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IT IS TIME TO PRAISE THE LORD

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"LET US OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD CONTINUALLY,
THAT IS, THE FRUIT OF OUR LIPS GIVING THANKS
TO HIS NAME." Heb. 13:15.

ARE we doing this, dear fellow workers? Now, when we are constantly being reminded that the cause of God stands in need of our *sacrificial offerings* are we mindful of the fact that God Himself asks for our *sacrificial praise*? One is the complement of the other. Many offerings are withheld and not a few that are given are spoiled because of the absence of this important ingredient—praise. As workers for God, honoured of Him to the extent of being called "labourers together with God," we must cultivate more and more this form of worship. He who is the owner of all things and who in response to our continual asking gives us every good gift that we enjoy, asks this thing of His people. Giving them of His bounties, He asks of them praise and thanksgiving.

Without it the offerings we bring, however valuable they may appear to be, are wanting and imperfect. Here is where the enemy has spoiled to the giver many a good gift. *The blessing has been lost because the offering was left incomplete.*

How do we speak of the sacrifices we have made and are still called upon to make? The praise for which the Lord is calling is *sacrificial*. The gifts we have given; the sacrifices we have yet to make for the cause of God call for true self-denial. Their cost to us is all known to God. He can value them and multiply them in value. He has heard us say, "Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." He is willing to accept our gifts not to deprive us of them, but in order that we might receive a blessing. Day by day we must be careful to add to our gifts and sacrifices the "*sacrifice of praise to God.*"

Very clearly He defines what this is—"The fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." The praise must not only be in the heart but on the lips. Said the Psalmist, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Hard times bring temptation to our workers and people, but we still have cause to praise God joyfully. In some countries our people have already encountered trials and hardships which might be compared with "the swellings of

Jordan." Many of our fellow workers in other lands have been called to pass through great tribulation. Some who have been good faithful workers have no longer a place in the organized work. With us it has been different. Notwithstanding losses and disappointments which have come to us in recent months, we are, comparatively speaking, well off. "The Lord has cast to us the lines in pleasant places. We have a goodly heritage."

So in the face of present difficulties and disappointments we shall stand in our lot guarding our souls against discouragement and our lips from murmuring and complaint. "The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

In these testing times we must speak oft to each other of God's love and favour. Fellow workers must hear us praising God for His goodness. In public as we worship and in private as fellow worker confides in fellow worker, the sacrifice of praise is to be offered to God. It will be easier to withhold our offerings in these days than to bring them to God's treasury unless we are willing to *sacrifice*. Similarly it will be easier to complain among ourselves than to rejoice together unless we remember that praise regarding these losses and sacrifices is also *sacrificial*. Bringing our gifts we must sacrifice the inclination to permit our lips to bear the wild, destructive fruit of murmuring and despair. "God is good and His mercy endureth for ever."

"We have a risen Saviour. He is the King, the Lord of hosts. He sitteth between the cherubim; and amid the strife and tumult of nations, He guards His people still. He who ruleth in the heavens is our Saviour. He measures every trial. He watches the furnace fire that must test every soul. When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, when the arrows of God's wrath shall strike through the hearts of His enemies, His people will be safe in His hands."—*Vol. 5, p. 754.*

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." Ps. 50:23

"BLESSED ARE YE THAT SOW BESIDE ALL WATERS." Isa. 32:20.

WITH OUR IN MANY A WORLD-WIDE

IMPORTANCE OF COLPORTEUR WORK

"THE canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. The importance of the work of the ministry is unmistakable, but many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history."—*Vol. 6, p. 313.*

IN CHINA

CHINESE provinces are divided into 1919 *hsiens* or districts. The administration of our work in China has adopted a slogan, "We earnestly hope to be established in every *hsien* of China within the next few years." The ideal has been taken hold of with refreshing vigour in every part of China and the various superintendents report enthusiastically concerning progress as they try to compass every district in that vast land. Brother C. C. Crisler says, "We should not camp around the old centres, but should go out into new territories and open up the work. We counsel the brethren to acquaint themselves with the field and the people over which they have been placed as stewards, to see that the message is carried alike to every man, woman and child; for today we face a work that is soon to be finished in all the earth. We are confident that as the work is finished in other lands, it will likewise be finished in China."

