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## OBEDIENCE AND BLESSINGS

B. H. STICKLE

**G**OD DESIGNED that man should live a happy life. Adam and Eve were placed in a garden home where there was much for them to enjoy. They were provided with plenty of good, tasty food. Their keen senses were pleased with the music of bird songs and the fragrance and gorgeous colour of the flowers. Upon the completion of this beautiful home it was pronounced "very good."

God gave to man the power of choice—to obey or to disobey. God's love was manifested in freedom. So that man might have definite opportunity to demonstrate his love for God he was told, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it." Thus one tree, of the many trees in the garden, was reserved to serve as a test. Likewise one day of the week, the Sabbath, was set aside as a test that man might demonstrate his love for his Creator by willing obedience. The Sabbath is still God's time.

No longer do we have on the earth the tree of knowledge bearing

its beautiful fruit. In its place God has given us another way to demonstrate our love and show our recognition of His ownership. His instruction is: "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." Leviticus 27:30.

Abraham clearly understood that one tenth of what God gave him was for the support of God's representatives. When he returned from pursuing Lot's captors he met the priest of the most high God and "gave him tithes of all" (Genesis 14:20).

Jacob understood his responsibility to God, the Giver of all, and, poor as he was, promised, "of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." Genesis 28:22.

The prophet Malachi stated our responsibility very emphatically as

recorded in Malachi 3:8-12. The question, "Will a man rob God?" and the answer, "In tithes and in offerings," point out clearly that the tithe belongs to God—not to man. Robbers take property from the rightful owner. Just so the person who withholds tithe which is God's and uses it for himself is a robber. The penalty for robbing God's tithe is just as definite as was the penalty for taking God's fruit from the tree of knowledge. Adam and Eve were warned, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Robbers of tithe are warned, "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me."

This is a serious charge. You and I, who are planning and preparing for a home in the earth made new, need to check ourselves carefully, for thieves will not have homes there. Do we sometimes rob God? Our duty is made clear in the words, "Bring ye all the tithe." If we bring less than "all" we are guilty as robbers. We are subject to the curse.

Jesus pointed out to His followers that we should ~~tithe~~ even

Tithe Covenant  
Day  
March 12

the least of the vegetables in our gardens when he referred to tithing mint and anise and cummin. He said, "This ought to have done."

In contrast with the curse placed on robbers of tithe and offerings is the blessing promised to those who faithfully "render to God that which is God's." His challenging promise is, "Prove Me now herewith, if I will not pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Have

you seen the windows of heaven opened? Have you received more blessings than you had room for? If not, why not?

God invites us to test His power to pour out blessings upon us. He promises to rebuke the devourer. If you have not seen these things happen, why not accept His challenge by bringing "all the tithe" and let God fulfil His promise to you.

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## A Busy Sabbath

### At Khunti

**K. GOPALA RAO, Secretary-  
Treasurer, East India Section**

ON December 12, 1959 Brother R. K. Pandit, Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary of the East India Section, and I had the happy privilege of spending a very busy, but interesting Sabbath at Khunti. We left Ranchi early in the morning and reached Khunti in time for the Sabbath school. The students presented a very interesting programme. Right after Sabbath school the eight students who had been prepared for baptism by Brother Cecil Marandi, one of the teachers on the staff, were examined. I was told there were sixteen students who joined the baptismal class following the MV Week of Prayer and out of these, ten were ready for baptism. At the time of baptism two were still awaiting permission from their parents. The permission did not come and they were advised to wait. Pastor J. P. Tiru baptized four boys and four girls in the recently deepened school tank. After the baptism we all gathered in the school chapel again for the Ordinances of the Lord's House, following a short sermon by Pastor

Chad B. Israel, the principal of the school.

After lunch a number of students walked over to Bandtoly, a village six miles away from the school where another baptism was scheduled for the afternoon. While the students took a short route, Brethren Tiru, Pandit, some teachers and I took the long route on bicycles and arrived at the village almost simultaneously. The interest at this place was created by one of the missionary bands from the school visiting a lay member here on Sabbath afternoons. Later Pastor J. P. Tiru, assisted by Brother Jai Masih Topno, held a series of evangelistic meetings here. When we reached the village we were given a wonderful welcome in the typical Munda fashion. After a short service at which Brother Pandit spoke on the significance of baptism, the four candidates were examined by the writer and the baptism was conducted by Pastor Tiru. There was a fifth person that was to have been baptized but he was taken ill suddenly and so it was not possible to baptize him at that time. He was baptized on the next Sabbath, however.

