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“Week of Sacrifice” and “Melting Pot” Offerings

By E. M. MELEEN

ANNUALLY our brethren throughout the world unite in a Week of Sacrifice to help promote the progress of the message for these days. The field is large, labourers are few, the company who have embraced the message is not large nor rich in worldly goods, and it behooves us all to sacrifice much in order that means may be supplied so that the cause may not suffer any standstill. There will never be a time before the work is finished when this will not be so, for as the message advances into new regions, new and greater needs will arise. But should not this encourage us all with faith, and inspire us to greater endeavours to do our utmost for its success?

Because there is a shortage in our Mission Budget, and because urgent calls for teachers are being sent to us from regions in which there are no teachers of this truth, it is an obligation on each member of the church to carry a portion of the burden. It is a task that a few cannot do alone. All must join in this noble endeavour. The message was brought to us because others sacrificed much. Now we who walk in its blessed light must sacrifice in order that others may receive it. Mission workers such as evangelists, teachers, office workers, etc., are all expected to do their share by voluntarily sacrificing a week's wage and thus making a very special offering to the Lord. But is there any reason why lay members should feel that they have no part in this? Business men, teachers, farmers, coolies, and other lay members, are all to have part in the work, and should join with God's people in this sacrifice for His work. In America, Europe, Australia, and other lands, it is only because the lay members have been very faithful in the matter, that so great blessings have come to India and other mission fields.

But at this time we have very special needs. Money from abroad is not being supplied to us so plentifully as formerly, because in other lands there have been, and still are, troublous times. All lines of business have suffered. This has reduced the income to the Lord's treasury. In India we must make greater and better efforts than we have in the past. More people are accepting the message than ever before, and it seems that more baptisms will be administered this year than in previous years, and God is fulfilling His promise to glorify the house of His glory. But many souls are calling in vain for teachers because we have not means to send them.

In the past many of our people have responded loyally to such calls as this, but we hope that this year all will join in this sacrifice. A day has been appointed when all may unite in this common effort. Let all look forward to this day and make preparation to join God's people in a special sacrifice. Our evangelists and leading workers in the various language areas are asked to take steps promptly to encourage all our churches to join in sacrifice and earnest seeking for the Lord's blessing, which we hope will attend this occasion in abundant measure.

The “Melting Pot” plan very appropriately fits into worship of this kind. Some gave their jewellery when the former call was made, but there are others who still have some costly jewellery which should have no place on a person who is a Seventh-day Adventist. It is not only useless, but fosters personal pride when worn. But such jewellery may be turned into a blessing by giving it to the Lord.

Let us unite as one man in giving and praying. The Lord can turn even financial difficulties into blessings and victories for His church.



THE FAREWELL TO PASTOR CORMACK AND FAMILY

THE Division Office Staff in behalf of the entire field gave their farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Cormack and the girls on July 17, and the Publishing House Staff and workers on July 18.

Although a number of the workers were away from Poona, still on the evening of July 17 the double room of bungalow No. 4 was well filled with friends and well wishers. A pleasant social hour was spent and the usual refreshments served. Then the Cormack family were speeded on their way with a brief programme of musical and other items. In behalf of those present and of the entire field Brother T. J. Michael made a speech of appreciation of the services of Pastor Cormack during the eleven years of his leadership of the work in Southern Asia, and expressed to the entire family our best wishes for a prosperous journey and a happy future of fruitful service for the Master in the new field to which they are called. He also presented in behalf of the workers throughout the field a new purse containing cash which is to be used in purchasing something for their new home in America that will ever remind them of their friends and fellow-workers in Southern Asia. After careful consideration it was the unanimous opinion of the workers here that this was much better than to further overload their somewhat heavy baggage.

On Thursday at 5 p. m. the Publishing House workers gave their farewell. There was a crowded attendance in that part of the Publishing House used as a canteen at our previous Biennial Council. An Illuminated Address was presented to Pastor and Mrs.

Cormack and the girls, the unique feature of which was the placing around the margin of the Address in the fourteen languages in which we print, the text, "The Lord watch between thee and me, when we are absent one from another." Gen. 31:49.

This verse was repeated by representatives from these fourteen languages, each in his own tongue, after which short speeches were made by representatives of the five sections of our field. Brother D. C. Jacob then presented the illuminated address on behalf of the labourers of the Publishing House, expressing in fitting words their deep appreciation of the development of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House under the chairmanship of Pastor Cormack, and also their best wishes to the entire family for a happy journey. Miss Edmundson presented the gift of remembrance on behalf of the Publishing House workers—a pair of silver vases of Indian workmanship to adorn their mantel shelf. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the accompanying photograph was taken. A very interesting little scene then took place. Mrs. Cormack and the girls made a unique change in the usual programme. A basket of toys was distributed among the children as a new kind of "rice and curry" which is often the accompaniment of such functions. Each toy had the name of a child written on it, even the smallest child in arms was not forgotten.

