



BIG WEEK—OCTOBER 1-8

E. D. THOMAS

ANOTHER opportunity for service is before us during the coming Big Week, October 1-8. We have already given you some definite ideas about the ammunition we have on hand for the campaign. Dr. Menkel's book, "Eating for Health," will soon be in your hands. We should endeavour to dispose of several thousand of them. A few years ago, a similar health book was printed in China, and, I understand, all the English-speaking members and workers took great delight in selling thousands of them.

Our beautiful Christian Home Calendars, that have already proved to be good sellers, are in all our Book Depots. A few months ago, I spent a day with a Hindu gentleman in Rajputana who is very much interested in the truth because of a copy of the Christian Home Calendar he bought some years ago in Delhi. As I go around the field, I find our Calendars hanging on the walls of many Hindu, Mohammedan, and Christian homes, where the members of the family are very proud of their neat appearance and beautiful pictures.

A revised edition of "Enemies of Health" in Tamil is now ready. A small edition of "God Speaks" in Malayalam will soon be off the press. The other fields are definitely planning to use the balance of the vernacular books that were printed for the 1937 campaign. We would like to see all our workers and church members take part in this year's campaign. We desire all institutions to arrange their work in such a way that nearly everyone connected with them may do some definite

N. C. WILSON

Several appointments listed on our church calendar for the year stand out rather prominently, and Big Week is one of these. We have come to depend on Big Week as an important missionary activity and a source of financial income to help extend the cause of God. In some parts of the world field it is called Missions Extension Week, and such it has been to Southern Asia.

We feel very happy to know of the good reception throughout the field accorded the 1938 Big Week book, "Eating for Health," by Doctor Menkel. So many expressions of appreciation regarding both the contents and appearance of this book have reached us that we feel certain that the edition of 3,500 will quickly be sold out. Other literature provided for this campaign is also attractive and useful. We are, however, especially interested in promoting and widely circulating Doctor Menkel's book, "Eating for Health," which comes to us as the result of much hard and careful work on the part of the author and publishers.

Give Big Week a prominent place in your plans during the week of October 1-8. Let us make it a blessed and good week of service for God throughout all of Southern Asia.

work. Field days may be set for our boarding schools.

The following offerings were raised during the last two years:

	1936	1937
Burma Union	Rs. 306-15	Rs. 221- 1
N. W. India Union	210- 7	176- 4
N. E. India Union	269- 2	380- 0
Western India Union	257-14	234- 5
South India Union	805- 3	905- 1
Totals	Rs. 1849- 9	Rs. 1916-11

If we all join whole-heartedly in the campaign, and turn over to the Mission all the profits made during the week, and one day's wages, we are sure we will have more than Rs. 2,500 to report as our Big Week offering for the 1938 campaign.

May God help us to make the 1938 Big Week the best Big Week we have yet had.

BIG WEEK—WHY TAKE PART?

L. C. SHEPARD

THERE are many reasons why every worker and believer should, this year, take an active part in the Big Week campaign, October 1-8. I shall enumerate only two of them. First, "The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." In another place we are told that it is largely through the circulation of literature that the loud cry of the third angel's message will be given.

Detailed inquiries have been made in many countries where our work has become well established, which reveal that more than half of all converts first had the truth brought to their attention by means of some publication. This is one reason why all should take part in the Big Week. The circulation of literature is a very effective method of winning souls.

For more than twenty years now, one week has been set apart annually, during which all our workers and believers are invited to join with the colporteurs in the sale and distribution of literature. This year a special book has been written by Dr. H. C. Menkel for the campaign. It is a very attractive publication of 128 pages, entitled "Eating for Health." Our colporteurs have had frequent inquiries from the public asking for a book of this kind. It, therefore, supplies a very real need.

Regarding the importance of such publications Sister White writes in "Counsels on Health," page 555: "If we would elevate the moral standard in any country where we may be called to go, we must begin by correcting their physical habits. Virtue of character depends upon the right action of the powers of mind and body."

We have imported several thousand copies of the Christian Home Calendar to sell along with this book. A distinctive feature of this Calendar is the Sabbath, which is printed in red. One of these Calendars was sold to two brothers who were living together. One of them, noting that the Sabbath was printed in red, was led to examine the Calendar more closely, and he found that there was a text for every day of the year. They began to study the texts, and before the year was over both were keeping the Sabbath and receiving instruction for baptism. The Big Week brings to every worker and believer an opportunity to share personally in this method of soul saving.

The second reason for taking part is that this campaign offers a means of helping other special projects in a financial way. Believers and workers on salary are invited to donate the profits of the sales made during this week to the Missions Extension Fund which is used for some medical, educational, or publishing project that has been approved by the Division Committee. Our goal for 1938 is Rs. 2,500, and the money has been allocated to the Surat Hospital project, where there is a very promising opening. In addition to contributing their profits, salaried workers are invited to give a day's wage to the Extension Fund. Colporteurs are urged to make this week a big week in service and sales, and to contribute their profits to the Extension Fund on the day that their sales are highest.

Many blessings have accrued to the work in Southern Asia by the Big Week

plan. Among the institutions in our field that have benefited substantially from the Missions Extension Fund are the Publishing House, Meiktila School, Vincent Hill School, Spicer College, Roorkee High School, Chuharkana, Karmatar, Gopalganj, and Kottawa. Besides these larger projects that have benefited, many village schools and dispensaries have been built by funds that have come through this means.

Colporteurs and Field Missionary Secretaries are urged to lay definite plans to make October 1-8 the biggest week in hours and sales during 1938.

A FULL-GROWN MAN'S JOB

J. O. WILSON

God has committed to this people a knowledge of the most profound truths that can engage the attention of the human race. He has sent us forth with a message for this hour of the world's need—the only message that will save men from the certain doom toward which the world is madly plunging. With such a message entrusted to us, how can we keep still? We should be using *ten times* as much literature as we are at present.

This statement is not made loosely or merely for effect. I say, in all seriousness, that we ought to be placing in the homes of the people of this country ten times as many books and magazines and tracts as we are at present. The enemies of truth scatter their books and papers by the millions. Shall we not awake and bestir ourselves, and take a very active part in the Big Week this year?

The book that has been prepared for Big Week this year is "Eating for Health," written by Dr. H. C. Menkel. Last year we sold a religious book, "God Speaks." This year we have the opportunity of selling a new health book, fresh from the press, and written especially for India, Burma, and Ceylon by our own Dr. Menkel, who has given so much study to the subject of diet. This book should make many friends for us, and prepare the way for a religious book to be sold again next year.

We ought to sell 50,000 copies of this new book. Shall we not try to sell at least 10,000?

Then there is the beautiful Christian Home Calendar. The price of the Calendar is Rs. 14-0 each, of which As. 8 will be profit for the Big Week fund. The book is to sell for Rs. 1-0-0, and for this special occasion a profit of As. 8 is allowed on it. Wherever possible the book and the Calendar should be sold together, making a profit for the Big Week fund of Rs. 1-0-0 from the sale.