The sun was setting as we bade them farewell and started our return journey. On the way we stopped for a few minutes at Saridkel where we have an organized church. The church building here is in a very dilapidated con-

dition and needs attention very badly.

Upon reaching Khunti we found Pastor Israel very busy fixing up the chapel for the Investiture service that was planned for that evening. It looked very colourful and pretty with various MV banners and posters. Pastor Israel, introduced the programme and Brother Kindo, the MV Leader of the church, directed the students in the presentation of their items. My heart was thrilled as I sat and listened to the boys and girls render their parts and saw their demonstrations. Special mention should be made of the interesting contributions made by the school choir under the leadership of Brother James Topno. Twenty-six students were invested: three busy bees, seven sunbeams, three builders, one helping hand, two friends, five companions and five guides. It was my privilege to give them the charge and lead out in the presentation of the insignia. Thus ended, at about 9 p.m., the busy activities of this Sabbath day.

### *Temperance*

### *Committment Day*

*February 27*

Under the consecrated leadership of Brother and Sister Israel, the school at Khunti is running a very well-balanced programme. Evangelistic and missionary activities are receiving their right emphasis. The physical plant looks very good and the co-operation and co-ordination of teachers and students is excellent. Plans are under way to add standards 7 and 8 to the present six standard programme beginning with the 1960 school year which will commence on January 7. We believe this will greatly augment the usefulness of the school to the field. This institution means a lot to us here in East India and deserves your support and prayers.

## Calcutta Dorcas Sale

ON November 15th 1959 the Calcutta Church Dorcas Society held its annual sale which resulted in Rs. 1,100 takings. The compound was jammed with stalls many of which were occupied by organizations and individuals who contributed from 10-50% of their takings for the privilege of being able to advertise, display or sell their goods at our sale. One will readily recognize that this constituted 100% profit for us. Both at the back and in front of the building the compound was neatly decorated with coloured paper and bunting, and brightly floodlit when it grew dark. The place was packed with people throughout the whole of the proceedings and the gate-keeper reported almost Rs. 100 taken in admission fees alone. Announcements and appropriate music were relayed over our powerful public address system.

Wheat-Tea and Corn-Coffee were made and supplied to us

through the good offices of Mrs. Chad B. Israel of the East India School, Khunti. These drinks were both very popular with our non-Adventist visitors. In fact, many of our stalls including all the food, drinks, sweets, and ice-cream stalls, were completely sold out by 6 p.m.



Calcutta Dorcas Ladies with Pastor and Mrs. Farthing.

As the darkness came the children were given a free fireworks display, and at 7.00 p.m. a glorious day was climaxed by a wonderfully relaxing entertainment given by the United States Information Service. This was free to every body.

We went way over our goal of Rs. 1,000 and in contemplating our sale for 1960, having learned by the mistakes we made, we have set our goal for Rs. 5,000 and feel certain that we will reach it with the help of God. It will take skilful planning and arduous endeavour of course, and here let us pay tribute to the unremitting devotion of the Dorcas Ladies who assiduously applied their time and the work of preparation and manufacture of many of the articles we had on sale. Much of the food and goods we had for sale came as the result of the solicitation that the Dorcas ladies made from shops, the various bazaars of this great city. They found the proprietors very willing to donate in the way to a charitable cause. Our consecrated Dorcas members did yeoman service and we can look forward with confidence to a unanimous repetition of their wholehearted co-operation on the next occasion.

When the milling crowds had all gone at last, and the worn-out few of us who lived on the premises

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## Communion

Laveta Brown

*Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud:  
and He shall hear my voice. Ps. 55:17.*

With Thee, my God, at golden dawn,  
While all the world is still;  
The dew yet lies on spires of grass,  
Still touched with evening's chill;  
'Tis then I wait with soul bowed low,  
For but a smile from Thee.  
Oh, give me power, Lord, today;  
Live out Thy life in me.

