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The Season's Greetings

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WE ARE now approaching the holiday season of the year when it is customary to send greetings to our relatives and friends. It is a time when scattered members of families long to be at home with their loved ones and when many such plan definitely for the home coming. Many family reunions take place at this season of the year, and thus family ties are strengthened and hearts are made merry, and especially the hearts of the children are made happy by the special remembrances for them at this time.

The true Christian spirit of such occasions is commendable. The Spirit of prophecy indicates that appropriate recognition of the season should not be neglected, especially for the children. While we are confident that Christ was not born on Christmas and that no sacredness attaches to the day, there is, however, a true and helpful Christian spirit which is enjoyed at this time by many of the followers of Christ. Most prominent in this is the Christian thought of "others." It was that thought which was so manifest in the life of Jesus. "He was possessed of one purpose in life; He lived to bless others."

It is sad that today so many celebrate Christmas with gluttony and drunkenness and the gratification of appetite and selfish desires. This is not the true spirit of Christmas. The Christmas carols which our people sing during this season are intended to revive in the hearts of men and women memories of the life and ministry of Christ, which was a self-denying service for others. It is for this purpose and in this spirit we wish all of our workers and believers the Season's Greetings.

The Two-faced God: From boyhood days I have thought of New Year's Day

as a sort of judgment day; as a day of reckoning; of taking an inventory or taking stock and writing up the loss and gain account over a year's operation as a professed "steward of the mercies of God." Especially since I became a worker in this cause have I felt it necessary often to examine the results of my efforts for God in His cause, and make new resolutions. It is fitting that we should do this on January 1.



*May Our Readers
Enjoy
Peace in Their Hearts
and
Joy in Their Service
During
The Coming Year.*

The month of January is named after the old Roman god, Janus, two-faced god of "doors and gates." Now, we do not like the so-called two-faced persons, or perhaps it would be better to say, we do not appreciate in a person this two-faced trait. Such a person is one who says one thing to one person and the opposite to another, or one who is always nice to the person he is with and talks adversely about those who are not present. We do not appreciate that disposition. However, this Latin god had two faces, one in retrospect, scanning the records of the old year, and the other viewing the unknown future, apparently endeavouring to secure peace, plenty and prosperity for its devotees through the coming year. It was the god of "doors and gates," supposedly shutting the doors or drawing the curtain to the past, and opening the gates or raising the curtain to the future. This two-faced god, standing as in the imagination of its devotees at the close of the old year and on the threshold of the new, furnishes a forceful illustration of our position as we "ring the old year out and the new year in." The doors are still open to the past until we cross the threshold to the new, and then the door to the new is swung wide open to us to enter.

Now, before the past is closed to us let us take stock of our lives. Has the business of the year yielded profits? True, there have been both profits and losses, but how does the account stand to close? Is there a net loss or a net profit? What about the "stock" account? Is there sufficient stock and are there good reserves to ensure a successful new year, or are you bankrupt as you stand at the open door?

*Shall I empty handed be
When beside the crystal sea
I shall stand before the everlasting
throne?*

*Must I have a heart of shame
As I answer to my name,
With no works that my Redeemer
there can own.*

*When the harvest days are past,
Shall I hear Him say at last
"Welcome, toiler, I've prepared for
thee a place"?*

*Shall I bring Him golden sheaves,
Ripened fruit, not faded leaves,
When I see the blessed Saviour face
to face.*

The Christian life should be one of growth and progress. We are told to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Again, "Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." It is intended that we come to the full "stature of the fulness of Christ." It is also intended that we bear fruit and that our fruit abide. There are two kinds of this fruit: The fruits of the Spirit which are, "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." The other is the natural result of the fruits of the Spirit, which is the fruit of service for the salvation of souls. This is the fruit and the grain to be gathered from the vineyard and the harvest field of this earth.

So, beloved, as you take an inventory of your own stewardship, I hope and pray that you will have reason to be very grateful to God for His past blessings and for the victories gained, and also for the success attained in Christian growth and service. May it be found that your character has developed, your faith in the message grown stronger, and your loyalty and devotion to this blessed cause greatly increased through the experiences of the past year. Yes, may it be that you have used your talents in a way pleasing to the Master and by the use of them have gained other two or other five talents that you may receive commendation from your Lord. If this has been your experience then you may stand on the threshold of the new year with confidence and courage, presenting to Him "golden sheaves" and "ripened fruit" for His glory.

