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Some Big things!

THE BIG WEEK—is a BIG opportunity!
 THE BIGGEST DAY—is a BIG privilege!

India is Big in population, problems, and paganism; and for these reasons—and *others*—must soon be given the Third Angel's Message, which is so Big in scope, solemnity, and—*salvation!*

Then shall we not as heralds of this Message—believers and workers—ALL—be *Big* in *unity, perseverance* and *faith*, thus doing our *Biggest* to give Big India our Big Message, and at the same time co-operate with our Big-hearted Brethren in other parts of the Big World in providing this Big Field with a Big Publishing House (so *Big* in need!) on the Biggest Day of this Big Week?

Let's

“Attempt BIG things for God
 and
 Expect BIG things from God”

During Nov. 19 to 24, the BIG WEEK!

Timely Studies of Vital Truths

WATCH

*"For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound,
who shall prepare himself to the battle?"*

PRAY

—1 Cor. 14:8.

No. 14

"WHAT READEST THOU?"

1. Who is the first great reader in the Bible? What did he read?

"And he (Moses) took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people." (Ex. 24 : 7.)

2. What is the great Bible objective of reading?

"Whosoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." (Rom. 15: 4.)

"Now all these things . . . were written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." (1 Cor. 10: 11.)

3. How did the great controversy between good and evil reading begin?

"The master mind in the confederacy of evil is ever working to keep out of sight the words of God and to bring into view the opinions of men . . . Satan himself was educated in the heavenly courts, and he has knowledge of good as well as evil. He mingles the precious with the evil, and this is what gives him power to deceive."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* pp. 439, 440.

"The wide-spread use of such books (myths and fairy tales) at this time is one of the cunning devices of Satan. He is seeking to divert the minds of old and young from the great work of character building."—*Id.*, p. 242.

4. What effect does the indulgence of a perverted taste for reading produce on the mind?

"Love for story-books, tales, and other reading . . . produces a false, unhealthy excitement, fevers the imagination, unfits the mind for usefulness, and disqualifies it for any spiritual exercise. It weans the soul from prayer and love of spiritual things."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* Vol. 1, pp. 241, 242.

"The oftener and more diligently you pursue the Scriptures, the more beautiful will they appear, and the less relish you will have for light reading."—*Id.*, Vol. 1, p. 242.

5. Is it possible that such reading can affect our physical health too?

"Through its (the reading of fiction) exciting, intoxicating power, it is not infrequently the cause of both mental and physical disease. Many a miserable, neglected home, many a lifelong invalid, many an inmate of the insane asylum, has become such through the habit of novel reading."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* p. 446.

6. But what about our great standard works, our high-class fiction? Is not such reading a great factor in our education?

"Some of these works have accomplished good. Yet they have also wrought untold harm . . . It (such fiction) encourages the habit of hasty and superficial reading, merely for the story. Thus it tends to destroy the power of connected and vigorous thought; it unfits the soul to contemplate the great problems of duty and destiny."—*Id.*, pp. 445, 446.

7. Shall we continue to subscribe for the popular and attractive so-called "home" journals and "home" magazines? Although they contain some light fictitious reading, there is much that seems useful in them.)

"Especially do not permit upon your tables the magazines and newspapers in which are found love stories."—*Testimonies for the Church,"* Vol. 2, p. 410.

8. How will the indulgence of a perverted taste for reading affect our final destiny?

"I have seen an angel standing with scales in his hands, weighing the thoughts and interests of the people of God. . . . In one scale were the thoughts and interests tending heavenward; in the other were the thoughts and interests tending to earth. And in this scale were thrown all the reading of story-books, thoughts of dress and show, vanity, pride, etc. Oh, what a solemn moment! The angel of God standing with scales, weighing the thoughts of His professed children—those who claim to be dead to the world and alive to God. The scale filled with thoughts of earth . . . quickly went down. . . . The one with the thoughts and interests tending to heaven went quickly up as the other went down, and oh, how light it was! . . . Said the angel, 'Can such enter heaven? No, no, never. Tell them the hope they now possess is vain, and unless they speedily repent, and obtain salvation, they must perish.'"—*Id.*, Vol. 1, pp. 124, 125.

"We have an abundance of that which is real, that which is divine. Those who thirst for knowledge need not go to polluted fountains. The Lord says:

'Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise,
And apply thine heart unto My knowledge. . . .
That thy trust may be in the Lord.
I have made known unto thee this, even to thee,
Have not I written to thee excellent things
In counsels and knowledge,
That I might make thee know the certainty of the words
of truth;
That thou mightest answer the words of truth to them
that send unto thee?' (Proverbs 12: 17-21.)—*"Ministry
of Healing,"* pp. 447, 448.

E. B. J.

The Great Value and Importance of the Big Week Effort

W. W. FLETCHER

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time"—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 313.

This statement from the spirit of prophecy is true not only because of the power the printed message has to convince minds, and lead men into the truth, but also because the work of circulating our literature brings the living witness into personal touch with a larger number of people than he perhaps would meet in any other way. Think of the thousands of homes that are visited annually by our colporteurs and other missionary workers! Impressions are made by these visits as well as by the literature that is circulated. The people meet our workers and read the books, and thus form their conclusions as to our work and message.

It was related in a recent number of the *Tidings* that a young man had told some of our brethren that he had written to his father in England stating that the Seventh-day Adventists were the only people in India who were at present doing anything of any consequence along religious lines. How did this young man receive that impression? He said he "knew about our work and our literature." Little does the one circulating our publications realize how much human

minds are affected and impressed by the work he is doing!

One great advantage of the Big Week plan is that it is becoming a means of stirring up all our people to take part in selling our books. An effort such as this, which brings practically the whole church of believers into personal contact with the great needy world, must make tremendous impressions for good. This kind of work does much to give the Third Angel's Message the sound of a "loud cry" in the ears of the world.

"And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 7, p. 140.

Let us all co-operate with the brethren leading out in our literature work as they try to bring about a united movement during the coming Big Week. I hope the week will see every believer and worker in India who can possibly do so taking part in the effort.

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of them that published it." (Ps. 68:11.)

Let us ask the Lord to give us the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit as we go out to meet the people. Only by this means can right impressions be made. Our object is not to get gain, but to bring men to Christ.

Finishing the Work

J. O. WILSON

"A FAR greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 7, p. 160.

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from Heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Id.*, p. 140.

We speak of the work of "that other angel" of Rev. 18:1 as the "loud cry" of the message, when we expect the work to be quickly finished. What is going to be one of the chief agencies in this "loud cry"? *The publishing work!*

Do you want to see the work finished quickly? Are you anxious for the "loud

cry" and the "latter rain" to come and cut short the work in righteousness? Sometimes I think we expect that at that time we will all be seized with an overwhelming desire to get into the work and do our part. But those who do not find time *now* to get out and place the truth in the homes of their neighbours will very likely find their time just as much taken up then as now. No one would contend that the "loud cry" will put more than twenty-four hours into our day.

Let us pray for a burden for these lost souls about us, and take time NOW to work for them; then we will be in a condition to be used of God during the "loud cry," and in the glorious triumph of the work.

“While Men Slept”

G. F. ENOCH

“WHILE men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.” (Matt. 13:25.)

I know of no more important or solemn statement of our Saviour's to bring to the workers and believers in the Third Angel's Message in Southern A-ia in connection with the forthcoming Big Week, than this one. “While men slept!” It is not an imaginary picture, or a prediction that would not be fulfilled. It is the plain statement of a sad fact. Jesus has done and is doing His part. But the work will not be properly done without the hearty and full co-operation of His people. And, sad to say, in a measure they fail Him. The devil would have no chance whatever, if they were only vigilant and fully consecrated, ready to respond to every demand and meet the foe at every turn. But they sleep, and the foe gets his opportunity to work effectually, not against them but against their beloved Master.

This portion of the parable pictures a lack of expected activity on the part of His people that disappoints Jesus. We wish each reader of these lines to examine his own heart and see if the solemn responsibility of sowing the seed and being alert that the enemy might not find opportunity to sow the tares, has been fully discharged. You are living in the midst of a large community. You meet men and women every day, and there are others whom you might meet if you would but arouse from lethargy. Have you met them? Have you given them the opportunity of knowing the solemn and important truth that God has committed to your keeping? Will you just now face the record that you must face in the day of judgment?

“How solemn is the thought! Day after day, passing into eternity, bears its burden of records for the books of Heaven. . . . In the judgment, the use made of every talent will be scrutinized. How have we employed the capital lent us of Heaven? Will the Lord at His coming receive His own with usury? Have we improved the powers entrusted to us, in hand and heart and brain, to the glory of God and the blessing of the world? How have we used our time, our pen, our voice, our money, our influence? God has made us the depository of His Holy Word. What have we done with the light and truth given us to make men wise unto salvation? The hidden selfishness of men stands revealed in the books of Heaven. There is the record of *unfulfilled duties to their fellowmen, of for-*

getfulness of the Saviour's claims. There they will see how often were given to Satan the time, thought and strength that belonged to Christ. Sad is the record which angels bear to Heaven.”—“*Great Controversy*,” pp. 486-488.

On page 482 of “Great Controversy” “every unfulfilled duty” is emphasized as one of the things we must meet in the records of Heaven, and then is added, “wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or evil, with its far-reaching results.” To the writer this exhortation concerning what we *might* have done, but which we have left undone is one of the most solemn found in the spirit of prophecy.

The Enemy Active

Just recently our attention has been called to renewed attempts of the enemy to sow tares while we are sleeping. Only recently *The Examiner*, the organ of the Roman Catholic Church in Bombay, published a long series of articles running through about nine number, against the beliefs and doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists. The reason given for the series was the request from many of their readers who had been troubled by reading our books, and to save others from reading such books.

