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### MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

G. G. LOWRY

ON Sabbath, April 11th, the following cable was received from the General Conference:

"MAY 9 APPOINTED FASTING PRAYER INVITE ALL POSSIBLE PARTICIPATE MCELHANY ILL BRANSON ACTING PRESIDENT UNTIL AUTUMN COUNCIL. ERNEST DICK."

Two important things are brought to us in this message. First that Elder McElhany, President of the General Conference, is seriously ill, a fact which I am sure all our people in Southern Asia deeply regret. Second, Sabbath, May 9, has been proclaimed by the General Conference committee as a day of fasting and prayer.

In Southern Asia we recently had a day of special prayer, which proved a great blessing to all who participated in it. But in view of the serious times in which we are living, another day of special prayer and fasting will certainly be appropriate. It should be the burden of our prayers on this occasion that God will bless our work and workers in the mission fields. Due to the ravages of war in many fields, missionaries have been forced to return to their homes or have been placed in concentration camps, our indigenous workers have been scattered, and our properties have been confiscated. The danger is not yet past, and our own country is seriously threatened at this time.

We must not, however, despair, for God still reigns in heaven. The earth is still His footstool. He has His hand on the wheel. The destinies of the world, and especially of His work, are in His hand. He has power to overrule all things as He sees fit. We must place our trust more fully in Him, remembering that "our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us

of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service of God supreme, will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet."

Let us therefore at this special time of prayer, when God's remnant people the world over are pressing their petitions to the throne of Grace, most ear-

nestly pray God to work, mightily work, for the interest of His people and the cause which is so dear to us and to Him. He will hear; He will answer. He has not abandoned us. He still is interested in everything that in any way affects His church. We shall yet see His power manifested in behalf of His work and His people in ways of which we have never dreamed. When that time comes, may we each be found standing in his place, ready to be channels through which He can manifest His power.

### THE CHURCH IN THE PRESENT CRISIS

G. G. LOWRY

WE ARE living in a time when men's hearts are being tested and tried. The church in India may, at this time, as has been the experience in other lands, be called upon to pass through her baptism of fire. This is the time when the church in India, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners," must rise in her full strength to bear her share of the burden that will come to her in a time like this. The present is not the time for Christian workers to be uncertain and afraid. Rather it is the time when all together we must "strengthen... the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees." We are to "say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you." Isa. 35:4. The future of the work, and influence of the church, will depend much upon how she conducts herself during this time of trouble.

Much concern is felt over the fact that many of the foreign missionaries, due to the international situation, have been asked to leave India and return to

their homes. Some fear that our work in Southern Asia will collapse and come to naught. Let not our people of the advent movement be dismayed by any such thought as this. After all, God's work does not depend upon any particular individual, or group of men. Neither does it depend upon any certain nationality. The seed that has been sown in India is the Word of God. The plant that has grown up is of the Lord's own planting, and it will not easily be rooted up. Even if the whole foreign missionary force should leave the field, which, of course, is not likely to happen, at least at present, the work of God would go on just the same. His hand is over His work, and He will see to it that it continues to prosper and grow.

Much, however, depends upon how our brethren of this country relate themselves to the present crisis. We appeal to one and all to put their trust in God and His power to finish the work that has been begun.

The foundation of the advent movement has been laid, and it may be that it will rest with the church that has

been built up here to continue the structure. This need cause no dismay or uneasiness to our people. As God has blessed and guided in laying the foundation-stone, so He will bless and guide in the building up of the super-structure.

In a recent number of the *National Christian Council Review*, the editor, in discussing the duty of the church and individual Christian members in these perilous times, gives some very helpful advice. I feel it should be passed on to our workers and members. He says:

"Now, more than ever before, Christian people in India must give evidence that God is their 'refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.' In loyalty to Christ and obedience to His will, every Christian must go on with his appointed task and be ready, if need be, to shoulder new burdens. Where there is duty to be done, those entrusted with responsibility, whether Indians or missionaries, men or women, must stay by their posts in loyal support of their fellow workers, and in intimate association with the interests of their people, ready to give direction and help as they are needed. As long as opportunity for service remains, that service should be rendered. We ought to be able to face the prospect of suffering and loss undismayed. Every Christian should carry about with him 'the infection of a good courage.' We must seek to counteract, in every possible way, the demoralizing effects of rumour, unrestrained emotion or actions influenced by panic. We must help one another to discern at this time of upheaval God's unfolding purpose for our lives and for the loved ones entrusted to our care. 'Strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might,' we must help others to 'put on the whole armour of God' that they may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

In his recent address to the Indian Princes, His Excellency the Viceroy spoke words of encouragement that should be considered by all. In referring to the present perilous times and our relation thereto, he said:

"Let us not regret that our lot should be cast in these times of stress and danger, rather let us declare that these are days in which it is most fortunate to live, for there is an opportunity for courage, high resolution, and great achievement."

The times and present circumstances are a definite challenge to us all to be loyal, true, and energetic in our efforts to maintain a steady poise, and stand ready to do our utmost to help others to be steady under trial. These

## JUNE HOME MISSIONARY SERVICES

The material for the Ten-Minute Home Missionary Services for the month of June appears on the last page of the "Lightbearer," enclosed with this issue of the TIDINGS.

courageous words of the Viceroy were a challenge to the Princes of India. How much more should they be a challenge to the Christian church to that faith in God which can change this crisis into an opportunity for proclaiming and fulfilling His blessed and victorious will.

### THE WITNESS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME—NO. 2

E. D. THOMAS

#### PARENTS

PARENTS should set a good example to their children in order, system, cleanliness, neatness, devotion to God and His Word, and loyalty to the members of God's family.

In every home there must be a definite place set for each article in the household, from furniture to the cooking utensils in the kitchen. I have known of a number of homes where men and women spend many an hour searching for their shoes, umbrella, belt, broom, box of matches, needle and thread. This search is repeated very often, if not every day, because they keep no order or system. Such a kind of program very often brings about unpleasantness in the family and waste of time.

There should be a set time for family worship, when all the members of the family get together at least once a day and read the Word of God and pray to God for His guidance and blessing. Each member of the family should take part in reading the Scriptures, and the privilege should be given to different ones to offer prayer. Little ones should hear their names and the names of their teachers and friends mentioned in the prayers offered to the heavenly Father. This is a good time for the parents to study the Sabbath school lesson with their children and memorize the Morning Watch text. Let parents always take their children with them to the church services. Never talk ill of the Sabbath school officers, teachers, pastors, and your neighbours in the presence of the

children. Do not criticize the sermons, prayer meetings, or any religious services. Teach the children to be honest and straightforward in all their dealings with others. Children should see their parents paying tithes of all their income and giving liberal Sabbath school and church offerings.

Have a regular time for eating food with all the members of the family. In many homes, from early morning till late at night, cooking, eating, and drinking are continued without any break. Such practices should be stopped.

#### SANITATION AND SUPERSTITION

Some Christians still attribute sickness to demons or to some enemy who has bewitched them. The true cause of sickness should be learned, and every precaution should be taken to prevent it. Filth is the mother of sickness. Health is largely secured by good water, pure air, suitable food, and cleanliness. The rich feel that they should not use cold water for drinking, washing, and bathing, and that cold food is intended only for the poor. Christians should not go to quacks and charm vendors, and should pay no attention to superstitions of any kind. It is a great pity that many professed Christians are still close observers of all heathen superstitions. The Word of God says, "There must not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through fire, a diviner, a soothsayer, an augur, a sorcerer, a charmer, a medium, a magician, or a necromancer. For anyone given to these practices is abominable to the Lord; indeed, it is because of these abominable practices that the Lord your God is driving them out of your way." Deut. 18:10-12 (Powis Smith).