We quote this in order to understand the following statement concerning the Chinese colporteurs. Brother Crisler adds, "It is recognized with gratitude to God that the colporteurs have far exceeded, in territorial scope, the endeavours of other workers who have occupied 312 *hsiens*; for they have distributed our denominational literature in perhaps 95 per cent of China's *hsiens*. In several areas during the past five years they have entered every *hsien*; this is their aim year by year. May they have success commensurate with their sacrificial loyalty to the advent movement."

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"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.* The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the colporteur, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way; for the Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*Vol. 6, p. 315.*

THE UPLIFT CAMPAIGN

WHILE we are all busy with the various activities in connection with the work of God, we, as workers and members of the prominent church, must not forget the fact that we are to strengthen the hands of the brethren who are holding the financial ropes of the Southern Asia Division Mission. When the members of the Division Committee after prayerful and careful consideration agreed upon budgeting a substantial amount of money as income accruing from the forthcoming Uplift Campaign, they exercised great faith in God, and in their fellow-labourers, and the faithful church members throughout the Division. Have their faith and confidence been rewarded? Have you as a worker in this great advent movement done your share under God by engaging whole-heartedly in this the 1933 Uplift campaign? The year is half gone and how do you face the situation?

The other day I was reading the report of "Poppy Day" collections in India, and was very much surprised at the figures. The Calcutta Branch topped the list with Rs. 42,187, and Burma was a close second with Rs. 40,480. Bombay's collections were 22,114 rupees, and thus over 200,000 rupees were collected in India alone. The secret was, "the people had a MIND TO WORK." Have you made up *your* mind to work for the interests of the Uplift work in India? Then, DO IT NOW.

Up to now, Mrs. Mookerjee and I have been able to spend twenty-two mornings or afternoons in the interest of the campaign, and although we have not been able to collect as much as in other years, yet we are thankful for the amount collected, the contacts made, the literature given, and the interests created by the blessing of the word as the result of our visits to the various homes in Ranchi.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work"

WE sent a colporteur and family to locate in the island of Hainan. He has now a place for holding meetings and writes me of a very good interest there. Because of lack of funds and workers . . . we have been unable to put on a large effort there, but twenty are attending the Sabbath meetings and some are anxiously inquiring after Bible truth."—*A. L. Ham.* "Our colporteurs related how God is going before them and opening doors difficult and how they are finding many interested in the truth for this time."—*John Oss, concerning West Szechwan, "China Division Reporter."*

IN KOREA

PROFESSOR FREDERICK GRIGGS tells in June *Far Eastern Outlook* of "a colporteur in Korea who in connection with his work had organized a Sabbath school of over forty members, and of another colporteur who sent in the good news that nineteen persons began keeping the Sabbath through his efforts and were calling for a minister to visit them and establish them and organize them into a church. Our colporteurs are not only earning a living, they are also winning men and women for Jesus."

IN THE PHILIPPINES

IN the same paper we find a most interesting story of the development of a church in Bondo in the Central Luzon Conference. A man had heard our minister preaching in a distant town. He returned and taught his family. "Then two colporteurs came and sold books. They stayed with the Sabadista and instructed them more fully in the truth. Money was plentiful and the colporteurs had good success. After a couple of weeks the books had won one more soul. A former public school teacher decided to keep the Sabbath. . . . These new believers met Sabbath after Sabbath and eventually wrote to the Central Luzon Conference for instruction. They sent in their tithe and offerings regularly, and distributed tracts and other literature until a fine interest was created. Only last year two workers were sent. The message met no opposition. The entire *barrio* about the size of a fourth class municipality was warned. Gambling and card playing practically ceased. The Catholic chapel lost its worshippers . . . eighteen were baptized and

COLPORTEURS LANDS

LITERATURE MINISTRY

a strong church organized. These believers had their chapel finished before they were baptized. Thus the light of the third angel's message shines brightly at the end of the peninsula of the longest province of Luzon."

