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## *Ministerial Reading Course, 1929*

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THE year 1928 will soon be numbered with the past, and the new year, with all its potent possibilities; its inspiration for conquest and achievement; its invitation to the attainment of higher standards and a more efficient ministry in behalf of the millions of India will be ushered in. We know that you will welcome the new year with a glad heart and courageous spirit, determined by God's enabling grace that 1929 will be the most fruitful year for the salvation of souls and for personal Christian experience of any year spent in service for the Master.

Of all the means of self-improvement and private study which you will continue to appropriate to yourself the coming year in order that you may be a more successful worker, none is of greater importance than the Ministerial Reading Course. The Ministerial Association which sponsors this yearly reading course is growing by leaps and bounds, and is bringing into its membership each year more and more of the employed workers of the cause in every country.

It by no means restricts its membership to the work of ministers only, as that term is commonly defined, but includes every phase of ministry calculated to win souls to Christ and establish them in the great truths of this Message. It includes doctors, nurses, teachers, office workers, colporters, Bible workers, institutional workers of every kind. Its membership rolls reveal many who are in no way officially connected with our work. So it matters not what you may be doing, or what may be your specialized interest for the present, the Ministerial Association is prepared to give you definite help through the material which it sends to the field.

Of every class of worker in this cause, the missionary in a foreign land, separated

far from the home base, and surrounded by a spiritual atmosphere that brings a heavy demand upon his spiritual life and other resources, needs the help which the Ministerial Association can bring to him. One of the greatest dangers of a foreign missionary is a neglect to replace and build stronger the spiritual powers that are consumed by the demands made upon him in his every-day programme. These demands are excessively heavy in most cases, and unless they are provided for and constantly renewed, the spiritual tide of the individual life begins to run at a low ebb, service becomes monotonous and formal, results are not obtained, and one's labours in the field resolves itself into a matter of "holding on" till furlough time, and then more than likely a permanent separation from the field. Whatever may be the pressure of the work or the absolute need of getting through with the almost overwhelming number of details that clamour for attention from every quarter, we dare not neglect those channels of reading and study that bring to us new courage, hope, inspiration, a broader outlook on the individual task and a deeper sympathy and love for the work we are doing. The acquisition of a vernacular tongue is vital to a missionary's success. It is important that he study the religion, customs, and habits of the people among whom he is to work, and to acquaint himself generally with the country in which he is to make his home. The burdens of a mission station, a hospital, a school, a dispensary, a Book Depot, a Publishing House, a local or a Union mission are heavy and exacting all the time, but to give time and strength to these at the sacrifice of a clear-cut vision of the true objective of service and a spiritual replenishment of wasted energies, is at the very beginning to invite sure

defeat. There is a dangerous tendency with some missionaries in beginning work in a foreign field to cut loose from the educational and inspirational contacts formed at home, leaving out the reading courses and other lines of study that were the means largely of fitting them for their foreign mission appointments, and wholly submerging themselves in the details and routine of local work. On the other hand there is the danger of loading up so heavily with what might be termed the "outside problem" that sufficient time is not given to the "inside" one. There are extremes in each direction and we should avoid both by properly balancing the two, keeping in mind always to "put first things first," appraising values as God weighs them in His word and through the Spirit of Prophecy.

### *Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses for 1929*

THE General Conference announcement for the Missionary Volunteer Reading course for 1929 begins with the following striking and challenging statements and questions.

"A startling situation is facing our young people to-day, in the great flood of pernicious literature which is sweeping over the world, and which is prepared to appeal to young people in a terribly fascinating way.

"What shall our young people read? Have you books in your home that are adapted to young people? The responsibility is with the home makers."

These statements and questions apply to our constituency in the Southern Asia Division just as appropriately as in any other world division.

As usual, there are three courses again this year, one each for the Senior, Junior, and Primary members. The books are as listed below:

#### Senior Course

Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing	Mrs. E. G. White
Knowing Birds Through Stories	Floyd Bralliar
Isles of Opportunity	L. D. Warren
Ideal for Earnest Youth	A. T. Rowe

The price of the above named four books

will be about Rs. 12-0-0 exclusive of postage.