In a publication of *The National Prayer Union* for September there is the following request for prayer,—“Mussoorie: Prayer is very much desired for a young woman who WAS a Christian, and who has been led astray by the Seventh-day Adventists. Pray that she may be convicted of the false step she has taken, and return repentant to the fold of Jesus.” Then on page five is a virulent attack on us in general and on Sister White in particular, ending as follows: “The people in———must decide for themselves whom they will follow: Christ who leads to Heaven and eternal life, or Mrs. White who leads to———”

The young lady in question has been sent considerable literature, among which is a prejudiced and lying attack on us as a people by the Tabernacle Evangelist of America, Biederwolf. The untruth of the charges made is of course not known to those unacquainted with us. We understand much of such literature is now being actively circulated.

Shall We Not Watch, Pray and Work?

Now, brethren and sisters, shall we continue to sleep, or shall we arise from our

slumber, shake off all lethargy and each one do his or her "bit" in meeting these attacks? The answer will be found in what the Big Week finds us doing, and we must meet that answer in the judgment.

"We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labour—labour earnestly and wisely—while probation lingers. Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labour, in giving Bible readings and distributing literature."

"The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* Vol. 9, pp. 126, 127, 135.

Let Us Organize for Service!

S. A. WELLMAN

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. . . . Time is short and our forces must be organized to do a larger work."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* Vol. 9, pp. 11, 27.

We are facing the supreme crisis of the ages; the world knows not what a day may bring forth in the international situation. Day after day some startling headline in the papers takes the breath, and leaves men wondering what may be the outcome of the latest development. These conditions only emphasize the above quotation. The enemy of souls is stirring up the world preparatory to the final struggle. We know that this means that the end is nearer than we have realized. And that very realization is a call to us to organize for a fuller service in the work of Christ than we have ever before given. The times demand that we should not lose one moment of the precious time that is left us in which to warn the world and prepare for the return of the Master.

God's work will be completed in the world. But He has ordained that human instrumentalities shall do the work. He desires to work in and through His church, and for this reason He has again and again sent word through His servants calling upon the church to go forth with the message, to do their part in the closing work of the Gospel. Speaking to the early church Christ said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the

earth." The command was definite, it included all the church, and all took part in the work from the very first, so that in the course of a few decades the message of the saving Christ went to all the then known world.

In that time, when the church lagged behind and failed to carry out the spirit of the command to go into all the world, and were content to sit down and let others do it, God let persecution come in. (See Acts 8: 1-4). But the work was done; and by warning and instruction often sent, the church was urged on to the work appointed them.

We, facing as we do the end of earth's history, have had message after message sent to us to work while the day lasted, and to organize for the most effective service. Here are a few of the messages that have come:

"It is training, education that is needed."

"God calls upon every church member to enter His service."

"The stars of heaven are all under law, each influencing the other to do the will of God, yielding their common obedience to the law that controls their action. And in order that the Lord's work may advance healthfully and solidly, His people must draw together."

"When the churches become living, working churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere requests."

The call in this number of the *Tidings* is for the entire church to come up to the help of the Lord in the circulation, during the Big Week, of truth-filled literature. These Big Weeks are getting to be such opportunities of service as the whole church needs. It is not enough for our workers in the Mission, for a few to whom the work appeals, perhaps, of the church members, to take up service during this Week. There is blessing in the service, and every member of the church needs a share of that blessing. The church should be organized and each one, if at all possible, should have a definite part in the work.

It is possible that you have time only after office or working hours of the day, or before going to work in the morning; but let no member who can find time for an hour or two a day, fail to have some part in the work of the Big Week as planned for.

Church officers should begin now to plan for the active participation of the membership of their church. Get together as officers, outline a plan of action, select the books that you will sell, divide the territory about you, enlist the membership, and see how widely you can scatter the printed page during the time set. It is the work of the church committee to plan such campaigns in their churches in counsel with the Field Missionary and Home Missionary Secretaries of their field. We trust that every church officer will at once seek such counsel and lay definite plans.

Has your church missionary society dropped back for a time? Is there lethargy in service? This is the time to awake the sleeping church, to enthuse the hearts of the membership with zeal, and to start anew in that personal service for the world that we must each render if we are to stand clear on the day of judgment. The text that says we will be rewarded according as our work has been, applies to the energy and devotion put into the service of Christ as fully and as literally as it does to being good. Inasmuch as we serve our fellow men, we serve Christ, and we advance His kingdom. We are serving others in giving the message through our books, through the printed page.

"The end is near. Already much time has been lost, when these books should have been in circulation. Sell them far and near. Scatter them like the leaves of autumn. This work is to continue without the forbiddings of anyone. Souls are perishing out of Christ. Let them be warned of His appearing in the clouds of heaven."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 9, p. 72.

Brethren and sisters, let us during this Big Week co-operate with the Publishing Department, and every one take part actively in the circulation of our literature. The records of heaven will be bright with the results if we each do our part faithfully.

Reporting of Big Week Sales by Non-Colporteur Workers and Laymen

IN the forthcoming Big Week campaign all workers not directly connected with the literature work as a part of their regular employment, also all lay members of our churches, should report their sales not only to the Publishing Department but also to the Home Missionary Secretary of your church, or in case there is no local secretary, to the Union Home Missionary Secretary. This applies to ministers, Bible workers, teachers, nurses, etc., lay members, and all who are not supporting themselves in part or wholly by literature sales. S. A. WELLMAN,

Div. Home Missionary Secretary.

That Biggest Day

PUBLISHING HOUSE workers are naturally very much interested in the coming Big Week, because Big Weeks mean big sales, and big sales mean a big circulation of our message-filled literature. And for what other purpose have mission publishing houses been established than to have a big share—and a big interest—in the wide circulation of those publications which contain the great three-fold message of Rev. 14:6-12?

But there is one special feature of the 1922 Big Weeks in which India's Publishing House workers are particularly interested, and that special feature is known as the Biggest Day. Do you ask why we are so much interested in this Biggest Day? Undoubtedly most of *Tidings'* readers have already learned the reason, but for fear there may be some who are still in the dark, it will be well to give an explanation.

The General Conference recommendation concerning the Biggest Days of the Big Weeks reads as follows:

"We recommend, a. That the second weeks in May and June be set aside as Big Weeks in the colporteur work; and that the earnings of the Biggest Day of each Big Week be given to the mission printing interests, that may have been previously a signed by the General Conference to the several publishing houses.

"b. That the same Big Weeks be observed in the production of literature in the publishing houses, and that the employees be asked to donate the wage for the Biggest Day of each week to the same object.

"c. That conference workers and all the members of our churches be encouraged to join in the plan; or where that is impossible, to give their wage for the same period.

"d. That the entire proceeds of the Big Days be devoted to the Mission Publishing Fund."

Now, in 1921 the proceeds from the Biggest Days of the Biggest Weeks in the Review and Herald territory (the three large publishing houses in America have divided the whole country into proportionate sections, and the north-eastern portion of the United States is known as Review and Herald territory) were devoted to the purpose of establishing a publishing plant in Africa. The outcome of last year's campaign was a great success, and our brethren in that field have as a result already bought a suitable building, and are now equipping their plant with "Biggest Day" facilities. But 1922 is India's turn at the Review and Herald territory's Biggest Days' proceeds—and that is why we are **interested!**

It requires a large amount of money to erect the buildings and buy the machinery and other equipment called for in the plans that have been adopted for India's proposed new publishing plant; and in addition to the R 95,552-4-0 provided for us last year by the General Conference, we are calling for R. 1,42,248-10-0 for 1922.

That's a lot of money, isn't it? And it's a big load to lift in one day, too! But the good brethren at home have undertaken the proposition with their usual enthusiasm and optimism, in spite of so-called unfavourable conditions, and the latest reports from their campaign, though incomplete, are encouraging.

Just to show how unitedly, unselfishly, and efficiently our brethren and sisters in America are "holding the ropes" in this matter, let me quote a few interesting paragraphs from the latest number of the *Printed Page*:

"The total to date for our office (Review and Herald) not including the branch offices, stands at \$1,574.56 as against a total of \$995.02 raised for the African publishing house last year. If the increase for all the field shows up as well as this, India will have her new publishing house as the result of our Big Day effort. This increase in the amount raised by the employees of the Review and Herald office is especially encouraging in view of the fact that the number of employees and the rate of wage are less than one year ago." * * *

"I enjoyed the Big Week experience very much personally; spent fifty-four hours working with 'The Great Controversy,' and secured orders to the amount of \$168.50. The Big Day for me was \$52.50; but Brother Bottsford beat me in value, as his Big Day amounted to \$75.00, while his report for the week was \$243.50." * * *

"Wednesday I couldn't get started until 1:30 P. M. I took three orders. Thursday the Lord worked for me in a marked way, as He gave me fifteen orders and two 'helps,' totaling \$80.00. This was my Big Day." * * *

"Sister Elizabeth White, of Virginia, is not strong physically, but she prays for strength and pushes forward in the work. Her Big Week was \$104.25, and her Big Day \$33.50."

Now these items reveal very clearly the reason why success crowns the Biggest Day efforts of the dear friends in the homeland. They are not only enthusiastic over the work, but also persevering and self-sacrificing; and they fully believe that the Lord is able and willing to make possible the attainment of their goals. Where there is united, cheerful and willing co-operation, success is sure.

Well, this Biggest Day proposition has wrapped up in it a rare privilege, not alone for the brethren in America, but more particularly for the believers here in the Southern Asia Division. As stated before, it's a big load to "lift" R. 1,42,248-10-0 in one day, and although our friends at home may have some advantages over us in raising money and selling books, such as larger constituencies and greater prosperity on the part of the buying public, still we in this Division whose publishing work is to benefit so greatly from the returns of the Biggest Days, should permit no obstacle, imagined or real to prevent us from participating in the coming event. We should be glad for the opportunity to do our best in helping to "lift" the big load; and I don't believe that many of us will fail to participate.

