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### BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR UPLIFT WORK

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Our world-wide Uplift work was started in a very humble and inconspicuous manner through the efforts of a layman who became instrumental in God's hand for the accomplishment of a great work. In the year 1902 Brother Jasper Wayne, a member of the Sac City, Iowa, church, having a desire to work for the advancement of the truth, was impressed with the thought that the people of the world would gladly give of their means for the advancement of the Gospel in mission lands, if their attention could be called to the work being done in such a way as to give them an intelligent knowledge of conditions and needs. After praying earnestly a plan came to him which he decided to try. He ordered 50 copies of the "*Signs of the Times*," little realizing that God was leading him into a field of magnificent possibilities for soulsaving. Upon receiving the papers he opened them at the post office and began handing them out to the people who came in. Briefly he told them something of the contents and stated that any money contributed in return for the paper would be applied to the cause of missions. In a surprisingly short time the papers were gone and a heavy pocketful of coins, amounting to about Rs. 12/- was the result. Encouraged by this good beginning he ordered 400 more copies of the "*Signs of the Times*." These he carried with him in his carriage as he went on business from place to place, improving every opportunity to use them to advance the cause of missions. As a result of this excellent ministry nearly Rs. 300/-

was realized. Convinced that the plan could be made to accomplish great things for the cause of God, Brother Wayne presented it to the leaders in the organized work. He also explained his method of labour to the believers gathered at one of the district meetings.

In 1904 the Lord sent this people a message through the Spirit of Prophecy placing Divine approval on the plan of presenting the needs of our work to unbelievers and inviting them to join us in the blessed privilege of financing the Gospel in its onward march to all the world. This message from the servant of the Lord removed all room for doubt on the part of workers and believers as to the wisdom of such action. A number of statements in some of the articles of this Special issue of the EASTERN TIDINGS are taken from the message referred to above. One or two sentences read as follows: "God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all, both the obedient and disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which is their privilege to do." "O that Christians might realize more and still more fully that it is their privilege and their duty while cherishing right principles to take advantage of every heaven-sent opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in this world."

In the year 1908 the General Conference launched its first Uplift campaign. A Special number of the *Review and Herald* was published setting forth the work which we were doing in mission

fields. Workers and church members responded and distributed 699,000 of these reports in that first official campaign and received approximately Rs. 40,000/-. The steadily increasing and inspiring reports of the good accomplished during the ten years following 1908 in the home field caused leaders in other Divisions to promote similar efforts. The response of the world field was such that more than Rs. 1,000,000/- was raised in 1919. Under the blessing of the Lord the membership throughout the world caused this figure to swell to more than Rs. 3,000,000/- in 1921. In 1928 the world total was more than Rs. 3,330,000. This is more than 28% of the world total appropriations for missions for that year. Think of it, in the few years since this excellent plan has been carried out, it has reached such proportions that it is now making possible more than 25% of our world-wide missionary activities. Within twenty years the amount of papers distributed yearly by one division had increased from 699,000, to more than 2,500,000 and the offerings received had sprung from about Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2,250,335. To the end of 1928 more than 33,500,000 reports have been placed in the homes of unbelievers. Eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished by the ringing testimonies these papers have borne to the power of the advancing gospel. Here in Southern Asia some have been faithful in the endeavour and have had wonderful success. They have done splendidly. It has required special effort on their part and God has rewarded them. May He continue to bless these pioneers and loyal ones who do the thing that needs

to be done in spite of circumstances. But we are merely touching the possibilities with the tips of our fingers. There is a great experience just before us. The words of the Psalmist fittingly apply to the growth of the world-wide Uplift work, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." Ps. 118: 23. Elder W. A. Spicer, the General Conference President, says the Uplift work is "The greatest single missionary effort ever launched in the Advent Movement."

Let us turn our minds to the mission stations that have been established in the dark and needy places of earth. Since the beginning of the Uplift work something like 75,000 have accepted the Third Angel's Message in mission lands, surely many of these rejoice in Present Truth to-day because of the Uplift endeavour. It is also worth while to consider the number who have learned of Jesus' soon return through our annual reports. Many of these donors have let their hearts turn to where some of their treasure is and after investigating our doctrines are rejoicing with us to day. Throughout the world we are much better and more favourably known as a result of this excellent and proper advertising of the Gospel and its power to save from sin. The Spirit of Prophecy gave assurance that the work would produce this result. The benefits that have come to those who have solicited for missions are innumerable. Thousands have learned to pray more and have had their hearts stirred by the story of mission progress as they have related it to others. This special effort has often started a working organization in the churches, and a working church is a growing church. Our members cannot hope to be saved in inactivity. "Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue." *Test. Vol. VIII, page 47.*

In the homelands and in some of the mission fields every conference worker is asked to spend from one to three months in Uplift solicitation and promotion. Every church member is asked to set a financial goal and spend at least ten hours visiting friends and receiving offerings. In no other way could we hope to raise our world goal of Rs. 3,437, 500/-. This same loyalty and devotion here in Southern Asia will cause us to go far above our Division goal of Rs. 30, 000-0 for 1930.

Realizing the wonderful possibilities

in the Uplift work and believing this statement from the Spirit of Prophecy, "It behoves every soul whose life is hid with Christ in God, to come to the front now," the following recommendations were passed by the Southern Asia Division at the Biennial Council held in Poona February and March, 1929.

"That we make greater efforts to interest and train our church members in soliciting in the Uplift endeavours. That in the promotion of the Uplift Endeavour in our field we adopt the general plan followed in America in the promotion of the Harvest Ingathering endeavour. That we endeavour as far as possible to

### SUGGESTIVE

#### Medical and Educational Uplift Programme

To be given in all Southern Asia Division churches, January 25. See "Note to Church Elders."

Opening Song, "O Worship the King," No. 335, Christ in Song.

Remain standing for a moment of silent prayer.

Bible Study.

Prayer.

Song, "Saved to Serve," No. 474, Christ in Song.

Reading, "1930 Uplift."

Talk, "Brief History of Our Uplift Work."

Reading, "Christian Service."

Poem, "Shall We Answer?"

Reading, "What Stronger Incentives Can There Be?"

Reading, "Our Opportunity."

Local Plans.

*Note*—Call attention to other articles in the TIDINGS, then announce plans for the Campaign. See suggestions about material, Field Day, etc.

Closing Prayer.

solicit funds on a general appeal, but that when it seems advisable to mention a particular project, it be approved by the Union and Division Committees. That we publish a special number of the *Oriental Watchman* representative of our world-wide work giving special attention to the work in India which we can leave with the people from whom we solicit in the Uplift endeavour."

At a later meeting there were added,

"That for 1930, the Uplift Rally Day be January 25, and the Uplift Campaign take place January 25 to February 28. That the controlling committees of our Union Mission and Division Institutions

plan with their workers in such a manner as will enable them to set apart at least two weeks out of the five weeks for the Uplift Campaign in which they can give their entire time for Uplift solicitation. That the January 1 number of the EASTERN TIDINGS be devoted to Uplift Rally Day material."

Surely all these actions are in harmony with the above quoted statements from the Spirit of Prophecy.

The command of the Lord is, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Then let the courageous, invincible army of God on earth, move forward! Prince Emmanuel is our Leader. No enemy can stop us! No power can prevail against the hosts marshalled under the banner of the Third Angel! Through cooperation with Christ we are enabled to do the deeds of omnipotence. Let every true soldier gird on the armour of preparation and consecration and move forward to victory, making possible the recording of a glorious success in the 1930 chapter of the Medical and Educational Uplift movement in Southern Asia.