#### Junior Course

Stories of Grit	Archer Wallace
The Book of Missionary Heroes	Basil Matthews
Trees every Child Should Know	Julia Ellen Rogers

Price for the three Junior books about Rs. 8-4-0 exclusive of postage.

#### Primary Course

Spick and Span	G. C. Hoskin
The World in a Barn	Gertrude C. Warner

Price of Primary Course books about Rs. 6-0-0, exclusive of postage.

The books should be ordered in the usual manner through your Book and Bible House.

### *Thirteenth Sabbath Offering For Inter-America December 29, 1928*

CORRESPONDENCE received from the General Conference Sabbath School Department in the last foreign mail contains the following helpful and encouraging suggestions with regard to the Thirteenth Sabbath offering this quarter. Wishing as many as possible of our Sabbath school members in the Southern Asia Division to have the benefit of these suggestions, we pass them on through the TIDINGS. If they are acted on, we believe that they will help to make Southern Asia's Thirteenth Sabbath offering one of the best we have ever received. Inter-America is a needy mission field, and if we do our best to help the work along there, the blessing will in turn be ours.

The demand continues for information concerning what rather small amounts will do if given on the Thirteenth Sabbath for the field to which the offering goes. The Treasury Department has worked out the following schedule with reference to the call for the offering that is to go to Inter-America the last Sabbath in December. We are hoping that this will be an especially liberal offering. We all know of the marvellous development in connection with the Indian work, and how interesting the developments have been in various parts of

the Inter-American field. Now it will be very nice if the schools can take some of these items and make that their goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Perhaps the different divisions in a school can take one of the monthly items, and in this way will have something definite before them, and it will enable them to raise a definite amount which will have the effect of increasing the offerings. We are hoping that it will mean we shall have a liberal offering on December 29, and that it may result in a good overflow for the work in that very interesting field lying just to the south of us.

Sister Alma O. Jones, the Sabbath school secretary in Santo Domingo, writes of how this plan worked last quarter. She says:

"At the beginning of last quarter someone very kindly sent me a circular of some up-to-date information. I wonder if you had a fleeting vision of the effect which it would have on the Sabbath school of Santo Domingo City.

"Let me tell you what it really did. On fixing the goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath, I presented to them the suggested amounts required to support the work in South America. At once all became interested. Now \$77.20 was the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ever raised in the history of this school. The majority of our people are very poor. But when it was shown that \$94.00 was the amount required to support an Indian interpreter in Ecuador for one year, they all said, 'We can do it.' They all became Calebs and Joshuas. And in order not to lose any time the envelopes were at once passed out and everybody began to work and pray. Envelopes were also sent out to friends who were not members of the school with a plea for help. Behold, when the offering was taken and counted on the Thirteenth Sabbath, instead of \$94.00 there were \$106.00. From this you will see that the Sabbath school of the city of Santo Domingo raised \$12.00 more than the amount required to support an Indian interpreter in Ecuador for one year. And our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude to the Lord because He helped us to more than reach the goal. Our prayer is that He will bless it with the blessing of the "loaves and fishes" so that thousands of souls may be fed spiritually thereby."

### Items from Budget

	Monthly	Yearly
Native worker, Cuba	50.00	600.00
Native teacher, Cuba Training School	27.00	324.00
Native worker, Haiti	33.33	400.00
" " " "	75.00	900.00
" " " Porto Rico	50.00	600.00
" " " " "	116.66	1400.00
Native teacher, Aibonito Academy	58.33	700.00
Native worker, Guatemala	58.33	700.00
" " " Honduras	50.00	600.00
" " " " "	108.33	1300.00
" " " Salvador	75.00	900.00
Cook, West Caribbean Training School	33.33	400.00
Native worker, Venezuela	25.00	300.00
" " " " "	66.66	800.00
East Caribbean Training School Native teacher	39.18	470.00
" " " " Beds for dormitory	43.75	525.00
" " " " 2 sewing machines	7.10	85.00
" " " " One ox	7.10	85.00
" " " " Broom machines	20.84	250.00
Native Teacher, Guiana	37.50	450.00
" " Overseer	20.00	240.00
Native worker, Mt. Roraima Indian Mission	45.00	540.00
Evangelist for Barbados	233.33	2800.00
Native teacher, Mexico	41.66	500.00
" " " " "	116.66	1400.00
Native worker, " "	29.17	350.00
" " " " "	95.85	1150.00