Here at the Publishing House we plan to follow the splendid example set by the brethren and sisters in the Review and Herald office. Every worker will be given an opportunity to "lift" his very best, for we want to show how genuinely we appreciate the self-sacrificing efforts that the believers in other parts of the world have been making in behalf of our publishing work.

Already some of the new machinery for our new plant is arriving at Poona; and now that the sites for the Publishing House building, the European workers' bungalows, and the Indian and Burmese workers' quarters have been definitely selected, and the building plans finally approved, there should be rapid progress in the erection and equipping of our new publishing plant.

So let us *all*—right now—make definite, last-minute-excuse-proof plans that will permit us to spend many hours during the Big Week—November 19 to 24—in selling our good literature. Why, the world has never in all its history so much needed as it does today the message which Seventh-day Adventist books contain; and there are many people who are now earnestly seeking for the truths which are found no where else except in our literature! Then let us not miss this great opportunity, not fail to apply our earnings during the Biggest Day to India's Publishing House building and equipment fund. And may all those who find it impossible to go out with the books cheerfully donate their usual daily wage for one day of the week. There will be a blessing in it for all.

E. B. J.

BIG WEEK IN THE BUSY FIELDS

BURMA

Everybody's Campaign

THE history of this Advent Movement is a story of one great forward move after another, each being in its own sphere a long step toward the final completion and the glorious triumph of the work of the third angel in the earth. Most of the moves were small ones to begin with, but under the providence of God they have grown with such rapidity that today we behold them with wonder and exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"

Thus the launching of the Sabbath school work was the beginning of one of the great parts required to make a whole and complete work. The story of Elder James White writing the first Sabbath school lessons impresses us with the smallness of the beginning of this branch of the work. While travelling with horse and wagon one day, having stopped by the road for lunch, he turned over his lunch-basket when he had finished eating, and wrote the first Sabbath school lessons. But who can imagine what our work would be today if the Sabbath schools were immediately struck out of existence! The same could be said of each department of the work. Thus the beginning of our publishing work was so insignificant that it was noticed only by those few whose earnest sacrifice made possible its beginning, and by the God of heaven to whom they cried for guidance and blessing. The first publication on the Sabbath truth was started by Elder Joseph Bates when he possessed but one York shilling, worth six annas and six pies. In 1855 one copy each of our entire list of publications could be purchased for about R.10-0-0. Today the annual sales run into the millions of dollars.

But it is not the writer's purpose in this brief article to discuss all the great forward moves of this work from the days of Elders White and Bates—that requires volumes, and very interesting volumes they are indeed. The theme to which this special number of the *Tidings* is devoted is one of those forward moves, but so recent that we may be overlooking its importance so near our eyes, as it were, that we do not see it.

The Missions Publishing House Extension Fund phase of the Publishing Department is only about two years old. Yet those who have read the General Conference *Bulletin* can see what it has already begun to accomplish. But we in this field do not need to read *Bulletins* to know that there are great benefits to be derived from this latest development of the Publishing Department. Our own Publishing House has already received material aid that we all appreciate, and no doubt will receive more in the near future. The same is true in many other fields.

Surely then, those of us who are in the very fields that are going to be benefited by this move, should enter into these Big Week campaigns with as much enthusiasm as do our brethren and sisters in the homeland. This is a live issue with them. I wish all our people in this field might see with what zeal and earnestness these campaigns are entered into there. Perhaps just here I can do no better than to

try to give the readers of the *Tidings* an idea of the spirit of the Big Week campaigns in America.

To begin with I will say that it is considered *everybody's* campaign. It is not for the colporteurs only, but for everyone in each conference, from the laity to the president. All are urged to spend at least one day, and if possible the whole week, placing our message-filled literature in the homes of their neighbours and friends, and to turn in to the Publishing House Extension Fund the proceeds of their best day's work. In order that no one may find it impossible to have a part in the campaign, it is arranged that those who find it absolutely impracticable to get out with the literature shall give their best day's wage for the week. Those working in the publishing houses who must stay right by the work of preparing the literature, vie with each other in seeing who can work the longest days that week. Besides turning in their best day's wage, many of them find ways of earning extra money, the ladies baking cakes, making quilts, etc. There is no spirit of give-because-you-must in it; but it is because they *love* to give.

The regular conference workers are given a double part in the campaign. They not only get out and sell books themselves, and turn in the proceeds, but they are also asked to give a day's wage in addition. Besides, of course, they have the burden of working up the campaign among the churches, going out with the brethren and sisters and showing them by example how to do it.

There are some very interesting experience meetings, I assure you, following these Big Weeks. The results of such work are at least three-fold. First, it provides means for building up the publishing work in the needy fields where millions must be reached quickly with this message. Second, it puts thousands of pages of our literature in the homes of the people at our doors. And last, but by no means least in importance, it quickens the Christian experience of those who take part. I am sure that if our dear people in this field could see the enthusiasm with which our brethren in the homelands enter into this campaign, they would take hold of it in a very real and earnest way here. The spirit of sacrifice that was put into the beginning of this movement, when a good sister sold the carpet off her floor in order that some publications might be printed, if put into it today will just as surely bring the blessing of God on our work as it did then.

J. O. WILSON.

Wanted—a Start!

THOSE of the *Tidings* family who are rather timid about helping to swell the Big Week by doing their part, would do well in the week of November 19 to 24 to "taste and see" whether the experience is not sweet! The happiest moments that can come to one in this line of work are those when the work is completed, and he feels that he has done his part. It is the start that is needed.

Some two years ago the writer became initiated in this work while enroute to Karachi in company with Brother A. E. Nelson. At the outset the writer lacked

the starter; but once started the work was the most enjoyable ever experienced. The writer well remembers that at each station for some distance Brother Nelson endeavoured to start him, but he sat in the compartment seeing the books and papers decrease and material wealth increase. However, the start came. The true joy and satisfaction received after starting will never be forgotten. For real experience in spiritual, intellectual, and material gain this work is par excellence.

The writer believes that many lack the starting qualities. We feel like many of us used to do in the homeland on a frosty morning when the warm bed felt better to us than rising in the cold—tempted to wait a little longer before making the start. So it is in this work—we want to launch out, but—!

Brethren and sisters, let us enlarge the borders of our tents. Let us "taste and see." Without the experience, we lose the benefits. Let us make the start in this Big Week. Let us prepare for the biggest Big Week this Division has had. God will bless us. It is His work. He has promised to bless, and to that blessing He adds no sorrow. *Let us start and start NOW!*

LINDSAY A. SEMMENS.

Will Burma Fall in Line?

NOT only will Burma fall in line, but will each *individua* fall in line? Only as each worker and believer falls in line does Burma truly fall in line.

While Satan is organizing for the last great struggle, God's people are also organizing to finish the giving of the gospel warning to the world. The past twenty years of Seventh-day Adventist history has been marked by an increasingly efficient organization. This has been true especially in the literature work. And what have been the results? Instead of sales amounting to R.7,50,000 as in the year 1900, the sales of 1920 amounted to R.1,70,48,917, an increase of nearly twenty-three fold. "Field Days" and "Big Weeks" have been a great factor in bringing about this increase of literature sales. These are the means of arousing an interest in the literature work among the lay members and those employed in other lines of gospel work. Their efficiency involves the united effort of every member and adherent of the church.

This is the eleventh-hour call to go to work in the vineyard! Those who will give this work a fair trial will be surprised to find how many people are hungering to know what our books can tell them. This is the present call to help fight the battle of the Lord. Let it not be said of Burma as it was of Meroz,—"Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." (Judges 5: 23.) The Lord's battle was won without the help of Meroz, but that did not save them from being cursed.

If this number of the *Tidings* were to be read by Burma alone, I would tell how much we lack of reaching our goal for this year. But let us make a united effort to go "overt the top" in this Big Week. If we do so we will not be ashamed to let everyone know how well we have done. Let each one do his part and not try to shift his responsibility on "the other fellow." Let each one set an individual goal and work until he reaches it or goes over. Have your supply of literature on hand before the time. Be sure you have no other engagements during this time other than work which cannot be deferred.

In reporting to the Home Missionary Secretary or Field Secretary, all that is necessary is to give the number of hours spent, number of English books sold, number of vernacular books sold, number of subscriptions taken for periodicals, number of single copies of periodicals, number of tracts, and the amount received for all.

Let us all work for a successful Big Week in Burma.
A. J. DENOYER.

To Reach the Goal, Let's Go-All!

WITH the approach of another Big Week there comes also a splendid opportunity for all of us in Burma to do missionary work. This week we join hands with thousands in many lands who will be selling books with the object of getting the message of a soon-coming Saviour before their friends. It almost seems to me that in purpose at least, we are united with another great missionary band that we have learned to regard so highly. I speak with reference to the early disciples, who, after Pentecost, courageously carried the triumphs of the Cross into every city and village they could find. Even when they were prohibited from doing so by law, on they marched into the very "jaws of death." Our church in Burma does not have to face the obstacles they faced. Rather, those who engage whole heartedly in the sale of our literature are usually treated well; and in an experience meeting one always hear how much they enjoyed their work. This year, as we go forth to scatter the message-filled books that contain the story of salvation, why not emulate that early missionary band, and all take part? Last year some of our people in Burma sold over R. 30-0-0 worth in a day during the Big Week, and they were not canvassers either. The plan followed by some seems very good to me. They took along an assortment of our books, and as it was not far from Christmas, they set them forth as very suitable holiday gifts. There are not a few who hail the privilege of selecting Christmas gifts from such a good assortment as we have. What would make a finer present to children than some of our Bible story books, so nicely illustrated? Then, for business people who are thinking about the tangle of business across the seas, or the struggle of capital and labour forces, or other troubles that are so plentiful just now, we have books that would be read with great interest and profit. Who knows? It might be the means of their being saved in the kingdom of God. Those friends and neighbours of ours may not attend our church; or if they do attend, perhaps very seldom. You meet them frequently and I dare say you often wonder, as I do, what can be done to direct them to eternal realities. How can they be led into the truth of God? Friends, I believe our gospel literature is as effective an agency as we can use. Why not resolve that without waiting longer we will do our best to interest them this Big Week through reading-matter? While explaining some of the strong selling points, you will virtually be giving them a little sermon on the message.