The Cormack family left Poona Thursday night and sailed from Bombay July 21. It is always with deep regret, not without a twinge of sadness, when pleasant associations

which have continued for years are severed. To us who live at Salisbury Park it hardly seems possible that bungalow No. 2 is vacant, and that the Cormack family has really gone. It seems that they must soon return. It is hoped that Pastor Cormack will be able to accompany our new president when he comes after the Fall Council, and be present with us once again at the Poona meeting at the end of the year.

We speak in behalf of the entire field in extending to Pastor Cormack our words of appreciation of his faithful years of service in Southern Asia, and in wishing him and his family a happy future in their new field of labour.

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EVERY MAN A MISSIONARY

EVERY person who has accepted Christ, and bears the name of Christian, whether he is employed as a Mission worker or not, is a missionary. He is a missionary now and for ever, whether he intends or designs it or not. He may be only a blot radiating outward to the very circumference of the circle of his friends and associates his dark and blighting influence; or he may be like the sun, a blessing, spreading joy, happiness and good cheer over the length and breadth of the earth; but a blank he never can be. Every person has an influence upon others. He may be entirely unconscious of it, but everything he does influences some one, one way or another.

A story is told of a man who left his home one day in winter when snow was on the ground, for a village some distance away from his place. Without the knowledge of the father, his little boy followed him. After going some distance the father heard the boy calling. In sur-

prise he stopped and listened. The little fellow said, "Father, watch where you go, for I am following in your footsteps."

Like the little boy how many people there may be who are following in our trail! Let us, therefore, watch our steps lest we unconsciously lead the innocent astray, and bring upon ourselves the responsibility of their loss.

G. G. LOWRY.

THE TRUE WORKER vs. THE TIME SERVER

WHAT is the difference between the two characters? The true worker has a burden for souls. He regards soul-saving a sacred work because of the infinite price paid for man's redemption. He remembers the sweat drops of blood that moistened the soil of Gethsemane and the terrible agony of Jesus upon the cross for the salvation of his soul and that of his fellow men. He gladly gives his tithe and just as gladly gives his offerings. He economizes in his personal expenditures that he may freely contribute to the cause of God, thereby making a covenant with God by sacrifice. He is continually looking forward to the time when the saints will be gathered to their eternal rest. He does thorough, faithful work that he may be found on the side that will honour his Lord when the gates of paradise open for the righteous to enter.

But what about the time-server? He has a greater burden for himself, for personal ease, than for those who are perishing in sin. He does not sense the sacredness of the work in which he is engaged. He does not appreciate the price paid for his redemption and does not have a genuine burden for others. He prays but little, if any, in secret.—In a word he does not have the cause of God at heart. He may pay a closely reckoned tithe and grudgingly make his offerings. This may be done to maintain his position in the work. Such are eye servants, men pleasers, or rather self-pleasers. They are not servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Perhaps all of us at times have favoured self even at the expense of the sacred cause of Him who died to redeem us. But we should not be disheartened. Repentance, confession, and reformation will secure pardon and divine aid to do faithful work and thus become trustworthy workers in the Lord's vineyard.

The true Christian works for God, not from impulse but from principle, not spasmodically for a day or so or a short period of time, but for life. May the Lord help us to be honest, faithful, God-fearing workers until the soul-gathering harvest is finished.

E. HILLIARD.

OUR AVIATION DEPARTMENT

By W. A. SPICER

THE Spirit of prophecy is a wonderful maker of phrases. It speaks so often in word pictures that we cannot forget. Picturing the spread of the truth-filled pages over all the lands the Spirit of prophecy says: "The Press is in need of men to use it to the best advantage, that the truth may be given wings to speed it to every nation, and tongue, and people."—"Gospel Workers," p. 505.

What a picture of the truth winging its way over all the lands, and it is a colporteur army that is chiefly set to give the truth the wings. I think, then, we shall have to count the colporteur work the aviation department of the movement. Years ago, in Europe, I was speaking of our "army" of workers, and describing the united work in military terms generally, when Captain Christiansen, veteran ship missionary in the crowded harbours of Rotterdam and Hamburg, wanted to know why I did not speak of the "navy" department in our work. With all the fleet of mission craft serving in the South Sea missions, our navy department is giving the message strong service today.

And now comes this word of the Spirit of prophecy that our colporteur force is to give wings to the truth-filled books, setting them flying over all nations and peoples. May God greatly increase these aviation squadrons in all our fields. The time has come for the wings of our publishing work to spread for swifter, stronger, further flight.