### Remember

A school taking one of the above items as a goal, does not mean that the amount will be given to a specific person.

Perhaps your schools will take pleasure in working for a definite amount. They should choose one a little in advance of what they have reached in the past.

General Conference Sabbath School Department.

### BURMA UNION MISSION

#### Tenasserim Local Meeting

OCTOBER 23 to 27 were days filled with joy and pleasure at Kamamaung. Our Union Superintendent, Brother T. J. Michael, Pastor R. A. Beckner, Brother and Sister Hartin, and Brother and Sister DeNoyer, were with us, to assist in the meetings, and inspire by their presence. Pastor U. Maung and Evangelist Po Toke, from the Delta Mission were also with us and gave valuable help.

From Awbawa, Pastor Tha Myaing and wife, Thara Chit Mg, and several friends had come. Nicha was represented by Thara Hla Baw and wife, and one or two brethren, while the little company at KawMa-raung which has no resident worker turned up almost to a man. Thara John and wife and quite a number of school boys answered for ThaKueKla, and Thara Mg

Ko and wife with our brother, the village head man, and several friends were there from *Lapota*.

As words of welcome were spoken to each group, you could tell by the joy that lit their faces that they were glad they had come and expected to carry back a blessing. God was indeed with us and His presence was felt in all of our meetings. Our chapel was well filled at all times and during the evening meetings many had to stand around the entrance and on the steps. Eighty-eight friends stayed throughout the meeting bringing our Sabbath school attendance to 201.

It is impossible to say which was the most interesting meeting of all, but let me assure you all that our departmental meetings were by no means the least interesting. In comparing our Sabbath schools, our dispensary work, our schools, and our missionary societies, we found much that was intensely interesting. The graphs which had been prepared, and the figures written up produced many a sigh, many a thrill, and many a determination to do better.

At the Friday evening meeting twenty-three took their stand. Nine of these had been in the "Little Brothers" class for one or two years and were baptized. These bring our church membership up to fifty-eight, which is distributed around our various companies as follows: Kamamaung 35; KawMarung 7; Nicha 5; Lapota 3; ThaKweKla 2; Awbawa 6.

Our Sabbath school membership has jumped from 202 last year to 261 for this year, and is distributed as follows: Kamamaung 129; KawMarung 8; Nicha 37; Lapota 22; ThaKweKla 20; Awbawa 45.

Our attendance at school has increased from 153 to 191 and is distributed as follows: Kamamaung 93; Nicha 31; Lapota 17; ThaKweKla 17; Awbawa 33.

In missionary work it is not possible to compare the full year's work with last year's work, therefore we compared the third quarter of this year with the same quarter of last year. Our chart showed all our stations and the average items of missionary endeavour per member. We took the Sabbath school membership for the matter of averaging the items, for these are the ones whom we are trying to inspire in missionary activity, so that this comparison will not be identical with the report sent in to headquarters.

Kamamaung	19 items per mem.	1927	8 items for	1928
Nicha			2 items for	1928
KawMarung	12	"	"	30
Lapota	34	"	"	25
ThaKweKla	3	"	"	4
Awbawa	17	"	"	11

A comparison of this kind does not necessarily mean that some are as much more active as the average shows, for as in the case of KawMarung, there are a number of adult members with no comparatively inactive school children to dilute their average. But it does show two very important items. One that some have been careless in filling in their reports and the other that on the whole we are slacking off. This leads us to a thorough review of our report form and the carrying of a resolution to be more active during the coming year.

