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WORLDLY INFLUENCES

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Some years ago this solemn testimony was borne regarding the condition of the church:

"It is a solemn and terrible truth that many who have been zealous in proclaiming the third angel's message are now becoming listless and indifferent! The line of demarcation between worldlings and many professed Christians is almost indistinguishable. Many who once were earnest Adventists are conforming to the world,—to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. Instead of leading the world to render obedience to God's law, the church is uniting more and more closely with the world in transgression. Daily the church is becoming converted to the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, pp. 118, 119.

Does this describe the condition of many in the church today? I believe that it does.

I thank God for the thousands of Adventist believers who are true and loyal, earnest and devoted Christians, but, alas, there are many others who are losing out in their Christian experience. This is evidenced in their slackness in Sabbath observance, in their neglect of private and family prayer, in the time they spend listening to the radio and in the reading of newspapers and storybooks to the neglect of God's Word.

Some of our brethren and sisters are mingling with the world in ungodly pleasure, attending the theatre and the movies, and affiliating with various worldly societies and associations. We see in our congregations those whose dress and adornment fail to exemplify the principles of modesty and dignity,

that are becoming to the children of God.

With some, divorce is obtained for trivial reasons. This is a great evil, and one that demands serious consideration.

Some of our members pay little attention to health principles, but use tea and coffee and indulge in other health-destroying habits. Many fail to render to God His due in tithes and offerings.

We need to guard carefully against the subversive influences of worldly education. Many of our young men and young women and some of our teachers who take advanced work in the great worldly universities are exposed to grave dangers. We need to be eternally vigilant lest our schools succumb to faith-destroying principles, the same as have the schools of other denominations.

Worldly entertainments, such as theatrical exhibitions, religious plays and pageants, are being enacted in some of our churches and institutions. These create a love for more objectionable entertainment in the movie and the theatre.

By this spirit of worldliness which some in the church cherish, they are saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth His coming."

Those who are thus following the Lord afar off, who by their lives give evidence that they have lost their first love, cannot expect to share in the outpouring of the latter rain. Kindly, but earnestly, they need to be shown the error of their ways. "Prepare to meet thy God," is the message which should sound in their ears. "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

A MODERN FIERY FURNACE

A. Warren

John took training as a fireman with the understanding that he would be allowed Sabbath free from routine duties; but when he found that he was expected to do all kinds of work on God's holy day, he refused to violate his convictions. He was brought up before an officer and dismissed from the service.

Soon, however, he obtained work as night fireman with a firm of clothiers in the city of London. They kindly arranged that he should be given his weekly day off on the Sabbath.

On the night of last May 12, the noise of sirens was followed by the sound of many enemy bombers, and there was a heavy raid over London. A shower of incendiary bombs came hurtling down in the district in which John was serving. Buildings on every side caught fire, and leaping flames shot up toward the sky. The fire engines were rushed out, but in some cases the water mains had been damaged and the firemen stood helpless for lack of water.

"When you see buildings aflame all around you—show a clean pair of heels!" someone had warned the lad. "You'll be trapped."

But two incendiary bombs had fallen on the warehouse John was set to watch. One blazed away in the ceiling; another broke through the floor and then shot sideways under the boards, where it burned fiercely out of reach.

"I won't run," determined John. "Daniel's three friends were right in the midst of a burning fiery furnace—and God saved them. He can protect me here!"

It was dangerous to stay, for the light of the burning buildings was a good guide for the raiders to throw

down high explosive bombs. "But God can deliver," John thought, as he dashed for the bomb in the ceiling. This was soon rendered harmless. Now he must get that floor up to tackle the other one! Since there was nothing available with which to break the boards, John rushed downstairs, and out to the firemen who were working around another building. He borrowed a fireman's ax from them and ran upstairs again. Blows from the ax rained down on the boards until the burning bomb was laid bare. Now for a stirrup pump and sand!

At last the flame subsided, went out, and the last spark was extinguished. When the owners arrived on the scene, they were overjoyed to find their property safe in the midst of burned-out buildings.

John, happy and content in having done his duty, went off with a present of money from his grateful employers and with the promise of an extra holiday.

LOOK FORWARD

There are some people who live in the past. They say, "If only it were yesterday again." They tell you of all the things they meant to do. Excuses for wasted days come easily. It is pleasant to blame circumstances for our own laziness. But though we may deceive other people, we do not deceive God. He sees the laziness we hide from others: He knows that failure is the result, not because of the lack of ability, but because of want of self-determination and self-control.

We all make mistakes. The wrong things we do very often teach us more than the right things. Those who travel hopefully, turning a gallant face to sorrow and seeming defeat, get more out of life very often than those who arrive easily. The struggle is more than half the fun.

There is no disgrace in failure. Disgrace lies in brooding over the things we did not do; in giving in to depression and futile regret. If we want to achieve, there is time while we still live. Forget the past. It is a ghost, and wise men do not live with ghosts. They say yesterday is dead, but today is alive. There is a chance to redeem failure, to do some of the things we always wanted to do. And wise men go ahead and do them.

The very old may live in the past. It is pleasant to look back when life is nearly ended. But youth and middle age should keep their eyes on the goal ahead. Brooding leads nowhere. Dreams of "the might have been" are useless. Hard work alone leads to

genuine success. Do not grieve over dead days. It is wiser to say with the poet:

"Let them go, since we cannot
re-live them,
Cannot undo and cannot atone—
God in His mercy receive, forgive
them—
Only the new days are our own;
Today is ours, and today alone.

"Every day is a fresh beginning;
Listen, my soul, to the glad
refrain;
And, spite of old sorrow and older
sinning,
And puzzles forecasted, and
possible pain,
Take heart with the day, and
begin again."

—Selected.

SPICER COLLEGE

E. W. Pohlman, Principal

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Edward W. Pohlman

Yes, the new year at Spicer College thus far is a happy one. How much pleasanter was the opening on July 23, 1943, than the beginning of the previous year. Buildings finished, rooms equipped, program organized, and practically all the students present at the proper date. But more important still, the 1943-44 year has begun with an excellent spirit among students and teachers—a devotion to purpose and a quiet co-operation in the life and activities of the institution.

The New Year season is a time of forgetting those things which are behind, and of pressing on, with newly formed resolutions, to those things which are before. Some of the elements of last school year which prevented the full measure of progress that might have been enjoyed, appear to have been put behind and forgotten. Most of our young men seem to have considered, before coming, the possibilities of ready employment and high wages on the one hand, and the need of hard work with some self-denial on the other. After counting the cost and gain, they have decided to come to Spicer College, and appear to be generally resolved to suffer whatever affliction there may be with us, rather than enjoy for a season the pleasures and advantages of other occupation. This resolution, if kept, will provide a steadiness and balance through the year.