### 1930 UPLIFT

A. W. CORMACK

SOON after this TIDINGS SPECIAL reaches our workers, the *Watchman Uplift Special* will be placed in your hands. Once again the field is working to a united and field-wide effort in our Uplift endeavour, as is done in other parts of the world. We are in a better position at this time, perhaps, than ever before to present a united front as we go out as workers to enlist, in the Lord's name, the assistance of others not of our faith in the interests of our medical and educational work. The time has come when the forces of the wealth of the Gentiles is to flow into the Cause of God. Already what we have seen in this our own field confirms unmistakably the assurances given us in the Spirit of Prophecy that when God's people would prepare to present the needs of the Cause in the right way God would "move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their means for the advancement of the work."

A very fine spirit of united enthusiasm marked our discussion of this important line of effort in our recent Division Committee Meeting. A Division goal was set and goals for the various Unions recommended. The special number of

the *Oriental Watchman* will, we hope, be of particular value in the Campaign this year. It is a very attractive report containing more than 50 pictures which call attention to our work in Southern Asia. Many of our workers have contributed articles, which we believe will be of interest to English reading people who shall receive the paper. Surely this excellent number will not only inspire to liberal giving but will bear a ringing testimony to the progress of our message in all the world.

We have every reason to hope that our efforts will be crowned with good success, but for this to result calls for a united effort on the part of all. Read carefully, brethren and sisters, the recommendations made by the Council concerning the conduct of the Campaign. Let no one feel that he is exempted from the call to participate definitely and earnestly in the good work, and let us endeavour to make a proper use of the special magazine that has been prepared. Some may feel that they can collect just as much without the paper as with it, but that is not the point. The object of the effort is not just money getting. It is important that the people of this great country should have opportunity of becoming informed as to what this Movement means, not only here, but in other parts of the world. Where the papers have been used in other fields, not extravagantly, but judiciously, great good has resulted.

I would like to write concerning the very excellent Council which has just recently closed, but time and space will not permit. Suffice it to say that the spirit of the meeting was itself an encouraging assurance that the plans laid for this important Uplift effort that is just about to be put forth are such, if properly and unitedly carried out, as will bring to us the most gratifying results and pave the way for even greater achievements in years to come.

As I write the Week of Prayer has just begun. In all of our churches the reading for the first Sabbath has no doubt been considered. May this be a very special week in blessing and spiritual development to our dear workers and people everywhere.

We are living in a solemn time, when, because iniquity abounds, the love of some will wax cold. Unlooked for apostasies themselves are fulfilments of prophetic warnings given to God's people many years ago. On the other hand,

the time has come when through the special outpouring of God's Spirit we may expect many, long held in darkness and sin, to break free through the enabling grace of Jesus and take their stand for the Truth. Let us look far into the future for the fulfilment of our cherished hopes where these demonstrations of the converting power of the Message are concerned. Now is the time and here in India is the place where we may realize the fulfilment of the Lord's most gracious promises.

#### NOTE TO CHURCH ELDERS

THIS special number of the EASTERN TIDINGS has been prepared for the purpose of calling the attention of our workers and believers to the privileges and responsibilities held out to us in the soon coming Uplift Effort. We have endeavoured to gather inspirational and instructive material for you to use in the Uplift Rally Day service which is recommended to be held in all our churches "Uplift Rally Day," January 25. The programme for the service, as outlined, is only suggestive and you are at liberty to change it to suit the needs of your church or you may use it in preparing an Uplift Sermon and appeal, just as you think best. However, we are very anxious that the Uplift Rally Day Service be held in every church. If the suggestive programme is carried out please give out the parts as early as possible. The success of this important effort, humanly speaking, depends largely upon a simple but effective organization of the church, careful and enthusiastic leadership, and whole hearted co-operation on the part of every church member. Be sure to call your missionary committee together to consider the campaign. At this time you can district your territory and divide the church into working bands. Select good leaders for the bands and include every one in some band. Arrange to call the band leaders together at least once each week during the dates January 25 to February 28.

Discuss the church goal you wish to present when the Rally Day service is held. There should be a good goal for each band, and each person should set a goal. Notice the article elsewhere in this issue entitled, "To Elders and Missionary Secretaries" for suggestions on weekly promotion. Plan to have every one report each week the amount he has received and turn in same to the church treasurer. Encourage the members to

place the money in an envelope and mark it "Uplift Funds." It will be very helpful if you will send a card to your Union office each Sunday morning giving the number of persons who have worked during the previous week and the total amount received. Also send in every experience you can get. This will enable us to pass on to others the good things you are doing.

Give consideration to the proper ones to work the business sections for large donations, and encourage all workers to spend at least two weeks in actual solicitation. Lay members should be able to devote at least ten hours during the five weeks effort. Some will do far more. Solicitors should ask for liberal donations. Often a suggestion will cause the donor to give Rs. 5/- or Rs. 10/- when otherwise he would have given Rs. 1/-. And many times business men will give Rs. 500/- or Rs. 100/- instead of a very small sum, if a tactful suggestion is made. Many people do not know what they are expected to give. It will be a very good thing to have a Field Day each Sunday (or the most appropriate day of the week) when all members can go out. Have all members become acquainted with the *Oriental Watchman* Uplift Number and learn a canvass for same. This is very important. Call their attention to the "Suggestions on doing Uplift Work."

The following material has been sent to your Union office to be passed on to you for promotion of the effort. Please see that it is properly distributed.

1. *Oriental Watchman* Uplift Number, to be given to those who contribute to our Educational and Medical Uplift. This is a very attractive report and well represents the work we are doing.

2. Solicitor's Credentials. An identification card signed by the Division and Union Treasurers.

3. Solicitor's Cards and Holders. To be used in keeping a record of offerings received.

4. Follow Up Blanks. A card to be used by solicitors in keeping the names and addresses of interested parties whose interests will be followed up by personal visits and by sending literature.

5. Individual Goal Cards. To be used in connection with setting of church, band, and individual goals when the Rally Day Service is held.

May our workers and lay members be inspired to go forth more unitedly, more zealously, more whole heartedly than ever before in this sacred work. When this is done we shall see the ful-

filment of the prophecy, "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light and Kings to the brightness of thy rising... the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto thee."

Home Missionary Department,  
Southern Asia Division,

### TO CHURCH ELDERS AND CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARIES

J. F. ASHLOCK

IN God's wonderful plan for His church provision is made for each member to engage in the blessed ministry of soul winning. Everyone has a definite responsibility to witness for the Master. In order for all to understand the programme of the church it is necessary for a regular opportunity to be given for the presentation of plans and experiences to the whole congregation while assembled on the Sabbath.

In many hundreds of our churches throughout the world field a brief missionary service is conducted immediately at the close of the Sabbath School. This inspiring service never lasts more than fifteen minutes and can easily be carried on in ten or twelve minutes. This period is devoted to the securing of reports, announcing plans for missionary activities, and the promotion of special efforts such as Big Week, Uplift, etc. The exercise is under the supervision of the church missionary committee and where it is being carried out, missionary activities have been increased many fold. In the Bombay Union one of the churches has seen the activities of its members increased on an average of more than 500% during the past three quarters that this service has been carried on.