And still with Thee at busy noon,  
Bowed humbly at Thy feet;  
Again I seek Thy blessing, Lord;  
Give me Thy joy complete.  
And make me calm to meet each test.  
I pray for wisdom, skill,  
To do each task as unto Thee;  
Teach me to do Thy will.

Alone with Thee at eventide,  
As daylight fades from sight;  
I lay my burdens at Thy feet,  
'Mid falling shades of night.  
Forgive my erring waywardness  
And cleanse me from all sin.  
Refine away the dross, I pray,  
And make me pure within.



Miss Mabel V. Broderson.

## After Many Years

LIANKHAW K. NEITHAM

Mabel V. Broderson, teacher and preceptress of the Assam, Training School, Jowai, will return

her homeland about the middle of February.

Miss Broderson first entered the work in 1915 as a Bible worker in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U. S. A. The following year she began teaching in one of our church schools, where she continued until 1921 when she accepted a call to come to India.

She landed in Bombay just one day before the Streeters arrived, and one month after the O. O. Mat-tisons. Her first work in India was to teach the Church School in Poona.

She was later called to Vincent Hill where she taught for a number of years. Returning home in 1928 she received her B.A. degree and then taught for a time the church school of her home church.

She returned to India in 1934 as the preceptress and normal director of Vincent Hill. In 1940 she became the principal of the Calcutta Day school then in 1944 she joined the staff at the Assam

Training School where she has remained for these 16 years.

When asked what her hobby is, she said, "Perhaps I should say cooking is my hobby." And those who have been to A. T. S. will readily agree, for most of the cakes served at special functions of the school are her handiwork.

Miss Broderson has lived a life of service. She is ever willing to help anyone who comes to her. And throughout India today there are many workers and students who have benefitted by her care and counsel. As a parting gift to the school she presented the Library with a complete set of the Commentaries. We all appreciate this lovely gift.

On her way home she will visit Australia, and New Zealand. Her plan is to live at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, where she has her home beside one of the many lakes in that section.

As she returns to her homeland may God's richest blessing be hers.

# F E B R U A R Y

*The month when every church in Southern Asia*

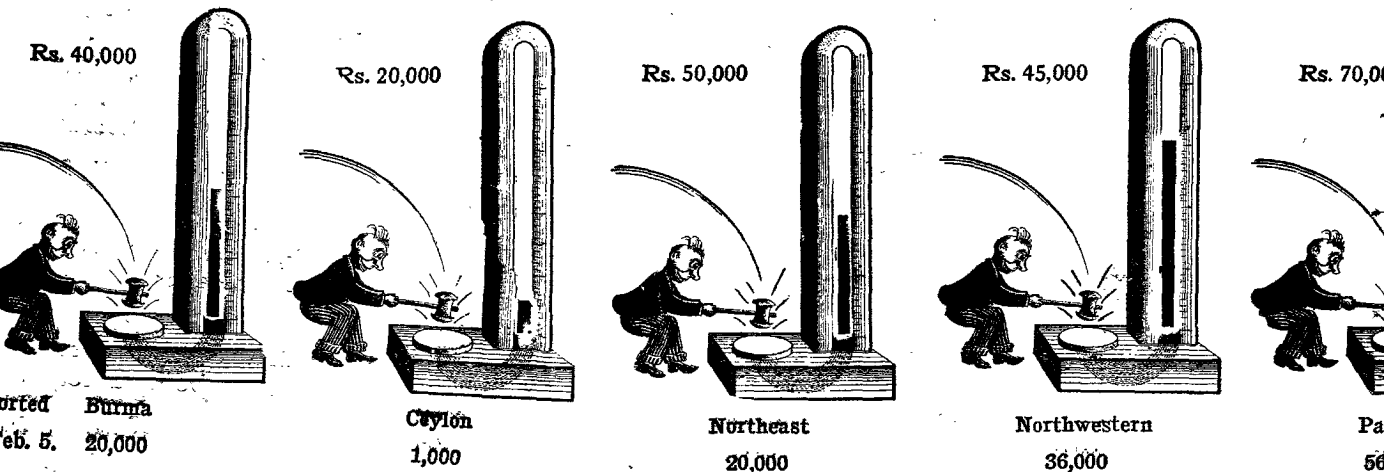
## Uplift Goal for 1960

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

Wonderful reports are flowing in from all parts of the world. Many are responding to the invitation to share in the Medical work. Many old donors are increasing their gifts this year. It is a privilege to work with the Heavenly Agencies in the Indian subcontinent.