Another feature of the Big Week plan is that all mission workers, and all mem-

bers if possible, give into the fund their income for one day. Let us not forget this part of the plan.

Big Week has sometimes been passed over very lightly in this Division. We have treated it as something for the children, or at least for "the other fellow, not for me." And as the rest of the world have looked at our meagre, miserable little report, they must indeed think we are a bunch of children in this Division. It seems to me that it is time we showed our appreciation for what the rest of the world has done for us. We have received much from Big Week funds raised elsewhere.

Let us think of this Big Week work as a full-grown man's job, quite worthy of our best attention, and really try to do something this year,—and of course get the children to help in it, too. Let us all unite in an honest and earnest effort to have the very best Big Week that we have ever had in this Division.

SUGGESTIVE CANVASS FOR BIG WEEK SET—1938

Demonstration

OUR Society has recently prepared a book of great interest to people these days. It is called "Eating for Health." The importance of this subject cannot be over-estimated. The great Dr. Osler, and Sir Robert McCarrison, one time head of the Indian Institution of Nutritional Research, Conoor, have both said that nine tenths of all sickness can be attributed directly to wrong habits of eating.

This book fills a long-felt need. Some of the subjects that it touches upon are: (p. 9) "What Should We Eat?"—how many times this is a pertinent question in every home; (p. 17) "Natural Food"—it is recognized that natural foods are the best foods for health; (p. 23) "Vitamins"—which foods contain them; (p. 27) "Flesh Foods"; (p. 35) "The Nursing Child"—foods the mother should eat; (p. 39) "Artificial Feeding"; (p. 43) "Food for Growth"—every mother with growing children will want to have this information; (p. 51) "Food for Fifty Years and After." You see this little book tells us what foods are best from early youth to old age.

(P. 55) Then there is the matter of food combinations and their effect upon the health. (P. 61) "When Should We Eat?" Some have ruined their health by the habit of eating at irregular intervals. (P. 73) Finally the author deals with the broad principles of food preparation so that all the important elements may be conserved. Besides all this valuable information, there are more than fifty pages of carefully tested recipes.

Together with a copy of this beautifully illustrated Calendar, this wonderful help comes to you at only Rs. 2-4-0. Thank you.

TRAINING LAY HELPERS

FROM old Serbia comes this testimony of our people: "Every Adventist goes around with a lantern in his hand."

How suggestive the thought in this—every Adventist a light-bearer. This surely is God's plan for His people for the promulgation of the gospel. Emphasis is laid on this fact continually in the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. To quote just one or two:

"It is important that *all* now come up to the work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. II, p. 165.

"Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 30.

"Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 111.

With this responsibility resting upon our members, it is implied that there must be a training centre with qualified teachers. Where is this training centre?

"Every church should be a training-school for Christian workers."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 149.

It is a tragic fact that many of our churches have no place at all in their program for the training of willing members to be intelligently prepared to win others to Christ.

Who should comprise this teaching staff?

"He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Eph. 4:11.

What for? Note verse 12.

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Weymouth says, "In order fully to equip His people for the work of serving." Conybeare and Howson give this thought, "For the perfecting of God's people in their appointed service."

Surely from this passage of Scripture it is clear to us all that the responsibility of educating our members for active service rests primarily with the ministry. We must be "apt to teach."

Everything should be done to strengthen our present home missionary evangelistic forces.

"The missionary spirit needs to be revived in our churches. Every member of the church should study how to help forward the work of God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 29.

It does seem that we have been on the defensive long enough—in fact, far too long. The time has come for us to wage a war of aggression. Every man and woman, irrespective of age or circumstances, who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, must be aroused by the leaders in God's cause to sense the responsibility

to which God has called them. They will then be ready to become students in the school of Christ, ready to learn to use the particular equipment best suited to them, and thoroughly prepared to do their part in the warfare against the powers of evil which are mustering their armies and consolidating for the final conflict.

There are two aspects of this question which should ever be kept in mind:

1. That every member must be enlisted (not by constraint but willingly) in this warfare for truth.

2. That definite instruction must be given to every member in some particular branch of God's work.

Brethren and sisters, we must know that God is looking to us to train every member. We must manifest confidence in our people and realize that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 117.

Our children should be instructed and encouraged in such activities as tract distribution and the Big Week campaign; also in performing certain duties in the home, and assisting their neighbours. In these avenues of service many will come to understand their duty to God. Thus will the statement be largely fulfilled which is given on pages 17 and 27 of "Testimonies," Vol.

VII: "The Lord will fit... children, as He did Samuel, for His work, making them His messengers." "Children will be impelled by the Holy Spirit to go forth to declare the message of heaven."

There is much latent talent in our churches that God will use to the honour and glory of His name, if we as workers will spend time in training it.

—Selected.

BIG WEEK IN WESTERN INDIA UNION

Big Week will soon be here again, and we are looking forward to a better Big Week than we had last year. For those who wish to sell Marathi literature, we still have a supply of "Wonders of Our Age" and "Steps to Christ." Both these books sell at four annas per copy.

Then there is our new book, "Eating for Health," in English. It ought to take well with those who are interested in healthful cookery. Almost half this book is just recipes, and they are good recipes that can be used anywhere in India. This book sells for only one rupee a copy.

We also hope to have our Home Missionary Calendars for 1939 in stock in time for Big Week. Western India Union workers, please send in your orders early to your Book Depot at 23 Koregaon Park, Post Box 64, Poona, and let us all work together for a real big Big Week.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

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A VISIT TO BURMA

L. C. SHEPARD

DURING the month of July it was my privilege to visit Burma. This was my first visit since furlough, and was four years removed from last time. It was very encouraging to see how the work has grown during the interval.

In Rangoon many new faces were seen in the congregation. At Meiktila, city electricity has been installed at the school, and already substantial savings have been realized. The enrolment this year is 196, making it the largest school that we have anywhere in Southern Asia. One very encouraging feature was the number who had earned scholarships by the sale of literature during the preceding vacation period. Four had earned full scholarships, and three, half scholarships. Among this number were two young women. Practically all the books were sold by the students themselves, without the aid of the Field Missionary Secretary.

From Meiktila a flying trip was made to Maymyo, where the "Brightlands" Nursing Home is located. Sister Tarleton is in charge of this institution and is making contacts with many persons of influence. At the time of our visit the house was full. One of the patients in residence at the time was the Swabwa of Hi Pow, who had been there for two months.

At Yamethin and Pyimana some time was spent in canvassing for "Our Day" among the non-Christians in these centres. At Yamethin we found a very active interest in the prophecies of the Bible among the Mohammedans of all sects. Both Burma-born and immigrants from India were equally interested. Our customers included teachers, merchants, doctors, lawyers, and officials. An Indian colporteur who was in Yamethin at the same time, studied for three nights in succession with a group of more than thirty Moslem inquirers.

