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“THIS DAY HAVE I BEGOTTEN THEE”

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FOR unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee? and again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son? And when He bringeth the firstborn into the world He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him.” Heb. 1 : 5,6, A. R. V.

Our hearts as they reach out after God, and try to understand the revelation that He has made of Himself, find rest and comfort in this Scripture. The crores of gods of the Hindus, the universal, impersonal abstraction of the pantheist, and even the one God, in solitary lonesomeness, of the Moslem—are all alike but imperfect conceptions of God and are unsatisfactory. But in this Scripture we find a revelation of God that satisfies reason and brings contentment to the soul. This revelation of the “Only begotten of the Father,” who “was made flesh and dwelt among us,” whose “glory men saw” (John 1 : 14) has profoundly modified the world’s ideas concerning God and has brought within the range of the human mind the most precious conception of God known to mankind.

In our text in Hebrews we find revealed our Lord’s unique relation to God, the Father, and also His unique mode of derivation from the Father. In another place Paul calls Jesus, “His own Son (Rom. 8:3),” thus separating Him from all the created intelligences by an infinite gulf. The highest archangel in glory is but a created intelligence; the brightest of the angels who are the closest to God are but the creatures of His hand. Jesus Christ alone occupies the throne of the universe, reigning conjointly with the Father, and receives the adoration and worship of the celestial throng. Rev. 5:6-14.

There is light for us in the description here given of the mode of the Son’s derivation. The earthly relationship of father and son, so familiar to the human family is the symbol taken to illuminate this profound truth. Men have become confused be-

DID YOU?

DID you give him a lift? He’s a brother man,
And bearing about all the burden he can.
DID you give him a smile? He was down-
cast and blue,
And a smile would have helped him to
battle it through.

DID you give him your hand? He was
slipping downhill,
And the world, so I fancied, was using him
ill.
DID you give him a word? Did you show
him the road?
Or did you just let him go on with his load?

DO you know what it means to be losing
the fight,
When a lift just in time might set every-
thing right?
DO you know what it means—just the clasp
of a hand,
When a man’s borne about all a man ought
to stand?

DID you ask what it was—why the quiver-
ing lip?
Why the half-suppressed sob and the
scalding tear-drip?
Were you brother of his when the time
came of need?
DID you offer to help him, or didn’t you
heed?
—Selected.

cause they have included some phases of the purely human relationships not mentioned here. Every son derives his life as a separate personal creature from his father, and not from his mother. The mother is a human arrangement, that we have no evidence of

extending beyond our earth, which provides a medium for the development and growth of the “child to be,” for a limited period. There is no need to search for an analogy to the “mother” in the divine revelation of the pre-existence of the Son of God, as the Moslem erroneously argues. Every human son derives his life from his father. This familiar fact is taken to illustrate the relationship of our Lord to His Father, God.

But the idea of older and younger does not enter into this conception of God, Father and Son. In eternity we find revealed the Eternal Father and the Eternal Son. There can be no knowledge without someone to know; there can be no lover without someone to love. An eternity in which the Father alone existed is therefore irrational. Christians for this reason count as wrong that doctrine which would affirm that somewhere in eternity, they know not when, the Son of God had a beginning.

There is no place for a “beginning” when we lift our ideas into the realm of eternity. Of Jesus it is said, “Whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity.” Micah 5:2, margin. The Bible reveals the Son as the eternal Stream flowing from the eternal Fountain. We can better understand the figure by taking our sun. It is the same with the rays of the sun. These rays pour continually from the sun, but there was never a time when the sun existed apart from its rays. Therefore the “this day” of eternity is the eternal “now.”

The quotation from the second Psalm (Heb. 1:5) is thought by some to state that even our Lord had a beginning. It seems to us that when we finite creatures begin to think of “eternity” that the idea of a beginning is necessarily precluded and should not

be stated. The expression "this day" has one meaning when used in connection with things of time, and quite another when used in connection with eternity. Dean Alford quotes the consensus of opinion of orthodox Christians as endorsing the view that the expression "this day have I begotten Thee" "refers to the eternal generation of the Son," and regards it as the "*nunc stans*" as it was called by the early Christian expositors. The church of Christ as a whole has stood stiffly through the centuries for the eternity of the Son of God.

But the Son is subordinate to the Father; He has "life in Himself," but this attribute is the gift of the Father. Jesus Himself said, "The Father is greater than I." John 14:28. See also 1 Cor. 3:23; 11:3; 15:28. This subordination is directly traced to the derivation of His life from the Father. John 5:26; 6:57.

And yet the Son shares with the Father all those attributes that distinguish God, the Creator, from man, the creature. John 1:1-4. We therefore feel constrained to conclude that He is the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father.

In Heb. 1:5, 6, the first declaration about the Fatherhood of God and His relationship to the Son, is twice repeated. Two, at least, of these other declarations were made in time. They have been variously interpreted. Some would apply them to the incarnation when the angel's sang at Bethlehem; others would apply them to the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; still others would apply them to the events connected with the return of Jesus which reach their climax in His coronation on the great white throne as recorded in Rev. 20.

