

GOD'S PURPOSE IN THE MISSION EXTENSION PLAN

ONE of the precious promises that the Lord has written for the sower of gospel seed is that found in Psalm 126. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." This scripture presents the work of seed-sowing in a very encouraging way. Although weeping and trial are of necessity associated with the giving of the gospel as the seed of the kingdom, we are assured of rejoicing in the certainty of the harvest. It does not present the work of the sower as easy or pleasant. Indeed, it suggests trial and difficulty and burden of heart at the place and time of sowing—a work that is wrought in tears. But it leaves us in no doubt at all of the results of our labour. After the sowing there is to be rejoicing, and the basis that rejoicing is the fruit of our effort.

The statement of this scripture is often applied to foreign missionaries, but we make a mistake in limiting its application to any one class of workers. It applies just as directly to the layman as to the minister, and is for all who labour in the name of the Lord whether at home or abroad. Its promise is just as richly for the earnest home missionary as it is for those who go to fields afar. Its assurance of success and fruitfulness is as much for the humble lay-worker as for the preacher who addresses hundreds.

"God expects personal service from everyone to whom He has entrusted knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighbourhoods. There are many ways in which church members can give the message to those around them."—*Test.*, Vol. IX, p. 30.

The word of the Lord to us is, "Fill the world with the message of His truth, and keep pressing on into the regions beyond."—*Id.*, p. 30.

"The Lord is calling upon His people to take up different lines of work. Those in the highways and byways of life are to hear the gospel message. Church members are to do evangelistic work in the homes of their neighbours who have not yet received full evidence of the truth for this time."—*Id.*, p. 33.

THE BIG WEEK SONG

"Jesus Calls Us"

(Tune "Christ in Song" p. 168)

*Far across the burning plains,
There are millions without light;
Jesus calls us to His service,
Let us help dispel the night.*

*O, the yearning of our neighbours
For a better life to live;
There's no other way to help them
Than to pray and work and give.*

*When the clouds roll back in heaven
Jesus' face will then appear;
O, how small will seem the service
We have spent for Him down here.*

*Gathered 'round the throne of glory
All the nations will appear;
We must all be up and doing,
For that glorious time is near.*

—H. A. Miller.

"Every power in the church is to be actively engaged on the side of Christ. The followers of Christ are to combine in a strong effort to call the attention of the world to the fast-fulfilling prophecies of the Word of God."—*Id.*, p. 43.

Clearly the Lord has purposed that every church member shall do his utmost to give the light of truth to the souls about him, and thus finish the work of God in the earth. While many may be able to work successfully in various ways, there is one way in which everyone can take part, and be assured of fruitful results. That way is by placing the literature of the message in the hands of the people. The Big Week effort affords us all an excellent opportunity to engage in this sort of soul-winning endeavour, and in a wonderful way enables us to reach both the souls nearby and afar off. The first objective of the Big Week is, of course, to place the largest amount of soul saving literature in the hands of the people in the assurance that it will be used to save some. Incidental to that first purpose is the gathering of funds by the effort for the purpose of extending the work of God abroad. Thus we are able to do much in one week toward "filling the world with the message of His truth, and keep

pressing on into regions beyond." The Big Week is first of all a home missionary effort, and recently, a missions-extension undertaking.

The people of the earth in their perplexity and distress are greatly needing the comfort and the blessing of the truth. Shall we hold back from making a special effort in their behalf at this time? May God give us grace to go forth bearing the precious seed and to know that if we sow in faith, making it a heart work, we shall come again with rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us. May He bless His people with a mind to serve and succeed in this Big Week, and give them present blessing as they go forth to sow the precious seed of the truth.

C. H. WATSON.

BIG WEEK RECOMMENDATIONS

a. THAT our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during the Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund.

b. That colporteurs share in the Big Week plan, giving the profits of the biggest day's sale.

c. That all our mission and institutional workers join in the Extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying their entire profits to the fund, in addition to their personal income for one day.

d. That in case of inability to devote time and effort to the sale of literature during the Big Week, lay members, institutional workers and mission labourers make an offering to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

e. That schools arrange for one or more field days during Big Week.

f. That the Publishing House, Division and Union offices and Book Depots, close one day of Big Week to enable employees to contribute an active part in the success of the Extension Fund plan. Believing that the following statement from the Spirit of prophecy applies to us and the members of our churches in Southern Asia:—

"It behoves every soul whose life is hid with Christ in God to come to the front now." Vol. VIII, p. 211.