IN WEST AFRICA

"IN the Calabar area, world-famed in mission history for the work of Mary Slessor, a whole village accepted the truth and the chief sent to Brother Vine asking that a teacher be sent to teach them more. Scores of villages in this area are inquiring of the good way and no doubt thousands of souls can be gathered in the near future." The explanation: "One thing which no doubt has stirred up an interest on the part of many is the literature which has been circulated. Brother A. W. Cook, who was sent out about a year ago to promote the literature work on the West Coast has spent much time in Nigeria. He has secured and trained seventeen or more full-time colporteurs who have sold thousands of pages of our literature. This is now bearing fruit as is shown by the interests that are springing up."—*E. D. Dick, in "The Advent Survey," July, 1933.*

IN SOUTH AMERICA

BROTHER HARRY F. BROWN, reports in the June issue of the *South American Bulletin*, a very interesting case of a family won through literature: "A German family living in Punta Chica, a suburb of Buenos Aires, is attending the Florida Church. The first contact was formed by a sister while working in the Big Week campaign. Later, through a visit of one of our colporteurs, they learned more of the truth. Soon another colporteur visited them, finding to her surprise that they were keeping the Sabbath. The husband and father had been a soldier in the Great War, and although a devout Catholic, was disgusted by seeing the Roman Catholic priests bless the arms that were being used to kill the French.

"Later they came to Argentina where a Bible came into his hands. He read a little here and there and discovered that the Sabbath was the Lord's day. Under a strong impression he said to his wife, 'Someone will visit us bringing what we shall understand is a message from God.' Thus when the canvasser visited his home with the message, he was prepared in a way to receive the truth."

"The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man."—Vol. 6, p. 332.

Space does not permit to tell the wonderful story of what our literature ministry is accomplishing in South America: thirteen colporteurs greatly blessed with souls in Chile, wonderful openings in Peru, people reading eagerly in the upper Amazon regions, then this good word from Eastern Brazil: colporteur C. T. Farias tells of the great influence being wielded in the dark places and "the privilege and satisfaction of meeting many persons who express their great appreciation of our literature." One gentleman said, "You Seventh-day Adventists teach the real things and the truth, and if you will speed up your propaganda, soon you will lighten the whole world and drive back the darkness of error in which the peoples are submerged." Colporteur Magalhes tells about the great reception by magistrates, and leading citizens in a certain city who call "Patriarchs and Prophets" the "large Bible," and how they were anxious for a visit from one of our evangelists.

IN AUSTRALIA

BROTHER A. JACKSON, North New South Wales Field Missionary Secretary, reports some soul-winning of Brother and Sister C. T. Parmenter, colporteurs, which has awakened a remarkable interest in the Taree district: "Altogether there are ten or eleven persons intensely interested in the message; in fact, several of these have already begun to keep the Sabbath. One old couple living close by have been keeping the Sabbath for some time, and are rejoicing in their new-found light. Then there are two families who had been Adventists years ago, but had gone out through being isolated and out of

THE COLPORTEUR A GOSPEL WORKER

"THE intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving colporteur should be respected; for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister. Many of our young ministers would, if truly converted, do much good by working in the canvassing field. And by meeting the people and presenting to them our publications, they would gain an experience which they cannot gain by simply preaching. In thus endeavouring to bless others, they would themselves be blessed; they would obtain an experience in faith; their knowledge of the Scriptures would greatly increase; and they would be constantly learning how to win souls for Christ."—*Vol. 6, p. 321.*

THE CALL FOR COLPORTEURS

"WE have no time to lose. We must encourage this [the colporteur] work. Who will go forth with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armour on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must receive the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'" —*Vol. 6, p. 333.*

touch with our people. . . . These folk were discovered largely through the efforts of Sister Parmenter with the *Signs of the Times*. Brother Parmenter had the pleasant surprise the other afternoon when making his last call, of finding a lady and her husband keeping the Sabbath. He made inquiry and found they did not seem to know anything of Seventh-day Adventists. . . . He met an influential lady in the town who did not manifest an interest in the medical book, but after a little spiritual talk, purchased a copy of "Daniel and Revelation," and "The Pope King Again." This lady has also thrown her home open for Bible studies. Brother Jackson also relates another experience in which Brother Parmenter gave some advice to a wealthy man suffering from colitis, and prayed for him, much to his benefit healthwise. Later he was called back and had a very interesting discussion about the Sabbath question. Thus another home was thrown open for Bible study through the efforts of a faithful colporteur.

In the same issue, the *Australian Record* of July 3, Brother T. A. Mitchell, South New South Wales Field Missionary Secretary, tells of two remarkable interests that had developed through the work of faithful colporteurs: "One of our ordained ministers and I left Sydney early one morning and travelled 300 miles south to Bega. Upon arriving we found that Brother Forest Black (a colporteur) had two persons keeping the Sabbath, and actually dozens of others interested. We were not able to visit all these people but were satisfied that something must be done for these souls who are calling for the truth. We spent the Sabbath at Bega and on the way back to Sydney conducted a Sunday evening meeting with an audience of more than thirty people who have become interested through the work of another colporteur. . . . It gave us much pleasure to see what the God-fearing colporteur-evangelists are doing and to have first-hand knowledge of how the Lord is using them to finish His work."