If you write to Brother Melendy, or better still, if it is possible for you to call at our office at Kemmendine, you can select those books you think most appropriate and take them with you. We have a fairly good supply of books at present. Someone has suggested that when we call on many families, it might be better to use the same set of books and take orders which can be delivered soon after.

Now, in Burma, we are making big efforts to reach every goal. The word goal is composed of two parts—*go* and *al*. I take it that it means in reaching every goal, we must first GO. Then we must not forget the second part which is really the most important—ALL. Together it means *go all* or *all go!* Brethren and sisters, let us be willing to make a sacrifice if necessary, and we shall see success come to the cause we love and reap a large personal benefit as well.

J. PHILLIPS.

"Be of Good Courage"

SOMETIMES when a special appeal has been made for us to do something that costs an effort or requires a little nerve to perform, like going out canvassing for books and papers, for instance, some—myself included—begin to be scared, and their hearts begin to flutter at the very thought of going to "that big house on the corner" or visiting that lordly *burah sahib* in his office, and canvassing him for a book. The writer recalls very many Monday mornings after a break in his canvassing work during Sabbath and Sunday, when he had to begin all over again and use a little will power and keep his heart continually uplifted to God in prayer in order to keep his nerves and voice steady while making that first canvass. And perhaps we are sometimes tempted to think, "Well, Brother So-and-So and Sister So-and-So seem to have a special gift for the canvassing work; but it is certainly not in *my* line. Let *them* go at it; but I am quite sure I could never be brave enough to canvass anyone."

Dear friends, that sort of reasoning is all wrong! I do not believe there ever has been a canvasser in all the history of this great Advent Movement who has not experienced more or less the feelings described above. And, on the other hand, I do not believe there ever has been a person, man or woman, boy or girl, who has plucked up the courage to go at it and give it a fair trial who has been able to say "I can't do it; I just can't. The people simply won't buy the books." Of course the people will buy if we ask them, for the Holy Spirit prompts them to buy, and our literature always meets with a ready sale wherever it is exhibited.

It will be superfluous in this article to enlarge on the subject of the importance of our literature. I wonder how many of the readers have been brought into the light of present truth through the ministry of the printed page?

The writer remembers how, in Australia in 1914, at a great meeting of Seventh-day Adventists in the suburbs of Sydney during the camp-meeting held at that time, the speaker for the hour requested all present who had been brought to the light of the truth through the medium of the printed page to stand. About one-third of the congregation of perhaps six hundred people rose to their feet, myself among the number. I was able to rise to my feet that day because a canvasser had worked up his courage and had enough of the faith of God and enough love for the souls of that household to come to the door and sell my grandmother a book fourteen years before.

H. A. SKINNER.

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations."

SOUTH INDIA

Your Big Week—in Which Class?

NOVEMBER 19 to 24 is the week in which we in South India will have an opportunity to join together with one accord to promote the publishing interests in our field. On the Biggest Day we have the opportunity to roll up a record sale and give the profits to establish a good up-to-date publishing plant in India. During this week all, both young and old, workers and church-members, teachers and students, foreigners and Indians, may get a taste of the great blessing which comes from engaging in the good work of distributing the printed page. There is nothing which puts fear into the heart of the enemy so much as to see a goodly amount of our truth-filled literature going into the hands of the people. This is always sure to raise up opposition, and incidentally, an interest in the truth.

A year ago when the Big Week campaign was on, the boys from the South India Training School were assigned territory in Bangalore. They sold books everywhere, and in nearly every house. In some houses they sold more than once. One man was heard to remark, "I thought that the Seventh-day Adventists were small in number, and did not amount to much; but they seem to be everywhere." One pastor became so agitated that he began a series of meetings in his church to combat the "evil influence" of the books. Books were sold in the nearby towns also, and from many of these places inquiries have come asking for more literature.

A short time ago the writer was travelling with another gentleman on the train. After some conversation he learned that I was a Seventh-day Adventist. At once he said, "Oh, yes; I have been reading some of your books which I bought from one of your men. They are very good." Afterwards there was opportunity for a long conversation and Bible study, which led to an order for some more books. The books originally purchased by this gentleman were sold by an Indian brother.

The Big Week is not for any one class of workers, but is for *all*. In a testimony dated at Sanitarium, California, May 15, 1905, Sister White says: "Our church-members are to arise and shine because their light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arise out of sleep and make every effort to reach the people where they are. . . . Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us." The Big Week is an opportunity for every member and worker in the Mission.

Last year the sales during the Big Week in South India were approximately R.1,200. Many, for one reason or another, were prevented from having a part in the good work. This year let it be different. Let each one take a part. Let the leaders *lead*. Let each one make a resolution to do his part faithfully. In 2 Chron. 17: 16 we read of one of the leaders "who willingly offered himself unto the Lord; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men." Let us offer ourselves *willingly* unto God, and there will be results.

What better time than the Big Week to secure that ten, twenty-five, fifty, or one hundred subscriptions to the *Present Truth*, which you pledged

yourself to secure? When will you have a better opportunity than this to earn the money to pay off the pledge which you made towards building the new church at Neyyattankari? When is there a better opportunity than the Big Week for making the acquaintance of new people in the neighbourhood and interesting them in the truth?

John Hopkins Deenison says in his tract on "Petering": "Some things begin small and get bigger. Others begin big and get smaller. In the first class are babies, kittens, diseases, buildines, sins, potatoes, and family squabbles; also many other things. These all begin small and get bigger. In the second class are anticipations, plum-puddings, enthusiasms, resolutions, boastings, and flannels. These begin big and get smaller. There is a class of which you cannot tell what they are going to do, grow or shrink, increase or diminish. In this class are men, stocks, bonds, social schemes, motions, agitations, revolutions. They may begin small and get bigger or they may begin big and get smaller. Some start with a whisper and end with the roar of artillery. Others start with the noise as of fifteen German bands and end like the song of a sickly mosquito. Some start like a snail and finish like an express train. Others start like a race-horse and end up like a tired mule. In short we 'peter.' Most men 'peter' more or less. When they start on a race they feel a strong temptation to spurt on the first lap. Then when the excitement really begins they have to lie down and gasp. We start with three cheers and end with an apology. We start to turn the world upside down and end by thinking ourselves lucky if we get our dinner cooked the way we want it."

Now, thank the Lord, this publishing work is in the first class. It started out about seventy years ago in a carpet bag. Today it has grown until there are fifty-six publishing houses in the world, and more are needed. In the beginning it was only a feeble whisper, but now "there is a sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees" everywhere. In the beginning the people asked "Where do you find Seventh-day Adventists?" Now they ask, "Where do you go and not find Seventh day Adventists?" This work is in the first class; and the Big Week is in the first class!

But, are we as workers all in the first class? Last year did you make a good resolution, or promise to take part in the Big Week and then, as the day approached, begin to look about for a good excuse for not going? Such excuses are not hard to find. By the help of the Lord let us get in the first class and make this a truly Big Week. L. C. SHEPARD.

Territory

SOME will be wondering about where they should work, and many will ask about a good place to work. Some will say, "It is no good to try to sell in this place, for the whole town has been tom-tomed. I must go to a distant place." But the Lord Jesus, when He assigned territory to His disciples, said, "First Jerusalem (your own place), then Judaea (the surrounding villages) then Samaria (the more distant places)." The same plan is a good one for us today. For one week's work one's own place is usually sufficient. You will be surprised to learn how good the territory is in which you are located. One brother, expressing a desire to take subscriptions for the

Present Truth, went to the missionary and asked him to send him to some good territory. The missionary said, "We will begin here." The brother said, "We can do anything here, the whole town is filled with ignorant people, and then, this is our own town." The missionary said, "Let's see." In two hours they secured twelve subscriptions.

One sister in Bangalore, who worked regularly on the Field Days always visited the same houses. Every trip that she made over that territory her sales were increased. One book creates a demand for another.

Make the arrangements for territory through your Mission superintendent. Then, after the territory has been assigned, work in that place.

L. C. S.

A Few Essential Qualifications

IN entering upon the work of the Big Week there are a few qualifications which are essential to success. Among these may be enumerated consecration, prayerfulness, courage, enthusiasm, good address, neatness, diligence, stick-to-itiveness, and persistence.

Among these, the first is very important. In the "Manual for Canvassers" we read: "Humble, fervent prayer will do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all of the expensive embellishments of the world." Again, speaking of those who are circulating our books, we read: "His strength, his courage, his success will depend on how fully the truth presented in the books is woven into his experience and developed in the character." Always remember that "the Lord Jesus, going by the side, is the chief worker."

Our personal neatness and diligence counts for much. One Indian brother when asked how the people treated him when he went to them with the books, said: "When I dress well, have clean clothes and appear neat, and go briskly to the house, the people treat me very nicely. They invite me to sit down, and they look at my books and buy. But if I am tired and go slowly and don't look neat, they treat me very meanly and tell me to go away."

