

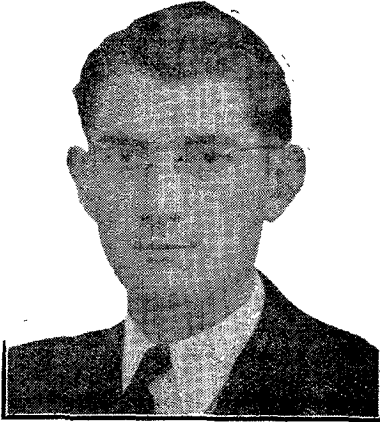
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S. M. COLLEGE

FACES THE FUTURE

M. O. MANLEY, *Principal*

deadly combat as each grapples for supremacy.

At such a time of world crisis, when millions have had their liberties curtailed and their way of life definitely changed from what they had planned, our youth should understand that college attendance is an unusual privilege. As such it demands their careful planning, serious purpose, and earnest endeavour. Prospective students may well take the words of Tennyson as a significant seed thought: "I heard my days before me." Have you heard yours? They are speaking to you of possibilities that lie before you in the coming school year. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

To our youth in India, Spicer Missionary College offers a Heaven-approved plan of education. Here, in a rural environment, enriched by the guidance of God-fearing men and women, who are especially qualified to give instruction in the subjects they teach, our youth may have their feet directed toward paths of fruitful Christian service. Nor is the training of the hand neglected for the training of the mind. A well directed work programme on the farm, in the workshop, with the poultry, helping in the dairy or assisting in the kitchen, helps to teach the youth the dignity of labour. The rapidly growing industries of the College offer opportunity for the energetic student to earn a considerable part of his college fees. Along with the training of mind and hand, definite emphasis is also given to proper and essential spiritual direction by carefully

Today the youth of the world look out across troubled horizons. Few things appear stable. Around the circle of the earth man meets man in

planned Sabbath services, daily worships, chapel appointments, and interesting Bible classes.

At no time in recent decades have the hearts of men, and especially of youth, reached out, with such vital earnestness, for a hope and a faith that would not pass. Spicer Missionary College offers its students a training based upon that "blessed hope," and permeated with "the faith of Jesus."

Young man, young woman, if you are at the crossroads of educational decision, mark well your choice and choose a Christian college. It may not seem the easiest, but it is the best. Your future life depends upon the decision you make at those crossroads. "Christian education is not a mere luxury, but a vital necessity to the salvation and proper training of the children and youth of the advent movement. Truly, Christian education is the backbone of God's great plan as given to the servant of the Lord for the finishing of the work."

"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test, Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand."—*"Great Controversy," pp. 593, 594.*

Spicer Missionary College and its staff are dedicated to the purpose of training our youth in accordance with sacred principles so that in that decisive hour their choice will be the correct one.

We, here at the College, face the future with courage and with a firm trust in God, that He will preciously bless those youth who enrol this year, and who purpose that their lives shall chime in sympathetic vibration with the harmony of Christianity. We invite you to face the future with a clear-eyed determination that you will be with us at the opening of this school year.

We earnestly urge our Indian youth to avail themselves of the opportunity that is theirs now. Applica-

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tion blanks and other information may be obtained by writing to the principal. We stand ready to cooperate with our youth in every way possible.

Spicer Missionary College faces ahead with the

determination to train our youth to carry the gospel to India's millions in this generation.

School opens June 30th. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

HISTORY OF SPICER MISSIONARY COLLEGE

In July, 1915, a new school was opened at Coimbatore, South India, by the Seventh-day Adventist Mission under the principalship of Pastor G. G. Lowry. This school, which was established to meet the need of those students, who, having finished the pioneer lower school at the Mission at Nazareth in the Tinnevely District, felt the need of further training, was to grow, under various names and in different locations, into the institution now known as Spicer Missionary College. In its beginning in Coimbatore, both girls and boys were admitted, and the instruction was given in English and Tamil through the sixth form of study.

As the school began to draw students from other parts of South India, consideration was given to locating the institution near the South India Union headquarters. Thus, in November, 1917, Pastor E. M. Meleen took the principalship of the South India Training School. On the transfer of the students to Bangalore, the girls' section had separated to form a separate school under the principalship of Mrs. Lowry, who was later relieved by Miss Appleton of Australia. The girls' school was closed for about two years, from 1922-1924.

The South India Training School was placed under the principalship of Pastor O. A. Skau in 1924. In the same year the girls' school was re-opened, but as a section of the South India Training School. Meanwhile, in December, 1918, the Board of Directors had purchased property at Krishnarajapuram, about seven miles out of Bangalore, and by

1923 the school was located in its new home. Pastor L. B. Losey assumed the principalship in 1930 and continued until the time of his furlough in 1938, at which time Pastor E. W. Pohlman was appointed to head the institution. Pastor Pohlman continued as principal until the close of the 1943-44 school year, when he accepted the responsibility of Division Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary, being relieved of the College principalship by the present principal.

At the Fourth Biennial Session of the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, held at Poona in January, 1937, it was voted that a Division Co-educational Junior College for vernacular youth be operated, and that the Krishnarajapuram School be modified to serve the new need.

The year 1942-43 opened still a new period in Spicer Missionary College history. After about twenty years' existence in Bangalore District, South India, during which time the institution served well the purpose for which it was established, the College opened in its new and long-needed, permanent home-site. As the years passed, and the College grew, it had become clear that the former site was inadequate to permit either the physical or the ideological expansion which the developing institution required.

In 1944 the Western India Union High School of Seventh-day Adventists, under the principalship of R. S. Lowry, was moved from Lasalgaon to Spicer Missionary College and became affiliated with it.

To visit the new College in its present beautiful, select location is to recognize at once the high possibilities of development which the future holds.

NOTICE TO CHURCH LEADERS

Sabbath, June 10, is Educational Day, with special attention to be given to Spicer Missionary College. It is hoped that this important Division training institution will receive due attention on Sabbath, June 10, in all our churches and companies. Let us remember that the College belongs to the church and is intended to serve and train our vernacular young people. Let us give S. M. C. our best support.

If this issue of the TIDINGS does not reach all our church leaders in time for the observance of Educational Day on June 10, it is suggested that such churches plan to use the following Sabbath, June 17, as Educational Day. Spicer Missionary College opens on June 30, and it is thus important that the interests and opportunities of the College be brought before our believers as early as possible.

Following is a suggested list of items which may guide you in planning the church service for Educational Day.

1. A Talk by the Church Elder or some other leader on "Schools of the Prophets; Cities of Refuge for Our Young People Today." (See the book "Education," pp. 45-50, and the article "Schools of the Prophets" in this TIDINGS' issue.)

2. A Talk, preferably by a Spicer Missionary College graduate, on "Spicer Missionary College as a Training Centre for Gospel Workers in Southern Asia." (For suggestions, see the article by Pastor A. L. Ham.)