Some recent reports of colporteur evangelism are fairly startling. They show how swiftly the witness is being given to all nations. The leader of the book work in Norway reported not long ago that, as nearly as he could estimate, our colporteurs have visited every house in Norway, from the North Cape, within the Arctic Circle, to the southernmost capes. What a picture that presents of the possibility of carrying the message to "every creature."

And now, from over in China, Secretary Crisler sends word that their colporteurs and evangelists, they estimate, have entered ninety-five per cent of all China's counties. It seems incredible. But things are moving swiftly now. In all lands the Spirit of God is preparing honest hearts to say "yes" as the messengers come with the spoken word or with the silent messengers of the printed page.

Thank God for the force that can give wings to the books of truth. Set the wings, O men of the printed page! Spread them for the flight that shall never tire and never cease till every people, at home and abroad, shall have the message in their own tongue.

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NOTES

PASTOR and Mrs. C. A. Larsen and daughter Esther recently arrived in India from furlough in America and Denmark. They all look well and are happy to be back in Hindustan once more. It has been arranged for Brother and Sister Larsen to spend some time in working for the people in Assam, and they are now located in Shillong for that purpose.

Pastor W. B. Votaw is spending a few weeks in Bengal putting up a cottage at the Jalirpar Hospital for Miss Harms, our new nurse from Germany. He reports that it was very pleasant out there while it was quite hot in other parts of India.

Brother and Sister Hunter report that they have returned from Darjeeling to Gopalgunj and are getting things ready for the reopening of the school and dispensary. Mrs. Hunter was sick for a few days in Darjeeling, but reports that she is now well.

Pastor and Mrs. Peak recently returned from their holiday in Darjeeling. Sister Peak spent part of her holiday in the hospital, but we are glad to report that she also is well again.

Miss Bragan reports that she had a wonderful time in Simla with Dr. and Mrs. Menkel during her hill leave. She spent a part of her leave in taking subscriptions for the *Oriental Watchman*.

The church school in Calcutta opened the 13th of June, after the midsummer holidays, with a good attendance.

Brother H. H. Mattison reports that the Ranchi Training School opened on the 15th of June with the best attendance they have had for some time. Every room in the boarding is filled.

Brother and Sister E. R. Osmunson have returned to Khurda from Darjeeling. Brother Osmunson reports that the interest among a very fine class of young educated men in Cuttack is still good. He proposes to spend several weeks in Cuttack holding an effort for them. His family will be with him.

Pastor C. C. Kellar writes that he has returned to Ranchi from Mussoorie and has begun his work again. Sister Kellar and Helen have also returned, and Sister Kellar has improved considerably during the past few months. The trip to Mussoorie helped her a great deal.

Miss Gwen Carrau, who spent the hill leave season with Mr. and Mrs. Lowry in Shillong, has gone to Lucknow to assist in the office work at that place.

The writer has gone down to the plains from Shillong and is making a tour of the mission stations in the Northeast Mission. Pastor E. D. Thomas is accompanying him, and a series of conventions are being held in the interests of the Sabbath School and Educational work in this field.

G. G. LOWRY.

SHILLONG

WE are having refreshing meetings in Shillong, held in our large room every Wednesday and Sabbath conducted by Pastor Lowry. The Khasi meetings are held at "Pisgah" the home of Pastor Burgess, who is conducting daily Bible studies for the Khasi people. Some have come in during the monsoon from over thirty miles and we hear that a large number in distant villages are very anxious to have a worker in their midst. We hope soon to see a Khasi church raised up.

We recently had the pleasure of welcoming Brother and Sister C. A. Larsen returning from furlough with little Esther. They are settling down to the study of the Khasi language and will answer the call of the Khasi people for more light and for the truth for these last days. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Dyer of our Calcutta church school. She has been very busy visiting her old friends and circulating *Present Truth* and other papers. Brother and Sister Matson from Simla are

also here busy studying Bengali and enjoying Shillong. Pastor and Mrs. Lowry with Sister Carrau are also enjoying Shillong, and are busy pushing forward the work for Christ, encouraging the workers, and visiting distant Khasi villages.

Although suffering from rheumatism, I am grateful that I am able to do a little for the Master in seeking for souls through the silent messengers and in collecting for Uplift work. I have sent in my first fifty rupees to the office and will soon send a second fifty. I receive this money in small gifts, which is not surprising when we remember that at present we have no dispensary, hospital, college nor school in the whole province of Assam. I find very few who know anything about Seventh-day Adventists and their teaching, but when I do meet some who have met our missionaries and doctors in other parts of India they speak very highly of our work and are more liberal.