This excellent plan of getting before the church the missionary aims and plans met with such universal favour that it was adopted by the General Conference at the Fall Council of 1928 and endorsed by our full Division Committee at its last meeting. Nearly all the Divisions in the world have recommended it to their churches.

A successful missionary programme depends upon certain things. There must be a genuine Christian experience, a living and constant connection with the Lord; there must be a definite organization with a systematic programme; and there must be suitable leadership. How grateful we should be that the Lord has

made it possible for all these things to exist in every church and company.

Every church has a territory for which it is responsible, therefore it should be districted in such a way as to include all the people living in the territory. The church should be divided into bands with a good leader for each. Every member should be a member of some band. One of the best plans is to have the bands include the same people who study the Bible together as classes in the Sabbath school. This does not always mean that the Sabbath school teacher is to be the band leader, in fact we are of the opinion that in the majority of cases the leader should be other than the teacher, however this should be decided locally. Before the Sabbath services begin the Missionary Leader or the Church Missionary Secretary should discuss with the band leaders the plans for the following week and provide them with literature and report blanks for their bands. Immediately after the closing Sabbath school prayer the Missionary service can start. We would suggest the following programme:—

- (1) Prayer, silent or audible—2 minutes (congregation should be seated according to bands).
- (2) Presentation of topic.....5 minutes.
- (3) Gathering of missionary reports... ..2 minutes.
- (4) Closing prayer.....1 minute.

Then will come the regular intermission before the preaching service. In churches where the Sabbath school is held in the morning and the preaching service in the afternoon or where the Sabbath School is not followed by a preaching service the closing prayer can be the benediction and may be preceded by a song.

The January *Church Officers Gazette* has an interesting note on the missionary service. This paper regularly gives suggestive material for the missionary topic. Occasionally the topic suggested is not appropriate for our Division but the one for January 4 is very good. You can use the one dated January 25 for the service January 11. The third Sabbath topic is always devoted to soul winning experiences. There will usually be time only two or three to relate their experiences but these testimonies are among the strongest influences for stimulating missionary work. For the first two or three weeks it will be well to ask some of the most active members to relate their experiences.

Other suggestions will follow but during the Uplift Campaign the service should be given to Uplift plans and reports. It would be well to let one band leader each Sabbath call on one or two of his members to relate Uplift experiences. Be sure to encourage all members to report their Uplift Missionary visits and also the number of papers distributed.

May the Lord greatly bless each church missionary committee and all the members as this Heaven-sent plan is put into operation, and hasten the day when every believer in Southern Asia will be working for the Master according to his ability.

### HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR DOING UPLIFT WORK

ALLOW me to begin by giving you a statement from the Spirit of Prophecy. "To all who are about to take up special missionary work with the paper prepared for use in the Harvest Ingathering (Uplift) Campaign, I would say: Be diligent in your efforts; live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Add daily to your Christian experience—Search diligently for perishing souls." Truly no better beginning could be made. We must first recognize that God has ordained this method of work and has called every church member to have a part in it. Then we must believe that the Lord enables us to do all He asks of us. Power for success attends every command for service.

To fail to prepare is to prepare to fail. By all means make every preparation possible. Do your best and leave the results to God. He will not fail you. Pray as if everything depended upon God and work as if everything depended upon you.

1. Read carefully this Special Number of the EASTERN TIDINGS.

2. Study the Special Uplift Number of the *Oriental Watchman*. Become acquainted with the different Medical and Educational Institutions in our Division. You will perhaps be able to give a local experience in the treating of a Mohammedan or Hindu, etc. You should mention that our schools train the hand as well as the mind, the industrial departments in our schools often appeal when other phases fail. Acquaint yourself with the Statistical Report. Be able to relate the story of the Nuzvid Hospital

and a brief summary of other medical and educational experiences. Select the pictures that will appeal to the prospective donor. Note that every Union of our Division is represented and that page eighteen gives a list of important languages in which we are working. In fact learn so very much that you will be able to pass on the inspiration of all in just a few minutes.

3. Memorize a canvass, some are suggested in this issue of the EASTERN TIDINGS.

4. Go with another member of the church if possible. Two by two is the most successful method of working. One can pray while the other talks. Remember if one can chase a thousand then two can put ten thousand to flight.

5. Set a goal of hours and of rupees. Aim high. Attempt great things for God. Determine to work the number of hours you have set as a goal no matter how much you collect and determine to reach your goal in rupees no matter how many hours it requires. If your goal is rupees fifty it is well to look at it in this way: it is Rs. 10/- per week for the five weeks. If Friday is a busy day and you cannot work Saturday night it means Rs. 2/- per day for the other five days. One rupee in the morning and one in the afternoon. If your goal is Rs. 25/- then it would be Rs. 5/- per week, Rs. 1/- per day and annas eight in the morning and annas eight in the afternoon. Not very much is it? Surely this makes it look very simple and truly it is easy. Yet there are great possibilities in small things if every one does his best. Some will have goals of Rs. 1000/-, some of Rs. 500/-, some of Rs. 250/-, some of Rs. 100/-, some of Rs. 50/-, and others will have goals of Rs. 10/-. All will not be able to do the same but each can do his best.

6. Have a definite understanding about the territory you are to work. Be very careful in this respect.

7. Always be kind and courteous. Wear a pleasant smile. Be optimistic. Do not argue. You are representing the Master so let your words be a savour of life unto life.

8. Be sure to thank every one for the interview whether you have received an offering or not. Expect an offering from every call but do not be discouraged if only one in five brings financial returns.

9. Give a receipt for all offerings.

10. Carry your "Follow Up Card" and keep a record of all interested parties. Discuss with your Pastor the best means of following up the interests.

Be strong, and of a good courage; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." "And whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

J. F. ASHLOCK.

### BIBLE STUDY

1. What message is to be given to the whole world before Jesus returns?

*Ans.* Matt. 24: 14. Also refer to Rev. 14: 6-10.

2. What does the Lord say to those who are to give the Message?

*Ans.* Isa. 60: 1-5.

"Every one on whom is shining the light of present truth is to be stirred with compassion for those who are in darkness. From all believers light is to be reflected in clear distinct rays. A work similar to that which the Lord did through His delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost He is waiting to do to-day. At this time when the end of all things is at hand should not the zeal of the church exceed even that of the early church."

*Test. Vol. VII, page 32.*

3. What is one of the plans for advancing the cause of truth and reaching unbelievers?

*Ans.* "One of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering (Uplift) campaign for Missions." *Christian Service, page 167.*

4. Has this plan been a success?

*Ans.* "Men and women of all classes have been reached and the name of God glorified." *Christian Service, page 167.*

5. Who should do this work?

*Ans.* "God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." *Test. Vol. IX, page 130.*

6. When should the work be done?

*Ans.* Jno. 4: 34, 35; Matt. 21: 28 last part; Jno. 9: 4.

7. What promise is made to those who work?

*Ans.* Ps. 126: 6; Matt. 25: 21.

"The brows of those who do this work will wear the crown of sacrifice. But they will receive their reward." *Test. Vol. VI, page 348.* "To be a coworker with Christ and the heavenly angels in the great plan of salvation! What work can bear any comparison with this! From every soul saved there comes to God a revenue of glory to be reflected upon the one saved, and also upon the one instrumental in his salvation." *Test. Vol. II, page 232.*

### UPLIFT CANVASS

To help in presenting the Uplift Report in an attractive and appropriate way the following two canvasses have been suggested. You may have a better one of your own, but if not, these will help you to arrange the appeal in a pleasing way. By all means study the Uplift *Oriental Watchman* and have a good canvass. You will be well repaid for the few minutes required in learning one.