3. A Symposium by three or four former students of the College on "What Spicer Missionary College Has Done for Me."

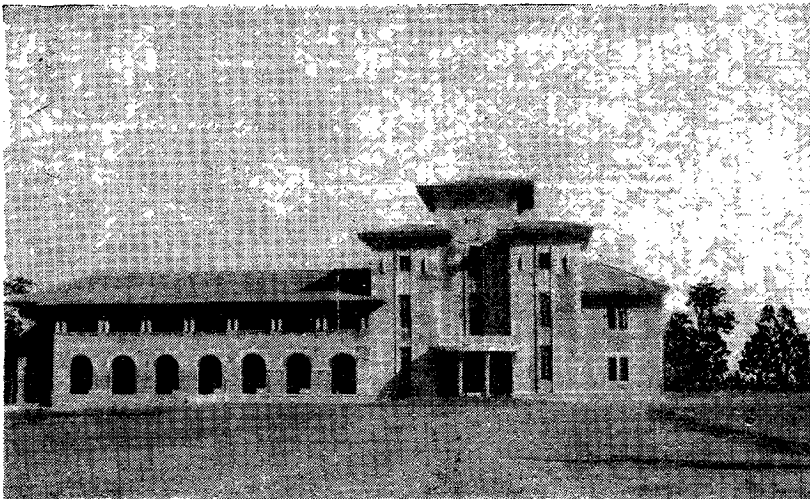
4. Suggestions by the Church Leader on what we may do to support our training College:

(a) See that all young people in the Division who are eligible to come are present when school opens on June 30.

(b) Pray for the students and teachers of S. M. C. and of all our schools.

(c) Give financial support. This may be done by helping individual students with fees, or by contributing to the Aid Offering today. Financial help in any special way may be contributed by addressing the Principal.

5. Take the Student Aid Offering after making the following explanation: This Student Aid is usually given to Second Year students who are recommended for it, and who have shown themselves worthy. It is normally not given beyond half the amount the student earns by his own labour. The offering this year is not for the Loan Fund, but for direct aid to worthy and needy students who are willing to help themselves as far as possible.



Administration Building at S. M. C.

SPICER MISSIONARY COLLEGE

A Training Centre for Gospel Workers

A. L. Ham

As we came to Southern Asia, I was made glad to find such an institution as Spicer Missionary College, so well located, and with such fine opportunities of development. It has been a pleasure to me to assist in providing facilities needed for the completion of the plans for this central training school.

We thank God for the comprehensive plan of Christian education which has meant so much to the development and extension of this movement in all the world. We were present at the recent Commencement exercises of the College and rejoiced to see a nice group of young men and women of the Class of 1944 receive their certificates, and I believe almost, if not all, have been called into service for the Master in various parts of the Division field.

Also, as I travel about, I find workers who have been trained in our two colleges. We rejoice to see these evidences of God's blessing upon our educational programme for this field, and expect greater results in the future. It seems to us that Spicer Missionary College will take a place of ever-increasing importance in the programme of education in the Southern Asia Division. We are planning for further industries and vocational training, and are confident these will meet a long-felt need. Pastor Pohlman, who has successfully led in the programme of the College for the past several years, now comes to the Division Educational and Y. P. M. V. departments where he will give his whole attention to the two departments which have most to do with the training and religious activities of our young people. He will continue to assist in promoting the interests of our colleges. Pastor Manley, who now undertakes the responsibility of Principal of Spicer Missionary College, is a tried worker and successful school man. He brings to his new responsibilities the spirit of courage and progress that gives promise of greatly promoting the growth and progress of the College. With him, we are thankful to have a strong, experienced staff. As the higher standards of Lasalgaon High School are joining the College this year, the work of the institution will be enlarged. We are fortunate in having Brother Roscoe Lowry and his wife come to Kirkee to join the staff. Brother Lowry is the Principal of the High School. He will bring real strength, as he has developed into a strong school man. Other members of the High School staff are experienced workers and are welcomed to the work at Kirkee.

It seems to us that Spicer Missionary College has a very bright future, and

that we may confidently look for many trained and consecrated youth to come from this institution to enter the field as soldiers of the cross of Christ. It is our prayer that these trained workers, year by year, may go forth from this College to meet urgent needs of the ever-expanding work of this Division.

We trust that the constituency will give to this institution and its leaders their very loyal and hearty support, and unite in asking God's blessing upon teachers and students as they undertake the programme for this coming year.

"In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls

for youthful vigour, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through the exercise of their powers, through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow-men."—"Gospel Workers," p. 67.

We hope that many youth, forward-looking and of the type described above, may be brought to Spicer Missionary College, for they are needed in God's work.

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Some of the S. M. C. poultry.

SPICER MISSIONARY COLLEGE

A School of the Prophets

Edward W. Pohlman



We frequently hear our schools spoken of as modern "Schools of the Prophets." Are we right in using this term to describe our educational institutions today? A brief review of the main thoughts of the chapter, "The Schools of the Prophets," pp. 45 to 50 in the book "Education," will answer our question.

1. Conditions of the World in the Time When the Schools Were Established

"Through unfaithfulness in the home, and idolatrous influences without, many of the Hebrew youth received an education differing widely from that which God had planned for them."—P. 45.

2. Aims of the Schools

"These schools were intended to serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption, to provide for the mental and spiritual welfare of the youth, and to promote the prosperity of the nation by furnishing it with men qualified to act in the fear of God as leaders and counsellors."—P. 46.

3. The Teachers

"Prophets had been recognized as teachers divinely appointed. In the highest sense the prophet was one who spoke by direct inspiration. . . . But the name was given also to those who, though not so directly inspired, were divinely called to instruct the people in the works and ways of God. For the training of such a class of teachers, Samuel, by the Lord's direction, established the schools of the prophets."—P. 46.

"The instructors were not only versed in divine truth, but had themselves enjoyed communion with God, and had received the special endowment of His spirit."—P. 46.

4. The Students

"Samuel gathered companies of young men who were pious, intelligent, and studious. . . . As they studied the word

and the works of God, His life-giving power quickened the energies of mind and soul, and the students received wisdom from above."—P. 46.

5. Practical Training

"The pupils of these schools sustained themselves by their own labour in tilling the soil, or in some mechanical employment. In Israel this was not thought strange or degrading; indeed, it was regarded as a sin to allow children to grow up in ignorance of useful labour. Every youth, whether his parents were rich or poor, was taught some trade. Even though he was to be educated for holy office, a knowledge of practical life was regarded as essential to the greatest usefulness. Many also of the teachers supported themselves by manual labour."—P. 47.

6. Course of Study

"The chief subjects of study in these schools were the law of God, with the

instruction given to Moses, sacred history, sacred music, and poetry. . . . A spirit of devotion was cherished. Not only were the students taught the duty of prayer, but they were taught how to pray, how to approach their Creator, how to exercise faith in Him, and how to understand and obey the teachings of His Spirit. Sanctified intellect brought forth from the treasure-house of God things new and old, and the Spirit of God was manifested in prophecy and sacred song."—P. 47.

7. God's Plan Unchanged

"While there are different degrees of development and different manifestations of His power to meet the wants of men in the different ages, God's work in all time is the same. . . . With us, as with Israel of old, success in education depends on fidelity in carrying out the Creator's plan. Adherence to the principles of God's Word will bring as great blessings to us as it would have brought to the Hebrew people."—P. 50.

