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SOWING BESIDE ALL WATERS

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IN Isaiah the thirty-second chapter and the twentieth verse we read these words: "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." There are two things taught in this verse. First, some there are who go forth to sow; and, second, those who sow beside *all waters* are especially blessed.

In the Bible, gospel workers are represented by various types of labourers. They are sometimes called hunters, sometimes fishermen, and again gardeners, shepherds, etc. In this verse they are spoken of as sowers, for undoubtedly the words here used refer to some type of gospel worker, and not to an ordinary farmer.

As we think of the work of the Christian colporteur, we feel impressed that he, in a very particular and definite way, could be likened to a sower of the seed. He goes where other gospel workers could not very conveniently go. He often is able to reach a type of people that only a travelling salesman would be able to meet.

The distribution of Christian literature has always been a very important part of gospel work. Back in the days of the Reformation, when preachers and ministers were not allowed to preach publicly, young men undertook this important line of work by scattering literature filled with the special message for those days. The same also is true in connection with the beginning of our denominational work, nearly a century ago, and it has played a very important part in the work all along through the years. Undoubtedly the scattering of truth-filled literature will have its part to play, especially here in Southern Asia, until the work is finally done.

Those engaged in this particular type of work meet with many difficulties. It is not an easy task. I often think of the experiences that Paul had as a pioneer gospel worker. Though he was

not a colporteur,—for they did not have colporteurs in those days,—if he had been, I am sure his experiences would not have been much different from those that he did have. He was often persecuted, driven from place to place, misunderstood by both his own people and the Gentiles among whom he worked. But through it all he was courageous, and when he came to the end of his life, he could truthfully say that he had fought a good fight, that he had held on to the faith, and was certain of the reward that the Lord has in store for those who faithfully serve Him.

In the Psalms we read these words: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." From this we see that though workers engaged in this important line of work may sometimes be called upon to pass through trials and tribulations, yet, in the end, they will rejoice,—tears now, and joys later.

Coming to the second thought in this verse we are told that those who sow beside *all waters* are blessed. This evidently is intended to teach those engaged in this line of work that they should do their work thoroughly. No towns are to be missed and no houses are to be skipped. Everyone in a given territory is to have an opportunity of either purchasing the literature that is for sale, or definitely refusing to accept it. Wherever water is found, there vegetation is likely to grow. In like manner, wherever people are, there are likely to be some at least who will be interested in the message-filled literature which we have for them. The sower in the parable Christ used, cast his seed in all sorts of places,—by the wayside, on stony ground, among thorns, and on good ground. He was a faithful, industrious sower.

In Eccl. 11:6 we read: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." The fact that we cannot know whether this or that will prosper, leads us to the conclusion that we should give all a chance. Sometimes the most unlikely people, from outward appearance, are the very ones who are glad to hear the truth and accept it. Paul tells us in II Cor. 9:6 that "he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." If we therefore wish to reap a bountiful harvest, we should sow the seed bountifully.

In this great land of Hindustan there are so many millions of people that it is impossible for preachers and teachers to reach them by preaching. If they are ever to be warned of the soon coming of Christ, it seems to me that it must be done, at least to a very large extent, by our literature. It is for this purpose

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that our publishing house has been established at Poona. It is with this object in mind that the *ORIENTAL WATCHMAN*, the *GOOD WAY*, and many books and tracts are being published. We realize that there is really no better way of reaching the great masses of Southern Asia.

It does little good, however, to publish such literature unless we have the men and women who can go forth into the field to scatter it among the people. We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that in the last days the literature containing this message should be scattered like the leaves of autumn. When the hot season comes, we have all observed how the leaves fall in every direction; then the wind comes along, picks them up, and scatters them all over the country. While church members and other evangelistic workers have their part to play in this sort of program, the colporteur is the one who will have to undertake the larger share of this kind of work. And, as stated in this text, he shall not go without his reward. Great will be the rejoicing when the time of reckoning comes for those who have been faithful in sowing the seed of gospel truth.

Sometimes we may be tempted to think that it is useless to try to sell literature to certain individuals. We may be tempted to pass by certain towns because they are composed largely of Hindus or Mohammedans. We may be tempted to evade certain streets in the town because most of the people who live on those streets are non-Christians. If ever such a temptation comes, let us remember the message in this text in Isaiah, "Blessed are ye that sow *beside all waters*."

The writer recollects an experience which he had once when he was in the colporteur work. It was a Friday afternoon, and he was pretty well discouraged because he had not been able to sell anything that day. There was only one more house in the street in which he was canvassing, and he was greatly tempted to pass by that house, feeling it would be useless to go there. It was a very large house which stood back some distance from the street. He passed by the gate and was not intending to go in, but something impelled him to retrace his steps and make one more effort that day. So he turned back, opened the gate, and went up the steps leading to the compound. After getting up on the level with the house, he saw a group of young men and women on the veranda having a gay time playing cards and other games. As he neared the house he felt very much embarrassed and dreaded to meet those young people. He saw they were smiling and joking about him. On reaching the steps, one of the young ladies got up and came to meet him, asking what he wanted. He timidly told her about his book, and when the other young people heard this they laughed

and joked her, telling her to buy a book. She was almost as embarrassed as he was. Then she said, "Maybe you would like to see my mother, who is in the house." He told her he would. He was then introduced to her mother, who seemed to be a very sober and serious-minded person, and appeared to be interested in religious things. After briefly canvassing her, she agreed to buy the book, and wanted it then. He told her he could not let her have his sample, but that on Sunday he would bring her a copy.

On Sunday, when he came with the book, she was very happy to get it, and then she told him the story of how her husband, a prominent judge in that city, had recently died. She was in deep sorrow and was looking for something that would bring her comfort and peace. She was hoping that this book would be helpful to her. He assured her that it would, as it was a book about the coming of Christ, the new earth, the home of the saved, and so on. Finding that she was interested in such matters, he asked her if she would like to have someone come and give her Bible studies. She replied that she would. So he arranged for a Bible worker to visit her.

He soon left the place and went back to school. A year later he returned to this city, and at the Sabbath service, the Bible worker who had been sent to that lady, introduced him to a friend of hers who had lately accepted the truth and had been baptized. She asked him if he could recognize this lady, and he came to find out that this was the person to whom he had sold the book. She had been taught the truth and was now a baptized member of the church. She later became a Bible worker herself, and through her work and influence many were converted to the message.

This experience impressed upon me the truthfulness of the text which says, "Blessed are ye that sow *beside all waters*." Surely anyone who is truly faithful and does his part in this line of work, will not go without blessed experiences in this life and eventually a crown of life in the world to come.

HOW BEAUTIFUL

HE OF whom it was said, "He is altogether lovely," and "chiefest among ten thousand," possessed "no [physical] beauty that we should desire Him." It was the life He lived that counted, a life so beautiful that when "lifted up," it still has power to "draw all men" toward a better way.

In this age of vain and shallow thinking, the attention of the world is directed more to outward form than to inward grace. The men and women possessing real beauty are never crowned as kings and queens at carnivals of pulchritude. Like the Master, their

loveliness consists of the invisible adornment of a meek and quiet spirit. Such persons do not strive to gain empty applause of the multitude nor to wear the quick fading laurels it has to bestow. Those who cultivate a Christian character, "will shine as the stars forever and ever."

Are you looking for beautiful feet? You will seek in vain among the skilful artisans who trip so lightly in the halls of pleasure. Nor will they belong to those who so alluringly display the latest productions of the hosiery manufacturer. Nay, the feet that are beautiful are those that are weary and worn through the willing performance of duties that belong to the day. You will find them in the byways, more often than in the highways of life. The feet most admirable are found in places of greatest need, not because of unfavourable circumstances, but from choice. The motivating power of love has directed them into channels of unselfish service.