In Rangoon a colporteur's institute was conducted during the last two weeks of the month. Nine earnest men

and women came in for this meeting, besides members of the local congregation who attended the instructional and devotional meetings regularly. Some of the colporteurs have canvassed for several years. Among the older men were Brethren D. C. Roberts, S. I. Beale, and K. G. Knight. All were faithful in learning the canvasses, and the prospects are bright for an advance in Burma during the rest of this year. In the closing meeting each one present expressed his determination to do greater things for God. Brother O. F. MacGowan is leading the colporteurs in Burma, and enjoys their confidence.

"THE ISLES SHALL WAIT FOR HIS LAW"

CHRISTIANITY is not a new thing to Ceylon. It has been preached in the island as far back as the sixth century. Though Christianity dates back to that early period, yet its progress has been rather slow. According to the 1931 census, out of a population of 5,306,871 only 443,400 are Christians. But a new day is dawning, and long-closed doors are opening—that, too, for the heralds of the third angel's message to enter in.

It was my privilege this summer to carry our gospel and health literature to those among the tea estates of Ceylon. During the summer of 1936 I had worked in the same territory with the ORIENTAL WATCHMAN AND HERALD OF HEALTH, and the Tamil GOOD WAY. This year more than 90 per cent of the former subscribers renewed their subscriptions. Almost every one I asked how they liked our papers, told me they found them very helpful, and were only too glad to renew their subscriptions.

In one district the Estate Teachers' Association passed a resolution that every teacher in that district should be a regular reader of our Tamil magazine. Some of the teachers I met told

me that it was an invaluable aid in their teaching.

Once I canvassed a gentleman at Kandy. Before I had gone through half the canvass he told me, "Young man, you do not need to tell me of that magazine. I have heard of it long ago. When I was at Campola, some years back, a Buddhist lady was getting that. She told me that it was very interesting and helpful. I have been wanting to get it for my family, but was unable to secure the address. Please write me down for one year."

There are many souls who are longing for "the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." A certain Hindu young man I met said, "I did not find any comfort in Hinduism, though I had been a Hindu from my birth. I visited holy places as Adam's Peak and Kataragama, but I did not get the peace of pardoned sin. I was far from being happy. While in this state I met a C. M. S. minister. On hearing my story, he pointed me to the Bible. He told me that sins could be washed away, not by my works, but by the blood of Jesus. I began to study the Bible. There I found Jesus. Now I have the great joy of pardoned sin." He showed me some of the Christian books he had bought. Among them was the Bible and the life of Sadhu Sunder Singh. This young man is receiving our truth-filled literature regularly. It is certain that the messages the Lord sends to him through this literature will not return unto Him void.

"Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
But day spring is at hand."

Many are the homes where our religious literature is finding a place. Yes, the time has come for Ceylon to hear the last call to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and for the fulfilling of the prophecy of Isaiah 42:4, "The isles shall wait for His law."

P. B. RAJASINGAM.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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YOUR LINK IN THE CHAIN

PART III

ALTA M. CHRISTENSEN

WHETHER the little ones just entering life's pathway, or those who have passed a few milestones and stand at the crossroads, or those who are nearing the end of the journey, are of major importance in the Sabbath school, is a subject that has been open to discussion, but the heart of the loving heavenly Father yearns over all with equal tenderness. He gives two commands: "Feed My sheep," and "Feed My lambs."

Consequently, we cannot consider one division of the Sabbath school less important than another, or more so. A leader in denominational work, who for many years carried very heavy responsibilities, had his heart turned to God when he was but a boy in Sabbath school.

Wherever it is possible, each of the five divisions of the Sabbath school should have its own classes, where the members, in small groups, may be drawn close to the Father. In a large school, naturally there will be several classes in each division. The ages for these divisions were given in the pre-

vious article of this series. Of course, in a small school it is impossible to have all these divisions studying separately, even though the Sabbath school may have representatives of them all, but where children are present with older people there should be at least senior and primary classes, with the most suitable arrangements according to age.

If possible, the children should meet in a separate room for their own session of the Sabbath school. In any case, they should have at least a corner, a place that they can feel belongs to them, made comfortable and attractive, where their teacher may have heart-to-heart talks with them. One Sabbath school visited had the tiny tots on backless benches in an open shed, while the parents and other older members of the Sabbath school were comfortably seated in the church.

Statistical Report of the

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized Churches	Membership Last Reported	Members Added			
			By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	
BURMA UNION						
Irrawaddy Mission ...	8	419	...	...	...	...
Tennasserim Mission ...	2	147	...	...	...	...
North Burma Mission ...	2	122	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	12	698	...	...	...	...
NORTHEAST INDIA UNION						
Assam Mission ...	1	76	5	...	...	2
Bengal Mission ...	13	405	...	...	...	2
Bihar Mission ...	4	402	34	...	...	11
Orissa Mission ...	1	...	...	...	...	5
Totals ...	19	823	39	...	...	20
NORTHWEST INDIA UNION						
United Provinces ...	10	548	4	...	...	26
Punjab Mission ...	5	587	32	...	...	2
Sind Mission ...	1	19	...	...	...	2
Unorganized Missions ...	1	34	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	17	1,188	26	...	...	28
SOUTH INDIA UNION						
Ceylon Mission ...	4	137	...	...	2	...
Malayalam Mission ...	20	887	...	...	...	...
Kanarese Mission ...	5	209	7	...	...	8
Telugu Mission ...	14	615	...	...	...	...
Tamil Mission ...	20	640	5	...	...	2
Totals ...	63	2,488	12	2	...	10
WESTERN INDIA UNION						
Gujerat Mission ...	1	32	...	...	...	...
Marathi Mission ...	10	565	13	...	...	...
Central Provinces ...	1	26	...	...	...	...
Central India ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	12	624	13	...	...	...

Burma Union ...	12	698	...	...	...
Northeast India Union ...	19	823	39	...	20
Northwest India Union ...	17	1,188	26	...	28
South India Union ...	63	2,488	12	2	10
Western India Union ...	12	624	13
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Division Totals ...	123	5,821	90	2	58

say nothing of the matter, etc. These questions can be assigned, one each, to different members of the class, to report on the next week, giving their own viewpoint of the matter, and why.

Maps should be used in every division. Senior classes obtain a more concrete idea of the places discussed when they are pointed out on the map. "Charts showing lesson outlines, diagrams, simple drawings, mottos, seed thoughts, or memory gems, should be used liberally."

"The senior division of the Sabbath school should include every member and as many more of similar ages as can be

persuaded to study God's Word through the lessons provided for the Sabbath school." This is the place particularly adapted to make the Bible lovable.