Prof. W. W. Prescott, in the *Signs of the Times*, Jan. 8, 1929, says: "The fact of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, 'the greatest fact in the world,' is the final and the all sufficient testimony that He was the Son of God. And so we read that He 'who was born of the seed of David after the flesh,' was 'declared to be the Son of God with power; according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.' Rom. 1:3, 4. He who is absolute deity, who was the Son of God by eternal generation, became flesh as the Son of man and was designated to be the Son of God by the resurrection. We then have this blessed assurance, that the man Jesus of Nazareth, 'who made purification of sins' was also more than a man, that he was the eternal Son of God. As the absolute Son, He, who 'in the beginning was with God, and was God,' was begotten before times eternal; as the Son, who was the God-man, He was begotten by the resurrection from the dead. So shall we be 'sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.' Luke 20:26."

And this only-begotten Son of God is our Saviour and our High Priest. E.

"BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVER—IN CONVERSATION"

"THE pure influence of truth will elevate the whole man. In his business deal with his fellow men, he will have the fear of God before him, and will love his neighbour as himself, and will deal just as he would wish to be dealt by. His conversation will be truthful, chaste, and of so elevating a character that unbelievers cannot take advantage of it or say evil of him justly, and are not disgusted with his uncourteous ways and unbecoming speech." Vol. 1, 416.

There is much food for solemn thought in the above paragraph. We might profitably spend time in considering the matter of honesty in business dealings. Many times we do not allow the principles of strict honesty to govern our conduct in some of the so-called small transactions of life. I hope that the reading of this paragraph from the Spirit of prophecy will lead us all to examine ourselves closely where business dealings, large or small, are concerned.

I want to draw attention particularly, though, to that statement which says: "His conversation, will be . . . of so elevating a character that unbelievers cannot take advantage of it . . . and are not disgusted with his uncourteous ways and unbecoming speech."

Not long ago, one of our missionaries entered a Government office to seek some information. As so often happens, the Indian clerk was slow of understanding, and also extremely slow in his movements. The missionary became exasperated, and there followed an outburst of violent impatience, so entirely un-characteristic of one who is expected to manifest the "patience of the saints." There were others in the office, and it was not only humiliating and hurtful for the clerk to be thus spoken to in the presence of others, but from the conversation it had been made apparent to all that the "sahab" was a missionary, and so a reproach was cast upon the "high and holy calling" to which the missionary was called. One more hindrance had been placed in the way of the clerk and the hearers, where accepting the gospel of Christ is concerned. They must have been "disgusted with his uncourteous ways and unbecoming speech."

How is it with YOU brethren and sisters? How is it in your conduct in the home, with the servants, with vendors, and even beggars who come to your door? How is it in your dealings with Indian workers who happen to be placed under your authority? Is your conversation so truthful, chaste, and of so elevating a character that believers and unbelievers cannot take advantage of it? Are you a good example of the believer in your "conversation"? Are you, really?

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THE BIBLE YEAR, 1934

THE Ministerial Association assignment for Bible year for 1934 should mean much to every worker. In the New Testament we have enshrined the revelations that was made by God during the years the Christian church was forming. Very few have access to great libraries where are found reliable works giving the conclusions of investigators who have spent their lives in special research work to bring to light the facts which accompanied the development of the canon of the Scriptures called the New Testament. The leaders in our Ministerial Association have done this work for us, boiling down the results of their patient investigations into the brief compass that we find in *Ministry*, beginning with January.

In the first three issues of this year Eld. L. E. Froom gives us a masterly summary of all the known facts concerning "The Formation of the New Testament Canon." We hope that all our workers will take time to digest this information. The Roman Catholics never tire of flaunting the claim that Protestants are dependent on them for the New Testament. These articles show the method by which these books that make up the New Testament were accepted as inspired. The living God in the midst of the confusion and apostasy of those early centuries preserved intact the writings which His Spirit had moved the founders of the Christian church to produce. We are not dependent on Roman Catholics.

In the April *Ministry* we have the article on the "Chronological Order of Writing" for which inquiries have come to us from different parts of the field. This article corresponds to the one on the Old Testament issued separately last year for insertion in your Bibles. We suggest that the Chart on pages 12 and 13 be typewritten for insertion, or that each one will indicate in some way in the Bible itself the chronological order.

The "Introduction to Individual Books" beginning in the May issue of *Ministry* has some very helpful comments on the various books arranged in chronological order. These comments with the splendid "Analyses of New Testament Books" by Prof. Lacey, beginning in the March issue, should be studied along with the reading of the books: They furnish the best help to the understanding of the Bible that we have had in any year since the Ministerial Association assignments have been made.

These notes are written because inquiries received from different quarters indicate that some have not yet understood the plan for the year. We trust that all will receive great spiritual help and power from the 1934 Bible Year.

A SUCCESSFUL SABBATH SCHOOL

Question.—How will you organize a Sabbath school in a newly opened station?

Ans.—When an evangelist goes to open work in a new place, for a time he may be the only church member there. As soon as there are a few people interested in the Bible he should set the time for Sabbath school and invite them to attend at a regular hour every week, furnishing them with a lesson pamphlet, and instructing them regarding the benefits of studying the lesson every day. The preferable time for holding the Sabbath school is unquestionably the forenoon. Minds are more alert and bodies less weary than later in the day. This is especially noticeable in children but it is apt to be true of adults. For a time, he must act as superintendent, secretary, and teacher.