The feet of our Saviour were described as appearing "like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace." The reason for this is not difficult to find. No other feet were so constantly employed in bringing the Bread of Life within reach of the soul-hungry multitudes of earth. No other feet were so cruelly pierced and torn while treading the pathway of duty. No other feet are so worthy to walk upon streets of gold.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

J. M. STEEVES, Secretary

THE SECONDARY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HELD AT SPICER COLLEGE

J. M. STEEVES

OUR second Division-wide Secondary Teachers' Institute has been brought to a successful conclusion. The testimony of those whose privilege it was to attend the Institute is that they felt greatly heartened with the success achieved. Certainly not the least of the blessings which are to be received from a gathering of this character is the opportunity which it gives to our secondary teachers from various places in the Division to come together with those of like profession, to discuss their common problems, and to receive inspiration and help from one another. It does seem to give the impression to everyone in the group that he is connected with something larger and stronger than that which sometimes appears to him as he goes about his daily round of routine duties within the circles of his own small sphere in his own institution. If any particular class of people in the world need to have widened horizons and broadened visions,

it is those individuals to whom we entrust the education of our youth. "Like master, like pupil" is the maxim to which we must often give heed in training teachers, and if we expect the future leaders and workers in this cause to be men and women of broad vision, we must do all within our power to create high ideals and conceptions by first of all giving them to the teachers.

One of the very important features of this Secondary Teachers' Institute was the discussion conducted by Pastor R. H. Pierson on "Evangelism for Our Youth." This very carefully prepared course of studies, covering every phase of youth evangelism, was very helpful. The scholastic work of this Summer School must be viewed in relationship to its contribution to Teacher-Certification. At our recent Educational Council held here in Poona at the beginning of 1941, we dedicated ourselves to the task of raising the standards of our teachers now in service. We have allowed ourselves three years to bring our teaching staff in Southern Asia up to the minimum standards as laid down by the Teacher-Certification regulations.

In order that our secondary teachers might make progress towards certifying themselves in the subjects they teach, a strong course in History was offered by Pastor C. A. Schutt, and one in Advanced English by Pastor E. W. Pohlman. We did not neglect the teacher-training phase altogether, and it was my privilege to take care of this feature of the curriculum by offering a course in Mental Hygiene—a subject in the field of child psychology. Judging from my own experience in my class and from the testimony of other teachers, I am sure that the students enjoyed their class hours. Discussion was free, individual contributions were encouraged, and when a group of students can come together in this spirit, much can be accomplished.

In all, about forty students attended the Summer School this year, which is a few more than those attending in 1939. One of the Unions was unfortunately not represented. We are looking forward to a further Secondary Teachers' Institute again in the near future, at which time we desire to offer a curriculum of much wider scope than was possible during this summer. Some have rightly complained that we have not made provision in our Summer Schools for our school principals and head masters. We have definitely in mind the offering of a type of study in our next Summer School which will make provision for the needs of many of this class. In the homeland the facilities of the Summer School are available to every individual engaged in this line of professional service, and we must do more in providing the same for those engaged in educational work in this Division. We feel greatly encouraged by the experiments that we have made along this line, and intend to do more in the future.

We trust that field leaders will bear the Summer School in mind and make proper provision for the attendance of many of their staff when next the opportunity is afforded.

SPICER COLLEGE NEWS

Forty-four persons slept with more composure on the night of June 10 than they had for over a month previous, in spite of the fact that some were travelling through the night. Forty-one were those enrolled as students in the Spicer College Summer School of 1941. The other three were their teachers.

Five weeks of intense study and discussion, of reading and recording, of students' "writing up" and teachers' "marking down," of very, very pleasant and helpful association, were over. The good fellowship of such a company of Christian workers is always a blessing to those who are privileged to enjoy it.

Now the visiting teachers and students are gone. The comparatively few remaining on the College estate are busy in the annual pre-school rush. If the last few weeks of a school year, preparatory to final examinations, mark the "revival of learning," then the few weeks before a school year opens may be characterized as the "Reformation." While the rakers are raking and the pounders are pounding, others are administering necessary touches of art in a score of places about the grounds—walls, foundations, roofs, black-boards, poultry pens, garden plots, etc. We shall be glad when this white and black washing, this tarring and feathering, is finished. If ever!

Two busy centres these days are the College post office and the Principal's office,—applications and inquiries coming in every mail; deposits arriving in advance for dormitory reservations; notices of acceptance or rejection sent out to applicants.

For several years past Spicer College has offered Tenth Standard class work, but recently the South India Union high schools have arranged to take care of their own Tenth Standards. It should be clearly understood by all, therefore, that we expect students to have completed their High School study, for which a certificate will be in hand, before they come to Spicer College. We do not plan to offer Tenth Standard classes this coming school year, and it is this that has been the basis for most rejected applications thus far. Students with incomplete High School work have been asked to finish their High School study elsewhere, and to plan to attend Spicer College later. The only exceptions to this normally would be older students who come for general improvement, perhaps in Biblical study, and who are listed as "Special Students," not expecting to receive a diploma.

Present plans are that the full coming year will be spent at the present site,

but that next summer, God willing, we shall shift to our new College home, to enjoy the 1942-43 year at Kirkee, near Poona.

Singleness of vision is, by all counsel known, highly desirable in every important project. Perhaps we may be pardoned for a confession of the difficulty our teachers and students will have during the coming months in concentrating wholly on the matters at hand. Like a school lad with spring fever who hears the call of the meadow lark from his class room window, we shall find our day dreams and visions often turning to the Spicer College in the building a few hundred miles away. We have no reason to doubt, however, that the coming year here will be our best. And we may well trust that, under God's direction, those fundamental qualities which have meant most through the years in the influence of the South India Training School and Spicer College will continue, but in even greater measure, after the institution shifts to its more suitable and permanent home.

ANOTHER SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSED

It seems only yesterday that we shook hands with our friends and fellow teachers and said good-bye to them as the train left Krishnarajapuram railway station, carrying them back to their respective school homes. When the world is in great turmoil and perplexity, and when "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth," the teachers in the Southern Asia Division met together for another Summer School in Spicer College to seek the Lord for that heavenly wisdom which "passeth all understanding," and to study further the ways and methods to fit them as better qualified and efficient Christian teachers.

Morning after morning as we sat and listened to Pastor Pierson's talks on youth evangelism in our schools in the Southern Asia Division, with its many detailed phases, our hearts were greatly stirred, and we felt our unworthiness before the great task that lies ahead of us. Many quotations from the Spirit of prophecy were given on the responsibility of a teacher and God's promises for him. One of the most beautiful promises to me is: "When the teachers seek with all their heart to bring true principles into the work of education, angels of God will be present to make impressions upon the heart and mind."

Classes in Mental Hygiene, College English, and the History of the English people were taught by Pastors Steeves, Pohlman, and Schutt respectively. They were very interesting and helpful to all present, and no doubt they will be of great use and help to us in our teaching work. I must not forget to mention here the joy and happiness received through

the association and fellowship of these Christian teachers. There is that close tie that binds all the true people of God and comes only through a gathering of this kind. We were encouraged to see one another, and to know we all are facing common problems, and all are working toward one goal.