When organizing a new Sabbath school, make it a definite, regularly established thing rather than a fluctuating affair reported this quarter, but not next. Let the people of the district know that there is a solid, orderly formation to this work, a sure foundation. Every Sabbath school member may help the school grow, inviting others to join, thus strengthening this link in the world-wide chain and extending it heavenward.

many helping hands, and much prayer, Rs. 1,130 have so far been collected by Hapur station workers in the area assigned us. It is my great regret that, being compelled to take a few weeks' rest, I am not able to reach the goal that has been assigned our station. Still, we give God the glory for the success our Indian workers have had this year all by themselves, and believe the coming year will see even more funds brought in by them. Babu Francis Wray of Pilkuwa received Rs. 15-12-0 in very hard territory; Master Masih Dayal, Rs. 15-0-0, with my help; and Dal Chand, our personal gardener and general servant (not on the mission pay-roll), collected Rs. 14-8-0 without my assistance. Every regular worker has brought in something this year, and many, over Rs. 10-0-0.

Several new village Sabbath schools have recently been started. Among these is one conducted by Brother Baldev Singh, one of our laymen in Garhwal, in an adjoining village near his home, where he is conducting a small, self-supporting school.

Master R. Peters, of the Openview School, Chelusain, Garhwal, writes how God has defeated the plans of the enemies of his school. As a result of a speech he was able to make in an opposition meeting held by Arya-Samajhists in a village nearby the school, they have now seventy-six students in attendance, and more enrolling daily. The attendance at the opposition party's school in the other village has dropped until it may have to close entirely. Brother and Sister Peters are of good courage.

Pastor J. B. Conley spent August 24th and 25th at Hapur, and in company with Pastor Morris and the writer, visited our people in Hasanpur, Hapur, and Ubarpur. On the 25th of August a workers' meeting was held in Hapur church.

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HAPUR HAPPENINGS

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SINCE our last report, the Hapur station workers and Hapur school staff have been happy to welcome Pastor R. P. Morris, Sister Morris, our new school principal, and their two daughters, Barbara and Joan, to our midst. These pioneers of our U. P. work arrived the night of August 6th, and surprised us all, as we did not expect them till the next evening. From the time of their arrival, all have been busy getting settled and preparing for the opening of our school on August 15th. Several busy days were spent touring villages and out-stations with Pastor Morris in the interest of filling Hapur school with students. On August 28th it was my privilege to turn over the Hapur station and school work to Brother and Sister Morris. We are confident that under their experienced direction God's people in the Hapur district will be led onward and upward to a higher standard of perfection in this truth, and many more souls will be won from the seed it was our privilege to sow while labouring with our workers there.

School opened this year with thirty-three boarding students in attendance, and since then the enrolment has increased to fifty-five, for the first time the number of girls being more than boys. Owing to the uncertainty regarding the opening date, and the arrival of the new principal, it was impossible to get quite as many in on the opening day as we had expected, but we hope to see at least a hundred students at Hapur before the end of the year. Pastor and Sister Morris are working very hard to make this school year a success in every way, and many new plans are being put

in operation for more efficient teaching, better supervision of work, good food arrangements, plenty of recreation, and more gardening than ever before seen at Hapur.

Brother Masih Charan having moved to Hapur, Master Edward F. Gardner has been chosen as the boys' hostel master, and has already thrown himself whole-heartedly into the full program which his duties require.

Arrangements are to be made for a suitable school building in Mallipur, where Brother Masih Charan-Singh, a recent Roorkee graduate, is teaching school among some of our members and *mutlashi* families in a village near Moradabad.

Although all our Uplift funds have not yet been collected, still we are thankful that with the assistance of

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SALISBURY PARK SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 5th was an occasion for much rejoicing on the part of patrons and friends of the church school project on the Salisbury Park estate, at which time the school officially opened its doors to more than two score eager boys and girls. It would hardly be fair, in this instance, to say that anticipation was greater than the realization, as a feeling of keen satisfaction was certainly experienced by those who have looked forward for a

considerable length of time to the completion of the plans for this school.

On the evening of September 4, a very impressive service was held, when appropriate remarks were made, stressing the importance of Christian education, and particularly of the institution which was by this service being set upon its course of usefulness.

The teachers, Mrs. Jordan and Mr. Rai, were given a welcome, and were garlanded as a token of the loyal support and co-operation which was to be theirs as they launched upon this most important duty of training these youth.

Those present at the program will long remember the pointed and much appreciated remarks by Brother Dason, who delivered the official opening address. Brother C. N. Abraham, who is the treasurer of the new school board and was chairman of this meeting, added some very helpful thoughts. It was the privilege of the writer and the chairman of the school board to join in the program of the evening.

At the close of the meeting opportunity was given all to visit the school rooms and inspect the newly-prepared accommodation and equipment.

And now school is in full swing. The teachers are wrestling with the initial problems, some of which are real ones; but we already see definite signs of progress.

This newly-formed institution is destined to fill a great need and to be a great

blessing to the constituency on the Salisbury Park estate. A recent census of the community reveals the fact that there are about one hundred children who are or soon will be eligible to receive the benefits of this school. What a joy it is to see this well-equipped and well-staffed school passing on to the youth of our church the great benefits and blessings of Christian education.

WELCOME AT SURAT HOSPITAL

WE ARE glad to announce the arrival in India, on August 26, of Dr. Irwin S. Walker and wife. They came on to Surat the same day.

On Sunday evening, August 28, a welcome program was held for them and

Miss Zelpha Miller, who has been with us in Surat for five months. Our mutual friend, Dr. D. J. Edol Behram, presided on this occasion, and his remarks were greatly appreciated.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren Orr, who had been visiting India for two weeks while on a world tour, were present with us at this time, and since they were leaving the same night for Bombay, whence they took their boat to China and the United States, the occasion was also a farewell for them.

We are very glad to have Dr. and Mrs. Walker and Miss Miller with us, and welcome them to India and especially to Surat. May their stay in India be a happy one, and we pray that God will greatly bless their efforts so that souls may be won to Christ.

DR. G. A. NELSON.

BENGAL FLOOD RELIEF OFFERING, OCTOBER 1

EAST BENGAL FLOOD RELIEF

C. H. MACKETT

DURING the meeting of the Division Committee which was held in Poona September 12 and 13, a very earnest appeal from Brother H. H. Mattison of Gopalganj, East Bengal, was presented. He urges that some help be given to our church members in his district who are passing through very distressing circumstances because of the abnormal flood waters this year. We quote his letter in part:

"No doubt you have heard from time to time about the excessive floods in our part of the country. Being tied down to the school it has been impossible for me to know the real extent of the damage which has been done, though I can tell that conditions are terrible. I have just now learned of the unfortunate condition of our local church members. Brother Gayen arrived here last night, and he has been telling me about the terrible plight of most of our members here in East Bengal. Practically all of our Bengali members are in this section of the country, and most of them have been affected by the floods. I have not, however, known to what extent. Hearing of it, I have decided to see if we cannot do something in the field to relieve the situation.