#### CHILDREN

To learn obedience is of prime importance. Christian children should go to schools where true Christian education is given. Under no ordinary circumstances can we afford to send our little ones to worldly schools. The teachers and other officers connected with the schools should have a strong belief in the near return of the Saviour to the earth and in the home He has gone to prepare for His faithful followers. Working for the Master in various capacities and winning souls to His kingdom should be always kept before the children.

#### PUNISHMENTS

By injustice and harshness, parents can cause their children to stumble. A little child has a great sense of justice, and some of them find it hard to forgive their parents for administer-

ing unjust punishment, remembering it even in adult life. No child should be punished when the parents are angry.

"Never correct your children while impatient or fretful, or while under the influence of passion. Punish them in love, manifesting the unwillingness you feel to cause them pain. Never raise your hand to give them a blow unless you can with a clear conscience bow before God and ask His blessing upon the correction you are about to give."

#### RECREATION

Every home should have a library for the adults and the children. Good books and periodicals should be bought and kept at home. I would like to quote some statements from one of Elder Wilcox's recent books.

"If Christ lived in your home today, what would He read? Certainly the Word of God would be His first and principal study.

"Would Christ read the newspaper? Possibly. We can conceive of His acquainting Himself, as a man among men, with the great movements in the world. We cannot, however, conceive of His spending time in perusal of the stories of crime and scandal with which the columns of the daily prints are too often filled.

"Would He read the magazines with which our news-stands and bookstores are stocked? Possibly, some of them. There are articles in some of these magazines well worth perusal. But here again we believe that the Master would draw the line. We cannot conceive of His spending time on the story magazine, revelling in the sordid mental pictures of love and lust which we find glowingly portrayed.

"If Christ lived in your home today, how often would He pray? What kind of prayers would He offer? Would He pray only occasionally, when it fully met the convenience of His business and social engagements, or would He take time for prayer, regardless of what might be pressing upon His time or thought?

#### SOCIAL LIFE

"If Christ lived in your home today, how would He relate Himself to your neighbourhood? Would He mingle with its social life? We believe that, within proper limitations, He would.

"What would be His objective in attending social gatherings? Would it be to indulge in wild festivity? Impossible! On such occasions, when He was on earth, His evident purpose was to present the great objective of His mission, to represent God, to become a centre of light and blessing. In other

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words, His social visits were missionary visits.

"If Christ lived in your home, would He attend the theatre, the movies, and other places of popular amusement? It is unthinkable! He would have no opportunity, on such occasions, to represent His high and holy mission to the world. Attendance at such places would be misery for Him.

#### BUSINESS LIFE

"If Christ lived in your home, how would He relate Himself to business? We know He would be honest in all His dealings; He would give good measure when He sold produce, He would do an honest job as a carpenter, He would take advantage of no man, He would pay His just obligations, His word would be as good as His bond. Is this your experience? Are you honest in a deal? Do you pay your debts? When it is impossible to meet your obligations at the time agreed upon, do you evade your creditors and make no explanations, or do you act an honest part and maintain your credit in their estimation?

"If Christ lived in your home, what would be the character of His conversation? Would He be cross and irritable, jealous, envious, disagreeable? or would He be kind and pleasant, cheerful and courageous, hopeful and happy? O surely the latter. Unselfish, loving, obliging.

"The influence of the Christian home will not be confined to the family circle. The followers of Christ are to proclaim the gospel of His love 'in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' The motto of every Christian should be service for others.

"Yes, others, Lord, yes, others,

Let this my motto be,  
Help me to live for others  
That I may live like Thee."

—*"The More Abundant Life."*

## SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. D. THOMAS, Secretary

### BIRTHDAYS

Do NOT forget those birthdays; or the boy or girl who did not attend last Sabbath.

Keep close to each child. Have a card sent, if absent, letting him or her know he was missed.

"The kindly plans devised for another's good,

So seldom noticed, so little understood—

They are not lost."

—*"The Church at Study."*

### TEN REASONS WHY THE BOY LEFT SABBATH SCHOOL

1. The teacher was too "poky."
2. The teacher did not know the boy.
3. The teacher was not interested in the boy.
4. The music was "no good."
5. The teaching was negative.
6. The boy was not encouraged.
7. The boy was given nothing to do.
8. The boy was urged too tactlessly to become a Christian.
9. A dignified and cheerful type of Christianity was not held up to him.
10. His father did not attend.

—*Selected.*

### SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS A BAPTISMAL CLASS

"THE great want in our Sabbath school work is the want of the Light of Life. All through our ranks are needed men and women who have learned at the feet of Jesus what is truth, and how to present it to others. It requires holy men, men who have humility, who are abiding in Christ, to be educators of our youth in the Sabbath school."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work,* pp. 64, 65.

### BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

THE growth and success of the branch Sabbath school work was dwelt upon at some length. It was the opinion of the secretaries that it will add strength to the work if some definite leadership were appointed in each Sabbath school at the beginning of the year to foster this work. After considerable discussion it was,

VOTED: That at the beginning of each year a branch Sabbath school leader be appointed in each Sabbath school by the Sabbath School Council Committee, and that where it is consistent, these leaders be chosen from among the Sabbath school officers. (Approved by the Fall Council, 1940.)

—“The Church at Study.”

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### KOLHAPUR HAPPENINGS

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ON March 20, 1942, before a gathering of friends and relatives, Brother Sumitra Pandit of Kolhapur and Sister Marya Aware of Nagpur were united in marriage at the mission bungalow in Kolhapur. These young people are both graduates of Spicer College, and will be on the Lasalgaon School staff this coming year. We wish these young people God's richest blessings as they establish another Christian home.

It was the writer's privilege to solemnize another wedding in the village of Kumboj on March 22. At that time Nadi master was joined together in matrimony with Manorumabai Kamble in the presence of their village friends and relatives. Our new school-room was filled to capacity to witness this happy occasion. We feel sure that Manorumabai will be a great help to Nadi master as she joins him in his work for the village people of Kodoli. May God bless them and help them to be a blessing to others.

We are still dreaming of our new middle school for the Kolhapur district. The committee chosen to investigate a location feels that if we can

find an adequate water supply at the present mission site at Hotkanangle, that is the best place. We are thankful to the committee for a sum voted to deepen the well in the hope of finding more water. As I saw the many children at the recent annual meetings, my heart longed for the fulfilment of our dream that these boys and girls might have a school where they can develop Christian characters.

### KOLHAPUR ANNUAL MEETINGS

FROM March 25-28 a successful annual meeting was held at our mission bungalow at Hotkanangle in Kolhapur State. In many ways this was the best meeting we have had. Our hearts were made happy as the people came in from the surrounding villages to partake of the Bread of Life in another annual meeting.

The attendance this year was the largest in the history of the work here, and we were glad to see a good representation from each village where our work is going on. As we met together in the quiet and peace of an Indian countryside, it was hard to realize that so much of the world is torn by turmoil, and it was indeed good to get away and rest awhile from the wars and rumours of wars.

This year we were especially blessed by a large number of our young people from Lasalgaon and Spicer College, and on the day set apart for educational work Pastor Spiess had prepared an interesting and inspiring program from among the students of Lasalgaon, both past and present. It cheered our hearts as we looked upon the fine group of clean, energetic youth, and we rejoiced to see this rich harvest of the fruits of many years of toil and prayers. Surely our outlook is a good one as we see so many fine young Christians that are preparing to assume the responsibilities of the Lord's work in this field.