Once more as I look back I can see clearly two things that stand out in my experience which were brought out by Pastors Pohlman and Steeves in their sermons on the last two Sabbaths. They are, the teacher's experimental knowledge of his Saviour, and his high calling. We read in "Counsels to Teachers," "Every Christian teacher should have an intelligent understanding of what Christ is to him personally.... Teachers employed in our schools should be acquainted with God by an experimental knowledge.... Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people.... To the teacher is committed a most important work—he should feel the sacredness of his calling and give himself to it with zeal and devotion."

The last Friday evening of our short stay will long be remembered by our teachers when all stood and thanked the Lord for His many blessings and benefits that came to them through the Summer School. Everyone reconsecrated his and her life to God, and determined by His help to be a better leader in bringing the youth to the feet of the Master Teacher. Very soon the Summer School of 1941 will pass into history, but, dear fellow teachers, let us always keep these high ideals before our eyes, and by the help and strength of God strive and press toward the mark so that as the direct result of your work and mine many youth may be won for the "higher school" in heaven.

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IN TAMIL LAND—I

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It has long been the desire of my heart to visit extreme South India, to see how our work is going there, and to help it if I could. From the early days, when Pastor J. S. James built a bungalow at Prakasapuram and established our mission there, I have often heard of the work in the Tinnevely District, and I have wanted to see it

with my own eyes. During the month of June this privilege was granted me.

In company with Pastor R. H. Pierson, the Superintendent of the Tamil field, and with a heavy itinerary before us, I took train from Bangalore and that same day arrived at Erode, a railway centre in the northern part of the field. Characteristically, Brother Pierson had everything well organized down to the least detail; and I found it a real pleasure to go about with him. That Friday night we rode in a jouncing

bullock-cart to hold a village meeting under the moon, and had good attention in spite of the pigs and dogs intruding. They wanted us to come and start work among them, but we had to give them that reluctant answer that has become so familiar to all our workers.

On Sabbath we held two meetings in other villages, whose people had been interested by one of our young lay-workers. Every Sabbath he walks many miles to hold Sabbath schools with these people and to teach them our message.

Statistical Report of the Southern Asia Division of

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized Churches		Members Added				Members Dropped			Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers		Licensed Ministers		For
	Membership Last Reported		By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter	For.		Non-For.	For.	Non-For.		
BURMA UNION															
Irrawaddy Mission	6	544	7	1	1	...	2	1	550	4	7	...	2	7	...
Tenasserim Mission	3	191	10	...	...	...	1	...	200	1	2	...	1	1	...
North Burma Mission	2	114	...	...	...	...	10	...	104	2	1	...	2	2	...
Conference	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	11	849	17	1	1	1	12	1	854	7	10	...	5	10	...
NORTHEAST INDIA UNION															
Assam Mission	1	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	2	...	...	1	7	...
Bengal Mission	15	324	18	1	8	3	2	4	342	4	3	1	6	7	...
Bihar Mission	9	434	19	...	...	2	1	2	447	2	2	1	2	3	...
Conference	1	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	1	1	1	1	2	...
Totals	26	836	37	1	8	5	3	7	867	9	6	3	10	15	...
NORTHWEST INDIA UNION															
United Provinces	8	716	13	1	18	...	...	14	734	9	2	2	6	19	...
Punjab Mission	8	714	2	...	8	...	1	30	692	2	5	...	14	4	...
Sind Mission	1	20	...	...	1	...	...	...	21	...	1	...	...	...	...
Conference	1	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	18	1,484	15	1	27	...	1	44	1,482	11	9	2	20	23	...
SOUTH INDIA UNION															
Ceylon Mission	4	167	45	...	...	...	...	...	213	2	...	1	2	2	...
Malayalam Mission	21	1,155	9	...	...	...	...	...	1,164	2	4	1	6	3	...
Kanarese Mission	5	285	11	...	2	...	...	7	291	1	...	...	3	1	...
Telugu Mission	20	819	...	...	1	...	...	...	820	2	4	1	6	8	...
Tamil Mission	23	987	14	...	18	1	2	18	848	3	5	...	10	3	...
Conference	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	5	...
Totals	73	3,263	79	...	21	1	2	25	3,335	13	13	3	29	22	...
WESTERN INDIA UNION															
Gujerat Mission	1	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	1	...	1	2	3	...
Marathi Mission	12	569	16	...	2	2	2	4	579	5	...	1	7	7	...
Central Provinces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Central India	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	13	610	16	...	2	2	2	4	620	6	...	2	9	10	...
RECAP															
Burma Union	11	849	17	1	1	1	12	1	854	7	10	...	5	10	...
Northeast India Union	26	836	37	1	8	5	3	7	867	9	6	3	10	15	...
Northwest India Union	18	1,484	15	1	27	...	1	44	1,482	11	9	2	20	23	...
South India Union	73	3,263	79	...	21	1	2	25	3,335	13	13	3	29	22	...
Western India Union	13	610	16	...	2	2	2	4	620	6	...	2	9	10	...
Division Administrative	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	5	...
O. W. Pub. House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	2	...
Division Totals	141	7,042	164	3	59	9	20	81	7,158	51	39	11	74	87	...

Some of them have a meagre Christian background, but they know little of real Christianity. They asked eager, intelligent questions, and willingly accepted our answers. It warmed our hearts to see them so attentive, and their welcome was whole-hearted. We prayed in their houses, and encouraged them in the Lord. This is a hitherto unworked centre in the Tamil field, and it gives great promise.

We went on to Trichinopoly, a large city where Pastor Jesudason is holding

an evangelistic effort in one end of a gigantic hall that will seat three thousand people. The building is well built and modern, and is owned by a doctor of means who allows any Christian body to hold meetings in it for the payment of the electricity used. Our brother has been attracting audiences of three hundred, with small equipment and few helpers. There are great possibilities here for an endeavour on a much larger scale. That evening I spoke on the war situation to a large gathering of intel-

lectual people; and Pastor Jesudason gave a summing up in Tamil at the close.

Our next centre was at Nagercoil, fifty miles off the railroad, almost at the extreme tip of India. Here Pastor E. D. Willmott has charge of a large circle of churches and interested companies. The Willmotts are unwearied missionaries who get into the inner lives of the people, and it does one good to come into contact with their zeal and courage. Daniel Kodan and other workers are aiding Brother Willmott to agitate that whole section for the truth. We held a workers' meeting, and thoroughly canvassed all phases of the work. Pastor Pierson keeps every department functioning to the full, and Sabbath and church schools, Uplift, Dorcas societies, —all receive due attention. Such neat little church and school buildings I have not seen before.

On one evening we gave a lecture on the signs of the times to an appreciative gathering in the assembly hall of a large Hindu high school. The retired chairman of the municipal council presided, and, in commenting on the subject presented, stated that he fully believed that soon God would intervene in the affairs of men and bring in a "new order" in the world. Many of the leading men of the Hindu community attended this meeting, and it was widely reported in the papers. Nagercoil is in South Travancore, but is included in our Tamil field, as the people speak Tamil. Its climate and scenery are beyond compare at this season of the year.

Brethren Pierson and Willmott plan to hold a large effort in Nagercoil, beginning in July. A commodious *pandal* is now being erected for it on a central lot in the city. All the workers in this circle will assist, and a school of evangelism will be conducted in connection with it. Nagercoil is a Christian centre, and thousands of Christians are within easy reach. Missionary work has been conducted here for well over a century. We are also working among non-Christians. There is certainly a stirring in favour of our message in the far South.