"We have been following with interest the different relief measures which the government has been carrying out in the district. The Collector and the Commissioner have been here at the mission to visit us when they have come

to Gopalganj. Needless to say their efforts have been inadequate because of the great number affected. Their relief measures have been directed toward the farmers, and loans have been granted to them for their second crops, but it is very hard for those without property to get any help. Our members are all very poor, and many of them do not have sufficient land to entitle them to the help the government is offering. Many depend on day labour for their living, and it is impossible for them to get work when those who usually hire them have no money to hire anybody.

"Many of our believers will need help until the end of the year, when we hope conditions will improve. In most places the water will be gone by then, and winter gardens can be planted. But until then, many of them will suffer severely if something is not done to help them. The Gopalganj church has tried to take care of its own poor. We have been able to keep many of them from actual suffering, although the calls we have had have been more than we could well take care of. But we are in a far better position to take care of our poor here than the smaller churches are out in the district, because we have more members on mission pay.

"The other missions are doing much in the way of relief work, especially among their own members. Surely we ought to do something, too, and do it immediately. Can we not take up a special offering to help? I do not know whether there are any other places in the flood area where our members are suffering, but if so they could be in-

cluded in such an offering. At the time of the Bihar earthquake an offering was taken throughout the field to help the sufferers. These flood victims are in just as great trouble as the earthquake victims were."

We have also received a wire from Brother Mattison which reads as follows: "Fifty families affected. Houses damaged. Crops destroyed. Beriberi raging."

After listening to this appeal, the Division Committee gave sympathetic consideration to these needs and passed an action setting Sabbath, October 1st, as a day on which an offering will be taken up in all our churches to help our needy brethren in this time of their distress. Let all the leaders in the field give this appeal sympathetic consideration, and do everything possible to bring before the churches in their constituencies the need for help at this time. May the sympathies we are feeling be demonstrated in a practical way by the bringing of a liberal offering on Sabbath, October 1st, to be known as the Bengal Flood Relief Offering.

To prevent any delay in extending immediate help to these needy brethren, the proceeds of this offering may be sent directly to the Division treasury.

We feel sure that this appeal will not go unheeded, but that all will come forward and give succour to our brethren in the faith who find themselves in circumstances which most of us little appreciate.

While it is our privilege to help in a material way, it is also the privilege of each member to petition our heavenly Father for the protection of our fellow-

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members from the elements, and the aid
that only He can give.

The Division Committee extends its
thanks to our people for the liberal of-
fering anticipated.

MISSIONARY TO THE FAR EAST

LAST week Pastor John R. Moses and
family sailed for Singapore. Brother
Moses has been called to labour among
the Telugu people in the Malay Union
Mission. We are happy that it is pos-
sible for us to send a missionary from
our field to work in the Far East. We
wish Brother Moses and family every
blessing as they take up their work in
this new field.

G. G. LOWRY.

POONA PARAGRAPHS

BROTHER P. K. SIMPSON, of the North-
west Union, is spending the month of
September in Poona. Already he is
feeling benefited by the change and
rest.

Brother and Sister E. L. Gardner and
baby Gwendolyn landed in Bombay Sep-
tember 1, and spent the Sabbath at
Poona, on their way to Spicer College.
We know they will receive a hearty
welcome there, for their coming has
long been awaited.

According to recent word, Miss Norma
Mattison and Mr. Walter Mackett were
to be married on September 3. An-
nouncement has also been received of
the marriage of Mr. Sidney J. Hamilton
to Miss Lillian E. Bullard on August
23rd. We offer congratulations to these

"Oriental Watchman" Subscription Goal Chart

(Each square represents
50 subscriptions)

Division Total	..	6,827
Foreign	..	48
Total August 31st 1938..		6,875
Total July 31st 1938 ..		6,703
Total August 31st 1937..		6,461
Gain over previous month		172
Gain over previous year		414

DIVISION GOAL
10,000
UNION GOAL
2,000

W. India, 2,108

South India, 1,531

Northwest India, 1,540

Northeast India, 1,143

Burma, 504

CHURCH CALENDAR 1938

Uplift Rally Day and Campaign	To be set by Union Committees
Missionary Volunteer Rally Day	To be set by Union Committees
Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer	To be set by Union Committees
Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath in each month
Big Week	October 1-8
Week of Prayer	December 3-10
Annual Offering	December 10

happy couples, and trust that their interest in this field will eventually bring them back to join our force of workers in Southern Asia.

DEATH OF MISS ELSIE ROSS

TIDINGS readers will regret to hear of the untimely death on August 31 of Miss Elsie Ross, one of the teachers of Vincent Hill School and College. This news came as a great shock to all. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Pastor and Mrs. Conley in their bereavement. The obituary notice will appear later.

PASTOR GILBERT'S VISIT POSTPONED

WORD has come from the General Conference that the visit of Pastor F. C. Gilbert to India has had to be indefinitely postponed because of illness. We receive this news with keen regret, for all the churches and institutions in Southern Asia were anticipating a spiritual feast during the months Pastor Gilbert was to have been our guest. For many years he has pioneered work among the Jews, and is not as rugged in health as he used to be. He has our sympathy and prayers in his sickness, and we sincerely hope he can bless us with his ministrations at a later time.

"EATING FOR HEALTH" SELLS ITSELF

HERE is the latest word: E. D. Thomas and P. K. Simpson sold thirty-three copies of the new Big Week book, "Eating for Health," yesterday afternoon. They report remarkable popularity for the book, and say they had only two refusals among all the people they canvassed. Just offer it to intelligent prospects, and you have made a sale.

HEALTH FOODS FOR SALE

BROTHER H. H. MATTISON would like to have the readers of TIDINGS remember that tinned foods are still being sold at Gopalganj. He calls particular attention to No. 2 size tins of Tomato juice at As. 4, and of Mangoes at As. 8. These are excellent foods at a low price. Address H. H. Mattison, Gopalganj, East Bengal.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

NOTE TO LEADERS

FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

THE Big Week is October 1-8. Organize your members into various bands. Assign definite territories to each band. Have a good rousing rally day on October 1, using the suggestive program given in this issue of the *Supplement* and also the articles found in the *TIDINGS*. Begin your work early in the week.

On the first Sabbath (October 8) following the Big Week, a special Big Week offering must be taken. All our church members are requested to turn over one day's wages, together with all the profits of the Big Week sales. All of our English and vernacular churches have been provided with special envelopes for collecting the Big Week offering from every member. Set a goal for the sales, and also for the offerings.