It takes courage to start out. In America, and in every other country where there are colporteurs, we have a disease known as "Monday morning blues." The only way to cure that disease is to *start*; then it disappears on the first door-step. Many may have a fear of starting out in this work. The only way to overcome this fear is to *start out!* It will then disappear at once. It takes some courage to take the first dip in a cold bath, doesn't it? But after that first dip the sensation is very pleasant. So it is in this work. After the first introduction, the blessing is very great.

After you get started, the important thing is to do is to *keep going!* Don't give up if the way is a little hard at the first. Concerning his experience in the last Big Week one brother writes: "The first day of our work in Nellor was considerably encouraging; but on the second day we worked from morning till evening and could not sell even one book. By this time we were discouraged very much, and thought to return home the next morning. However, we decided to go to at least one more place before packing up our *saman*. That evening, just at sunset, and with much despair, I visited a lady doctor at the hospital. I showed her a copy of the little book "Health to All," and

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Nearing a Memorable Event

explained to her that it was a very useful book, chiefly for Indian nurses, and requested her to purchase a quantity for her hospital. She said that she could not take even a single copy unless she had gone through it, so requested me to leave the book with her for that night, and asked me to call on her again on the next morning. I consented to her request, and went to my lodging. Accordingly I visited the doctor the next morning, and inquired whether she had gone through the book. She replied, with smiling face, that she wanted two dozen more copies. During that week we sold 110 copies."

Stay on the job, and be persistent! One colporteur worked from Monday to the next Friday morning at 11 o'clock with ut selling a pie's worth of books, and then sold his usual week's quota before three o'clock that day.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." (Eccl. 11: 6.)

L. C. S.

But I Had to Dig, I'll Tell!

SAID the little red rooster: "All hemlock, things are tough! Seems that worms are getting scarcer, and I cannot find enough.

What's become of all those fat ones is a mystery to me, There were thousands through that rainy spell—but now where can they be?"

The old black hen who heard him didn't grumble or complain.

She had gone through lots of dry spells, and lived through floods of rain;

So she flew up on the grind-stone, and she gave her claws a whet,

As she said, "I've never seen the time there wasn't worms to get."

She picked a new and undug spot; the earth was hard and firm.

The little rooster jeered: "New ground! That's no place for a worm!"

The old black hen just spread her feet; she dug both fast and free.

"I must go to the worms," she said; "The worms won't come to me."

The rooster vainly spent the day, through habit, by the ways

Where fat round worms had passed in squads back in the rainy days.

When nightfall found him supperless, he growled in accents rough.

"I'm hungry as a fowl can be. Conditions sure are tough." He turned then to the old black hen, and said: "It's worse with you,

For you're not only hungry, but you must be tired, too. I rested while I watched for worms, so I feel fairly perk;

But how are you? Without worms too? And after all that work?"

The old black hen hopped to her perch, and dropped her eyes to sleep,

And murmured in a drowsy tone: "Young man, hear this and weep:

I'm full of worms and happy, for I've dined both long and well.

The worms are there as always—but I had to dig, I'll tell." Oh! here and there red roosters still are holding sales positions.

They cannot do much business now because of poor conditions.

But soon as things get right again, they'll sell a hundred firms—

Meanwhile the old black hens are gobbling up the worms.

—Gospel Ambassador, Vol. 1, No. 7.

AS the hand of time passes slowly but surely over the dial of life's history, there are certain dates which we look forward to with special interest, because they are pregnant with memories which make them days of pleasure or sadness, according to the circumstances with which we were then surrounded, or events which transpired on that particular date.

The e epoch-making dates come to nations, to societies, to churches, and to individuals. In some instances they affect the individual only, in others the whole of society. But while the society may be excluded in every instance, without exception individuals are affected, for societies are composed of a number of individual units consolidated.

There is approaching a week—Nov. 19-24, 1922—in which every Adventist in this Mission should be deeply interested, and laying definite plans for; namely, the Big Week. This time has been set apart for placing in the hands of others the printed page, setting forth the blessed truths which mean so much to us, and which make us free men and women in Christ Jesus.

Some (I wish I could say all) have tasted the joys which these God-given opportunities afford, while others have let the occasions pass by unheeded, and thus have denied themselves of what might have been the most soul-satisfying experience in their career.

As one who knows the blessedness and abiding joy of meeting and conversing with those who are bewildered because of present-day events, and being able to open a book and say, "Here is what God says about it; will you accept this love-letter from Him?" the writer's earnest prayer is that not one individual in our Union will let the coming opportunity pass without obtaining a part of the abundant blessing which God is waiting to bestow. And, friends, let me say right here that there are happy experiences, lasting joy, and sheaves for all; but only he that seeketh findeth. Gold does not come to the prospector in his hut. He takes his pick and shovel and goes in quest after it; and he digs, ever on the alert for the first glitter. Will you join the jewel re-search party during the Big Week?

"Why another Big Week this year?" somebody asks. Brethren, it is not "another" in 1922 for our Union, for we missed the one in March; therefore we now have a double blessing to seek and gain.

We read in Rev. 18:1 of "another angel coming down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory." We are told in the spirit of prophecy that this angel's work, in a large degree, is to be accomplished by our publishing houses. But will publishing hundreds and thousands of books and tracts and filling our shelves with them, accomplish the work pictured in this verse? No; that is not the way it is to be done. The publishing houses will do their part in printing the literature, but we need your individual help in this effort to place the books in the homes of the people.

We have not been doing what we might have done in giving the last message of love and mercy to those around us—to those for whom we are responsible before God. Surely as we look at our field these words of the apostle to the Gentiles should sound like trumpet blasts in our ears, and stir us to vigorous action:

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Brother, sister, do you believe it? Let us put aside the society and the church for a moment, and settle this question alone—individually—every one of us on our knees before God—"Do I believe it?" If each one is able to answer, "Thank God I do," then the success of the Big Week is assured.

You and I, and every church-member in this Union should be found on Sunday morning, Nov. 19th at seven o'clock, with the armour on (which is this case is a goodly supply of message-laden books) sallying forth to battle. Yes, it is real war; and let us not forget from whence cometh our help. "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

Recently a lady in Calcutta, having lost a book which she had purchased from a local church-member, wrote to Lucknow for another to be sent her by V. P. P., at the same time she asked for the privilege of selling our books! While visiting this lady I asked, "Why do you want to sell these books, and what commission do you want?" "I do not want any commission," she answered. "I want to sell these books because the people in Calcutta do not know these things, and they should have these books. I used to be a Catholic, but I have seen the better way."

As I have thought over this matter, a verse of Scripture has been running through my mind,—*"The children of the world are wiser than the children of light."*—and this question has pressed itself upon me: Must God pass by His chosen people and use other instruments to accomplish His work in our territory? He will finish the work in this generation, and He will use us if we will *let* Him. If not, He will use others; but to them also will He give the crowns that might have been yours and mine.

About a year ago while canvassing a certain family (where the eldest son had died about a month previous) the father spoke of an advertisement he had seen in a newspaper entitled, "Comfort for the Bereaved." He asked what I thought of the books mentioned, and I told him they were not scriptural. And then I took advantage of the opportunity to introduce "The Other Side of Death" which he gladly purchased. I have since learned that he never purchased those books he was able to buy when we met. Who knows what the result of that visit may be?

"The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers (and church-members.) The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awaken the sleepers to their dangers."

We invite all to join with us in making the Big Week a great blessing, not alone to ourselves but to those around who sit in darkness.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."—and do it NOW!

Pointers to Success for the Big Week

- A heart at peace with God and man.
- A burden for souls.
- Plain honesty, politeness and true courtesy.
- A supreme love for the truth.
- A definite knowledge of, and full confidence in the book you are selling.
- Incessant communion with the Source of power.

Salesman's Don'ts

- Don't try to tell all you know.
- Don't attempt to preach a sermon to every one you meet.

Don't stir up prejudice.

Do agree with your prospective purchaser as far as possible.

Do be satisfied, and don't quit until you make a sale.

W. H. STEVENS.

Methods of Meeting the People, and Selling Literature

DEAR FELLOW COMRADES:

I have been asked to write an article on the subject mentioned above. I would first say that I esteem it a great pleasure to associate with the remnant of God's people in India. I firmly believe, dear friends, that great events are before us in this dark land of heathenism, and I invite you all to unite and work as never before for the salvation of precious souls.

"He that winneth souls is wise." I do not think that it is necessary for me to impress upon your minds the important part that the printed page plays in winning souls for the Master. I feel confident that we all recognize this branch of the Lord's organized work to be of the utmost importance. At the recent General Conference Pastor Daniels said that the book work was the greatest work that we have on our hands. The printed page has been a mighty factor for the winning of souls for the heavenly kingdom, and it is the high privilege of every Seventh-day Adventist to win souls for the Master. Listen to these words from the inspired pen: "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (Jas. 5: 20)

The primary object of the Big Week is to win souls for the Master, so I urge you one and all to rally together and make the Big Week, November 19th to 24th, a soul-saving week!

(1) *In private homes.* There are various methods of meeting the people in their homes, but I will not attempt to enumerate all here; one or two suggestions will suffice. Firstly, a smiling face goes a long way in winning the hearts of the people. If the love of God shines forth from our faces, people will seek for our company and will want to have the printed page. It is a great opportunity that God has given us to shine for Him; and let us thank the Lord that we are counted worthy of working for Him. Remember the inspired words, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Secondly, it seems to me that we should realize the loftiness of this work, for we are engaged in the King's business, and we should impress this important fact on the minds of the people with whom we are brought in contact. If we realize the loftiness of this branch of the Lord's work, we can metaphorically saturate the very atmosphere with that golden word—*success*. The homes of the people will catch the spirit, and they will know "whom we are, and whom we serve." Thirdly, my brother, my sister; let us go to the homes with a prayer on our lips. Pray that the Lord will graciously give us the right words to say to the people. "Ask and it shall be given you." Fourthly, we should dress neatly. Demeanor and appearance count for much in the work of the Master. On approaching the door of any home, walk with a firm step for you are on very important work. Always keep in your mind the pass-word, "Success."