The Jungle band, the school chorus of sixty voices, and the English choir, supplied plenty of soul gripping music for the meeting, reaching a climax in the song service evening after the Sabbath. The children were at their best. The visitors caught the spirit, and being given an invitation to join in the chorus of "We will stand the storm, It will not be very long,

We will anchor bye and bye," set the jungle vibrating. Again and again we sang, 217 of us, and thus voiced our prayer and closed the best local meeting we have ever had yet.

E. B. HARE.

THE Annual Meeting for Meiktila was held November 8 to 10. We were pleased to have Brethren Michael, Hare, Wyman, and Wilson in attendance in addition to the regular workers of the school. We regretted that, because of pressure of work in Maymyo, Dr. Tornblad could not be present. It was a special treat to have Pastor Hare and Thara P ter from Kamamaung, our flourishing mission station on the Salween River. Several of the instruments from the famed Kamamaung brass band were brought along and we had a good song service and special music before each meeting except the early morning one.

The meetings were devotional and practical throughout. An interesting question box was opened the last day. As a fitting climax a baptismal service was held on Sabbath afternoon when two students, David and Ma Pu, daughter of Saya Aung Sone, united with the church body through the ordinance of baptism administered by Pastor Wyman. Practically all of our adult students are now baptized members. Pray for our work that many efficient workers may be trained for needy Burma.

J. L. CHRISTIAN.

## N. E. INDIA UNION MISSION

FRIDAY morning, shortly after the ship cast anchor, we watched the sun rise over Bombay harbour. Significantly we seemed to feel a new day dawning in our experience as we caught our first glimpse of an Indian sun.

Naturally our interest turned to the Indian himself. We marvelled when a collier carried away one of our trunks weighing two hundred and thirty pounds.

It was not long from customs to Victoria Terminal. There we had more leisure time to watch the people to whom we had come to devote our lives. Such a procession of humanity! We shall never forget the sympathizing effects those first days had upon us. Uninitiated into all the sights and sounds of India, we were continually kept between paths and mirth.

India is fascinating. The display of British arms at Poona on Armistice Day was spectacular. The feats the engineers have accomplished here are noteworthy. And one's attention is captured by the display and splendour of the wealthy.

One great sight, however, rises above the occasional scenes of Oriental display and that is the condition of the masses. As we see these poor people crushed beneath their Juggernauts of heathenism, and class oppression we realize that India surely needs the Gospel.

We are glad to clasp hands with our faithful fellow-workers in this land of great need. The Indian people are lovable and they have already found a warm place in our hearts. We shall work

and pray with you, anticipating the day when India shall see a "firmament of chosen ones" revealing the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. F. DICKINSON  
RANCHI.

### *East Bengal*

A. G. YOUNGBERG and family are back at Gopalganj after their hill-leave in Missouri.

The rice crop in East Bengal is very good this year. This is a great blessing to those who have had no crops the past few years.

Brother C. C. Kellar and family have settled down for the present near Paradise Valley Sanitarium in southern California and occasionally see Brother and Sister Burgess, L. A. Semmens and others who have been in India.

The boys at the Gopalganj school have had their second quarterly examinations.

Brother and Sister Atul A. Baroi have a new daughter. Brother Baroi teaches our school in the village of Baolia.

Tarini Charan Bairagi and small son of Chaurkhuli recently came to Gopalganj for medical treatment.

Porish Nath Par i of Suagram, Jacob Chandra Baroi of Juluhar, and Surendra Nath Biswas of Bisharkandi all called at the mission house recently.

Several of the boys have broken up a new garden plot on the Gopalganj school compound for an Investment Fund garden.

Little Ranuka Bairagi, daughter of Mrs. Sorojini Boiragi, has recovered from a lengthy siege of kala-zar.

The mother of our boatman, Brother G. C. Shikari, is now living with her son on the mission compound.

P. A. Poddar's mother also lives on the mission compound with her son.

The ladies of our congregation meet on Wednesday afternoon of each week. The last meeting was held at the Bala home in Boraci village.

