



## IT "MEANS SO MUCH"

C. E. ANDROSS

To formulate an argument to prove the importance and interest of the *Review and Herald* to Seventh-day Adventists would seem almost akin to an attempt to prove by argumentation the desirability and necessity to physical well-being of water to drink, air to breathe, or food to eat.

Aside from the life-giving, spiritual food which is found each week in our church paper in the published sermons, the Scripture expositions, and the timely appeals or warnings, the thrilling reports from the mission fields week by week come like refreshing sea breezes on hot summer days. How true it is that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"! The constant stream of mission offerings to foreign fields, and the even greater treasure—the sons and daughters who are being sent withal—cannot but bind the hearts of the loyal, self-sacrificing advent believers in the homeland to the far-flung missions, and every report of the progress of the work is thus a letter from one to whom our hearts are bound by cords of love. How eagerly we look forward to such letters! No wonder the *Review and Herald* means so much to every Seventh-day Adventist to whom the spirit of this movement has become a living reality. Conversely, what a mighty factor is the *Review and Herald* to infuse this spirit of the advent movement into the heart of every interested and constant reader.

The inspiration of public collective worship is important to Christian experience, but so also is private devotion, reading, meditation. In this the personal reading of the Bible is fundamental, but the Bible has its book of

"Acts of the Apostles." This introduces us to the thrilling episodes in the early preaching of the gospel. The *Review* brings us week by week the most recent modern counterparts of the early acts of the apostles, and inspires us with the constant realization of Christianity as a present-day, living, vital power for the transformation of character and the

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### "EASTERN TIDINGS" OFFERING

The time has arrived to give attention to the "Eastern Tidings," particularly the matter of financing it.

The offering, taken each year, is set for the 25th of May. We would encourage each church to remember the plan for that day, and also encourage our members to make their contributions at that time.

A. Edwin Nelson.

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preparation of a people to meet a returning Saviour.

Surely the *Review* should be available to every Advent home. We trust that 1940 will find many more of our families provided with the *Review*. We believe that our workers in this part of the field are united in bending their energies toward this objective.

"THE ZEAL OF THINE HOUSE HATH EATEN ME UP"

E. D. THOMAS

This was a prophecy concerning Christ, recorded in the Psalms. When His disciples saw the zeal He had while cleansing the temple at Jerusalem, they remembered what was written of Him. Christ had this zeal all through His life, and He did His best to establish His kingdom in the hearts of the disciples. Every word spoken, every deed done, every sacrifice made, every miracle performed, every parable uttered, every sermon preached, every contact made, showed the zeal He had in the work assigned to Him by His Father.

The apostles, the early church leaders, the reformers, and the pioneers of the advent movement shared the zeal of Christ in all they did. Every believer of the remnant church in this Division should possess a similar zeal in firmly establishing the work of God so that a large number of souls may be found ready to meet Jesus when He comes in the clouds of heaven.

When the writer accepted present truth years ago, he was told by many leaders belonging to other churches that the Advent missionaries and the message they had brought to India would soon be no more. Thus a zeal for the establishment of the remnant church in this country took possession of me in those early days. The minister who brought me into the truth also got me interested in the *Review*. This church paper has been a source of great inspiration to me all these years. I have seen the work of God begun in a humble way in different parts of the world, and have seen it grow from year to year. The sacrifice made by His children and the ardent love for the truth

by new believers have helped me to renew my zeal for the message and the work of God.

I fail to understand how a minister, Bible worker, teacher, doctor, nurse, or a lay-member who is interested in his own salvation and in the salvation of others, can crowd out the *Review* from his budget. Let us look upon this paper as a letter from the great family of God, whose members are scattered throughout the globe. Let us have the zeal which Christ had. Let us get ourselves, our co-workers, and our believers interested in the regular reading of the *Review*. I appeal to pastors of churches, superintendents of institutions, and officers of missions to take

a census of all English-reading congregations under their supervision and see to it that to every one of them the *Review* is made available, week after week.

In building up the work, we should not be satisfied with any superficial work. Let us do our part strongly. It is my conviction that nothing can take the place of the *Review* in strengthening our people in the love of the message. Therefore, let us leave no stone unturned in building up the subscription list for the *Review*. This is the paper that binds us together. This is the paper that keeps us abreast with the work of God.

most valuable assets that we could have. We are now able to maintain our own X-ray plant, and also use electricity for pumping water to supply the compound.

The X-ray department was also installed last year. This is proving a very fine feature in our work. Our developing is done under modern conditions, as we have refrigeration that keeps our solutions at the proper temperature. Friends in the United States donated the money for the above, which amounted to some Rs. 7,500.

Instruments to the value of Rs. 3,000 were also put to use last year in the hospital. Friends gave liberally for this, one man paying out some Rs. 300 for duty.

The Zamindar of Telaprole and his son-in-law, the Zamindar of Chickavaram, erected the building to house the X ray and our supplies room. They spent on this project some Rs. 2,000. We are surely grateful that the Zamindar continues his whole-hearted support of our hospital.

Recently Miss Gore returned from furlough and brought us an excellent surgical cautery. This was the gift of Dr. Emma Hughes. Thus the Lord has supplied us with equipment through the years. We are glad that these liberal benefactors have helped us to obtain the needed equipment.

Since 1933 a Nurses' Training School has been conducted as near in line with similar institutions in the United States as possible, the same curriculum being offered as is given in our denominational Sanitariums. Four classes have graduated, and shortly another will finish their work.

The expenses of the present Freshmen class have been borne by the White Memorial Hospital and Washington Sanitarium Nurses' Alumni Associations. We have been able to supply some of our institutions here in India with trainees from our school. We have one at present who has been accepted for midwifery training at the Scudder Hospital in Ranipet. This is a good opportunity for us to get the work that we do recognized by outside institutions.

The year 1939 marked a new high in financial progress. The indigenous workers were all supported and all hospital supplies were paid for out of hospital earnings. We were able to purchase new equipment for the water works, such as an electrical centrifugal pump and a motor to replace our engine. There was also a surplus which enabled us to aid in purchasing a good Pontiac Station wagon. We might mention that this car is serving us well, and is invaluable in our Uplift work.

Approximately Rs. 1,000 was paid out to support workers in the Telugu Mission. We feel very grateful that the Institution has been the means of bringing help in the financing of mission

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## SOUTH INDIA UNION

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### A REPORT OF THE GIFFARD MISSION HOSPITAL FOR 1939

D. W. SEMMENS, *Medical Superintendent*

THE year 1939 has been a very successful one. There is cause to rejoice that the Lord has blessed in the medical work at Nuzvid.

There came to the hospital during the year 1939 over 13,000 patients. This number compares favourably with the best years of the Institution. When one remembers that the place operates only about ten months in the year, it becomes evident that almost 1,300 are seen monthly. This report also would have the readers reminded that our clientele are from among the Hindu and Mohammedan people; that these people have their festivals and auspicious moments when they remain away.

Another item worthy of mention is the fact that through the years we have striven to help the Indian to help himself. Our patients have been taught that services rendered are worthy of payment in return. Therefore, most pay fees. At one time charitable funds were set up. For many reasons we have had to relinquish these, and now find that we must carry on with the help rendered by those who are able to pay fees. Taking fees from those who come to us cuts down the number who can attend. However, we strive to help every one who is deemed worthy.