Remember, "*Triumph always follows decided effort.*"

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

THE REWARD OF INFINITE VALUE

W. H. BERCHERM

A FEW days ago there appeared on the street in front of the General Conference building a large sign bearing the word "REWARD." A boy had been kidnapped, and a distracted father offered a reward of \$10,000 [Rs. 27,500] to any one giving information leading to the recovery of the child. Ten thousand dollars seems a vast sum of money; and inasmuch as the information called for pertains to the one lost person, it is not likely that more than one person will ever receive the reward. In fact, it is even a question whether or not anyone will receive it.

As I passed down the street I found myself pondering the sad situation, and I wondered if there were not other rewards offered for other lost boys, in which I might have some chance of participating. Yes, indeed, there are millions of kidnapped sons and daughters swarming around us on every side, who have been captured by the enemy as surely as the lost boy in New York. And the reward offered is much larger than any earthly father could pay. Best of all, this reward can be obtained by all who join in the search. It is freely offered and easily obtained by any who will follow directions.

More often than we do, we need to remember that the Lord whom we serve is a rewarder of all who love and serve Him. His compensations are both generous and prompt. Not all the reward is held until the hereafter. When Peter said to Jesus, "Lo, we have left all, and have followed Thee," "what shall we have therefore?" Jesus replied, "Verily

Sabbath, October 1, 1938.

TOPIC: JOY OF SERVICE

Silent Prayer.
Opening Song:
Scripture.
Prayer.
Offering.
Song:
Reading:
Reading:
Bible Study.
Reading:
Reading:
Closing Song:
Benediction.

No. 452, "Christ in Song."

No. 195, "Christ in Song."
"The Reward of Infinite Value."
"Sowing and Reaping."
"Happy Workers."
"Big Day of Big Week."
"Joy of Service."
No. 863, "Christ in Song."

(Note. Let our Vernacular Church Leaders select some appropriate lyrics or hymns.)

I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, . . . and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10: 29, 30; Matt. 19:27. To obtain the handsome reward of "an hundredfold now," in this life, Moses chose affliction with the people of God, in preference to the enjoyments of sin for a season. That he might finish his course as a witness, and enjoy the reward of a true witness, Paul even found pleasure in infirmities, persecutions, and necessities, and counted all things else but loss.

To the person who engages in the search for souls, a threefold reward is promised. There is the reward of joy in seeing some hopeless, sin-bound soul cast off the shackles of his captivity and become free in Christ Jesus. The experience of seeing the answer to our prayers and labours in a life transformed by the miraculous power of God, brings an inward satisfaction with which nothing in this world can compare. Not only in this life, but throughout eternity, these redeemed souls will stand as trophies of personal effort to seek and save the lost. One great soul-winner has said, "If there were no future recompense in the life hereafter, the satisfaction and joy that comes in this life by seeing a soul saved, is sufficient to warrant all of us devoting our lives to this precious work."

There is also the reward of seeing the joy experienced by the one who was lost and has been found. The father of the prodigal son felt an unspeakable thrill in his own heart because his lost son had returned and was safe and happy. It is said of the apostles that they were filled with joy as they saw

the word of God published throughout Judea. John Paton, the pioneer missionary to the New Hebrides, while on a visit to the homeland, was driving in the country with a fellow minister. As they passed a certain house, the minister stated that in that home lived a young lady who had been converted in a wonderful manner. Mr. Paton made no reply, but soon his companion noticed large tear-drops running down his cheeks. Mr. Paton had never seen the young woman, and knew nothing of her history; but the joy of knowing that another soul had been born into the kingdom found expression in tears of gratitude. There is a verse which reads:

"The joy of seeing a saved man smile,
Makes the effort well worth while."

The third part of the reward lies in the knowledge that all Heaven rejoices in the rescue of a lost soul. Isaiah states that the Saviour "shall see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied," and Jude refers to the fact that the presenting of saved men faultless before the Father's throne will fill our Saviour's heart with exceeding joy. We are told that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." The thought that it is within the compass of human effort to cause the bells of heaven to ring with joy because of "a soul returning from the wild," is greater than we can wholly fathom; and yet it is true. How eagerly we would perform some personal act in honour of the ruler of any earthly country, if it were within our power; but to us individually is given the honour of rendering service for the honour and glory of the Potentate of heaven. Is this not a reward infinitely greater than ten thousand dollars of fleeting value? No earthly reward can compare with this.

Just now there is a general call for those who will diligently search for lost souls as we enter upon the Big Week for another year. The message comes to us with new force today, "Be diligent in your efforts; live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.... Oh, think of the yearning desire Christ has to bring to His fold again those who have gone astray! Watch for souls as they that must give an account."—*"Christian Service,"* p. 169.

Let us search as never before for men, women, boys, and girls captured and led away from the Father's home by the kidnapper of souls. As we search, we shall find many a lost soul, and the threefold reward is assured.

SOWING AND REAPING

ADLAI A. ESTEB

THERE is nothing to compare with the joy of service in the cause of God. But there are many who have never tasted the sweetness of this joy because they have never paid the price. Before the joy of reaping, there must be the toil of seed sowing. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6. Far too many long for the joy of reaping, but neglect the fundamental task of sowing. It is only those who "go" that will "come again with rejoicing." The poet teaches this lesson in the following lines:

"No mill, no meal,
No sweat, no sweet,
No pain, no palm,
No thorn, no throne,
No cross, no crown."

It is not always easy to go forth to sow the seed. When I was called to go as a missionary to China, it was not easy to respond. During my college days I had said I would be willing to go as a missionary to any place but India or China. But when the call came, I saw the nail-pierced hand of Jesus pointing over the sea to China. Then the battle within my own soul raged, but after spending many days in prayer, God gave me the victory. I went, and for a number of years it was my blessed privilege to scatter the precious seed of truth in China, and I can now rejoice, to some extent, in the harvest which is becoming apparent.

We do not have to go to China, however, to find the joy of service. Every time we go out of our homes we should bear on our hearts the burden for souls, and carry in our hands the precious seed. We can go forth from the front door and from the back door of our homes "bearing precious seed," and the promise is sure that there will come a time of rejoicing, when the sheaves are gathered in. If every Christian would

be faithful in this, the world would be stirred by the message of truth, and, oh, what joy there would be throughout our churches.

God's promise of joy and fruitage to the seed sower has been verified in the experience of Christians in all ages. In China, India, Africa, and throughout all the world, precious seed is being sown, and a precious harvest reaped. Souls are being won. A Chinese brother, in one of our meetings in the Shantung Province, told how he had accepted Christ and had promised the Lord to be faithful in seeking to win a soul. Months went by, and no soul was won. But the brother could not forget his promise, and the burden became so great that he felt he must go forth in search of souls. He went, and in this meeting he gave his testimony to the effect that five souls had been won, all of whom had been baptized. His voice was choked with emotion, and tears of joy filled his eyes. He had found the joy of service.

May God help us all to find the unspeakable joy of soul-winning.

HAPPY WORKERS

(Bible Study)

J. A. STEVENS

1. *Question.*—What special blessing did Jesus ask for His co-workers?