Let no church think it is too small to exert an influence and do service in the great work for this time—"Review and Herald," March 13, 1888.

We must be labourers together with God; for God will not complete His work without human agencies.—“Christian Service,” p. 9.

EXTENDING EXTENSION FUNDS

TRULY, “mighty oaks from little acorns grow.” From the humble effort of a few colporteurs to make a “big day” excel all other days, has grown the worldwide Missions Extension Fund Big Week Plan. And how quickly has the idea grown to the present proportions. Hardly a full decade has been consumed in the making of a Big Week history.

It was in 1920 at the Fall Council that the first Big Week to enlist the laity was definitely planned, and the first Big Week effort was launched in 1921. Approximately \$45,000 resulted from that first Big Week, and it was suggested that \$500,000 for the extension of the publishing work around the world be raised in five years. Before Big Week was five years old the plan was broadened to include educational and medical enterprises along with extension of the publishing work. And so ten years are being rounded out with the 1931 Big Week.

Only the heavenly recorder can accurately chronicle the full story of the achievements of this Extension plan. Profits from the sale of millions of books and periodicals by many thousands of workers and laymembers, together with gifts, large and small, have contributed the grand total of \$1,650,000, including the 1931 budget. This fund has been expended for the benefit of 350 publishing, medical and educational enterprises scattered in every division of our world field.

In the 1931 Big Week we are helping to bear the increasing burden of sustaining native workers in many lands. Fifty thousand Big Week dollars will care for 299 of these workers for a whole year. The 1931 budget also lists a total of 76 publishing, medical and educational items.

So the Big Week is greatly helping to extend the work in all the world. Help us make the Big Week in 1931 the best of all.

J. A. STEVENS,
Secy. General Conference
Home Mission Dept.

THE WORK IN MYAUNGMYA

WE would like to convey to the EASTERN TIDINGS family, and to all of our workers, a message stating our keen appreciation of the aid given to Myaungmya through the medium of the Big Week Campaign of 1928-29.

If you all could visit our school rooms, or our dispensary, or if you could but hear the expressed praise of some of the beneficiaries of your faithfulness during that campaign, you would feel amply repaid for all your endeavour to make that effort a success. But praise is but poor repayment when we can put alongside of it, in comparison, the salvation of souls.

Our school accommodates upward of forty students, is situated on a high dry compound, and is commodious and comfortable.

Our students come from a distance around Myaungmya, and some of them

students attend Sabbath school and the Y. P. M. V. Society, and some of them the prayer meeting. Some of them must come from a long distance in order to attend.

Through the aid of local donors and the Union Mission, this year our dispensary building has gladdened our eyes, and the equipment made possible through the Big Week appropriation is greatly appreciated.

In this section of Burma there seems to be a great awakening among the people, Christian and Buddhist alike. This is especially apparent among the Pwo Karens and our constituency is gradually growing. We expect to have a great demand made on our school and dispensary during the coming year, and we are praying that facilities adequate to meet this interest will be available.

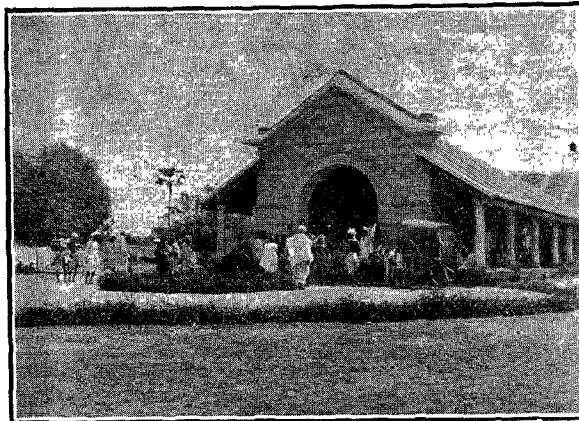
In spite of the almost proverbial hard times, it seems that our work is progressing faster than ever, and we are forced to believe that the Great God has indeed set His hand to finish His work. In view of this we must hasten if we are to keep pace with its rapid progress. We must use every avenue of help that an all-wise Providence sets before us. It is with this thought in our minds that we approach the Big Week Campaign of 1931, and we plan to enter it fully with our brethren in the endeavour to make it a success.