Two of our East Bengal young people, Jacob Rarhi and Komodini Dhalee, were recently married.

The sad news concerning the death of Brother Horakanto Baroi has been received. His only child, Suren, is in our Gopalganj school. Less than two years ago the mother and two daughters died from cholera, so little Suren is the only remaining member of the family.

MRS. A. G. YOUNGBERG.

## N. W. INDIA UNION

WE welcome very heartily Brother and Sister R. A. Garner, who have come to India for English evangelistic work in the city of Bombay. This is a call which has long been outstanding, and we rejoice that at last it will be possible to resume the effort in that place. Until the time of our biennial conference Brother and Sister Garner are spending a short time in Cawnpore with Brother and Sister Conley in order that they may gain a little insight into city work in this country.

At about the same time these workers arrived, we also received two other new families as an addition to our working force, or perhaps rather, as replacements of workers who have dropped out from our list. Dr. and Sister George Nelson, the former having secured his registration in Edinburgh in October, have arrived, and have been assigned to the United Provinces: and they are now busy studying Urdu in Lucknow in preparation for their location in that language area.

With them arrived also Brother and Sister Hibbard, who are likewise in Lucknow studying the vernacular (Hindi) in preparation for work, so it is expected, in the Central Provinces. They are one more family on the steadily growing list of those whom we have come to know as the "Walla Walla wals"; for our college in the North Pacific Union would seem to have more representatives in this union than any other of our schools. May the stream continue to flow.

A letter received this morning from Pastor W. W. Fletcher in Australia reminds us of his continued interest in, and prayers for the work in India. We are sure the whole family of workers in India will learn with deep sorrow that Pastor A. G. Daniells, who has been touring the Australasian Division for some time past, has been troubled greatly with repeated attacks of Neuralgia of the heart (angina pectoris). Our united prayers will ascend that God's aged and faithful servant may be restored and relieved of this most distressing malady.

THE fourth biennial session of the Northwest India Union Mission will be held at Lucknow, December 24-31, 1928, the opening meeting to be held in our own chapel, Abbott Hall, on the evening of the 24th, at an hour to be announced later.

By the kindness of the trustees concerned, we have been granted the free use of the Wesleyan Church on Banks Road, Lucknow, for our conference meetings, our own hall not being large enough to accommodate all the delegates expected. The church will be available to us throughout, except for the Xmas and Sunday services arranged for the regular congregation. In order to facilitate the holding of the opening meeting in our own hall, a special lantern service will be held for the young people at the same time, but in another room.

Delegates attending the session are advised to enquire carefully as to holiday concession fares available on the railways, as the dates of the meeting fall well within the Xmas holiday season.

At the educational round tables held in Mussoorie in October, consideration was given to the question of fees in our Indian boarding schools; and the following recommendations have been accepted (after slight modification) by the union committee, together with regulations as to fees payable by workers for their children in our boarding schools:—

### FEES FOR STUDENTS IN INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS (BOYS AND GIRLS) AND BELOW HIGH SCHOOL OR TRAINING GRADES

*Voted, That* as soon as can be arranged for, and in any case not later than the next school year,

(a) The boarding and tuition fee for students twelve years of age and upwards, or above the primary grades, be set at Rs. 5/- per mensem cash fee,

plus 12 hours a week required labour; and that where the full cash fee is not paid, 10 hours per mensem additional labour be required for every rupee of fee not paid in cash.

(b) The boarding and tuition fee for students below twelve years of age and in the primary grades, be set at Rs. 4/- per mensem cash fee, plus 12 hours a week required labour; and that where the full cash fee is not paid, 12 hours per mensem additional labour be required for every rupee of the fee not paid in cash.

(c) Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the committee controlling the school that parents or guardians are unable to provide any or all of the necessary stationery, books, clothing or bedding, we require additional labour figured at the rate applicable as above, to cover the cost of what the school provides.

(d) As a rule we do not pay off in cash any surplus work credit accumulated on a student's account, but advise school managers to regulate the work of students so that no such surpluses exist.