THE COLPORTEUR WORK

"THE work of the colporteur is elevating and will prove a success if he is honest, earnest, and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has undertaken. His heart must be in the work. He must rise early and work industriously, putting to proper use the faculties God has given him. Difficulties must be met. If confronted with unceasing perseverance, they will be overcome."—Mrs. E. G. White, "Manual of *Canvassers*," p. 18.

actors in the play. Colporteurs are known and read of all men as they go and come in the crowds.

9. Because the hour is late, and a wicked world is to be warned of the impending judgments of God. Colporteurs are first among those to give the warning.

10. Because a rich reward awaits those who will brave the multitudes and faithfully push forward with his work. J. S. JAMES.

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK

"IF there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing and praying with and for them—is a good work.—Vol. 4, p. 390.

OUR OFFERINGS

God Loveth a Cheerful Giver

WHEN we pay our tithe we but return to God that which is His own; we place in His treasury that, the withholding of which would bring us under His curse. It is what we do with the nine-tenths which belong to us that is the test of our liberality toward God. The Bible does not tell us how much of this nine-tenths we are to give for His cause. Our response in this matter of "offerings" indicates whether our spirit is the spirit of heaven or the "spirit of covetousness and selfishness" which rules in the world. "The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven."

While there is no law to regulate how much of that which is ours should be given, there is the example of Israel of old enshrined in God's word for our guidance. In "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 527, we are told that it required fully one-fourth of Israel's income to meet the various gifts and offerings required by the Lord. The comment of the servant of the Lord on this is enlightening: "It is not God's purpose that Christians whose privileges far exceed those of the Jewish nation should give less freely than they gave. 'Unto whomsoever much is given,' the Saviour declared 'much is required.' Luke 12: 48. The liberality of the Hebrews was largely to benefit their

own nation; today the work of God extends over all the earth. In the hands of His followers Christ has placed the treasures of the gospel, and upon them He has laid the responsibility of giving the glad tidings of salvation to the world. Surely our obligations are much greater than were those of ancient Israel."—"Acts of the Apostles," pp. 337, 338. It is significant that the blessing of God promised in Malachi is dependent on faithfulness in "offerings" as well as on faithfulness in "tithe" paying.

My dictionary tells me that the word "bless" is derived from a word meaning "blood." How true the statement "without shedding of blood"—there is nothing. Before we can really become the "blessing" we should to our fellowmen we must part with some blood. We have our great exemplar in Jesus. One noted preacher has called Gethsemane, "The Rose Garden of God." From the blood drops that watered the earth there the roses of eternity will bloom in the persons of the redeemed. It was necessary for even Jesus to "learn obedience from the things which He suffered."

The apostle Paul tells how his many sufferings for the cause of God were to "fill up that which is behind (lacking, R.V.) of the afflictions of Christ. "In fact when our Lord called Paul He revealed to him "how great things he must suffer" for His name. These times of financial stringency and depression may be Heaven's own method of testing us as workers to make manifest the genuineness of our consecration. In that hour of suffering in Gethsemane we hear the reproachful question of Jesus, "Could ye not suffer with me one hour?" This question has lost none of its meaning through the centuries.

"Without shedding of blood"—nothing. It will take many blood-drops from some consecrated men and women to so water the earth that the world may be evangelized in one generation. Have we not thus far as workers been so well cared for during the years of financial prosperity that we have forgotten this great truth? So "whatever the great things that we must yet suffer," "to fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ," let us willingly take whatever cup He may place to our lips, saying, "Not my will but Thine be done." Then if it requires even our own blood-drops to water the rose garden of God so that many souls may be saved eternally, let us cheerfully pay the price without murmuring. In view of all this how can any loyal worker murmur about the giving of offerings, even on a cut budget? "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." E.