(2) *In business offices.* To be successful in visiting the business people it is essential for the one an-

icipating calling on such people to bear in mind that he himself has to be a business man as well; for we read in the Scriptures, "All things to all men." With the business man it is not wise to give a lengthy canvass; moreover one finds that he cannot do this even if he has a mind to do it. Be brief and to the point. Invariably one meets with these words from this class of people, "I am very busy." I suggest that that is the time to strike. Strike while the iron is hot. In answer to such an objection I have found the following to be very fruitful: "Sir, I am very glad to hear that you are busy. I am very busy too; and I find that it is the busy gentleman that wants my books. I feel sure that you would like to have some of our publications. I have much pleasure in handing to you these fine works." It is of the utmost importance to take whatever comes in a calm manner. Remember you are on the King's business, and your business is in reality very lofty.

The slogan that I would advocate for those who are planning to visit the business people is composed of the words of that famous missionary, William Carey: "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."

(3) *In the hotels.* In visiting hotels I have been very much impressed with the kindness extended to me. Never think that there are lions in the way, for that thought comes from the one who is very anxious for you not to do any work for the Master. In visiting the hotels one is usually brought into contact with the better classes of people. One will invariably find the proprietor or manager a genial person, and I always like to get their permission to visit the people who are staying in the hotel. The guests welcome you, and are very glad to have a few words with you. As a rule you will find that the class of people visiting hotels are there for pleasure. They have plenty of time on their hands, and by taking the silent messenger to them who can tell what it may lead to? God says that "My word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isa. 55:11.)

Let us all remember the dates for the Big Week, November 19-24. This will be a golden opportunity for you to do something for Jesus. God leads, let us follow!

Brethren let us all unite in this grand work; let us all put our shoulders to the wheel; let us all expect SUCCESS.

Yours for the success of the printed page,

J. CECIL DEAN.

Presenting Our Literature to Indian Readers

ALTHOUGH I am not a canvasser of great experience, yet the fact that I have had the pleasure of selling the first copy of our first vernacular pamphlet sold in India, after having prepared the manuscript for the same and seeing it through the press—gives me a special interest in this line of work. That first copy was sold on the station platform at Benares in February, 1907.

I have been asked to tell you something about how I think we should present our literature to Indian gentlemen. The first thing necessary, it seems to me, is to get the attention of the prospective buyer, which of course can best be done by finding some

point of common interest. We have three classes to deal with,—Hindu, Mohammedan, and Christian. If the vernacular literature has been properly prepared, the writer has kept in mind these three classes and has presented points which will appeal to each.

Our health literature usually has the most ready sale among non-Christians. The Lord has given us advanced light along these lines, which the people of India need as much as those of other lands. We were told years ago by the servant of the Lord that the health reform principles would become the entering wedge for the Gospel. This is especially true in India. Along this line we can soon find a point of contact.

The Mohammedan discards the use of alcohol and swine's flesh. This is good so far as it goes. Commend this fact as you present the health pamphlet to the Mohammedan. Let him know that we are in full harmony with him on this point, but that we go a step farther. This will both surprise and please him, for he has probably never heard of there being any non-pork-eating Christians. He abstains from alcohol, but our literature condemns all narcotics including tobacco, *pan*, tea, coffee, etc. So if he is a Mussulman, you are more. This is surprise number two. By this time you have his interest awakened, and can show him some of the other features of the book, and close the sale.

It is also easy to find a point of contact with the Hindu, the better classes of whom are largely vegetarians, although in recent years some are becoming slack with regard to diet. But they all retain great respect for one who is not a flesh-eater. Our Hindu friend will be surprised to find a Christian selling literature in which the eating of flesh is condemned, and his interest will be awakened at once. But it will add much to your presentation of the book if you can truly give a personal testimony as to the benefits of a vegetarian diet. Your success in interesting your customer will be in proportion to your own faith and interest in the health principles. The Hindu is quite liable to ask you whether you are yourself a vegetarian. It would be embarrassing to say no, while trying to sell him vegetarian literature, and you would not dare to bear false witness. Many doors of opportunity have been closed to missionaries in the past by their fondness for flesh food, which blinded their eyes to one great cause of failure to reach the higher castes.

But we have other lines of literature which are of interest to Mohammedans and Hindus, as well as Christians. The subject of the signs of the times and the nearness of the end has a very strong appeal. In meeting the Hindu, show your familiarity with his belief in the "*Kali Jug*" and the coming of the "golden age," and from that lead him on to the truth with regard to the present indications of the soon coming of Christ. But in introducing your book to the Mohammedan, instead of the "*Kali Jug*," first call his attention to the "*Qur'an*" and some of the signs mentioned in the Koran. He will then be ready to listen to the points you will show him in your book, and the way will be open for a sale.

L. J. BURGESS.

WE need to realize the importance of the canvassing work as one great means of finding out those who are in peril, and bringing them to Christ.—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. 6, p. 324.

Definite Results from Literature in India

It is a well-recognized fact that the literature work has played a very important part in Christian mission work in India from its genesis. We are told that as early as 1542 A. D., with the arrival of St. Francis Xavier, the Society of Jesuits began their propaganda in India by the use of the printed page. It is said that "Francis Xavier, on his evangelistic tours throughout South India, distributed books composed in the vernacular and written on palm leaves, containing Christian teachings."

The first converts in Bengal under the labours of Carey, Marshman, Ward, and Thomas came in touch with Christianity as the result of literature work. Krishna Pal, Dr. William Carey's first convert in Bengal, was led to consider the claims of Christ by a Bengali tract given to him by Dr. Thomas, which resulted in his baptism in 1799.

In the year 1800 Petumbur Singh read one of the earliest tracts of the Serampore Press. Seeing the word "Serampore" at the end of the tract, he walked forty miles to see Carey there, and soon after renounced caste, embraced the Gospel and was baptized.

Coming right down to our times and our own Mission propaganda, it was due largely to the untiring labours, unflagging zeal and persevering efforts of our early pioneer canvasser, such as Brethren Ellery Robinson, Quantok and others that the first company of Sabbath-keepers was called out in Calcutta. The writer himself, also his father and grandfather, came to learn of this great and precious message then through the instrumentality of the "preachers in print" and the "right arm of the Third Angel's Mess-ge."

The attention to this message of the healed leper brother of East Bengal who now sleeps in Jesus, was arrested by the perusal of a Bengal tract sent to him by the writer. Many similar cases could be cited, but space will not permit.

The Sun of Righteousness has begun to rise upon the benighted population of India with healing in His wings. May the results of the "silent messengers" we send broadcast, under the divine blessing, resemble the banian tree of the East with its numberless shoots and branches spreading out towards the north, south, east, and west of India, is my prayer.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

Does the Literature Work Help the Preacher?

TO the question asked in the title of this article there can be but one answer. Properly conducted, the literature work cannot fail to be an invaluable aid both in bringing the worker into contact with the people and, when they have accepted the truth, in establishing them in it.

Our literature is so rich and so varied that there is in it material to meet every class of person, every shade of opinion, and every situation, ordinarily speaking. In my own work, more especially during the past four years, I have used our pioneer paper, the *Signs of the Times*, to great advantage; and on numerous occasions it has been the means of opening homes for the study of the message we are taking to the world. Almost invariably it is recognized and appreciated as a paper which "speaks with author-

ity, and not as the scribes" on the subjects in which men are interested, and on which they want light. Then there are the small one-rupee books such as the "World's Crisis Series," which are just the thing needed in our evangelistic work today. In these strenuous times few men will take the time to read our larger books, but they will buy and read these smaller ones, and in them they receive the truth in an attractive, yet condensed form. The value of these books as an entering wedge cannot be over-estimated.

Finally there is the aspect of the literature work from the viewpoint of the new convert. If we can induce him to purchase and read the books containing the message, (and in most cases this will not be a difficult task) he will become so well grounded in his new-found faith that no ordinary opposition will shake him, for he will be able to give an intelligent reason for the hope that is in him; and, realizing in his own experience the value of their reading, he will want others to share the blessing with him. Thus new converts are led to labour for their friends and neighbours, and new interests are created for the preacher to foster. Does the literature work help the preacher in meeting the people, and in establishing them in the truth? I would answer emphatically, YES!

E. H. GUILLIARD.

The Eleventh Hour

IN the parable of the householder it is interesting to note that near the close of the day, it became necessary to call for more labourers. We are living in the last hour of this world's history, and recent events indicate that we are quite well along in the "eleventh hour." Those who believe that the work is to be "cut short in righteousness" will do all that they can to hasten the coming of Jesus, and they will willingly give their time and their influence to any programme that will help to finish the mighty task before us. It should be the "meat" of every child of God to do the will of Him that sent us and to "finish His work."

November 19th to 24th inclusive, has been set aside by the Divisional Committee for a Big Week campaign in India and Burma. It is a well known fact that a large per cent. of our converts in the home-lands are gained through the medium of the printed page. Already in India the influence of our literature is being felt. Let all our workers arrange as far as possible to lay aside their regular station duties and enter whole heartedly into the coming campaign.

We can not expect that our Indian brethren will do much in this line unless we ourselves, as leaders in the various districts, enter enthusiastically into the campaign. Unfortunately some of our people look upon the canvassing work as a field of labour for the "down and out" element of believers. Let us by our example show that the colporteur work, rightly conducted, is a really dignified work. Let none excuse themselves on the ground that they are not as successful as others in the sale of our literature. We would do well to remember the coming campaign in our prayers that the Lord will bless our efforts to the good of others, and that our own souls will be refreshed by the experience we obtain.