Calendar for 1944-45

Opening date	June 30
Registration	June 30, July 2
Classes open	July 3
1st financial month (4 weeks) ends	July 28
2nd financial month ends	Aug. 25
Mid-semester scholastic period ends	Sept. 1
Week of Prayer	To be arranged
3rd financial month ends	Sept. 22
4th financial month ends	Oct. 20
First semester examinations	Oct. 30-Nov. 3
First semester ends	Nov. 3
Second semester registration	Nov. 5
Classes open	Nov. 6
5th financial month ends	Nov. 17
6th financial month ends	Dec. 15
New Year holidays	To be arranged
(one week in length)	
Mid-semester period ends	Jan. 12
7th financial month ends	Jan. 19
8th financial month ends	Feb. 9
Second semester examinations	Feb. 26-March 2
Colporteur Institute	March 2-8
Second semester and 9th financial month ends	March 9
Graduation exercises	March 9, 10
Closing date	March 10

We have seen that in the schools of the prophets the aims were to provide a haven of refuge for the young people against the widespread corruption of their times, and to develop leaders for the nation. We have noticed that the teachers were carefully chosen because of their ability to instruct, and also their godly lives. The students were young men who were both intelligent and pious, with a desire to advance in wisdom and righteousness. The practical training offered in the schools of the prophets taught self-reliance and skill in labour. The dignity of honest work was encouraged in these established schools.

The study was of a type that would lead the minds of the young men to note God's leading of His people in the past, and to acquaint themselves with His purposes for the present and the future. We have seen, also, that in different ages there may be a need for changes in the curricula, with schools designed to meet the needs of a young people in each period of history, but that with these changes the great underlying purposes are the same. We come, therefore, to the conclusion that it is not amiss to speak of our schools as modern "Schools of the Prophets."

In the expanding system of education for our vernacular boys and girls and

Spicer Missionary College Day, June 10

SABBATH, June 10, is Spicer Missionary College Day. Church leaders and members are requested to give emphasis on this day to the ideals of Christian education, and particularly to Spicer Missionary College and its service to Southern Asia. Where it is possible, programmes may be arranged in which Spicer Missionary College graduates may be given opportunity to speak regarding the College. It is hoped that on this day the attention of our members will be drawn definitely to this vernacular College for our youth, and that a liberal offering will be received and sent forward by church treasurers as a contribution to educational advancement for our Indian young men and young women. Let us pray for Spicer Missionary College.

young people in this Division, Spicer Missionary College is rightly considered as the most important of these training institutions. Our experience in the growth of our work through past years, and the vision that we must now hold of the future, lead us to conclude that Spicer Missionary College occupies a key position in the educational structure which we believe the Lord is leading us to develop. Not only are we attempting to meet the qualifications of the schools of the prophets in selecting qualified and God-fearing teachers, in gathering earnest young men and women as students in the classrooms, in providing vocational instruction, both theoretical and practical, but we are attempting to realize the high ideal of training the coming generation of leaders in the Israel of the modern church.

Admitting that Spicer Missionary College is far from the standard of perfection toward which we strive, we have no hesitation in stating that the good which has been done, in developing character and training leaders through the twenty-five or thirty years of the history of this school, is sufficient to recommend this training centre to our young people and believers throughout the field as worthy of their best support. These are days when temptations are strong in their appeal to our youth. This institution serves as a city of refuge for earnest young men and women who desire to escape the corruption and evil practices abroad, and who would train themselves for service on this earth and for a home in heaven.

As one who has had the privilege of associating closely with the teachers and students there for several years, I can hardly find words expressive enough to picture the good that has been accomplished, and which will be done through the influence of Spicer Missionary College, on the young people who attend. On this Educational Day we should pray for the College, we should cheerfully contribute to the Student Aid collection, and we should carefully canvass the available young people in each church to see that all who are eligible to attend Spicer Missionary College are present when the new year opens on the 30th June.



Quality potatoes are produced on the S. M. C. farm.

PRAKASAPURAM HIGH SCHOOL

L. J. Larson

It was our privilege recently to visit the Tamil Mission High School at Prakasapuram for the first time. We had heard many things concerning the school, and were very pleasantly surprised with what we found.

Pastor Gurubatham was conducting the Friday-evening Consecration Service for the graduating class when we arrived. The service was appreciated and well attended.

After a good night, we entered upon a very busy Sabbath day. The graduating class had chosen "Work and Pray" as the subject for my Sabbath sermon. I think that no more fitting motto could be chosen for a group of Seventh-day Adventist young people.

In the afternoon a well-prepared Investiture service was conducted. Space forbids the inclusion of the entire programme which consisted of twenty-six numbers. A few figures should be given though, for that society did very commendable work. Thirty-five Senior and eleven Junior Bible Year certificates were presented. Twenty Senior Reading Course certificates and forty Junior Reading Course certificates were awarded. Other awards and certificates

were given as well. Among those invested were twelve Friends, eighteen Companions, eleven Comrades, and one Master Comrade.

I cannot say too much about the one who was invested as a Master Comrade. He is the principal of the school and has certainly done a fine job of setting his staff members and fellow workers in the Mission a good example. It is not easy to become a Master Comrade. It takes work and study, but when the goal is reached, the achievement is well worth the effort.

About ten o'clock Saturday night, the graduating class presented their programme. It was a good programme and held the attention of friends and well-wishers for nearly three hours.

The Prakasapuram school is not located as favourably as some other schools, but I feel that they are making good use of the land they have available. A good spirit was evident among the teachers and students, and I was pleased to note that a number of the young men who graduated, were planning to spend the holidays in the colporteur field before going on to Spicer Missionary College for further training.

NORTHWEST

THE BLESSINGS OF UPLIFT

Hakim Din, Evangelist, Punjab

This year, Brethren Sultan Ahmad, Robert A. Ditta, and I were allotted the cities of Sialkot and Daska as our Uplift territory. We realized that, for inexperienced men, Uplift work is not an easy task, but the knowledge of our own weakness made us rely more upon prayer, that key which opens Heaven's storehouse, and we felt it would also open the storehouses of these cities for the work of God. We have done Uplift before, and have always found that the starting is the most difficult part of the task. Once started, the task is already half completed, for the longer one works the easier it becomes.

In 1943 we had visited many of these people in Sialkot and other places, and while they gave us a little, still they were rather doubtful of us, not having met us before. This year, as we returned to the same people, we found they received us most heartily and asked very interesting questions about the work we were doing. The second visit established their confidence in us and our work, and practically all increased their offerings over the previous year. This time we were welcomed gladly into their homes, offices, and shops.

One day we went to a man we had visited last year, and, as I started to show him our booklet, he said: "Yes, I know your work. You were here last year, and I am glad you have come again this year, I want to double my gift to you, for I am convinced that your work is a noble work." From there we went across to another office where we were cordially received, and were given a good donation. On coming out, a man on the roadside called to us and said, "I also want to give you an offering, the same as that man has done. This is for my Master, and if I am alive next year I shall give you still more." This experience convinced me that if you even walk along the road you can receive Uplift funds.