We were sorry that Pastor Lowry was called away so he could not be with us all the time, but he surprised us by arriving in time to give us a good sermon on Sabbath. Mrs. Lowry gave some valuable lessons to the women of the group, and Mrs. Jordan, assisted by Mrs. Sumitra Pandit, held separate meetings for the children.

We were fortunate to have the services of Pastor Thomas this year. His intimate knowledge of the customs of the people, and his wide experience, makes his sermons rich in practical lessons of every-day Christian living.

A highlight of the gathering was the baptism of eleven candidates in the cool of early Sabbath morning. We

pray this experience will be the beginning of a new rich life of Christian growth for each of the candidates.

We solicit your prayers that the work of enlightening the minds of those in the darkness of sin and superstition, will continue to prosper in the Kolhapur district.

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### ROBINSON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

H. H. MATTISON

MARCH 22 marked the close of another successful school year at Robinson Memorial High School. Our long period of silence has not been due to inactivity, but rather so much activity that we have not had time to report to the readers of the TIDINGS.

Our examinations were finished on Wednesday, March 18th, and this was celebrated by our annual feast. The occasion was enjoyed by the entire school family on the Principal's lawn. Food was served cafeteria style by the teachers. As the students passed along the serving line, where their empty plates were filled from large *degchies* of tempting food, they clearly showed that their worries about examinations were past, and the only worry which could have possibly been in their minds was whether the food would hold out until their appetites were fully satisfied. After the feast we had an hour of games and radio music.

The following evening was set apart for our Investiture service. We were glad to have Brother Mookerjee with us for the occasion. He seemed to feel that good work had been done by the M. V. leader, Brother S. K. Besra, and his associates. A large majority of the students were among the four classes represented: Builders, Friends, Companions, and Comrades. We are sorry that there were no Master Comrades, but the good work done by all the classes from Builders to Comrades gives us great hopes that every class will be represented next year.

During the closing days of the school year the teachers were busy grading their examination papers. For years we

have made it a practice to give the students their promotion cards before they return home at the end of each school year. It requires hard work, but we feel that it is worth all the effort. There were very few sad faces among the student body this year, as practically all were promoted. Also, the majority had their fees paid up in full and so could receive their grade cards.

We have every reason to be proud of our Karmatar Sabbath school. For the past two quarters the financial goal of the Sabbath school has been strictly indigenous. The superintendent, Brother B. Nowrangi, has been able to stir the Sabbath school members to greater efforts in every phase of Sabbath school activity. A goal of Rs. 50 per quarter has been surpassed for the past two quarters, and again let me emphasize that this is strictly an indigenous goal. It has been very encouraging to note how much of the offering each Sabbath has been made up in pice given by the children. Their enthusiasm for their financial goal has stirred them to greater activity in reaching attendance and daily study goals.

We should not fail to mention other spiritual features of the school. Our prayer bands have helped to retain a fine spiritual tone among the students during the school year. We greatly rejoiced to see four of our school family buried with their Lord in baptism on Sabbath, March the 14th. A number of others attended the baptismal class during the year.

Since our Bihar Mission School was moved to Karmatar, the school industries have not prospered as they should, and there has been a lack of suitable and healthy industries. Again in the line of industries we have much to cheer us this year. Our print shop is on a good footing again, and has turned in a good profit to the school. We print regularly the Hindi and Bengali Sabbath School and Missions Quarterlies for the Union. Aside from these regular jobs, we do all of the job work for the Union office, as well as other jobs from private concerns.

The problem of establishing an industry for the girls has been solved, and it is by far the most profitable industry we have, considering the small outlay for equipment. The honour of beginning this industry rightly goes to Mrs. Borrowdale. She has taught the girls to crochet motifs, which they later join together to make table clothes and luncheon sets. The quality of the work is all the "sales talk" required. We have easily sold all the girls have been able to make this year.

Prospects are also bright for our two infant industries, tomato juice and pea-

nut butter making. Properly nurtured, these should be strong, healthy children by next year, strong enough to stand on their own feet. We believe they will be.

If a busy school is the sign of a growing school, then we are growing. Remember us in your prayers that we may grow in every respect that God would have us grow.

#### TWO ASSAMESE GIRLS ON SCHOLARSHIP

BROTHER J. F. ASHLOCK, writing from our mission station at Shillong, passes on word that two young ladies about sixteen years of age canvassed for the

ORIENTAL WATCHMAN AND HERALD OF HEALTH magazine in Shillong during the last few weeks. These girls each have been successful in earning a scholarship for our school at Jowai, and in addition to this each one has been able to lay by an additional Rs. 12 or so for pocket money; and this, after all expenses including the payment of their tithe have been met. Brother Ashlock writes: "Not bad for youngsters, is it?"

We will all agree that this is the case. It is not "Is it?" but *it is* very good. To the young ladies in other parts of our Division we would say, "Go thou and do likewise!"

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#### NORTHWEST NEWS NOTES

O. O. MATTISON

It behoves us occasionally to let the rest of the field know that all goes well in the Northwest. Often we become so busy with other things that we forget to do this.

While our hearts go out to Burma in the ordeal through which she is passing, yet we welcome some of the fine workers from there who have come to us recently. Brethren Hare, Baird, Sargent, and Johanson are in our midst, and we have already begun to feel that they are part of the Northwest family. While most of these are in Mussoorie on their much-needed hill leave and rest from the trip across, still Lahore holds out a welcoming hand to the Hare family, Lucknow is beckoning to Brother and Sister Baird, Chuharkana is saying to the Sargents, Come over and help heal us, and the colporteurs throughout the field have already taken on Brother Johanson as their chief. If any of the rest of the fields have a few more like these, we have lots of places for them.

I have just returned from Roorkee where Brother Johanson, assisted by Brother Hnatyshyn and Brother Raye, were closing a most interesting colporteurs' institute. A few of the "regulars" were unable to get in from the field, but most of them were there throughout the institute, and it would have done your heart good to hear the interesting experiences they related on Sabbath afternoon. Truly God is close to His bookmen, and as these return to

their fields of labour our hearts go with them and those who will assist them to greater success in this important line of gospel ministry.

Twelve students from the higher classes of the Roorkee school were busily engaged in learning their canvass and making all preparations to join the bookmen's army just as soon as school closes. Counting the five young men from Spicer College who are already hard at the task, this gives us a colporteur force of twenty-five. We are looking for great things from this army this summer.

Everywhere we hear of the shortage of wheat, except from Roorkee and Chuharkana. Both of these schools have been blessed with a wonderful crop this year, and the student body in both places are busy "gathering in the sheaves" and at the same time making preparations to gather in the spiritual sheaves for the kingdom of God. If you want fine wheat, just get in touch with Brother Streeter.

Except for the Northwestern Frontier our field has about finished up its Uplift work for this year. Everywhere everyone has met with a wonderful response from the public, and the goals were reached in a very short time. Since the Northwest Frontier is a restricted area, we will finish that up as soon as we get permission.

We have had two new members added to our working force recently,—John Wallace Collett to the Rawalpindi cen-

tre and Milton Charles Theodore Mackett to the Vincent Hill School staff. Judging from their lung power, both will eventually make strong preachers.

Brother Stotesbury and family are spending some time in Mussoorie, as he is recuperating from a recent operation. It is not often that these good workers get up this way from Karachi. Sister Stotesbury also has not been keeping well, and we trust this change will restore them to their needed health so that they may return to Karachi and continue to build on the good work they are doing there. Brother Chowla is carrying on the work there during their absence.