Of course New Year resolutions are sometimes broken. We have every de-

sire to see our Happy New Year continue happy, and close on April 8th (1944) as a Happy Old Year. But we are not blind to the fact that the tempter will be working against the good interests of the year. This only emphasizes what we already know, that it is necessary to claim the power and control of the Spirit if the school is to accomplish its purpose.

There are about forty-five students enrolled. This is practically half the size of the College two or three years ago, and we should like to see the present roll more than doubled. There are various apparent reasons for a reduced attendance in these unusual days, but we are well content to do our best for the young men and women who do attend, remembering that quality is, after all, more valuable than quantity. Of the students attending the first semester, four are girls. Here again, while a larger quantity of good quality would be better, we do value the excellent quality of what we have. This year there are several mission workers who have been released from their duties for a year of study. We welcome these, and feel that this Division training college can fill a need in this type of service which is greater than many realize.

The Spicer College staff of workers is a group of loyal, efficient, co-operating Christians. There are four new teachers, practically half of the instructional staff. Such a large element of new staff material is not usually recommended, and does at times nearly spoil the continuity of organized effort. But not in this case. Two of these four (and, by use of a little liberty in definition, three of them) are old teachers of this very institution. Pastor and Mrs. Collett were directly connected with this training school at Krishnarajapuram. Mrs. Lowry was one of the very founders of Spicer College, if we permit this institution to be considered a direct descendant of the first South India Training School which was established at Coimbatore in 1915. Pastor and Mrs. Lowry.

Pastor and Mrs. Collett have merely returned home, in rejoining the College; Sister Lowry has also come back to familiar ground in her splendid work with the girls and in managing the food; and Pastor Isaiah, while not having previously taught in Spicer College, has had a number of years of high school staff experience and evangelistic work, and is therefore well able to enter into our problems and privileges as he assumes his leadership of the young men in their school home, and also his teaching assistance in the Bible classes. We have not suffered, therefore, the

PLAN NOW TO TAKE PART IN BIG WEEK

October 2-9

AMMUNITION FOR THE COMING
BIG WEEK

L. C. Shepard

Again we have come to the Big Week. This should be the best year for the circulation of our literature by workers and laymen who have not received special training in this type of service. It is easier to sell books now than it was before. Money has never been so plentiful in India. This is our day of opportunity.

Extra copies of the **ORIENTAL WATCHMAN AND HERALD OF HEALTH** magazine for the month of September will be printed. These sell readily. Sister McHenry canvassed in Poona for one hour one evening after Sabbath and sold twenty-five copies. Sister Hoag and others working in Ranchi have had similar experiences. People like the message of our literature and are willing to pay to read it.

Besides the **ORIENTAL WATCHMAN**, there is a ready sale for "Eating for Health" and "Three Ways to Health." Nearly every mail brings us an order for one or both of these books. Already several thousand copies of "Eating for Health" have been sold, and nearly as many "Three Ways to Health." A new edition of both these books has just been printed, so there will be supplies for all.

Some may wish to take subscriptions for our magazine. In this case, territory should be arranged for with the Field Missionary Secretaries so as not to encroach upon the territory of regular colporteurs.

The main purpose of the Big Week is to extend the circulation of the printed pages of truth. We also have the privilege of donating the profit on our sales to the extension of the work in needy places. Means secured in this way has provided needed facilities in many places in India and throughout the world.

Workers are invited to give a day's wage in addition to donating the profit on sales.

HOW SHALL IT BE DONE?

Big Week is with us again, and this is the time of all times when books and magazines can be sold. Last year was our banner year for Western India, with a total profit of Rs 822-8-0. Our next biggest return was in 1932, when we raised Rs 736-5-0. From all other evidences we have every hope of going at least to Rs 1,000 this year.

Some ask, How shall it be done? The answer is, Just like we did it last year. And how was it done last year? Simply by everyone doing a little bit more than he ever did before. We recall some happy surprises from last year. One was from Mrs. W. J. McHenry who sold single copies on the streets of Ahmednagar. I believe she sold Rs 10 worth in one hour. Another item of interest was a catchy little bookstall set up on East Street in Poona by Pastor and Mrs. W. H. McHenry. A very good turnover was realized from this neat little plan. Then the house-to-house work of the Poona church members was full of surprises. Bombay was also out with a real showing. Kalyan went over the top with the usual zest. Lasalgaon kept us guessing for a while, because they had a big story to tell. Eventually it got too big to keep, and they let us have the truth, which was a total net profit of Rs 144-11-0. Then there was a most unusual response to the call for a day's wage. A large amount was raised this way, and quite a bit of it came from laymembers. We workers can show our own burden for this cause, by the day's wage. Let not one fail here. It will just put us over, I believe. So this is the way it is done. And there are just five things to remember:

1. The date, October 2-9.
2. The goal, Rs 1,000.
3. Order your books and magazines early.
4. Work one week only, but work hard.
5. Sing a song of praise when the week ends.

Yours for the biggest Big Week ever,
F. E. Spiess.

usual temporary confusion following a rather large proportion of new instructors on the staff. On the contrary, from the very first, our new teachers have taken well the responsibilities assigned, and have already proved to be a definite strength to the College. Brother K. S. Charles, while not a class teacher, is on the staff as an assistant in the industrial department. His previous work and training about the school has enabled him also to carry out the many duties with which his experience has made him familiar. He has made a recent trip home, and has returned with his newly acquired bride, whom we also welcome to the College family.

We do not wish to give the impression that only the new staff members are industrious and efficient. Those who have served before are doing valuable service, each in his own line of duty,—Pastor Champion in the rapidly expanding and popular industrial department as well as in his class instruction in vocational training and science; Mrs. Champion in stenographic training; Brother M. D. Joseph as College Accountant and instructor in book-keeping; Brother O. S. Matthews as teacher of English and Mathematics and also as Librarian; Mrs. Pohlman as Registrar and overseer of the small but active dispensary, and both last and least, the writer, whose chief duty it is to worry about all the rest.

The green grass and the growing vegetables and grain furnish a most attractive picture of the farm and garden land. Our dairy has increased, and the poultry produce and stock are steadily expanding. Classes are now offered in Dairy Husbandry, Poultry Husbandry, and Practical Mechanics. Next year Vegetable Growing and General Farm Practice will be taught also. In fact, a fourth course in Vocational Training is now outlined, so that students may take their diploma in this field the same as we now offer Teacher Training, Theological, and Commercial courses. It is encouraging to see how profitable labour we have to offer students toward their fees, and it is also encouraging to see how much is actually done by these young people.