The in-patient average for the working days of the hospital is around thirty-eight. Our patients come from many miles in the surrounding districts. The bed capacity is around fifty. At one time during the year we had sixty-one beds occupied. These were cared for in the wards, doubling up in rooms, and on the verandas.

Three wards take care of the majority of the patients who come to us, although we always have some enjoying the fresh air of the open verandas. Two of the wards are given over to women and one to men. There are also two cottages that are available for patients.

The two doctors each have a separate clinic building. The average daily outpatient work is around forty-five. Two days of the week are devoted to surgery. The clinics operate during the cool months of the year from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M., and during the hot months from 7 A.M. to 12 A.M. Emergencies are taken care of night and day.

It is the endeavour of the Institution to check over thoroughly every person who comes for treatment. This is not always appreciated on their part, as they only crave relief. However, if the cause of the illness is known, it is much simpler to treat the patients, and they begin to realize that all done is for their good. Every patient staying in the hospital receives, besides a physical check over, routine laboratory work.

The nursing care afforded the patient is on a par with that given in any medical centre in this country. All this is done by the student nurses and the graduates who have been trained in the hospital. The supervision given by our European supervisors is excellent and of a very high standard.

Through the years the hospital has had added to its facilities modern and up-to-date appliances for use in caring for the patient. In the main these have been donated by friends of the hospital and staff.

Installation of electricity last year was accomplished without asking for Mission funds. This item cost over Rs. 4,000, and is, of course, one of the

work. When it is remembered that the hospital closes down for five to six weeks every year because of hill leave, it is remarkable that it does so well.

The main reason for operating medical work is missionary. This phase of the work is to be the right arm of the message. Let us not neglect to pray earnestly that our loyal medical workers may be sustained by God in their undertakings for Him. Every man and woman who are Seventh-day Adventists and who are employed here, have as their object the bringing of souls to a knowledge of Christ and His saving power.

Several churches have been raised up as a result of the interest manifested by patients in the hospital. These companies are looked after by our workers and those from the Telugu Mission office.

The patients who come to us for care have the opportunity of hearing about the message from the workers who minister to them. Also meetings are held for them in the wards, and at times pictures are shown of Bible stories. Many listen and return to their homes with these stories on their lips. As we meet all classes, it is a fine opportunity to be able to give them words of courage and hope. They are given literature to read, and portions of the Scripture to take home with them.

The Nuzvid Sabbath school is well attended and is a live organization. The goals set by this school are high, but they are reached. The opportunity of inviting the patients, relatives, and friends to come to Sabbath school is always taken care of by our members, the auditorium often being taxed to capacity to hold the folk who come. One merchant man sent his little boy every week while he was with us as a patient. He himself attended when he was convalescing. He told us, "If these children are so well behaved and study their lessons so well, I want my boy to go to Sabbath school also." His son came and was bright and learned the lessons we taught our children. Who knows but that the seed of truth will take root in that home.

Every year we have the opportunity of doing Uplift. This gives us the opportunity of finding out what manner of work the hospital has been doing for its community. Our goals are generally reached and over-subscribed. We have found a very favourable report from our patrons, and they encourage us to keep on with the work. It is a source of courage to see the work progressing from year to year.

#### THE KOTTARAKARA HIGH SCHOOL

The Kottarakara High School closed another good year on Monday, March 11th, and the students and most of the

teachers scattered to their homes, or to other work, leaving the buildings mere empty shells, and the campus silent and desolate.

It has been a good year of effort and accomplishment on the part of teachers and students alike. Pastor E. R. Osmunson, the Principal of the school as well as the Mission Superintendent, is always on the look-out to uphold the banner of Christian education in the Malayalam country. Visitors have given remarkable testimony regarding the progress we are making along the industrial and gardening work under the able direction of the Principal.

The students were very industrious and active in doing missionary work. They did their best in Big Week, and every Sabbath the M. V. members held open-air meetings in the surrounding villages. A remarkable growth has taken place in our Progressive Class work this year. At the close of the Week of Prayer in December, the members of the church gathered on the shore of a beautiful canal while eleven persons were buried with their Lord in baptism to arise and walk, as we believe, in the newness of life.

March 9th, the last Sabbath of the school year, was a great day for our school. On Friday evening Brother L. J. Larson, the new Principal of the school, made a stirring appeal to our students to consecrate themselves to God. This brought a hearty response from our young people.

At nine o'clock Sabbath morning all gathered for an interesting Sabbath school, which was followed by the Baccalaureate sermon by Pastor E. R. Osmunson, in which the aim of the graduating class, "To Win the Crown," and the class motto, "Grow in Grace," were stressed.

In the afternoon a very interesting and inspiring service was held. It was a Missionary Volunteer Investiture service. The service was an impressive one, and all seemed moved by the instruction, exhortation, and appeal presented by Brother Larson who presided over the meetings. (Brother and Sister Larson are both Master Comrades.) The members of the various classes gave a demonstration of what they have learned during the year. The two lectures given by Mrs. Osmunson and Mr. G. P. Crussiah, the M. V. secretary for the Malayalam Mission, were greatly appreciated by all. Brother Larson impressed upon the minds of the candidates the added responsibilities they shouldered when they advanced to higher grounds. Sister Larson then pinned the insignia on the twenty Friends, seven Companions, and the twelve Comrades who had worked faithfully to win these tokens. Aside from this, twenty Reading Course awards were given out, together with sixteen Standard of Attainment certificates, twenty-

two Vocational Honour cards, eight Christian Help certificates, twelve Missionary Endeavour certificates, twenty Home Efficiency certificates, twenty Health Habit certificates, and eighteen Bible Year certificates. This was indeed a happy occasion for all the members of the Missionary Volunteer society.

The graduating exercises were held Saturday evening. The class roll was six in number, of which one was a girl. The graduates sat upon the rostrum with the president in the centre. Space will not permit us to give the full program, but suffice it to say that it was filled with interest from beginning to end. At the close the diplomas were presented to the graduates by the Principal.

The following day was spent as a campus day. At noon a grand dinner was served at the hostel. In the evening, a campus meeting was held in the open air, with Pastor Osmunson in the chair. Several boys and girls took part in the program. Brother Larson talked on the plans for the next school year. Prizes were given to students for good conduct and also for those who received highest grades in each standard.

Monday morning the students left the school for their respective places. The Lord has been good to us this year. We pray that He may shower His manifold blessings upon Brother Larson as he takes up the principalship of the school in a few months. We look to him as instructor in preparing young men and women for shouldering higher responsibilities in the proclamation of the third angel's message. We have every reason to believe that Brother and Sister Larson will leave no stone unturned to advance, in harmony with the will of God, the one cause in which we as a people are engaged.

P. I. MANUEL.

#### BANGALORE Y. P. M. V. SOCIETY INVESTITURE SERVICE

MRS. BERTHA LOWRY

The Bangalore Y. P. M. V. Society members were glad to unite with the Spicer College Y. P. M. V. Society on March 16 in an Investiture service. Mrs. Berntson had arranged a very interesting program, including our members in the items to be given.