The district centering around Nagercoil and Prakasapuram next received our attention. As is well known, this is one of the oldest centres of our work in the Division. The first building Seventh-day Adventists erected, J. S. James' bungalow, is now the nucleus of a number of buildings which include the Tamil Mission High School, the large church building, and a small hospital. The school was not in session. The usual circle meetings were well attended, and the work is onward.

Our most interesting experiences came when we visited the village churches round about. During the course of a four-hour meeting on the Sabbath, we baptized four candidates and organized

Seventh-day Adventists, Quarter Ending March 31, 1941

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
Non-For.	For.	Non-For.	For.	Non-For.	For.	Foreign	Foreign	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
...	...	12	11	27	1,254-13	2,333-2	941-6	960-1	...	15-15	41	1,219	2,196-2	
...	...	12	2	20	...	377-12	897-1	177-7	15	392	...	
...	...	7	4	12	...	228-13	5-0	108-6	...	5-7	3	188	...	
...	...	31	17	59	1,254-13	2,333-2	941-6	960-1	...	15-15	41	1,219	2,196-2	
1	...	4	4	6	251-9	234-9	22-8	192-6	15-11	16-4	4	140	...	
4	...	24	12	40	725-9	4,314-3	3,693-0	946-3	65-0	571-14	24	812	...	
2	...	22	6	28	768-11	1,131-7	88-0	540-1	96-12	7-5	27	642	...	
...	...	6	5	8	2-7	
7	...	56	27	83	1,745-13	5,680-3	3,803-8	1,678-10	177-7	597-14	55	1,594	2,514-2	
6	...	22	30	56	925-7	1,618-1	4,369-2	1,107-11	54-6	169-7	45	1,467	...	
6	...	12	6	51	553-2	1,253-11	2,773-6	834-9	47-5	132-6	62	2,608	...	
...	1	...	263-11	804-15	145-7	10-0	90-4	1	25	...	
2	2	15-1	
14	...	34	36	110	1,478-9	3,135-7	8,047-7	2,102-12	111-11	392-1	108	4,100	2,978-13	
1	...	9	5	14	292-3	1,273-1	27-11	606-15	...	324-13	7	293	...	
5	...	11	6	44	364-14	425-0	8-0	162-3	...	10-6	44	1,781	...	
2	...	4	2	10	898-5	933-12	14-0	526-5	...	187-7	9	431	...	
10	...	19	11	72	625-12	1,016-1	221-15	559-13	...	35-0	57	1,445	...	
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a church of twenty-two members (nearly all from Hinduism), in one village. The beautiful little building had been built largely by the efforts of the eager and industrious members. It is surprising what a roomy church can be erected for Rs. 100 or even less. We had a difficult time reaching the place, by motor car and bullock-cart through swollen river and rough ditches. But the reward was ample.

South India is different in that there are so many Christian communities and church buildings. Church spires lofty and inspiring rise from the level country at Nazareth till one is reminded of total Christian countries in the West. The Christian background helps our work, and it gives all Christians some prestige with non-Christians. We give heartfelt credit to those into whose labours we enter, in spite of their opposition. Our message goes to all.

OUR WORK AROUND THE KOIL-PETTY CIRCLE

THE writer had the privilege of going with Pastor R. H. Pierson to visit the mission stations in the Koilpetty circle in Tinnevely District. We left Tuticorin one Sunday morning and later arrived at Pondaipuram. Here we met the lay-preacher, Brother Sarganam, and the believers. We found every one of good courage. Recently about nine caste people requested us to start work among them at this centre. During our stay here, we inspected a piece of land which has been promised us free of cost on which to erect a prayer shed.

From Pondaipuram we went to Kumarikulam, where we have some baptized believers, and more ready for baptism. Brother Gabriel Mathew, our worker here, is buying land to erect workers' quarters. We have some good Hindu converts in this place.

At Sinagnapuram, Brother S. Vedanayagam is doing excellent work among the Hindus. Here Brother A. Aruldoss, a government servant, is doing good work, and is a real help to Brother Vedanayagam. Brother Vedanayagam has a group of people ready for baptism. We have a school in this place and our brother makes it a real soul-winning agency. At present he is conducting an effort at Parapatty, and he hopes to have a good harvest of souls. We had a tithe ingathering service before we left. Really the people are happy to give tithes and offerings. The people here are giving us land, and we have the money to build a church.

From this town we went to Karadikulam and met Brother Monickom and the believers. Here we have a fine group of believers. The Lord has greatly blessed our lay-preacher here. Here, too, we have plans and money to build a church.

We arrived in Achampetty one evening, and Brother S. K. Arumanayagam was there to meet us. At night we preached to the people. At this centre Brother Arumanayagam conducts a day school. He is doing his best to win souls.

We safely reached our last station, Arunachalapuram. We met Brother Arpatham and Brother Gabriel, our lay-preacher. We spoke to a large audience at night. The following morning we had our Harvest Ingathering meeting. Those people are not yet baptized, but they believe our God-given message. They brought goats, chickens, and all kinds of grain as their tithe, and the total collection was Rs. 21-14-0.

We request an interest in the prayers of the readers of the TIDINGS on behalf of our workers and believers and interested ones in these centres.

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ROORKEE HOLDS INVESTITURE SERVICE

MISS T. E. SANDBERG

APRIL 27 will be a day long remembered by the Missionary Volunteers of the Roorkee Training School. A group of happy, eager young people had, with their leader, Mrs. Streeter, and others, been working hard during the afternoon, and when the hour for the service struck, the chapel had been transformed into a place of real artistic beauty.

Nineteen candidates, to the strain of music, marched in and took their respective places in front of the chapel, facing the audience. All were attired in white, and wore ribbons the colour of the particular pin with which they were to be invested. They presented a very attractive picture.

On the wall back of the rostrum hung posters giving the Senior Pledge, the Junior Pledge and Law, the Aim and Motto of all Missionary Volunteers. The program had been thoughtfully planned, and both girls and boys had a part. In a few, well-chosen remarks Pastor E. R. Streeter introduced the theme of the evening.

The song given by the boy candidates showed practice and talent: "Our Aim" was recited and explained by Saudagar Chand; Rosie Mall did well in her explanation of the Junior Law. Seven Juniors gave a pleasing exercise on the Junior Law. This was followed by a song by the girls.

The devotional features of the Missionary Volunteer movement were given a place on the program; and William Dass in an able manner brought out the benefits derived from observing the Reading Course, thus cultivating a love for good reading.

Various of the vocational honours were demonstrated in an effective manner by several of the candidates. Prabhu felt perfectly at home with the piece of rope he held in his hand, as he stepped onto the platform and skilfully showed the right and wrong way of tying knots, a useful acquisition in daily life.

Who can estimate the value of a study of the heavenly bodies as given in the Companion requirement? Innyat Haru revealed in his presentation of this subject that his study of the stars and constellations had given him a clear understanding of how to name and identify these.

The voices of both girls and boys blended harmoniously in the mixed song given. That Sadiq and Albert had been well trained in rendering First Aid no one could doubt who had the privilege of seeing their demonstration that night. We trust the need will not rise for them to give aid in time of drowning or serious accidents from among the student body, but the usefulness of such a training is acknowledged by all.

Many were the well-made and attractive pieces of work displayed in the Needlecraft demonstration,—in knitting, fancy work, and sewing. A well ironed garment is a pleasure to see. Alice Mall is a qualified teacher in this line, and with keen interest and satisfaction we watched her demonstration of this art.

What would Roorkee be without the farm? Excellent opportunity is here given for qualifying in the requirement of Agriculture. One of the boys gave an illustrated talk on the various types of wheat and sugar-cane, showing how to distinguish between high quality and that of less, revealing a clear understanding of his subject.