Good morning Mr.....my name is, .....and I have called to see you for a few minutes.

Perhaps you are acquainted with the work that the Seventh-day Adventist Mission is doing here in India (Burma, or Ceylon). In order to be of the greatest service and to bring health and happiness to many who otherwise would not enjoy these blessings we are carrying on quite an extensive medical and educational programme. Being greatly encouraged by the results that we have seen we have gotten out this interesting Report for our friends, so that they might share with us these good things.

On the front cover, surrounded with these familiar scenes is a picture of one of our hospitals.

(page 2) Here is a map showing the location of some of our institutions. You will notice that in addition to the hospitals there are 13 dispensaries, 17 training and boarding schools, and 78 village schools, in which 2371 students are enrolled.

(page 3) Mr. Cormack says these institutions are helping to answer Southern Asia's needs.

(page 4) Here is shown part of the staff of the Giffard Hospital. Standing near Dr. Coyne, the Superintendent, is the Zemindar of Telaprole, who made a gift of this hospital to our Board. Mrs. Coyne assists her husband with his medical work. There is also a lady physician who has charge of the female patients.

(page 5) Dr. Nelson gives a brief history of the Narsapur Hospital.

(page 6) Other physicians.

(page 7) You will greatly enjoy this story about the amputation of the arm of a Karen girl.

(page 8) Some of our dispensaries.

(page 9) Educational work.

The faculty of the Vincent Hill School and College, which is conducted for Europeans and Anglo-Indian Students.

(pages 11 to 16) You will notice from these articles and pictures that in our schools we train the "hand" as well as

the "head." As a result of this system of education the students become very useful citizens. (11) Students working in the print shop at the South India Training School at Krishnarajapuram, near Bangalore. (13) Sawing logs at the Kammamaung School; Harvesting Rice, Burma; (14) Building Teachers' Quarters; Harvesting Dhal, Ranchi Training School; (15) Gardening in the Travancore High School; (16) Cultivating the School Farm at Chuharkana, in the Punjab.

(pages 17, 18) Some of our young men spend their vacations circulating Health and Temperance Literature. Here are shown ten of the vernaculars in which we print.

(pages 19-22) Believing the World to be our Field our mission is doing this kind of work in 135 countries representing 347 languages. Here is something about our activities among the Indians of South America and the Islands of the Pacific; and here can be seen one of our leper colonies in Africa, where 100 lepers are being treated. Isn't it wonderful that a number have already been cured of this dreadful disease?

You will notice that last year we invested Rs. 1,443,910 in this Uplift Work here in Southern Asia. We count it a privilege to give our time and our means for these unfortunate ones, but the needs are so great and the calls so many that we cannot care for all of them. So as we place this very attractive Report in the hands of our friends we are giving them the opportunity of joining us in this good work. All of the proceeds gathered in this way are used in this humanitarian work.

Just place your name here, and whatever amount you are glad to give. I am sure that you count it a privilege to have a part. (at this point it is well to suggest the amount you think he is able to give. It may be that you should suggest Rs. 500 and it may be the Prospect is only able to give Rs. 10 or Rs. 5 or may be Rs. 2 or Re. 1; one can usually tell about what amount to suggest) Some of our friends are happy to give Rs. 100, some more, some less. We want you to do what you feel you can in view of the many who need help.

I shall be glad to give you a receipt for this amount and leave with you this good report. I am sure you will enjoy every article. I hope that next year I

shall have the pleasure of seeing you again; and at that time bring you even a better report. Thank you very much for this pleasant visit, and your offering. Good-day.

"Good morning, Mr. .... I am. .... I have come to you this morning as a representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission. We are conducting an Educational and Medical Uplift work among the people of India. I have with me a few illustrations showing the work which we are doing in India. Our work is not carried on so much in the larger cities and towns where there are Government dispensaries and facilities, but more in the out-of-the-way places where there is no help for the people.

"Annually large sums of money are appropriated by our Mission Board for carrying on this work. Last year the appropriations for this purpose exclusive of money spent in religious work was Rs. 962,560/15. Once a year opportunity is given to the general public to assist in carrying on this humanitarian work. This year we have to meet heavier responsibilities than in previous years. We are therefore asking our friends to give more. We have increased our appropriations for this purpose and trust that you will also increase your contribution. Perhaps you would like to write down Rs. 100 this year. Thank you.

"Now we have prepared an illustrated report showing how our money was expended last year. I shall leave a copy of this report with you and trust that you will take the time to study it. Good-day."

### "WHAT STRONGER INCENTIVES CAN THERE BE?"

J. PHILLIPS

A MILLION dollars (two and three-quarter million rupees) is the goal for Uplift funds in North America in 1929. Strong incentives are actuating the members at the home bases. The slogan is: "An average collection of ten dollars (twenty-seven rupees) per member." In many conferences each minister spends from one month to six weeks doing nothing but organizing and soliciting. Why all this splendid effort? The members of the home churches have faith in God's programme of evangelizing the world in this generation and they believe that the least they can do is to gather necessary funds as well as pray. Love for the Lord makes their sacrifices

sweet. It is interesting to observe in this connection that 28% of all mission funds flow to us through the Uplift channel. What if they were to get busy at something else and fail to work at this one year! What would happen to us in Southern Asia? No. They do not fail us. They deliberately plan to work a little harder each succeeding year. How encouraging is this wholehearted support?

But let us ask ourselves this question: "Do we not have stronger incentives to do the same kind of Uplift work?" It seems that there are several points in our favour. We also see every day the imperative needs of Southern Asia as our people in the homelands are not privileged to see. Then, too, we must admit that, generally speaking, the solicitation of funds is easier here than at the home bases. What stronger incentives can there be?

This year the Division and Union goals have been set in the assurance that we can surpass all previous records. It is right that the goals should thus be advanced, for God's work is to go forward with "increasing importance." We would not be content to mark time and not go forward. This year ours is the greater joy of meeting more people and telling them the story of what God is doing for us. The writer has experienced many blessings from personal contact with men and means who otherwise might not know much, if anything at all, of the work that is most precious in the sight of Heaven.

The industry of our loyal people in the homelands inspires us. With a greater zeal and faith let us take up the task this year praying that God will make it the means of reaching many more people with His truth. There are five W's that we should remember: "Working willingly, we will win." Let us all take part.

"AND if our hands are strengthened,  
And if our lips can speak,  
'Twere well if with them we might help  
Our brothers who are weak;  
And well if we remember  
God's love is never grudged,  
And never sit in judgment,  
If we would not be judged."

FOR we must share if we would keep  
That good thing from above;  
Ceasing to give, we cease to have.  
Such is the law of love.

—Trench.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

G. G. LOWRY

It is a great privilege to be allowed to serve the Lord Jesus at any time or place. He has done so much for us and for the world. As His children who have tasted and seen the goodness of the Lord, we should be happy at the thought of being able to do something for Him in return for what He has done for us.

The Uplift season which has come around to us again, certainly is a unique opportunity to serve Christ and His cause. As those who are called to be co-labourers together with Him, we should welcome this opening to help to gather in the funds necessary to extend the kingdom of Christ in India.