(e) Mission workers putting their children into boarding schools, as boarders, be required to supply necessary clothing, bedding, books and stationery.

(f) In addition thereto such workers should pay cash up to the amount of the cash fee approved above, the minimum in any case being equal to one anna per mensem per child for each rupee of the father's wage.

(g) Because of these expenses, the child allowance paid in respect of such children be Rs. 2/8 per mensem, instead of Rs. 1/8 as hitherto.

Note: Pending revision of the Division action regulating Indian Family Allowance, this matter can be adjusted by rebating the amount of cash to be paid per child by Rs. 1/- per mensem.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

### *United Provinces Colporteur's Reports*

Since the United Provinces Student Colporteur Campaign is now about to close and the six young men of our field who participated in the work this year will be commencing their work in the Roorkee Training School for another year on the 3rd of December, I thought perhaps others in the field might be interested in knowing how our work has gone during the campaign. Therefore I wish to submit a few lines in reference to what we have been doing up here from the time the campaign began on September 28 (immediately following the Colporteur Institute in Roorkee) up till the present time.

We have nothing wonderful to boast of or be proud of in our report. This has been perhaps the first time that such a campaign has been carried on in our field when all the young men from our training school have been compelled to take part, and there have consequently been many objections brought up against this new plan by the students and workers, and it has been hard to keep the young men from spending the money when they received it from the delivery of books. However I feel safe in saying that when the scholarship campaign is ended no one will be in debt to the mission for books as heretofore it has sometimes been the case.

All the six young men students from our school in Roorkee who were from the U. P. entered more or

less heartily into the spirit of the work this year. All have, with the assistance of the writer, sold more than enough books to have a full scholarship paid in to the mission. Unfortunately our best colporteur, Mr. Masih Dayal whose sales of "Health and Longevity" reached Rs. 337-0-0, became ill with dysentery and has been unable to deliver many of his books because of his illness, and several others also on account of fever have been hindered from reaching their goals. Considering that this is the first year these young men have ever sold books, and that some of them perhaps are not "born salesmen," I believe they have done quite well considering all the difficulties that these young men have had to meet, which perhaps would not seem difficult at all for Europeans.

During the thirteen weeks of allotted time for the campaign orders have been taken for Rs. 1640-8-0 worth of the book "Health and Longevity" in three languages, English, Urdu, and Hindi. Considering the amount of time put in canvassing by these men this is not so bad. In twelve weeks 1996 hours were spent in canvassing and delivering, according to reports, and 3611 orders were taken. At present writing deliveries have not all been finished and it is hard to say even what per cent of these have been delivered. The writer himself has accompanied these young men on many of their deliveries, besides helping them in meeting the biggest and most influential men of the several cities worked. Suffice it to say that there is no doubt but what the fruit of this campaign will be great if we consider the number of homes into which these books have gone, and the large number of libraries also which have received them. We have planted our literature during this campaign in the midst of the highest castes and ranks of the Indian gentlemen in these parts.

During the campaign the following places were canvassed by the following men as named. Delhi was worked here and there, but mostly on Chandni Chauk, by Nihal Singh. Brother Meli Singh canvassed Pauri, Garhwal, Lansdowne, Najibabad, and Bijnor, also Lhaksar. Brother Masih Dayal had as his territory the towns of Hapur, Meerut, Bulandshahr, and some of Aligarh and Khurja. Meerut was also worked partly by Brother Sher Singh, who canvassed Muzafarnagar and Hapur as well. Brethren Camphor Gardner and A. Thompson worked Moradabad, Kashipur, Sambhal, Chandausi, Rampur and also in Barihilly. In this way the field was canvassed quite thoroughly this year, and several boys have some money to their credit on their scholarships as well. May God bless all we tried to do for Him this year in these parts that many may be turned to our message.