It was a pleasure to know that ten of our society members were ready to be invested, nine as Companions and one as a Master Comrade. They were thrilled to receive their pins for the work they had completed. Soon we shall have others who will have finished the work outlined for the Companions.

For two months the cooking class met once a week for two hours on Sunday afternoons. It was well attended, and judging from appearances when the time

came for eating what had been cooked, all enjoyed the cooking, at least the results. Two boys and seven girls took the examination in order to get the vocational honour in cooking. Others were content to have only the required amount for the insignias.

At the time of the Investiture service we gave out the vocational honour cards to the three boys who were leaving for Vincent Hill School the following day. The vocational honours were as follows: Three in cycling, two in book-keeping, and two in cooking. Other vocational honour cards and certificates were given out in Bangalore at the regular meeting of the Society. They were as follows: Four Senior Reading Course and eight Junior Reading Course certificates; four Senior Bible Year and one Junior Bible Year certificates; sixty-seven vocational honour cards.

As soon as hill leave is over, classes will again be started to prepare for Friends, Comrades, and Master Comrades. The past quarter our senior young people have each engaged in some form of active home missionary work. God has greatly blessed them, and we expect greater blessings during the remaining months of this year.

#### A MADRAS WEDDING

The first wedding to be celebrated in the new Madras Church was that of Mr. W. J. Roberts and Miss Dorothy Holroyd, which took place on March 28. The church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, was filled with members and friends. Pastor J. C. Dean officiated, the service being choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a becoming gown of white figured georgette, with a tulle veil, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The bride's sisters, Kathleen and Norma Holroyd, were bridesmaid and flower girl respectively. Mr. Eric Holroyd was the best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was given at the White Memorial Hall, Egmore, at which the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Pastor J. C. Dean.

We wish them the best, and pray that God will bless them abundantly.

P. CRAMER.

#### BEZWADA NEWS

THE evidence of God's working is felt here in a very special manner. New interests are springing up on every hand, and the prospects are bright and encouraging for developing a solid work in this city.

In Woodpet, which is about three miles from Bezwada, we have a live Sabbath school, with eighteen baptized members, who take a great interest in lay-preacher evangelism. Six of these

give Bible studies and visit members and others very regularly.

We are happy indeed to report that a Y. P. M. V. Society was inaugurated here about eight weeks ago. If you could visit our young people's society, you would find the old and the young seated in their places, learning the Junior motto and pledge. What is more, a Progressive class is also being conducted, and the members are very enthusiastic about learning the requirements that are necessary to become Friends.

The Uplift goal for the Bezwada church is Rs. 50, but we intend to raise Rs. 150 instead of Rs. 50.

The frequent visits of Pastor H. G. Woodward prove a real blessing to our members. His inspiring and uplifting sermons are thoroughly enjoyed by all. We thank the TIDINGS family for their earnest prayers on our behalf in the past, and we ask for their continued supplications in future.

O. ISRAEL.

### NORTHEAST INDIA UNION

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#### ANNUAL MEETINGS IN THE NORTHEAST UNION

F. H. LOASBY

AMONG THE SANTALS

SOON after the close of our Budget Meetings in Calcutta, the season of Northeast Union Annual Meetings commenced, most of which the writer had the pleasure of attending.

During the last week in February we had an excellent meeting for the Santal believers in Kolyan, on the Sahibgunj Loop line. This is one of the Bihar Mission stations, and our people are simple folk who live in the foot-hills of the low ranges which, at this point, almost reach the banks of the great river Ganges. Indeed, Maharajpur, the railway station, is noted as the site of the fort once occupied by a powerful Mogal chief, who, from his stronghold, levied toll upon those who sailed up and down the river in those days.

The work among these simple folk has been quite successful, and we have some staunch members among them. They had built a "tabernacle," seating one hundred or more, from bamboo poles tied together with a tough creeper, and covered with mats. This "auditorium" really had its floor on the bed of a dried-up rice field, while at one end, on the bank, was the simply, yet well arranged platform. It all reminded one of the descriptions of the "booths" of the children of Israel.

Our good people who attended were very earnest, and during the five days of the meetings I am sure that all were very greatly helped. One white-headed old brother was very sincere in testifying to his simple faith. He was an ex-policeman, and, with his wife, an old lady leaning upon a staff of ample proportions, never missed a single meeting.

The last day of the meetings was taken up by the ordinances of the church, in which most of those present took part with sincere appreciation. This is part of the territory in which Brother Borrowdale has been working for some years, but which did not receive much help while he was on furlough. At this meeting there were present, besides Pastor and Sister Borrowdale and the writer, Brethren L. G.

### Statistical Report of the S

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized Churches	Membership Last Reported	Members Added			
			By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	
<b>BURMA UNION</b>						
Irrawaddy Mission	7	494	7	—	—	5
Tenasserim Mission	2	143	—	—	—	1
North Burma Mission	2	136	—	—	—	7
Totals	11	773	7	—	—	13
<b>NORTHEAST INDIA UNION</b>						
Assam Mission	1	34	13	—	—	3
Bengal Mission	13	411	—	—	—	1
Bihar Mission	1	425	—	—	—	—
Conference	1	16	—	—	—	7
Totals	22	886	13	—	—	11
<b>NORTHWEST INDIA UNION</b>						
United Provinces	8	599	46	1	—	8
Punjab Mission	6	649	—	—	—	—
Sind Mission	1	22	1	—	—	—
Conference	1	85	—	—	—	—
Totals	16	1,305	47	1	—	8
<b>SOUTH INDIA UNION</b>						
Ceylon Mission	4	141	4	—	—	—
Malayalam Mission	20	1,002	67	7	—	—
Kanarese Mission	5	261	5	2	—	18
Telugu Mission	20	660	112	—	—	124
Tamil Mission	21	676	52	—	—	13
Conference	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	70	2,740	240	9	—	155
<b>WESTERN INDIA UNION</b>						
Gujarat Mission	1	30	—	—	—	—
Marathi Mission	12	559	11	—	—	4
Central Provinces	1	9	—	—	—	—
Central India	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	14	598	11	—	—	4
<b>Summary</b>						
Burma Union	11	773	7	—	—	13
Northeast India Union	22	886	13	—	—	11
Northwest India Union	16	1,305	47	1	—	8
South India Union	70	2,740	240	9	—	155
Western India Union	14	598	11	—	—	4
O. W. Pub. House	—	—	—	—	—	—
Division Totals	133	6,302	318	10	—	191

Mookerjee, N. G. Mookerjee, and others. Brother N. G. Mookerjee was afforded an excellent opportunity, while attending these meetings, of doing a little propaganda work among the parents, on behalf of the Bihar Mission High School.

This was not the only Annual Meeting held for the Santal field. At the close of the Kolyan meeting, we all moved to the Karmatar side of the Santal field for further meetings among believers there. To this Karmatar Annual Meeting came some of our Santal believers who had walked over eighty miles in order to be present. Our believers were happy, indeed, to see Brother and Sister Borrowdale back among them once more. There were no

baptisms during these meetings, but a number are in preparation, and will be baptized shortly.

We are glad that Brother Barko Kisku, who has been attending Spicer College for further study, is now back among his Santal people. He will be a welcome addition to the work among the Santal people.