As this is being written, the students' Autumn Week of Prayer is just getting a very good start under the leadership of Pastor Peak of Bangalore. We shall report more fully on this, and also on other student activities, at a later date.

In spite of the strict grain rationing, the cases of malaria, and a tight daily program of work and study, the present year shows an abundance of priceless cheerful smiles and general good will. The College family is generally happy—'tis a Happy New Year.

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PALANIAPPAPURAM NOTES AND LOWRY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A. Manuel

It is a great pleasure for me to give a report of the work in Palaniappapuram. This village is near to Prakashapuram. The church was organized by Pastor O. A. Skau. Pastor A. Selvanayagam laboured here for five years, and I followed him. We have a nice church building with a company of nearly seventy-five members. This is one of the growing churches in the South Tamil Mission.

Each week, after Sabbath, a well arranged public meeting is held with the aid of our enthusiastic members. Though the people do not quickly understand the Bible prophecies, still they have a real interest and are studying them. Week by week Christ and His work for us is presented, along with the prophecies. The interested people are searching the Scriptures to know the fulfilment of prophecy in the light of the present disturbed condition of the world.

We are conducting a regular day school with an enrolment of forty-five. Mrs. A. Manuel has been taking an active part in the school work.

I must not forget to mention the Lowry Memorial Hospital which was erected last year by our church members and the public. Ten beds are available for in-patients. Mr. K. C. David of the Malayalam field is in charge, and is greatly esteemed by all. The hospital rooms are not as comfortable as we would like, so plans have been laid to have some rooms added, but we look to the mission board for the financial help.

Recently the district board of Tinnevely sanctioned the opening of a village dispensary at Asirvathapuram, just a mile away from here, but the idea was dropped when we saw the progress our hospital was making. The number of patients is increasing, and all types of diseases are being treated. A compounder and a nurse are assisting Mr. K. C. David in the medical work.

The prospects are bright for a good harvest of souls through our medical and evangelistic work here. This is an appeal from us to the readers to remember our work in their prayers.



Workers attending the Teachers' Institute held at Narsapur.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, NORTH TELUGU MISSION, NARSAPUR

O. Israel

The men standing in the picture are the elementary school teachers of the North Telugu Mission. Most of these teachers are government trained, but they have had no training in our schools. They are therefore qualified as teachers, but not as preachers.

These elementary schools act as feeder schools to our Narsapur high school, and what is perhaps more, they prepare the way for organizing Sabbath schools and later on churches. It is, therefore, very important that our village school teachers be men who have some training in our own schools. Apart from teaching, these men are entrusted with looking after certain Sabbath schools. For years there has been a long-felt need for giving these workers some course in Bible and other lines in order to strengthen them.

With this in mind, we conducted a three-weeks' institute from June 15 to July 6, during which time we gave some special studies in Bible Doctrines, Christian Education, Denominational History, and Teaching Methods. As the Union educational secretary could not be with us to sponsor it, Brethren Ch. B. William, O. B. Jonathan, and the writer conducted the institute in the best way we knew how. We are glad to say that we ourselves learned much while teaching. Our united efforts were blessed of God, and we felt the evidences of His guiding hand.

The teachers did very well in their studies, and went back to their respective places with much happiness and thanksgiving for the privilege they had had. May we have many more such institutes in our field.

EVANGELISTIC EFFORT AT PERILLA, NEDUMANGADU, SOUTH MALAYALAM MISSION

Brother G. Dharmadas, the worker at Vithurai church, was told of an interest in Perilla, near Nedumangadu. The interested party had prepared a shed in which to hold meetings. In the month of June, the writer, with the help of three other workers, had the privilege of conducting a short service for two weeks at that place.

Now there is a small Sabbath school with twenty members. Many of them are preparing for baptism. What need now is a worker to live among them and teach them. We are looking forward to the day when we will be able to place a strong worker there.

We need a primary school and a small dispensary too. Most of the people have malaria fever. Their children need a good teacher. Opening a church school there would be a great blessing to them.

We request the members of the TIDINGS' family to remember this group of believers in their prayers, that the Lord of the harvest will send us men and means to uplift this people.

P. S. Johnson.

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SCHOOL OPENS AT LASALGAON

It has been said that it is necessary for a principal to take a day's trip away from his school in order that, when he returns, he may possibly see something worth writing about. To those who have never visited Lasalgaon, at least not lately, this statement may sound strange, but just the same it probably is true. Lasalgaon School, as it is unofficially called, has a reputation of being one of our oldest high schools, and yet of being one of the most run-down. Of late, however, the Western India Union Committee has come to a full realization of the part that this school is to play in our work in this area of India, and is now trying to help it take an honourable position among its sister schools.

Just at present I don't suppose the school would appreciate any visitors, as it is going through a period of transition. It seems that every nook and corner of the compound is in the midst of some proposed project. Old roads are half dug up, some buildings are in process of being demolished, while others are shortly to be razed. In fact, such is their plight that one wonders how they keep the spirits of their new students so high, when everything gives the appearance of a collapse. If, however, "the long term view," which we hear so much of these days, is taken, I think we can perhaps visualize a fine school plant, doing a good work for our cause in India.

Whereas at present they have hardly anything to speak of in the way of industries, they hope shortly to have three or four, with proper housing accommodation. They are just now in the process of erecting facilities for a poultry industry, and are hoping later to build a line of industrial rooms to house their print shop and other industries,—which as yet might be said to be on "the secret list" for the duration.

Although they do not have much in the way of industries, yet what they do have is making good. They have lately started a flour-grinding mill which, in conjunction with a small printing press, has brought in a net gain of over Rs. 1,600 for the first six

months of the year. This means paying all expenses in addition to paying the wages of some seven students who are working their full way through school.

Though physically their plant may look somewhat run-down, they have fortunately been able to keep their scholastic standard high. This statement is substantiated by the fact that they received the highest honours in the last year's Division examinations. That the staff has been kept strong, though other things could not be afforded, shows good planning on the part of the committee. Of course the staff at Lasalgaon claims this year will see them just as successful as last year, and more so.

At the opening of school they are reported to have had 105 students enrolled, with the fear, in fact the surety, that at least a dozen more were trying to gain admittance. This, I believe, is the highest enrolment in the history of the school with the exception of 1921, when 120 free students were enrolled. Furthermore it is a good sign to see that all new students this year came paying the full minimum cash fees, even though these have been increased.

All in all, one might say that, despite the pitiful appearance things might take on at the present, the hopes of the staff are high. They are sure this will be the best year yet, and I am not so sure but what they may be right.