Abid Ditta's recitation, "Wanted, a Boy," rendered in English, was a well given item. Before the Charge and presentation of the insignia by the Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary, the candidates solemnly promised that they would be true to the ideals and principles for which the insignia stands, for are they not now entrusted with the good name of the church, the ambassadorship of Christ, and the honour and fellowship of a world-wide Missionary Volunteer movement of which our Indian youth form a great part?

A fitting close to this excellent program was the "Good Night" song presented by the girls and illustrated by means of lighted Japanese lanterns.

Great credit is due the sponsors of the candidates, Mrs. E. R. Streeter and Mr.

Winston Janes, for both had worked very hard to prepare the candidates for this service. We feel confident, however, that they felt well repaid as they witnessed the fruit of their labours, and in truth the evening had been an inspiration to all present. Our best wishes go with these young people as they start out on life's journey, and may they be used of God in bringing other youth to the Saviour.

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BURMA NEWS

THE Rangoon clinic continues to enjoy excellent patronage and to grow in favour. Dr. and Mrs. Walker and their corps of helpers are busy with a stream of patients daily. The income thus far has been sufficient practically to balance all expenditures including wages and expenses of foreign workers. We find that the institution is becoming favourably known even in towns at some distance from Rangoon.

Mrs. Tarleton is taking her long leave for which she has long waited and of which she has long been in need. During all the years that she has been in charge of the Brightlands Nursing Home, she has worked tirelessly to give efficient service. Mrs. J. Baldwin has been appointed as Mrs. Tarleton's successor, and is now in charge of the home. Brother Baldwin is studying Burmese better to qualify himself for vernacular work.

Pastor F. W. Wyman has located at Mandalay. A good house very favourably situated in one of the best parts of the city, providing quarters for the family as well as a good meeting hall, has been secured. It is planned that Pastor Wyman shall begin at once to develop the interests in Mandalay, and later conduct an effort in this great city.

Brother and Sister Duane Johnson are located at Maymyo to study Burmese. These young people received a very hearty welcome to Burma, and we surely are happy to add them to our little force of workers. Brother Johnson spent two weeks in Uplift work with Brother Johanson in the oil fields before settling down to study.

Brother W. W. Christensen is at work on plans for the evangelistic effort to be held in Rangoon next autumn. This effort will be as thorough and strong as all our Burma resources together with help borrowed from India can make it. We mean to spare no reasonable amount of funds or talent to make it a success. We solicit your prayers to this end.

YOUR PROBLEM SOLVED

When openings occur in our Mission offices for well-qualified book-keepers and stenographers, many have wished they might step in and fill such a post,—yet they do not have the proper business training. And the Mission is always on the look-out for trained accountants and stenographers who are devoted and loyal to the teachings of our faith, and who have a strong desire to help forward the work of God in this field.

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HILL LEAVE REPORT

R. J. BORROWDALE

DOWN at the border of the Central Provinces, along the edge of the Native States, some people became interested in the advent message. One of them, a farmer, became convinced of the truth of the doctrines we teach, and soon brought a friend with him to hear more. The two were later baptized and went home. After some time we learned that these two men had by their village preaching and example created quite an interest in this new territory. So many were asking for studies that Brother W. B. Votaw, who is in charge of the Munda work, decided to hold an effort

among them and invited me to help him. We decided to cancel hill leave and spend the month of May in an effort in the district.

Our home was under a mango tree with a space of about forty feet square fenced off with branches from the jungle. Our hall was all outdoors, so we never were crowded. Most of the people were literates, so we were able to hold studies during the day and meetings in the evenings. Our Filmstrip machine we ran from the car battery. It was hot, of course, and sometimes uncomfortable, but we enjoyed the work so much and found so many interested people that the heat did not matter.

At the close of our meetings we had the pleasure of baptizing nine new believers. There are many more who should be ready for baptism some short time later. The total number of baptisms for the Munda field so far this year stands at twenty-seven, which is more than has ever before been reached, I believe.

One very interesting feature of this interest is the work of lay-preachers. One of our new members is so very active in village preaching that the ruler of a Native State asked the police to look our brother up and find out what it was all about. The police letter which I saw said the man had been preaching not only Christianity but "loyalty." Our brother went over and preached the truth to the Inspector of Police at the *Thana*, and sent a letter explaining what he was preaching to the Rani of the State, enclosing some of our English literature.

It is planned to call these lay-workers in to attend the workers' institute later in the year so that they may receive instruction in doctrine and methods to fit them for greater service, and also that we may emphasize the idea that lay-preachers are an important part of our regular work.

In spite of heat, windstorms, sandstorms, and big red ants who insisted on sharing our cots with us, we both regard this as one of the best hill leaves we have ever spent.

Remember this new section of the great field when your petitions go up to the Lord of the harvest.

IT CAN BE DONE

CALCUTTA has again surprised us. "Where there is a will, there is a way." Calcutta had the will; therefore, she found the way.

After our "special" Uplift workers had, as one person put it, "picked the beautiful flowers," the Calcutta church members set out to gather the Uplift gleanings.

Our "gleanings" goal was Rs. 1,200. No one thought we would reach it, but surprises happen. Nearly every member

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rallied as never before, and in a few
weeks almost Rs. 1,400 was turned in.

I am glad to report that our new
members and our *mofusil* members did
surprisingly well. As a stimulus for
others, may I mention that four lay-
members turned in more than Rs. 75
each, six turned in more than Rs. 50
each, eight more than Rs. 25 each, and
six more than Rs. 15 each. This is a
remarkable record for Calcutta.

A. E. RAWSON.

Hemisfer.—Mr. Francis Edward Hemisfer was born Oct. 4, 1878, and passed away in the Lohaghat Hospital, Almora District, May 4, 1941. He was a strong, active man until stricken with paralysis in December 1938, from which he partially recovered. At the beginning of this year's hot season, it was thought that a change to the hills would be beneficial, as the extreme heat was taxing him greatly. Mr. Oehme, a very dear friend, took him to his home in the beautiful hills of Almora. There in that quiet and peaceful place Mr. Hemisfer was happy, and for the first few weeks apparently improved in health. Then after a short time he was stricken with a second stroke from which he never recovered. He was removed to the hospital, but in a few days passed away.

It was during Pastor J. B. Conley's stay in Lucknow that Mr. Hemisfer

heard present truth and surrendered himself to the Lord. He united with the church in the fall of 1939. This experience always remained a precious one to our brother. It brought great peace and joy to him. He never tired of hearing and talking about God's many precious promises. I have often talked and prayed with him when his eyes would fill with tears as he recounted his many blessings. He loved the message for which he surrendered his life. He was always at Sabbath school and other services, until toward the last with failing strength he found it difficult to attend. Loyalty to his new-found faith remained staunch throughout, and trust in his Saviour was firm to the end.

The funeral service was held in Lohaghat. He leaves to mourn a son, a daughter in England, other relatives, and a large number of friends. We sorrow not as those who have no hope, for our brother sleeps awaiting the resurrection morn. Then the faithful of all ages will awake to meet their Saviour face to face.

R. L. KIMBLE.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY READING PROGRAM

"Messages to Young People"

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NOTICE

THE students of Spicer College who took the class in comparative religions last year will remember the book "Jesus Christ and the World's Religions" by William Paton. Some of our students ordered copies of this book, and we now wish to announce that we have a limited number of these on hand for sale at 12 annas each, including packing and postage.