There are three definite reasons why we should all have some part in a world wide campaign like this.

First, the work of God needs the funds that will be gathered in through such efforts. Calls for hospitals, dispensaries and schools are coming from all sides. Equipment for these institutions is needed, and the charity work which is carried on in such places must in some way be provided for. It is to the Uplift work largely that we look for the necessary funds with which to meet the heavy demands made along this line. The more money that we have for use along this line, the further can we extend these branches of the Lord's work.

Second: It does the world a definite good to give to the cause of Christ and missions. Many of them do not know this, but there are some who do, and will count it a privilege to give if called upon to do so. They have not had the privilege of paying their tithes to the Lord's cause or of giving as they ought, to His work. No one has asked them to give so they have not given, and thus have missed the blessings that come through giving. If we go to them and supply the means by which they will be enabled to receive these blessings we thereby become instrumental in bringing blessings to them.

Third: There is a blessing that comes to all who participate in efforts of this kind. It brings us in closer touch with God, gives opportunity to become acquainted with a larger circle of friends, and opens up larger fields in which missionary work can later on be done. In many cases men and women trace their first interest in the message we love, to a visit made by some brother or sister who came to them asking for help for missions.

And why should not the followers of Christ go even to unbelievers for help for missions? The Lord is the real owner of the world and all that is in it. The houses, lands, mines, and all forms of wealth belong to Him. They have been loaned only for a time to the people who enjoy them at present. God is waiting to move upon the hearts of worldly men to give of the abundance that has been entrusted to them, for the advancement of His work. God will do this as soon as His people are ready to go and present themselves to those who have the money.

There will also be some who will not only give of their means to the movement, but who will give themselves also to God and will be saved in His kingdom.

Seeing therefore that there are so many that are likely to receive benefit from this form of service, does it not seem that one and all should eagerly seize upon the opportunity to go out and do what he can during this annual campaign of Uplift effort?

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AND NOW

A. E. NELSON

O. HOW hard it was to start out! I shall never forget. It seems as clear as if it happened yesterday. It was my first experience in facing the public. I was born and raised on the farm and had always been of a very timid nature. I was sent away to school where the experience intimated above occurred. A great day came in my life when school closed down for one day to allow those who wished to solicit funds for Harvest Ingathering from the surrounding country. I went with my bicycle along a certain road hoping the houses would be scarce. When I would come to a house I hoped no one would be at home. But after passing a few empty houses I came to one dwelling where a surprise of the first magnitude awaited me. Knocking timidly I waited the response when suddenly the door opened and a lady invited me in where I faced all the ladies of the neighbourhood engaged in one of their "Ladies Aid" meetings. Being a stranger all eyes were turned toward me and they naturally expected me to say something. But I was speechless. Holding the magazine tremblingly I finally managed to say, "I would like ten cents." Perhaps to relieve my embarrassment as soon as possible I was presented with the amount of my request but no more. I have thought after-

wards that had I asked for fifteen cents I might have received it. This was the first donation for missions I received in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Fifteen years later. The scene is in India. Many things have happened. It is Harvest Ingathering time. In my work I had requested an interview with the Governor of the United Provinces. Now word has come that the Governor has granted me an interview. I sit in the waiting room of the Governor's house. The red-robed *chaprassie* comes to inform me that the Governor calls me. I feel quite easy before him for I have had yearly practise in meeting people of all classes. A book containing our message is presented to him and in return the Harvest Ingathering fund profited by a personal donation from the governor of Rs. 50/-. The difference of the first gift of ten cents and the governor's gift of Rs. 50/- may symbolize the increase of practical education received from frequent contact with the people.

In my experience I have found that there is a triple benefit received from participating in the Harvest Ingathering campaigns. First, the education to the one who goes out; and second, it acquaints the people with our great message; and third, it brings in funds for the support of the work.

Just a word to those who have never gone out. Decide to take part this year, however timid you feel. You must overcome your timidity sometime and there is no better way to do this than actual experience in meeting people. After the action you will have a reaction which will pay you double for your trouble.

Seventh-day Adventists are set in the world as missionary people. To be missionaries we must meet the people. The moment we shut ourselves away from the people that moment we cease our witnessing before the world. "No man lighteth a candle and putteth it under a bushel."

In a vision of the great reformation soon to come we are told that, "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God.....Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God." Again, "A Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work disinterestedly in the proclamation of the truth and to sustain the cause of God with means." See Vol. 9: 126, 127.



## YOU CAN IF

H. CHRISTENSEN

IF you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you can't. So you determine what your success will be before you go. If you think you can't you are defeated, while if you think you can success is assured.

How vividly I recall making an appeal to a large congregation of believers in one of the large cities in America one Autumn, as we were trying to enlist every member in this service of Uplift. At the close of the service when all the plans had been laid, a sister who had not enlisted came forward and requested an interview. She was a modest and retiring woman and the mother of seven children and the wife of a husband bitterly opposed to her belief. Her heart had been moved during the service, but she felt she could not do it. Never before had she tried, and there was her family to consider. "I want to but I can not do it," she said. During the interview which lasted for more than an hour in which I sought to point her to the Source of our help and strength, she said, "I will do it," and she was given her assignment with the other members. The first home she approached with trembling yet confidence in God, and to her amazement the lady of the house gave her ten dollars (Rs. 27/8) and several dollars from the servants were collected. When she finished her work of but a day or two she had one hundred and twenty dollars as her share. She was happy and no longer said she couldn't. Each year since she has done her full share in the Uplift work in her Church.

She always attended Church regularly with her children, but they were compelled to walk a long distance to the tram line.

The daily paper of the city offered a prize of a large Studebaker Saloon motor car for the most subscriptions, and the sister was the fortunate one and her long walks to church were ended. She learned to do it in the Uplift work. God honoured her faith when she put her trust in Him and went to work.

THE chief end for which the church ought to exist—the chief end for which individual church members ought to live—is the evangelization or conversion of the world.—*Alexander Duff*.

## HARVEST INGATHERING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF CEYLON

GEORGE F. ENOCH

MRS. ENOCH and the writer have just returned from a ten days trip among the tea estates of Ceylon up in the "Hill country" in the interests of our Harvest Ingathering campaign. Arriving home from India about the middle of November we found our little "Tabernacle" approaching completion, with still a little over one thousand rupees needed if we were to have it properly furnished with new seats, a new Estey Chancel Organ, etc. So there was nothing to be done but to carry our plea directly to the people.

An incipient lumbago attack was not sufficient to delay us, for with Christmas so near, it was "now or never." A friend who owns several tea estates

## SHALL WE ANSWER?

"There's a cry in the wind to-night,

From the land where the Lord is unknown,  
While the Shepherd above in His pitiful love,  
Intercedes at His Father's throne.

"There's a call from the dark to-night,

That haunts the lighted room,  
From His 'other sheep' on the broken steep,  
At the edge of eternal doom.

"There's a pain at my heart to-night,

From the heart of God it came,  
For I cannot forget that He loves them yet,  
And they've never heard of His name.