Our twelve Dorcas societies are each doing a noble work, helping the poor and needy, giving treatments to the sick, providing meals for the hungry, sending worthy students to our own schools, co-operating with the Red Cross in their respective communities, and thus fulfilling the God-given purpose for which they were organized. The latest society to join our sisterhood is Dehra Dun, under the leadership of Mrs. O. W. Nolda.

Lahore Dorcas Society held a sale during the winter, with good profit; Delhi also had a small sale and received good returns; Mussoorie is planning another birthday party and also a sale later in the season. May the good work go on with greater activity as the end draws nearer and the need increases.

## ROORKEE SCHOOL NOTES

FRANK JURIANZ

ANOTHER quarter has passed since we sent in a report of our work to the TIDINGS' family, and during this quarter much has happened in the "Retreat" that would interest our readers. We have not been idle, nor have we worried about the events taking place around us, but we have gone on steadily with our work and are hoping and praying for the soon return of our Master.

After a very pleasant Christmas week, during which the students had a *bara khana* and were entertained with a special Christmas program, we entered the New Year, 1942, with renewed courage and strength to labour for the Lord.

First among our special plans for the year was the Uplift campaign. We determined to make a better show this year than we have in the past, but realizing the hard times in which we live and the fact that the public is doing

all it can to support the war effort, we earnestly sought the Lord for a special blessing. All the students who wished to have a part in the Uplift were permitted to do so under the guidance of the teachers. Two field days were fixed, and the Roorkee school army marched out, equipped with Uplift magazines, cans, and receipt books. On the night of the second day, when a count was made, it was found that over Rs. 200 had been brought in. Since then the teachers have been working steadily in the evenings after class hours, and the total receipts from Roorkee Cantonments have mounted to nearly Rs. 700. Brethren Streeter and Hamel paid a brief visit to Jullundur, and the Uplift total for the school now stands at Rs. 1,012.

We have found the public kind and sympathetic with our work, and ready to give. The British Military officers especially have helped us out this year. The Lord has blessed us abundantly, and with the exception of one or two rather plain spoken people we have had no adverse experiences. One of these caused a little trouble for Brethren Streeter and Hamel by reporting that they were escaped Italian prisoners. The police in Jullundur held them up for a few hours, but when the mistake was found out they were not only profuse in apologies, but one of the officers gave a donation toward the Uplift. The moral from this experience is: "Don't wake ladies from their afternoon siesta."

We are now in the last lap of the school year. The next three or four weeks will be very busy ones. Our Colporteur Institute will begin on April 11, and will run for a week. This will be followed by the examinations, and then the Closing Exercises. School parties will leave on May 3.

The work on our farm is going well. We were able to sell all of our sugarcane crop, and wished we had more, for there was a great demand for sugarcane. We are now busy harvesting the wheat. Our wheat has come up well, and we expect good returns from it. Brother Chaman Lal has worked long and hard, and has done exceedingly well.

We are sorry to report that one of our teachers will be leaving us at the close of the school year, but we are glad that he will be better able to serve the Lord in his new post. Master Fazal Sajid, sixth standard teacher and accountant, has been called to take up the work of Secretary-Treasurer in the Punjab Local Mission. Master Fazal has served the school faithfully for six years, and we shall miss his valuable services.

In closing this report may we ask that the readers of the TIDINGS remember our school in their prayers. We realize that we are living in the closing days of the earth's history, and we want to do all we can in making others ready to see the Lord at His appearing.

## ROORKEE SABBATH SCHOOL

THE readers of the EASTERN TIDINGS may be interested in a report of the Sabbath school here in Roorkee. The first quarter of 1942 has been very successful in that we have been able to reach all our goals.

For our chart for this quarter, which Miss Muriel Streeter very kindly made for us, we had a large lighthouse throwing its rays to mission stations in South America. These mission stations were represented by actual pictures of our work there. The rays were coloured ribbons, and each class had its own ray and mission station. When a class failed to reach its financial goal, its ray, instead of shining to the mission station, went into the sea. At each mission station we had a preacher. When a class was perfect in attendance and daily study, the preacher was on his job, but when a class missed, the preacher was absent and the poor Indians had no one to teach them of the Saviour. For our Investment Fund we coloured in the bricks of the lighthouse—the boys and girls having a little competition as to who could colour the most bricks. Needless to say the girls came out ahead. If the Sabbath school as a whole reached its financial goal a green light shone from the lighthouse. Provision was made for a red light to shine if the goal was not reached, but we are glad to report that the red light was not used even once.

For our Thirteenth Sabbath program we had a dialogue given by three of our boys. This brought out some very interesting points of our work in South America. Two recitations, "A Call to the Colours" and "Your Part and Mine," were given by Barkat Masih and Sardar Khan. Beulah Lal and Masih Charan told us some very interesting stories of the Indian boys and girls in Peru. In addition we had some special music, and the Juniors repeated the memory verses for the quarter. When the offering was taken up we were happy to find that we had just gone over the Thirteenth Sabbath goal of thrice the offering. We were also able to fill in all the bricks in the lighthouse. We look forward to a greater work in our Sabbath school department.

FRANK JURIANZ.

## UPLIFT IN NORTHWEST INDIA

L. C. SHEPARD

A RECENT issue of the Northwest News Letter contained some excellent Uplift experiences which I feel will be greatly appreciated by all readers of the TIMINGS. Brother Mattison writes about the campaign in Cawnpore as follows:

"Brother Kimble and I went there with the usual fear and trembling, wondering just how we would be received by the big firms this year, realizing they would be called on heavily for war purposes, but with that fear and trembling was a prayer in our hearts that the Lord would give us success.

"Brother Nelson's effort was on in Lucknow, and the Sunday night before we were to go to Cawnpore he was presenting the Sabbath question. Naturally we wanted to stay for that. A short time before the service was to begin there was a severe storm, accompanied by hail that covered the ground. We feared the people would stay away, but happy were we when we got to the tent and found it full. I thought if hail can't keep the people away from a meeting like this, world conditions cannot stop our success in the Lord's work in Cawnpore.

"Monday morning we started out and got an increase in our first offering over the previous year, so that gave us courage. It proved to be a good lead, for so many others did likewise without our even suggesting it. Later in the day we went to one of our largest givers and had a good visit with him. When we thought it time to present the card, he read our thoughts and said, 'You come back on Wednesday,' and you can rest assured we did not forget to do so. When we came in he was standing outside his office, apparently waiting for us, and handed us a cheque for Rs. 200 instead of the usual hundred. You need not ask whether we were happy or not.

"Several who had cut us off their list some years ago came back cheerfully and with good donations. One dear old lady who took our breath away last year by giving us Rs. 100, said that she was sorry she could not do more, but would be glad to give us the same amount again this year. And so went the good work. By Friday at noon we had Rs. 1,106, and had to leave for other appointments. I am sure God has blessed likewise throughout the field."

The work in the Punjab was just as successful. Brother Winston Janes, principal of our school at Chuharkana, writes as follows:

"In past years Uplift to me was just a 'look see' trip. I had been out in 1937

with Pastor Morris up in the Frontier Provinces, and then from 1938 to 1941 with Brother Streeter in various stations of the United Provinces. On these occasions I have taken a back seat—watched them do the talking and take in the money. But 1942 was a whole lot different. Being in charge of the school here meant that this year I would have to take the initiative and do my own soliciting.