I am thankful for the *Signs* and tracts and papers, especially the tracts received from Miss Belchambers and Brother Craven in Hindi, Bengali, Tamil and Telugu; also for the *Present Truth* from Sister Dyer. Pray for the work of Brother and Sister Burgess, our pioneers, and for Brother and Sister Larsen just beginning the study of the Khasi language.

W. A. BARLOW.

OUR WORK AT TALJHARI

TALJHARI, a place in the Santal Perganas, is 200 miles from Calcutta. There is a railway at Taljhari; and the village itself is only a few minutes' walk from the station.

Our work was opened here some years ago in a village called Bishunpur, near Taljhari; as yet we have not had a single member from Taljhari itself.

The work in this section has grown very slowly, but steadily. We now have a membership of about 20. We also have two day schools and three Sabbath schools with an average attendance of 40. Most of the members have come to us direct from animism. Recently two fine young girls took their stand with us, and were buried with their Lord in the watery grave. They also came direct from animism. The writer performed the ceremony in the River Ganges, which is very close to the village from which these girls come. One of them is studying at Babumahal, and another has recently married one of our own boys at Solbandha. These girls are the only Christians in their families. Let us remember them in our prayers that they may lead consistent, Christian lives, which will influence their relatives, and thus draw them also to Christ.

There are only two workers in this section. The other worker being stationed at Kalean, Maharajpur; and the writer at Solbandha, near Sahebgunge railway station. Sahebgunge being a junction station of the E.I.R.

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(As per Book Depot Sales Reports)

BOOK SALES

PERIODICALS

Name of Union or Mission	English		Vernacular		Totals		Oriental Watchman		Tamil Signs		K...	
	Subs.	Trade-Text.	Tracts-Misc.	Subs.	Tracts-Misc.	1934	1933	1934	1933	1934		
	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	
South India Union ...	158-14	44-0	28-10	1,104-8	7-4	1,343-4	3,241-2	397-8	601-6	271-8	411-12	...
Northwest & Northeast	183-12	188-10	1-4	1,422-6	0-14	1,796-14	2,148-6	403-12	1,154-14	...	...	...
Burma Mission ...	166-4	...	...	...	...	166-4	140-2	86-4	657-8	6-0	12-0	147-
Western India Mission	45-8	2-0	9-13	75-0	...	132-5	863-2	265-0	579-4	...	...	...
Publishing House ...	45-0	32-14	37-3	87-1	...	202-2	1,145-14	188-8	96-1	6-0	3-0	30-
Rs.	599-6	267-8	76-14	2,688-15	8-2	3,640-13	7,538-10	1,341-0	3,089-1	283-8	426-12	177-

Total Book and Periodical Sales for May, 1934 Rs. 5,442-13

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Total Loss in Sales for May, 1934, as compared with May 1933 Rs. 5,883-2

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their are quite a few Anglo-Indians and Europeans. I am glad to say that two ladies from this community also have taken their stand with us. They have both been baptized by Pastor H. M. Peak of Calcutta. Let us remember these ladies in our prayers. Our hearts are made glad when we see barriers which have seemed insurmountable crumble as the message triumphs from victory to victory. Remember us in your prayers, thus helping us to be faithful each in his own corner.

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THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST

AS we go about preaching the everlasting gospel we find hundreds of people who hunger and thirst for the word of God. As in the days of the Reformation, although apostasy had spread so wide, there were people who were hungry for the truth, so today. Reiterated calls from the field show that there are many people interested in studying the truth. This reminds us of the words of Jesus, "Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they

are white already to harvest." Yes brethren, the field is white already to harvest. There are hundreds who desire the truths of the Bible.

The Lord has set us an example as to the zeal and earnestness with which we must labour for the saving of souls. "Jesus said unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34. All the workers and true believers should follow the example of Jesus in labouring for souls. He went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, walked around the country on bare feet or with sandals only, under the scorching sun, in search of that which was lost.

The following eminent and consecrated soul-winners had the spirit and zeal of the Master for the saving of souls.

Baxter wrote at the close of his life: "I remember no one sin that my conscience doth so much accuse and judge me for, as for doing so little for the saving of men's souls and for dealing no more fervently and earnestly with them for their conversion."

Dr. Lyman Beecher, when asked what he considered the greatest of all things said: "It is not theology, it is not controversy, it is to save souls."

Brainard the consecrated missionary among the Indians said: "I cared not where or how I lived or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls for Christ; while I was asleep I dreamed of

things, when awakened my first thought was of this great work."

John Knox the star of the Reformation prayed the following prayer: "Lord give me Scotland, or I die."