Although a Sabbath school class should not have in it more than seven or eight persons, yet in the newly opened station where there is but one person to act as teacher, the company cannot well be divided. There may be ten, or even over twenty persons, but they should be considered as one class. The names, however, may be entered on as many class record cards as necessary. If the work at the station is prosperous, this arrangement should not continue very long. As soon as some of the company have been baptized, the evangelist should begin to instruct them in methods of Sabbath school work, and thus develop talent for officers and teachers. From this time, the Sabbath school should be divided into groups of seven or eight in each class, if possible. The pupils should be grouped according to age and understanding, the general method as to years being about as follows:

Cradle Roll: Infants from birth to four years of age.

Kindergarten: Children from four to eight years.

Primary: Children from eight to eleven years.

Junior: Boys and girls from eleven to fifteen years.

Youth: Young people from fifteen to twenty-one years.

Senior: Adults above twenty-one years.

This arrangement is not one fixed by any arbitrary ruling. An age classification should never be strictly followed, for the capability of the pupil should always be taken into account.

Only those who attend regularly should be counted as members, all others being considered as visitors.

At this time, the teachers' meeting should be started, so that the teachers may have opportunity to study teaching methods as

well as to discuss together the main points in the lesson from week to week.

Question.—When should the officers be elected?

Ans.—After a church is organized, the new members should be taught to help in the Sabbath school. One who has ability should be chosen and instructed in the work of superintendent, and someone else should be trained to take the work of secretary. From this time onward, the election of officers should take place annually. Persons should be chosen for these offices not according to age or social standing, but according to their capabilities. A zealous church member may, or may not, make a good superintendent. One selected for that office should not only be zealous but diligent, and

he should have a good understanding of the Bible. It is well that a superintendent should first have had experience as secretary and as a teacher. Believers not yet baptized should not be chosen as officers of a school. Where there is a church organization, the committee appointed yearly to nominate church officers, also nominates the Sabbath school officers and they are elected in the same way. The term of office expires at the close of each year. It is well that the nominating committee should be appointed about the first week in December, that the new officers may be elected sufficiently early to have about two weeks in which to get their work arranged for the new year. Officers who have filled their positions acceptably may be re-elected, although a change after the term has expired is desirable in order that monotony may be avoided.

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THIS is being written on the last day of a profitable institute held for the teachers of the Delta. We gathered daily in the good school building at Myaungmya and held class work from 6:15 to 2 p.m. The instruction was given by the writer aided by Saya Chit Maung and Sayama Ma Nyein Yin, loaned to us from Meiktila for ten days. An interesting feature of the work was the daily lessons in the Pwo Karen language given by Saya U Po Shwey. Pwo Karen is the mother tongue of most of the students attending our village schools in this section of Burma. As yet we have no missionary who speaks their language. These people have been late in accepting the Gospel. But now they are coming in large numbers each year. We have only one Pwo Karen teacher, a girl from the Meiktila school.

The Uplift work is being pressed forward. About Rs.3000 is in hand at this writing. The Delta workers will begin their work upon the return of Pastor and Mrs. Sargent from the hills.

Pastor F. A. Wyman and family have taken up their new location in Moulmein, the city where Judson lived a number of years and where the first Burmese Bible was printed. We have a few faithful members and believers there. We believe this effort will prove fruitful under the blessings of God. When Pastor Wyman and I were in Moulmein house hunting, recently we entered a small chemists shop owned by a Karen. This man's daughter attended the

Kamamaung annual meeting this year. As we entered the shop we found her busy defending the Truth before an Indian headmaster and another visitor. The only literature she had was a copy of this year's Uplift magazine.

The hill leave season is at an end for this year and the workers will soon be returning to the plains. The writer with Pastors Shepard and Sargent made a very profitable trip into the Shan States in the interest of the Uplift work. We entered much new territory and found states in which there are only one or two Christians of any denomination. Much favourable comment was received from these native rulers as we explained our health and educational principles. With one exception each made a contribution to the Uplift fund. Pastor Wilson spent part of his hill leave in Maymyo holding some meetings with our members at that place. Pastor and Mrs. Baird have been alone at Thandaung. Some profitable trips were made to Karen villages about that hill station.

The Meiktila school has been a very busy place this hot season with Pastor Phillips remaining at his post most of the time to supervise the erection of the girls' hostel. It will be a very representative building erected at a minimum of expence. It has been very heartening to see the way in which teachers and students alike have helped to conserve mission funds in this.

The help given by Pastor A. H. Williams in connection with the Rangoon English

Church, and his counsel generally, have been very much appreciated. To the church there it has been as the visit of an old friend.

Word has been received of the safe journey of Pastor and Mrs. E. B. Hare as far as Singapore where they stopped with relatives for ten days.

This year we have seen several examples of faithfulness in tithe paying on the part of our laymen as well as those interested in the Message. But we are impressed that many are not paying a full tithe. Let us encourage all to bring a faithful tithe into the Lord's treasury. The blessing which follows is both temporal and spiritual. Pastor Baird reports a Karen, not yet baptized paying Rs. 50 and yesterday as I was teaching in the school one of our Karen members, a cultivator, brought in Rs. 12 having brought it from a considerable distance. May the good Lord bless all in Burma and other lands who are faithful in this matter and whose offerings and labours provide the means with which we work. Just as the decline in mission offerings and tithe has been halted in the Homeland, so is it not time for us in mission lands to increase our giving? And it is time again for new territory to be entered,

J. L. CHRISTIAN.

TOUNGOO MEETING

Our first local meeting was held in Toungoo, March 14-19.

