



A MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

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Just before the Saviour ascended to heaven He gave to His disciples the promise of a most wonderful gift—the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 671. "The Holy Spirit is Christ's representative, . . . His successor on earth."—*Id.*, p. 669.

The Saviour's promise was fulfilled on Pentecost when the Comforter came to abide with His people forever. Various gifts were bestowed upon the church by the Spirit "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. 4:12. See also I Corinthians 12. Among the most important of all these gifts stands the gift of prophecy. Through this gift God communicates His will to His people. "God . . . spoke . . . unto the fathers by the prophets." Heb. 1:1. David, who was one of the prophets (Acts 2:29, 30), wrote of his own experience as follows: "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue." II Sam. 23:2. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:21.

Just as all the other gifts of the Spirit are for the church in all ages till Jesus comes in glory, so is the gift of prophecy. I Cor. 1:6, 7; Rev. 12:17; 19:10.

"In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by the Testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His people more earnestly than He instructs

them now concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 661.

Never before has the world come to such a time as that upon which we have now entered; never has it faced such dire consequences as those that must quickly follow wrong decisions in this final crisis hour. The sun of salvation's day is rapidly nearing the horizon; eternal night is about to engulf the whole world of the ungodly.

Never before has the church come to such a supreme hour as this! The eternal destiny of every man, woman, and child is soon to be sealed. Soon we must all stand before the Judge of all the earth, we must stand in the presence of the holy God.

How like the Father's great heart of love to send to His weak, erring, dependent children, at such an hour as this, messages that are throbbing with paternal affection—messages which not only tenderly point out every wrong in the life, but which also reveal the pitying love of our Saviour, and His readiness to forgive every sin, to wash away every stain from the heart, to subdue every wrong trait of character, and every evil tendency, and then to put upon us His own blessed robe of righteousness. That robe is as "pure as the sunbeam's robe of light that can receive no stain from earth's pollutions."

This, my dear brother and sister, God has graciously done in the precious volumes that have come to us from the inspired pen of His servant, Sister E. G. White.

Moreover, in addition to all this, which is so very essential in preparing

the church to stand in the presence of the King of kings, the Lord has in these last days led His people by the prophetic gift safely over the perilous way to the kingdom, and has preserved them from all evil. Just as anciently God "found him [Israel] in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye" (Deut. 32:10), so when the prophetic clock struck the hour for the gathering of the remnant church, the Lord found His little flock torn and scattered, but He remembered His promise, "I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick." Eze. 34:16.

"By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." Hosea 12:13. Even so when in these last days the time came for the gathering of God's flock that "was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them," God placed the prophetic gift upon His chosen instrument. He began to speak to the little flock; they recognized His voice, and the work of gathering the scattered flock was begun.

Since that memorable hour in the annals of sacred history, what a wonderful work has been accomplished in gathering the sheep of His pasture from every land and clime. All this has been accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit who has spoken through all the prophets, leading and guiding the church of the living God, forward, upward, and heavenward.

When we think of the difficulties to be overcome, the obstacles to be surmounted, in the accomplishment of a literally world-wide work such as we now see in the Seventh-day Adventist movement, we can but marvel at what we behold. Spontaneously we say, "What hath God wrought!" National and racial prejudices that no human power could overcome melt away like dew before the morning sun. The hearts of all the commandment-keeping people of God of every nation, tongue, and people are perfectly joined together in one common brotherhood. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Eph. 4:4-6.

And this great world movement traces its origin back to a small, inconspicuous company of believers, in 1844, a group no larger than was gathered in the upper room at Jerusalem on Pentecost. They possessed nothing hut deep, abounding love for their Saviour, unbounded faith in the Word of God, strong confidence in the promise of the Saviour's second coming to earth in power and great glory, and an unwavering assurance that that great day was near, even at the door. With earnest prayer and confiding trust they sought for a clear understanding of the Word of God, including the prophetic books. God answered their prayers. Their search for an understanding of the prophecies was rewarded with ever-increasing light; and upon them was placed a great burden to make known to others what God had revealed to them. And so they pressed forward, pioneering the way of the great second advent movement.

One of the greatest factors in the unprecedented success of this movement which so miraculously has embraced the whole world,—one of the chief reasons why this movement has triumphed over all opposition, why its adherents have cheerfully endured persecution, even unto death, why unity has been maintained through its growth into a world-wide organization, has ever been the assurance that God is the leader of this people, that they not only were a people born of prophecy, but that God still speaks to them through the prophetic gift.

Let us never fail to preserve the simple faith of our fathers, to emulate their example of devotion to truth and to duty, and never let the eye of faith for even a moment lose sight of our invincible Leader,—Jesus, our Redeemer and Saviour. Let this ever be our prayer while we wait for the return of our blessed Saviour from heaven:

"O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacle." Ps. 43:3.

WHY EVERY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SHOULD READ AND RE-READ "GREAT CONTROVERSY"

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Do you know, dear brethren, that the book, "The Great Controversy," given us by God, contains the message which correctly interprets the great developments now taking place around us, and instructs us how to meet them. The judgments of God in the seven last plagues will soon fall upon the ungodly. Now is our last opportunity to call sinners to repentance. The world-wide proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the setting of the third angel's message of Revelation 14, is our work. God sends us to speedily give the final warning against the beast, his image, and his mark, and the divine call of complete obedience to all the commandments in preparation for the coming of our Lord. This is the work of Seventh-day Adventists.

Especially are the closing scenes of the final struggle between the forces of good and the forces of evil graphically pictured in the last chapters of "Great Controversy." Through the gift of the Spirit of prophecy the very last acts in the drama of the ages are brought vividly before us in this book. Every Seventh-day Adventist should treasure this precious volume and read and re-read *now* its blessed contents.

The imminence of the coming of the Lord and our need of a complete preparation for that solemn event demand that we study God's final counsel given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must now be gathering strength for the time of trouble. The Revelator said that "the whole world wondered after the beast." Rev. 13:3. The whole world will be deceived. Shall we? Yes, unless we clearly understand the issues involved in the great struggle before us. Where else do we have so clear a statement of the principles involved in the terrible conflict as in the concluding chapters of "Great Controversy"? Nowhere!

The spirits of demons are stirring the nations to the last conflict. Satan himself will seek to counterfeit the actual coming of Christ. All will be deceived but those who understand the Scriptures. All this is portrayed in "Great Controversy."

The awful fact that the Spirit of God is rapidly being withdrawn from the earth is indicated by the world-wide deeds of violence and the most fearful threatenings of war. This soul-stirring thought makes it imperative upon us that we individually and immediately acquaint ourselves with these great final counsels. The tremendous fact that the Lord, through His chosen messenger, declared that this book, "Great Controversy," more clearly states the final dangers and the refuge from them than any

other book written by the Spirit of prophecy, is a divine call for every one to study and circulate this book as never before.

The following words from the author of the book should impress upon all of our hearts the present need and the most earnest necessity of prayerfully reading and re-reading the book:

"Through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, the scenes of the long-continued conflict between good and evil have been opened to the writer of these pages. From time to time I have been permitted to behold the working, in different ages, of the great controversy between Christ the prince of life, the author of our salvation, and Satan the prince of evil, the author of sin, the first transgressor of God's holy law.