H. E. MCWHINNY.

"Lo, I am with you always."

N. W. INDIA

Will the "Radio" Do It?

FOR the dissemination of knowledge to many in the shortest possible time, the wireless telephone, or "radio," is perhaps the most wonderful invention of modern times. This invention is now in its infancy, and its possibilities seem almost countless. The Lord will no doubt use the "radio" to help warn the world. It may play a most important part in the closing gospel work. It is not hard to imagine that in the near future many of our mission stations may become "broadcasting" stations, from which the missionary-in-charge would give but a single sermon, and the people in a hundred villages around would hear the good news of salvation. For India it may seem that some method other than the printing press must be evolved to overcome the great barrier of illiteracy, but why speculate? Moses was one time found speculating as to how he could accomplish a certain task, and the Lord asked him, "What is in thine hand?" The Lord may be asking us the same question today. We do not need to wait in idle expectancy for some other great invention to do this work, for we have in our hands the very instrument designed by God to play a large part in warning the world.

The Earth Lightened

Revelation 18:1 says, "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven having great power: and the earth was lightened with his glory, and he cried mightily with a strong voice." This angel is the representative of that great movement, or people, which "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." That movement is known by the name of Seventh-day Adventists. Now, I am glad that the movement we belong to is marked out so clearly in prophecy. It is represented as a great light which lightens the whole earth. The "Testimonies" tell us that "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

The Big Factor

From the above quotation it is clear that the big factor in finishing the work and lighting the world is not going to be the telegraph, the telephone, or the "radio," or some other wonderful instrument yet unthought of, but that God has already set in operation that most powerful instrument, the printing press, by which a large portion of the final work of God for man will be accomplished, and whose influence will remain with us until the last hour of probation. Nothing will come in and usurp the place or usefulness of the printing press in the closing work. I sincerely believe that when the printing press is developed to the efficiency designed for it, the Lord can and will enable India to be lightened in much less time than any of us imagine.

The Great Reformation

The great reformation which the spirit of prophecy indicates is soon to take place in the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists, is going to result in the earth being lightened with the truth. (See "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 126). This reformation will

witness a great, united going forth of the people of God, visiting the families in their homes and opening before them the Word of God.

Will Carry Books

Since prophecy has indicated that the warning of this world will be in a large degree accomplished through our publishing houses, we are forced to the conclusion that the large proportion of those taking part in this reformation will be carrying books with them to the homes of the people.

Revelation 18:1 Literally

Clothing Rev. 18:1 in literal language, it may read, "And after these things I saw an organization known as Seventh-day Adventists with a message from heaven, having great power and numerous publishing houses scattered throughout the earth. The greater part of the people of this movement were active missionaries. Thousands eagerly grasped the streams of light issuing from these publishing houses and spread them throughout the earth until every nation, kindred, tongue and people knew about the true Sabbath and the soon coming of Christ."

Dear loyal brethren and sisters of North-west India, let us all join hands and do what we can during the week of November 19 to 24 to scatter these streams of light in this darkened portion of the earth.

A. E. NELSON.

The Big Week in the Bombay Presidency Mission

I HAVE no fears as to the success of the Big Week in our field; for we have "giants in the land." These giants are the kind that get out and sell books when the call comes; and they are to be depended upon to make good. They look quite ordinary in every-day life, and go by such common names as Carter, Hubley, McHenry, Martin and Smithwick; but when Big Week marching orders come, then the giants "go over the top" and do the work called for.

However, we feel that Big Week presents an occasion for the Indian ministry and Training School men that is unique in its opportunities and privileges. It gives them a taste of field work that is different and more peculiarly personal than they get any other way. And it is a great help to them in learning how to meet people, to overcome embarrassment, and to take a dignified stand for the truth they profess.

We are fortunately situated for territory; though perhaps not more so than other fields. Still, the field is such that each station superintendent has around him an abundance of territory containing a reading constituency that he can reach. There is an abundance of scope in Bombay for the Bombay and Kalyan workers. Lasalgaon will go to Nasik, Malegaon, Manmad, and perhaps as far as Ahmednagar on the Dhond-Manmad line. Then the Aurungabad folk will have good territory from Manmad, Aurungabad, Jalna, Nizamabad, Secunderbad, and Hyderabad.

We are planning beforehand, and each worker will know just where to go and what to do. And we plan to make the work a financial success as far as possible; but above all to dignify this phase of the Third Angel's Message in the eyes of our Indian brethren and sisters.

R. E. LOASBY.

If I Had Just Ten Years to Warn India, What Method Would I Choose?

IF I were to receive the command from God to warn India in ten years' time, I am sure I should be greatly worried and anxious. Still from the study of the prophecies of the Bible we believe that the coming of the Lord is at the door, and in view of what the Bible teaches on this subject, every Seventh-day Adventist should be as diligent in helping people to get ready for this event as though he had not more than ten years in which to do the work.

In the Bible we read of a man who received a command from God to warn the world of its coming destruction, and he had one hundred and twenty years in which to do it. The Bible also says this man was a "preacher," so evidently the method he used was that of preaching. In many ways Noah's task was not as hard as mine would be as a preacher. There was only one language in those days, so he did not have to spend any time and worry about language examinations before he began his task. If Noah had had to study as many languages as there are main languages in India today before he could preach to all the world, it would have taken him several hundred years to do the work. From Noah's experience I know that I couldn't warn India in ten years by preaching.

The medical work alone, as a quick means, is out of the question. A missionary doctor is generally too sympathetic to leave off treating the sick and teaching the people so long as there are any sick people around. I judge there are enough sick people in the Meerut district alone to keep any doctor busy for more than ten years. No, I couldn't do it through the medical work.

It takes at least ten years for boys to go through school and get ready for taking any kind of responsibility, so the school work seems impracticable.

This is a day of factories, machinery and the selling of goods—a commercial age. I think I would do this: The first two years I would spend with one hundred young men from different parts of India, twenty-five from each Union Mission of the Division, in a good training school. I would teach three subjects in this training school,—Bible, English and canvasing, or colporteur work. This would be an industrial training school, each student being required to do two hours work per day in building and equipping a great publishing house. At the end of two years I would send eighty of these graduates into the field, twenty canvassers to each Union Mission. The remaining twenty-five from each Union would run the presses and fill the orders for supplies from the Tamil, Marathi, Burmese, Hindustani, Bengali, Punjabi and other colporteurs, keeping the presses running off the words of warning truth from early morning till late at night.

The most efficient of the colporteurs would be made leaders and assistant leaders of the literature work in their respective Unions and local Missions, and these leaders would be men who would sell books with the other canvassers, not office men. I would forbid any of them to have an office.

The best man at the publishing house could have charge of the factory, and occasionally visits would be made to each Union, during the year, at least in the duller season, to hold institutes and encourage all the colporteurs.

We would print small books and large ones, cheap books and expensive ones, and free literature. Large notices about the Lord's coming and the judgment could be posted up in the villages, and every village and city would be visited by our men with the message. The two, four or six men in each village who can read would soon be found and left some literature, and in the evenings they would read to their neighbours the contents of the books, tracts or notices.

I would reserve the Bombay Presidency (for the publishing house would be at Poona) to be the field for the publishing house staff and myself. We would have eleven Big Weeks in a year and December would be a Big Month. All or part of the publishing house staff would observe these Big Weeks very religiously and faithfully, and in the eight years the Bombay Presidency would be warned. Naturally all the publishing house people would take a great interest in these Big Weeks. The experience gained and the example set would be such a help to the whole field.

God has prepared the way in India for the colporteur. A good postal and telegraph system, and one of the best systems of railway travel in the world are at his service. Up and down these streams of travel the colporteur can sell his books and tracts which are carried into the remotest villages and there read. The Indian seldom if ever destroys anything he buys.

Yes; if I were given the command from God to warn India in ten years, it would stagger me; but by His Spirit's help I would do my best, and the method I would choose with the greatest hope of success would be that by which a small denomination has already accomplished wonders in the world during the last few years,—the publishing and colporteur work.

M. M. MATTISON.

Why Everyone Should Take Part in the Big Week

(1). *Good for our Christian experience.* Most of us are tied down in evangelistic or school work. We need a change. Would anything be much better for us than getting out and mingling with the people for a week? If we enter it with the true spirit are we not sure to have experiences that will revive our spirits and send us back to our stations with stronger faith?

(2). *The personal touch.* In such an effort we are sure to be brought into personal touch with good honest souls who know about us and are susceptible to present truth. Just a little encouragement might be all that is needed to bring the message to their souls. Then would it not pay to have a part in the effort?

(3). *Broadcast our Spirit-filled literature.* A united effort on the part of all of us would mean extensive seed-sowing, for the printed pages would fall like "leaves of autumn" over the whole country and would hasten the day when the Gospel shall be preached as a witness to all nations.

(4). *Proceeds of the Biggest Day go to India.* The fact that the proceeds of the Biggest Day go to extend the publishing work in India should arouse us all to do our best in the coming campaign. Shall we

allow our brethren in the hemeland to shoulder all the burden of making India's publishing work more efficient?

(5). *Financial help.* I am sure few of us have more money than we need, and birthdays and Christmas are just ahead. By taking part in the Big Week we can help ourselves spiritually, carry the bread of life to hungry souls, help make our Publishing House what it should be, cause the Lord and the angels to rejoice, and collect a little pice to make someone else happy by a small present. Isn't that sufficient to encourage us to shake off the "weights," and stir around? Arise and let us be going, for November 19 will soon arrive! W. H. MCHENRY.