"The first day, Mr. Ali Bakhsh and I went to Sheikhpura, which is by no means a city—only an extra big village. In past years Rs. 40, Rs. 30, and even Rs. 25 was thought to be a lot from Sheikhpura. We first visited the home of the Civil Surgeon. He was out, but his wife was in. Not knowing English was a handicap to her, but she was soon telling us of her own social activities, and when I presented the work as shown in the pamphlet for this year she promptly brought out her Rs. 5 and was sorry she could not give more. It was the same wherever we went,—people just did not refuse. We saw only a few, but we had almost Rs. 50 by four o'clock. Seeing there were heaps more people to visit I decided that another trip would not do us any harm. So the next time Brother Torkelson came with me. The first one we saw this time was the Deputy Commissioner. He immediately gave us a cheque for Rs. 20 and an invitation to the Governor's durbar. On this day, too, the Lord was with us and with the people, for we realized almost Rs. 85 in cash. But there were still some homes left, so I returned the next week with Brother Samuel Rai, and spending a day there took in another Rs. 50. Thus from Sheikhpura alone we got Rs. 185.

"At Lyallpur we also met with good success. I thought a goal of Rs. 250 wouldn't be too bad. On the last day that we were there we had only Rs. 192 at 1:00 P.M. Our train left at 3:00, so we were doubtful. We asked to see a Mr. Tobler. Unfortunately he was in Lahore, but his assistant, Mr. Franz, a young Swiss lad, was in. He said he had met one of our missionaries in Surat, and seemed very favourably impressed with the work we were doing, so took out his cheque book, wrote the date and my name and then signed it, but did not fill in the amount. He lifted his pen, then looked at the Rs. 20 list we had, then looked at me. 'Do not be misguided by that Rs. 20 list,' said I, whereon he laughed and put his pen down. He just could not decide. I then suggested he give me a blank cheque. 'Oh no, I cannot do that,' said he. So at last he picked up his pen and wrote in the amount, folded, and gave the cheque to me, but would not write his name on the Rs. 20 list. A

little while later we took our leave, and would you believe it?—he had given us a cheque for Rs. 50. No wonder he would not sign his name on the Rs. 20 list! Were we glad! That immediately took us up to Rs. 240, and the next three or four homes that we visited took us over our goal.

"One Indian gentleman gave us Rs. 20, and then took us to two more who gave us another Rs. 20. A Parsi gentleman said, 'I have been waiting for you for a long time now, and was beginning to wonder if you were ever coming!' The year before he gave Rs. 5; this year he gave us Rs. 10, and a promise of Rs. 25 later on. A lady doctor said the very same thing. We went to the Zenana hospital to see Mrs. Collett, and in the distance we saw a lady walking toward us. I told Mr. Torkelson that we would be turned out this time, for we were no 'zenanies!' She said, 'Are you from Chuharkana? Come right in.' She left her work and sat for a few minutes talking to us. Really, we had not gone to see her, but to see Mrs. Collett, but see how God guided us to her.

"Brother Allen and I had the same experience time and time again in Amritsar—people just would not refuse."

Brother Frank Juriansz writes from Roorkee:

"Our goal was set at Rs. 800. Our cash receipts to date are Rs. 1,012. About 70 per cent of this amount has come in from Roorkee alone. Comparing these figures with those of last year, we find that we have more than doubled our total returns, the amount brought in last year being Rs. 500. The public of Roorkee donated about Rs. 300 last year; thus it would be seen that they have more than doubled their donations. One reason for this is that we have never had the time to do the work as thoroughly as we have this year."

Brother Kimble writes from Allahabad:

"It is always difficult to know just how and where to begin when one starts Uplift work in a city. This year in Allahabad we selected a regular donor and approached him for an offering. The response was most encouraging, for he raised his offering this year to Rs. 25. With this initial success we were encouraged to continue, and the results throughout the time spent in the Uplift work were most gratifying. Many of the offerings received here were double those of last year, and in the case of one who had been giving Rs. 10, this year we were given Rs. 100. This was a very interesting case. The donor at first gave Rs. 25, and a pamphlet was left with him.

## DIVISION HONOUR ROLL

## Eastern Tidings

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After reading this over and learning  
more about this humanitarian work, a  
further offering of Rs. 75 was sent on  
to our Poona office, making a total of  
Rs. 100."

Miss Sandberg writes from New  
Delhi:

"With a prayer in our hearts and  
copies of *The Survey of Progress* under  
our arms, Miss Annette Belchambers  
and I started out the New Delhi 1942  
Uplift campaign, January 4. It was a  
sunny, crisp morning, and being Sun-  
day we decided that one of the num-  
erous residential streets would be a  
good starting point. Our first donor  
gave Rs. 5. Shortly after noon we had  
knocked on each door of that one  
street and had received Rs. 78 in cash,  
with definite promises which later were  
fulfilled. This made us feel quite en-  
couraged.

"Fifty rupees was our largest dona-  
tion; we received thirty-five Rs. 10 do-  
nations, and a large number of Rs. 5

Northeast Union:	Weeks	Rs. As.	Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath in each month
S. K. Sarkar	3	202- 0	Eastern Tidings Offering Day	May 23
Mrs. M. McLean	4	184- 8	Missionary Volunteer Day	June 6
J. G. Moses	3	112- 4	Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer	June 6-13
Z. Nahapiet	1	80- 4	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	June 27
D. L. Mundle	4	70-12	Spirit of Prophecy Day	July 4
Thomas Ashlock	1	61- 0	Educational Day (Offering to Spicer College)	July 11
D. K. Seth Kujur	4	51-12	Literature Evangelism Sabbath	Aug. 9
South India Union:			Sabbath School Rally Day	Sept. 5
D. M. Joshua	4	253-12	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Sept. 26
L. D. Wilson	3	235- 0	Oriental Watchman Day	Oct. 3
A. C. Harris	4	124- 0	Big Week	Oct. 3-10
M. Swaminathan	3	116- 4	Church Membership Day	Nov. 7
P. T. Paul	4	102- 8	Week of Prayer	Dec. 5-12
N. Paulson	2	82- 0	Annual Offering	Dec. 12
P. S. Sigamoney	3	70- 0	Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	Dec. 26
P. S. Sandanasamy	3	61-12		
G. S. Arumainayagam	3	61- 4		
A. S. M. Roy	2	59- 0		
Western India Union:				
Mrs. D. M. Garton	2	204- 8		

and less. We did not return home one  
single morning without having received  
a certain amount to add toward our  
goal. Twenty-four receipt books were  
used.

"The children found Connaught  
Place a fruitful field, particularly Satur-  
day night. Irene Mattison gathered in  
close to Rs. 100, and Dorothy Jacob did  
well with her tin box. We felt like hav-  
ing a praise meeting when we closed  
the campaign and found the total  
amount received stood at Rs. 2,326.

"We see from these experiences that  
all who have done their Uplift territory  
this year have met with good success.  
Very encouraging word comes to us  
from one of the younger members of  
Northwest India,—Barbara Morris, who  
is fourteen years of age. I am going to

mention her closing remarks at the be-  
ginning of my remarks about her work.  
She says, "Uplift is fun. I like meet-  
ing the people. We entered one office  
where five hundred men were working.  
We asked the manager for a donation  
and received Rs. 52 in a little while.  
In three days we collected Rs. 123 from  
military men, their wives, and people  
in general. This work was done in  
company with Miss Christo. A week  
later we spent some time in Aligarh  
and Agra, where we collected Rs. 137-4-0.  
In four days Rs. 23-4-0 was collected  
by the telegraph office at Agra and sent to  
us by money order. In Hapur we col-  
lected Rs. 306-15-0."