We are reminded of that statement, “All that heaven contains is awaiting the draft of every soul who will labour in Christ’s lines.”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. VI, p. 267. With such a power behind us, and with the aim before us of, “The gospel to the world in this generation,” we cannot fail.

We ask for your earnest prayers in the interest of the work in this difficult section of the country.

A. J. SARGENT.

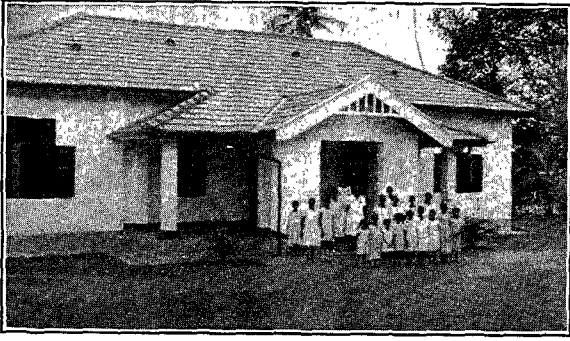
A FAR greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world. The warning must be given in all lands and to all peoples.—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. VII, p. 160.



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must make private arrangements for housing near the school as we do not have a boarding department.

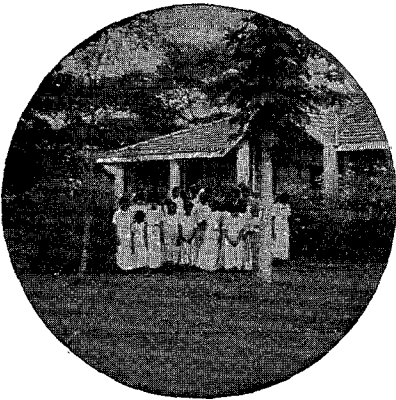
We have endeavoured, both teachers and other workers, to work toward an ideal, in the way of appealing to our students to give their hearts to the Lord early in their course. We realise that the only excuse we have for existing as a school is that of using the school to lead souls to Christ. We have been made happy this last year in the baptism of seven of our students, and there are others planning to go forward in the near future. Most of our



*Girls'
Dormitory,
Kottawa
Training
School*

EVERYTHING has a beginning, and the Missions Extension Plan, or the Big Week as it is familiarly known, is no exception to the rule. The Big Week Campaign had a humble beginning. The expression "Big Week" first appeared, according to all the information we can get, in the North Dakota U. S. A. Conference, where it was proposed to set aside a certain week when all the colporteurs were to put themselves to the stretch, putting in long hours, in the endeavour to reach a high record for the year. This special effort soon became known as "Big Week" and the idea soon spread to all parts of the world, and soon a definite week was set in every division field for intensive literature effort.

At the Fall Council of 1920 held in Indianapolis, Indiana, some one proposed that all the laity be invited to join the colporteurs in the Big Week idea, each to do his part selling our literature, the proceeds to be applied on definite publishing projects. As a further aid to the plan, the whole world was divided up, and assigned to various publishing house territories. All publishing houses were requested to donate one-half of their net gain to the extension of publishing interests in various parts of the world. This



*Girl Students, Lasalgaon
Training School*

was known as the Publishing Extension Fund. The adoption of this series of recommendations set the council on fire. In speaking of these plans, Elder W. T. Knox, the treasurer of the General Conference, said, "I believe this series of recommendations is the most important that has been before us in years. Think of the way our publishing houses have been crowded to their very limit to supply the hundred million in this country. Then consider India with its three hundred million and China with its four hundred million. How can we expect to see these millions upon millions warned unless there shall be built up in Shanghai, in Calcutta, and in other centres, publishing houses which, if they differ at all from those in Mountain View, Nashville, and Washington, will be in over-shadowing them, for they have a far greater work to do than the publishing houses in America."

The blessings of God rested upon this plan from the beginning, and very soon the publishing work began to flourish all over the world. Printing plants were established in many lands, book depositories were built in strategic centres, and machinery and working capital provided for needy centres. The churches loyally supported the Extension Plan. They saw their money going into specified projects, and it appealed to them as a practical means of speedily finishing the work.