AMONG THE ORAONS AND MUNDAS

The middle of March saw us holding Annual Meetings in the Oraon and Khunti sections of the Bihar Mission field. The Oraon field is at present in charge of Pastor P. D. Kujur and his workers. There is a healthy interest there, and four were baptized at this meeting.

On the other side of Ranchi, in Pastor C. Jensen's field, a well-attended meeting was held for the Munda people at the Khunti mission station. There was a good spirit manifested at this meeting, which was attended by Brethren R. J. Borrowdale, W. B. Votaw, C. A. Larsen, P. D. Kujur, as well as by Brother C. Jensen and the writer.

Brother Jensen has worked very hard and faithfully in this field for several years, and there have been a good number of baptisms. On this occasion fourteen were added to the church by baptism at a very impressive service in a nearby lake. The candidates were baptized by Pastor Jensen, assisted by Pastor P. D. Kujur.

ern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Quarter Ending December 31, 1939

By Letter	Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers		Licensed Ministers		Licensed Missionaries		Colporteurs		Other Workers		Total Workers		Tithe		Foreign Mission Offerings	Sabbath School Offerings	Contributions for Home Mission Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Retail Book and Periodical Sales
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4	405	2	2	2	...	8	4	3	8	...	19	8	40	(2,906-13)	5,487-10	7,563-11	1,111-6	54-8	2,061-15	21	764	...
...	411	5	...	3	...	5	...	...	3	...	20	10	28	1,127-7	965-12	1,967-15	714-12	...	...	37	939	...
...	23	1	1	1	...	3	1	...	...	...	4	5	6	568-9	...	10-0	17-0	...	...	...	...	...
4	889	10	5	4	...	11	14	4	14	...	46	28	80	(750-4)	6,739-0	3,148-2	2,034-13	54-8	2,061-15	63	1,566	5,030-0
5	647	11	2	...	5	13	17	...	7	...	21	24	52	2,402-8	2,055-9	826-7	1,497-8	2-0	267-7	50	1,315	...
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5	1,353	14	6	...	18	14	30	...	13	...	53	28	100	2,802-9	3,430-12	1,191-8	2,327-8	2-0	307-10	104	3,381	4,891-3
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...	1,074	1	4	1	...	2	17	...	13	...	11	4	51	229-0	549-13	220-15	196-9	...	...	33	1,754	...
9	276	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	3	1	9	819-5	950-10	166-13	418-4	15-8	120-12	7	398	...
140	748	2	4	2	...	6	34	...	6	...	19	10	67	734-12	1,055-10	570-11	885-11	10-0	49-0	48	1,603	...
22	702	2	6	...	11	2	16	...	8	...	3	4	44	349-9	2,185-6	164-7	583-12	21-10	...	36	1,222	...
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Brother N. G. Mookerjee, who was present at this meeting, was able to do good work in giving a number of educational talks, and in interviewing parents of prospective students.

#### EAST BENGAL ANNUAL MEETING

This Annual Meeting was held at Jalirpar, where a very adequate and serviceable *shamiana* had been erected. The attendance, including students and teachers from the Bengal High School, was very good. The weather was excellent, and the meetings were very helpful. Among those present were the following,—Brother and Sister LeRoy Hunter, Brother and Sister H. H. Mattison, Brother L. G. Mookerjee, Dr. and Mrs. Johannes, Brother and Sister A. E. Rawson from Calcutta, Pastor P. C. Gayen, and the writer.

As we have no separate West Bengal meeting, the workers from that field attended the East Bengal meeting, as also did the colporteurs generally.

A very helpful and uplifting series of talks and sermons was presented, and the spirit of the meetings was excellent. We believe that our Bengali people and workers were greatly helped and encouraged, and that they start out again with a new spirit and determination.

We were able, at this meeting, to call in and talk over matters with a number of our colporteurs, with a view to helping them to solve some of their personal problems and to encourage them for future effort.

On Sabbath, March 30th, a baptism was held, and eight candidates were buried in the waters of the canal in front of the mission station by Pastor P. C. Gayen.

We pray for a stronger and more prosperous work in the great river sections of Bengal. May God bless the labours of our workers in that field.

#### THE ORAON CAMP MEETING

THE Oraon meeting held at Moro this year was a genuine camp-meeting though on a somewhat smaller scale than we are used to in the homelands.

A big white tent near the village schoolhouse, with small canvas tents clustered around for the Indian folk attending, made a very pleasing little scene. The meeting house, one that the Master Himself used so frequently, was just the welcome shade of a spreading tree.

The people themselves were quite in keeping with the scene, being simple village folk, with the usual friendly good temper of an Indian gathering. Their happy, uncomplaining attitude, and their love of song, soon endeared them to the hearts of us who were privileged to visit and serve them.

One surprise they provided was the unusual and unexpected promptness at every meeting. I think a banner with

"present and on time," could have been hung at every service. And the pleasure with which the simple sermons were received was a joy to those of us who stood before them hoping that we could be, at the same time, simple enough to be understood, and yet instructive enough to be of help. Perhaps the simple facts of the gospel and the Christian life have in them something the soul longs for that is lost when buried beneath too great a load of oratory.

Our Christian folk in their clean and neat dress, and with the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit shining in their faces, presented quite a marked contrast to the wild heathen people with their blue and white neck bands of beads, their heavy brass bracelets, the round pieces of wood thrust through their ear lobes, and their faces dull and lowering as is usually the case with animists. The gospel and the Christian school really do something for these people.

One much appreciated feature of the meeting was the school program. The headmaster of the Karmatar High School was present and had charge. Pictures of the school and its activities were shown, and then students from the school spoke. Quite a noticeable wave of pride in "our boys and girls" passed over the faces of the audience, and we hope enthusiasm for the school will result in new students for the coming term.

Brother P. D. Kujur's faithful work was well rewarded at the close of the meeting when four precious souls walked down into the water with him and were born into the household of God.

R. J. BORROWDALE.

#### KHUNTI ANNUAL MEETING

R. J. BORROWDALE

NOT having visited the Khunti property for some years, it was a very pleasant surprise to note the difference in its appearance. At the last visit all that greeted the eye were just a few bricks lying about, a few holes in the ground, and a go-down filled with lime. At the time of the annual meeting in March, not only were the bungalow and the new school in evidence, but the estate itself was a very satisfying picture of labour rewarded with a desert made to blossom as the rose. Brother Jensen and his boys are to be congratulated on what they have done with stout hearts, willing hands, and very little else.

The new school building is well constructed, and the boys, thanks again to the farm, seem to be about as well proportioned as the school. The students seemed very happy, and if their happiness was based on the culinary arrangements, it was well founded. Plenty of garden produce to help the rice is a great benefit, and the boys'

cooking was very good. I know, because I ate a meal with them.

Many of the people who attended the meeting had left their farms at an inconvenient time and walked quite long distances. An interesting feature was the bringing in of lay tithe with them to the meeting. One man had seven rupees to give to the treasurer.