In one month, in spite of the handicap of common budget meetings, our workers have gathered over 2 lakhs of rupees. Every church member doing his part in February, 1960, will surpass those of last year.

The Division super goal is Rs. 4,50,000.





## Karachi's V.O.P. Enrolment Drive

D. T. HAWLEY

else into the waste basket. How thankful I am that it went into the mail, as this was the beginning of the studies that led my family into the truth. You can see why I have a special place in my heart for our Bible courses." So spoke Brother Harold Googe of the Karachi church during the church missionary period recently.

No sooner had he finished speaking than Brother Nazir Bashiruddin stepped forward and told of his embarrassment when he had been unable to present satisfactory answers to a Muslim who enquired of him concerning his faith. "I determined right then", stated Brother Bashiruddin, "that I was going to become better grounded in my beliefs, and that I would always be ready to give a reason for the hope within me. It

was just at this crucial time that some unknown friend enrolled me in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course. So fascinating did I find the lessons that I completed the entire course in only 2½ months, and being convicted of the truth, I became a member of the remnant people. Personally, I consider the Bible Course to be one of the most powerful of all the tools in the hands of the church today."

In view of the testimony of these two men, and also in view of the fact that Brother Googe is the new Church Missionary Leader and Brother Bashiruddin the Voice of Prophecy Secretary, it is not difficult to understand why the Karachi Church is having a special Bible Course enrolment drive during 1960. Last year the enrolments totaled 2,306 and this year the goal is 4,000. Past experience has proven that our Voice of Prophecy graduates are our strongest interests, so we are expecting a rich harvest of souls.

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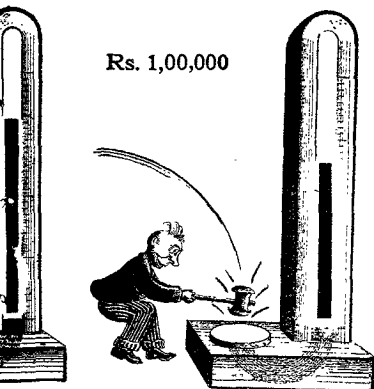
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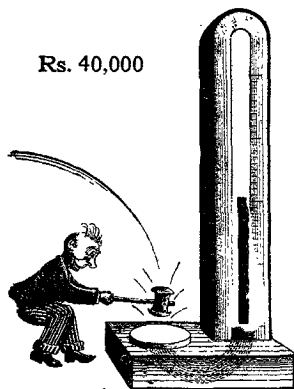
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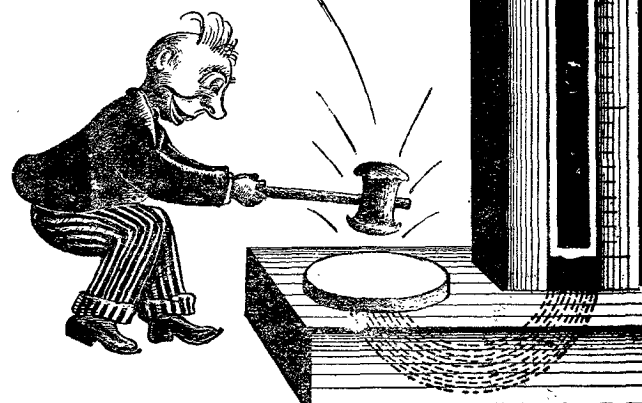
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Western India

20,000



Division

201,855

● Six midwifery students of the Gifford Memorial Hospital sat for the Andhra State Midwifery exams in December. All six students passed the exams successfully. They are—C. K. Naomi, Helen Hsuen, Priscilla Bara, Siloda Warja, Lois Daniel and Mariamma Daniel.