Pointed Testimonies

"NONE should wait in idle expectancy for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is given for service. As church-members, go forth at God's bidding the Holy Spirit comes to give efficiency and power."—*Mrs. E. G. White in the Review and Herald.*

"When the churches become living churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere requests. Then the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the latter rain."—*Id., February 25, 1890.*

"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol 9, p. 46.*

"The special work for this time must be done in reaching the people through personal effort."—*Special Testimonies.*

"By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 40*

"By lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighbourhoods."—*Id., Vol. 9, p. 35.*

"It is not learned, eloquent speakers that are needed now, but humble, Christlike men and women, who have learned from Jesus of Nazareth to be meek and lowly, and who, trusting in His strength, will go forth into the highways and hedges to give the invitation, Come: for all things are now ready."—*Id., Vol. 9, p. 36.*

"Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand."—*Id., Vol. 9, p. 38.*

"Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy. . . . Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages."—*Id., Vol. 9, p. 62.*

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. . . . Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from Heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers."—*"Great Controversy," pp. 611, 612.*

A. E. N.

Ordering Books for the Big Week

ABOUT thirty days after this issue of the *Tidings* reaches its readers, Big Week will have begun. It is therefore necessary to urge you to estimate as early as possible the number of books you will need for Big Week, and order them to be sent to you at once. There are two reasons for this. First, in order that you will not be disappointed by the books coming late; and second, that your order may be filled before stocks are depleted. Do not order more than it is estimated you will need, for it is already feared that there will not be enough of certain kinds of books to fill the expected demands.

For those who live in the Bombay Presidency Mission it might be well to enquire from responsible parties in Poona regarding books to be had at the Poona book depot. For those living in the Punjab we advise that you enquire from Brother N. C. Burns regarding the stock available in Lahore. This may save you expense in shipping books from Lucknow.

The following number of good sellers in the "World's Cities Series" have been reserved at the Publishing House especially for workers in North-west India:

250	"Other Side of Death,"
250	"Spiritualism vs. Christianity,"
100	"Our Lord's Return,"
195	"Satan,"
500	"Epidemics,"
100	"Steps to Christ."

Other one-rupee books are also in stock such as, "Heralds of the King," "Facing the Crisis," "What is Com'ng?" "Today and Tomorrow," "World Peace," etc., etc.

Enthusiasm is running high in North-west India. Plans have already been laid by many and territory has been chosen. A general vacation from regular work has been planned by most of the European workers. Our goal of R.2,500 for the Big Week is already beginning to seem small.

A. E. N.

A Statement by Pastor Daniells

PASTOR A. G. DANIELLS, Secretary of the General Conference, recently stated: "We are inaugurating the greatest movement in printed form that the world has ever seen. We are reaching one billion five hundred million, or fifteen-sixteenths of the people of the world, through our printing work, in one hundred languages. The scope of this work is a marvel to the world. It is no wonder that a lady who was approached by one of our people with a small book asked, 'Are all your people canvassers?'"

"It is to be regretted," adds Pastor Daniells, "that not all our people are workers in some line of literature promotion, because the times demand it and the supplies are available."

Vincent Hill School

NEWS NOTES

We were glad to have Brother Williams visit us recently. He spoke to the school church on a recent Sabbath.

Work is going forward on Prof. Olson's new bungalow now that the weather is more favourable. Brother Smith hopes to have it completed within two months.

Helen and Margaret Fletcher are wearing a brighter smile than usual. They received a telegram this week that their parents had safely landed in India.

The ten music students who appeared for the Trinity College of Music Examination before Dr. Mistowski at the Savoy Hotel on Monday, October 2nd, were all successful in obtaining pass marks.

Pastor R. A. Hubley of Bombay took the service on a recent Sabbath, and spoke in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer meeting in the afternoon. We greatly appreciate the encouragement and help of our visiting ministers.

We understand that Sister Matherand, a worker of several years successful experience as preceptress and teacher, is expected to arrive shortly. We extend her a hearty welcome to Vincent Hill School.

"Come out in the sunshine" is the slogan at Vincent Hill School now that the rains are over. No one is happier than the boys and teachers from Doonside, to welcome this new season.

Sister Shannon, our book-keeper, because of illness has had to go to the sanitarium where she is taking a course of treatments. We hope that she will continue to improve in health, and that ere long she may be able to join us again. Her son, Mr. Lennie Shannon, has taken over his mother's work.

The main building has recently been equipped with four up-to-date fire extinguishers. The older students will be taught how to use them.

We were glad to report to Brother Wellman, the Y. P. M. V. Secretary, that the eight girls and five boys who entered the memory work test for the Attainment Certificate, have finished memorizing the Gospel of Mark. Several have learned this with scarcely a mistake.

Prof. and Sister Olson entertained the staff at their rooms in the main building on September 28. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Our Sabbath school went over the top in reaching its goal again this quarter by two rupees and four annas. The goal was R. 150-0-0.

G. E. JONES.

BOOKS

... FOR THE ...

BIG WEEK

The following "good sellers" are available from stock, or are expected to arrive in ample time for delivery to the field:

One Rupee Books

(50% discount)

Facing the Crisis
Heralds of the King
Our Lord's Return
World's Destiny
What is Coming?
World Peace
Today and Tomorrow
Our Paradise Home
Spiritualism vs. Christianity
The Other Side of Death
Satan
Epidemics
The Food Question
Steps to Christ
The Christian Sabbath

Eight Anna Books

(50% discount)

Future of the World
Enemies of Health
Armageddon
Return of the Jews

Eight Anna Books

(20% discount)

After Many Days
The Marked Bible
Matthew Twenty-four

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Back in India Again

WE are very glad indeed to be back in India once more, after an absence of about six months.

It was a great privilege to be able to attend the General Conference, which was in many ways a wonderful meeting. Who could but be stirred to be present at a great gathering of God's people from all parts of the world? Four years ago, on account of the war, there were few delegates from Europe. At this Conference there was a large European delegation, and some mission fields that had been cut off were again represented. The great congregation was deeply moved when on the first Sabbath of the Conference when Elder Carlyle B. Haynes sang the solo, "Soon we shall with Jesus reign, and never, never part again." Elder Daniells' sermon that morning was one of the most powerful and impressive the writer has ever heard.

The reports of progress presented at the Conference were most encouraging. The Secretary reported that there had been 67,315 baptisms during the quadrennial term. While about 50,000 of these baptisms took place in North America and Europe, there were also striking advances in the great missionary divisions. In South America the membership advanced from 5,800 to 10,180 in the four years. I give these figures from memory. In the Far East the membership grew from about 5,000 to 10,000. In our own division, although the membership is still small, the rate of increase for the term was 124 per cent.

A noticeable feature of the Conference was the honourable place and attention given to the aged pioneers of the cause, many of whom were present at the meeting. They occupied a prominent place on the large platform from which the proceedings were conducted.

Visit to Australia

We returned to India by way of Australia. It was our intention to spend one month there, but it became necessary for us to remain two months, as Mrs. Fletcher's health had not been at all good from the time of the close of the Conference.

The writer was able to explain to the Australasian Union Conference committee some of the needs of the work in Southern Asia, and to ask for help. The brethren voted to appropriate £1,500 to our Division this year to enable us to establish a health food depot in one of our leading cities. We have asked them to send us a worker of some experience in the health food department to take charge of the depot. They have agreed to employ Brother T. J.

Michael in Australia for two years, giving him opportunity to gain experience in the various branches of the health food work, after which the intention is that he should connect with that work in India. Our plans include the re-opening of factory work in India, but we have not as yet been able to secure the necessary funds for this. We are confident, however, that provision will be made in due course for the factory work, and are encouraged at the progress already made in the development of our plans for the health food work.

Brother Michael will remain at the Divisional office in Poona until the General Conference sends a worker to relieve him. Word has reached us from Washington that a man was to be selected at the Autumn Council, which was to meet in September.

We renewed our request to the Australasian brethren to send us a number of colporteurs for the self-supporting English subscription book work, and the following workers were appointed to our Division:

Brother S. J. Johnson of New Zealand, to North-east India; Brother Scarfe of Queensland, to North-west India; Brother Morgan of Tasmania, to South India; Brother Roemmfeldt of South Australia, to Burma. Brother Johnson came with us by the S. S. "Naldera," landing in Colombo on the 24th of September, and is now in Calcutta. Brethren Scarfe, Morgan and Roemmfeldt are to come by a boat due to reach Colombo about the 6th of November. Let us help these brethren with our prayers as they take up their important work in our Division.

Wedding at Colombo

Sister Dorothy Nelson, a graduate nurse from the Sydney Sanitarium, also came with us to Colombo, and was married to Brother Harold Baird of the Kamamaung Mission on the day of arrival. The members of the Colombo church gathered to witness the ceremony, which took place in the chapel at our Kynsey Road Mission House. Brother and Sister Baird sailed from Colombo for Rangoon on the 27th of September. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their future united life and labour.

We were glad to meet Brother and Sister H. A. Hanson at Colombo, and to spend a few days with them there counselling about the work. We are glad to see that there is promise of growth and development in our work in Colombo.

Pastor E. M. Meleen, now leading out in our work in South India, met us at Colombo, to consider the interests of the work there. We visited Bangalore, Madras, and a new district in the Telugu field in which the brethren are interested, on the journey to Poona. We were very much pleased on arrival at Poona to see the new headquarters site, and the progress being made with the buildings.

W. W. FLETCHER.

Why "Tidings" is Late

WHEN making the original plans for this special Big Week number of *Tidings*, we hoped we would be able to issue it a little in advance of its regular date; but an unexpected business call to Poona kept us away from the office for nearly a week, and as a consequence work on the special was unavoidably delayed. The usual reports from the field, as well as other material does not appear in this issue for lack of space, but will be used in following numbers.—
EDITOR.