DIVISION, MAY, 1933

BOOK & PERIODICAL SALES

Totals			Total April Book & Periodical Sales			Total January-April Book & Periodical Sales			Sales Goals	
1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	Loss or Gain	1933	1932	Loss or Gain	1933	
Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs.	
1,013- 2	171- 0	4,254- 4	1,681- 0	2,573- 4	G	11,028-14	12,990-13	1,961-15	L	25,000
781- 8	364- 8	1,047-14	2,326- 2	1,278- 4	L	6,699-10	6,929-11	230- 1	L	21,000
373- 6	722- 0	2,255- 6	2,277-15	22-9	L	9,036- 8	9,523- 3	486-11	L	21,000
941- 0	444-12	1,081- 2	811- 0	270- 2	G	3,277- 2	5,049- 7	1,772- 5	L	16,000
579- 4	1,093- 0	1,442- 6	1,969- 7	527- 1	L	7,527-12	12,641-14	5,114- 2	L	22,000
99- 1	65- 0	1,244-15	804-11	440- 4	G	3,062-13	3,107- 0	44- 3	L	...
3,787- 5	2,860- 4	11,325-15	9,870- 3	1,455-12	G	40,632-11	50,242- 0	9,609- 5	L	105,000

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period Jan. 1 to May 31, 1933, as compared with Jan. 1 to May 31, 1932, Rs. 9,609- 5

MONTHLY SALES GOAL, 1933, Rs.8,750

J. C. CRAVEN.

pers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work."—Vol. 8, p. 89.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

A "SPECIAL series of tent meetings" were opened recently in Spokane, Washington, with Elder R. A. Smithwick in charge. "All the help in connection with the manning of this effort is being furnished by the Spokane Church," announces the *North Pacific Union Gleaner*.

The same paper tells us, "A letter from Elder W. H. Stevens of Roseburg, who has been a missionary in India, tells of interested people at Weaver's Creek. It is too early to tell what will develop but a Sabbath school will be organized in the near future."

Again on another page we read the report of Eld. and Mrs. M. J. Jackson: "A few weeks after our effort (in Richland, Oregon) started, Brother Basil Kleyn (Ceylon) joined us and has been working side by side with us in a series of meetings. We have certainly appreciated his help. In spite of severe weather we had a splendid attendance. People marvelled at the interest, and we are happy that our offerings covered all expenses of the effort. We expect our new church to reach forty members."

From a report of a meeting of the Canadian Union Conference Committee, held at the Rest Haven Sanitarium, Vancouver Island, we read, "Brother Perrin, who was with us two Sabbaths, favoured us with a second lecture on the 'Peoples and Customs of India,' in which land of heat [he must have been thinking of Lucknow in July] and intense spiritual blindness he laboured for many years."

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STUDENT WEEK OF PRAYER AT LASALGAON

At the request of Brother James Mrs. Carter and I went to Lasalgaon on July 13 to assist Brother and Sister Spiess in the Student Week of Prayer. Upon arrival one could not help but be impressed with the needed changes which have been made on the estate.

The new electric light plant is a great asset to the school. The teachers are now living in their new quarters, and when Brother Maseyk finished wiring the building and turned on the lights, one of the teachers said—"Look at the lights, as to how they came on we do not understand, but I am so glad, and from now on I will study hard until ten o'clock."

On July 14 the Week of Prayer began. The students and faculty had been looking forward to this occasion, and their hearts and minds were prepared to receive a great blessing. On the first day of the meeting the school was divided into prayer bands,

and in addition to our Bible studies together, these bands met and spent their time in a very earnest way seeking the Lord. It was encouraging to see the children who had been having some difficulty among themselves make things right.

The Week of Prayer was a time of heart searching and rejoicing. We found many things that were displeasing to God—such as pride, selfishness, backbiting, faultfinding, murmuring, complaining, and other sins which we resolved to bury with the old man. A new determination was made by the faculty and students to put on the new man, Christ Jesus, and to make this school year the most profitable one in the history of the school.

Brother and Sister Spiess are working very hard and the Lord is blessing their efforts. It made my heart rejoice to see the good spirit and co-operation manifested by the staff, each member prayed earnestly, testified and reconsecrated their lives anew to God. May the Lord continue to pour out His Spirit upon them as they continue the good work, and surely the reward will come, the joy of seeing souls saved in His kingdom.

At the close of our Week of Prayer seventeen children expressed their desire to join the baptismal class, and to become members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Let us remember this school before the throne of grace.