One day in Daska I met an old friend of ours who had given to us before, and he seemed very interested in our work, for we talked over half an hour about it. After he had given me his offering and I arose to go, his next-door neighbour called to me, and said, "I heard what you were saying about your work. I am only a poor workman, a carpenter, but I want to give you Rs.3. Kindly accept my humble share in your noble work."

These days I feel the Lord is impressing the hearts of all, rich and poor, weak and strong, to join in His work. It gives me courage to go forth in His strength to preach this message not only to my neighbours, but to all,

far and near, and to prepare them for the kingdom of God. We ask that you pray for our work in the Punjab.

NORTHEAST

ASSAM!

R. S. Fernando
Treasurer, Northeast Union

It was my privilege to spend one happy week with Pastor and Sister O. W. Lange, who are conducting the Assam Mission Training School at Jowai, Shillong. We are used to calling this school "The JOWAI School," but the Assam brethren prefer that we call it "The ASSAM Training School," for they plan that it shall serve the whole of Assam. At present our message is being preached in only the Khasi and Jaintia Hills. The Shillong church is in the Khasi Hills and the school is located in the Jaintia Hills.

At present there are only nineteen Khasi and twenty-one Jaintia Hill children; but from another unentered hill alone there are thirty-four boys and girls. They come from the Lushai Hills, yet all that we have done is to circulate a tract in the Lushai language and distribute the school prospectus through one of the Lushai boys who studied in the school. Brother Lange spent a very profitable two weeks recently, visiting the homes of these Lushai students. The first Sabbath school in the Lushai Hills was held by the students of the Jowai school, and the first Sabbath school offering ever to come from the hills, was received last quarter. We are printing another edition of the Lushai tract, and we hope to locate in these hills the Lushai boy now in training at Spicer Missionary College. Our foreign missionaries are not allowed to work in the Lushai Hills, so we hope through the boys and girls now studying at the Assam Training School to preach the advent message in the Lushai Hills. And may the way be opened for children from other neighbouring tribes, such as the Garos, Nagas, Manipuris, and Cachars also to enter our school for training so that they can plant the banner of the advent church in their respective hills. The Jowai school is indeed a training centre not only for the Khasi and Jaintia people, but for all the people of Assam.

At present the hostels are very crowded, and a call for Rs.15,000 has been placed, with which we hope to put up suitable and permanent hostels. There are many other urgent needs which must be attended to, in order to give the best training to the youth that enter our school, and the committees concerned are giving consideration to these needs. This is the fourth year of the school, and the principal's bungalow is not yet finished. With the help of two or three others, Brother and Sister Lange have nobly carried on

a very heavy programme till last year. Brother Lange also has to supervise the evangelistic work in the villages near by, with the help of a Khasi evangelist, in addition to his duties in connection with the Union Educational Department. So they are very grateful for this year's additions to the staff.

Sister M. V. Broderson, who was our Calcutta church school principal, is giving excellent help, not only in teaching, but also in training a number of student teachers. Brother and Sister Juriansz, formerly of the Roorkee school, are cheerfully playing their part. Brother Juriansz is the Missionary Volunteer leader and assists in the school office. While I was there we wrote up a set of books for account keeping. It is absolutely necessary to keep a regular set of books, on account of the school's rural situation. Supplies for over ninety people have to be brought by coolies from Shillong, which is thirty miles away. Sister Juriansz has volunteered to help in the dispensary, a building for which is being put up from donations received from visitors and others interested in our educational programme. The two Khasi lady teachers, Miss Linnette and Miss Melodian, are discharging duties that foreign teachers cannot handle, and we hope soon to add a Khasi male teacher to the staff. Brother Chad Israel of South India has made himself so useful in all lines of work that the brethren are leaving no stone unturned to release him from educational work for evangelistic work. As soon as it can be arranged, Brother Israel will transfer to Shillong, to spend six months in language study. Brother Israel has made Assam his mission field for life, and may the number of such Indian missionaries increase! They can help to evangelize our country in a far more successful manner than can the foreign missionaries.

The day I left Jowai, the Director of Agriculture of the Assam Government visited the school. He was very happy to see the land under cultivation, and had many helpful suggestions to make. According to his verdict, our school has the best type of cattle in all of the Jowai sub-division. We have over three hundred acres of land, and we can put to use many more acres if we have the initial outlay and personnel with which to do it.

One busy week-end was spent in Shillong attending committee meetings and visiting our believers. Sister Jensen's work in the canteen has helped to break down prejudice and open the doors of a large number of the English community in Shillong. The Uplift collections were made easily and the Big Week goals were doubled. The church school has an enrolment of seventy-five. The tithe received during 1943 showed an increase of 90 per cent over the previous year.

As it has been found impossible to arrange for a general meeting for all our believers, it is planned to hold six

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or seven meetings out in the village centres during May and June. Brother Rajee is now conducting a village effort near Cherapunji and reports that there are about three ready for baptism. Cherapunji records the highest rainfall in all the world, and it is in this place that one of our faithful church members, Dr. Laloo, lives.

Besides the six hill districts in Assam, there are ten districts in the Brahmaputra and Surma valleys where we have no work. Colporteurs have sold hundreds of health books in these districts, and we are now sending out men with the religious book "Toward a Better Day." It has also been arranged to print several of our tracts in the Assamese language and scatter these in the districts along the banks of the Brahmaputra River.

SOUTH INDIA

TELUGU WORKERS VISIT SOUTH INDIA

O. Israel, Superintendent, N. Telugu Mission

It was our privilege to attend the educational and field administrators' council held at Kottarakara from April 21 to 29. This was the first of its kind ever to be held in South India.

Those in attendance were school principals and field superintendents. The instructors were Pastors Pohlman, Ham, and Meleen. We had a full programme every day from morning until evening, and every phase of the council was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Pastors Ham and Meleen gave some wonderful talks on administrative problems, which brought hope and courage to the hearers. Pastor Pohlman, who was chairman of the council, spoke to us on Indian school administration and several other vital topics. It may be stated, without fear of contradiction, that the council proved a great blessing and help to everyone who attended.

At the close of the council, it was our blessed privilege to spend a few days in visiting some of the important stations in the south. Brethren William, Kelly, and the writer are thankful to the Union committee for making this visit possible.

From Kottarakara, we went to Trivandrum where the South Malayalam Mission headquarters are located. Here we met Brethren Crussiah and Jackson, the mission officers. In the evening we visited two near-by stations, one at Kurmanawith, where Brother S. Nathanael is in charge, and the other at Pujapura, with Pastor Joshua in charge. At these two places they have fine-looking church buildings, and we were very much pleased to note the good progress in that modern city of Trivandrum.

Next morning, accompanied by the mission superintendent, we went to Adventpuram, which is supposed to be the first Adventist Mission station in South India. Here we had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of Brother G. Gabriel, and also meeting Brother Johnson.