"In Delhi in company with Miss  
Singh Rs. 46-11-0 came in two days."

No wonder Barbara thinks it is fun to  
do Uplift. The following schedule  
shows the goals in the Northwest and  
the amount each one has collected:

Leader	Station	Goal	Receipts
Miss Sandberg	New Delhi	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 2,326-
Brethren Morris and Alexander	Hapur	" 1,500	" 1,292- 1
Mrs. Kimble	Lucknow	" 1,250	" 1,368- 7
Pastor Kimble	Allahabad	" 500	" 424- 0
Pastors Mattison and Kimble	Cawnpore	" 1,000	" 1,040-12
Pastor Streeter	Roorkee	" 800	" 887- 5
Brother W. Janes	Chuharkana School	" 600	" 606-14
Pastor Torkelson	Chuharkana Station	" 1,000	" 32- 9
Pastor Allen	Gujranwala	" 500	" 831- 0
Brother Ritchie	Lahore	" 1,000	" 65- 0
Brother Stotesbury	Karachi	" 1,500	" 95- 0
			" 8,969- 0

# SABBATH SCHOOL LIGHT BEARER

Second Quarter, 1942

E. D. Thomas, Secretary

**N. B.—THE FIRST SABBATH IN JUNE IS ASSIGNED AS MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY. THE TEN-MINUTE TALKS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE ARE PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS SUPPLEMENT.**

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL IN THE EARLY DAYS

As a child of less than ten years I regularly attended Sabbath school with my parents. At that time we had only one series of lessons. We had no classes for children. I studied and recited with my parents. I well remember the lesson book. It was a series of questions on Bible doctrines, well adapted for mature minds. When we had gone through it once, we went through it again. I was too young to understand the doctrines. No Sabbath school offerings of any kind were taken.

This all seems very crude when compared with our present highly organized, efficient Sabbath schools, with their lessons well adapted to all ages; yet the Sabbath school of my childhood, unadapted as it was to my needs, was perhaps the strongest of any religious factor outside of my home, to lead me into spiritual life. When such inefficient Sabbath school work could produce such good results in my life, I know that the strong teaching and general work and influence of our Sabbath schools today are of inestimable value, not only to the children, but to the entire church.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

## WITHOUT THE SABBATH SCHOOL I MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOST

TEN years before I became an Adventist I attended one of our Sabbath schools as a ten-year-old boy. The knowledge of the Bible gained there has influenced my life from that day to this, and without question prepared the way for me to accept the whole truth years later.

As a youth I went to work, and being altogether out of touch with either Sabbath school or church, drifted into the world. Then God brought me into contact with a tent effort, which I attended, and learned the truth and embraced it.

The lessons received in early life through the Sabbath school created such convictions that it was easy to accept the whole message; whereas if the Sabbath school had had no place in my life, I might still be separated from

God. So without the Sabbath school I might have been lost.

The Sabbath school means to me now the best and most efficient agency for training the members of a large church, not only in the principles of Bible truth which constitute the message for today, but also in the principles of organization and system, without which no church can do its best work. It is a training school for Christian workers which, rightly conducted, is invaluable to the church of God. It is, in addition to being the church at study, an agency which can be wonderfully used to teach strangers and visitors the truth, as well as to lead the lambs of the flock to Jesus as their Saviour. I should feel I was overlooking one of the greatest opportunities of the Sabbath school if I did not use it to bring the children and youth to a decision to accept Christ. Thus the Sabbath school is one of the most effective recruiting agencies of the church.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

## THE REVIEW LESSON IN THE "WORKER"

FOR some years the *Sabbath School Worker* has carried a Sabbath School Lesson Outline at the beginning of the senior lesson notes. The purpose of these outlines was that they be used as a basis for the reviewer in the teaching of the Sabbath school lesson in review. But we were disappointed to some extent in the use of this outline. There is still considerable complaint that the reviews are conducted in many Sabbath schools in such a manner as to make them valueless to the congregation. For these and other reasons it has been thought best to plan for definite outlines, and suggestions as to the reviewing of each lesson, and that these be inserted in the *Worker* at the close of the lesson notes. This will begin with the (U. S. A.) lessons of the second quarter of 1942. In addition there will appear some articles of instruction on the giving of the review in the Sabbath school. The first of these will appear in the March issue of the *Worker*. (We would like to see our Sabbath school leaders make use of these helps and choose reviewers who will use them.)—*The Secretary*.

## LET US BE THANKFUL

The world is in turmoil. Nations are at deadly grips with one another. Human lives—men, women, and children—

are being blotted out by the thousands. Suffering such as has not been known for many centuries is being endured. And the end is not yet—the worst is apparently yet to come. Yet many thousands of us are still preserved from the worst of these sufferings. We may mentally suffer with the fears that assail the heart as to the future, but physically we remain but little affected. Our taxes are rising and our incomes may yet be very definitely affected. But with all that, we will be fortunate as compared with the rest of the world. While we pray for those who suffer, for a just and honourable peace to come, is there more that we ought to be doing, and in a larger way? It is ours to give the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. It is ours to tell them of His imminent return. We must set before them the preparation necessary that they may meet Him when He comes. The work of the gospel cannot stop when it is most needed. The early church were scattered abroad when persecution came, and they went everywhere preaching the Word. In every time of distress and suffering, the hearts of men are drawn out in a search for relief, for hope. It is in their need that they are ready to turn to God for help, to cast themselves upon His mercy. It is, therefore, the hour of opportunity for the followers of Christ. To them the spiritual needs of a suffering world are a challenge to sacrifice and service.

To meet the unprecedented situation in all the world will require both men and means. Individually and collectively we must plan for larger gifts for missions, voluntary enlistment for service wherever the Lord may call, and a zeal for Christ that will know no defeat. As secretaries of the Sabbath School Department in our immediate fields, it is ours to promote mission giving in a larger way. That which we are doing today should be greatly increased. A 10 per cent increase is no longer enough. That percentage should be doubled. We should raise at least six million rupees for missions in 1942. That would be only a few thousand rupees more than fifty thousand less Sabbath school members raised in 1929. In other words, there are today fifty thousand more church members than in 1929, when the Sabbath schools raised Rs. 5,910,000. We should raise six million in 1942, and if at all possible, six and a quarter million. We can do it by increasing our present offerings by 15 per cent or more. Twenty per cent

would make sure the larger figure. Let us plan it! Let us do it!—*The Secretary.*

## THE PLACE OF THE REVIEW IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL

S. A. WELLMAN

THE number of those who would do away with the review in the Sabbath school program is increasing. The principal reason for so feeling is that in many schools the one who reviews makes the study so uninteresting and tedious as to destroy its real value. Often, we are told, the one who reviews has the habit of asking every question in the Sabbath School Quarterly, without the omission of one. And all too often the notes are also read. Nothing could more fully prove the lack of study, the lack of knowledge of what a review really is, or the lack of understanding the human mind than so to present a review.

The review has a real place, and a helpful place, in the Sabbath school program when rightly prepared and correctly presented. It gives the point of connection of one lesson with another, refreshes the memory, and prepares the mind for the fuller enjoyment of the rest of the hour's study; and when the reviewer has thoroughly prepared and studied the lesson for this presentation, it brings a fresh and still clearer understanding of the spiritual lessons to be learned. When the reviewer himself has the lesson well in hand, he will command the attention of all in the Sabbath school. Well-planned questions, aimed to obtain an answer; well-digested illustrations of truth, told in a way to point the teaching of the lesson; and a covering of the essentials, in time to stop at the end of eight or at most, ten minutes, will hold the interest of any congregation.