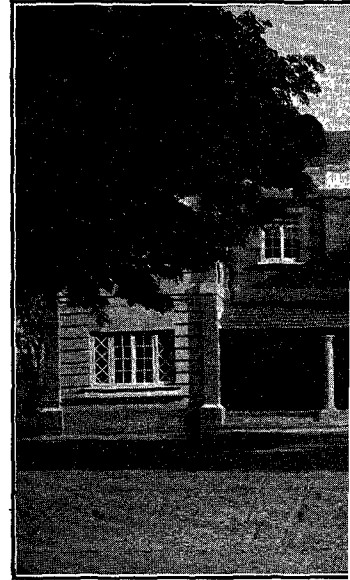
As the brethren saw the marvellous advance made by the publishing work they realized that the same help could be rendered our educational and medical work, where the need was equally great. Consequently, the year 1925 witnessed another development in Big Week endeavour by the adoption of the recommendation to change the name from "Publishing Extension Fund" to "Missions Extension Fund" and unite the three great branches of work in the programme.

Under this threefold union the Extension Plan has proven a mighty factor in the advancement of our work in unen-

The Missions Extension Fund

tered territory. Its influence has reached to the very heart of heathenism. Scores of sanitariums and dispensaries now minister to the needs of humanity in all parts of the world; new training schools have been established, while to others has been furnished much needed equipment. Never have we seen such advancement of gospel medical work in mission lands as has been witnessed since 1925. This has necessitated our mission board sending forth scores of doctors and nurses, who are now ministering in these small but well-equipped mission hospitals.

Altogether, more than Rs.4,400,000 has been raised through the sale of literature, gifts, and dedicated earning capacity for the Missions



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Extension Fund. The publishing, medical and educational interests in the Southern Asia Division have received more than Rs.500,000 of this amount. When we contemplate what has been done in so short a time, words fail to describe our faith in the Extension Plan and our thanks to God for revealing to our minds such a wonderful agency for the advancement of truth.

The Missions Extension Fund stands for advancement. It merits the support of every loyal and true Seventh-day Adventist in its great objective to establish the publishing, educational, and medical phases of the third angel's message in all the world. A more far

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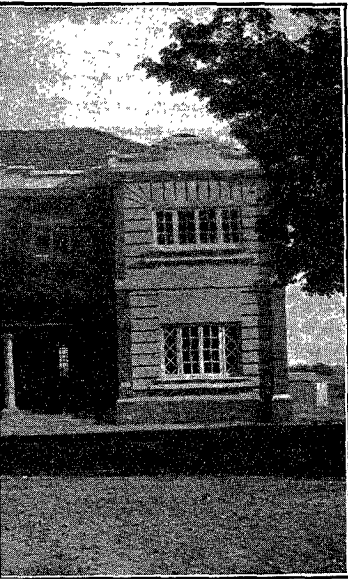
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reaching work has never been set in operation. It has had a small beginning, but when God takes hold of small things they grow, and today that simple plan, born over eleven years ago, is destined to fill a still larger place in the consummation of the gospel.

Home Missionary Dept.

THE 1931 BIG WEEK

THE Missions Extension Big Week has proven a great blessing to our work in Southern Asia. The map on the first page of this issue of the EASTERN TIDINGS gives an idea of the accomplishments of this special effort, but of course it does not tell all the story. Practically every mission and language area



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has been assisted in one way or another. Our map cannot reveal the results of the services rendered in the institutions represented, nor can it measure the influence of the thousands of personal visits which have been made by our workers and church members, and the benefits of the tens of thousands of pages of truth filled literature which have been distributed.

THE PLAN

The great soul winning possibilities of our literature, and the immediate needs of our institutions call in the loudest tones and in the most appealing way for every mission worker and church member to unite in the 1931 Big

*Boys' Home,
Kamamaung
Training
School*



Week effort. The Big Week programme in brief is this: The church members are invited to spend at least six hours selling the literature suggested by the officers of the church, dedicating the profits to the Extension Fund. Colporteurs are to give profits from their biggest day's sales during the Big Week. All missionaries and workers in the Division are asked to devote a full week to selling literature, giving all profits to the fund, and in addition donate a day's salary. Schools are requested to conduct one or more field days. The Publishing House, Division and Union offices are asked to close one day to enable employees to contribute an active part. In fact, it is a time when all those who love the Lord and His glorious appearing will arise as one man and join the angels who "have long waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church."