The servant of the Lord has said, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history."—"Life Sketches," p. 196. This would seem to indicate that as we pass from the past over the threshold to the future, while there are things we should forget when the door is closed, there are also other things which we should never forget; that is, the providences of the Lord which have led us along the way. These strengthen us for the future conflict with the powers of evil.

However, it may be that there are those who stand on the threshold of the new year and find that they are bankrupt. While this is very regrettable in-

deed and sad to think of, still the door of the future is not shut to such. If in humility you come to Him, the Master whom you serve will provide a new "capital" of His abundant grace, and He will say, "My grace is sufficient for thee." The prodigal son wasted all his possessions away from the father's house, but "when he came to himself" and repented and then came to the father he was gladly received, reinstated and wealth was restored. Our Father says to you, "Come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk [the blessings of salvation] without money and without price." It is this Father who says also, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool," and it is this same Father who gives to such a prodigal son the new robe. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." The Master whom we serve has said also, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And, again, "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." So as you come in answer to the invitation of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, confessing your spiritual bankruptcy, the past is forgiven. You are ready to enter upon a new consecration and new service for the Master. It is, as it were, that your "capital" has been restored and now you may enter upon the new year on New Year's Day singing:

*My Father is rich in houses and
lands:
He holdeth the wealth of the world
in His hands!
Of rubies and diamonds, of silver
and gold,
His coffers are full—He has riches
untold.*

*I once was an out-cast, a stranger on
earth,
A sinner by choice, and an alien by
birth!
But I've been adopted, my name's
written down,
An heir to a mansion, a robe, and
a crown.*

*I'm a child of the King, a child of
the King!
With Jesus, my Saviour, I'm a child
of the King!*

So in the words of the great apostle Paul, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," may you, too, press forward and win the prize.

It is not the Latin god, Janus, who really shuts the door to the past and opens the curtain to the new year for us to enter, but it is our God, our Father, who knows the end from the beginning, "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," who will constantly guide us as we enter upon the unknown future, and as we trust Him and follow in the footsteps of the blessed Saviour, making Him always our example of life and service, the new year will most certainly be a happy new year for us all, and it is in the spirit of these promises and these assurances of guidance, sustaining grace and abundant blessings that I wish you all a very happy New Year.

BACK IN INDIA

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IT IS good to be back in India again.

The hills beyond Bombay looked very inviting as our ship on an early Friday morning neared the end of its ten thousand miles of eastward steaming. It was not that we had had an unpleasant time on board, for the twelve passengers and crew had, throughout the voyage, been like one big family together. Nine men shared our "steerage" cabin, and across the way were two lady passengers and a little girl. Among our nine men were three Jesuit priests whom I learned to know very well, and one of whom served as our barber. Another passenger was S. Thomas of South India, also returning from the General Conference.

Strikes of various kinds had prevented our sailing earlier. We could, of course, have travelled by air but there would have been no way of dis-

patching the many cases of baggage that were piling up in New York for someone to bring to India. Some of these were for workers who had travelled by air and could bring no baggage with them, and it looked as if they would have to stay on there until some passenger could bring them by boat. So despite the longer wait involved, we travelled by ship to bring this baggage—and what a stack it was! There seemed to be something for nearly everybody. During the voyage the thought of these parcels gave us the consciousness that a hearty welcome would probably await us on our arrival in India!

The delay in sailing from the States made it possible for me to attend the Fall Council at Grand Rapids in October. This was a good meeting, and one in which missions figured promi-

nently. The German workers who had been interned for so long in India arrived in the States just in time to attend the council and it was thrilling to listen to their testimonies, and also to hear from those who had since the General Conference paid visits to war-torn and famine-stricken Europe.