J. B. CARTER.

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We have enjoyed a visit from our assistant auditor, Brother Michael. In addition to making a careful examination of our books for the past two years, he was able also to make visits to Kamamaung, Meiktila, and Myaungmya. We took advantage of his visit to hold a full meeting of our committee at which his counsel was appreciated. We count him as one of Burma's good friends because he was acting superintendent during 1928.

The writer returned yesterday from a visit to our work in the Pyapon District. We made the trip in the Delta motor boat with Pastor Sargent and two of his workers. We have placed Saya Po Lwin in this district to foster our important interests there. It is encouraging to see the faithfulness with which our scattered members pay their tithes and offerings, we have no district in Burma where our members are so poor.

There are many calls for a Sgaw Karen worker in the Myaungmya district and Kamamaung is making a loan of Pastor

Peter for a special effort covering a period of six weeks.

I believe our June colporteurs' report is the best Burma has had for many months. The orders amount to Rs. 3,235-7. We have eight full time workers hard at it every day. Brethren Wilson and Christensen are very active in the field. We hope some of these new men will make the circulation of advent literature their life work; it is our hope for reaching the millions of Burma. Another need is for more literature containing our full message. The *Kinsauing Magazine* is reaching a fine class of Burmese and Karen people, and it is well received. The quality of the articles appearing and the mechanical work done by our Poona House are both highly spoken of. Let us all be more active in circulating it. It is one of the best printed Burmese magazines available. Sabbath, July 8, Pastor Phillips baptized three in Maymyo who were interested through the work of our colporteurs.

It is good to see the way in which our churches and companies are keeping up and increasing their offerings. The Rangoon Sabbath School has increased its goals for the new quarter. The Maymyo group report the splendid total of Rs. 476-10. in tithes and offerings for the second quarter. This is the largest amount ever reported from Maymyo. "Open Thy people's purse that they give not less—but more."

Word has been received of the safe arrival of the Beckner family in America and of the Denoyer family as far as Shanghai, en route to California. With the Denoyer family went two daughters of Burma, Grace David and Naw Phebe, to take the nurse's training course in the Shanghai Sanitarium. We plan to have some qualified assistants for the doctor Burma wants and needs so sorely among its Buddhist population.

J. L. CHRISTIAN.

TENASSERIM NEWS NOTES

MANY readers of the TIDINGS are acquainted with, or have heard of, U Myat Htun. When the work first started here in Burma he was the first to acknowledge it, and being an excellent Bible student was instrumental in winning Pastor Maung Maung (his brother), Pastor Hpo Hla, Brother Chit Hla, and others of the early workers and Burmese brethren.

Small in faith, however, he did not take his stand till recently, and we are glad to tell you that after careful study, and much prayer, we have welcomed him into full church fellowship. May God continue to bless him and make him a blessing.

Since last we reported, our Uplift campaign has closed, bringing the total for this year up to Rs. 384; although we did not reach our goal, this amount is more than last year by Rs. 10. When we know that all of this has been collected from

"We need to realize the importance of the Colporteur work as a great

villages and small towns, and that nearly one half of our church members took part, we greatly rejoice, and we believe that in the future we can get even more of our members to do a little bit each, the goal of Rs. 500 will be reached.

The day after Ohndaw School opened Saw Mauug Thein and Naw Yea Mwe were married. The church was beautifully decorated, a large number of friends and relatives were there and the band accompanying the bride to the church helped to make it a grand occasion. They are now located at Naungkaring, and we hope they will be used by the Lord to be a real strength to the company there.

On May 13 we had a unique dedication service, during which Pastor Myat Po dedicated five Ohndaw babies,—Peter Edgar Hare, Noah John, Rinnie Chit Maung, Henry Tun Maung, and Bruce Sein. We are glad to report that all of them are well and strong.

Thra Tha Kin has been called to Meiktila and we hear that he has his band and his choir well started, and that the singing and music would make your heart rejoice.

Pastor Myat Po has been called to assist in the city effort at Thaton with Pastor Wyman. We hope to hear good reports from him soon.

With the continual growth of the work, more and more of the responsibility has been placed on Pastor Peter, and Thra Chit Maung. They have visited all the village schools from time to time and have taken most of the station responsibility, thus enabling me to continue the translation of "Our Day" into Karen. We are now up to chapter nine, and hope to have it completed before the end of the year. Thra Paul's translation of the old edition of "Our Day" is proving a great help. For although there are several new chapters and many changes, I can use a lot of his writing.

