, but school-expense rupees are the soundest investment of all to help our children gain the kingdom.

"You pray, 'Lead us not into temptation'. Then do not consent for your children to be placed where they will meet unnecessary temptation. Do not send them away to schools where they will be associated with influences that will be as tares sown in the field of their heart.

"In the home school, during their early years, train and discipline your children in the fear of God. And then be careful lest you place them where the religious impressions they have received will be effaced."—*Child Guidance*, pp. 328, 329.

"In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavour to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on a Scriptural foundation. Upon every Christian parent there rests the solemn obligation of giving to his children an education that will lead them to gain a knowledge of the Lord and to become partakers of the divine nature through obedience to God's will and way."—*Child Guidance*, p. 304.

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ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITIES?

Hurry, hurry—you will miss the bus to work! You grab your bag and run down the road. Here it comes. Just in time. You find your seat and discover it is beside a nice elderly lady. Soon she remarks on

the news in the morning paper. Rumours of war, earthquakes, epidemics, murders. "Whatever is the world coming to?" she sighs. "I wish we knew what the end of it all is going to be."

"Do you know the Bible has your answer?" you reply. "There is a Bible school which issues a set of lessons which helps one to understand all that is happening today." "This sounds interesting. What is the name of this school?" "This school is called the *Voice of Prophecy*. The course is free. All you have to do is to send in your name and address and study the lessons as they come week by week. Would you like to join? I have a card in my bag."

But do you? You hunt in vain. You had neglected to take some from the church when they were offered last Sabbath by the Voice of Prophecy sponsor. You mumble with confusion, "I do not seem to have the card. But I will write down your name and address." Alas, you have no pencil. "Oh, well, tell me your name and address. Thank you. Yes, I promise that you will soon get these wonderful lessons."

But when you got home that evening—"Oh, what did that lady say her name was? Where did she live? I do wish I could remember," **YOU WERE NOT READY FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY.**

John loved to kick the football. Any chance he had he was with the boys. "You will play for us next Tuesday afternoon. Don't forget" So called his friends. "It is a very important game. We

must win!" "All right," said John, "I will be there. I promise."

It was Sabbath morning. The church elder was describing how widow Dubi had lost her house by fire the previous evening. "It is the duty and privilege of the church to help her," he said. "This is a great opportunity for our young people to show that they are 'saved to serve.' We will all meet at her place next Tuesday afternoon. I do hope that none will be absent."

But John was absent. He played his game and lost. But he also lost a great blessing—the blessing of service for the Master. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto Me." **HE WAS NOT READY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THE LORD GAVE HIM.**

TURN TO JAMES 4:17 AND READ IT.

—MERRY CRUSSIAH.

During the Quadrennial Council the workers availed themselves of the **SPECIAL BOOK OFFER** which the O. W. Publishing House presented in the December 15 issue of the Southern Asia Tidings to the amount of Rs. 4,000. There are still some books available, and the **SPECIAL OFFER** holds good until January 31. You still have a little time. Mail your order at once.

FEBRUARY MEANS

Every church organized and working in *Uplift*.

Every faithful pastor and church elder leading his flock in *Uplift*.

Every loyal church member participating in and praying for God's blessing upon *Uplift*.

Every unit in the Division making a quick final victorious end to *Uplift*.

February means over the goal in *Uplift* with every participant—"Watching, Praying, Working" for souls to win for Christ's kingdom.

—O. W. LANGE.

The Assam Training School



Harvest of the Year

Seventeen young people, eight boys and nine girls, were baptized at Assam Training School, November 28, 1959 by Pastor H. Dkhar. The first Week of Prayer was conducted by Pastor H. H. Mattison, when the Baptismal Classes were organized. Mr. Nash, Mr. Neitham and Mr. Khonghat taught the classes. Pastor D. K. Down conducted the second Week of Prayer and seventeen took a firm stand for the Master. All rejoice with the new members.



Progressive Young People

Forty-four young people were invested by Pastor H. Dkhar. There were three in Master Guide, five in Guide, fourteen in Companion, thirteen in Friend, four in Helping Hand, one in Builder, and four in Sunbeam. Mr. Neitham and his helpers prepared these young people. They were invested November 28, 1959.

The Southern Asia Tidings family received greetings from Pastor and Mrs. Wm. Hume McHenry, Pastor and Mrs. E. M. Meleen and Pastor and Mrs. R. L. Kimble.

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NEWS NOTE

● 1959 was the most successful year in the Uplift history of the Division. Pastor O. W. Lange explains that the reasons for the success are the following:

1. There was a deeper spiritual experience attained by all participants, than ever before.
2. There was better planning for Uplift work and better co-operation in carrying out the plans—than ever before.
3. The campaign was shorter and more concentrated—than ever before.
4. Many church members participated—than ever before.

The 1960 Uplift campaign is expected to be still better and quicker with everybody trained and pulling together.

Pastors Beach and Torrey left Poona immediately after the Council, returning to Washington. Pastors Anderson and Chase will be holding institutes in Southern Asia for a few weeks before leaving us.

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