"As the Spirit of God has opened to my mind the great truths of His Word, and the scenes of the past and the future, I have been bidden to make known to others that which has thus been revealed,—to trace the history of the controversy in past ages, and especially so to present it as to shed a light on the fast-approaching struggle of the future."—*"Great Controversy," pp. 10, 11.*

"'Great Controversy' should be very widely circulated. It contains the story of the past, the present, and the future. In its outline of the closing scenes of this earth's history, it bears a powerful testimony in behalf of the truth. I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written; for in 'Great Controversy' the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other books."—*Ellen G. White, Letter 281, 1905.*

Brethren, let us read and re-read "Great Controversy."

WASHED UP BY THE SEA

G. G. LOWRY

A STORY is told of a barber in Japan who used to be a drunkard. Once, while walking on the sea shore, he found the Gospels which evidently had been washed ashore by the tide. He recognized them as "Jesus' hooks," but took them to his shop thinking they might be of interest to his customers. When trade was slack and he did not have much to do, he began to read them himself. As a result, he gave up his drunken habits, accepted Christ as his Saviour, and was baptized. These Gospels he considered were sent especially for him. And maybe they were, for the Lord knows who are honest in heart and looking for light.

I have often wondered why we who believe in and preach from the Bible so much, do not take more interest than we do in the circulation of the Scrip-

tures. We come behind no other organization in the matter of publishing and scattering literature written about the Bible and its teachings. But we do not do as much as we should in placing the Bible itself in the hands of the people. Why should this be so? In India especially, surrounded as we are by non-Christians, we ought to be more active in placing the bread of life, the Word of God, in their hands.

I remember once meeting a young Hindu student who was reading a Ben-

gali Gospel of John. He knew very little about Christians, and was anxious to talk with me about Christianity. He said his own life had been profoundly influenced by what he had read in this Gospel. May there not be many who may not be particularly impressed by what we have written about the Bible, good and logical though it be, but who would rejoice to have in their possession the Bible itself? May this not be one of the things we are leaving undone that we ought to do?

In these last days the Lord has said He will cut His work short in righteousness, and surely the work of the literature ministry will be a mighty means in His hand to do that very thing, for as long as probation lasts we are assured there will be work for the gospel colporteur. "From them [the colporteurs] truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. Like a great light in a lighthouse on a dangerous coast, they are constantly to send forth beams of light into the darkness of the world, to warn men of the dangers that threaten them with destruction."—*Vol. VII, pp. 138, 139.*

Let us earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up many who will feel the burden placed upon their hearts to engage in this, one of the noblest ways of bringing the light of truth to those honest hearts who are seeking the way of life.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

L. C. SHEPARD, Secretary

THE DIGNITY OF THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

H. MAXWELL KENT

To us in these days has been committed a glorious privilege—that of proclaiming to the world the message which is so dear to our own hearts. We are told this is a work which angels would love to perform, but rather it has been given to us as a sacred trust by Jesus Himself. "Go ye into all the world" is His commission, and are we not "labourers together with God"?

Right from the very beginning of time various methods have been used to make known the will of God. In the garden of Eden, before sin entered, He spoke face to face with Adam and Eve; then as the shadow fell between, He could no longer do this, so other methods were used.

Angels have given to the world some of the most startling messages. Then again God has chosen men to proclaim His word. To John the Baptist was given the work of heralding the Saviour's first advent. In the days of the Reformation it was the pen of such men as Luther that set the world on fire.

Coming down to our modern times, what greater power is there than the power of the printing press? There is not a civilized country where the press is not found. Of all modern inventions this is the most effective of all used to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and has the widest influence. Never has there been a greater opportunity of sending this message to all the world than at the present time. The printed word enters hearts where the spoken word would never find a place.

Sister White says, "I have been shown that the press is a power for good or evil. This agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can. The press, controlled by men who are sanctified to God, can be a power indeed for good in bringing men to a knowledge of the truth."

Our literature ministry has accomplished more toward breaking down prejudice and opening hearts to the truth than any other means in our employ.

Sometimes our members are inclined to underestimate the standard of the colporteur work. But let us consider this phase of our work as we see it in the light of God's Word and the Spirit of prophecy. Isaiah says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation"; and again, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Surely these texts are applicable to the colporteur evangelist.

Then through the Spirit of prophecy we are shown the important part the literature work is to play in the advancement of the third angel's message. It throws a flood of light upon this phase of our organization which helps us to appreciate the high position which it occupies in the Lord's plan. "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision. It was designed to accomplish a specific purpose.... The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies."—*Vol. VII, p. 138.*

We are bidden to "lift up the standard; lift it up high." If some of our literature workers do not live up to the high calling to which they have been called, does that lower the standard? Certainly not, for "the intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected; for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."—*Vol. VI, p. 321.* And again, "The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*Id., p. 316.*

THE KIND OF COLPORTEURS WE NEED

J. M. HNATYSHYN

The servant of the Lord says, "A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvassers," yes, every good man, "to take up some other line of work." God calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work and give the message for the last days.

In the past many have responded to this call, but some have tried to run without a message. They joined the colporteur work because in it they saw financial benefit and a good chance to travel, or they entertained the hope of getting into some other line of work through it.

We read in "Colporteur Evangelist," page 8, that "those who go forth in the name of the Lord are His messengers to give to the multitudes who are in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation through Christ in obeying the law of God."

How many of the colporteurs already in the field are bearing in mind that they are messengers and that they are personally responsible to bear a definite message? Some who have taken up the work have gone out without a message. Such colporteurs are always ready to stop canvassing whenever there is the prospect of another job. Such are easily discouraged, and complain of not having good territory or that the book does not sell well. They want a change. When difficulty arises they find excuses for their failures. The real cause of failure is that they are going from door to door without a message. When one has a message and a burning desire to tell it, nothing hinders. He keeps on with his task.

In 2 Samuel 18:18-32 there is the story of a young man, Ahimaaz, who ran without a message. He had plenty of physical strength and outran Cushai, another young man who had a *message*. The experience of Ahimaaz is a good example of the way many colporteurs do their work. They are willing and even anxious to join the work. They put in long hours. They work hard every day. In these respects they outrun some of the others, but they lack success. Why? They have no message to give.

How is it in our field? Many are willing to enter the colporteur work, but they do not want to sell religious books. They want to sell books with a popular appeal. Others are unwilling to learn the canvass as it is given them, preferring to use their own words. Some promise to memorize the canvass, but they never do. Some want to carry a variety of books to sell—not wishing to tie themselves down to only one kind. Others are willing to try, but depend wholly upon luck and the Field Missionary Secretary's help. All such who join the colporteur work are running without a *message*. How can we, my brethren, count ourselves as messengers of God if we do not have a message? We are living in a time when great changes are taking place very rapidly. This is seen among nations and individuals. Every one faces new problems which are strange to him. People are asking questions and looking for some one to give a satisfying answer. What a glorious opportunity this is for the colporteur! We have a *message* that answers their questions and solves their problems.