A PRAYER

Dear Lord: I hardly know just what to pray

Tonight; I am so weary and confused—

I'm such a mixture of gaiety and play
 And longings to be good and to be used.

Sometimes it seems I am a counter pawn,

Moved by some higher force from place to place—

I have such high endeavours, plans, at dawn,

But, oh, at night such failures and disgrace.

I need Thee so; so oft I step aside;
 I go in danger, for I do not know the way.

It's hard to go alone. I need a guide.
 Come, go with me; be eyes for me,
 I pray.

—J. C. Edwards.

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BIHAR MISSION EVANGELISTIC INSTITUTE

E. D. Thomas

This year our evangelistic institute was held at Khunti July 23 to August 7. Twelve preachers were in attendance.

Devotional meetings were held each morning by Brother Borrowdale, who impressed upon the minds of workers the importance of earnest prayer in soul-winning work. Brother Votaw conducted several studies on different doctrinal subjects. Brother Hoag, who arrived on the last day of the institute, gave some splendid talks on the part played by literature in evangelistic work. We were very fortunate to have Brethren Meleen and Loasby with us for a few days. They gave much valuable instruction. Brother Meleen was happy to renew his old acquaintance with some of the workers whom he has not met for many years.

On July 29th an ordination service was held at the school chapel in Khunti, when Brother Barko Kisku of the Santali tribe was ordained to the gospel ministry. Brother Kisku has been with us from his childhood, was educated in our institutions, and has proved faithful in various lines of work entrusted to him. Elder Meleen preached a sermon on the high calling of a gospel minister, Elder Loasby gave the charge, Elder Borrowdale extended the welcome, and the writer offered the ordination prayer. Elders Kujur and Votaw joined the other ordained ministers while laying hands on Brother Kisku. The service was an inspiring one, and the whole program was very impressive. It is our earnest prayer that the Lord will continue to bless the ministry of Brother Kisku. Sister Kisku also was present at the ordination service.

On the evening of August 5th the institute was brought to a close. At the Bihar Mission committee meeting held on the 6th at Khunti, it was voted to hold a strong Hindi evangelistic campaign in Ranchi during the months of November, December, and January. Brethren Kujur, Kisku, Nowrangi, and Med Masih Ekka are invited to lead out in the campaign. These brethren are the most experienced men we have in the Bihar Mission. They feel thei

calling to strong evangelism. Brother Borrowdale, the superintendent of the field, is definitely planning to give these men all the help possible. Since Ranchi is the headquarters of the Northeast Union, we are sure much help will be given by the Union workers to make the effort a real success and a blessing to the community. Shall we not remember the evangelistic effort in Ranchi in our prayers? The writer looks forward to the time when similar strong vernacular evangelistic campaigns will be carried on in various cities and towns for the salvation of many sons and daughters of India.

VILLAGE EVANGELISTIC EFFORT IN APRIL, BIHAR MISSION FIELD

R. K. Pandit

On the 6th April four teachers, with Brother R. J. Borrowdale from the Robinson Memorial High School, left for Apral to help Brother R. Tudu in evangelistic work. At first we all came to Sahibganj. From there Brother Borrowdale, with Brother C. Kisku, went to Kolyan to visit our members and spent Sabbath with them, while the writer, accompanied by Brother S. Hembrom, one of our workers from Solbandha, went to visit the members of Taljhari and Bijoypur. Brethren S. K. Besra and J. Pandit remained in Solbandha to conduct Sabbath school there.

After spending Sabbath with the members at the various places, we came back to Kolyan. From Kolyan we started out early in the morning with our two tents carried by sixteen coolies to walk sixteen miles over the hills. Brethren S. K. Besra and J. Pandit took a different route from Sahibganj, and we all arrived in Apral at about 2 p.m. We were all tired and exhausted. After taking a little rest we pitched our tents. From the day we arrived in Apral it rained every night for about two weeks. One night the storm arose suddenly and shook our tents, and we were very much afraid. Next morning we discovered in the village that many of the roofs of the houses were blown off; but, thank God, it did no damage to our tents.

Apral is a big heathen Santhal village ten miles from Taljhari station, and is surrounded by hills. There are about 160 houses and more than 200 children in the village, but all are illiterate.

We had no equipment with which to conduct the evangelistic effort, so we visited the people in their houses. We

invited the children to our tents to learn reading and writing. In response to our invitation many children came to us and we began to teach them.

The people of this locality are badly addicted to the evil habit of strong drink. We went from house to house very day, and visited them. As we met them we explained to them the evil effects of drink and preached the gospel.

God is working wonderfully on the minds of the heathen people. Many have given up drinking, and have changed their lives and joined our Sabbath school. The Sabbath school is composed of twenty members. We hope by the grace of God many more will join our Sabbath school.

spite of a long day's hard work in the field, the people enjoyed the meetings very much. Please remember this new field in your prayers.

INVESTITURE SERVICE AT ROBINSON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, KARMATAR

S. K. Besra

The readers of the TIDINGS may be interested to hear from our Robinson Memorial High School at Karmatar. An Investiture service was held here recently one Sabbath evening. Much care and practice had gone into the preparation of the program so that all would know their parts well and the service be a success.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SUCCESS

1. Work hard. Hard work is the best investment a man can make.
2. Study hard. Knowledge enables a man to work more intelligently and effectively.
3. Have initiative. Ruts often deepen into graves.
4. Love your work; then you will find pleasure in mastering it.
5. Be exact. Slipshod methods bring only slipshod results.
6. Have the spirit of conquest. Thus you can successfully battle and overcome difficulties.
7. Cultivate personality. Personality is to a man what perfume is to a flower.
8. Help and share with others. The real test of greatness lies in giving opportunity to others.
9. Be democratic. Unless you feel right toward your fellow man, you can never be a successful leader of men.
10. In all things do your best. The man who has done his best has done everything. The man who has done less than his best has done nothing.

—Selected.

Pastor R. J. Borrowdale was with us for some time. Before he left he had the privilege of burying one family with Christ in the watery grave, to walk in newness of life. Another family is getting ready for baptism and a few more are interested.

We stayed nearly two months and organized a prayer meeting. We used to meet every Wednesday evening. In

The church was decorated with ferns and flowers. The service began at 7:30 p.m. sharp. The leader announced the opening song, "Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth." This was followed by a prayer offered by Brother R. N. Dass, our head master. In his introductory remarks the leader thanked all who had helped in making the meeting an interesting one. Above all, praises were given to our heavenly Father for His manifold blessings. After this the different ones gave their talks and demonstrations. The special Santali song by four small girls with dungi and tabla was greatly appreciated by the congregation. After giving out Bible Year and Reading Course certificates, all the candidates who were seated in two front rows came forward and stood facing the speaker. The writer then gave them the charge and their insignia; and all knelt down facing the congregation, while Pastor B. Peters offered the consecration prayer on behalf of these young people, that they might always be true and faithful volunteers of Jesus Christ, no matter what the circumstances. The following is the total number of pins given to the various students: Comrade, 4; Companion, 6; Friend, 12.