We were glad to have with us Brethren Phillips and Christian and also Brother Baldwin was with us for the first two days.

Our attendance was not large, but God's spirit was manifest, and the subjects presented each evening were a source of help and blessing to all who attended. Early Sabbath morning we made our way to the banks of the Suttang river, where four precious souls followed their Lord in baptism.

Two of these were husband and wife, and it was an inspiration to see them united on their new found faith. One was the wife of our Karen duran; who was baptised last year. And the fourth was the husband of one of our sisters who has been in the truth for several years, making altogether three united families. Our prayer is that God will lead them together hand in hand until they at last stand united before His throne.

Preceding the ordinance these new brethren and sisters were received into church fellowship.

The meeting closed by a review of "Our World Wide Work," illustrated by pictures, and we know that many saw and heard for the first time of the great work that is being carried on in all countries of the earth. We were grateful for the help and counsel of our visiting brethren which helped to make the first Toungoo meeting a success. Our hearts are full of

in service in this newly entered field.

Kindly remember the work here in your prayers.

M. BAIRD.

SOME VERY GOOD NEWS

We are happy to announce that the Publishers are for one month only, making a very special offer of a year's subscription to our good Church paper, the *Review and Herald* for \$2 only. The Division Committee has selected July as the month in which this offer will be made in Southern Asia. The next issue of EASTERN TIDINGS will have full particulars. We make this preliminary announcement, hoping that every section of the field will so rally their forces and organize the campaign that every English reading member in Southern Asia will be reached. The *Review and Herald* will be of inestimable value to our Indian workers and believers also who can read English.

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CALCUTTA CHURCH NEWS NOTES

We are very happy to report that the Calcutta Church School went over its Uplift goal by about seventy-five per cent. Over two hundred rupees was raised by the teachers and children in a comparatively short period of time. The church members have been working hard on their goal and have had some interesting experiences.

In our last Communion Service more than ninety persons participated. This, we feel is an evidence of the peace that God has put into the hearts of His Children in the midst all the perplexity and uncertainty that fills the world at this time. How sweet for God's people to come together in this service, and to know the joy of fellowship with one another and with Christ our Master amidst all of the strife, suspicion, and hatred that abounds on every hand.

The last few weeks have seen the passing to their rest of two of our beloved members: Sister Lyons and Sister Eden. Sister Lyons died at the Medical College Hospital of Heart disease, while Sister Eden died at the same place of heart failure due to Asthma. We sorrow that their chairs in our midst are vacant, but we rejoice that we are soon to meet again.

Many interesting experiences have been reported by our members in their distribution of the Present Truth Special that has been prepared by the Poona Press. We have given out about thirty thousand copies of this paper and feel thankful for every one of them. They have brought us into contact with many people and numerous in-

quiries for back numbers have come from persons, who, for some reason or other, had failed to receive the first numbers of the series. We heartily recommend the paper to churches or companies who have not yet tried it.

Brother Hurdle, one of our most faithful Sabbath School members has been ill for several months and greatly desires the prayers of all the churches for his recovery. Let us remember Bro. Hurdle daily and all other afflicted ones.

H. M. PEAK.

CALCUTTA CHURCH SCHOOL UPLIFT

IN less than a week from the time they began Miss Dyer, assisted by Mrs. Osmunson, led the children of the Calcutta Church School to overwhelming victory in the 1934 uplift campaign. Not only did they reach their goal of Rs. 125 set for them by the Union Committee but they passed it making a total of Rs. 210. Practically all of the money was collected in specially prepared tins with Bible pictures on the cover page of the Uplift paper wrapped and pasted around them.

Two of the boys, Bobby Osmunson (second standard) and Willie Broom (just out of the 4th) were directly responsible for nearly half of the total amount. They worked together with their tins in the better residential section of the city amongst people who are usually unapproachable by the average solicitors. Another feature of their work was that they did much of this soliciting during and just after the dinner hour, thus usually finding the people at home.

They had many thrilling experiences. At times they were requested, not only to explain the work they were doing but to tell why they were Seventh-day Adventists. They replied that they kept Saturday, the seventh day of the week, because it was the day appointed by God, and that they were looking for the second coming of Christ. In one home Bobby was made to stand upon a chair and make a speech about the work they were doing. The quality and effectiveness of his speech may be judged from the five rupee donation it produced.

That Seventh-day Adventist education stamps honesty and trustworthiness on the faces of our children is evidenced by the fact that in twenty five working hours the people whom they met were willing to entrust to them the sum of Rs. 100 included in which were three five rupee notes.

Apart from the value of the offerings received who can estimate the good these two happy faced boys have done in their witnessing for the Truth to those who might not be reached in any other way. The children have a big part in this work and God is helping them to fulfill it.

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VINCENT HILL SCHOOL

THE Gymnasium classes have now been organized for a period of three weeks. There are classes for both the boys and the girls under the directorship of Mr. G. F. Ritchie. The girls have wanted to have a part in the programme this year. They will be responsible for Swedish drills, dumb-bell exercises and club swinging, while the boys will work on the apparatus. Already good progress has been made and it is hoped by the time the programme is to be given that both classes will be well prepared. The girls are to have special gymnasium costumes.

Both groups very eagerly look forward to these practises and are always there on time and in full strength, and do their work with interest and zeal.