"There's a sob in my prayer to-night,

When I think of the million homes  
Where never a word for the Lord is heard,  
Nor a message from Jesus comes."

kindly placed at our disposal his Estate bungalow near Kandy. We had a pleasant stay there after our 75 mile run to the Hill capital. But we did not reach the real tea country until Wednesday morning, November 27. The first three days of our effort we had to write off to the credit of experience or education, for we travelled 150 miles and collected ten rupees only, besides selling a few rupee books. As we arrived on Tuesday evening in a drenching rain just after dark at the Romboda Rest House (Dak Bungalow) away up in the mountains, with great waterfalls roaring on three sides of us, it was anything but cheerful to find all the rooms occupied, only ten rupees collected, and the nearest stopping place thirty miles over the storm-lashed mountains.

However those arriving before us "doubled up" so we had a room for the

night. Early the next morning found us on our way with slightly better success—forty rupees for that day, but with a repetition of the previous night's experience—arrival at the Talawakele Rest House just at dark, only to find every room occupied and spoken for three days to come and no chance of "doubling up." There was nothing to do but pull for the nearest Hotel eleven miles away. Had we written our opinion of Harvest Ingathering among the planters that night, I fear it would have been most unfavourable.

Early next morning we changed our policy, going straight to the nearest Rest House, Bogwantalawa, twenty miles away, and were able to find shelter. It was certainly an interesting experience. For a radius of about fifty miles the mountains to their very tops had been denuded of their original jungle, which the scrubby tea bush had everywhere displaced. We had not before imagined that there was so much tea in all the world. The main roads were excellent, but usually quite crooked with very few level stretches, and the "estate roads" were usually fair but more crooked and steeper. It was just up one hill and down another often skirting precipices with only inches to spare for a margin, that sometimes about took the wife's breath away. We learned one new term. We drove into one estate from which we very nearly failed to get out. But as it was down a steep hill over a crooked road

there was nothing to do but to try out the extremely narrow and rickety bridge. With bated breath we crept across having just about one inch to spare between the running board and the bridge rail. In surprise the folks assured us that nothing larger than a "Baby Austin" had ever been in that estate before. Thereafter we tried to find out ahead of time if the road into the next estate was a "Baby Austin road."

But we had a fine time. After we had learned the ropes our success was better, Rs. 202.50 being our best day's work. We found the planters courteous and hospitable. Many of them had never before heard of Seventh-day Adventists, but most of those we met gave us something. Some gave 20, more, 15, and the majority ten rupees. We had only four five rupee gifts. Even the



most of those who gave us nothing did it so kindly that the sting was taken out of their refusal.

Thursday morning, December 5, found us packed up and headed for Colombo 88 miles away. We picked up ninety rupees on the way home that made a total of Rupees 865 for our ten days' work. In addition we had made many personal contacts that we believe will be on the right side of the ledger. I told many of the folks about the sermons that we were to publish in the *Ceylon Times* the first of the year, and they promised to look for them. Some of the cheques are still coming through the mail, as I caught some of the planters on the wing. On one estate I went out to "the field" in search of the planter, pursuing him over hill and dale for about four miles before I overtook him. He signed up for fifteen rupees and his cheque came in last night through the post.

In addition to this amount from the planters, Mrs. Hansen and the writer have gathered in Colombo Rs. 1275 to date, which makes a total of Rs. 2140 for our enterprise. It has been my privilege to gather Rs. 1700 of this amount, apparently disposing of the prevailing impression that a man cannot be as successful in the cities as the ladies. As we are still short of gathering all the equipment we want, I hope to raise still another Rs. 400 before the year ends.

In addition to this Brother and Sister Jessen have raised about Rs. 1300, I believe, for their Kottawa School building. This makes a total of about Rs. 3500 raised to date in Ceylon, and only about three weeks effort. This it seems is the best record for Ceylon since the first made in Pastor Comer's time when everything was booming. Now it is funeral to ask anyone connected with rubber for money, coconuts are in the doldrums, and even tea is on a falling market. In addition to this "Poppy Day" had just hit the planters. As they are almost all ex-service men, they contribute very liberally, and Christmas is in the offing. We therefore feel very grateful to the Lord for the measure of success that attended our efforts. Psalms 24:1 was our daily prayer to Him.

GOD never gave a man a thing to do concerning which it were irreverent to ponder how the Son of God would have done it.—*George MacDonald*.

## OUR OPPORTUNITY

According to figures from the General Conference, 810 churches, 21 conferences, and 2 unions in North America reached the Rs. 30-0-0 per member goal in the Harvest Ingathering work during 1928.

The total gathered by that Division alone scored up to approximately Rs. 2,455,006-8 for 1928, and this year our North American churches have been asked to raise approximately Rs. 3,000,000-0.

Confronted with such enormous figures from one Division alone, we naturally are led to ask, what have the other Divisions done? Yes, and what has Southern Asia Division contributed in the past? Hopefully we search the files for available figures, but shamefaced we turn away when we learn that what we have solicited is a mere pittance.

Are we going to be satisfied with what we have done? Are we willing to sit back in our chairs and say that "India is different?" No, brother, let us not be deceived, India is not different. What is needed is *action*, action on the part of the leaders, and action on the part of the lay members. "Let no one think that he is at liberty to fold his hands and do nothing." *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 38. "Our part is not to sit still and weep and wring our hands, but to *arise and work* for time and eternity." *Southern Watchman*, May 27, 1902.

From the distant past comes the appealing call to every believer in this day—

"Do *something*, do it *soon*, with *all* thy might:

An Angel's wing would droop if long at rest;

And God himself, inactive, were no longer blest."

*Test. Vol. 5: 308.*

It is not only that the church needs our help in soliciting funds for the furtherance of this last message, but it is also that we as individuals need this work in order to be spiritually healthy. We must not sit around waiting for some change to take place,—a compelling power to take hold of us. We must act now. We must take hold of this work with our might.

The Division goal for our 1930 Uplift work is Rs. 30,000-0. Is this too much? I don't think so. At the present time there are about 3,000 baptized members in this Division. If each one of these members should set for himself a goal of Rs. 30-0, we would not only

raise Rs. 30,000-0 but Rs. 90,000-0. Can we do it? Certainly, but it will require a united action. "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. *Every member* of the body of Christ *must act his part* in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart." *Review and Herald*, Dec. 2, 1890.

May God help us to remember that "every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty. Every one should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare." *Test. Vol. 7: 30.*

O. A. SKAU.

## HAVE YOU TRIED AGAIN?

T. J. MICHAEL

THE Uplift Campaign is a heaven-born institution. Jesus Himself has told us to make friends with "the mammon of unrighteousness," and there is no better manner of carrying out our Lord's instruction than by participating in the Uplift Campaign.

Our results in the past suggest that there are a good many in this Division who have felt about the Uplift work as I have felt. I have been afraid of it, and have done all I could to avoid taking part. I have been afraid of the snubs I would meet with. I have been afraid of being looked upon as a beggar. I have been afraid that people would think that I was just one more of the numbers who solicit funds under false pretenses. The devil has suggested numerous excuses for my not participating in this Campaign; and my experiences last year, when I shook off my excuses and made an attempt to join the ranks of the faithful in this work, were not calculated to encourage me very much. I worked for two days, during which I visited about thirty different firms and individuals, and succeeded in securing one small donation. I was discouraged and I felt that the matter was settled once and for all. I was not suited for that kind of work and I was only spoiling good territory. But I have been thinking it over of late, and I am beginning to fear that I shall make up my mind to try this year again; and oh, I would be so happy if all the nervous, timid, snub-fearing folks in this Division would come

out with me. Friends, there is more in this Uplift work than trying to get money. The Campaign last year gave me thirty opportunities of witnessing for the Truth that I otherwise would not have had. It gave me the privilege of telling of the Truth and of our work to some who otherwise might never have known of it. "Ye are My witnesses," Jesus says, and though I should get no more financial results this time than last year, I think I shall go out to try and witness for my Lord. "All His biddings are enableings," you know, and "He will with the temptation (or experience) make also a way of escape," not that we may avoid it, or run away from it, but "that ye may be able to endure it." It has been definitely revealed to us in the Word of God, and in the Spirit of Prophecy, that every church member and worker should participate in this work and so let us not "be disobedient to the Heavenly vision." If everyone takes part in this year's Uplift Campaign, we shall see not only a large increase in the flow of funds into God's treasury, which will enable the work to be pressed forward more strongly, thus hastening the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we shall also see souls added to the church, who might have been neglected and lost. May God help us to rightly understand the duty and privilege attaching to this work which He has given us to do.