Answer.—That His joy might be known by them. John 17:13.

2. *Q.*—What did Paul desire to share with his brethren?

A.—The joy of service. Phil. 2:17, 18.

3. *Q.*—How may we enter into the experience of increasing joy?

A.—By asking. John 16:23, 24.

4. *Q.*—What has God promised to all who serve faithfully in difficult tasks?

A.—Double portion of everlasting joy. Isa. 61:6, 7.

5. *Q.*—What is the Christian's attitude under trial?

A.—Rejoicing. I Peter 4:12, 13.

6. *Q.*—What spirit of service is pleasing to God?

A.—Joy and liberality. I Chron. 29:17.

7. *Q.*—Why has God committed the work of the gospel to human agents?

A.—"God might have committed the message of the gospel, and all the work of loving ministry, to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this

unselfish ministry."—*"Steps to Christ,"* pp. 83, 84.

8. *Q.*—Where is the Christian's joy to be found in this life?

A.—"In a little while we are to meet our Lord; and what account shall we have to give Him of the use we have made of our time, our talents of influence, and our possessions? Our joy should be in the work of saving souls."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. V, p. 481.

9. *Q.*—What has God designed the Big Week work to be to every church member?

A.—"Those who go forth in the spirit of the Master, seeking to reach souls with the truth, will not find the work of drawing souls to Christ a dull, uninteresting drudgery.... It is a joyous work."—*Id.,* Vol. IX, p. 118.

10. *Q.*—Why is it that only those who engage in service can share in the joy of the Lord?

A.—"Let none suppose they can live a life of selfishness, and then, having served their own interests, enter into the joy of their Lord. In the joy of unselfish love they could not participate. They would not be fitted for the heavenly courts. They could not appreciate the pure atmosphere of love that pervades heaven. The voice of the angels and the music of their harps would not satisfy them. To their minds the science of heaven would be an enigma."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* pp. 364, 365.

11. *Q.*—What words of welcome await the faithful in service?

A.—"Enter into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21, 23.

12. *Q.*—What is the true meaning of "joy of the Lord"?

A.—"They will enter into the joy of the Lord as they see in His kingdom those who have been redeemed through their instrumentality. And they are privileged to participate in His work there, because they have gained a fitness for it by participation in His work here. What we shall be in heaven is the reflection of what we are now in character and holy service.... Our reward for working with Christ in this world is the greater power and wider privilege of working with Him in the world to come."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* p. 361.

THE BIG DAY OF THE COLPORTEURS' BIG WEEK FOR 1938

R. J. RITCHIE

NATURALLY when thinking of Big Week, I think of it in terms of the colporteur work, and when I do that, I do not think of a big week exactly, but of just one big day in the Big Week.

We all know that our colporteurs are expected to turn into the treasury the profits of their largest day's sales during Big Week. I wonder if I should say *expected*. Perhaps I should say that our colporteurs are *requested* to turn into the treasury the profits of their largest day's sales during Big Week. It is true that the Mission makes the request, but, on the other hand, colporteurs, I think that the Lord expects this as a duty.

Excuses! You know these originated in the garden of Eden, and they have grown in prolificness down to this day. They are made in connection with almost every duty, and I know they have been made relative to Big Week, too.

Too many colporteurs confuse reasons with excuses. They are as far apart as the poles. A reason explains a matter, but an excuse hides it. There is only one reason why the three characters in the parable of the great supper (Luke 14:16-20) did not accept the invitation, and it was that they considered their affairs more important than supping with their lord. They were wise enough to think it unwise to give a reason, and so they each invented an excuse to hide it.

I think it is often like that with Big Week. To explain why we did not do our part last year in Big Week, or why we are unable to do our part this year, we put the blame on some difficulty which really does not exist. Rain, heat, stomach-ache, financial depression, or that we have too much work of another nature,—these are some of the excuses that are offered. So far as the colporteur goes, this is his work; and so far as other workers are concerned, I think that Big Week is a part of their work, too. So let us all join in Big Week this year, and make it the best that we have had for a long time, and put away all the excuses that we are getting ready to make in October.

You know what happened to the excuse-makers in the parable, don't you? Well, their names were written off the invitation list forever. The Lord invites us to join in this work. Are you going to respond, or are you going to refuse and have your name written off the invitation list forever?

THE JOY OF SERVICE

W. H. JORDAN

"IT WAS a summer afternoon down in old Georgia, one of the states in the southern part of America. The sun shone down on the riot of colour that was Mrs. Wetherton's garden, and danced on the river flowing at the foot of the sloping lawns. Mrs. Wetherton herself rocked gently in her blue-and-white

lawn swing down by the willows, her embroidery heaped in her lap. But her usually busy fingers were quiet. This meditative mood was soon broken by the voice of Mehetabel, the spoiled, but trusted, family housekeeper. Friends had come to call.

"You know, Mehetabel," Mrs. Wetherton remarked as she arose to go to the house, "I wish I could get away for a while. I need a change."

"Turning toward her mistress a scornful face such as only an old servant in the Old South dares show, Mehetabel scolded, 'What yo-all want to get 'way from? Dis heah beautiful house? Dese heah lovely chillun? Yo' lovin' husband?' Git away from! Why, chile, yo' got to lug yo'sef along wheahevah yo' go!'"

And so it is, the poor covet riches for happiness, and the rich travel the seven seas to get away from the boredom of life. The old Negro servant in her homely way expressed the whole secret of discontent. The question of finding joy and happiness is not dependent on what we have or have not, or where we are, but upon what we are.

There is no occupation in life more barren of results than the seeking after happiness. Happiness is a by-product of service. As T. D. Talmage said, "Oh, there is a thrill in the joy of doing good. It is the most magnificent recreation to which a man ever puts his hand or his head or his heart."

In II Tim. 3:1-5, we have a list of sins that are characteristic of the last days. The real cause of these sins is found in the first phrase of the second verse, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves." The spirit of serving self brings all other sins in its train, but the spirit of service for God and humanity brings joy and peace.

Many times we look at the world to find fulfilled these characteristic sins of the last days, but verses four and five show us that these things are to be found among professed Christians,— "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

There is no joy like the joy of service. Yes, let us go further and say there is no joy except the joy of service. And there is no service like the service of saving souls. Christ sent His disciples out on a soul-saving expedition, and it says the "seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us." There is no one who was so full of joy as the apostle Paul. Why? The question is answered in Phil. 2:17, "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all."

We have two choices before us, either we will, through trying to serve self, drift into the spirit of the last days, and have a form of godliness; or we

may experience the exhilarating joy of seeing one for whom we have agonized in prayer, and with whom we have studied, enter into "that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

TOO BUSY

(Continued from page 4)

too busy planning for a great missionary convention. I had no time to think of the soul of the head waiter.