Mr. Wall, the Inspector of European Schools for the United Provinces, paid us an unexpected visit on May 1. He seemed to have been very much impressed with the Industrial side of our activities. He must have been, for he only left here at four o'clock in the evening after spending much time with the boys and girls in their own work sessions. As usual, he was approached by the students, and a holiday was granted in honour of his visit which was given on the 7th of May.

On Sunday evening, May 13, Laszlo Schwartz, an Hungarian violinist, gave a programme in the school Assembly Hall. It was much appreciated by the school and a number of visitors who were present. Mr. Schwartz played us three groups. The first was a group of his own compositions, the second a group of classics from the 16th and 17th centuries, and the last a group of folk songs from different countries of the world. This last was called a musical journey around the world. The accompanist Mr. Rayner, played two solos and a group of folks songs. Mr. Schwartz is also a caricaturist and we were shown how caricatures are drawn and what some of our number looked like in a caricature. The programme was brought to a close by a scenic film entitled "Hungary, The Land of Romance."

Mr. Erskine-Scott, a member of the Children's Special Service Mission, spoke to the student body and Staff during the chapel period on May 16. His remarks were based on the words, "Is your Name written there?" We were also glad to have him speak to us again at the Young Peoples' Meeting on Saturday evening.

We were glad to Welcome the members of the Division Committee during the first week of May when they came up to hold a Division Committee Meeting here in Mussoorie. We were happy to have Pastor Cormack with us once again. This time he

was accompanied by Mrs. Cormack and his eldest daughter, Essie.

On Sunday, May 6, a programme was given in the school by the students and teachers. At the close of a very enjoyable hour, Pastor Blue took the opportunity of presenting Pastor and Mrs. Cormack and Essie with a little gift in the shape of a Kashmir bed spread as a token of our esteem and friendship. As they leave India, we wish them much of God's blessing in their future work.

Everything is going on nicely in the school. There are just a few cases left of the whooping cough. We hope when this batch gets out that there will not be any more. However, it has been very light this year and after a few days the students are over it.

The first picnic this year is to be on the 28th of this month. Since we have so many visiting missionaries with us now, I am sure it will be a very enjoyable one.

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THE POONA MEETINGS

ON MAY 30 the series of meetings which have been conducted for the past fortnight by Paster McHenry came to a close. Each morning in the Publishing House Chapel Brother McHenry spoke in English, and each evening in the church in Marathi. The line of thought followed through the series was an exposition of the law of God. There was brought home to each heart something of the exceeding breadth of these commandments as they were studied one by one. Emphasis was laid on the high standard that we must reach through the grace of God if we are to be ready to meet Jesus in peace when He returns. Of that company it is written, "In their mouth was found no lie; they are without blemish." Rev. 14:5, A. R. V.

The conviction took hold of many hearts that it is high time to seek the Lord most earnestly if we expect to be numbered in that company. There was an earnest turning to the Lord, as the way provided through Jesus to reach this standard was made clear. Sister McHenry during the month of May conducted daily services for the women and children of the Marathi church. One sister was baptized on Sabbath May 26. There were other candidates who expect to be baptized later.

These meetings have been of special help to our largest Marathi church. There are

72 members in the Poona Marathi Sabbath School. We wish it were possible to carry on aggressive evangelistic work in Poona, the heart of Maharashtra. Such an effort would doubtless establish our Marathi work in a strong way here in this important centre.

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WITH OUR EXCHANGES

OPENING DOORS INTO MONGOLIA

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SITUATED on high plateau plains between China and Siberia is found all that is left of the once-powerful race of Mongolians. As the result of the complete domination of these people by lamaism, they have been kept in ignorance of means whereby they might combat infectious diseases until today there remain but about 5,000,000, people representing a race once so strong as to sweep across Asia and threaten to conquer all Europe; and these 5,000,000, people are dominated by other races, which are gradually but surely occupying their territory till, if time should continue, the Mongolian people as a race would be extinct.

Three years ago, after much prayer and investigation, it was voted to call for a family to locate on the borderland of Mongolia, in Kalgan, Chahar, North China, which is on the main highway from China to Urga. One year later Pastor Otto Christensen and family arrived at that place. They have acquired a good knowledge of the Mongolian language and are planning to push on out into Mongolia as fast as men and means will permit. A small publishing house has been established in the mission compound, and already some literature has been translated and published in the Mongolian tongue. The first sheet to come off the small new press was the beautiful song, "Tell It Again." Oh how happy we are that the message is being told again in this strange tongue. Soon every tribe will have heard the grand old story of salvation, and the work will be finished.

During the past three years, the North China Sanitarium and Hospital has been built in Kalgan, which has proved to be not only the "right arm of the message," to the Chinese people in North China, but also the entering wedge for our evangelistic work in Mongolia. The Mongolian people are very responsive to medical help, for infectious diseases prevail everywhere, and they do not know how to combat them. Ministers going from place to place find it a great help to carry medicines with them, as they are required to treat the sick at every stop. True they are not doctors, but in the eyes of the Mongolians every one who can administer relief for their ills is a doctor;

and in this way confidence is won and the people are ready to receive the "Balm of Gilead" for their sin-sick souls. A small dispensary is a very necessary part of every mission station.