From there we proceeded to Nagercoil, which is the office headquarters of the South Tamil Mission. Here we met Brother Gurubatham, the Mission superintendent. As Cape Comorin is very near to Nagercoil, we thought it would be unwise on our part to leave without seeing it. So we went by bus to Cape Comorin and attained satisfaction on seeing the beautiful handiwork of God. Here we saw the meeting place of the Bay of Bengal, the Indian Ocean, and the Arabian Sea. We praised God for His wisdom and power in creating such vast waters, and for keeping them in check. After spending two hours in seeing the wonderful works of God, we returned to Nagercoil and spent the night with Brother Gurubatham.

Next morning, we wended our way to Prakasapuram, where our Tamil high school is situated. Pastor Pakkianathan entertained us heartily, and introduced us to several of his church and staff members. It pleased us to see the school premises kept in such good condition. While there, we visited a typical village Sabbath school which was organized by our high school teachers. We were happy to see the staff members there taking such a keen interest in evangelistic activities, and we wish all our high school staffs could take a similar interest in evangelistic work around their schools.

Bidding good-bye to our friends there, we proceeded to Palaniappuram, where Dr. K. C. David is doing yeoman service for the suffering of that place and around it. His services, we were told, are very much appreciated by rich and poor, high and low alike. Brother David and his family are old friends of ours, for we knew them in the Telugu country where they worked for many years. We were very happy to renew our acquaintance with them. Here, too, there is a very fine church building

with Brother Manuel in charge. We understand that here both the medical and the evangelistic work is making good progress.

Next we stopped at Madura, where we spent the Sabbath. The North Tamil Mission headquarters are located here, but unfortunately we could see neither the superintendent nor the secretary, for they were away from the station. However, we met Brother D. M. Joshua, a colporteur minister, and stayed with him. We also met Pastor Koilpillai and his family. We did enjoy the association and friendship of these two workers, as well as church members here. There is abundant evidence of God's leadership of this movement in the south, for everywhere we visited we noticed great interest in the stations. May God bless our workers and members in these parts of His world field.

PASTOR A. L. HAM ATTENDS KOTTARAKARA COUNCIL

It was my privilege to attend the school principals' and administrators' council for Southern and Western India Unions held at Kottarakara. We have a very beautiful location there, about four miles from the town, on the top of a hill overlooking valleys of rice fields and cocoanut groves, with hills and mountains in the distance covered with green, tropical vegetation.

Brother and Sister L. Larson made us very much at home and assisted in many ways to make the council a success.

Pastor Pohlman, representing the Educational Department of the Division and South India Union, led in the principals' council. He was assisted by Brother Roscoe Lowry, Educational Secretary of the Western India Union. There were in attendance seven school principals and six superintendents of missions. Pastor Meleen conducted meetings especially for the field administrators, where such questions as concerned the field work, were studied together.

We were pleased to see the desire to discuss all problems in a very helpful way, and the readiness shown to improve along suggested lines. It would seem that such a council will result in a better understanding of the problems each group of workers has to deal with, and a closer co-operation between school and field leaders. This ought to result also in more of our children and youth being in our schools for training.

The talks given by various ones at the morning devotional hour were very helpful. It was a real pleasure to join in this council, and I believe the Lord greatly blessed us all while we were together. Another such council is soon to be held in Roorkee for the workers in the Northwest and Northeast India Unions. May the Lord bless this gathering also with His presence and guidance.

GLEANINGS

Pastor and Mrs. Collett and family of Spicer Missionary College left Kirkee on May 15 for Karachi to help Brother Ritchie with his effort. We learn that Brother Ritchie's meetings have created an interest greater than he and his staff are able to cope with, so Pastor and Mrs. Collett's help will be much appreciated.

Pastor Manley was a very welcome visitor to the office recently. We are glad he is now able to take the strenuous trip from Kirkee to Poona. We certainly praise the Lord for his recovery, for, according to recent word from his doctor, his presence in our midst is a modern miracle. Pastor Manley has the interests of Spicer Missionary College deeply at heart, and we feel sure that those who will be associated with him in the next year will find in him a patient head and a wise counsellor. We trust our young people will rally round the college this year and fill it to its limits. This will be the greatest inspiration that could come to the principal and his staff. Young people, let's fill its halls to overflowing this year.

The following telegram has just been received from Pastor Schutt, principal of Vincent Hill School: "SPLENDID CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION RESULTS RECEIPT FIFTEEN OUT EIGHTEEN PASSED." Our congratulations to one and all!

Miss Binder of Surat hospital passed through Poona on May 18 on her way to Kodikanal. We hope Miss Binder will be greatly refreshed by the cool breezes and lakes of Kodi after the heat and hard work at Surat.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Johannes left Surat on May 15 for Shillong, where they are planning on spending their hill leave. The doctor is looking forward to seeing his old field of labour again, and we hope the change will be of great benefit healthwise to them both.

Pastor and Mrs. H. M. Kent and family have arrived in India. We sincerely welcome them to our midst again. Pastor Kent left Bombay on May 22 for Delhi after spending a short time in Poona. It is planned for him to take up the responsibilities of field missionary secretary for the Northwest Union.

A happy social evening was spent in the Poona church school on May 20 in honour of two of the church school teachers who had married during the present vacation. Mr. Rasalem was

married at Adventpura to Miss Dorcas Helen, daughter of Pastor S. N. David of the South Tamil Mission; and Miss Rajaratnamma was married at Belapur to Brother William Sharalaya of the Division office treasury department. We wish for all of them much of the blessing of God in their united lives in the Master's cause. These young people have been active in the work of the church, and we trust that in the days to come they may continue to walk in the ways of God even to the eternal city.

We were very happy to have Brother B. S. Moses, secretary-treasurer of the South Telugu Mission, call at our of-



*"Give me a heart that feels no
jealous pang,
That covets not the place another
gains,
That thirsts not even for a drop of
praise
Which on another falls in copious
rains;
A heart content to blossom, unbe-
known,
Whose perfume serves to scent the
whole bouquet
And add attraction to its fellow
flowers,
While modestly from view it hides
away."*

Brother J. N. Sircar of the East Bengal field writes that as a result of Bible studies he has been giving, six people openly confessed Christ as their Saviour and were baptized on Sabbath, March 25, by Pastor Boiragi who came down especially for the service. We greatly rejoice with Brother Sircar over this addition to their church, and we, with Brother Sircar, pray that the Lord will abundantly bless these people, that they may stand firm in the truth, and become faithful witnesses for Christ.

From a letter received from Brother Arputham, evangelist in the Tamil field, we learn of a devastating fire which occurred in the village of Arunachalapuram, where we have a few believers. The fire took place on Wednesday, the 26th of April. The

day was very hot, and it was about 5 p.m. in the evening. Many of the villagers were out attending to their harvest. A house caught fire accidentally and soon flames spread to the east of the burning house. Within half an hour eighty houses were burned to the ground. The stone house of Brother Samuel, erected in the middle of the village, remained intact. Brother Arputham, with the help of another man, saved Brother Masillamoney's furniture, copper and brass vessels, and cooking utensils, but all our brother's grain, stored in the house, was destroyed. Brother Arputham thanks God for deliverance from the burning house, as the heavy smoke almost overcame them, but God gave him the strength to get out through the gate.