### THE 1930 CAMPAIGN IN THE BOMBAY UNION

THE third angel's message is moving forward with great rapidity in the earth and urgent demands for men and means are coming from every land. We are in the last days, and the Lord will soon finish His work.

Here in Southern Asia, and in this Union, new friends and new centres of interest are being opened before us, which call for workers and means. And these calls will continue to come until the work is done. Thus it is an ever expanding work with which we are connected. Nor would we want it otherwise, for we long to see the work finished, that Jesus may come to take us home. But we are told that, "It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." *Christ's Object Lessons, Page 69.* During the days from January 25 to February 28, we may avail ourselves of this "privilege" for "one of the new plans for reaching unbelievers is the Harvest Ingathering (Uplift) campaign

for Missions.....Men and women of all classes have been reached and the name of God has been glorified," *MS. Consecrated Efforts to Reach Unbelievers, June 5, 1914.* But although the plan is approved of God, its success depends on human agents. To us is given the task of co-operating with the heavenly host in labouring for souls. "God has done His part, and Christian activity is needed now. God calls for this. He expects His people to bear a part in presenting the light of truth to all nations. Who will enter into this partnership with the Lord Jesus Christ?" *Review and Herald, March 1, 1887.* We are assured that "God will work for us when we are ready to do what we can and should do on our part." *Southern Watchman, March 15, 1904.*

Not wishing to come behind in any good thing and in view of the many opening providences of God, giving evidences of the speedy finishing of this work, it was recommended at our last Union Committee Meeting that this Union set for itself an Uplift Goal. This has now been done, and the goal is only 5500/-. It was also recommended that our Indian workers be asked to devote at least three weeks during the school vacation to Uplift-work, under the supervision of the Station workers concerned. Further, our Union territory was districted and provision made for district leaders as follows:

Karachi—Brethren Martin and Spiess.  
Amedabad, Surat, Baroda—Brethren Ludgate and Oss.

Mahableshwar—Brother McHenry.  
Nasik, Igatpuri, Kalyan, Thana—  
Brother Carter.

Poona and Lonavla—Poona Church Committee.

Bombay—Brethren Garner, Poley, and Miss Tuckey.

Nagpur—Brother L. G. Wood.

Now as we engage in the Uplift Campaign for 1930 we have every reason to be of good courage. God, as the owner of all things, has plans involving all His resources for the finishing of His work among men. "He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work." *Southern Watchman, March 15, 1904.* As we launch out in faith to do His work, we may, therefore, expect such wonderful blessings as we have never known before. And may it be not only a harvest of money, but a great harvest of souls.

THOS. KILLOWAY,

### NEWS NOTES

L. C. S.

BROTHER J. Reuben is one of the colporteurs in the South India Union. Brother Reuben has been engaged in the colporteur work ever since he accepted the Truth, about nine years ago. During these years although he has suffered much with sickness in his family, and he has been down with fever many times so that he could not work over a period of months, he has been faithful in doing his work.

In a recent letter in which he tells of his disappointment in not receiving an order of books which he had planned to use in the Big Week, he said, "Even this was a blessing in disguise. God would not send me to suffer from measles in a distant place and in a helpless state. The Lord has been very good to me during the years that I have been in His work. Last year He brought me home on the last mail just before the railway lines had been swept away in many places. I do not know why the Lord should be so good to me, and there is no reason why I have been saved from severe sickness and twice from the bites of poisonous snakes. I really feel that I should consecrate myself to the Lord to work for His Glory."

I am sure that this testimony to the goodness of God from this humble colporteur should encourage us all to count our blessings when we fall into disappointments and discouragement.

### "TEN REASONS WHY I LIKE TO TAKE PART IN GETTING UPLIFT FUNDS"

P. K. SIMPSON

SOME people are afraid to go out in the Uplift Work, but I have always been afraid I would miss the Lord's blessing if I did not take part in this work. From the first time I went out soliciting in America and secured only twenty cents on a rainy day, I have always enjoyed the "Harvest Ingathering" and "Uplift Work" both at home and in India. Since becoming an Adventist and a Missionary Volunteer especially, I have always tried to go out each year.

First, because I always feel I lose a great blessing when I do not take part.

Second, I have always been blessed with a measure of success in receiving funds, on each occasion when I have gone out soliciting.

Third, I generally hate to get started at it, but always hate to stop when I once get started getting money.

Fourth, I know that Jesus and His holy angels will be by my side and they have always helped me to have success.

Fifth, I want to do all I can to hasten Christ's coming, and the money I get will help others to be ready to meet Him, along with me.

Sixth, I consider it one of the best opportunities I have in the whole year to meet the people of the better classes whom we ordinarily would not perhaps get to meet in any other way.

Seventh, I always make a host of new friends for my work who are always interested thereafter in our work and progress, because they have invested in it.

Eighth, because I myself see the needs of better equipment for my own work, and like to see others get the same help I get for my work.

Ninth, I know from what God's servants have told us that it is the work God would be pleased to see each church member doing for Him.

Tenth, I would like to be able to meet some soul in heaven or have at least one star in my crown, because I had been faithful in helping someone to learn about Jesus through the Uplift Fund.

My prayer is that all our people may enjoy this work as I have always enjoyed it and that God may bless their efforts this year to a large harvest of funds for new openings in the world field, wherever these funds may be used.

### "HOW GOD HAS BLESSED ME IN THE UPLIFT WORK"

P. K. SIMPSON

MY experience in the "Uplift" work is very limited as I have only been in India a short time and have taken part in only two campaigns, but I have found soliciting out here almost as easy as in America and in many ways easier. However I believe that God will bless every one with some donation be it small or large, if they will but go out prayerfully and try their best to get something for the Lord's work. Perhaps a few of my experiences will interest others who hesitate to go out.

I walked into the manager's office in the Royal Hotel in Meerut last April and after a short canvass for our work, showing pictures in the album I was using, I invited the desk clerk to subscribe some-

thing but was told the manager "*memsahib*" was very ill and would be unable to see me that day. I prayed a silent prayer for success and appealed to him again, whereupon he called a bearer and asked him to take one of my pamphlets, and the donor's book in to the *memsahib*, which he did. In the meantime I was silently praying for a liberal donation to encourage others to give more than they had been giving that morning. Word came back to "Ask the *padri sahib* to have lunch in our dining room." I was glad to have lunch as it was already one-thirty. In the dining room I was served a splendid vegetable meal and had all I could eat. Then the bearer came back with my book in which the lady had written, "A Well Wisher".....Rs. 15/-, and the hotel clerk had added another rupee besides, while he said the meal was free. I thanked God for an answer to prayer and went out from there to secure an offering of Rs. 10/- in each place after that, and my total of donations received for the day amounted in the evening to Rs. 71/8, which was the best I received for any one day spent in the campaign last spring (1929). This is only one sample of many similar experiences I have had in such work.