P. K. SIMPSON.

### *The Bombay Church*

THE TIDINGS has already reported the arrival of Brother and Sister Garner from America for work in India, and on the 25th of November, Pastor A. H. Williams gave us the good news that the new arrivals had been appointed to work in our midst. This decision was taken at a meeting of the Division Committee held at Poona. On December 1, Brother and Sister Garner met with us and was warmly welcomed. They were assured of the hearty co-operation of the church members and exhorted to be of good

courage. Brother Garner said he was thankful for the welcome extended to himself and his wife and looked forward with pleasure to working in the city. He then took the service and instead of preaching gave us some highly interesting reports of the progress of the work in China, Japan, Africa, Europe, and South America as reported at the Fall Council which he had the privilege of attending in America just before sailing. Brother and sister Garner left here on the afternoon of the 4th for Cawnpore, and will be back on the first of January, 1929.

At the close of the Sabbath school on the first of the month, Brother Percival Cramer, the superintendent, intimated that he had been posted to

Lasalgaon and it would be necessary to appoint a superintendent to carry on until the end of the quarter. It was voted that Sister O'Brian be appointed and the resolution was carried. Sister O'Brian has just returned from England, where she had an insight of the work there and we are glad of her help. Brother Percival has gone to Lasalgaon and has our good wishes. He will be associated with Brother M. Oss in educational work. The latter has helped us in Bombay during the interregnum we experienced and we thank him for having come in from Kalyan on a few Sabbaths and spoken to us. He takes charge from Pastor Loasby who is going on a much needed holiday and Kalyan will be supervised by Brother Carter who has been there before.

### *Report of the Southern Asia Division Sabbath School Department For Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1928*

	Burma Union	Northeast India Union	Northwest India Union	South India Union	Southern Asia Division
Number of schools	17	37	93	77	224
Number of members	542	803	2199	2191	5735
Average attendance	534	724	2005	1990	5253
Per cent attendance	98	89	91	90	91
12 Sabbaths offerings	Rs. 906- 0	1273- 3	2008- 8	1733-13	5921- 8
13 Sabbath offerings	241- 9	904- 9	556-15	328- 6	2031- 7
Investment Fund	10-15	233-10	74- 5	33- 8	352- 6
Birthday offerings	23-10	82- 6	11- 8	38- 0	155- 8
Total offerings	1182- 2	2493-12	2651- 4	2133-11	8460-13

### *Y. P. M. V. Statistics of the Southern Asia Division For Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1928*

	Burma Union	Northeast India Union	Northwest India Union	South India Union	Southern Asia Division
Membership	284	129	339	511	1263
o/o of church members	112.2	27.5	29.9	58.7	46.3
Reporting members	138	61	?	395	?
Societies using Gazette	2	1	2	7	12
Members of bands	48	73	118	436	675
Members baptized	—	4	1	15	20
Observing Morning Watch	150	77	141	73	441
o/o Observing Morning Watch	52.8	60	41.6	14.2	34.9
Bible Yr. certificates issued	1	—	27	55	83
Standard of Attainment certs.	—	—	—	16	16
Missionary visits	158	484	10	3869	4521
Bible readings	29	65	45	3154	3293
Periodicals distributed	603	1466	143	1106	3318
Tracts	88	548	41	318	995
Books	22	180	1	127	330

	*Per capita	Per cap	Per cap	Per cap	Per cap.
Missionary visits	—	3.8	—	7.5	3.5
Bible readings	—	—	—	6.1	2.6
Periodicals distributed	2.1	11.3	—	2.1	2.6
Tracts	—	4.2	—	—	—
Books	—	1.4	—	—	—

\*Not calculated where the result would be less than 1.

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publication date.

Brother and Sister Streeter arrived here on the  
4th from Chuharkana and left for Australia on the  
7th on furlough.