"When we went out to my apartment, a Negro man was washing the apartment windows. Jim was honest and trustworthy, and had been a most satisfactory helper in my home. Only a few moments passed before I heard my father talking earnestly with Jim about his personal salvation, and a swift accusation went to my heart as I realized that I had known Jim for years, and had never said a word to him of salvation.

"A carpenter came in to repair a door. I awaited his going with impatience to sign his work ticket, for my ardent soul longed to be back at my missionary task. Even as I waited I heard my father talking with the man about the door he had just fixed, and then simply and naturally leading the conversation to the only door into the kingdom of God.

"A Jew lives across the street. I had thought that possibly I would call on the folks who lived in the neighbourhood,—some time,—but I had my hands so full of my missionary work the calls had never been made, but, as they met on the street, my father talked with my neighbour of the only Saviour of the world.

"A friend took us out to ride. I waited for my father to get into the car, but in a moment he was up beside the chauffeur, and in a few minutes I heard him talking earnestly with the man about the way of salvation. When we reached home he said, 'You know I was afraid I might never have another chance to speak to the man.'

"The wife of a prominent railway man took him out to ride in her elegant limousine. 'I am glad she asked me to go,' he said, 'for it gave me an opportunity of talking with her about her salvation. I think no one had ever talked with her before.'

"Yet these opportunities had come to me also, and had passed by as ships in the night, while I strained my eyes to catch sight of a larger sail on a more distant horizon. I could but question my own heart whether my passion was for souls or success in getting up conventions."

Fifteen-Minute Services

ORDER OF SERVICE

Silent Prayer	½ minute.
Missionary Reports	3 minutes.
Missionary Leader's Appeal on Behalf of Current Work	5 minutes.
Prayer (Congregation standing—a moment of silent prayer or benediction)	1 minute.

OCTOBER 8, 1938

DO IT NOW

"MRS. BARNEY, the prison worker, went to a certain city to speak. She was met at the railway station by a lady who was to entertain her. She went to the home of her hostess in an old rattletrap carriage driven by a red-nosed young man. When Mrs. Barney stepped inside the door of the home, her hostess apologized for the appearance of carriage and driver, explaining that she did not feel free to employ any other, and said, 'O Mrs. Barney, will you not kneel here with me and pray for that driver?'. After the prayer she told Mrs. Barney the story.

"Several years before, she had been given a class of five boys in the Sunday school of her church. These boys had been gathered in from the streets. She thought it her duty to entertain them by telling them stories during the lesson hour; and when the matter of their personal salvation would be pressed home on her, she would say, 'O, that isn't my business! That's the pastor's work.' After a time she moved to another city, and was compelled to give up her class. During her residence in that city she came to a new vision of Christ. Then she began to realize that she had lost a golden opportunity in that she had neglected to teach the Bible in such a way as to lead those boys to a personal knowledge of Christ. Five years afterward she returned to the city and inquired for her boys. No one in the church knew anything about them. One day she found this young man driving a cab, and he was under the influence of liquor. When she asked him about the other boys, he said, 'O lady, two of us is dead, and two of us in prison, and I'm the only one left.' She begged him to sign the pledge and become a Christian, but he said, 'No, lady; there was a time when I would have done anything for you, but it's too late now—too late now.'"

Two dead, two in prison, and one a drunken cab driver, and all *lost forever!* What a sad awakening this for a teacher! There was a time when this teacher could have done anything with those five boys, but she neglected them. The Spirit impressed her, but she did not listen. She taught them, but did no personal work for them spiritually.

She lost her opportunity. To see five souls forever lost, who might have been in paradise had we spoken to them about their souls, would be a terrible spectacle. Is it possible there are any who once sat in our churches who are now away from Christ, perhaps beyond our reach forever, because we failed to labour personally for their salvation? The possibility of this should nerve us to greater endeavours for the future. We need more of the power of the Holy Spirit to hold those already in the church, as well as to bring others to Christ.

OCTOBER 15, 1938

THE URGE TO SERVICE

"A FARMER in North Carolina once drove with two mettlesome horses into the town. Stopping in front of one of the stores, he was about to enter when his horses took fright. He sprang in front of them, and heroically seized the reins. Maddened by strange noises, the horses dashed down the street, the man still clinging to the bridles. On they rushed, until, wild with frenzy, they reared on their haunches and, leaping upon the man, all came with a crash to the earth. When the people came to rescue the bleeding body of the man, and found him in death's last agony, a friend, bending tenderly over him, asked, 'Why did you sacrifice your life for horses and wagon?' With his last breath, the man gasped, 'Go and look in the wagon.' They turned, and there, asleep in the straw, lay his little boy. As they laid the mangled form of the hero in his grave, no one said, 'The sacrifice is too great.'"

It was his little boy asleep in the wagon that caused this father to sacrifice his life. He was not thinking about the value of the team or the wagon; his little boy was on his heart. He was entirely oblivious to danger, and willing, if necessary, to die to save his little boy asleep in the straw. Did he make too great a sacrifice? Nobody will say he did. But there are boys, worth just as much as this boy, who are near us continually. They may not be our boys, but they are somebody's boys. Is it putting it too strongly, or making

an extreme statement, to say that we should put forth as earnest efforts to save eternally in heaven the souls of the lost, as this father put forth to save his boy from being killed? It is this consecrated, personal work to which the Spirit leads us. If all members of the church had this yearning of heart to see souls saved, many more would be brought to Christ. Spirit-filled Christians who are willing to die if thereby they can save souls, are the church's greatest need.

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DEVOTION TO SERVICE

THE story is told of a famous statue in the Fine Arts Gallery in Paris. It was the work of a man who, like many other geniuses, had struggled with poverty. His room in a garret served for both studio and sleeping room. "One midnight, when the statue was just finished, a sudden frost fell upon Paris. The sculptor lay awake in his fireless garret and thought of the still moist clay, thought how the moisture in the pores would freeze, and the dream of his life would be destroyed in a night. So the old man arose from his cot, wrapped his bedclothes reverently about the statue, and then lay down to sleep. In the morning the neighbours found him lying dead. His life had gone out into his work."

Such devotion to duty on the part of Christians would result in the salvation of many souls. We need to cry to God for a greater measure of the Holy Spirit for service, that under His divine guidance we may go forth as personal soul winners for Christ in a world filled with lost human beings.

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TOO BUSY

A MISSIONARY secretary wrote a confession to the *Missionary Review of the World*. She said: "I was helping to get up a big convention, and was full of enthusiasm over making the session a success. On the opening day my aged father, who came as a delegate to the convention, sat with me at luncheon at the hotel. He listened sympathetically to my glowing accounts of the great features that were to be. When I paused for breath, he leaned toward me and said, while his eye followed the stately movements of the head waiter, 'Daughter, I think that big head waiter over there is going to accept Jesus Christ. I've been talking to him about his soul.' I almost gasped. I had been
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