It is in just such times and such conditions as these that God's last message of salvation is to be given to the world. The Word of God declares that the nations are angry and men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." The spirit of peace and good will has largely given place to discord and hatred. The whole world seems to be driven on helplessly toward its impending doom. Shall we not as God's messengers *go forth* with a *message* and help many here in India?

Again the servant of the Lord writes: "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. The *silent messengers* that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way." The trouble is that some of them who have been running have not had a message. This weakness is pointed out in "Colporteur Evangelist," page 62: "The difficulty most to be dreaded is that the canvasser who meets these inquiring souls has not himself been converted; that he does not himself know by experience the love of Christ which passes knowl-

edge." In other words, he does not have the message in himself.

So let us be faithful canvassers, learning how to be most successful. We can be more efficient if we will keep our eyes and ears and understanding open to receive wisdom from God on how to sell our literature which has a message for the people of today. Let us examine ourselves and see if we have been running without a message. May God help us all to understand and remember that those who join this sacred work are to be *real messengers*. Having the message themselves, they will have a burden to go out to give this same message to others.

PERSISTENCY WINS

A FEW days ago at Amritsar I visited the Hindu Sabha High School with a view to selling "Health and Longevity" to the headmaster. When I introduced myself he immediately said, "What do you want? Are you an agent?" When I explained that I was representing the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, he exclaimed, "I do not want anything. I am tired of agents. Do not waste my time. Go away." There seemed no hope of placing the book in that school.

A few days later, I was canvassing in another part of the city. There I met a man who showed great interest in the book. He showed so much interest that I started to make out a receipt for a copy, but he said, "I would not care to take it for myself, but I should like to buy it for the school library at the Hindu Sabha High School." This was a bit of a surprise to me, as the headmaster had turned me down. In the end he purchased copies in English and Hindi, besides several small books, representing a total value of Rs. 15-0-0. I was very thankful to the Lord for this good experience.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

J. M. STEEVES, Secretary

SPICER COLLEGE LOSS AND GAIN

EDWARD W. POHLMAN

CONSIDERING that the students are the most valuable of Spicer College assets, we sustained a rather heavy loss last March. Out of a total enrolment of eighty-eight, about twenty-five finished their study and will not be returning when school re-opens on June 21st.

It very naturally seemed to us that the twenty-five who have gone were the students we could least afford to be

without. They were the young men and women who for several years had been carrying responsibilities as student leaders. We considered them the most developed, most experienced, most thoroughly tried and dependably true of all our student group. When they were most valuable they left.

This loss, however, was the very objective toward which both we and they had been working. Our loss is the gain of the Division which Spicer College serves. Every one of the class of 1939 has found his or her place in some continued service for the Master in Southern Asia. It is interesting to observe how the identity of purposes throughout the Division has made it possible for graduates from one Union to enter service in another Union. This exchange of young workers, foreign missionaries within our Division, cannot but make the cause we serve an even stronger tie, uniting one language area with another.

Some have asked whether the vacancy left by Spicer College's largest graduating class could be filled for the next school-year. While it is impossible to predict what unforeseen circumstance may prevent some student's attendance, it is encouraging to note that by June 1st we had received and accepted applications for more new students than were lost to our College family last March. The prospects for the return of former students are very promising, and we feel that the Great Teacher has much in store for both staff and students during the coming year.

Regarding student leadership, we shall find among next year's young men and women those whose efficiency and dependability will surprise us. One of the most pleasant returns for the teacher is the joy of seeing a student, often one previously unnoticed, develop strong new wings and begin to fly to a position of leadership and trust.

Spicer College Loss and Gain Account touches staff as well as students. Lost to Spicer College and gained by other schools are Brother M. D. Kodan with his family, who endeared himself to our young men last year by his quiet but forceful Christian influence as preceptor and student-teacher, now connected with the Tamil Mission High School; and Brother C. N. John, who has left his responsibilities in the print shop, and with his wife has joined the Lasalgaon High School staff. We shall think often of Brethren John and Kodan as the months of the next year pass.

The Tamil Mission has gained Brother Kodan at our expense, but has lost Pastor M. I. Pakkianathan, who, after several years of both school and evangelistic experience, now takes the responsible position of Spicer College preceptor. We predict that his leadership in the development of proper standards and attitudes in our young

men will be a valuable asset to this institution.

The few weeks immediately preceding the opening of a school year are filled with activity. Painters are painting, sweepers are sweeping, scrapers are scraping, rakers are raking, builders are building, and whitewashers are washing white. The teachers brush the dust off their text books and the principal and head-master begins to worry over the daily class schedule, trying to fit all the subjects into the day without the need of a teacher teaching more than one class at a time, or a student finding himself in two different classrooms at the same time.

With it all, there is a growing anticipation of the coming school opening. How many old students will be able to return? How many new will come? What interesting experience will this or that colporteur have to relate? What will they all think of such and such a change? A new year nearly always begins with the best of good spirit between all—a feeling of forgetting the past and pressing helpfully in unity toward higher ground. Probably the unspoken prayer of every school administrator, as he sees the smiles and determination of the few days beginning each school-year, is that the grace of Heaven may abound to increase this desirable attitude. May we invite the prayers of the Division that the Spicer College year beginning June 21, 1939, may show increasing gain with no record of loss.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. D. THOMAS, Secretary

THAT CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

How does it work? Did you start the year with the members present on the first Sabbath of the year? Add to this list those who come in from Sabbath to Sabbath, so long as you are assured that they will be fairly permanent. Carry all the members throughout the year without fail, so long as they are fairly regular in attendance. That does not mean that when they are continually absent, and practically never in Sabbath school, they should remain on the membership list. Visit them if they fail to attend, however. Seek to help them to regular attendance, but if after all your labour they just do not come, drop the names till they do decide to be regular members. But where through sickness, or other cause, they are absent, do not drop their names even if the absence runs over a period of three, four, or more weeks.

The endeavour of the department is to get all the church membership into the Sabbath school, studying their Bible lessons regularly, and showing an interest in God's Word and spiritual things. This is more vital than records of a material sort. Hold your membership through personal attention to the individual as well as to the school. Let not a single soul be lost to the Sabbath school through lack of personal effort in his behalf.

A CLASS GOAL FOR OFFERINGS

THE Sabbath School Class Record card has a place for recording the class goal for offerings. A good way to fix a class goal is to pass slips of paper to each class member the last Sabbath of the previous quarter, if possible, and

have each one write his weekly goal on the slip. Names are not necessary. The total amounts on the slips should reach the class goal. Each week this goal should be reached. If the offering does not measure up to the goal, a tactful effort should be made by the teacher to make up the shortage. The Council Committee of the Sabbath school should set a goal for the whole school, and suggest a goal to each class. Then week by week two or three minutes should be used in briefly checking up on the class goal record for the day. Many schools have a blackboard arranged to feature membership, attendance, lesson study, and the offerings, and each teacher quickly reports these items for his class. If there is a shortage in the total goal for the day, a simple suggestion from the superintendent usually results in making up the needed amount.

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NEWS FROM LUCKNOW

P. K. SIMPSON

A BEAUTIFUL and impressive baptismal service followed Pastor Conley's farewell sermon on Sunday evening, May 28th, as he departed on furlough. Two faithful sisters were buried with their Lord in baptism as a fitting conclusion to the ministry of our beloved church pastor, who has laboured so untiringly to build up a strong body of believers in Lucknow.