E. W. POHLMAN.

Church Calendar 1941

Spirit of Prophecy Day	July 19
Colporteur Rally Day	August 2
Sabbath School Rally Day	August 23
Big Week	October 4 to 11
Oriental Watchman Day	November 1
Week of Prayer	December 6 to 13
Annual Offering	December 13
Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath in each month

POONA PARAGRAPHS

LIFE on the Estate seems normal once more, as the folk who have been away on hill leave are home again. Of course, the usual "going" and "coming" of the Division men continues as usual.

Our editor, Pastor Thurber, for the past few weeks has been itinerating in South India with Pastor Pierson. The first account of this trip appears in this issue of the TIDINGS.

The Hnatyshyns are now settled in No. 6 on the Ridge. Mrs. H. C. Alexander, wife of the principal of our school at Chuharkana in the Punjab, with her two little girls, is spending a few months here with her sister, Mrs. Hnatyshyn. We are happy to have them with us, and trust their stay will be pleasant and profitable.

Mrs. Rutherford and small son Harold of Iraq are at present in Poona. Mrs. Rutherford is the wife of our evangelistic worker in Iraq, and on account of the recent trouble was sent to India by the British government. Elder Rutherford remained in Basra to continue the study of the language. Before long Mrs. Rutherford hopes to rejoin her husband.

UPLIFT COLLECTION BULLETIN

The figures below speak for themselves. During the first two months of the year our total takings were greatly in excess, but at the end of May we are Rs. 6,700 short of our 1940 record. In fact, every field throughout the Division shows a loss for the first half year. There is still much territory to be worked, so let us not be negligent of the opportunities that face us.

SECRETARY,
Uplift Department.

	Burma	N.E. India	N.W. India	S. India	W. India	Total 1941	Total 1940
Jan.							8,130- 8
Feb.	302- 7	3,066- 8	5,397- 7	2,171- 5	11,453-13	22,391- 8	6,368-14
Mar.	475- 4	481-10	1,181- 2	1,189- 3	312-11	3,639-14	12,774- 2
Apr.	—	707-12	874- 1	385- 3	257- 0	2,224- 0	6,131- 9
May	602- 0	188- 6	—	195-11	—	986- 1	2,536- 6
Total	1,379-11	4,444- 4	7,452-10	3,941- 6	12,023- 8	29,241- 7	35,941- 7

Short in 1941 Rs. 6,700

CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

TESTIMONY READINGS ON THE PUBLISHING WORK

1. What is said of the present day?

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. . . . Events are changing to bring about the day of God, which hasteth greatly."—*Vol. VI, p. 14.*

2. In view of these facts, what responsibility rests upon Seventh-day Adventists?

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and lightbearers. To them has been entrusted the last warnings for a perishing world. . . . God expects us to impart to others the knowledge that He has given us."—*Vol. IX, p. 19.*

3. What instrumentalities has God provided for the accomplishment of this work in these last days?

"Institutions of learning, publishing houses, and health institutions—all these are instrumentalities of God to co-operate in the grand work represented by the first, second, and third angels, the work of warning the inhabitants of the world that Christ is coming the second time with power and great glory."—*Vol. VI, p. 18.*

4. How important is the circulation of the products of the press?

"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."—*Vol. IV, p. 390.*

5. What message does our literature contain?

"The gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off."—*Vol. IX, p. 67.*

6. Upon whom rests the responsibility of circulating this literature?

"It is essential that our publications be widely circulated. . . . God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books. . . . This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. . . . We cannot too highly estimate this work."—*Vol. VI, p. 313.*

7. Is there any higher work we can engage in?

"There is no higher work than that of 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.*

FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Sabbath, August 2, 1941

TOPIC: COLPORTEURS' RALLY DAY

Opening Song: "Christ in Song," No. 113.

Scripture Reading: Questions and Answers from the Testimonies.

Prayer.

Hymn: "Christ in Song," No. 474.

Introductory Remarks: "Importance of the Colporteur Work," by G. B. Hoag (By Minister or Church Leader)

Talk: "Sowing Beside All Waters," By G. C. Lowry.

(See this issue of the TIDINGS)

Reading: "Why We Need More Colporteurs," by J. M. Hnatyshyn.

Talk: "Rallying Colporteurs," by H. M. Kent.

Reading: "Message from the Publishing House Manager," by L. C. Shepard.

Hymn: "Christ in Song," No. 929.

Benediction.

(Further material for this service may be found in the June 15 issue of the TIDINGS, article entitled "Meeting the Challenge of the Hour.")

8. What will be the final result of this work?

"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.*

IMPORTANCE OF THE COLPORTEUR WORK

G. B. HOAG

THE work of the faithful colporteur-evangelist is of prime importance because—first of all it is a holy work set apart and ordained by God Himself. It is the Lord's work. It is a work committed to our hands as a church with which we are to spread the knowledge of this truth into all the world in this generation. Our task is tremendous. Our God is all-powerful. Our methods for carrying out the great commission are many. But of them all, one of the most powerful, most effective, most rapid, and yet the most economical, is the wise use of the products of the gospel press.

The press is a mighty power. It will reach and influence the public mind as no other means can. Let us turn to that dynamic instrument and release the flood-gates of evangelistic energy that is waiting there for our use.

The work of the God-fearing colporteur is of first importance because this is as it were the power line through which the power of the press is conveyed to the public. Were it not for such noble men of service, our books would fall lifeless from the press. Our colporteurs

are "key men." While others tarry, these men of God, silent and perhaps unnoticed, are daily winning bright stars for an everlasting crown.

We should recognize the importance of the colporteur ministry because of its efficiency in saving souls. Soul saving will have been the first and highest motive of every one who enters heaven. As wise workmen we should carefully consider how we can most effectively use our time and talents in order to win the greatest number of people. Let nothing keep us from the work of soul saving. And in choosing our method let us remember that "the canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls." "Our publications are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as a result of their circulation." How often we ask a brother, "How did you find this truth?" and he answers, "Oh, a man came to our home with a book and—" And so the story can be repeated by thousands of our church members today. Often I have visited one of our churches with a membership of over sixty raised up entirely by colporteur work. Literature saves souls.

Evangelistic canvassing holds a place of first importance not only because of its past or of its present, but because of its future. Jobs today are judged by their future possibilities. Our colporteur work has a glorious pioneering history—leading the way to nearly every kindred, tongue, and people among whom we work today. Our literature is doing a miraculous work in our day. Read the wonderful results in any of our church papers or mission quarterlies week by week. But what of the future? Ponder this promise given us by the messenger of the Lord. "God will soon do great things for us if we be humble and believing at His feet. *More than one*

thousand will soon be converted in a day—the most of whom will trace their convictions to the reading of our publications.”—*Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1886. Judging this lofty literature-ministry either by its past, present, or future, surely “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.”

But if we expect the greater part of a thousand to be converted in a day by reading the literature we distribute now, we should then give our “first attention to books that deal with the evidences of our faith—books that teach the doctrines of the Bible, and that will prepare a people to stand in the trying times before us.”

Canvassers are needed now. The work must no longer be made secondary to other interests. Men and women and youth out of every church should volunteer for this work. Like Abraham of old, you, too, will find that as you hear and answer the clear call of God that there is no happier place on earth than the place where God would have you to be.

A friend of mine, after relating how he had canvassed for eight years after accepting this truth, said very earnestly, “You know I have only lived eight years of my life,” and raising his voice in enthusiasm continued, “A man *really lives* when he is out canvassing. I’ll never be happy till I’m back in it again.” I am glad to say that that man, with his God-fearing wife, is today hundreds of miles from home, happy and successful in the canvassing work. This man found this truth entirely by reading a book bought from a colporteur, and kept the Sabbath for seven months before he knew there were such people as Seventh-day Adventists. Many times he would speak of a great desire of his heart thus, “I want to meet that colporteur in heaven. I never knew his name. I never saw him again, but I can never forget his face. I know I shall recognize him. I want to shake hands with him and thank him for leading me into this wonderful message.”