Two or three of our church members have lost their quarters and their household materials. Brother Arputham concludes: "However, we give praise to our heavenly Father as He has preserved our lives once again from this burning fire." He quotes Psalm 91:5-7 as a promise which God has honoured in a very definite way in their experience.

We have been asked to inform the readers of the TIDINGS that the new address of the South Tamil Mission is as follows: South Tamil Mission of S. D. A., Foi Cota, Curzon Maidan, Palamcottah, Tinnevely Dist.

Are You Like This?

"In Jamaica there is a plant which is almost impossible to destroy. So tenacious of life is it that they call it 'Life Plant.' It has extraordinary vitality. When a leaf is cut off and tied up by a string, instead of shrivelling up as many leaves would, it sends out little white thread-like roots which suck in moisture from the air, and soon new leaves are growing.

"Adventists should be like that. Instead of losing their religion and their spiritual life, because they are separated from church connections and Sabbath school privileges, they should send out their rootlets and draw in spiritual strength wherever they are, and then begin to form little nuclei of believers. Wherever an Adventist remains for a few weeks, there should begin a little branch Sabbath school. Let us be 'Life Plants,' rather than dead leaves."

Word has just been received of the death of two of our much respected and loved pioneer workers—Mrs. A. G. Daniells and Elder G. B. Starr. Both were eighty-nine years of age at the time of their death, and both had spent some time labouring in Australia, during the same years. As we hear of the passing of these old workers, it should make us labour more diligently for the Master, knowing that the end is near.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

THE CALL AND THE WORK OF THE EVANGELS

R. G. Strickland

Down from the courts of glory comes a ringing command to Seventh-day Adventists. It is an order which we cannot ignore, for it concerns our own soul's salvation, has a definite bearing upon our personal relationship with God, and embraces the multitudes that sit in darkness waiting for a messenger of light to bring to them the message of truth and salvation.

What will be your response? Are you ready? These are God's words: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Isa. 60:1. God has committed to us His truth. We are privileged to reflect the luster of His holy presence. But we cannot hope to be reflectors if we lie prone or sit inactive. God's command is, "Arise!" We are to bestir ourselves and undertake service for the Master. The light which is to shine is not our own light. It is light that comes from above—the light of truth contained in the Word of God. Those who receive this light and will "arise" and "shine" will be constantly busy and happy in service.

Looking unto this day, the psalmist spoke in glowing terms about those who minister for God. He declares, "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11. To publish means to make public, to proclaim, to bring before the public, to divulge. Here is surely an evangel—the message of man's redemption through Christ, proclaimed by various means so as to reach every nook and cranny of this old world, that men may receive in their hearts, as well as in their minds, the truth of God.

Home Bible Study League

Many are the methods to be employed whereby the light shall be shed abroad. In numbers of our churches faithful service is being rendered through the Home Bible Study League. In such a programme the territory is thoroughly organized, and those participating are assigned definite territory and pass from door to door distributing literature in a systematic manner. As the readers of the literature become interested in further investigation, the interests are followed up by Bible studies given under the inspiration of a church programme by lay men and women who have devoted themselves to missionary service and have sought special preparation through the Bible Service Training School.

This Home Bible Study League is also carried on by correspondence,

FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAMME

July 1, 1944

Topic: EVANGELS OF THE LIVING WORD

Opening Hymn: "Go, Preach My Gospel," No. 440 in "Church Hymnal."

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:12-27.

Prayer.

Missionary Secretary's Report for half year.

Offering.

Hymn: "Far and Near the Fields Are Teeming," No. 448.

Reading: "The Call and the Work of the Evangelists," by R. G. Strickland.

Leader's Remarks. (Based on "A Great Work Programme.")

Talk: "The Call for More Reapers," by H. J. Detwiler.

Prayer of Consecration.

Hymn: "O Where Are the Reapers?" No. 620.

Benediction.

whereby the postman carries truth-filled literature to the homes of the people week by week. Some churches select a certain taluk, or several taluks, and see that literature reaches every home in the territory. Other churches or individuals send literature to particular lists of names, as secured by various means. All contacts should be followed up by study of the Bible. It is personal contact that brings results.

Bible Studies

Bible studies are most effective when given in connected sequence so that the reader is led by easy stages from one form of truth to the other. The Bible studies may be conducted with lone individuals or small families, or may take on the nature of cottage meetings. They may even grow into larger groups that press the instructor into a form of public address. This type of service we have been pleased to call "lay preaching." The lay preacher may hold Bible study meetings in a home, a schoolhouse, neighbourhood church, a store building taken over for the purpose, in a grove, under an arbour, or beneath the open sky. This is truly an important form of soul-winning work. All these various avenues of service are used of God for propagating the faith, for sounding the message of truth and giving light. These are evangelists of the living word.

Missionary Correspondence

Many of our sisters who find it impossible to leave home for the purpose of making contacts in missionary visits or holding Bible studies with friends and neighbours, have been able to carry on a great work for God in the quietude of their homes through missionary correspondence. Everybody likes to receive letters—personal letters revealing an interest in the receiver.

Here is an avenue into the heart that should be employed more fully. Nearly everyone has absent relatives. Just now there are many of our men and boys, not only in the Army camps throughout the country, but across the seas, in places of danger. Correspondence is often the only avenue of contact. We sincerely hope that Seventh-day Adventists will be faithful in their privilege of writing letters. Not casual letters, but cheery, comforting, spiritual messages; not preaching letters, that would seem to have but one objective—that of indoctrination; but letters that point to Christ as the Saviour, Redeemer, Comforter, Healer, and the Giver of eternal life.

Invitations to Gospel Services

Another simple phase of evangelism in which almost everyone can engage, but which is so often neglected, is the kindly gesture of inviting people to attend our services. This involves bringing neighbourhood children to Sabbath school, taking Mr. and Mrs. Jones with us to the Sunday-night services, and seeing that visitors in our homes accompany us to worship on the Sabbath day. Let us not be content merely to take our places in the house of God at the appointed hour, but continually endeavour to bring with us some person upon whom the rays of light should shine. Bring visitors to our church and public evangelistic services. That is evangelism. It is a simple programme, and one in which all may have a part.

Dorcas Societies

In our churches Dorcas Societies are organized for the purpose of enlisting every Seventh-day Adventist woman in service for the poor and needy. And their work does not end there, but involves training in cooking, sewing,

and temperance reform. This is one of the most important phases of evangelism. Great blessing and success are attending this work, but there is need for much larger co-operation on the part of the women in all our churches.

Societies of Missionary Men

Paralleling the work of the Dorcas Society is that of the Society of Missionary Men, in which the men of the church, banded together for the purpose of advancing the gospel in church and community service, are accomplishing great things. May the Spirit of the Lord impress the hearts of all our brethren to assume their specific responsibilities in the organization of the Society of Missionary Men. There must not be any makeshift or haphazard programme, but each member must assume some definite responsibility for daily evangelistic endeavour. This may mean regular contact with the newspapers for publicity work in behalf of the message of truth; a manifestation of personal interest in husbands, sons, or other relatives of members of the church, who have no apparent interest; working to reclaim backsliders; or helping the youth receive an education. These and scores of other methods are all evangelistic and serve as reflectors of the light which God bestows upon His church.