The first time I went out in the Uplift Work was in Delhi in March 1928, when most of the big shops were preparing to move to Simla, and they had already finished giving their regular charity donations for the year. I was unacquainted with the city of Delhi but nevertheless the Lord blessed me with Rupees 13/- for "Uplift Work," and a new white enameled hospital instrument table with glass shelves for our dispensary donated by a furniture dealer, which was worth about Rs. 25/- and therefore brought the total of my donations up to about Rs. 165/- for 1928. I was unable to spend more than two and a half days of actual soliciting owing to other business, so I felt the Lord had blessed me greatly. My goal in 1928 had been Rs. 100/-, so I set my goal for 1929 for 250/- planning to solicit more systematically the following year.

In 1929, however, owing to the birth of our little daughter about the time of the Uplift Campaign, I was unable to spend more than two days of regular soliciting in Delhi, and the rest of the time I spent visiting the Babugarh Remount Depot families near here, the merchants of Hapur (who had never been solicited year-ly before), and three days in Meerut,

going and returning nights to Hapur. In spite of many efforts to keep me from reaching my goal, I was blessed with Rs. 286/- for the Uplift Funds for which I thank the Lord. Now I am planning to make Rs. 300/- my goal for 1930 but hope to get Rs. 350/- if possible. I believe in attempting bigger things each year and expect God to lead me in carrying them out.

In about three hours of actual work meeting officers at Babugarh I was blessed with Rs. 43-8 in Uplift Funds. Rupees thirteen (13) were collected in Hapur town, and I found Hindus and Mohammedans glad to help.

This year our Division Goal is only Rs. 30,000/- for all of India and our goal for Northwest India Rs. 7,000/- only. If each missionary family would spend even a little time visiting their friends, and each European church member would take some part there would be no doubt about us reaching these goals. Let us all do our best and see if we can not reach it.

### MY UPLIFT EXPERIENCE

MISS F. E. CORMACK

I have much enjoyed my experience in Uplift work here in India. It really seems easier in some ways here than in the homeland. While house-to-house Bible work presents more difficulties than it does at home, it does seem that the Uplift appeal gives one opportunities for contact that are very valuable. I have met some very nice people in this work. Even some who seem to be very little interested in religious matters show real sympathy towards our medical and educational work. I like to think that some of these may through the Uplift work become interested in time in spiritual things. For this reason I am glad to hear that a special Uplift number of the *Watchman* is being issued this year so that copies may be left with the donors.

An experience or two that came to me in the last campaign may be of interest. At one home at which I called I had as usual some difficulty in gaining access to the lady of the house. I found that she was not religiously inclined, and at first it seemed that there was little reason to hope for a donation from her. She told me frankly that she was not much concerned with church work, yet she said that she admired those who gave their lives to doing good for others. When I had told her something of our medical and educa-

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tional work, she very freely gave me Rs. 10.

An Indian business man seemed at first not too pleased to see me on finding that I was looking for donations. References to our medical work in other parts of the world as well as in India soon aroused his interest, and he gave a good donation.

I find that quite a number upon whom one calls in a week's work of this kind have sickness in the home, or are in some trouble that they are glad to confide in someone. This is our opportunity, and it is this kind of experience that helps me to remember that our Uplift work is not just for the purpose of getting money.

I do not feel that I am in a position to write as one experienced in this particular line of work, but I am glad for the privilege of participating in such efforts in previous years, and hope to do a little in this next campaign to help reach our Northwest India goal.

## UPLIFT EXPERIENCE

J. B. CONLEY

The Uplift Campaign is one of God's great plans with a two-fold purpose. The one is to provide means to further His cause, the other—its reflex action—to be an avenue of spiritual uplift to all who engage in the work. And we need spiritual stimulus to-day, it is our greatest need. The one who earnestly engages in the work of raising funds to help in the last great push against the strongholds of the enemy must himself be richly blessed as a result. The real joy of service can

only be known by those who serve. It is a great secret known only by the one thus blessed and the Author of the blessing. And will we let the blessing pass by us when its fulness might be ours? And the golden opportunities to tell the individual members of the great unwarned harvest, of the joys of the fast closing Message. Few business men will give without first asking—"Who are you, and what are you doing? What do you believe? How does your Message make it so imperative that I should give to help it on its way?" And then amid the quietness of a business man's private office you tell him of that which is the only hope of a world to-day as a whole, and of him individually. Perhaps that will be the only time he will ever hear the Message for this time; it may be his only invitation. How many will never hear a sermon, never be interested enough to attend the Mission, whose love has waxed cold, because of the existing iniquity, and yet they can't be missed if we go to them. We will meet their objections, rekindle their love, and fan the spark of a dying faith until it may burst forth into an all-consuming flame. And the Uplift plan is the best plan in the world to get in touch with these men. You may invite a man to a service and he replies courteously, but does not come, you may visit him and he talks about his garden or his motor car, but carefully evades eternal things, but he wont respond to an appeal for a good donation until he unsuspectingly inquires what it is for. And then the rest is yours.

We are living in the days of empty churches and an indifferent attitude towards religious ideals. The people wont come to us. We must go to them. Our message is "Go ye." It is not to wait and tell the disinterested or the careless to come. We must go to them. And the Great Reaper awaits the full account at the end of the day. The gleanings of a mighty harvest may only be ours, but what joy in the Kingdom to see those there who could have been found in no other way.

Then will we not make the 1930 Uplift Campaign firstly an evangelizing campaign and then enjoy the blessings of Heaven's "Well done" in the unspeakable joy that comes to the one who serves the heavenly King.

## A WORD OF CHEER FROM BANGALORE

E. HILLIARD

FOR a number of months it has been my privilege to hold Bible studies, in

company with Brother Ritchie, in English speaking families in the city of Bangalore. In some cases I have held studies alone in families. In all of these studies the hearts of the people have been responsive to present truth set forth in divine prophecy. Some are attending our Sabbath services and also our mid-week prayer meetings. How it cheers the heart of the labourer to see some fruit of his labours in this great needy field.

While holding Bible studies with a man who is deeply interested in the Word of God, at the close of one of the studies he closed his Bible with some emphasis and said, "I am done with the Anglican church. The Pastor reads his prayers, reads his sermons, and a man does not get even a spiritual crumb to satisfy his soul-hunger."

In a Bible study on the proper observance of the Sabbath with a family who have recently accepted the Message, the question arose about reading the newspapers on the Sabbath. After showing the ill effects of filling the mind with the subject matter contained in these secular papers, the husband said, "There is where I am guilty." We only wish that all of our brethren and sisters who have been for some years in the message would view the matter in the same light as this brother who is new in the faith. The pioneers in this Advent message would not touch a newspaper on the Sabbath or read letters received on the sacred day of rest. The papers were laid aside in harmony with instruction given in the Spirit of Prophecy and the letters remained unopened until after sunset.

I take a small club of *The American Signs* and a few copies of *The Oriental Watchman* that I place in the homes of the people weekly. These periodicals have awakened an interest in some families that has resulted in appointing Bible studies and also in taking a few yearly subscriptions.

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