### WHO SHOULD BE CHOSEN FOR THE WORK

Not everyone can review. It requires a person who is systematic in thinking, quick, or at least methodical and definite, of speech, and one who speaks loud enough to be heard by all those who are to be interrogated. It does not necessarily include those who themselves think they do well in reviewing, or in any other public work. Unfortunately, many who think they are past masters at the art of reviewing are, in fact, a source of weariness to the listeners. Usually those reviewed are compelled to be listeners only, for they have little or no opportunity to take part. Choose for a reviewer some clear-thinking man or woman who will make it his or her business to study every phase of the lesson, one who in his preparation seeks to find new angles of vision, new illustrations to emphasize the truths to be presented. Someone should be selected who will

study twice as hard as any other teacher, and then condense what he has found into some four or five main facts, each one of which will stand out like first-magnitude stars in a winter sky.

Make no mistake, there are such persons in nearly every Sabbath school. There are exceptions to every rule, but in most cases these capable reviewers are right among you. Many times more people stand idly by because of timidity, self-distrust, or a tendency to inertia or laziness, than because they are incapable of doing things. And often this timidity is due to the ceaseless heckling and thrusting back that comes to them from others who are more assertive, but less capable.

### OF WHAT DOES A REVIEW CONSIST?

1. A review should have a thought-provoking beginning: (a) the way the question is put; (b) a startling statement; (c) an apt illustration. Any one of these will attract attention, and may be the starting point. Let us illustrate: we use a lesson of the third quarter as a basis.

a. The coming of Jesus is nearer than we realize. How would you prove this?

b. The effort to camouflage or to deride the teaching of the soon coming of Christ by the leaders of the church, and by national leaders to suppress it, is a direct fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Every scoffer is headed for perdition.

c. In the years just succeeding World War I, there arose some who preached and predicted that the end of the world would come on a specified date. Many were deceived by this prediction and by the claims of these proponents that they spoke for God. How could men have known that the prophecy was false? Why?

2. Having made your brief beginning, proceed by taking two or three outstanding points that build solidly into the framework of the review lesson, and use these for the body of the study. In a study of the second coming, and its nearness, the following points are suggestive:

a. Dangers that confront the people of God just before Jesus' coming. Luke 21:34-36.

b. We may know the season, but not the day and hour. I Thess. 5:1-5.

c. Signs that prove His coming near. War and commotion. Joel 3:9, 10. Signs in heaven and earth. Matt. 24:29-31. Capital and labour. James 5:1-8. Social signs. II Tim. 3:1-5. Gospel progress. Matt. 24:14. Just a brief review of these points with references will be sufficient.

d. The attitude of God's children in view of these world conditions. What should it be? Luke 21:28.

3. Close with some little incident illustrative of the eagerness with which we wait and watch for those we love.

## FORMS OF REVIEW THAT ARE APPROPRIATE

Several forms of review are appropriate. The first of these is the one illustrated above, in which the main points in the lesson are brought out by statement, illustration, and questions addressed either to individuals or to the Sabbath school as a whole. The advantage of the individual question is that it places the responsibility for the answer instead of leaving it to the spontaneous response of someone. Such answers are usually left to the questioner. Moreover, direct questions well placed around the audience have the tendency to keep everyone alert, as a good teacher knows.

Another form of review that is often effective is to outline the subject on a blackboard or a large sheet of wrapping paper, if this latter can be provided large enough and pencilled with crayon so as to be read easily, and then as questions are asked, or statements made, fill in with additional data either verbally or on the board or sheet. It is necessary to have the illustrative matter, the texts, the outstanding points clearly in mind and readily explainable as you proceed.

Still another form is to place texts or statements from the Spirit of prophecy in the hands of certain members in the Sabbath school (these should be distributed in as many classes as possible), and then when the question is asked, the member is asked to read the scripture or the quotation bearing the same number. These should be brief, and careful timing should be assured to close promptly, before attempting a review in this style.

### THE TIME OF THE REVIEW

Reviews should be confined to a few moments. From seven to ten minutes is ample; a longer period will destroy the effectiveness of all that is done. Shorter reviews demand more thorough preparation, closer analysis of the salient truths, a better grasp of the methods of presentation. Nor should the review be hastily given. Deliberate, studied order in presentation is as necessary as careful analysis of the outstanding truths.

### CLOSING THE REVIEW STUDY

Don't peter out. Close the review with something as full of life, even more so if possible, as the statement, or story, or question with which you began. Leave the audience thinking, wondering how much more you have in reserve. Leave something in their minds that will keep them thinking till they get into the lesson of the day with their own teacher, and will make them live pupils, deeply interested in exploring further the truths that they have heard.

AND PLEASE! PLEASE REMEMBER

Remember that a good review requires thorough preparation and careful planning regarding the message and method to be used. If you have the ability (and who doubts it?), do thorough work. But do not review unless you are willing to make that preparation and put the best you have in you into the doing of the task. It was once necessary for a young man to give an oration at a high-school commencement. He was not an outstanding scholar. He belonged to an unpopular religious body. His teachers, he knew, were definitely critical. He prepared the text with care. He had his material carefully checked and re-checked to be sure it was flawless. He rehearsed it night and day in every spare moment, and practised before critical teachers. With trembling and in fearfulness he faced the fateful night when it must be delivered. The long preparation, the faithful planning and hard labour, carried him through to success. If you are willing to put into the work of the Lord the effort that you would give to planning for the successful doing of the daily tasks that make up a successful life, you can review. Remember—it requires thorough study, a complete grasp of the lesson, definite plans for presentation (a choice having been made of the method to be used), clear-cut opening thoughts, a well-constructed body of two or three main truths, a snappy, thought-provoking ending. You have been called to review. Wake up! Prepare! Then hold the interest of your pupils. You can do it.

**An Appeal**

THE Thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering for the first quarter of 1943 is assigned to the unentered territories of the Southern Asia Division.

We have just sent in some interesting articles for the Missions Quarterly of that quarter. We would like to send stirring articles to the *Review*, *The Youth's Instructor*, *Our Little Friend*, and other Conference papers. We therefore appeal to all our workers in the Southern Asia Division to write their articles at once and send them on to the various editors as early as they can, requesting them to print the articles in their papers during the first quarter of 1943 or a little earlier. It takes nearly three months at present for letters to reach America.

Some may write to their friends, home churches, and conference leaders. Our missionaries from Australia may write to the Australian papers and churches. Place before our people the progress of the work in this Division and the great need of men and means to finish the work. Feel free to write about the experiences in connection

with certain new converts. Give as many stories as possible, with illustrations to prove the working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the honest ones.

You may send your articles direct to the homeland or to the Sabbath School

Department, Southern Asia Division, Post Box 15, Poona.