After his return, on April 30, from a month's tour in Palestine, Iraq, and Syria (doing research regarding some Bible places of interest), Pastor Conley conducted a series of most inspirational lectures in our church on different prophetic topics, the material and evidences collected on his trip being used. These lectures were held three nights a week for a month, and greatly increased the attendance at our services, and convinced us more than ever of the surety of the Word of God and its fulfilment. He showed bricks from the tower of Babel, stone inscriptions from Sargon's temple near Nineveh, burnt wheat from the old granaries of Jericho, stones from Babylon's walls, and moving pictures of the old massive ruins of the Ba'albek temple in Syria. Attractive handbills were gotten out and distributed regularly. All appreciated the lectures, and in spite of very warm weather our pews were filled while other church pews were empty. We believe that God has many souls in this great city who will yet take their

stand for truth and join with us as a result of the faithful years of ministry and seed-sowing of Brother Conley.

Another baptism was held in March, before Sister Conley left, when a young man, a graduate of the College of Mines, Patna, who has since entered Vincent Hill College for further training, was baptized.

Six students from Lucknow are at present attending Vincent Hill School, and are preparing themselves, we hope, for a place of service in this cause.

The Lucknow Sabbath school membership now stands at forty-three, and approximately thirty-four attend almost every Sabbath. Owing to some leaving us for school and vacation in the hills for a few months, our number, no doubt, will be slightly reduced, yet still there is always a faithful company in attendance, no matter what the weather may be.

The Lucknow church membership now stands at about sixty-nine, and the goal of our working staff is that we may see this reach one hundred.

We rejoice to hear of the appointment of a new missionary to fill the place of Pastor Conley, as pastor for the English work here.

Plans have been approved and the contract signed with Frizzoni and Company, contractors of Cawnpore (builders of our new church), for the erection of a pastor's residence at 17 Abbott Road, close by the church. Already material has begun to arrive on the grounds, and we trust we shall see the

new bungalow ready for occupation by the end of October as planned.

The Alambagh Boys' and Girls' School and Mission Uplift Centre is attracting many visitors, and the enrolment now stands at over eighty pupils. A live Sabbath school of ninety-five members is conducted here each Sabbath. Brother Piyare Lall and his faithful wife, assisted by Master Kishen Singh, are doing a good work in the Alambagh area, and prejudice is rapidly being broken down in spite of rival schools and enemies' propaganda being spread. Sister Piyare Lall regularly visits in the homes of her school girls, and it is wonderful how well her students know the Bible stories and verses she teaches them. These people at Alambagh are nearly all high-caste Hindus, and Hindi is the language used entirely in our school. Calls come to us to open other schools in villages along the Cawnpore road, but we plan first to conduct an evangelistic effort at Alambagh in Urdu.

Brother P. C. Austin, who assisted with the music and visiting work in our tent effort in Lall Bagh area, has moved from the mission compound to a new location where we have some interested people with whom he is studying. He conducts a good little Sabbath school each Sabbath in the cantonment area also.

THE "GOOD NEWS TENT" EFFORT CLOSED

THE Hindustani tent effort began on November 7th, 1938, in the Lall Bagh area of Lucknow, and continued right through the four cold months of the winter, which was, no doubt, one of the causes why the attendance was not so large as it was last summer. Our attendance ranged from thirty to a hundred, which was the limit of our seating capacity. Much advertising with handbills in Urdu, Hindi, and English was done, and the homes of the Indian people who were interested were visited regularly by the writer, Brother M. A. Paul, and Brother P. C. Austin. Special music and singing by Brother M. A. Paul, for a half hour before the magic lantern pictures began, attracted many. The Film Strip machine lectures were used many nights as a special feature, and rapid translation was done, so that the interest would not lag. Many interested people still study with us, and some are attending Sabbath school as a result of these lectures. Four young men professed Christianity as a result of the effort, while about sixteen in all promised to keep all of God's commandments.

Much literature was given out, and several New Testaments, many Bible portions, and some of our small books were sold. Six persons are now studying in preparation for baptism as a result of the work done, and although



The workers at Lucknow, with their sign and tent.

Brother Paul resigned just before we closed, still we believe that God will give us a goodly number of souls as a result of the efforts put forth. All phases of the message were preached, and as a result some gave up the use of tobacco, beetle nut, and *pan*, as well as tea and unclean foods. A group of four young men who attended regularly were a great help in singing, seating the con-

gregation, and keeping order. We are also grateful for the help of Brother L. Nathan of the English church, Brother Andrews, and Brother Christie Biswas, who assisted in some of the meetings. It was necessary for us to discontinue the effort, and the tent was taken down on March 9th, after we had had a full tent several nights.

P. K. SIMPSON.

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WORD FROM OUR BURMA EVANGELISTS

E. A. CRANE

PASTOR MYAT PO tells a very interesting little story of a Burmese lad some sixteen or seventeen years of age, who came to the mission station the other day with the request that he be instructed for church membership. Thinking that he was just trying to appear friendly he was asked, "What do you know about Christians, and why do you want to become one?" He began his answer by saying that his father was a Christian before he died and that his mother was still a Buddhist.

"But why do you want to become a Seventh-day Adventist?" he was asked.

"When I was a little boy," he returned, "I studied in the mission school. After my father died mother would no longer send me and I was forced to attend a Buddhist school. But I have never forgotten the lessons I learned at the mission. The songs we used to sing I do not remember, but I cannot forget the stories and the Bible les-

sons. O Saya, won't you please come and teach me so that I can become a Christian?"

Who could turn down such an earnest request? Pastor Myat Po could not, and the result is that he is now going to the young man's home for regular Bible studies. Another soul is attending church and preparing to "become a Christian."

Our Pwo Karen evangelist, Pastor U Po Shwe, tells of a man whom we visited last year during the rainy season. He has been directed very definitely into the truth through dreams. His father was also a Christian, his mother a Buddhist, and he himself accepted the Baptist faith and was baptized before his father's death. He was not, however, fully satisfied with the teachings of Christianity, and later gave it all up and went back to his former religion, during which time he was a very devout Buddhist. For the past four or five years his mind has had no rest. No peace of heart could be found in Buddhism even though with singleness of purpose he followed its teachings.

Some time after his father's death he had a dream in which he saw his fa-

ther returning home. As he entered the house he looked around, and on seeing the images of Buddha and other signs of heathenism he turned away and in sadness left the house. This left the man with a strong impression that Christianity was the true religion. Later he dreamed of seeing a majestic being with a pair of balances in his hand into which he placed Buddhism on one side and Christianity on the other. Like a flash Buddhism went apparently as light as a feather while on the other hand Christianity weighed down heavily. Never again did he doubt that Christianity was the true religion, but still there were the unanswered questions in his mind about the Baptists. This he could not understand and it troubled him greatly.

About this time he dreamed again of talking with three Burmans when two other men approached his house in canoes. These two men had the truth for him and his family. Immediately as the two men arrived, the three to whom he was talking left the house. Later he identified these newcomers as Pastor Po Shwe and myself.