Simple instruction was given in as simple a way as possible at the meetings, and if the expression of face indicates anything in the matter, not only the village people but European visitors as well enjoyed the simple sermons very much. A talk by Brother F. H. Loasby on self-help and support of mission finances was particularly interesting and well received. Offers from the people to support their school with gifts resulted. As the need for a school here is very great, it is to be hoped these offers will materialize and be augmented.

At Sabbath school, when the report should have been read, a telegram was handed to the superintendent, who appeared to read it and then announced that the General Conference had a message for the Sabbath school which would now be received by radio. This was a surprise indeed. However, from what appeared to be a loud speaker on the wall came a message purporting to be from Washington, mentioning facts regarding the local Sabbath school and encouraging the members to be faithful. There was also a word of appreciation for what had been accomplished. Curiosity being aroused, I went back after the service and discovered that the loud speaker was nothing more than an Indian flour sieve hung on a nail and decorated with coloured paper. A long section of water pipe protruding from the other side of the wall explained the muffled voice which had so cleverly simulated the true radio sound. The thought came to mind that if this inventive genius should later be put to use devising ways of reaching and winning souls from among the Mundas, something surely ought to happen.

The people showed their love and appreciation of what had been done for them by Brother Jensen in a very impressive little farewell ceremony. Our hearts were touched as we looked on, for we knew how hard our brother had worked, and with what watering of tears the good seed had been nurtured. However, all the hard work and tearful sowing was amply rewarded at the end of the meetings when, at a tank in Khunti town, fourteen new members received baptism. Brethren C. Jensen and P. D. Kujur officiated. An Indian Methodist minister commented on the unusually happy expression on the faces of the candidates. Their happiness was no greater than ours as we looked on and thanked the Lord in our hearts for what His Spirit has brought to pass.

INVESTITURE SERVICE AT  
RANGOON

ON MARCH 8 the M. V. meeting of the Rangoon church was turned into an Investiture service, when fourteen Friends and eight Companions received their insignia. The audience was much interested in shorts talks, songs, and a few appropriate recitations, as well as a brief demonstration on bandaging. All the boys and girls invested were members of the Rangoon English church school. Pastor W. W. Christensen made a special appeal to the young people to remain true to the ideals set before them that day, as well as during the time of their training in the classes. Before presenting the badges, Brother Christensen handed out nineteen Junior Reading Course certificates, two Junior Bible Year certificates, and eight Vocational Honours to the members of the classes, as well as two Junior Reading Course certificates to the teachers. Mrs. Christensen and each of her three children received Primary Reading Course certificates.

Five of the boys and girls invested were among the group that left Rangoon on the following Thursday with the school party for Mussoorie. The Rangoon school and Sabbath school will greatly miss these young people, and our prayers go with them as they begin their new life as boarders in Vincent Hill School.

EMMA LEHMANN.

*Dason.*—Thursday, the 18th of April, will be remembered as a very tragic day in the annals of Salisbury Park. At about 10:30 on that morning a group of children in a field had their play interrupted by the approach of an impending thunderstorm. Before they reached shelter, however, a sudden flash of lightning struck four of the group to the ground, not seriously injuring three of them, but bringing sudden death to the largest of them, eleven-year-old Bharatha Dason. Nearby friends and neighbours rushed to the spot and tenderly cared for the little lad, carrying him to a nearby shelter.

Wednesday had been a red-letter day in Bharatha's experience, for it was the last day of a very profitable school year at the Salisbury Park church school. He had done so exceptionally well that he had been awarded double promotion. On that high day he had received words of commendation and the news of his success with great joy. In a little meeting held with the school group, Bharatha bore testimony to the benefit he had received from the school and of his determination to live a life of helpful service. The student body dispersed in high spirits, and the last we saw of Bharatha was his hurrying up the steps of the Publishing House to see his father, Brother J. S. Dason, who is the

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Editor of our Tamil GOOD WAY, to show  
him his final scholarship report. Little  
did we realize that within twenty-four  
hours this bright and promising life  
would be snuffed out. Ours must be  
a faith that recognizes the providence  
of an all-wise Father, for to fully  
understand such a tragedy is beyond our  
finite minds.

At six o'clock the entire Estate family  
gathered together, first at the home and  
later in our little grave lot, where we  
laid one of the lambs of the flock to  
rest to await the call of Jesus. In har-  
mony with the very appropriate words  
used by Pastor N. C. Wilson, and the  
comforting promises read anew from  
God's Word, we sang, "Safe in the Arms  
of Jesus."

Our hearts go out in sympathy to the  
sorrowing family who have been called  
upon to sustain this terrific blow. Their  
faith in God is strong, and they, with  
us, look forward to the glorious appear-  
ing at which time Bharatha will come  
forth to join His jewels.

*Baldwin.*—We much regret having to  
announce the death of Sister Estella  
Baldwin at the residence of Sister Marie  
Maseyk in Bangalore on the morning  
of Sunday, the 7th of April. The de-  
ceased had been in poor health for some  
time, but her end was peaceful. She  
accepted the third angel's message at

the end of the year 1924, from Pastor  
P. C. Poley, who was then in charge  
of the work in Madras. The funeral  
took place at the Oosoor General Ceme-  
tery the same afternoon, Pastor H. M.  
Peak officiating. The hymn, "Nearer,  
My God, to Thee," was sung by those  
who attended to pay their last respect  
to one who had been faithful to the  
end. Our sympathy is extended to those  
who are left to mourn their loss.

P. H. CRAMER.

## POONA PARAGRAPHS

THE Salisbury Park church school  
closed on April 17 for the summer vaca-  
tion. Pastor Steeves gave an appro-  
priate talk to the children on the  
closing day. The school enjoyed a suc-  
cessful year. The teachers have now  
become Urdu pupils for the vacation  
under Daniel Rai.

Quite a gloom was cast over the Es-  
tate on Thursday, April 18, when  
Bharatha (commonly known as Bharda),  
eldest son of Mr. Dason, our Tamil  
editor, was struck by lightning and  
killed instantly. Mrs. Mackett, our es-  
tate nurse, and Brother Steeves rushed  
to the scene of the tragedy to do what  
they could, but all their efforts were  
fruitless. A doctor was called, and he  
said that death had been instantaneous.  
Bhartha was laid to rest at six o'clock  
that same day. Our deepest sympathies  
are extended to Brother and Sister  
Dason and their three remaining sons.  
An obituary notice appears in this issue  
of the TIDINGS.

Pastor and Mrs. D. W. Smith and  
baby Wesley are now in Kodaikanal on  
hill leave. From there they will go to  
Colombo, their new field of labour. We  
are going to miss these folk from Poona.  
Brother Smith took charge of the Sab-  
bath services for some months before  
he left, and we found these sermons  
very helpful and inspiring.

## WORD FROM STREVERS

WE WISH to thank all who remem-  
bered us in their prayers, and we are  
glad to say that our merciful and just  
heavenly Father saw fit to answer the  
prayers of the brethren in our behalf  
and granted extended grace. I am  
slowly improving and gaining in weight,  
and trust I will be able to go to work  
soon.

We are very sorry that it was neces-  
sary for us to leave India. But we  
asked the Lord to open up the way to  
work for any of the passengers we might  
meet on the boat. We had *Present*  
*Truth*, and the Hongkong office gave us  
some *Signs*. On the "President Cool-  
idge" I was invited to take the Sunday  
services. Dr. Truman, who joined us  
at Shanghai, spoke the first Sunday.