Among the striking sermons of the meeting was one by Elder W. R. Beach, president of the Southern European Division, who spoke on the text: "Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." (Matt. 13:16, 17.) Elder Beach told of the privilege those had had who had witnessed the first coming of Jesus, and then of the transcending privilege that is ours to be living in the days of His second coming and the consummation of all things. Once Seventh-day Adventists were scoffed at and ridiculed as prophets of doom. Today those same people who scoffed, are more concerned than we were over the portentous times ahead. Newspapers in Europe that were once foremost in holding us up to ridicule were now publishing articles with such striking titles as this: "Could This Be the End?" Elder Beach told of the unprecedented influence exerted by Seventh-day Adventists during the war just ended, remarking that "all the devastation of the war is not to be written on the debit side of the ledger."

Among the quotations used by Elder Beach was one from the "Acts of the Apostles," page 601: "If the church will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance with the world, there is before her the dawn of a bright and glorious day. God's promise to her will stand fast forever. He will make her an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.... When the message of God meets with opposition, He gives it additional force, that it may exert greater influence. Endowed with divine energy, it will cut its way through the strongest barriers, and triumph over every obstacle."

Another sermon, by Elder G. D. King of Great Britain, bore the thought-provoking title: "The Power of God and Its Limitations." Drawing on the experience of Israel, he showed that one of the major causes of their failure was that "they limited the Holy One of Israel." Paul, on the other hand, was pre-occupied with the power of God. He was more pre-occupied with it than physicists are with atomic energy today. He could make far-reaching plans because he knew that God's power would carry them through. Quoting from "Prophets and Kings," page 260, he read: "When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, most wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook. He will do this for the glory of His name." "We achieve," Elder King said, "not by clos-

ing our eyes to discouraging facts, but by seeing the power of God." The greatest limitation to God's power is sin in the personal life, and the determination of God's people should be that God by His grace shall free them from sin.

In between the General Conference and the Fall Council, interesting visits were made to many of the conferences of North America. These included attending some of the larger camp-meetings on the west coast where as many as twelve thousand believers might be present at a single meeting. Opportunity was afforded at all of these meetings for the presentation of missions, and an intense interest was manifested in our work in the Southern Asia Division.

India, Burma, and Ceylon have many friends in America. Some of them have never been here, but they have read our articles and they have heard the story of our work from those who have laboured here, and they have given liberally to support our work.

*Lord, help me when I sense the
slights,
Or feel the bitter stings,
That I may have the grace to just
Tune in to higher things.
When others scoff or sneer, dear
Lord,
Or dare believe a lie,
Then lift my soul that it may mount
With eagle wings on high.
For life is such a transient thing—
We're here so short a while,
So keep me sweet, Lord, help me
meet
Each trial with a smile.*

Those who once laboured here still revel in the memory of those labours. And how they inquire after the workers with whom they were associated, and the friends they made! Elder and Sister N. C. Wilson, Elder W. A. Spicer, Elder and Sister T. J. Michael, Elder and Sister A. W. Cormack, Dr. and Mrs. I. F. Blue, Miss Boose, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Nelson, Dr. Hebert and family, Mrs. George Enoch, and Elder and Sister Mackett (Elder Mackett was attending the General Conference from the Middle East) were just a few. And Dr. H. C. Menkel sent his affectionate greetings to his large circle of friends and former co-labourers. If his health would permit, there is no place in the world that Dr. Menkel would rather be than in India.

During my stay in Takoma Park I paid a number of visits to the headquarters of the India Government in Washington. Here I met with the Indian representatives to the United States. On my last Sunday in Washington four of these men with two ladies accepted an invitation to dinner at the Washington Sanitarium, and a very interesting time was spent together. Elder T. J. Michael of the General Conference, and Dr. Starr of the

sanitarium joined us at this function. Another interesting experience while in the United States was to attend a meeting of the United Nations Organization. It was thrilling to watch this assembly of representatives from so many of the great nations of earth,—including the delegation from India.