The night this dream came true we preached in his house to a group of about sixty-five and promised to return at another time to answer all his questions. This was done by Pastor Po Shwe, Saya Myat Po, and their company during the summer evangelistic effort, and the man is now a loyal believer in the message.

Considerable opposition has come to him from Buddhist friends and priests. After accepting the truth, on one occasion he happened to be away from home when a priest came bringing a large image of Buddha which he left in his house. On returning he removed the idol and had it sent back to the priest who brought it. Now it is rumoured all through the country that no longer is there any room for idols in the house of U Chaung Kyaw. He confesses that this message has answered all his questions and has at last brought peace to his heart.

Brother Baldwin reports that a Bible class has been organized as a result of the effort which he and Brother Frank Juriansz held at Maymyo. The class will be conducted once each week by workers from Meiktila. A good number have joined the class and we are very hopeful for results.

We have already mentioned some of the results which attended the efforts of Pastor Peter and the workers in the Taungoo section, but we may never know in this world the full measure of benefit this work is to God's cause. Let us push on with courage and lay strong plans for our efforts throughout the field during the closing months of this year. May God bless our faithful workers and water the seed that has been sown that it may develop into an abundant harvest.

1939

Big Week Book

THE second week of October 1939 has been set aside for the Big Week campaign. Last year we printed the book "Eating for Health." Three thousand five hundred copies of the first edition were sold out before the campaign closed; another 2,000 of the second edition were disposed of during the months following. You will be glad to know that we are getting out another fine book this year, and we believe this will also be a ready seller. We would like to give you some idea of the contents of this book so that you might not lose time in placing your order with your Union Book Depot at an early date.

The new Big Week book, "Our Marvellous Times," is an attention-gripping description of the very latest discoveries and inventions in the fields of science, industry, agriculture, transportation, communication, and healing. It is profusely illustrated with pictures not used before, showing today's advances in all that make our times the greatest in history. The bright cover will catch the eye and rivet the interest.

The one purpose of the book is to make plain that all these wonders are in fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy of the "increase of knowledge" as a sign of "the time of the end." The greatest marvel of all is that all these marvels have occurred within the latest sixtieth of the world's history. The argument for the nearness of the second advent is clinched in a very effective way in the last two chapters. In order to be up-to-date on "what these things mean" you should be in possession of the facts, figures, and fundamentals in this book. Here is fresh material for the proclamation of our message.

We are printing only 4,000 copies of this very interesting book, and its price is only eight annas a copy.

E. D. THOMAS.

POINEERING EFFORT AMONG BUDDHISTS

FOLLOWING the Biennial Council, vigorous evangelistic campaigns were launched throughout the Division, and simultaneously the first Burmese evangelistic effort was started by the writer and co-workers on the 10th of April. A temporary tent was pitched at Hteedan section of Kemmendine, a site which was very suitable to accomplish our aim.

Right at the outset we were greatly handicapped for lack of evangelistic equipment such as charts, diagrams, and

slides, etc., but with what we had, we ventured out undauntedly. It takes some time to install electricity and to be thoroughly acquainted with the people. Saya Hla Pe approached the Director of Public Health for some slides on various health subjects, and the request was granted.

Being the first time and with no experience in holding evangelistic efforts, we were rather disappointed to see the attendance on the first night. We were a bit reluctant at first to conduct an effort in the midst of Buddhists, knowing that they have a strong prejudice against Christianity; but seeking the Lord earnestly in prayer and trusting His divine protection, we committed ourselves whole-heartedly to His service. Very careful consideration was given to make the effort successful, and the writer gave a series of lectures on health, analyzing very carefully tuberculosis, small pox, malaria, child welfare, etc. Stereopticon slides were shown every night, film pictures at intervals, and six meetings were held every week. Contrary to our fears, we were surprised to see that the tent was full to its capacity and a large number of people had to stand outside for lack of seats. The average attendance was three hundred at ordinary meetings, and sometimes swelled to four hundred.

Later, we changed the subject matter from health, and fundamental doctrines of our faith were presented. Buddhist priests and those who attended our meetings regularly very much appreciated the Bible prophecies on "Signs of the Times," "The Impending Conflict," and various similar topics.

On one or two occasions, while conducting the meeting, we were threatened and disturbed by a party of religious opponents and the attendance was smaller. In another instance, a minister of another Christian denomination forbade the members of his church to attend any of our meetings, but despite his exhortations and prohibition, we saw them coming regularly, and they seemed to enjoy the truths which they had never heard before.

For six weeks the third angel's message has been proclaimed among the Buddhist friends, and we thank the Lord for His abundant blessings and guidance throughout the meetings. Through the faithful effort and indomitable zeal of the workers, three families are keenly interested in the message and are preparing themselves for baptism. May the Lord bless them to be faithful unto death.

Many hundreds of truth-filled papers and tracts have been distributed, and who knows but the seeds we have sown will some day bring forth fruit for the kingdom of God?

DEACON DAVID.

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BOMBAY WELCOME

A PRECIOUS cargo arrived on the S. S. "President Harrison." It was sent out from California direct to the Bombay church by way of the Pacific. It has been eagerly waited for and urgently needed ever since the 27th of March. It was thankfully received by representatives from Poona, Elders N. C. Wilson and A. E. Nelson, Mrs. Thurber, Mrs. Steeves, and Mrs. Jordan. From the Bombay church, Miss Tuckey, Mrs. A. Stewart-Jacks, Miss Audrey Stewart-Jacks, Mr. Newman, and the writer joined in the welcome and took immediate delivery shortly after three o'clock the first day of June. Every one spoke of the excellent condition in which this valuable cargo came to us, and when we read the name and address we felt a real thrill of happiness, for there it was, actually on the Alexandra dock marked in big letters—Pastor and Mrs. G. A. Hamilton.

We are glad to have the Southern Asia Division share in the joy of the Bombay church. We deeply appreciate the interest taken in the little flock here during the long weeks when we were without a shepherd. We look back on

the Sabbaths when the visiting pastors came in to conduct the services and feel that this experience brought us into closer contact,—we made new friends.

And so the boat had come in, the words of greeting had been spoken, the boxes had gone through customs, the friends from Poona, including Mrs. Nelson who arrived on the same boat, had taken the early train back, and the taxi had rolled away from the shed and was speeding past Bori Bunder, up Hornby Road, and out Queen's Road to Byculla. From the smiles lighting Mrs. Hamilton's face and the expression of absolute contentment resting upon Pastor Hamilton's, it was plain that Bombay looked very good to them. But that there should be no doubt that they were glad to be here, they kept repeating, every few minutes, a phrase that has since grown most familiar, "It's too good to be true that we are really here!"

Yes, and the smiling faces of the members of the Bombay church on that first Sabbath as their new pastor stood before them told the sweet story of their love and welcome. Elder Wilson assisted in the service, introducing Pastor Hamilton, and returned to Bombay on Tuesday, the sixth of June, to be with us for the social evening when the church members and friends gathered to extend a friendly welcome and to become better acquainted.