Last summer our first mission station was built in Inner Mongolia, 150 miles north of Kalgan. To the west is a province which has been closed to all Protestant missions, but about this time the prince or ruler of that section of the country, who was suffering from one of the prevalent diseases of the land, heard of our hospital work in Kalgan, and sent for us. When we visited him, he expressed a desire that we begin work in his area. At the appointed time the director of our Mongolian mission called on the prince, and was told to come back the next day for a definite reply. That night our workers engaged in earnest prayer for a favourable answer, and the next day the prince gave a letter bearing his signature and seal granting permission to use all the land we desired, free of charge, in order to open up work in his territory. This is the first permission ever granted to any Protestant mission for work in this section. We rejoice that God has opened the door, and within a few months the message will be proclaimed in another province of that great land. The need of funds is increasing as we push on into new regions.

—*The China Division Reporter.*

PROGRESS UNDER DIFFICULTIES

DURING the past five years, there has been constant and persistent opposition from the enemy. Tremendous efforts have been made to hinder and destroy our work. In some fields, all of our foreign workers have been forced to leave the country. In two or three countries, our people have suffered bitter persecution. At times we have had as many as one hundred chapels closed by the authorities. Some of our chapels have been wrecked, and the members dragged off to prison after being unmercifully beaten and maltreated. Decrees have been issued against our colporteur work, and our dear colporteurs have been arrested thousands of times; their books have been taken from them; they have been beaten by the mob, haled before the courts, chained together and marched from village to village by policemen or soldiers, cast into filthy prison cells, and in many other ways tormented and persecuted. Our ministers in these same countries have likewise had to carry on their work under great difficulties; their meetings have been broken up by angry mobs, and they themselves have been stoned, beaten, arrested and imprisoned. Two years ago, one of our best and most successful ministers was laid in a martyr's grave.

Notwithstanding all hardships and hindrances, four people have pressed forward

with courage and confidence in God. With love for the Master and a burden for blood-bought perishing souls, the gospel seed has been sown by laymembers, colporteurs, and workers. At times, when government decrees have been issued against us and the police have broken up our lines, prospects have been rather dark; but with faith in God the brethren have reformed their lines and moved forward. The Lord has never forsaken us. When the difficulties have been the greatest, His presence has seemed the nearest, and also the most precious.

As we look back over the past five years, our hearts fill with praise and gratitude to God for the way He has led His people in the Southern European Division, and for the way He has blessed and prospered their labours. During this five-year period, 13,958 souls were won for Christ and added to our churches by baptism and vote, which is 8,058, or 76% more than the 7,900 won in the same territory during the previous five-year period. Existing churches have increased their membership, and scores of new churches have been established. The church membership for the Division at the close of 1933 was 23,172, and the Sabbath school membership 32,248.

A. V. OLSON,

President South European Division.
—*South European Quarterly Review.*

ADDIS ABABA HOSPITAL

It is now nine months since I arrived in Ethiopia, and during this time I have had most unusual and interesting experiences. I am thrilled with my work for this needy race, and am most grateful to the Lord that He has permitted me to labor for a people whose hearts are yearning for the gospel of salvation.

Each morning at 7:30 the workers at the Addis Ababa Hospital meet together for worship before taking up the duties of the day. The group consists of from fifteen to twenty young men, each with Bible in hand, and four Abyssinian girls. They are seated in a circle on the floor in our prayer room. Their faces are bright and cheerful, and they eagerly listen to the gospel story, and with the greatest enthusiasm study the Bible and commit to memory the daily Scripture text. In some way the fact that we held our devotional meeting in the morning, and also at times in the evenings became known to a native who was a stranger to us, and he asked permission to attend. It takes him an hour to walk to the mission, but he is always present. During our Week of Prayer meetings he came every night. At the close of one of the meetings a call was made for all who wished to dedicate their life and service to God, and this man came forward with the others. The next day some of our mission

boys went out to solicit with the Harvest Ingathering paper, and this new convert went with them. They worked hard all day, even going without their dinner, and had many encouraging experiences to relate. Each day this work is going on, and we believe it will result in souls being won for the kingdom.

Not long ago a woman came to the hospital whose condition was so serious that we feared it was too late to save her. For two days we worked over her, but it seemed that her heart was about to fail in the struggle. We knelt beside the patient's bed, and united in earnest prayer in her behalf. The next morning, for the first time, there were signs of improvement in her condition, and in a short time she was ready to leave the hospital, fully restored to health. All recognized this experience as a direct answer to prayer and were greatly encouraged.

While we are truly grateful to the Emperor of Abyssinia for giving us our beautiful hospital and providing us with comfortable modern homes, still the real joy and satisfaction in our service comes in knowing that many who have long been in darkness are being brought to a saving knowledge of this blessed truth. It is a wonderful privilege to be engaged in service in the mission field, fully assured of the prayerful interest and the financial assistance of our brethren and sisters in the homeland.

R. BERGMAN, R.N.

"IN PERILS OF ROBBERS"

A VERY sad incident was brought to our attention during the meeting, concerning the loss of a faithful brother. Pastor Kim's eldest daughter and husband were located in a certain place where they were being blessed in their efforts to represent this message. About three months ago lawless men swept through the vicinity and carried our brother off. Soon after he was taken, word came back indicating that he had lost his life at the hands of these bandits. Our sympathies are extended to Pastor Kim and his family in this bereavement and we also know that the work has sustained a great loss in the death of our brother.—*The China Division Reporter.*

WE trust that our readers are as much interested as we are in these items culled from our exchanges concerning happenings in different parts of the world field. We try to confine these selections to items not appearing in the *Review on a Herald*. It is encouraging for example to read of the continued prosperity attending the work of Dr. Coulston in the Kalgan hospital, Mongolia, in spite of the difficulties recorded in our issue of March 1.