While passing between Gibraltar and the north coast of Africa on our way home our ship's captain received instructions by radio to call at Alexandria for a shipment of cotton. This brief call—of only a few hours—made it possible for me to see something of our work in Egypt, and of the interesting places of which we have all read, in that ancient country. Brother Neal Wilson, known to many in India, and now superintendent of the Egyptian Mission, met my boat at the Alexandria docks and insisted that I travel with him and Brother Zytoskee by car down to Cairo and Heliopolis, and then rejoin the boat at Suez where the pilot who had brought it through the canal would be dropped. The two days we were able to spend together brought back some very happy memories of the time when Brother Wilson was a lad in South Africa, living in the next-door house to us with his parents, Elder and Sister N. C. Wilson. Now, after the passing of the years, it was good to see something of the aggressive programme that Brother Wilson is carrying on in Egypt and to visit with some of his associate workers. We were able also to visit such places as the Pyramids, the Museum of Antiquities, and the State University in Cairo. Brother Wilson's home is Heliopolis where in Joseph's day there flourished the Temple of On.

When our travels in Egypt were over, I reboarded our boat in the early hours of the morning as it emerged from the Suez Canal. From here on we steamed southeasterly through the Red Sea. On our second day, much to the joy of the three Jesuit priests and Brother Thomas and the writer, the captain announced that at three o'clock provided the weather was clear, we would come in sight of Mt. Sinai. Throughout the day the weather was perfect, and at the predicted time the seven thousand foot mountain hove into view. High above it there hung a great cloud, while no other cloud was in the sky. It reminded us of the time four thousand years ago when another great cloud descended upon that mountain—a cloud that betokened the presence of God, and from which in thundering tones and in the ears of the hosts of Israel God proclaimed His eternal law. It was with reverent awe that we gazed upon that distant mountain, the reputed scene of that transcending occasion.

And now we are back in India. We look forward to a period of future service in this country where we have been appointed to labour. We look forward to it because we love the people, and because if God's promises are true we can expect some mighty demonstrations of His power even in this difficult field in the days to come.

STANDARDS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Recommendations Passed at the General Conference (Concluded)

CHAPERONAGE

THE happy and cordial association of old with the young is one of the most wholesome influences in the lives of children and youth. "There is danger that both parents and teachers... fail to come sufficiently into social relation with their children or scholars."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 76. It is the duty of our schools and other institutions to care for the morals and reputation of those placed in their charge. Chaperonage is an obligatory duty with them. It is equally the duty of the home. Parents should strongly sustain the regulations of the institutions in which their youth and children are placed, and should institute in their homes equal safeguards. To make this possible it is their duty to learn how to be welcome companions of their children; but it rests chiefly upon the young people themselves to make of chaperonage not an irksome and repugnant association but an honoured and happy relationship.

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE is the foundation of human society, and true affection between man and woman is ordained of God. "Let those who are contemplating marriage weigh every sentiment and watch every development of character in the one with whom they think to unite their life destiny. Let every step toward a marriage alliance be characterized by modesty, simplicity, sincerity, and an earnest purpose to please and honour God. Marriage affects the after life both in this world and in the world to come. A sincere Christian will make no plans that God cannot approve."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 359.

The failure to follow these principles in Christian courtship may lead to tragic circumstances. Unity of husband and wife in ideals and purposes is a requisite to a happy and successful home. The Scriptures counsel, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." 2 Cor. 6:14. Differences regarding religion often mar the happiness of the home and lead to confusion, perplexity and failure in the rearing of children. Such differences concerning the worship of God, Sabbath-keeping, recreation, association, and training of children, often lead to discouragement and finally to complete loss of Christian experience. Let us take heed to the following admonition: "Unless you would have a home where the shadows are never lifted, do not unite yourself with one who is an enemy of God."—"Messages to Young People," p. 440.

Marriage "was designed to be a blessing to mankind. And it is a blessing wherever the marriage covenant is entered into intelligently, and in the fear of God, and with due consideration for its responsibilities."—Ibid., p. 434.

Student Colporteurs
at Vincent Hill
College



DIVORCE

MARRIAGE and the Sabbath are the two divine institutions given to man in Eden, but in these days which have their prototype in conditions before the flood, there is a woeful lack of high ideals of marriage and home life. Marital infidelity and widespread immorality are rampant. Divorce, and frequently for most trivial causes, is on the increase, with its train of wrecked homes, orphaned children and chaotic society.

There is a great danger that we and our children shall be influenced by the prevailing low standards. But it is God's design that we shall be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke."