The leaders, Brethren A. Kachchhap and C. Kisku, with those who taught the different Progressive classes, are to be congratulated. As we look back on last year's work in the school, we thank the Lord for His care and guidance and manifold blessings showered upon us. Without this we would not have been in a position to pass on this good report to you. Dear reader, will you not remember these young people in your prayers, and join us in praising the name of the Lord for giving us a small part in His closing work.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. D. Thomas Secretary

ous session was given in the form of a dialogue. We had a happy gathering. Thus our Sabbath school is doing all it can to keep up the interest of the members.

NEWS FROM THE KOTTAWA SABBATH SCHOOL

Our Kottawa Sabbath school has a membership of eighty. A pleasing feature is that more than 90 per cent of those present have a perfect record in daily lesson study each Sabbath.

Last quarter our superintendent, Miss Illasinghe, had drawn three charts. One was for attendance and daily lesson study, another for Investment fund, and a third for birthday offerings. On the first one the following verses were written, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves, . . . but exhorting one another." Heb. 10:25. "They searched the Scriptures daily." Acts 17:11. There were thirteen horizontal squares, one for each Sabbath, and six vertical pairs of squares, one pair for each class. The first one was for attendance and the second for daily lesson study. When a class was perfect in any of these requirements, a red mark was seen against the name which represented that class. When the class missed, a black cross was seen instead. On the second chart, we could read in large letters this appealing verse:

"God gives His best.
Your stewardship test
Is to invest.
God does the rest."

The names of all the members were placed on this chart, and for each in-

dividual there was a separate column with a number of squares totalling Rs. 2, each square representing five cents. It was pleasing to see some of the small children bringing just a cent or two, as they could not earn larger sums for their Investment offering. In order to earn these small amounts, they had to perform some little task during the week, and this they gladly did. Thus it took a number of weeks for a child to have his first square coloured.

On the third chart there was a beautiful picture of Jesus standing with outstretched arms, waiting to receive our birthday offerings, and just at the side was the birthday pocket. At the top of the chart was found the following text, "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." Eph. 4:17. One day one of our members was impressed to drop a large birthday offering into the pocket, after which he spoke a few words expressing his gratefulness to the Lord. This was an inspiration to many of the Sabbath school members, for since then larger amounts have been given than in former years. The largest thank offering of Rs. 10 was also received during this same quarter. Besides these three charts, there was the weekly financial goal chart which was sent by the Division.

At the time of the annual meeting, the Sabbath school report of the previ-

The Thirteenth Sabbath program consisted of a variety of songs, recitations, memory verses, and a dialogue. The memory verses were repeated in three languages—English, Sinhalese, and Tamil. A violin solo was greatly appreciated by all. I am glad to report that on this day our financial goal chart looked quite attractive with all the thirteen brightly coloured stars, indicating that we had reached our goal of Rs. 5 each Sabbath (excluding thank offerings, birthday offerings, Investment offerings, etc.) and treble that amount on the Thirteenth Sabbath. How happy we were when the superintendent announced that our special offering had amounted to Rs. 22.37, and our hearts were filled with gratitude that the Lord had given us such a successful quarter.

The following morning we were busy getting things ready for the Investment sale, which was to be held that evening. At four o'clock we gathered at the school compound, where under the shady palms, tables had been arranged, on which lay oil cakes, sandwiches, patties, plantains, almonds, groundnuts, fresh vegetables, handmade purses, toy carts, paper flowers, etc. Pastor Jessen invoked God's blessing on the sale, and all enjoyed the good things that had been provided. We also enjoyed the drinks prepared by the boys, for the day was hot and dry.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT Of the South India Union for Quarter Ending June 30, 1943

MISSIONS	No. of Schools	Membership	Per Cent of Church Mem.	Average Attendance	Total Offgs.		Per Cent of Tithe	No. of Schools Conducting Teachers' Meetings	No. Taking Training Course	No. Taking Reading Course	Honour Cards Issued	Ribbons Issued	Number Pupils Baptized
					Rs.	As. Ps.							
Ceylon	10	253	115	227	578-10-	0	18	-	-	-	49	-	-
Kanarese	7	320	125	278	626-7-	0	18	1	5	1	59	6	20
North Malayalam	15	360	139	237	71-7-	0	17	-	-	-	25	8	-
South Malayalam	25	1,279	155	876	161-9-	0	28	-	-	-	109	15	-
North Tamil	34	673	152	525	432-12-	0	32	1	-	-	34	3	11
South Tamil	37	1,029	172	854	328-6-	0	29	4	-	-	4	14	4
North Telugu	35	771	158	586	266-12-	0	29	1	-	-	4	2	-
South Telugu	33	788	145	695	330-3-	0	42	5	-	-	5	-	-
Totals	196	5,473	151	4,278	2,796-2-	0	24	20	-	-	20	-	-

THE REVIVAL OF READING

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Within an hour everything was sold, and we realized a sum of Rs. 46.74, which was quite beyond our expectation. Together with the money received from the Investment fund, it made a total of Rs. 57.10, for which we were indeed thankful to the Lord. May this money be used for the furtherance of His cause is our prayer.

Miss D. Kiriwattuduwege.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Again the season has rolled round to the time when we hold our annual meetings in the Northwest. There may be some who would like to attend these meetings who have not been notified through any other channel of the exact time and place. So I am taking this opportunity to announce that our annual meeting for the United Provinces will be held in Haridwar, as usual on the mission grounds. The date is from September 25 to October 2 inclusive. The first general meeting will be on the evening of September 25. It is hoped that all those who are interested in these

Daniel M. Rai

The war has brought an ever-increasing demand for books. Men on active service find in reading a welcome relaxation. The tedium and depression of the black-out have brought countless people back to the joys of reading.

Today all over the world-wide field, our colporteurs are meeting with splendid success because of this desire of the people for reading. Hardly a day passes but we get a request in the mail for good books—books that will help both spiritually and physically. Religious literature takes a high place in this revival. It holds and occupies the mind, it surveys the great problems in which men have found, both in the brightness of peace and the darkness of war, their highest interest.