That unknown colporteur will doubtless have many others also waiting to meet him, and pour out their thanks to him. It can be your privilege to share a similar joy. May you consider seriously the high calling to this most important line of ministry and volunteer today, making the colporteur work your life work. I am convinced that scores of our people should make this step. I urge you to get into the colporteur work. There is no finer work than this. There is no higher human ministry than this. There is no happier avenue of service than this. It is the greatest post-graduate course of training you can get. It enlarges and develops every God-given talent as no other work can. Properly conducted, it is truly “missionary work

of the highest order.” It is a most successful way of saving souls. It is the most efficient way of warning all the world in this generation. It is a work you can have a part in.

Thousands of men, women, and youth are needed—and desperately needed now. Pray earnestly—Decide firmly—Volunteer enthusiastically—today.

WHY WE NEED MORE COLPORTEURS

J. M. HNATYSHYN

BECAUSE:

1. “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. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing and praying with and for them—is a good work.”—*Vol. 4, p. 390.*

2. “We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work.”—*Vol. 8, p. 89.*

3. It is the best and quickest way of reaching the largest number of people with God’s message for this time.

4. In these days of financial problems and lack of employment, due to the Sabbath question, the colporteur work offers employment whereby industrious, energetic workers may provide themselves and their families with a good living, while at the same time bringing a great blessing to thousands.

5. A respectable, God-fearing colporteur has a wide and powerful influence for good because of the life he lives and the work he does.

6. It is a respectable, honourable, dignified work. The colporteur work is God’s chosen work, and whatever God has chosen as His, is to be regarded highly, and only honest and respectable people can make a success of it.

7. The colporteur can promote his work at all times and among every class of people. He requires no pulpit or office, no building or machinery of any kind. He is not restricted by so called “business hours” or hedged about by business conventionalities. He may find his customers in their homes, in shops, on the streets, in bazaars, at festivals, on trains and buses, ships on the sea and in the air.

8. It is a profitable business that will bring the greatest returns with the least investment of capital than any other business in the world. He does not need a savings account, a machine shop, a factory, a bicycle, a University degree, or a recommendation from the Viceroy. All or any of these might help him, and would not be out of place, but they would not be vital to his success. A steady eye, a quick, firm step, a resolute purpose, a humble, consecrated spirit, a will to work, a neat, clean appearance,

and a love for souls are the chief requisites. None of these cost money or are hard to get, by any who wish to succeed.

9. All over India are many earnest seekers after truth, trying to find peace and rest for their troubled souls. The Seventh-day Adventist colporteur has a definite message for such, but he must go to the cities and villages and crowded highways and byways to search them out.

10. The hour is late, and a wicked world is to be warned of the impending judgments of God. Colporteurs are first among those to give the warning.

11. “The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man.”—*Vol. 6, p. 332.*

12. A rich reward awaits him who will brave the multitudes and faithfully push forward with his work.

RALLYING COLPORTEURS

H. MAXWELL KENT

“God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time.”—*Colporteur Evangelist, p. 5.*

“Our books should be handled by consecrated workers, whom the Holy Spirit can use as His instrumentalities. Christ is our sufficiency, and we are to present the truth in humble simplicity, letting it leave its own savour of life unto life.”—*Vol. 6, p. 319.*

The force of these statements taken from the Spirit of prophecy was revealed in the experience of one of our colporteurs recently. A high-caste Hindu gentleman told the writer the reason for his buying our literature was not the sales talk, but the earnest sincerity of the colporteur. What a privilege to be a literature evangelist in this hour of world crisis and to have a part in scattering our books and periodicals as the leaves of autumn. This sacred trust of the last gospel message is to be carried forward now as never before. The work which should have been accomplished in times of peace must indeed crowd the hour of setting sun.

Never before has there been such a marvellous opportunity to awaken that desire which is latent in every human breast—a seeking after the Infinite. Thousands throughout the world field are awakened and seeking to know the meaning of the tremendous events now taking place. Again a message comes to each one of God’s willing messengers from the pen of inspiration: “The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals.”

Some time ago a young man took a number of orders for our religious books in one district, receiving a deposit in particularly every case. This work had been done among the Baptist people. The Superintendent of that Mission happened to come along, and when he heard of the number of orders taken for Adventist books among his people, he instructed the local minister to preach a sermon against Adventists, and if the colporteur did not return the deposits taken, for the minister to pay the people out of the church treasury. This situation was indeed a call to prayer on the part of our brother. The evening before the minister was to preach against Adventists, he was smitten down, and up to the time of the delivery he had not risen from his bed. Thus once again was demonstrated the fact that our enemies can do nothing against the truth.

Many of our colporteurs have not only the joy of placing our literature in the homes of the people, but have their labours crowned with successful ministry and souls won to Christ. Recently five people were baptized as the result of one colporteur's faithful ministry. And so our literature work is fulfilling its God-appointed mission on earth—winning souls for His kingdom.

Do you feel you cannot make a success of this work? Do you doubt your ability to make a living in the literature work? The Lord has promised He will supply *all* our needs. Why not trust Him? An experience comes from one of our colporteurs in the Telugu field, demonstrating that the Lord hears and answers sincere, humble prayer:

"I had a V.P.P. for Rs. 101 to honour, but did not have sufficient cash to do so. In distress I asked the Lord to help me get sufficient money for my V.P.P. The headmaster of a school was the first man I met, and after buying a book he advised me to see the Raja Sahib Bodagada who was eight miles away. At once I took a cycle and went to see him. Upon arriving there, the State doctor was the first I met, and he paid for one year's subscription to the O.W. I was then directed to see the Dewan, and he asked me what had brought me there. With a smile I said I had come from the Home and Busyman's Service League, where good health is obtained through our literature. He took the O. W. and 'Health and Longevity' prospectus to the Raja, and while he was away I was praying that the Lord would prepare the king's heart to receive the message that we had for him. In a short time the Dewan returned and said, 'You are a lucky man,' and gave me an order for Rs. 64 worth, with Rs. 32-4-0 in cash. I went on my way rejoicing and praising God for having helped me to honour the V.P.P."

Young men, young women, awake and accept the call, taking your place in the forefront of the battle for truth. The Master has need of consecrated, earnest

workers, workers who are willing, yes, eager, to spend and be spent in His service, knowing the hour is fast approaching when night cometh and no man can work. My earnest prayer is that by the influence of the Holy Spirit a chord will be touched in the hearts of many of our dear people, that they will determine by God's grace to accept a part in this mighty advance movement to carry our literature to every tongue and people in this great needy field of India, and to be found of Him in that day faithful to the sacred obligation. May God help each one of us to ponder well, seeking to know His plan and purpose for our lives, and when He reveals the way let us place our hand in His and follow *all* the way.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHING HOUSE MANAGER

L. C. SHEPARD

"THE words of the wise are as goads, and as nails." Eccl. 12:11. From our text we see that wise words perform a very useful and valuable service. We find them preserved for us in books. In books is recorded the wisdom of ages. Even God reveals His word and the way which He would have men walk in a book—the Bible. It is the Book of books; the eternal fire from which all other lights are kindled; the fountain of wisdom from which all human wisdom is derived.