Shall we not covenant together to have the spirit of our Master and the zeal of the above good men in the reaping of the harvest? May the Lord bless us one and all as we labour for the salvation of souls in India.

N. AARON.

A YEAR AGO AND NOW

FIGURES may be dry, but figures are helpful. It is by comparisons that we see growth, and growth seen inspires. Below are a few figures for the Tamil Mission a year ago and now.

	End of June 1933	End of June 1934
No. of Churches	9	11
Baptized members	363	388
Number of workers	33	30
Tithe for 6 months	Rs. 1,678- 1	Rs. 3,129- 6
Off. to Foreign Miss.	334- 6	68- 14
Off. to Home Miss.	472- 6	569- 2
S. School Off.	626- 15	899- 13
No. of S. Schools	28	31
No. S. S. Members	537	628

Two churches have been organized during these months. The tithe has taken a tremendous jump in spite of the fact that the depression has struck India harder this year than last year. The offerings too are on the upward grade. We wish that our net growth in members could have been more in proportion to the growth in tithe. We have baptized 25 during these six months of 1934 as against only 11 for the first six months of 1933. We have every reason to be of good courage. Our trust is in God. With you we are pushing on to the finishing of the work.

O. A. SKAU.

DIVISION, MAY, 1934

BOOK & PERIODICAL SALES

g	Totals		Total May 1934			Total January-May 1934			Sales Goals 1934
	1934	1933	1934	1933	Loss or Gain	1934	1933	Loss or Gain	
as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs. as.	Rs.
33	669- 0	1,013- 2	2,012- 4	4,254- 4	2,242- 0	11,197- 2	11,028- 14	168- 4	25,000
	403- 12	1,154- 14	2,200- 10	3,303- 4	1,102- 10	14,337- 15	15,736- 2	1,398- 3	42,000
1- 8	239- 4	941- 0	405- 8	1,081- 2	675- 10	3,933- 14	3,277- 2	656- 12	16,000
...	265- 0	579- 4	397- 5	1,442- 6	1,045- 1	4,732- 12	7,527- 12	2,795- 0	22,000
...	225- 0	99- 1	427- 2	1,244- 15	817- 13	1,973- 11	3,062- 13	1,089- 2	...
1- 8	1,802- 0	3,787- 5	5,442- 13	11,325- 15	5,883- 2	36,175- 6	40,632- 11	4,457- 5	105,000

Jan. to May 1934 Rs. 36,175- 6
 " " 1933 Rs. 40,632- 11
 Jan. to May 1934 as compared with Jan. to May 1933 Rs. 4,457- 5

MONTHLY SALES GOAL, 1934, Rs.8,750

J. C. CRAVEN.

THE TELUGU WORKERS' MEETING

A VERY interesting meeting of the Telugu workers was held at Narsapur from June 7 to 10. Brother C. A. Randolph, the principal of the Narsapur High School, and Pastors E. M. Meleen and D. H. Hunter attended. Brother Ch. John, the boarding master, was made responsible for the food arrangements, which were appreciated by the workers.

The devotional meetings conducted by the Indian brethren were very inspiring. Time was given for testimonies in most of these meetings. The workers all responded to the call heartily, renewing their consecration to God and to His service.

Pastor Meleen took the evening preaching services, which were meat in due season. The line of thought developed by him in his

talks was, "Better preparation for better service." Pastor Hunter's three Bible studies on the work of the Holy Spirit were very instructive and impressive. The departmental meetings conducted by these brethren after the Bible study were among the most interesting features of all the meetings. The reports of the work in different sections of the Telugu field brought courage and hope to every heart. We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in all the meetings and an

excellent spirit prevailed among workers. They left for their respective fields of labour with an unbending determination to attempt greater things for God and to expect great things from Him. The readers are requested to remember us in prayer in a very special manner so that the determination of these workers may bear fruit in a rich harvest of souls in the Telugu field this year.

G. ISAIAH.

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MEIKTILA TRAINING SCHOOL

It was a pleasure to spend a day recently at the Meiktila School. Many changes are seen in the school plant as the years go by. Since its establishment in 1910, the following have served in turn as superintendents: R. A. Thurber, A. H. Williams, D. C. Ludington, L. A. Semmens, R. A. Beckner, J. L. Christian, J. Phillips. Thra Paul and Saya Ah Lone Shoke have the longest service records among the present staff.