While the food-grains are being rationed, there is no restriction whatever on reading. People are clamouring for good reading matter. The sale of fiction is going down, whereas religious literature is on the upward trend. People have money to buy books on great moral issues. Shall we not supply their needs, dear colporteurs, by giving them the truth-filled literature, such as "Toward a Better Day" and "Health and Healing"?

The third edition of "Toward a Better Day" is on the press. We are also publishing the second edition of "Health and Healing." This is an indication of the revival of reading.

Let us use this revival so that the general reader may easily and pleasantly assimilate the message of the hour.

A NEW PUBLICATION

Notice of a new book has just come from the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville. Some of our workers may be interested. We repeat here what the publishers say about it.

"Facts of Faith" by Christian Ed-wardson. Just off the press. A new source book of invaluable material, much of which has never appeared in any other of our publications. Its chapter titles indicate that it is a book that should find a place in every Seventh-day Adventist home. Its careful study will strengthen faith in the great fundamentals of the third angel's message and help fortify one against the deceptive errors of these perilous days. The chapter headings are:

**CHURCH CALENDAR
FOR 1943**

Sabbath School Rally Day	September 4
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	September 25
Oriental Watchman Day	October 2
Big Week	October 2-9
Week of Prayer	December 4-11
Annual Offering	December 11
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	December 25
Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath in each month

The Perfect Guide
Forging New Weapons
Rome Undermines the Protestant FoundationsThe Prophetic History of the World
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The JesuitsThe Mark of the Beast
In the Image of the Beast

Surely here is a book that should be given wide publicity among our workers and laymen. 320 pages, cloth binding, price, \$2.50, trade discount.

PASTOR SKAU'S PROGRESS

We are glad to pass on the good word that Brother Skau is out of danger and apparently well on the road to recovery. While it will probably require a long time before he is strong enough to do active work again, yet we are glad that his life has been spared for a further period of usefulness in the Lord's service.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

October 2, 1943

Topic: BIG WEEK RALLY DAY

Opening Song: "In the Glad Time of the Harvest," No. 539 in "Church Hymnal."

Scripture Lesson: Matt. 10:1-20.

Prayer.

Missionary Report: By Church Missionary Secretary.

Leader's Remarks: "The Call of the Hour."

"Big Week," by E. M. Meleen.

Song: "One More Day's Work," No. 622 in "Church Hymnal."

"The Literature Ministry in the Loud Cry," by H. M. Blunden.

"Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters: for Thou Shalt Find It After Many Days," by J. Johanson.

Plans for the Campaign, by the Home Missionary Leader or Pastor.

Closing Song: "O Where Are the Reapers," No. 620 in "Church Hymnal."

Benediction.

No war in the history of the past was ever like the present war; no deadly implements to destroy life like those at the present time. The last World War seemed to be most terrible, but it was nothing in comparison with the present conflict. The nations are fighting in the air, on the sea, under the water, and on the land. The great final conflict is just before us in which Satan will work with all lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish, because men have not received the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

"An intensity is taking hold of nations such as never was known before. Trouble is not only between nations, but there are internal troubles among the people, differences between capital and labour that breed violence and hatred. As far as this world is concerned, trouble and distress await all mankind whose only hope is in this world and in the things of this world. Distress, suffering, and famine are the lot of many of the nations of earth today. Each day increases the perplexity. There is a fearful looking forward to what is coming on the earth. The nations are angry; the wrath of God is about to be poured out upon the earth. Surely God will soon arise to shake terribly this earth.

"In the face of this terrible picture, and knowing as we do what the end will be, what should we as Seventh-day Adventists be doing? Should we be complacently going about our business day after day, attending church on the Sabbath, paying our tithe and our offerings, possibly even attending prayer meeting and giving our testimonies of what God has done for us? Yes,

friends, much of this we should be doing, but the call of the hour to God's people is, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'

"The world is perishing before our eyes. The fulfilment of all the prophecies of the ages is climaxing in this very hour. If ever there was a time when God sent a ringing challenge to His people to arise and be about the task of warning a dying world, He sends such a challenge now. The same old commission still rings in our ears, even as spoken by Jesus nearly two thousand years ago when He said: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.'

"Our task in this awful hour is to bend every energy and put forth every effort to carry the gospel to the nations of earth... The gospel of the soon-coming Saviour, the hope that this glorious message contains, is the only thing that can turn them from the pathway and the onward march toward eternal death. Again I say, God is calling to His people today as never before to arise and complete the task."

BIG WEEK

E. M. Meleen

Some of our members have made the mistake of thinking that our colporteur work is merely a line of business by which some men and women make a good income. And, no doubt, some colporteurs have made the same mistake and have done their work in the spirit of ordinary business men. But

NOTE TO LEADERS AND CHURCH ELDERS

The time set for the Big Week is October 2-9.

Because of war conditions we are not printing any new Big Week book this year. The special September issue of THE ORIENTAL WATCHMAN AND HERALD OF HEALTH will chiefly be used during the campaign. Owing to the scarcity of paper, we will print only three thousand extra copies of that issue above our usual requirement.

We have just finished printing the fifth edition of "Eating for Health" and the third edition of "Three Ways to Health," and the number of copies printed this time is five thousand and four thousand respectively. These books have proved to be good sellers, and during this campaign also we can use them to good advantage.

We are asking our various local missions to select some of their vernacular literature for the campaign.

We appeal to our church leaders and elders to get in touch with their Book Depots as early as possible for their supply of literature. Have the books and magazines ready on hand long before the Big Week begins.

On Sabbath, October 2, have your Rally Day program in your church and get all your church members interested in the campaign. Let everyone be encouraged to do his best.

Set a goal for your church both for the distribution of literature and for the realization of the Big Week fund. Divide your church members into bands and assign territories to each band.

On Wednesday of the Big Week at your prayer meeting, let members be asked to bear testimony of their experience. This will bring a great inspiration to the church, and some might resolve to do better during the remaining days of the Week.

On Sabbath, October 9, the Big Week offering should be collected. We appeal to our church members to give at least one day's wage or income; the workers, one day's wage and all profits of the Big Week sales; and the colporteurs, their biggest day's profit. Let this offering be reported to the mission as the Big Week Extension Fund.

Earnest prayers should be offered by all our churches until the campaign is over and goals reached.

Home Missionary Department.

THE CALL OF THE HOUR

"The crisis of all crises is before us.

the colporteur is a gospel worker, and only when he engages in the work with this understanding and with the purpose of carrying the gospel to others, does he properly represent this department of work. His income, as it should be in the case of other workers, is incidental, and must never be the chief motive, if God's blessing is to attend the work in the greatest measure. The colporteur is an evangelist who often can do, and does do, a work that other classes of workers cannot do. A sermon may be, and often is, quickly forgotten without making any impression, but the printed message is available for reading and rereading until the message is understood and stamped on the mind.