THE SHANGHAI SANITARIUM HOSPITAL AND CLINIC 1933

By DR. H. W. MILLER

THE Sanitarium and Clinic have a goodly report this year as regards growth and development. It is now six years since the sanitarium opened its doors in its present location, and a little over three years since the clinic work was begun. During the past year both institutions have run practically to full capacity,—as full as hospitals can ordinarily be occupied. I presume that the records, financial as well as professional, will be among the best, if not the best, of any institution that we are operating in the world. . . .

When we think of how the people in Shanghai claimed that we could never succeed by having an institution so far out in the country, and how our General Conference men regarded with great fears the establishment of this institution, believing it would be difficult ever to make a self-supporting sanitarium in the mission field; and furthermore, when we think of the cautions of many in regard to our clinic, as well as our own apprehensions, unless it were subsidized to at least the extent of \$50,000; and now to be able to report that both institutions—the one a sanitarium of small bed capacity and the other a clinic for the poor—in their combined operation have shown a fairly good margin above that of self-support, when other hospitals operating in Shanghai are showing deficits, some over \$100,000, in their operations, we must certainly express deep gratitude to God for His prospering hand, and for the many evidences of His healing power manifested in behalf of the patients, many of whom this past year have given their hearts to God. . . .

I could not make this report without at least telling you something about the continuation of interest in thyroid work. During the past year, we performed forty-seven thyroid operations at the sanitarium, or practically one a week. With the addition of these forty-seven thyroid cases at the sanitarium, and those performed at the clinic during the past year, we have now gone over the four hundred mark, being able to report eight years of consecutive surgery on the thyroid without a death. . . .

The institution has strongly emphasized the use of rational methods and has eliminated to as full an extent as possible all drugs in the treatment of disease, and is using hydrotherapy, and physiotherapy, as well as continually improving our dietary, so that now we believe that with the supervision of food preparation by Brother Bailey we give as satisfactory a dietary as will be found in our home institutions. . . .

During the past year we have had several patients who have been cured of the opium habit. Among these will be called to mind—, who has just recently returned to Shanghai, and reports his condition of health as excellent, which may be recognized by any one meeting him now and having known him previous to the cure.

We have had many prominent government officials at the sanitarium. Our patients have come from a wide area and from all classes. Especially have we had a large patronage this past year from the American Community. Some have come from Manchuria, others from Hongkong, Canton, Japan, Szechwan. In fact, almost every province of China, as well as many a land of the far East, is represented in those who have made up our patronage for the year 1933.—*The China Division Reporter.*

ARE YOU SATISFIED?

MANY today have more spare time on their hands than they desire. Some make this a cause of worry and discouragement; others seize the opportunity of accomplishing many things they have long desired to do, yet seemed unable to find time for.

Are you satisfied with your use of the twenty-four hours of each day as it comes to you? Many desire to familiarize themselves more fully with the doctrines they have espoused, so that they may stabilize themselves in the truth, and also in an intelligent manner inform their friends regarding their faith. A few are using their spare time for study, and find real joy in the effort called for.

Young people have planned to get ahead with their education, even though deprived of the opportunity of attending a resident academy or college; they are taking Home Study courses in these depression years, and gathering up credits which will be placed on record in the resident schools later on.

The Home Study Institute can help all classes with Bible subjects, English, History, Languages, Mathematics, Education, and Commercial subjects. Why not decide today to use in correspondence study all the time you can spare, and thus make it count for future usefulness? Full information will be sent on request.

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CREAMWEAT

WE are glad to call to the attention of our readers, *Creamweat*, a comparatively inexpensive breakfast beverage made in Madras that is much cheaper and apparently superior to other similar drinks.

A letter from Elder C. A. W. Ritchie, 3 Hunters Road, Vepery, Madras, says: "I

am keen on helping this enterprise for two reasons: 1. Because it is in keeping with our principles. 2. Because it is connected with a baptized member of our church."

We are impressed with the sample sent us and found it a very satisfactory drink. Those who require such a drink will do well to communicate with Brother Ritchie. As we carry forward an active propaganda against the drinking of tea, and as there is also considerable agitation against tea in nationalist circles, under the leadership of Mr. Gandhi, some of our members might be interested in representing this product in their locality. E.

ACCOMPLISHING THAT WHERE- UNTO IT IS SENT

ONE of our *Oriental Watchman* representatives has passed on to us some items concerning our missionary magazine that will be of general interest. He says that he is finding that many more are now renewing their subscription because they really want the paper. It does not take so much persuading as it used to.

But there is a negative testimony also, which, while we regret the action taken by some of the subscribers, yet bears interesting testimony to the fact that our magazine is accomplishing that "whereunto the Lord is sending it." One leading doctor in his city, a non-Christian, who has been a subscriber for six years, and who likes the paper, told our representative that he would renew on one condition only, that the religious articles should be left out. He said, "My children are now growing up and are being profoundly moved by these religious articles. When they were small I did not mind, but, greatly as I regret the loss of the health articles, I dare not allow my young people to continue to read the religious articles."