Miss Tuckey offered prayer to open a short program. Following the remarks of welcome arranged in a poem, Adelaide and Thelma Silver sang a song of thanksgiving. Elder Wilson then expressed the gratitude of the Division for having obtained Pastor and Mrs. Hamilton for service in Bombay. Mrs. McLean brought a message from the church in her original and fitting remarks. To give a description of the well-known characteristic of the Bombay church, Audrey Stewart-Jacks recited a stirring poem entitled "Work."

No program could be complete without the voice of a child, so little Jean McLean spoke for the children of the Sabbath school. As her sweet young voice uttered the last word, Stanley Simpson joined her and together they presented a bouquet of carnations to the Hamiltons. Refreshments were served at the close of the program. The thoughtfulness and supervision of Miss Tuckey was noted at this time.

Just before the guests went home, Pastor Hamilton thanked every one for the very warm welcome. He emphasized the word "warm," for in spite of the fans and ice cream the night was indeed very, very warm! He concluded by saying that he knew he would find the latch-string out on every door, and he and Mrs. Hamilton intended to use it frequently in the years to come.

HELEN COSLICK.

CHURCH CALENDAR 1939

Colporteur Rally Day ..	August 5
Sabbath School Rally Day	August 26
Spirit of Prophecy Day	Sept. 9
Education Day and	
Student Aid Offering..	Sept. 16
Big Week ..	Oct. 8 to 14
Oriental Watchman Day	Nov. 11
Week of Prayer ..	Dec. 9 to 16
Annual Offering ..	Dec. 16
Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath
	in each month.

David.—Brother Kola David was born in a village in Sathanipally, in the year 1905 and yielded up his life in Bezvada on June 8, 1939, aged thirty-four years. In the year 1926 he was married to Miss G. Annamma of Guravayapalem, who for thirteen years has been a faithful companion.

He was a staunch Baptist until he heard Pastor A. E. Rawson's "Illustrated Lectures on Prophetic Themes" at Bezvada in March 1938, at which time he made his decision to cast his lot with Adventists. As soon as his brother took his stand for the truth his troubles became numerous. In the face of all these fiery trials, he desired baptism. In accordance with his desire, Pastor G. Isaiah baptized him on December 31, 1938.

He was afflicted with tuberculosis of the lungs. As he was too poor to go to a sanatorium to obtain a cure, we solicited funds to help him. The collected sum was too small to provide for sanatorium care, so we kept him at his own house and used it for milk and extra food. The medicines were given by Dr. D. W. Semmens free of charge. We earnestly hoped and prayed that it might please God to let him live, but he rests from his sufferings, and we bow in humble submission.

During the closing hours of Brother David's life, he suffered much. Shortly before he lost consciousness, he turned to his beloved wife and child and said a few words of encouragement and died in full and radiant hope of the resurrection, when the voice of the Son of God shall burst the fetters of the tomb. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor P. J. Kelly.

The bereaved wife and daughter, the church, and the writer mourn the loss of our loyal supporter. We pay a tribute of thanks to all those who have contributed their mites to enable this brother to get proper food and treatment while he lived. We solicit an interest in your prayers for these bereaved mourners.

O. ISRAEL.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

NOTE

To Church Elders and Missionary Leaders:

The topic for the Home Missionary Service for this month is one of outstanding importance. Therefore, we feel to urge that a special effort be made to use this material that we have provided for the First Sabbath Service August.

With a prayer that some from your church may be influenced to take up the colporteur work,

We remain,

THE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,
THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK FOR THIS TIME

N. C. WILSON

THE duty of the church of God is to carry the everlasting gospel in all its fullness to the entire world just as quickly as possible. Regarding our duty and objective as a people there is no question. Heaven's plan for us is clear and evident. The only question is regarding the willingness of the church to bestir herself and answer the call of Heaven.

The only way the church can measure up to the superhuman task before her is for every one who belongs to the advent family to unreservedly consecrate himself or herself to God and go forth into the ripened harvest field for service.

Individual responsibility in this matter is essential. God has committed to us His saving message. It is a message for the whole world. The entire church must have a part in imparting God's last message to a doomed world. This is the work of the church for this time.

We feel that there are many capable brethren and sisters in our churches throughout Southern Asia who should have a much more active part in the task of quickly carrying the advent message to the many millions of unwarned people in our division field. How can their consecration and ability be best used in helping to finish the work of God? We live in a practical world, and it is one's sacred duty to make a living. We confidently believe that one of the best ways to greatly increase the number of those giving full-time service in the Lord's army is to encourage many of our capable people to take up the literature ministry. This affords a practical and effective means of revealing God's present-hour message to the world, and also being self-supporting

FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Sabbath, August 5, 1939.

COLPORTEUR RALLY DAY PROGRAM

Opening Song:	..	No. 509, "Christ in Song."
Scripture Reading:	..	Romans 12:1-8.
Prayer.		
Song:	..	No. 484, "Christ in Song."
Readings:	..	"The Work for This Time." "A Message From the General Vice-President of the General Conference." "The Importance of the Literature Ministry."
Bible and Testimony Study:		
Song:	..	No. 392, "Christ in Song."
Symposium:	..	"Why I Entered the Colporteur Work." "Why I Love the Colporteur Work."
An Appeal.		
Distribution of Pledge Cards.		
Song:		No. 495, "Christ in Song."
Benediction.		

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

while engaged in this wonderful ministry. There is no service more sacred or important in the work of God than the work done by the consecrated, loving gospel colporteur.

We feel that the foregoing suggestions are fully supported by the clear instruction on this subject in the Spirit of prophecy. If space would permit, numerous and helpful quotations could be given.

"To every man his work." This is the call of the hour. It is the plan of God. It is the key to success in the work of the advent church. It is the way to spread the advent message. We are most hopeful that many hearts may be impressed on this Colporteur Rally Sabbath to offer themselves for full-time ministry in the most important task of scattering the truth-filled printed page "like the leaves of autumn" throughout the cities and countryside of Southern Asia. A large number should respond to this call.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

L. H. CHRISTIAN

THERE is in my heart an urge to place before our people a few facts concerning our publishing work. The task of circulating our literature is so vitally important, the crisis and perils of our day are so urgent, that I am deeply burdened for a decided increase in the amount of literature circulated. The present sale is far below what the times demand.

Do we realize as we should that the eternal destiny of thousands of people is at stake? Do we truly sense that in these uncertain days, filled with startling events, our publishing work might suddenly come to a complete stop? Were this to happen this year, would you feel that you had done your full part in warning the people about you? Would you be satisfied with the number of books you had sold?

Arouse! Enlist your services! Fit yourself to do this work! Learn how to sell our books! Colporteurs already in the field—study better methods!—sell more books! We need treble the number of colporteurs now in the field. The efficiency of those already at work should be doubled. We must not only with God's help get men to start out as colporteurs, but we must keep the devil from getting them to stop their work. We must ask God to make our people dissatisfied with their idleness, and to give them a real burden to sell books. They must get Paul's conviction, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," in their hearts.

The last time I met a certain leader of ours who is now in prison, he said: "Tell our people to print and circulate books with all their might; to print and circulate more books; print and circulate more and still more books!" I shall never forget his burning words. In many lands our book work is now forbidden. This is our day to work. The godly colporteurs with our books are the ambassadors of this remnant church to a dying world.