Our salaried workers do not, as a rule, give much time to the distribution of literature. They should give more time to it. One means of encouragement to this end is our Big Week plan, by which arrangements are usually made for institutional and other workers to be released from other responsibilities for a number of days. All the profits from sales are contributions to the Big Week funds. In addition to this, salaried workers give a day's wage, this being the application of the principle by which colporteurs give all the commission from their biggest day's sales during this week. Every loyal and faithful worker should feel it a real privilege to make this contribution, not only for the support of the work, but as a token of appreciation for his many blessings, not the least of which is a regular monthly income and extra allowances, which relieve the recipient of care and worry. This is an inestimable blessing which many fail rightly to appreciate.

Our work in India has benefited greatly by the proceeds of the Big Week work. Machinery and other equipment for our Publishing House, school buildings, workers' quarters, land for building sites, and many such things have been given us as the result of Big Week work done by faithful laymembers and workers overseas. We in India must do our best to participate in this work and enter into it with enthusiasm, for it is not worthy conduct on our part merely to receive without doing our best to help ourselves. Those who are willing to help us are encouraged to do more when they are assured that we do our best, and so by entering heartily into this work we are helped directly and indirectly. Moreover, this is a work in which lay members should have a part. In some countries a large part of this work is done by lay members. But in order to encourage them, workers must set the example, and take the lead. No worker is in a position to exhort the members of the church unless he him-

self participates actively and earnestly in the work he feels others should do. There are many needs at this time which can be, and will be, supplied if our leaders take the lead.

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY IN THE LOUD CRY

H. M. Blunden, Secretary, Publishing
Department, General Conference

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 140.

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message, is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-1844 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which had been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.

"The work will be similar to that of the day of Pentecost... Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given...

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side."—"The Great Controversy," pp. 611, 612.

"Light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing

everywhere."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Review and Herald," Oct. 13, 1904.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 100.

"The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 69.

Let me select from these familiar quotations a few sentences which show very clearly that our message-filled literature is to be, to a considerable extent, the voice of the loud cry of the third angel's message:

"Servants of God... hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given."

The preacher must tarry long enough to convince; he does not "hasten from place to place." The believer who distributes literature, however, does this very thing, and the literature does the preaching.

"The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence... Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them."

"Light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation... The light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere."

Where does the light come from? Here is the answer: "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals."

And here again is a remarkable statement from the pen of the Lord's messenger:

"The results of the circulation of this book are not to be judged by what now appears. By reading it, some souls will be aroused, and will have courage to unite themselves at once with those who keep the commandments of God. But a much larger number who read it will not take their position until they see the very events taking place that are foretold in it. The fulfillment of some of the predictions will inspire faith that others will also come to pass, and when the earth is lighted with the glory of the Lord, in the closing work, many souls will take their position on the commandments of God as the result of this agency."—E. G. White, Ms. 31, 1890.

Does it seem to you that this picture of the time of the latter rain and the loud cry puts off the results of our literature ministry to somewhere in the future? And does it seem that the immediate results are meagre when measured by the tens of millions of pages of

Literature we have circulated throughout the years? If so, the picture here presented should cause you to take courage, and push this universal ministry of the printed page with renewed vigour and energy. This is the sowing; the harvest will be abundant.

Again I quote from "Great Controversy," pages 609, 610: "The Lord gives a special truth for the people in an emergency. Who dare refuse to publish it? He commands His servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent except at the peril of their souls.

Christ's ambassadors have nothing to do with consequences. They must perform their duty, and leave the results with God." And when we are true to duty, the results are assured, for we read in the Scriptures: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1.

It is therefore with outstanding significance that the good Lord has prompted the establishment of publishing houses in all lands, and has by oft-repeated instruction urged us on in the circulation of truth-filled literature both through regular colportage and by home missionary endeavour in the churches. A hundred thirty million dollars (approximately Rs. 400,000,000) is the value of this great stream of books, and papers, and tracts that, finding its source in our publishing houses, has, through the years gone by, watered the earth in preparation for the great harvest. What a fruitage it will bear during the time of the loud cry and the latter rain!

But that is not only a time of reaping; it is also a time of sowing, when the Lord's people will "hasten from place to place," and with "their faces lighted up" with the glory of God, will circulate this literature of warning to a doomed people, and thus by thousands of voices" will the truth be preached. The reaping will follow the sowing in quick succession, for God will ripen the harvest.

Thus the Lord has prepared the way for the loud cry of the third angel's message, and through the agency of our literature, has placed in the hands of His people the instrument of His own choice for the accomplishment of the great task. Now is the time for God's people to "arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but

the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee." Isa. 60:1, 2.

The literature ministry calls every Seventh-day Adventist to join in the loud cry. There is not one member of the church who cannot use this method effectively—the strong and the sick, the learned and the ignorant, the great and the small, the old and the young. It is the most inclusive agency in our midst. Let us arise, and give the trumpet a certain sound, and the work will soon be finished.

"CAST THY BREAD UPON THE
WATERS: FOR THOU SHALT FIND
IT AFTER MANY DAYS"

J. Johanson

A few weeks ago the Home Missionary Society in Bangalore gave a number of our tracts and magazines to a military canteen to be distributed among the soldiers. All of the papers were stamped with the Bangalore church address. Evidently these magazines were sent to different places throughout India, for one found its way to Ranchi and was read by a searcher after truth. After reading the magazine he decided to become a true Christian. He went to another mission society where he received baptism not knowing from which denomination the paper came. Afterwards, however, he received a warning from the mission pastor as to the danger of reading Adventist literature. All his comrades noticed the change in his habits and way of living. He took pleasure no longer in worldly amusements. Shortly afterwards he was transferred to Bangalore and evidently did not heed the warning against our literature, for he looked up the address he had found on the magazine and came to our church on Sabbath. He is receiving Bible studies now and desires to become an Adventist.

As the time for another Big Week campaign draws near, the above related experience impresses upon us the fact that literature wins souls. The more of our truth-filled literature we sell this Big Week, the more souls will receive a knowledge of the true way of salvation. We, as workers and lay members, are apt to become lukewarm in our zeal for soul-winning. We ourselves have the truth and should be filled with zeal that others should receive it. Our lukewarmness is hateful to the Lord. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

Rev. 3:15, 16. He would that we were either hot or cold in our zeal for His work.