LITERATURE SUPPLIES

Special arrangements are being made to care for all Big Week literature needs. The Publishing House and Book Depots are making a very unusual offer on rupee books. Sets of three rupee books are to be sold for only Rs.2/- and in some sections there are even more liberal inducements. Our Big Week sets should be scattered like the leaves of autumn during this season. The vernacular literature is increasing each year, making it possible for us to reach many of our non-English speaking neighbours and friends. The Home Missionary calendars are ready for distribution, and will sell easily. The September and October numbers of the *Oriental Watchman* are being published with the idea that they will be used for taking subscriptions, therefore the *Oriental Watchman* subscription list should increase more than 100 per cent during the Big Week.

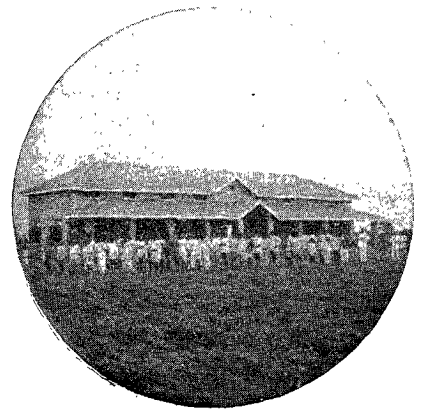
WHY TAKE PART

There are three reasons why every

worker and church member should take part in the Big Week Programme. First: Our literature is published with the idea of giving the third angel's message, and it is one of the most effective means of presenting the truth to the people. Second: In doing personal work for others with our literature our own souls are watered, our confidence renewed and our courage and hope strengthened. The Third: Our institutions can do successful work only as they are provided with necessary equipment and supplies.

PREPARATION

To assist you in your service we make the following suggestions which we feel are essential to success. Be prepared. To fail to prepare is to prepare to fail. Have faith in God. Go forward courageously with complete confidence in the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Pray as if everything depended upon Him and work as if everything depended upon you. Do not worry about the results, just do your best and leave the results with the Lord. Be acquainted with the publications you are selling. If possible get inside the house, as you can have a



*Boys' Hostel, Lasalgaon
Training School*

more friendly visit there than at the door. Create a desire for the books by being enthusiastic and by giving a brief, interesting description. Be friendly and do not argue. After you have given your canvass place the books in the hands of your friend in a confident manner, stating that the price is only Rs.2/-. Be sure to express your thanks for the pleasant visit and depart in such a way that your customer will be glad to see you again. Perhaps it would be well to state here that one should begin work among his friends.

The equipment is abundant, and the possibilities for success are unlimited. May the Lord bless the service of each worker and church member and give us the most successful Big Week in the history of our work.

J. F. ASHLOCK.

WHY DO WE CALL IT BIG WEEK ?

I HAVE been asked to contribute a few words to this special number of the TIDINGS on our coming Big Week Campaign, which I am glad to do. And why is it called Big Week? Big Week is truly named, for it is one of the biggest promotion features of our aggressive world-wide work. It is big because it was born of one of the greatest and noblest of human sentiments—loving self-denial for God. That day when one of our faithful colporteurs wrote in to the office, responding to the call for mission funds, pledging as his contribution the earnings of his biggest week's sales, was a big day although it was not so marked on the calendar. His suggestion set in operation bigger forces than he ever dreamed. Little did he think that his voluntary suggestion would be picked up and developed in a score of ways, and that thousands would soon be emulating his unselfish example.

Big Week is big because it was heaven-born, and had for its purpose the biggest and noblest task ever committed to human hands—to preach the everlasting glad tidings to the ends of the earth.