## CHURCH CALENDAR 1940

Spicer College Day	May 11
Eastern Tidings Day	May 25
Missionary Volunteer Day	June 22
Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer	June 22 to 29
Spirit of Prophecy Day	July 20
Colporteur Rally Day	August 3
Sabbath School Rally Day	August 24
Big Week	October 5 to 12
Oriental Watchman Day	November 9
Week of Prayer	December 7 to 14
Annual Offering	December 14
Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath in each month.

Soon one of the ladies came and asked  
for studies. It was our privilege to  
have studies with her until we parted  
in San Francisco. Toward the end of  
the journey she brought a ship's ac-  
quaintance with her, and the last night  
we had studies until twelve o'clock.  
We took an order for "Great Contro-  
versy" from her, purchased it from our  
Honolulu office, and delivered it to her  
on the boat.

This lady's husband is in the lumber  
business in the Philippines. She was  
returning to the States for medical at-  
tention, and said many times that per-  
haps the Lord had let her take this  
trip in order that she might get this  
new light on the Bible.

Wherever we may go there are souls  
seeking truth if only we will let the  
Lord use us. And even though we do  
not understand the way the Lord may  
lead us, yet we should never doubt His  
guiding hand. We shall never forget  
our friends in India and their many  
kindnesses to us.

H. D. STREVER.

## SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAM

MAY 12-18

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May 14.	G. C. 150-153.
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May 16.	G. C. 156-159.
May 17.	G. C. 160-162.
May 18.	G. C. 162-165.

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May 21.	G. C. 171-173.
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May 25.	G. C. 181-184.



# CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

## LAY ACTIVITIES

## FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

(Prepared by L. G. Mookerjee)

Sabbath, June 1, 1940.

### TOPIC: LAY ACTIVITIES

Opening Hymn:	.. No. 722, "Christ in Song."
Prayer.	
Reading:	.. "Lay Activities."
Reading:	.. "Not a New Plan."
Reading:	.. "Brings Happiness and Peace."
Hymn	.. No. 561, "Bring Them In."
Reading:	.. "Time to Begin."
Reading:	.. "Six Excuses."
Closing Hymn:	.. No. 513, "Christ in Song."
Benediction.	

CHRIST'S object in placing His church in this world. John 17:18.

"In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew! Why did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken.

"In great distress I awoke. I went to sleep again, and I seemed to be in a large gathering. One of authority was addressing the company, before whom was spread out a map of the world. He said that the map pictured God's vineyard, which must be cultivated. As light from heaven shone upon any one, that one was to reflect the light to others. Lights were to be kindled in many places, and from these lights still other lights were to be kindled....

"I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's Word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village. His truth was proclaimed throughout the world....

"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* Vol. IX, pp. 28, 29.

Seven of the eleven disciples of Christ were won by personal labour: 1. Andrew; 2. Simon; 3. Philip; 4. Nathanael; 5. Matthew; 6. James; 7. John.

(1)

#### HOW CHRISTIAN WORK BEGAN

In the course of three verses in the first chapter of John's Gospel, a remarkable feature is the occurrence of the word "FIND" five times—twice in verse 41, once in verse 43, and twice in verse 45.

There seems to be a twofold lesson in these verses. "Finding" is primary; but testifying is its essential sequel in the relationship of the disciple to his Master and his fellows. Verses 41, 45.

Verses 41, 45. The word "findeth," in both cases, refers to the finding of a friend to whom the message can be brought, not to the initial finding of the Saviour.

In fact, in these testimonies is a double finding. The man "finds" the Saviour and then goes forth to "find" his friend.

Verse 43. Now let us turn our attention to this verse. We find that it is the Lord Jesus Himself who is here spoken of as "finding."

(II)

Here we find another vital lesson. Philip went off to Nathanael and said: "We have found Him." Oh yes, Philip had found the Saviour! But mark this—the Saviour found Philip before Philip found the Saviour. "Jesus saith unto him, Follow Me."

Now what about Andrew? Read verse 40. And what had Andrew heard John the Baptist say? Andrew had heard on the preceding day, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Read verse 36.

(III)

The important point is this that the Saviour finds the sinner before the sinner finds the Saviour; so then in reality we have a triple finding in our triplet of verses 41, 43 and 45. The Saviour finds the sinner; the sinner finds the Saviour; the sinner goes forth in his Saviour's name and strength, and finds his fellow-sinner. Now the chain is complete.

(IV)

We learn another lesson from this incident. This Christian service was directed toward an individual. Andrew first found his brother, Simon. Andrew might have published this discovery broadcast, but why did he not do so? May we suggest that it was love for his own kith and kin. Another reason may be because of the fact that he was rather backward to address a company as he was a humble fisherman. If this was so, that first recorded act of lay activity is not without encouragement to the humblest and most retiring believer who wishes to do something

for the Master. The writer thinks that probably more persons have been brought to Jesus by private converse than by public preaching.

This reading will not be complete unless we think for a while on the value of a soul. We need to turn our thoughts to Joshua 2:1-22 and Joshua 6:17-25, laying emphasis on the seventeenth verse of the sixth chapter of Joshua.

"The value of a soul, who can estimate? Would you know its worth, go to Gethsemane, and there watch with Christ through those hours of anguish, when He sweat as it were great drops of blood. Look upon the Saviour uplifted on the cross. Hear that despairing cry, 'My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?' Look upon the wounded head, the pierced side, the marred feet. Remember that Christ risked all. For our redemption, heaven itself was imperilled. At the foot of the cross, remembering that for one sinner Christ would have laid down His life, you may estimate the value of a soul."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* p. 196.

"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."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 352.

#### NOT A NEW PLAN

WHILE some may consider the laymen's missionary movement to be a new phase of Christian endeavour, yet in the history of the Christian church it is really not a new plan, nor an untried one. Seventh-day Adventists are not the only ones who have been laying emphasis on this idea. At the present time the writer is acquainted with missionary-minded men who are carrying heavy responsibilities right here in India in connection with such a movement. These are laymen themselves and they

are using their own means and time to push forward this important movement. There are organizations among the Baptist and other denominations known as the Laymen's Missionary Movement and Laymen's Evangelical Fellowship, which are accomplishing a great deal.

Going back to the experience recorded in the first reading, I wish to quote a few short paragraphs from the soul-inspiring book, "The Desire of Ages," page 141: "With the calling of John and Andrew and Simon, of Philip and Nathanael, began the foundation of the Christian church. John directed two of his disciples to Christ. Then one of these, Andrew, found his brother, and called him to the Saviour. Philip was then called, and he went in search of Nathanael. *These examples should teach us the importance of personal effort, of making direct appeals to our kindred, friends, and neighbours.* There are those who for a lifetime have professed to be acquainted with Christ, yet who have never made a personal effort to bring even one soul to the Saviour. They leave all the work for the minister. He may be well qualified for his calling, but he cannot do that which God has left for the members of the church.