In the days of Solomon goads were one of the necessary implements of husbandry. They still are. Goads are used to direct and to influence to action. They are instruments of persuasion; for one definition of persuasion is, "Persuasion is the art of influencing men's minds so that they will act in the way that we want them to act."

Nails are used to fix things and make them solid. Thus Peter, both in his first and second Epistles, gives as a reason for writing, that his readers might "be made perfect, stablished, strengthened, and settled in the present truth."

From the beginning God has been seeking to work out His purposes for the world, namely, that the earth should be filled with His glory. After His people had failed in the days of Moses God said: "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." Num. 14:21. From the Spirit of prophecy I quote: "The purposes of God know no failure; they will all ultimately be fulfilled. The dominion has temporarily been lost, but it will be restored through Christ; and the ages will roll on through eternity as though rebellion had not risen up."

God reveals His glory through men. God called His people Israel that they might reveal His glory to surrounding peoples. They did not sense the responsibility laid upon them, and failed to do the work expected of them. God, however, did not give up His purpose that His glory should be revealed to men.

At various times through the ages God raised up agencies, suited to the customs and temperaments of men of those times, through which He designed to reveal Himself to men. He called men who wrought so mightily in His service that they become types of the work to be accomplished in the latter days. Such a person was John the Baptist. In Malachi 4:5, 6, we read: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers."

This prophecy was partially fulfilled in the days of Christ in the work and teaching of John the Baptist. But a greater and more complete work is to be done before the second coming. We are living in the days of which Malachi wrote. In his day, and later in the days of the Baptist, the production and multiplication of books was a slow and costly process. They were very rare. Now they are numerous and very cheap. Compared with the past, ours is the age of books. When God would, in these last times, reveal His glory to the people He sent His prophet and instructed His people that "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 accomplished by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation."—*Vol. 7, p. 139.*

When the advent believers were few in number and very poor, so poor in fact that they did not have means sufficient for their living, the prophet of God sent this message to His servant: "You must begin to print a little paper and to send it to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—*Life Sketches, p. 125.*

The believers were to impart to others the light that had been given to them, and the means selected by God for this purpose was books, tracts, pamphlets, and periodicals. In later years the word came: "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision. It was designed to accomplish a specific purpose." That purpose is stated to be, "To prepare a people to meet God." From the publishing houses is to go forth the warning, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen," and the call, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

The publications from our presses contain "the words of the wise which are as goads and as nails." They contain the message of God for the world of our day and time. Says the servant of the Lord: "The world is to receive the light of truth [glory of the Lord] through an

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Ten-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 2, 1941

REMARKABLE CONVERSIONS AMONG FOREIGN-SPEAKING PEOPLE

Italian Literature Brings Results.—Italian Seventh-day Adventists sent literature to Florence, Italy, for free distribution. Some of this literature fell into the hands of a man, who read it with great interest and then sent it to a friend in Trieste, Italy. This man also read the literature and then mailed it to a brother living in the state of Ohio of the United States. After reading the literature, this Ohio man sent to the publishing house for more, and in due time he and his wife began keeping the Sabbath and united with the church.

AUGUST 9, 1941

THE HOME MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AMERICA

FROM the great "Continent of Opportunity," South America, Elder E. M. Davis, our Home Missionary Secretary of that vast section of the world field, passes this good word along:

"The home missionary work is going very well here. I have just made a trip through the field visiting some places that had not had a visit from a minister for four years. In one place where there are only six baptized believers, they have been working with their neighbours, and when I visited this little company I found a baptismal class of twenty-five candidates. It is but a small village. It seems that the whole village in a short time will become an Adventist village. These six believers extend their work even beyond their local community to another village about seven miles away, where I found another group of twelve interested persons, making a total of thirty-seven. They have built a church at their own expense. It is a comfortable and beautiful little building."

AUGUST 16, 1941

LAY EVANGELISM IN THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION

OUR lay preachers and lay Bible workers are pushing their efforts with great energy. They have audiences of between twenty and one hundred people. I have just received a letter from Elder Lugenbeal, the director of the East Visayan Mission, in which he says, "While we are talking about lay preachers I

might mention a little experience that just came in the other day. Up on the little island of Bancayan, just north of Cebu City, there are three towns. The town in the centre has a church. Some time ago we sent an evangelist up there to hold an effort in one of the two unentered towns. While his effort was going on, the brethren living in the centre town of the island decided to go over to the town not yet entered and do some work on their own responsibility. They found a tailor who had 'Great Controversy' and several other of our books. The brethren began giving him Bible studies and then started a branch Sabbath school. Soon the tailor closed his shop on the Sabbath, and the upshot of the whole matter is that there are now five families keeping the Sabbath. Now the question is which will have the largest number of converts,—the tent pitched in town No. 1 or the lay effort in town No. 3."

AUGUST 23, 1941

GOOD NEWS FROM SWEDEN AND FINLAND

FROM the East Nordic Union, which is a part of the Northern European Division, and includes Sweden and Finland, one of our workers gives a most cheering report, notwithstanding all the handicaps and perplexities which have resulted since hostilities broke out in Europe. He writes:

"Home Missionary conventions have been held from the southernmost part of Sweden to the northernmost church in our field. These churches are scattered from north to south, over a distance of approximately 1,200 miles. Plans have been laid whereby not only workers but our lay members will be engaged in a united effort for greater evangelism. Our churches are at work everywhere. We are looking forward to reaping some excellent results from this work in which the laity are linking up their efforts with those of workers and church officers."

AUGUST 30, 1941

THE UNSEEN HARVEST

A CHRISTIAN was giving away gospel tracts on board a steamer. A gentleman who accepted one in a gracious way, said, "I have not much faith in that kind of work." Said the Christian, "It was through a gospel tract given to me in Glasgow twenty years ago that I was converted." The gentleman showed considerable interest, and asked for

particulars. On hearing the young man's story about the tract, he said: "I am the one who gave you the tract. For years I ceaselessly distributed tracts, but I saw so little result from my efforts that years ago I gave up scattering them. But by the grace of God I shall start again."

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evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals."

Books and papers are God's goads which direct people to the truth and influence them to forsake bad habits and walk in the way which leads to eternal life. By "the foolishness of selling books" God is leading men to forsake evil habits and dishonesty, burn their idols, buy Bibles, study them, and to serve Him. Books are God's goads for these closing days of earth's history. By them the message finds access to the hearts of high and low.

In New Zealand a colporteur was in a neighbourhood when a death occurred. There was no minister in the community, so the colporteur, as a religious worker, was requested to conduct the funeral service. At the graveside the colporteur appealed to the people to give their lives to God because all are faced with the hour of death, and only those who have made peace with their Maker are ready for that event. The next day the colporteur received a letter from a prominent man in the community saying that the appeal had touched his heart, and he wanted to learn more of the colporteur's religion. Literature was sold and Bible studies given, which resulted in the baptism of this man, who then resigned his post with the government and became a successful soul-winning colporteur.

"And as nails." Sister White says: "I have been instructed that even where the people hear the message from the living preacher, the colporteur should carry on his work in co-operation with the minister, for though the minister may faithfully present the message, the people are not able to retain it all. The printed page is therefore essential, not only in awakening them to the importance of the truth for this time, but in rooting and grounding them in the truth, and establishing them against deceptive error. Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone."—Vol. 6, pp. 315, 316.

The great need of Southern Asia today is men who will go forth with these divine goads and nails of truth. There is no work more important, or that will accomplish more for Christ.

"The colporteur work is far more important than many have regarded it. It is missionary work of the highest order."