It is possible that we might receive not less than Rs. 30,000; so let us do all we can to get our people all over the world interested in our work in the Southern Asia Division. Thank you.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOURTH QUARTER, SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 1940

Union Mission	No. of Schools	S. S. Members	Attendance	Ribbons Issued	Picture Rolls Used	Offerings
Burma Union	47	1,433	1,280	17	18	1,421-0
Northeast Union	55	1,593	1,385	11	11	1,744-4
Northwest Union	104	3,435	2,969	44	40	2,519-15
South India Union	143	5,270	4,275	102	30	2,998-15
Western India Union	51	1,199	1,054	8	6	1,253-9
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>12,930</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>9,937-11</b>

BURMA UNION OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1941						
Irrawaddy Mission	25	771	612	6	6	779-0
Tennaserim Mission	16	469	383	-	13	236-10
Upper Burma Miss. (Thank Offering)	5	201	167	-	2	295-11
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,357-2</b>

NORTHEAST UNION						
Assam Mission	5	217	181	4	3	261-12
East Bengal Mission	23	409	400	-	1	185-5
West Bengal Mission	11	342	252	-	3	684-3
Bihar Mission (Thank Offering)	27	625	512	2	2	581-7
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,717-9</b>

NORTHWEST UNION						
United Provinces	50	1,576	1,430	24	10	1,787-0
Punjab Mission	55	2,462	2,105	29	13	718-13
Sind Mission	1	29	21	-	1	179-5
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>4,067</b>	<b>3,556</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,685-2</b>

SOUTH INDIA UNION						
Ceylon Mission	7	310	276	9	1	613-3
Malayalam Mission	42	1,651	1,241	23	10	202-11
Kanarese Mission	8	339	269	3	5	671-7
Telugu Mission	54	1,592	1,466	-	2	1,463-13
Tamil Mission (Thank Offering)	54	1,442	1,213	19	2	591-12
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>5,334</b>	<b>4,465</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3,599-15</b>

W. INDIA UNION						
Gujerat Mission	3	43	32	-	-	115-14
Marathi Mission (Thank Offering)	43	1,165	1,008	8	4	1,243-13
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,370-11</b>
<b>DIVISION TOTAL</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>13,643</b>	<b>11,568</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>10,730-7</b>

NOTES:—In former years the Thank offerings were used for the needy, but the General Conference has followed the plan of turning the Thank offerings toward the Birthday offerings of the Sabbath School Department. Never should it be added to the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Kindly bear this in mind when reporting Thank offerings in future.

Early this year we received from Brother Hare, the Sabbath School Secretary of the Burma Union, a Sabbath School News Letter. This was the first News Letter of that kind ever sent out by the Burma Union. It was full of interesting and encouraging news. I

am afraid that we may not get from Burma any kind of Sabbath school report for some time. In his letter to me, Brother Hare wrote that the war might break our Sabbath schools into smaller parts, but that it would never put out the light.

India might pass through the experiences of our people in Burma before long. Let us, therefore, instruct all the Sabbath school members to hold on to the daily study of the Sabbath school lessons and to conduct Sabbath schools whatever might happen to the towns and villages in which we live, and wherever we might be scattered during the next few months.

JUNE 6, 1942

### ACTIONS BY FAITH

Action is a key word. It unlocks and uncovers boundless resources to the one who has enough faith to bestir himself.

Action wings the industrialist to success. Action brings about the writing of inspiring verses in the middle of the night. The inventor arises from his bed to draft his plan on paper, lest he forget it. Action sends the benevolent one to the bedside of the sick, where loving service is ministered. Action takes the servants of God to the ends of the earth.

There are two kinds of action—selfish and unselfish. Selfish action will surely end in self-destruction. Unselfish action performs the work of God. We have reached the time when all that we are, and all that we have, should be turned into action for God. Our profession, our business, our labour, our possessions, should be only a means to an end. All should be directed primarily to the activity of doing God's bidding. Go! Do! Perform! Finish!—summed up into one word, Action. "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21.

Righteousness is unselfish action. "The righteous shall live by faith." Therefore, unless all our forces are directed into activity primarily for the benefit of lost souls, the very goal for which we hope will be lost, and that goal is eternal life.

JUNE 13, 1942

### SEEKING OUT SOULS WITH OUR PERIODICALS

You cannot run away from the truth. How many experiences prove this point! Recently I heard Brother H. B. Thomas, business manager of the Glendale Sanitarium, relate a thrilling experience that he and his wife had with the good old *Signs of the Times*.

Sister Thomas has a brother living up in the Dakotas, to whom she has been sending the *Signs*. As the paper came each week, he would burn it up, as he was very much prejudiced against the message. But one day his heart condemned him for burning his sister's gift to him, and he said to himself, "After all, she is my sister, and I should not burn her present to me. But I won't read it; I'll give it to someone else." So he remembered a farmer living up in a lonely spot in the hills, and, week by week, sent the paper on to

him instead of burning it. But the farmer, finding that the periodical was of a religious nature, refused to read it. However, instead of throwing the papers away, he stacked them up on the shelf, where they accumulated as time went on. Then came the hard winter, with the heavy snows, and this farmer became snowbound.

Sister Thomas' brother was concerned about this farmer, and decided to try to get through the snowdrifts to him and see if he needed any help. He managed to reach the home, but the snow continued to fall so heavily that he could not get out. Consequently he became snowbound in that lonely spot in the hills, with nothing to do but talk and read. Looking around the room, he spied the discarded *Signs of the Times*, stacked up on the shelf. To relieve the boredom and monotony, he began to read these truth-filled pages of literature.

Yes, dear reader, you have guessed it—he read himself into the truth while snowbound in that lonely home. Now he is rejoicing in this wonderful message which he tried so hard to avoid.

JUNE 20, 1942

### HOW THE ANGELS DIRECTED A HORSE

WHILE visiting Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia, I met a sister who told me an interesting story of her experience.

As a young woman she taught a Sunday school class in the Baptist church. While teaching her pupils the Ten Commandments, she became troubled about the fourth commandment. Being a sincere and honest seeker after truth, she went to her minister and asked why they were not keeping the seventh day as the commandment required. The minister told her not to worry over such things. Finally she resigned her position, as she would not try to teach that which she did not understand.

About this time two of our pioneers, Brother Starr and Brother Hickox, came from Melbourne to open mission work in Rockhampton. One morning Brother Starr secured a horse and sulky for the purpose of visiting the homes and inviting the people to the public meetings which were soon to be held. Before Brother and Sister Starr started off they offered prayer, asking the Lord to send His angels to direct them to the homes they should visit. Then they let the reins lie loosely and allowed the horse to go where it would. It trotted along the road several miles out of

gateway. They went up to the house, and Brother Starr knocked on the door. A lady came, and Brother Starr told her he had come to invite her to some gospel meetings in the tent. The lady said she was not particularly interested in the meetings, but she wondered if he could explain something that was troubling her. Then she told him how she had been teaching a Sunday school class, but had resigned because she could not understand about the Sabbath. This was the very house where the young woman lived whom I mentioned at the beginning of this story. Brother Starr became excited, jumped up, ran to the door, and called out to his wife in the sulky, "Nellie, Nellie, come quickly! I have found an Adventist. She came, and Brother and Sister Starr gave this lady the Sabbath truth, which she immediately accepted.

Mrs. White was so interested in this case that she invited the sister to stay with her in Melbourne. When in Rockhampton later, Mrs. White returned the visit. This sister still rejoices in the message that came to her in such a wonderful way.

—E. L. MINCHIN, in *Australasian Record*.

JUNE 27, 1942

### "A PLACE AND A WORK FOR ALL"

*Key Thought for Leaders:* "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty. Every one should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 30. "The Lord has His eye upon every one of His people; He has His plans concerning each."—*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 12.

It is said that a soldier, wounded during the World War, lay dying on his cot. Suddenly the deathlike stillness of the room was broken by the cry, "Here! Here!" which burst from the lips of the dying man. Friends rushed to the spot and asked what he wanted. "Hark," he said, "they are calling the roll of heaven, and I am answering to my name." In a few moments more he whispered, "Here!" and closed his eyes in death. "When the roll is called up yonder" how many in the congregation today will respond, "I am here, Lord, and am bringing some sheaves for the heavenly garner." It is a solemn thought. Our readiness then depends upon our loyalty to duty now. "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."