Literature Distribution

Seventh-day Adventists have a wealth of printed matter, containing a message to turn from the bondage of sin to the liberty of Christ in the gospel. But this literature cannot perform its appointed work unless it is placed in the hands of persons who need its message. There are hundreds of men and women among Seventh-day Adventists who ought to make it their life work to distribute our truth-filled books, visiting in the homes of the people and telling them of the message of salvation. Thus will they truly be evangelists for God.

(a) **Home Workers.**—There are housewives, teachers, office workers, and other groups who might be able to devote one day in the week, or a few hours of each day, or a few hours each week, or possibly three days a week, to the circulation of our truth-filled books and magazines. Such persons are classified as "home workers." Many people find it especially advantageous to devote time to this work just before the holiday season, when people buy books as gifts. But all through the year people need books for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, weddings, and various occasions. Here is a worthwhile form of missionary undertaking which is advantageous and at the same time remunerative, and we should earnestly encourage all who have spare time to engage in the sale of literature.

(b) **Tracts.**—Tract racks, kept filled homes, taking the dearest and best and

with tracts and periodicals, should be placed in railway and bus stations, barbershops, hotels, department stores, and waiting rooms wherever people gather. Tract racks should also be placed in homes, conveniently near doors, for handing out literature to deliverymen, agents, solicitors, etc. Tracts should be enclosed with letters to friends, slipped into packages for servicemen, placed on the desks in business offices, or passed out to fellow travellers on tram-car, bus, or train. Tracts can be used in a score of ways. They are powerful evangelists of truth.

(c) **Magazines and Periodicals.**—"Watchman," "Signs of the Times," "Present Truth" series—all these current publications sell readily on the street or from house to house, and many times yearly subscriptions may be secured. This is soul-winning literature evangelism.

Circulating Library

A lending library of Crisis Series books, consisting of eight or ten numbers, affords an interesting and successful avenue of contact with the public. Every church should have a number of sets of these library books to keep in circulation. Assign a block or more of territory to each church member and instruct all to lend the first book in the series at each house, picking it up the second week and exchanging it for another, thus gradually establishing interest and friendship. This is a simple plan which can be adapted anywhere, and its soul-winning effectiveness has been demonstrated beyond question.

Branch Sabbath Schools

In many places it is possible to gather in children and parents from the neighbourhood or in a neglected community, and conduct a Sabbath school. If it is not convenient to conduct this work on Sabbath, then plan for the same interesting programme on Sunday, inviting the children to attend the "story hour" or "Sunday school." These are very interesting occasions, and often lead to attendance at our church Sabbath school and ultimately to church membership.

Visiting the Sick and the Aged

The thousands of shut-ins, because of illness or the infirmities of old age, welcome the evangelists of truth. A smiling face and a cheery greeting cost little, but are often worth their weight in gold. Search out these shut-ins and carry them a message of hope.

Comfort for Those Who Mourn

The great army of the bereaved is apparent everywhere. Not a day passes but death enters thousands of

leaving deepest sorrow and distress. Have you passed through the darkness of the ordeal? Have we experienced the sustaining grace of God in such a time? Then we are sent to comfort others "by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." The evangelists of comfort are greatly needed. To be such a comforter is a very special and highly honoured commission. Do not wait to be asked for your sympathy. Follow the obituary and "In Memoriam" announcements in the daily newspapers, and with tact and prayer for guidance, mail them some literature of hope and comfort.

Behind Prison Walls

Thousands are waiting for us behind the grim walls of our penal institutions. What an opportunity is ours, as evangelists of the message of freedom, to carry to these imprisoned people, bound by the fetters of sin and paying the penalty of the law for their misdeeds, the glad news of pardon freely offered in Christ, and hope for the future. It was our Saviour's mission "to proclaim liberty to the captives," and as His followers, we have the same commission.

Who Will Respond to the Call?

"Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message. That which we see and hear calls us to our duty."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 25. Dear believers in the third angel's message, will you not respond to the call today for service such as you have never before attempted? Begin a systematic programme of soul-winning work now. It is time. You are the one. Will there ever be a better opportunity for you? Don't wait. "Let us arise! The battle is waging. Truth and error are nearing their final conflict."—"Christian Service," p. 77.

A GREAT WORK PROGRAMME

George Butler

A great work programme is placed in the hands of evangelists of the living Word, as "labourers together with God." We have the last warning message to take to the whole world, and only a short time in which to do the work. The apostle James tells us that "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27. The prophet Isaiah gives us the details of James' summary, in the following clear language:

"Is not this the fast that I have

chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" Isa. 58: 6, 7.

In these verses we have eight different requirements specified, and connected with these requirements are sixteen blessings, as set forth in the remaining verses of the chapter. This is a work programme, and the servant of the Lord tells us this programme should be in operation in every Seventh-day Adventist church. It calls for willing labour and consecrated service by every member of the church.

In Christ's parables of the talents and of the workers in the vineyard, the principles of service in the Master's vineyard are brought to view. In the distribution of talents, to one is given five, to another two, and to another one. The record shows that all talent-holders made the same percentage of gain, except the one-talent man, who did not attempt to use the talent, but buried it out of sight. Here we can see an example of the practical working out of an unchangeable law of nature, in that what is not used is lost. Every Christian should thank God that he has received at least one talent, and should earnestly seek to use it to God's glory. It is not the number of talents that counts, but the use made of them.

To those who hear the spoken Word today there is a lesson of encouragement in the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. We read that some began work early in the morning, others began at noon, and still others at the eleventh hour. And yet at the eleventh hour, some were not working, and the Master asked, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" The ready answer came, "No man hath hired us." In modern parlance, this is the same as saying, "The mission committee has not employed us." But the command of the Master was, "Go, work!" And they started in. But when the time for settlement came, all the workers received the same pay—those who had toiled from early morning until late at night, and those who began between the eleventh and twelfth hour.

No doubt today some would question the justice of such compensation. But we should remember that the dear Lord does not recompense us by the time we begin, or the amount we do, or by the noise we make about it, but rather by our willingness to act when duty is pointed out.

How are we responding to the calls for workers in the vineyard today? Are we doing all we can? Have we entered the vineyard and been hard at work since early dawn of duty, or did we begin in the heat of the day, or in the

late afternoon; or are we still standing idly looking on, waiting to be set to work, but excusing ourselves on the ground that as we did not begin at the first there is no use trying to step in at such a late hour? Or perhaps you try to make excuses for idleness by hiding the one talent which you possess, instead of putting it to use. "Go work today in My vineyard" is the ringing command of the Master as it comes down through the ages in this late hour of earth's day. And all who are willing to respond and go to work will receive His just reward in the final settlement.

Christ lived a life of service from the cradle to the grave. He worked day and night in behalf of His Father's business. So successfully did He perform His life task that He was able to say, "Father, I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do." Would that we, called to be messengers of Jesus Christ in these last hours of probation, might each be able to bear the same testimony as to faithfulness in the work assigned to us!

THE MASTER COUNTS ON YOU

The Master counts on you, my friend,
To go wherever He shall send;
To answer promptly every call,
And never count the cost at all.