"There are many who need the ministration of loving Christian hearts. Many have gone down to ruin who might have been saved, if their neighbours, common men and women, had put forth personal effort for them. *Many are waiting to be personally addressed.* In the very family, the neighbourhood, the town where we live, there is work for us to do as missionaries for Christ. If we are Christians, this work will be our delight. No sooner is one converted than there is born within him a desire to make known to others what a precious friend he has found in Jesus. The saving and sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in his heart.

"All who are consecrated to God will be channels of light. God makes them His agents to communicate to others the riches of His grace. His promise is, 'I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.'" (Ezek. 34:26).

It is the divine plan that wherever a church is located, her members should take the responsibility of carrying the truth to every individual around the neighbourhood of that church.

S. D. Gordon's story of the plan of carrying the truth to every individual we come across and to those around us is worth repeating:

"Somebody has supposed the scene that he thinks may have taken place after Jesus went back. The last the earth sees of Him is the cloud—not a rain cloud, but a glory cloud—that sweeps down and conceals Him from

view. And the earth has not seen Him since, though the old Book does say that some day He is coming back in just the same way He went away, and some of us are strongly inclined to think it will be as the Book says in that regard.

"But this friend I speak of has supposed that...the Master is walking down the golden street one day, arm in arm with Gabriel, talking intently, earnestly. Gabriel is saying:

"Master, You died for the whole world down there, did you not?"

"Yes."

"You must have suffered much."

"Yes," comes the answer in a very quiet voice, but strangely full of deepest feeling.

"And do they all know about it?"

"Oh, no! Only a few in Palestine know about it so far."

"Well, Master, what is Your plan? What have You done about telling the world You died for, that You have died for them? What is Your plan?"

"Well, the Master is supposed to answer, 'I asked Peter, James, and John, and little Scotch Andrew, and some more of them down there just to make it the business of their lives to tell others, and the others are to tell others, and the others, others, and yet others, and still others, until the last man in the farthest circle has heard the story and has felt the thrilling and the thrilling power of it.'

"Yes—but suppose Peter fails. Suppose after a while John simply does not tell others. Suppose their descendants, their successors,...do not tell others, what then?"

"And back came that quiet, wondrous voice of Jesus, 'Gabriel, I haven't made any other plans; I'm counting on them.'"

Yes, the Lord is counting on each one of us to tell the story of salvation to our relatives, friends, and neighbours. I wonder how many of us have fulfilled the task appointed to us by Heaven!

## BRINGS HAPPINESS AND PEACE

"ONE of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." John 1:40, 41.

Andrew had come in contact with the fountain of life, and he was so refreshed that his desire to share with others its blessings caused him to invite his brother Peter, and point him to the Christ. This plan of personal work has always been effective, yet how many of us are negligent in following the Bible method. The following counsel from the Lord is very timely: "Let all

who believe the truth begin to work. Do the work that lies nearest you.... If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, ...each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. If our people will act upon the light that is given in these few words of instruction, we shall surely see the salvation of God. Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted, and many souls will be added to the church. When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 246.* Thus it is very clear that the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon His church today depends upon the activity manifested by her members.

Mr. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, in his book, "The Soul-Winner," says: "Men go hunting and shooting for mere love of the sport. Surely, in an infinitely higher sphere, we may hunt for men's souls for the pleasing indulgence of our benevolence. To some of us, it would be an unendurable misery to see men sink to hell, and to be making no effort for their salvation. It is a reward to us to have a vent for our inward fires. It is woe and weariness to us to be shut up from those sacred activities which aim at plucking fire-brands from the flame. We are in deep sympathy with our fellows, and feel that, in a measure, their sin is our sin, their peril our peril.

"If another lose the way,  
My feet also go astray;  
If another downward go,  
In my heart is also woe.

"It is therefore a relief to set forth the gospel, that we may save ourselves from that sympathetic misery which echoes in our hearts the crash of soul-ruin.

"Soul-winning is a service which brings great benefit to the individual who consecrates himself to it. The man who has watched for a soul, prayed for it, laid his plans for it, spoken with much trembling, and endeavoured to make an impression, has been educating himself by the effort. Having been disappointed, he has cried to God more earnestly, has tried again, has looked up the promise to meet the case of the convicted one, has turned to that point of the divine character which seems most likely to encourage trembling faith—he has in every step been benefiting himself. When he has gone over the old, old story of the cross to the weeping penitent, and has at last gripped the hand of one who could say, 'I do believe that Jesus died for me,' I say, he has had a reward in the process through which his own mind has gone.

"When we see Jesus save another, and see that marvellous transfiguration which passes over the face of the saved one, our own faith is greatly confirmed. Sceptics and modern-thought men have little to do with converts. Those who labour for conversions believe in conversions. Those who behold the processes of regeneration see a miracle wrought and are certain that 'this is the finger of God.'

"Another precious recompense is found in the gratitude of those you bring to Christ. This is a choice boon—the blessedness of joying in another's joy, the bliss of hearing that you have led a soul to Jesus....

"If you are eager for real joy, such as you may think over and sleep upon, I am persuaded that no joy of growing wealthy, no joy of increasing knowledge, no joy of influence over your fellow creatures, no joy of any other sort, can ever be compared with the rapture of saving a soul from death, and helping to restore our lost brethren to our great Father's house."

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

#### TIME TO BEGIN

If anyone thinks that lay evangelism is a recent plan, it would be well for him to get acquainted with the practice of the Free Church of Britain. In practically every Protestant church in that land, for many years in the past, members have been selected as preachers who arranged for appointments in outlying districts, and often raised up new churches. It is a system of Christian work that should appeal strongly to Seventh-day Adventists. We are Bible students, and ought to know far more about the teachings of Scripture than any other people. Without doubt, the Holy Spirit is appealing to many a good brother to exercise his talents of teaching by holding meetings in cottages or large places of assembly.

I understand that about five hundred brethren in America are working in that way, and a harvest of souls is being gathered in. Thousands of voices are to be heard in the land teaching the truths of the third angel's message. May the present year see hundreds more busy in their spare time instructing groups of hearers in the truths of God's Word.

Some hesitate to respond for fear they will fail. The surest way to fail is not to start. The Lord has promised to supply the necessary talent and zeal to those who respond to His service. Full instruction has been worked out by the Home Missionary Department to help the beginner to start. Even the sermons have been blocked out. So there is no ground for fear of failure. Most regular preachers tremble a little when they preach their first sermon,

but that all disappears when the first sermon is over. I well remember the first sermon I preached. My knees knocked together, and I had to hold fast to the pulpit to keep from falling over. But that soon passed over, and I was able to maintain a calm demeanour in future attempts.

In opening up a lay effort, the first consideration is the place of meeting. Having secured that, see that it is neat, clean, and inviting. Place a notice in the local paper, or issue handbills, or both, to let the public know of the meetings. A study on the image of Daniel 2 is a suitable subject to start with, under a thought-provoking title such as, "The War Clouds in Europe, What Do They Mean?" or, "The Approach of the World's Greatest Event."

Have church members signed up to help in the singing. A quartette or duet can be arranged to follow the opening prayer.

In beginning the presentation of his subject, the speaker can say to the audience that he makes no pretence of being a preacher, that he is simply an ordinary business man (whatever his secular occupation may be), who feels impressed to tell his neighbours the meaning of present-day events as set forth in Scripture prophecy. That will break the ice, and put both speaker and audience at ease.