Helen Hsuen will go to Simla. C. K. Naomi and Lois Daniel are remaining at G. M. Hospital. Siloda Warja and Priscilla Bara have gone to Ranchi and

Mariamma Daniel has gone to Surat. Resselamma Albert who completed her nursing in September also went to work in Surat recently.

● Brother and Sister Peter Cooper arrived in Bombay from London on the 23rd of January. Brother Cooper has completed his college work at Atlantic Union College and Mrs. Cooper is a nurse. We welcome these workers to the Southern Asia Division as they enter the Lord's service.

## Special Notice

To  
All

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There has been prepared a Denominational Board Examination on passing which you would be qualified for the Denominational Missionary Pin. All those interested, please write to:

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## R O O R K E E

After almost 18 months silence in our Roorkee Printing Press things are again in full swing under the direction of John Vethamuthu, a last year's graduate from Spicer Memorial College and our Mathematics teacher this year. Our press accepted a Rs. 950 order from the Roorkee University, which it satisfactorily completed, and delivered on the assigned day. The school has recently purchased some new type which gives the work a "new look". It is good to have this department of the school functioning again.

We held our 13th Sabbath programme at Roorkee School on December 19, since it was the last Sabbath before School closed. The Primary and Kindergarten Depts. dressed to represent the different sections of India sang that lovely song, "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world." They have been particularly faithful in learning their Memory Verses. The Primary group are shown here with their teacher Mrs. W. Chand and Helen Dass (centre back row) was song leader. The Kindergarten-Cum-Cradle Roll group are shown with sand-tray and flannel-graph. Miss Irene Chand ably translated and assisted in this section.



Primary and Kindergarten Departments.



Cradle Roll.

Hello--

So you didn't like the Uplift Magazine this year?

What did you do to make it better?

Pictures for the 1961 Uplift Magazine must be in the office of the Home Missionary Department by April 1. Please send one and help make the 1961 magazine better. Send the negative as well as a print. Thank you.

O. W. LANGE



## Branch Sabbath School

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED

(Continued from last issue)

G. R. NASH

7. QUESTION: Where would you start to look for a place to begin a Branch Sabbath School?

ANSWER: I would not look for just one place; I would look for as many places as I had adult classes. Some of the places that I would consider are as follows:

- (1) Homes of isolated members.
- (2) Homes of aged and disabled.
- (3) Colporteur interests.
- (4) Sabbath guests on Visitors' Day.
- (5) VOP Bible school interests.
- (6) Prison interests.
- (7) Old people's homes.
- (8) Rest homes.
- (9) Home Visitation survey. "Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighbourhood and know their spiritual condition."—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 296.
- (10) Hospital and Sanitarium interests.
- (11) Interests from literature distribution programmes.
- (12) Interests from Ingathering contacts.
- (13) Interests from public efforts.
- (14) Interested friends.
- (15) Interested neighbours.
- (16) Interested relatives.
- (17) Birthday parties.

One lady moved into a city where there were no believers. She

prayed to the Lord for guidance so that she could start a Branch Sabbath School. The idea occurred to her that her little girl would soon have a birthday so she invited in all the children of that particular age group. During the party she told them a thrilling story. Later, she asked how many would like to have another story like that at a later date. All held up their hands signifying that they wanted more stories. First, she organized a Sunday School, later told them that she would not be able to continue on on Sundays but wondered how many could come on Saturday afternoons. Then a Branch Sabbath School was organized. Later on, this developed into a proper Sabbath school and an organized church.

In another place two couples went to a small town where we have no members and decided to work for the children. They asked the theatre owner for the Sunday afternoon use of his theatre, which he granted gratis when he learned their purpose—a child uplift programme through the story hour plan. Oral and pictorial stories were given every Sunday afternoon. Attendance was far above their fondest hopes, ranging from fifty to one hundred and forty.

After several weeks they made a systematic home visitation canvass, introducing themselves as the story-hour workers and asking the adults if they would like to have a personal weekly Bible study hour in their own homes. When the canvass was completed, seventy homes had requested Bible studies. And this in a small town with no Seventh-day Adventist members. This is one good way to start a

story hour, and later a "Branch Sabbath School,"—yes, and establish a new church in an unentered city. In other words, wherever there is a will there is a way.