E. B. HARE.

DELIVERANCE TO THE CAPTIVES

III

"WELL, and how is little "Two Pice" this morning, Auntie?" I asked as we made our early morning round. "Oh, he wants to eat rice, and he wants to run! He says he's all better, Thara!"

She wanted to say more, but she couldn't, —you know that awful feeling you have when your heart is full,—and I knew what those tear dimmed eyes, now turned aside, were seeing in their dreams. They were seeing her boy—her only boy—running, jumping like other boys, without a truss or a bandage on. And it was too grand a sight to speak of. She had hoped and hoped in her heart that some day she could save enough to take her boy to the city for an operation, that's what Thara had advised her to do, but right here God had brought us one of our own doctors, and he, Dr. Schilling, had made all her dreams come true. Now the operation was all over and in a few days her Two Pice would be running and jumping. Two Pice knew it too. He didn't have to be told to be careful. No sir! And there was no fuss when we told him to smell the ether and breathe deep. No sir!

We patted him on the head, said a few encouraging things, and were turning to go, when his mother found her voice again and asked me quietly under her breath. "How much will it all cost, Thara?"

"We are only charging for the medicines and sutures," I said. "It will be ten rupees. Can you manage that?" And again the words came hard and choky. "Why, of course I can?" (Rs. 10 was half a month's wage to her) "but even if I could

save a hundred rupees and pay it all, it wouldn't be enough!"

A little way down the path we met Hla Kin—the wife of one of our out-station men. We could see her smiling a long way off, and as we came nearer she said, "Can I go home today? My eye is all better again! Here, look at it!" and we looked, and were pleased, for now the eye-lashes no longer scratched and irritated the eye ball, and the job had been well done, and as the doctor smiling, gave his consent to go home, Hla Kin added, in jungle language of course, "Thank you Big Thara, very, very much." Then realizing he could not understand it she appealed to me to say it in English. I did, but it did not sound one bit like hers. No indeed, to say a thank you like that, I'd need to have had a stinging sore eye for years and would have had to pull my eyelashes out every week for any rest at all. Maybe she felt my lack at being able to say it as she felt it, so added, "Why, tell him it's like being bound for years with a chain, but now I'm free."

On the dispensary verandah was another patient with face beaming, and no wonder, for until a few days ago an ugly growth on her eyelid not only disfigured her but interfered with her sight, and now it was gone; and her little niece too was rejoicing because a big lump was gone from her ear. No wonders she said, "Thank ycu, Thara.—Here's the money.—May God bless the doctors!"

And that's just what I want to say.—"God bless our doctors—our own doctors! And may we get another visit soon!"

E. B. HARE.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

HOW are you progressing with the Ministerial Reading Course?

In an isolated community in South America where a large number of copies of "Patriarchs and Prophets" have been sold, the people call it "the large Bible," a very good name. Its careful study during this year will contribute materially to "higher ground" in your own personal spiritual experience.

We feel certain that decided help in soul winning efficiency has been received by all who have read carefully "The Soul-Winner." From cover to cover this book is filled with that which is inspiring and helpful for all gospel workers, written as it is by one of the greatest soul-winners of the nineteenth century, a man who stood four-square for the law of God in his generation.

The history of the Christian church during the first four centuries is vitally important as a background for our workers. One worker has written quite a severe criticism of "Early Church History," feeling that it is "High Church" propaganda. What is your opinion?

The Bible Year

Are you following the chronological order in reading the Old Testament, according to the "Outline" furnished all members of the Ministerial Association? Copies of this "Outline" are still available.

If so you should have completed the 118th Psalm by July 31.

The chronological order has disturbed us but little during the first seven months of the year—Job came first, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther have been skipped—the Psalms following immediately after 2 Chronicles.

During the next five months you will find it quite different—Jonah will follow Ecclesiastes, and most of the Minor Propbets will sandwich themselves in before you reach Ezekiel. Only four Minor Prophets will follow Daniel; Ezra will follow Daniel; Esther and Nehemiah will come just before Malachi.

If this year's Bible reading teaches you the proper historical setting of the Old Testament books, you will have received great gain.

By the end of August you should have completed Psalms, Songs of Solomon, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Jonah, Joel and Amos. Will you not do this if it even becomes necessary to sit up nights?

Do not let the end of the year find your pleasant task unaccomplished.

"Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jehovah negligently." Jer. 48: 10.

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BROTHER T. J. MICHAEL arrived back in Poona, July 28.