Encourage our colporteurs already in the field. Pray for them one by one. Encourage them to work full time. Encourage new believers to enter this

work and thus become true heralds of the message. Join the work yourself. Seek every opportunity to circulate the printed leaves. Let not any one of them become fouled with dust or be destroyed. Put them into the hands of the people.

The work of the colporteur, the seller of our books, is most fruitful for Christ. It is a most noble work and the secret of success lies in walking with God.

(Bible and Testimony Study)

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

1. In a time of crisis in ancient Israel, in what did the king express his confidence?

"Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; *Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper.*" II Chron. 20:20.

2. In what kind of times are we living?

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling.... Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly. Only a moment of time, as it were, yet remains.... Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue?—*Only a little while.* If there was ever a crisis, it is now."—*Vol. VI, pp. 14-16.*

3. What question should every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself?

"Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?' It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How are we to give it?"—*Christian Service, p. 145.*

4. According to the Spirit of prophecy, what means has God provided for giving the message in our day?

"The publishing houses, the presses, are instrumentalities in God's hand to send out to every tongue and nation the precious light of truth. This light is reaching even to heathen lands, and is constantly making inroads upon superstition and every conceivable error."—*Vol. IV, p. 595.* "The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed.... Colporteurs are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere."—*Southern Watchman, January 5, 1904.*

5. By whom was our publishing work established and for what purpose?

"Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His

special supervision. It was designed to accomplish a specific purpose."—*Vol. VII, p. 138.*

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation."—*Id., p. 139.*

6. Concerning what have we been asleep?

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos."—*Christian Service, p. 146.*

7. For what does God hold us accountable?

"When we follow plans of the Lord's devising, we are labourers together with God." Whatever our position, whether presidents of conferences, ministers, teachers, students or lay members,—we are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth. And one of the principal agencies He has ordained for our use is the printed page."—*Vol. IX, pp. 86, 87.*

8. How important is the circulation of the printed page?

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—*Christian Service, p. 145.*

9. What appeal comes to the members of our churches?

"Church members, *awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work.* Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost. Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work, and thus help to sound a warning that is greatly needed."—*Southern Watchman, November 20, 1902.*

"Workers... are needed now, men who will consecrate themselves without reserve to the work of representing the kingdom of God to a world lying in wickedness. The world needs men of thought, men of principle, men who are constantly growing in understanding and discernment. There is great need of men who can use the press to the best advantage, that the truth may be given wings to speed it to every nation, and tongue, and people."—*Gospel Workers, p. 25.*

10. How should every line of the printed message be regarded?

"We should treat as a sacred treasure every line of printed matter containing

present truth. Even fragments of a pamphlet or of a periodical should be regarded as of value. Who can estimate the influence that a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth? Let us remember that somebody would be glad to read all the books and papers we can spare. Every page is a ray of light from heaven to shine into the highway and hedges, shedding light upon the pathway of truth."—*Review and Herald, August 27, 1903.*

11. Compared with other lines of work, what place does the colporteur work occupy?

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing; for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties. Those who engage in this work need always to be under the control of the Spirit of God."—*Vol. VI, p. 331.*

12. Who is called to do this work, and of what may they be sure?

"In all fields, nigh and afar off, men will be called from the plough and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind, and will be educated in connection with men of experience. As they learn to labour effectively, they will proclaim the truth with power. Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed, and cast into the sea. The message that means so much to the dwellers upon the earth, will be heard and understood. Men will know what is truth. Onward and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned; and then shall the end come."—*Vol. IX, p. 96.*

"Human power did not establish the work of God, neither can human power destroy it. To those who carry forward His work in face of difficulty and opposition, God will give the constant guidance and guardianship of His holy angels. His work on earth will never cease."—*Vol. VII, p. 170.*

WHY I ENTERED THE COLPORTEUR WORK

NO ONE could have been more unfitted for the work than I was, when I took up the colporteur work. I was super-sensitive and all my life had avoided society and association with my fellow-men.

When the truth came to me there was born into my heart a desire to do something for the Lord Jesus. When the colporteur work was presented to me I took it up joyfully, trusting in Him for strength and help to do the work. About the only favourable qualification that I had was ability to endure hardships. During the months that I have been in the work the Lord has blessed

vassed the manager of the mill, who, without uttering a single word, went inside his house and brought me Rs. 5-0-0 to pay for a Hindi copy. I thanked the Lord and continued my journey. A little further on I saw a school. I stopped there also and canvassed the teacher. He paid Rs. 4-4-0 for a paper copy. That day, by the grace of God, I sold books worth Rs. 27-0-0. God says, "Put all your burden upon Me and I will fulfil your needs." "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger;" but the servant of the Lord will not want.

The colporteur earns the salary of a preacher in a much shorter time. One day at Naldurga I took fifteen orders in a half day. Again in Ratnagiri, Peter Chavan and I sold Rs. 158 worth of books in three days. Praise be to God, because He prepares our way and uses us in His noble service.

In Daniel 12:4 we read, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Dear friends, this prophecy is being fulfilled now. One day I went to the Raja of Nipani. As I came to the palace a sepoy stopped me and informed me that he would not permit me to proceed until I had explained my business. Immediately I canvassed him for "Health and Longevity." He replied, "Sir, I would like this book very much, but my pay is very small. Go inside and show the Raja; he will surely buy and then I will get the chance to read it." As I went in, I had to pass through six doors. There was a great fear in my heart. At last I saw a royal chair on which a very weak and frail old man was sitting. After I saluted him he asked me to sit down. Then he asked my name and my work. On this I showed him my book. He asked, "Are you a Christian?" I replied, "Yes." Again he questioned, "Is this book printed in a Christian press?" to which I replied, "Yes." Continuing he said, "I see nothing written about Christ in this book." "Oh, yes, there is," I replied, and showed him the chapter, "Know Thy Creator." Immediately he bought a copy and paid the money.

Dear friends, do you not believe that Daniel's prophecy is being fulfilled? Yes, many souls are searching for Christ. Many are running to and fro trying to find the truth. Souls are searching for light. They are looking for something better. It is our duty to reveal Jesus to them. Will you not quench their thirst by carrying the truth of Jesus to them? If you have a burden for lost souls, then do not fear to do the colporteur work. Do not tremble when you hear your name mentioned for this work. Do not think it is a low work. Join us in preaching the gospel by the circulation of our literature, and great joy and courage will come to your heart.

AN APPEAL

THERE are many districts and States in Southern Asia where there is no representative of our truth—not even a single believer. We are told in the "Colporteur Evangelist" that there are many who will never hear the truth unless it is taken to them, and, further, that the colporteur can search out such souls and minister to them. Much of this pioneer work has been done by our colporteurs already in districts where no preacher or teacher has gone, but not even a small portion of our task has been accomplished. We could easily use a hundred additional colporteurs immediately.

Conditions about us in the world show that the end is near, but much remains to be done in giving the warning in Southern Asia. "There is great need of men who can use the press to the best advantage that the truth may be given wings to speed it on to every nation, and tongue, and people." We are now enjoying the fullest liberty and every facility for the sale of our literature. How long this will continue, we do not know. In many countries today, where a few years ago the publishing work was in a very prosperous condition and many colporteurs were in the field, it is now forbidden to circulate our literature. Now is our time to work for God. Afterward it may be too late. Then some may knock at the door of this work and hear the sorrowful words: "We cannot use you; it is too late."