It is good to see the school growing in usefulness to the advent cause in Burma. In giving a chapel talk at the time of my recent visit I took occasion to prepare a summary of those who have completed the tenth standard. This is produced below as I believe it will be of interest to readers of the TIDINGS:

Year	Name	Present location	Work
1930	Saya Freddie	Moulmein	Evangelist
"	Saya Po Han	Meiktila	Teacher
"	Robert David	Toungoo	Colporteur
"	Thra Tun Maung	Kamamaung	Accountant
1931	Saya Pein Kyi	Rangoon	Mission Office
"	Saya Arthur	Meiktila	Teacher
"	Saya May Din	Meiktila	Teacher and Printer
"	Thra Ka Lee Paw	Kamamaung	Teacher
"	Thra Chit Maung	Myaungmya	Headmaster
"	Saw Tun Sein	Poona	O. W. P. H.
1932	Thra Ka Lee Paw	Kamamaung	Headmaster
"	Saya Aye Maung	Htugyi	Teacher
1933	Thra Baw Dee	Toungoo	Evangelist
"	Saw Myat Kyaw	Krishnarajapuram	Student
"	Ma Yin	Rangoon	Mission Office
"	Cecil Steevens	V. H. S. Mussoorie	Student
"	Thra David	Kamamaung	Teacher
1934	Ma Ngwe Ya	Meiktila	Teacher
"	Saw Maung Yai	Krishnarajapuram	Student
"	Bevys Smythe	V. H. S. Mussoorie	Student

It is a cause of pleasure to note that every graduate since the High School course was introduced has developed into a worker or is continuing his preparation in other schools which offer advanced work. We look upon these strong young men as the future burden bearers in Burma. They have all proved trustworthy. We plan to place some of them out in direct evangelistic work in the near future.

The enrolment at present is 105. There are ten full time teachers in the classrooms. James Baldwin, the preceptor, has fifty-four boys in his dormitory. Mrs. Phillips takes the principal responsibility for the girls' home where there are more than thirty girls. We hope to supply the TIDINGS with a picture of this new building in the near future. We pray that the rich blessings of heaven may rest upon the school, upon those who labour there so untiringly, and upon those who have known its influence through these years. I feel that the school has never been better staffed or more efficiently conducted than at present.

J. L. CHRISTIAN.

BURMA BREVITIES

WE are all happy over the progress of our Uplift Fund. The total in hand is now more than Rs. 4,600 which is considerably ahead of the amount gathered in 1933. I have enjoyed much my part in the work this year. We spent two pleasant days with Pastor Sargent and his workers in the Bassein bazaar going from shop to shop. A donation was given in nearly every shop. A Pittsburg negro overheard our canvass in one place and gave two American one dollar bills. The Chinese are most liberal givers in Burma. J. O. Wilson and J. C. Dean have each gathered more than Rs. 1000 single-handed.

The interest, attendance, and offerings in the Insein meetings, which are held in a large hall in connection with Brother Dean's residence, continue to increase each month. Several are definitely preparing for baptism during the next month or two. An interest in the Burmese work grows with Pastor Deacon David working in Insein and vicinity. He has been able to make some valuable contacts in the region near Hlegu.

A profitable meeting of the mission committee was held on July 4 in Rangoon. We appreciated the presence and counsel of Pastor A. H. Williams who is soon leaving Burma for England. A more aggressive use of literature is planned.

It is good to see the rapid increase in the Sabbath school membership in Burma. When a mission has a Sabbath school attendance double the church membership there is growth ahead. Let us continue our support of "the church at study."

Our office worker, Saya Pein Gyi, has a helper in the person of a new six pound two ounce boy who arrived July 11.

Our school attendance promises to be the largest in Burma's history this year. One village school in the Myaungmya district has an attendance of twenty-four despite the Buddhist monk giving a pice a day to the children who will attend his school. Meiktila has an enrolment of 115, the largest in several years. Kamamaung has more than ninety which is the same as the past year. One of our laymen, Thra Moses, started a school of his own down in the Myaungmya district despite the fact that he is a man with large paddy fields and much business of his own. He teaches the Bible classes every day. We are sending him some help.

We are planning for a Laymen's Institute in Meiktila, August 8-18. Here we shall gather twelve of the leading Karen and Burmese laymen who are leaders of companies or teaching schools of their own. We need more men of ability who will share the responsibility of caring for churches of believers and leading them in aggressive work for others.