Wesley once said, "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but God, who hate nothing but sin, and who are determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and I will set the world on fire." Fellow believers, have we one hundred such men in our midst who measure up to this standard? If not, we must pray the Lord for His Spirit and zeal, and if we have, let us strive with all our energy to spread as much literature as we possibly can during this Big Week so that we may set India on fire with the message we carry.

Some of our lay members have not been accustomed to go out and sell books, and may feel sensitive and backward about doing this work. Indeed, many people belittle the work of selling our books and feel it is humiliating. If we do feel that way about it, let us remember the spirit of the early apostles. Acts 5:40, 41. After having been beaten for preaching the gospel, the apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. Let us rejoice that we have the opportunity and are counted worthy to give a little of our time and energy for His name's sake this Big Week, without having to suffer any inconvenience or shame.

Whipple said, "Books are lighthouses in the great sea of time." Today that sea is troubled, and there are many vessels heading for shipwreck. The books we have to sell shed light over treacherous waters and save souls from sinking in despair. Can we, brethren and sisters, as faithful lighthouse keepers in this eleventh hour, withhold light from those who are perishing? May God forbid that we must account for such a failure on the judgment day. God gave us a gift in this truth, but let us remember:

"If we were only wise enough to choose

The path of service every day we live,

We would learn the truth

That what we keep we lose and gather what we give."

Let us give this truth to others that we indeed may keep it ourselves. "We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now by the wise use of periodicals and books preach the word with determined energy that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos. Let every human intelligence who professes the name of Christ tea-

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Ten-Minute Services

October 2, 1943

A WISE CHOICE

"So great is my conviction of the value of personal effort, as the result of a lifetime of winning souls, that I cannot emphasize the method too strongly. If it were revealed to me from heaven by the archangel, Gabriel, that God had given me the certainty of ten years of life, and that as a condition of my eternal salvation I must win a thousand souls to Christ in that time; and if it were further conditioned to this, that I might preach every day for ten years, but might not personally appeal to the unconverted outside the pulpit, or that I might not enter the pulpit during these ten years, but might inclusively appeal to individuals, I would not hesitate one moment to make the choice of personal effort as the sole means to be used in securing the conversion of one thousand souls necessary to my own salvation."—"The Art of Soul Winning," by Mahood.

October 9, 1943

WON BY KINDNESS

"Kindness won me to the truth," said one of our enthusiastic, earnest church officers in explaining how he had been won by a lay member. This is his story:

"I was without work, and further, without the means to get from place to place to find work. I would hear of a job, but when I had walked to the place it would be too late. A Seventh-day Adventist neighbour lent me his bicycle, thus enabling me to go farther afield in my search. Then this neighbour found that my family and I were short of food, and he gave me money to buy some. That sort of religion appealed to me, and I became interested and accepted it with all my heart. The Lord gave me work, and He has blessed me ever since. Yes, kindness won me to the truth."

October 16, 1943

CHURCH DEADWOOD

Go over any church membership list, and you will find a lot of dead timber—members who joined the church and then settled down to do nothing, feeling that church membership is a passport to heaven.

They remind us of an incident told by a world traveller who was preparing to take a photograph of some Turkish warships anchored in the

waters near Alexandria, Egypt. The captain, noticing the young man, explained that these warships were not really dangerous—were not really warships. "They look formidable enough," the officer continued, "but they are perfectly harmless. They were anchored there eight years ago and have not turned a wheel since."

How many times have we carried the battle into the enemy's territory since we enlisted in the Lord's army? Just why did we join the church? Have we made any sacrifices? Have we sought to help others into church fellowship? Or did we sail into the protected church harbour and anchor there some eight, ten, or twenty years ago, and perhaps "have not turned a wheel since"?

Such church members do not worry the devil at all. He knows that they are "perfectly harmless." He also knows that church membership will not save a lazy Christian.

October 23, 1943

THE CLAIMS OF GOD'S CALL

Queen Victoria pinned a medal on the breast of an old soldier. He looked at it with great satisfaction. In all the times of hardship he could feel the thrill of those queenly fingers as they touched his coat and pinned there that medal of England's approval. Another man, having exactly the same name, looked upon the old soldier in a time of adversity, and said, "Look here, I will give you a thousand pounds for that medal if you will say nothing about it but pass it over to me." A shrug of the shoulders in contempt for such a suggestion was all that the offerer received.

Times of adversity fell down on the old man, and he lacked food and clothing to shelter him from the cold. Then the voice of the man came along and said, "Look, you had better take that thousand pounds now. Here it is, I will give it to you now." He looked, and the offering hand thought that the old man wavered, just a flicker of a waver he thought he saw in the old man's eyes. "I will give you two thousand pounds," he said, "if you will give me that medal." And the old man turned as he buttoned up his coat, and said, "The queen pinned it there. She didn't pin it on your breast. I can never part with that. It will be with me while life lasts." In an old hut they found him dead under a bundle of rags, his hand over the medal that the queen's fingers had pinned there.

My dear friends, today Jesus Christ has placed upon you and me the claims of His call. He has placed upon you and me the hands of sanctification, and has sent us forth in His ministry of service for a world. In times of adversity, in times when the battle goes hard,—for it is a struggle when friends misunderstand us and enemies persecute,—I want to ask you, Will you then turn aside and change the call? A King with pierced hand has placed that hand of service on you and me, and He says, "If any man thirst, let him come to Me, and drink." "Go ye, tell a world that is thirsty, a world that is trying to satisfy itself at the broken cisterns of worldly ambition, go and tell them that Jesus calls, and He calls them to pleasures that are immortal, to joys that shall be eternal. May God keep you and me true and faithful to the commission of that call until He comes with His "Well done, thou good and faithful servant;...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

October 30, 1943

AND A TRACT

After a Sabbath-morning service, I left the pulpit to greet the congregation. A young man passed in line, and he shook hands cordially. It was apparent that he was a stranger, and I wanted to know his name, and invited him to come to the church services often. But he said he was "just passing through the city," and must get on his way. Further conversation revealed that he was not an Adventist, and this was the first time he had worshipped with Sabbath-keepers. He knew nothing about our people except the little information picked up from a young salesman who had given him a lift, a smile, a meal, and a tract, with an invitation to come to church. The address of the church was on the tract, and so he had found the place. One of the deacons, who overheard our conversation, invited the lad to his home for dinner. He reluctantly accepted, formed an acquaintance, and when I left that place he was still attending church. A tract had been instrumental in bringing him there.

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tify, 'The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.'—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 101.

We call upon you workers and lay members, who profess the name of Christ, to testify to the greatest of your ability this Big Week, that truth-filled literature may be spread, and that large funds may be gathered to further missionary endeavour.