Another subscriber, a prominent European lady, who had been a subscriber for two years, said very vigorously. "It is no use for you to argue, for you cannot persuade me to renew my subscription. Those religious articles have made my children mad; they will go absolutely crazy if they read them any longer."

It is interesting to note that in these cases it is the young people who are being profoundly moved by reading the *Oriental Watchman*. The Lord is fulfilling His promise, "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

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NOTES

PASTOR AND MRS. CORMACK have returned to Poona from the Northwest. A Division committee meeting was held in Mussoorie during Pastor Cormack's visit.

Brother L. C. Shephard returned to Poona May 30.

Miss B. Gore, the nurse under appointment for the Bobbili Hospital, is at last on the way to India and will arrive sometime in June.

Brother Fred Maseyk has resigned his post as Field Missionary Secretary for Western India, and will with his family sail for England June 9. We will miss them and regret their going. Brother Maseyk plans to join the colporteur work in England. The prayers of the workers in India will follow them in their new sphere of labour.

Brother O. O. Mattison reports a profitable workers' meeting in Chuharkana. Regular school work was carried on with examinations at the close. Brother E. D. Thomas rendered valuable assistance. Keen enthusiasm and interest were manifested in the Bible studies, particularly in the study of Isaiah, which was continued from last year and will be carried over into the next year's summer school. Mrs. Mattison and Miss Brewer were just closing a successful school year in the Girls' School at Chichoki with a good number of students in the baptismal class.

We hereby express our regret at the delay in the publication of the interesting report of the Uplift activities of the children of the Calcutta church school. Through misadventure the publication of the report was

delayed. We congratulate the children and the teachers on their splendid record, which is worthy of emulation in other parts of the field.

In our issue of May 1, we published requests for literature from two of our missionaries with reading rooms in college towns. This time we have a similar request from Brother C. C. Keller. It seems to us that some permanent provision should be made to supply these reading rooms with a regular supply of literature. It is worth while for our budget committees to take this matter under consideration.

A SPECIAL S. D. A. NUMBER

THE July number of the *Oriental Watchman* may be well called a special Seventh-day Adventist Number. We have been favoured with a copy of the *Sunday Dispatch* of April 15, of London, which contains a very favourable account of the beliefs and work of our people, written by a special representative of the paper sent out to Watford for that purpose. We hear that this favourable account of our work appearing in this newspaper with a circulation of more than three million, has aroused considerable interest in England, and many inquiries have come to our people, some have already accepted the truth. We are publishing this article in July.

We have also received the full editorial on the apparent certainty of S. D. A. teachings if one accepts the Bible, written by H. C. Mencken, editor of the *American Mercury*, one of the leading literary men of our century, well known in various parts of the world. Some paragraphs from this editorial were published recently in the *Review and Herald*. It also happens that the article "The Divine Call" by A. S. Maxwell, the third number of which will appear in July, is on the calling out by heaven of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Brother Eric Hare also sent us a special article telling of the work of the Kammamaung dispensary. This will give our readers a sample of our missionary endeavours. The editor will also write a special article.

We believe that these articles will set forth, in an interesting way that will not arouse prejudice, the beliefs and work of Seventh-day Adventists. In order to encourage the use of this special number in a large way the Publishing House is making the extremely low price of Rs. 1-10 per dozen or Rs. 13-9 per hundred. We are able to do this because the numbers taken will be in addition to the 7,000 furnished regular subscribers. Can we not expect a good response from the field?

But if your order is to be filled *it must reach us not later than June 12*, our usual time for issuing our printing order.

LITERATURE WANTED

WE will greatly appreciate copies of our denominational literature, periodicals or books, for our reading room in Ranchi; also anything on general or scientific topics. We are located in a town where there are schools and colleges and many students visit our reading room.

C. C. KELLAB, Ranchi.

AN S. O. S.

YOUR editor makes herewith a special plea for more faithful reporting for our columns by the workers scattered around the field. We had many good reports during 1933, for which we express our grateful thanks, but in looking through our pages we find some who reported but once during the entire year, and many, many workers whose names did not appear even once. You are faithfully supported by the brethren who administer the funds; the money to operate your work comes without fail—does it seem right when you receive all this help and do not make in return a single report for an entire year?

Our English churches all take clubs. They look for reports of their own work, and for the work in other sections; our schools should all be regularly represented in our pages, very few reported during 1933; our medical work could greatly encourage the workers around the field if their interesting experiences were retold in our pages; all the work, both English and vernacular, should be faithfully mirrored on our pages. We appreciate greatly the reports written by our Indian workers, should their English be not too good, we will fix it up. Really, fellow-workers, are you satisfied with your reporting record for 1933? Let us do better during 1934. Why not begin right now? E.

CHURCH CALENDAR, 1934

Uplift Rally—to be set by Unions or Missions	
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Colporteur Rally Day	... June 23
V. H. S. Offering	... July 7
M. V. Rally Day	... July 14
M. V. Week of Prayer	... July 14-21
Week of Sacrifice	Aug. 25 to Sept. 1
Big Week	... Oct. 6-13
V. H. S. Offering	... Oct. 20
Sabbath School Rally Day	... Nov. 10
Week of Prayer	... Dec. 8-15
Annual Offering	... Dec. 15