The Mussoorie school party arrived in Bombay on  
Thursday morning, December 6. Sister Ritchie and  
Brother George Ritchie were in charge and I am  
glad to say all were looking well and happy. With  
friends, sight seeing was indulged in for the greater  
part of the day and at night the Surat party left  
with Brother George Ritchie, and the southern party  
leaving at 11 P. M. for Bangalore via Poona in charge  
of Sister Ritchie. From Bangalore the two Ceylon  
lads (Claessen and Thiedeman) push on to Colombo,  
and Brother Samuel Sterling gets off at Madras.  
We were cheered to know from him that just before  
leaving Mussoorie he had been baptized and further  
that he had been appointed to educational work in  
South India. The members of the Madras church  
will undoubtedly be glad to hear of this and we join  
in wishing Brother Sterling a very successful career.  
Among those who saw the party off were Mrs.  
Hemingway, Messrs. Hemingway, L. McHejzer,  
N. King, H. Stewart Jacks, Percival Cramer and  
the writer.

P. H. CRAMER.

## SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION

Among my friends I have an orthodox Christian  
who always gave a deaf ear to our truths and prin-  
ciples and even would not have patience to wait and  
hear another's teachings. But on account of my  
great intimacy with him he used to listen to our  
teachings and about the evils in using tobacco and  
alcohol with great indifference.

At last by the help of God, one day I saw that he  
took some interest in my conversation, which oppor-  
tunity I utilized in best possible beneficial manner in  
revealing our principles. Anyhow to my surprise I  
noticed an entire change in him and he cordially  
invited me to give a lecture on our principles at their  
meeting. So at their next assembly I gave a lecture  
on the "Second Coming of Christ."

They were all much pleased and were all anxious  
to know more in detail our truths. Thus God helped  
me to move his stubborn heart.

C. PAUL JOHN.

## What is Jesus?

*To the Wanderer:* Remember if you're  
led astray that Jesus is the *Living Way*.

*To the Poor:* Are you poor and great  
your need? Jesus is *Riches*, you're rich  
indeed.

*To the Friendless:* If by friends you've  
been rejected, with Jesus as *Friend* you're  
still protected.

*To the one in Darkness:* Are you o'er-  
come by gloom of night? Look to Jesus  
for He is the *Light*.

*To the Sick:* To suffer sickness do not  
fear, Jesus is the *Physician* dear.

*To the Sinner:* Sinner! Tho' your sins  
are countless Jesus is *Pleaser* and mercies  
boundless.

*To Every one:* To man or woman, to  
each being Jesus our Lord is *Everything*.

J. G. FERNANDO.

## OBITUARY

Harakanto Barai of Ashkar, East Bengal, a bearer  
in our Northeast Union Office at Ranchi died at the  
Sadar Hospital on December 1, 1928, of hemorrhage  
of the lungs, aged about 35 years. About ~~sixteen~~  
years ago the light of Present Truth came to him,  
and he joyfully accepted it. For many years he  
served as a colporteur and then as a village school  
teacher in the East Bengal Mission. Before he was  
engaged in the Union Office, he spent several years  
at the Asansol Railway Station selling truth-filled  
literature to passengers on trains and on the Railway  
platforms. He rendered faithful service to the cause  
of God wherever he was located.

Ten years ago Brother Harakanto Barai was mar-  
ried to one of our Karmatar school girls. To them  
were born five children; two of them (twins) died a  
few days after birth. A year and nine months ago,  
while on vacation visiting his home with his wife and  
children, the wife and two children fell victims to  
the terrible disease of Cholera and passed away within  
a week. Just one son who is now in our Gopalganj  
School and two brothers who are not of our faith are  
left to mourn the loss of the departed. The deceased  
was a genuine Christian and we can truly say that  
he fell asleep in Jesus. When he was removed to the  
hospital six days before his death, although in a very  
serious condition, our brother carried with him a  
copy of the Bengali book,—"Spirit of Prophecy,"—a  
translation of some of the writings of Sister White  
and while lying in hospital read the book and made  
notes on the same.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer,  
assisted by Bretbren C. A. Larsen and S. J. John-  
son. Most of our missionaries residing in Ranchi  
and the teachers and the students of the Training  
School attended the funeral. We laid our brother to  
rest in a quiet corner of our School Estate, to await  
the call of the Life-giver.

L. G. MOOKERJEE