Big Week has its well-earned title because it has as a means for promotion the biggest of all our soul-saving agencies—our message-filled literature. What would we do without our publishing houses, our books, magazines, papers, pamphlets, tracts. The majority of those in literate countries now rejoicing in the message, were brought in through reading some of our literature, and experience has taught us that those who thus come to know the

Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the Word alone.—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 315.

message seldom apostatise or grow indifferent. Literature has taken an important part in every great work of reform. Tradition has it that in the time of the Protestant Reformation, during one of Luther's imaginary combats with the devil, that he launched his ink-well in the supposed direction of his satanic majesty, leaving an ugly stain on the wall where it broke. This act seems to have started an ink-throwing habit, which has been followed more or less ever since, and in these closing days of the world's history has been given special emphasis by Seventh-day Adventists, and during Big Week in particular. Ink-throwing is a good habit, provided it is thrown from the point of someone's pen, or distributed on the rollers of a printing press, the product of which later comes into the hands of the people.

This year our Big Week efforts are to centre in securing subscriptions for our pioneer preacher, the *Oriental Watchman* magazine. This faithful messenger was born in the early months of the beginning of the message in India, and with but one short vacation, has never ceased to sound a clear-cut message to the English-reading public of this dark land. Although this class of people are in the minority here in India, we must remember that we are the stewards of God's truth for this whole country, and if we do not make plans whereby this minority may have the light, there is no other people here to give it. This, then, is a part of our God-given responsibility, as well as our opportunity. Let us not fail in either; for it will not be long before the doors of such open opportunity as we now enjoy will be closed and barred forever.

Some have unconsciously come to regard the *Oriental Watchman* as a paper suitable only for European and Anglo-Indian readers, and the educated Indian has not been brought into the reckoning. This is a great mistake. As a rule the *Oriental Watchman* has a natural appeal to the educated Indian. If we have not

yet learned this, it is because we have not approached him to make the discovery. There are those who read English, either Indian or foreigner, within easy access of most of our workers, or a short train ride would bring them into the midst of such neighbourhoods. Let us plan for a real invasion of such territory during Big Week. It will be a change and rest from the monotony and grind of station routine. Those who are able to speak the local vernaculars or the Hindustani will have no difficulty in getting about. Those who speak only English can select such neighbourhoods. Take your camp cot, mosquito net, tiffin basket, and a few other camping requisites, and pick out the main stations on a section of railway and make it a point to hunt out every man who can read English and take his subscription. The railway refreshment rooms, Dak bungalows, and waiting rooms will give ample accommodation for a week. In the early days of our work some of our men and women took to this method of canvassing for months at a time, and placed the *Oriental Watchman* in the hands of thousands who possibly would never have any other way of hearing the truth. I well remember, as a participant, when every worker in India used to spend about six weeks every cold season in canvassing for our literature. Everybody was excused from his regular work, and given a chance to breathe a new atmosphere and see some new horizon. New contacts bring new inspiration, a new life, and a new outlook upon the world-task.

All through the years the *Oriental Watchman* has made many friends and done much to sow the seeds of truth where the living preacher could never go. Some day, according to divine promise, this seed will be ripened into a harvest of souls, and then will be clearly seen the true value of this pioneer agency. The names, *Oriental Watchman* and Seventh-day Adventist are synonymous terms with many. On the boat going home a year ago, a passenger judged from some things I said that I might be a Seventh-day Adventist. On learning that I was, he said, "Oh well, then, you must know the paper called the *Oriental Watchman*." We had a good friendly talk together on my points of truth, and he respected us for what we taught. He was not yet a Seventh-day Adventist, but the door of his heart had been opened favourably to the truth, and he was ready to know more. God will take care of the rest.

J. S. JAMES.

ROORKEE SCHOOL BENEFITED BY BIG WEEK

I CAN well remember when the result of Big Week effort had to be proven to me by promoters of the campaign in well prepared lectures in which a great deal was said concerning plans and projects that almost owed their existence to the Big Week Fund. We saw it made more forceful through the means of stereoptican lectures, printed leaflets and hand bills which showed pictures and gave write-ups of the places in mission fields which were going to benefit by the liberal help given them through this medium.

Today, to me it is no longer a theory which has to be proven, but in my daily work I come in contact many times with tangible results that have come as a blessing to the work and progress in Roorkee Training School through the liberal inflow of the Big Week Fund.

In one of the above mentioned pamphlets I can recall reading an appeal for a certain institution that was being built in Northern India. We, who today find it our pleasant duty to carry on the work in Roorkee Training School, feel exceedingly grateful that people the world around responded to that call, and made possible many of the buildings now in use. Possibly we have been one of the few who have benefited from this special fund more than others, but here we are constantly mindful of the blessings we enjoy and the necessities that have been given us as a direct result of the generous help received from the Big Week Extension Fund.