J. L. CHRISTIAN.

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EASTERN TIDINGS
BURMA MISSION

Comparative Statement of Tithes and Offerings

January to May 1933 and 1934

	Tithes		Sabbath School		Foreign Missions		Home Missions	
	1933	1934	1933	1934	1933	1934	1933	1934
Rangoon English Church ...	1,978- 2	1,294-11	478- 1	423- 6	8- 6	203- 0	2,740- 6	1,975- 2
Rangoon Burmese Church ...	91- 4	75- 2	49- 3	53- 9	...	3- 8	...	11-12
Rangoon Telugu Church ...	35- 0	13- 1	24- 9	20-15	...	2- 4	...	...
Maymyo ...	118- 0	126- 8	152- 0	112- 6	...	22- 8	202- 0	...
Htugyi ...	430-14	87- 3	145- 5	26- 0	30-12	...	253-14	9- 5
Meiktila ...	691-15	688- 2	217- 9	255-14	5- 0	2- 0	193- 0	41-10
Myaungmya ...	641- 5	417-14	198- 4	216- 3	...	...	664-10	11- 0
Toungoo ...	313- 9	3-4- 3	139-10	126- 8	...	14- 8	200- 5	406-11
City Efforts ...	14- 2	1,122-15	9-11	164- 1	...	61- 6	...	1,033- 7
Kamamaung ...	756- 1	630-12	193-14	159- 0	...	...	384- 3	369- 9
	5,070- 4	4,800- 7	1,608- 2	1,562-14	64- 2	309- 2	4,638- 6	3,858- 8

F. J. MAINSTONE—Treasurer.

VINCENT HILL SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL WEEK OF PRAYER

FOR some time we have been looking forward to the occasion of our school Week of Prayer. As teachers and students we have been praying for a special blessing, and God did come very near to help us with our problems.

We were very grateful to Brother Pohlman for the good help he gave us in leading out in the services of the week. Each service was made practical and interesting to both the little folk and seniors as well. The main theme of each service was choosing Christ and letting Him be the chief guest in our hearts.

After about the third service Brother Pohlman presented a resolution which read as follows:—

“Recognizing that I have not, up to this time, accepted Christ fully as I should have, I now acknowledge Him master of my heart and all that I own.” An invitation was given to the students and any present, who felt that they had not lived up to their Christian vows; and to those who had never acknowledged Jesus as their friend, to come forward in the presence of their friends and sign their names to the covenant. After presenting the covenant at the close of the following evening services of the week, over eighty had signed their names.

The personal workers' band and the dormitory prayer bands met frequently during the week for special seasons of prayer for individual souls. It was very apparent that the Spirit of God was working upon hearts because of the quiet way in which souls responded to the convicting Spirit of God.

We thank God for the victories won and the decisions made, and trust the fervour of this good week will characterize each week to come.

R. A. GARNER.

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF
EUROPEAN SCHOOLS FOR
THE U.P., 1934**

I VISITED this school on May 1, 1934. The last inspection was on June 26, 1932.

The school is co-educational and is owned and operated by the Southern Asia Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Board of Trustees consists of twelve persons, four of whom reside in Mussoorie and are on the staff of the school. The principal of the school is Vice-Chairman of the Board. Bangalore, Poona, Rangoon are places of residence of some of the other members. Children attending the school come from all parts of India.

The school is on the list of recognised High Schools but it receives no grant from Government.

The school is located in a beautiful and healthy position on the southern slope of Vincent Hill—about two miles from Mussoorie.

The main school building contains class rooms, diningroom, kitchen, girls' dormitories and the chapel. The boys' hostel is a little distance down the hillside and provides suitable accommodation for present numbers. The buildings are provided with modern sanitary equipment throughout. There is a gymnasium and an open air swimming-bath (50 ft. by 22 ft.). The needs and comforts of the children have been carefully considered and very satisfactory accommodation has been provided for them.

There are play grounds at both the hostels. The room used for classes V and VI has recently been enlarged, and now provides suitable accommodation for the present enrolment.

There is a good hospital between the main building and boys' hostel. It contains two wards, one for boys and one for girls, also quarters for the matron in charge, who

is a trained nurse. At the time of my visit the hospital was full with whooping-cough cases—(5 boys, 5 girls). The Civil Surgeon is the school doctor.

Provision is made for physical training but it is not compulsory. The children get plenty of exercise in the form of games and swimming. The games played are hockey, football, basket ball, tennis and badminton. Swimming is supervised and all children soon learn to swim.

Three vegetarian meals are provided a day, breakfast at 8, lunch at 1 and supper at 6. Cream is given with porridge and puddings. The children are evidently allowed as much as they require. I had lunch with the children and found the food provided good, and wholesome.

The aims of the school as stated in the Prospectus are:—

“To give that development of the mental, physical and spiritual natures of the child that makes for strong manhood and womanhood.” “The religious feature is made an important part of school life. Therefore the Bible is given an important place in the instruction and is made the basis of true learning.” Hence the teaching of the Bible is given a prominent place in the time-table.