The Sabbath school lessons for the next quarter are on the "Bible." "The Bible, Book Divine" by Mrs. E. E. Andross, author of "Alone with God" and other popular books, has been prepared as a help. Price ten annas. Order early as the supply is limited.

Programmes have been sent to all the churches for Colporteur Day, August 12. In this issue we have emphasized the great importance of this branch of our work. The fulfilment of the predictions made by Sister White at the beginnings of our work are being wonderfully fulfilled. All the quotations found in other pages are from the most recent issues of the field papers. They are up-to-date, and they give but a little glimpse of the great work that is being done. In Southern Asia there is great need of a wider circulation of the literature that is to bear an abundant fruitage. We trust that the programme prepared will be used in all our churches and that a great revival of our literature ministry will result.

Dr. Emma Hughes arrives in Bombay, via England, August 3. Dr. Hughes had expected to cross the Continent, but a few days' illness in England cancelled those plans. South India extends a cordial welcome in which all India joins.

Pastor E. D. Thomas and family are expected to arrive in Poona about August 3 in response to the call of Brother Thomas to

RECENT GENERAL CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

"WHEREAS, We have been repeatedly told through the Spirit of prophecy that our literature ministry is to occupy a major place in quickly giving the message to the world, and that 'the world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals,' and

"WHEREAS, At the present time there are many among us who under ordinary conditions would be regularly employed by our conferences and mission fields, but who because of the present financial situation are now not being employed, and

"WHEREAS, Definite plans were laid at the 1932 Autumn Council to strengthen the work of literature evangelism in our large cities by entering these centres with groups of colporteur evangelists, therefore

"WE RECOMMEND, That we appeal to men and women who cannot at the present time be employed because of existing conditions in conferences and mission fields, and to those who are looking forward to entering conference and mission employ, to embrace the opportunities provided in our self-supporting colporteur evangelistic ministry and that these be urged to attend our coming institutes preparatory to the work of circulating our message-filled literature."

join the Division Staff as Division Sabbath School Secretary. We rejoice in this advance step and are glad to welcome Brother Thomas as the first Indian Division Secretary.

Vincent Hill College reports perplexity through depleted staff. Mrs. R. B. James is incapacitated through serious illness, and Mrs. Hnatyshyn met with a serious accident breaking her left arm in two places. Some of the Northwest workers on hill leave have very generously come to the temporary assistance of the school. We are certain that our workers throughout the field will extend their sympathies to these workers, and to the school in its perplexity.

Dr. Semmens was called suddenly to perform an appendectomy on Dr. Nelson at Narsapur recently. On completing some surgical work in hand at Nuzvid when the telegram arrived, and a hurried commandeering of motor cars on both ends of the train journey, Dr. Semmens arrived at Narsapur late at night. Dr. Nelson is progressing favourably. The North west has generously loaned Dr. Lindholm temporarily to carry on at Narsapur. The call found Dr. Lindholm near the close of his hill leave in Kashmir. The authorities of the Mission Hospital at Srinagar have very courteously permitted Dr. Lindholm to spend some of his vacation visiting their hospital.

After hesitation and delay which caused grave fears of famine, particularly on the Deccan and in Gujerat the monsoon has set in properly, in some places improperly. Karachi is reported to have had three years supply of rain in two days. In other parts of India floods have caused great distress. Poona is slightly in excess, and the spectre of famine has been laid.

Have you seen the August *Oriental Watchman and Herald of Health*? Special emphasis in the health section is laid on "physical illiteracy," a most happy title to describe a well-nigh universal failing. Nations descend in the scale of world-opinion as they ascend in the percentage of illiteracy. But how about ourselves as individuals in this matter of the "education of the body." Flabby muscles, excess of fat, sluggish livers and bowels, imperfect circulation of the blood, etc., are signs of an "illiterate body." Among the splendid articles in the August issue we find the "Daily Dozen Setting-up Exercises" (illustrated) which made Walter Camp famous a few years ago. You miss much if you do not receive regularly the *Oriental Watchman and Herald of Health*.

CHURCH CALENDAR, 1933

Colporteur Day	...	Aug. 12
Bible Society Offering	...	Sep. 9
Big Week	...	Oct. 7-14
V. H. S. Offering	...	Oct. 21
Sabbath School Rally Day	...	Nov. 11
Week of Prayer	...	Gen. Conf. Dates
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