We have once again come to a time of need. At the present time we have a call filed for help, from this year's fund, in building up our library. This constitutes a real need here and we hope that the fund which has meant so much in the growth of this institution thus far will again come to our aid in its further development.

Again we thank the Lord for the plan of the Big Week and pray for its continued success.

J. M. STEVES.

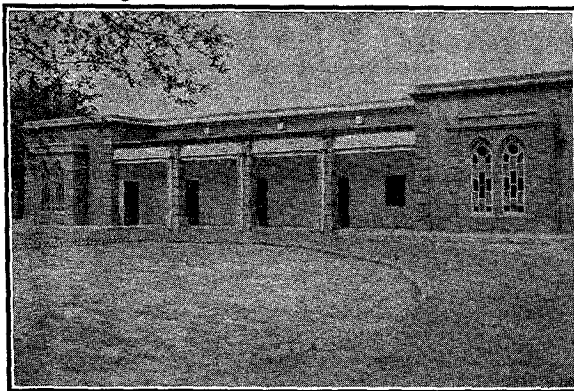
SO vast is the field so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power.—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. IX, p. 47.

OUR LITERATURE GIVES CORRECT VISION

FOUR business men were recently talking over the serious situation in Burma and throughout the world. Three agreed that something extraordinary is soon to happen. The fourth, not an Adventist but a regular reader of our literature, remarked that the thing soon to happen is the end of the world, and he stuck to his position with all positiveness. He had the Bible proof.

Our literature is helping people to get a correct vision. The Big Week presents us with another good opportunity of doing some missionary work. Really, friends, I believe we would all experience a great joy if we undertook what one sister has recently started. While her children are in school she calls upon her neighbours with the *Oriental Watchman* and small books, and every time I see her she speaks of how richly God is blessing her. She is trying hard to gather souls.

The harvest will be proportionate to the seed-sowing. Have we left any part of our field near us unsown with the gospel seed, the third angels' message? I recently found a large section where people had not known anything about the



The Roorkee Training School

Adventist Mission until very recently, though we have been operating in Burma over 20 years. And I wonder if there are not still millions who have never heard, or if they have heard about our faith they may have only heard from prejudiced lips. Should we not give them a fair chance of knowing God's truth that is designed to bring comfort and salvation in these days of trouble?

Some one has said, “The best angle from which to approach a problem is the Try Angle.” Let us all try our hardest

this Big Week, for the needs are great, and let us go forth with the precious seed and “sow beside all waters.” God will send the rain and the sunshine and cause the harvest.

Yours for a good Big Week,

J. PHILLIPS.

BIG WEEK PROVIDES INDUSTRY AT NORTHEAST UNION TRAINING SCHOOL

WE at the Ranchi Training School greatly appreciate the increase in library and printing press equipment made possible by the Big Week proceeds of past years.

While we do not consider our library by any means complete, yet this fund has provided for a good collection of our own denominational books and others which are a great help in the work of the school. We now have facilities for increased reading and research work on the part of both teachers and students.

The printing press also is much better equipped than formerly. Better furniture and tools, and also several new founts of type have been installed. We are looking forward eagerly to future Big Week funds for the means of improving still further our equipment and adding more variety to our stock of type. We have eleven students in our printing class this year, four of whom help to carry on the regular work of the press. We are especially desirous of improving this department as speedily as possible so that more boys may be employed and given a rudimentary training which will be of great value to them and also the Indian publishing work in the future.

May God bless His people as they go out in the Big Week Campaign this year, and may many precious souls be won to Christ as a result of the effort which will be put forth.

MRS. H. H. MATTISON.

OUR publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as a result of their circulation. In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part.—*Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880.

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"THERE is no work more important
than the education of our youth."—
"Counsels to Teachers," p. 46.

I think it was Paster I. H. Evans who
once made the statement: "The educa-
tional programme vitally affects the
medical work, the publishing work, the
colporteur work, the evangelistic work,
the Young Peoples' Department, the
Home Missionary Department, the Sab-
bath school, and in fact every depart-
ment and activity is in touch with,
and dependent upon, the educational
programme."