Another special feature about the school is the emphasis that is given to education through training by the hand. All the pupils are taught various household duties. Boys are required to put in an hour's duty daily (3 to 4 p.m.) in housework such as dusting and sweeping their rooms, gardening and general repair work around the building. At the time of my visit several boys were on the work of enlarging the ground at the back of their hostel. The girls, besides cleaning the rooms in their charge, look after the kitchen and food under the supervision of the matron. All mending is done by the senior girls. There are only two servants—a sweeper and an

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assistant cook.

Two of the senior students are in charge of the bakery and make all the bread required, and very good bread too.

The children seemed a pleasant lot, healthy, bright and cheerful. They are well looked after, and every care seems to be given to their mental, moral and physical welfare. The discipline appeared to be good, free without licence, strong without repression. The tone is sound and the boys and girls are being brought up under influences working for their future good.

NOTES

MISS F. TUCKEY arrives in Bombay August 2 from her furlough in England. She will resume her work as Bible worker in that city.

T. J. Michael has been called to Lucknow on some urgent business matters.

G. G. Lowry and E. D. Thomas report an interesting visit to the Methodist school system at Ushagram, near Asansol, whose school industries are well known and have attracted the favourable attention of Government. Mr. F. G. Williams, the superintendent, is doing notable work in introducing improved sanitary methods into the villages at very low cost. He has also erected a church building that is more in

keeping with Indian traditions and is much cheaper than those built after western styles. An illustrated article by Pastor Lowry is promised for a forthcoming issue.

LOOKING AT THE WRONG THING

THE story is told of a sales manager of a large firm that employed a number of travelling salesmen. About the time the world depression set in, this manager called all his agents into headquarters and held a meeting with them. He pointed out to them the necessity of harder work and longer hours if the business was to be kept up to capacity. He told them he was aware of the fact that a great financial depression was on, but that really he was not much concerned with that. His business was to promote the business of the firm. In the course of his remarks he drew with chalk a large circle on the blackboard and then put a small dot in the centre of the circle. He then asked the men what they saw in the circle. They with one accord replied that they saw the dot. Just so, he replied, and what about all the other space within the circle? The dot is the depression and all the other space within the circle is the opportunities for promoting our business. We will accomplish more if we keep our eyes focussed on the possibilities of success rather than upon the depression.

The story of this sales manager illustrates the attitude that we as missionaries should take toward the difficulties, disappointments and discouragements that come to us in our work. They are indeed very real, of course, but in comparison with the possibilities of service and, under God's blessings, success in our work, they are like the dot in the circle. Let us, therefore, see to it that our eyes are not allowed to become fixed upon the difficulties of the way to such an extent that the possibilities of successful service for the Master are shut out of our vision.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things." Phil. 4:8.

G. G. LOWRY.

SPECIAL REQUEST

J. O. WILSON, 30 Voyle Road, Rangoon, Burma, wishes to secure a copy of the *Signs of the Times*, No. 26 of 1933, also of the *Youth's Instructor* Nos. 14, 18, 41, all of 1933, for his files. He has extra copies of the *Review and Herald* 1932, and 1933, to spare to anyone wishing to complete their files.

"THE BIG FOUR"

WOBD just received from the Review and Herald announces that they have substituted the *Sabbath School Worker* for *Liberty* for our people in Southern Asia in what they call "The Big Four." This combination is the most valuable ever offered to our people. The "Big Four" now stands *Review and Herald*, *Life and Health*, *Sabbath School Worker* and *Present Truth* for Rs.9-4 only. We are sorry that this word has been so late in reaching us, and feel justified in extending the reduced rate for "Big Four" for the month of August only. If any who subscribed for the *Review and Herald* during the month of July at the Rs.5-4 rate, will send the extra Rs.4, they will be entitled to the new combination offer. All who subscribed for the "Big Four" as it stood in July, and wish to substitute the *Sabbath School Worker* for *Liberty* please send Rs. 2 additional to the Book Depot that received your original order. These are the four best periodicals we publish, each a special in its own line.

"ORIENTAL WATCHMAN" SPECIAL

THE October number of the *Oriental Watchman and Herald of Health* will be a special with cover in two colours, for use in Big Week. There will be special emphasis on three special themes. The religious special will be, "The Wonders of Our Age, and Their Meaning;" there will be special temperance articles; the special health article will be, "The Cause, Treatment and Cure of Constipation." A letter received this morning is typical of many others. A subscriber writes, "I may mention that I was a chronic constipate, but now am an almost normal man, after reading and adopting the methods advised by your valuable journal." We plan to publish in this number two or three helpful articles on this subject.

It is hoped that every worker, European and Indian, and many of our lay members will secure some subscriptions for our popular journal during Big Week. More details later.

CHURCH CALENDAR, 1934

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

REMEMBER THE WEEK OF SACRIFICE, AUG. 25 TO SEPT. 1