He counts on you for a witness true,
That others may see Christ in you;
He counts on you, He counts on me—
Being just what He'd have us be!

He counts on us, this very hour,
To do our work with Heaven's power;
To crowd the hour of setting sun
With the task that is still undone!

—Author Unknown.

THE CALL FOR MORE REAPERS

H. J. Detwiler

The solemnity of this present hour is recognized by serious-minded men and women everywhere. Unseen forces beyond human control are driving nations to ruin and chaos. Multitudes stand aghast, and many are inquiring regarding the meaning of these soul-stirring times, while stupendous events occur with lightning speed all about us.

Just now is our golden opportunity for proclaiming the message. One of the greatest problems confronting us, however, is our meager force of evangelistic workers in this momentous hour. The words of our Lord and Master recorded in Luke 10:2 apply to our time with special significance: "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest."

The Lord is still calling for reapers, and our forces must be organized for

a greater soul-winning work. The proclamation of the third angel's message has been entrusted to us. To give that message to all the world is a sacred and solemn duty, and an individual responsibility rests upon every man and woman in our ranks. The following statements from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy indicate the need of whole-hearted response on the part of God's people in proclaiming the message:

"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. ... Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side, doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 126.

We are witnessing the beginning of the fulfilment of this scene, and recognize that the following words are especially applicable to our day: "We are living in a special period of this earth's history. A great work must be done in a very short time, and every Christian is to act a part in sustaining this work. God is calling for men who will consecrate themselves to the work of soul-saving."—Id., p. 125.

All about us our church members are engaged in giving Bible studies, conducting cottage meetings, and holding public efforts in schoolhouses, halls, and other places. The Lord is blessing this work, and large results are seen. But there is need for this work to be greatly increased, for we believe that these self-supporting efforts, sponsored by God-fearing laymen, will reach multitudes with the message of truth for these last days.

Africa's report of rich fruitage in souls won to the message is made possible largely through the work of consecrated laymen. Native deacons and elders bring to the camp-meeting large groups of people who have accepted the truth through their individual efforts. These new believers come in by the score, and they are found to be fully instructed and prepared for the solemn rite of baptism without any other contact than that of consecrated lay workers. It is thus that the work in Africa is pushing on into unworked areas. This is the Lord's plan for every part of His vineyard.

In an effort conducted in one of our large Eastern cities, continuing nearly twelve months, the members of our churches in that particular area united their efforts with those of ministers and mission labourers. As a result, about five thousand families were visited, nine thousand rupees' worth of

truth-filled literature was sold, and nearly five hundred souls were added to the faith. This is the very work that the Lord would have His people do in these serious times, as is so clearly set forth in the following manner:

"Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. . . . God calls upon His church to arise, and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of heaven is to be gained; the world, perishing in ignorance, is to be enlightened."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 16.

"It is not the Lord's purpose that ministers should be left to do the greatest part of the work of sowing the seeds of truth. Men who are not called to the ministry are to be encouraged to labour for the Master according to their several ability. Hundreds of men

and women now idle could do acceptable service. By carrying the truth into the homes of their friends and neighbours they could do a great work for the Master."—*Id.*, p. 21.

"Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields. They will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible."—"Christian Service," p. 67.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 14.

We must continue to do our part until the rank and file of our church members rally to the work. These are the harvest hours for the third angel's message. The call of the Lord is for added reapers.

witness, brother or sister, during recent days? Have you been a faithful witness by word and act and influence? What experiences have come to you as a result of being a living witness of the reality of a living Christ and the power of salvation from sin?

"Now just a word for Jesus, your dearest Friend and true, Come, cheer our hearts, and tell us what He has done for you."

July 22, 1944

FROM THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

A certain rich man bought a book from a colporteur. As he was afraid that his book would influence his children (for it was an Adventist book), he wrapped it carefully with paper and hid it in the ceiling. When he died, his children came and divided everything among them. After everyone had his part, one of them thought that perhaps the father had hidden some valuable things in a secret place; so everyone went and searched around. Finally one of them went to the ceiling and found something wrapped in paper. He thought that he had found something precious, and all the children waited for the package to be unwrapped. To their astonishment it was only a book, "The Great Controversy." "What shall we do?" one of them said. "We cannot divide that book." They decided that they should all read the book in turn. Every one of them read the book, and all of them became Adventists. Surely God has His hand over the precious seeds of His word.

July 29, 1944

SINGING IN A POLAND PRISON

Two sisters in Poland were put into prison for circulating our Uplift papers. They began to sing in prison, happy that they could suffer for Jesus' sake. Other women in an adjoining room, who had been arrested as criminals, heard their singing. They bored an opening in the wall to communicate with our sisters. Thus it became possible for our sisters to tell them about the truth. They sent missionary letters through the opening. The other women said, "We are here because we have stolen and committed crimes, but good people like you should be free, so that you can sell more literature, and sing more of your beautiful songs." In a little while our sisters were dismissed from jail, and word has been received that those women who listened to the message of song in the prison have become deeply interested in the truth of God.

Ten-Minute Services

July 1, 1944

"I WAS IN PRISON"

The story of the notorious criminal, Harry Orchard, is quite familiar. After taking the life of a prominent official, he was placed in prison and given a life sentence. The widow of the man who was killed was a Christian woman—a Seventh-day Adventist. The Spirit of Christ so filled her heart that she could forgive the murderer of her husband, and she manifested a personal interest in seeking to save the soul of the one who had committed such an awful crime. She visited him in prison and spoke words of kindness and forgiveness. Her attitude so touched his hard heart that he fully surrendered to God, and for more than a quarter of a century he has been a true Christian and a most loyal Seventh-day Adventist.

These words of Christ, "I was in prison, and ye came unto Me," bring us face to face with the responsibility that should rest heavily upon every Christian.

July 8, 1944

THE PEN WIELDED FOR SOUL WINNING

A young man took from his pocket a letter which he had carried for five years, and which he had no doubt read hundreds of times. It was written when he was in great perplexity of mind and was on the point of turning into the darkness of doubt and despair. He reached out his hands for help, writing to one whom he knew he could trust, and laying bare to him his heart's whole burden. He received a

prompt answer which, if it did nothing else, at least brought to him the consciousness of human sympathy and interest. He felt that he was not alone; that someone cared for him. For a time in the darkness, he could not see Christ, but he could see this human friend who stood close by him in love. This saved him.

This friendship was a little lamp that kept on shining when every other light seemed to have gone out. The letter which came to him in answer to his heart's unburdening proved the very word of Christ to him. For months it was all the gospel he could read. Its few strong, simple, confident sentences were like anchor chains to his soul amid the waves. At last all the darkness fled away, the storms were quieted, Christ Himself was revealed once more in blessed, glorious light, and holy peace filled his soul. But it was the letter that saved him. It has been kept so long, and read so often, that the paper is worn out. But no money could buy it from that young man.

July 15, 1944

MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES

"Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord." Isa. 43:10. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me. . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The very last words of our departing Lord are recorded in Acts 1:8, for in the ninth verse we read, "When He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." "Ye shall be witnesses." How these positive words ring down through the centuries to every child of God. What has been your personal experience as a