It was Professor C. W. Irwin, now the
Educational Secretary of the General
Conference, who once said: "Over ninety
per cent of our workers were trained in
our educational institutions and without
our schools the work would certainly
languish."

In my opinion there is no other agency
in the mission field that can contribute
so powerfully to the cause of God in
India as the educational agency.

About eleven years ago when the writer
with his companion in God's service
started the Boarding School at Gopalganj,
if someone would have asked the ques-
tion at that time—Where will some of
these students be ten or eleven years
hence, and what work will they be doing?
he would have hesitated to foretell then
that some time in the future a number of
students would eventually find their way
to the Ranchi Training School; one
would be studying in the South India
Training College; two students would
be helping Dr. Schilling in the medical

work at Jalirpar; one would be serving
as bearer for the doctor and his wife;
one student would be out canvassing in
the Southwest Bengal Mission and one
in the East Bengal Mission territory; one
student would be working in the South-
west Bengal Mission and two in the East
Bengal Mission as evangelists; and that
one would be sent to the Poona Publish-
ing House to work there. Thus we find
that our students are scattered in various
places of the Northeast Union territory
and one has even reached the Publishing
House at the head-quarters of the South-
ern Asia Division. Then do we wonder
why the Lord uses such terms in regard
to the educational work as follows: "It
is the nicest work ever assumed by men
and women;" "The most noble work ever
given to man;" "Nothing is of greater
importance;" etc., etc.

The writer was very agreeably sur-
prised to notice on page 26 of the Exten-
sion Budget for 1931 that \$957.00 is
listed there for the wages of teachers
connected with our Gopalganj School.
We appreciate the financial aid given in
the past and are grateful for what has
been listed this time.

May the Lord bless each one of us as
we enter into the task laid upon us by
kind Providence to engage in the Big
Week work for the extension of the
publishing, educational and medical
work in this great and needy Division.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

ANOTHER year is almost gone and we
are all again face to face with an oppor-
tunity for service in the Big Week
Campaign.

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

"If there is one work more important
than another, it is that of getting our
publications before the public, thus lead-
ing them to search the Scriptures. Mis-
sionary work—introducing our publica-

SPECIAL NOTICE

On Sabbath, October 10, all dona-
tions for the Missions Extension
Fund should be taken in all the
churches. Profits from literature
sales, dedicated wages, day's salar-
ies, and all donations for Big Week
should be properly labelled as Big
Week Funds, and placed in the col-
lection plates.

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tions into families, conversing, and pray-
ing with and for them—is a good work."

"Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask
himself, "What can I do to proclaim the
third angel's message?" Christ came to
this world to give this message to His
servant to give to the churches. It is to
be proclaimed to every nation, kindred,
tongue, and people. How are we to give
it? The distribution of our literature
is one means by which the message is to
be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter
broadcast tracts and leaflets and books
containing the message for this time."

It is very important that all of us
should take part in the campaign, because
we are nearing the crisis of the last days,
and the people around us have to be
warned, and we should all get the bless-
ings the Lord has for us as we minister
to the thirsty souls during this week.
Another important reason for participat-
ing in this week's campaign is that we
should help swell our Extension Fund,
so that we might realize the financial
help we are so badly in need of this year.
May the Spirit of the Lord touch the
hearts of all the believers and workers so
that each one may avail himself of this
opportunity for service.

E. D. THOMAS.

HAPUR GIRLS' SCHOOL APPRECIATES BIG WEEK HELP

THE Hapur Girls' School is just begin-
ning another year's work and the prospects
for a better and larger school than last
year is encouraging. Almost all of the old
students are returning and several new
ones are enrolled. Miss West is back
with us and we are glad Miss Chatterjee
can join our teaching staff. The teachers
and students appreciate the Big Week
Fund whereby this work can be carried
on, and we pray that as a result of the
work done girls may be fitted for the
Master's service in whatever way He sees
fit and that they may be beacon lights
for the Saviour.

JESSIE E. KIMBLE.

"THE world is to receive the light of
truth through an evangelizing ministry
of the word in our books and periodicals.
Our publications are to show that the
end of all things is at hand.—"The Col-
porteur Evangelist," p. 100.

"CIRCUMSTANCES are nails upon
which the weak hang their failures; with
which the strong build their successes."