As you have listened to the stirring experiences related by the colporteurs now in the field, has not your heart burned within you? Has there not been kindled in your heart a desire to have a part in this great task either as a full-time or as a part-time colporteur?

Please fill out the cards we shall pass out now. You keep the portion marked "To be kept by colporteur," tear off and return the other half and give it to the elder of your church, who will send it on to the Field Missionary Secretary.

ZEAL MOST COMMENDABLE

(A Remarkable Experience in Conversion and Zeal for God)

"WHEN I was a young man I spent much of my time in the saloons. Then I became very ill, and the doctor said I must die. I had contracted consumption, and the hæmorrhages were very severe. Knowing that I had but a short time to live, and being alone and friendless, I locked myself in my hotel room to die. But then I remembered that when I left home in Sweden, years

before, my sister had placed a Bible in my trunk; and although I had never paid any attention to it, I remembered that it was there, and in my last extremity I got it out and began to read. The book opened to the Gospels, and my eye fell on the place where it told about Christ healing the sick. So I prayed to God to heal me, and promised that if He would make me well I would be true to Him. My prayer was answered in a quick and wonderful way.

"In a day or two I left the hotel and began to work in a factory. About that time a lady gave me two tracts, telling about the second coming of Christ. I was very much interested, and noticed that the tracts were printed in Nashville, Tennessee; so when I left the place where I was working I went to Nashville and hunted up the publishing house. The people in that office were the best people I had ever met. They said they were Seventh-day Adventists, and kept the Sabbath. They gave me some literature, and I said I would see that it was distributed where it would do good, after I had read it. The Sabbath following my visit, I was traveling on the train, but I handed out the papers and tracts I had with me, and I kept that Sabbath the best I knew how. Later on, I was baptized and united with the church, and became a canvasser for the book entitled 'Our Day in the Light of Prophecy.'

"I am a painter by trade, and am now following that line of work, at the same time spending a great deal of time in distributing literature. I go out in the country and find people who do not have much literature and do not know about the truth. A few days ago I came to a farm, where an auction was in progress, attended by about fifty farmers from the surrounding country. I handed out papers to every one, and then held a Bible study with them.

"I am praying that the Lord will make it possible for me to obtain 15,000 copies of *Present Truth*, as I have made up my mind to distribute fifty copies every day this year. I want to go to small cities where people do not have any of our literature. Of course I cannot do as much as I could were I devoting my entire time to missionary work, but on Sundays I can work, and on other days when work is slack. I feel sure the Lord will help me get the papers, although just how He will do it, I do not know. I can pay for a certain number, but I can use more than I can afford to buy. I feel grieved when I see our papers scattered on basement floors and around in other places in our churches, torn and dirty, as though they were worthless. To me, they are worth everything. So I shall pray that God will send me a supply of papers, because this is the best way to win souls, and I want to see the work finished in a year or two."

Fifteen Minute Services

ORDER OF SERVICE

Silent Prayer	1/2 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.

AUGUST 5, 1939

KINDLY INTEREST MANIFESTED BY A CHRISTIAN MOTHER

MY CHUM was a Seventh-day Adventist, and I was always made welcome in his home, in which I visited frequently. The mother in this home was an invalid, but she was always interested in her callers, and always knew just how to speak a word for Christ in such a way as to make a deep impression. I had been receiving the *Signs of the Times* for a number of months, through the thoughtfulness of some one who was interested in my welfare, but I was quite indifferent to religious things. However, I could not get away from the kind interest manifested by the mother of my chum, as she would call attention to points of truth and refer to articles in the *Signs*. Later I accepted the invitation to attend Bible studies conducted in the home, and in due time I became convinced of the truth and was baptized. In order to keep the Sabbath, I gave up a good position; but the Lord has cared for me, and I rejoice in the knowledge of the third angel's message. I am indeed thankful for the kindly personal interest of that Christian mother, who, though shut in by invalidism, was not unmindful of opportunities to win a soul to Christ.

AUGUST 12, 1939

WHAT ONE TRACT ACCOMPLISHED

WHILE passing the Exhibition Gardens in Melbourne, Australia, one day, a man noticed a small tract hanging on one of the iron pickets of the fence surrounding the gardens. Taking it off the picket, he was struck with the singularity of the title, "Which Day Do You Keep, and Why?" Thinking that it might furnish a good topic for discussion at a Mutual Improvement Society of which he was a member, he took the tract along with him, and suggested to the officer of the society that the subject of the tract should be en-

tered upon their syllabus. His request was acceded to.

As the time approached for the discussion of this subject, one of the members of the society mentioned to some of the officers that he had met a man who seemed to know a good deal about this interesting subject, and suggested that he be invited to take part in the discussion. His suggestion was also followed. The invited guest was Elder J. O. Corliss, who, with Elder S. N. Haskell and others, was at that time labouring hard to make a beginning in Australia.

The result of that discussion was astonishing. Elder Corliss was so successful in convincing his opponents of the correctness of his views that seventeen of them decided to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, nearly all of whom subsequently became active and successful workers in the cause of God. This small company of converts, won to the message as the direct result of one tract hanging on a picket fence, was the nucleus of the first church in Australasia. Let us keep on sowing the seed, and God will surely provide the harvest.

AUGUST 19, 1939

THE BOOK, "DANIEL AND THE REVELATION"

WHEN I was eight years old, a man came to our neighbourhood selling a book. My parents wanted the book, but were too poor to buy it. But a neighbour bought one, and we children would go to her house and look at the strange pictures of beasts with horns, and read as much as we could about dreams and visions in the Bible. About three years ago I was truly converted. Then I began to pray that God would lead me to His true church. I said, "Lord, if it is the smallest church in the world, if there are not more than two members, but they are your people and have your Bible truth, I will unite with that church."

One day I was in the public library looking through some religious books, and I came to one called, "Daniel and the Revelation." On opening it, I recognized it to be the same as the book that had been of so much interest to me in my childhood. The conviction came so strongly that this book was associated with the answer to my prayers, that I found where the volume could be obtained, and secured a copy for myself. I did not merely read the book; I studied it carefully. Then I set out to find the people who believe the teachings of the book. I found the Seventh-day Adventist congregation in the city, and have been attending the services regularly for several months. And now I wish to be baptized and unite with the church.

AUGUST 26, 1939

THIEF CONVERTED THROUGH STOLEN BOOK

FROM another part of the world comes the story of a man who was at one time a thief, who made it his business to break into houses and carry away the spoils. On one such venture he hastily gathered up everything in sight, and later found that he had carried away a book bearing a strange title. Although this book was not what he wanted, his curiosity led him to glance through it. A power seemed to grip his attention, for he had never read anything like this before. The still small voice of conscience seemed to speak the message, "Steal no more." Then the battle began to rage between right and wrong. Today that man is no longer a thief, but a humble, happy child of God, spending his life in selling truth-filled literature.

Let us be faithful in the literature ministry until the work is done.