The lay preacher should secure a copy of the "Lay Preacher's Manual," as that book gives detailed instruction for conducting lay efforts.

Anyone who plans such an effort should secure the approval of the church, and the promise of its full co-operation. Then get in touch with the Home Missionary Secretary, or some near-by preacher, who will give the necessary information about conducting efforts. But, brethren, make the start. Don't consult your fears, but put your trust in God, who never fails those who try to serve Him.—*Selected.*

#### SIX EXCUSES

1. "I really have no time to do any missionary work."

ANSWER.—"But take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare." Luke 21: 34 (English Revised Version, 1938).

"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 46.

"Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to

His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 342.

2. "I do not know what I can do."

ANSWER.—"God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time.... There are many ways in which church members may give the message to those around them. One of the most successful is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 30.

"There is a wide field of service for women as well as for men. The efficient cook, the seamstress, the nurse—the help of all is needed.... There is earnest work for every pair of hands to do."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, pp. 36, 37.

3. "I have no ability to work for others."

ANSWER.—"Many who excuse themselves from Christian effort plead their inability for the work. But did God make them so incapable? No, never. This inability has been produced by their own inactivity, and perpetuated by their deliberate choice."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 365.

"It is not the capabilities you now possess, or ever will have, that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you.... Put your talents into the work, ask God for wisdom, and it will be given you."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 146.

4. "I think some minister should come to our neighbourhood and preach to them."

ANSWER.—"All should feel that they are their brother's keeper; that they are in a great degree responsible for the souls of those around them. The brethren err when they leave this work all to the ministers. They must not wait for the ministers, and neglect a plain duty which God has left for them to perform."—Vol. I, pp. 368, 369.

5. "I have tried over and over again, but it is hopeless for me to work for my neighbours, as they will never accept of this message."

ANSWER.—"We are to preach the word of light to those whom we may judge to be as hopeless subjects as though they were in their graves."—*An Appeal*, p. 23.

6. "I do not feel that God expects me to do missionary work."

ANSWER.—"None will be pronounced guiltless before God, unless they have worked earnestly and unselfishly for the salvation of souls."—Vol. V, p. 395.

"The Lord has a place for every one in His great plan.... The talents of the humble cottager are needed.... Even while engaged in their daily employment, God's people can lead others to Christ."—Vol. IX, pp. 37-39.

# 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.

JUNE 1, 1940

### KEEPING THE BAPTISTRY FILLED

A SISTER in one of our city churches proudly pointed to the baptistry in the church, and said, "My husband built that baptistry, and during the seventeen years that we have been members of this church the Lord has helped me to reach sixty-eight persons who have accepted the truth and been buried in the watery grave." This same sister had won seventeen people in another city, bringing her total of souls won up to eighty-five. She is seventy years of age, but is working and praying with determination to win at least a hundred souls before her day of opportunity is ended. If all our lay members were making the winning of souls their first responsibility, the baptistries in our churches would be crowded.

JUNE 8, 1940

### SCATTERING LITERATURE IN THE MIDST OF AIR RAIDS

AMONG the members of the Kweiyang (China) church is an aged sister whose zeal and devotion are a constant example and encouragement to others. Although more than seventy years of age, and in ill health for many years, she does not consider her age or infirmity an excuse for ceasing her missionary activities. Wherever she goes she bears witness for the Lord, spending much of her time in distributing tracts and telling to others what the Saviour has done for her. The present war situation in China, instead of furnishing an excuse for doing less missionary work, proves a special opportunity for this sister. When the air-raid signal sounds, it is customary for the people to flee out of the city for safety, returning only at the sound of the "all-clear" signal. While others are hastily gathering up their valuables preparatory to flight, our sister is preparing her package of tracts to carry with her, and she hands out the tracts to all her fleeing fellow townspeople who will accept them. As best she can, she improves every opportunity to tell the people of the prophecies of the Bible, of which present events are the fulfilment, and urges all to accept Christ and make Him their refuge from the calamities

that are coming upon the earth. Her face is aglow with happiness as she returns to the city and reports how many tracts she has given away and how many persons have listened to her personal witness to the power of salvation.

JUNE 18, 1940

### THE REASON WHY

A NEW pastor arrived at a city church. He found the missionary activities in that church were practically at a standstill. Only about 5 per cent of the church members were reporting any missionary work.

Now this was a missionary-minded pastor, and he tactfully began at the weakest point in the church efficiency program. Today, about eighteen months later, 67 per cent of the members in that church are reporting regularly, and the church is in a healthy spiritual condition. "That," said the pastor, "is one reason why I believe in a weekly church missionary service."

JUNE 22, 1940

### TRAINING FOR SERVICE AT BANGALORE

I READ somewhere the other day about a minister who said that he had put the letters F. B. P. O. after the names of most of his parishioners. You will not find these letters in any authorized list of abbreviations, so I will tell you that they mean, "for burial purposes only."

But these letters cannot justly be placed after the names of any members of the Bangalore English church since the Layman's Bible Training Class has been conducted. When church members take this course, they are entitled to have the letters F. S. S. P. placed after their names, meaning "for soul saving purposes."

At the close of the evangelistic effort, those who had accepted the truth were baptized. Pastor Ritchie, my co-labourer, and I invited all those who wished to learn how to win others to take the Bible Training Course. There was a good response, and every Sunday

evening the class was held on the veranda of my house. The book, "How to Give Bible Readings," and the specially prepared lessons on denominational history were carefully studied. All manifested keen interest, and the discussions that took place were both lively and interesting, revealing the fact that every one was in earnest about the business of winning souls and wished to become acquainted with the best methods.

Two examinations were held, and it gives me great pleasure to state that the twenty-four church members in the class passed with distinction and have received their certificates. It gives me still greater pleasure to be able to say that they have already translated theory into practice. Some are busy giving out literature and others have succeeded in interesting their friends, in whose homes they are now holding regular Bible classes. May God bless the efforts of these faithful ones so that as a result of their labours many may be added to His church.

A. E. RAWSON.

JUNE 29, 1940

### AN EARNEST INQUIRY

A LETTER has come to hand, written by "a minister of the gospel" who is praying for a deeper knowledge of truth. The letter is addressed—"To Whom It May Concern, The Seventh-day Adventist Headquarters, Washington, D. C.," and reads as follows:

"Dear Sirs: In these past few days I have been confronted with a vital question concerning our day of worship. I have never given too much thought to the matter until recently. I have been in the home of the advent people for the past thirty days, and have been reading some of your books. I am a minister of the gospel, and if I have been leading my people wrong I want to know it. I am one who was raised to do right, and to know wrong; and lately I am becoming uneasy in my mind. If the Lord tarries His coming, I have about thirty years more to work, for I am only thirty now. So when you find a moment to spare, send me some literature, please. And in the meantime I shall pray for a deeper knowledge. Yours in Christ."

The simple, straightforward appeal of this letter is a striking indication of the way in which God's Spirit is at work searching out the honest in heart. Such an earnest inquiry should inspire every church member to hasten on in the scattering of our truth-filled literature; and it should also cause all to be diligent in placing books and periodicals in the hands of guests or strangers who may be sent into our homes.