"It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost.

"Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability. . . .

"Not upon the ordained minister only, rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfil this commission. Every one who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow men."—*Christian Service*, pp. 11, 12.

"There is something for every one to do. Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place, saying, 'Here am I; send me.' Isa. 6:8."—*Ibid.*, p. 10.

May God richly bless all as we give special emphasis to this important phase of our Sabbath school evangelism during 1960 is my earnest prayer.

## CALCUTTA DORCAS

(Continued from p. 3.)

looked around and surveyed the wreckage we said, "It can wait till the morning"—and it did too. And what are we going to do with the money we raised? We are first going to re-equip the Calcutta Church Dorcas Society.



## Miscellany

● During the vacation at the Assam Training School the school will be host for the Ministerial Institute which is being conducted by Elder R. A. Anderson and Elder J. F. Ashlock from 5th to the 10th of February. At the close of these meetings, the Constituency Meeting will be held from the 11th to the 14th of February.

● A Voice of Prophecy Rally was held in late January in Shilong and the Lushai Voice of Prophecy School was opened at that time.

● Dr. C. H. Tidwell, head of the Department of Secondary Education at Spicer College, returned to the Northwestern India Union to conduct the Roorkee-Hapur MV camp, held at Mohand near Dehra Dun during the early part of November.

● The teachers and students of the Nugegoda Church School presented a Christmas programme which netted the school Rs. 150.00 for improvements.

● While Elders J. E. Chase and Bonney were in Colombo they conducted a rally and graduation exercise in the Colombo Town Hall. It is hoped that during the new year many new students will continue to enrol for the Voice of Prophecy Course through the Ceylon school.

● Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Toews and two small children passed through Bombay enroute to Karachi and Lahore, where Brother Toews will serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Pakistan Union.

● The Delhi Uplifters passed their own good records when they were able to collect Rs. 10,800.00 in only four days time. This brought them within two hundred rupees of the goal for Delhi.

● Twenty workers from various parts of the Pakistan Union were able to come together in Karachi to attend the Ministerial Institute when Elder R. A. Anderson led out in the studies. During

It is the privilege of parents to take their children with them to the gates of the city of God, saying, "I have tried to instruct my children to love the Lord, to do His will, and to glorify Him." To such the gate will be thrown open, and parents and children will enter in. But all cannot enter. Some are left outside with their children, whose characters have not been transformed by submission to the will of God. A hand is raised, and the words are spoken, "You have neglected home duties. You have failed to do the work that would have fitted the soul for a home in heaven. You cannot enter." The gates are closed to the children because they have not learned to do the will of God, and to parents because they have neglected the responsibilities resting upon them.

"Light has been shining from the Word of God and the testimonies of His Spirit so that none need err in regard to their duty. God requires parents to bring up their children to know Him and to respect His claims; they are to train their little ones, as the younger members of the Lord's family, to have beautiful characters and lovely tempers, that they may be fitted to shine in the heavenly courts. By neglecting their duty and indulging their children in wrong, parents close to them the gates of the city of God. These facts must be pressed home upon parents; they must arouse and take up their long-neglected work."

—Ellen G. White, "Child Guidance", p. 31.

the time of these meetings, Brother N. L. Sherwin was ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

● Dr. S. D. Karmy, his wife and four boys arrived in Karachi on the 14th of October. D. Karmy is a Board qualified surgeon and is in charge of the surgery at the Karachi Hospital. Previous to this appointment, he has served on the staff of the Baghdad and Benghazi Hospitals.

● The Himalayan Medical Mission has expanded again, with a new outpatient clinic at the village of Dapcha, 13 miles south-east of Banepa. At the first clinic they were able to see forty-two patients, and the prospects are that that number will be greatly increased in weeks to come. This village is very isolated, located on a mountaintop.

● The effort recently held in Maymyo closed very successfully as six persons made the decision to follow Jesus all the way. Plans have been laid to follow up this interest.

● A new church has been organized at Khampat, in the Chin Hills, with a membership of 22.

This is the seventh church which has been organized in the Chin Hills by the Seventh-day Adventists.

## Southern Asia Tidings

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