Our leaders should constantly hold before the church high standards of morality, marriage and home life; and when discord and unfaithfulness threaten to disrupt family ties, they should, by God's help, make an earnest effort to bring about reconciliation and the restoration of offenders. We recognize that there are sometimes extreme conditions that make separation necessary. The church recognizes adultery to be a justifiable cause for divorce. (Matt. 5:32; 19:9.) Likewise the church holds that the innocent party to such a divorce has the right to remarry. In this as in other experiences, serious mistakes often bring about conditions that cannot be fully remedied in this life. The wrecking of a home with the resulting suffering is a tragedy. Such tragic experiences should impel us to highest standards in social relations, courtship, marriage and home life.

CONCLUSION

STANDING amid the perils of the last days, facing a judgment that will culminate in the establishment of universal righteousness and bearing the responsibility of speedily carrying the last offer of salvation to the world, "as a lamp that burneth" (Isa. 62:1) let us with true heart consecrate ourselves to God, body, soul, and spirit, determining to maintain the high standards of living which must characterize those who wait for the return of their Lord.

Colporteur Institute at Vincent Hill College

E. H. Joseph

ON SUNDAY, the 14th of October, fifteen students were present at the first meeting of the 1946 colporteur institute, conducted by Pastor R. M. Milne at V. H. C. The Week of Prayer began at the same time, but the meetings were so arranged that there were no conflicts. There was a colporteur prayer band held each morning before the devotional talk.

Meeting twice a day, the students were ever eager to know more of the ways in which they could place our truth-filled literature in the many homes. They were regular in their attendance. The institute lasted for only four days but much was accomplished. Some of the students are going out for the first time. Lyman Ritchie was able to secure two scholarships during the last vacation. It is possible for every one of them to do the same this year. Most of them will be canvassing with Uncle Arthur's "Children's Hour."

These are our young people whom God has called to do this great work. They realize that the Lord is soon to come in the clouds of heaven, and that a people is to be prepared for that great event. Let us pray that the Lord will abundantly bless each one of them.

NORTHEAST UNION

EXPERIENCES FROM THE JUNGLES OF BIHAR AND ORISSA

O. A. Skau, Superintendent

THE other day as I was visiting interested parties in a new place in the jungles of Orissa, I was reminded of some of the early experiences of our pioneers. "What!" they would say, "Three preachers—Elder White and wife, and Elder Bates—all penniless, with less than one hundred adherents, all of whom are destitute of money, going forth with a few hundred copies of an eighty-page tract on the Sabbath question [Elder Bates' tract of 1846], to

give a warning message to all the world! Preposterous!"—"Great Second Advent Movement," page 275, by J. N. Loughborough.

Yes, it may have seemed preposterous to some then, but what would they say today! About the same type of ridicule was used by a mission worker of another mission in speaking to some interested people in the village of Burmunda in the interior of Orissa. This worker said, "Don't join the Adventists. I have been to America. I know they have only two men over there. I searched for twelve miles in Chicago and found only two men. So why would you join them? Just think of it—two men over there and only a handful of them over here!"

The young man just laughed and went on with his studies preparing for baptism.

Our visit—five of us—on December 6, caused quite a stir in the village. We had walked between twelve and fourteen miles to get to the place. We had some very good visits with two groups of interested parties. Our visit greatly cheered these newly interested people and they became the centre of quite a discussion. The people who had opposed those who were receiving students said, "Look at those Adventists. The European Bishop with four church leaders came to visit these people who are not even members of their church. They must be very godly people to walk so far. Our Bishop won't come near us. He even grumbles if he has to walk three miles."

Opposition—Arguments and Answers

Some of the people in these groups have already been persecuted in a measure. The mothers of two young men, who have been studying the truth, became alarmed at the thought that they would join the Adventist Church. They got together and then told the boys that they would not cook any food for them till they gave up this crazy idea of theirs. The boys just smiled, but for about two and a half months they had to cook their own food. At the end of that period the mothers gave in and at the time of my visit the boys were staying and eating in their homes. We are now arranging so that these fine young people can come to our school and be prepared for active service in God's cause. We need many workers with such a spirit as these young men have shown.

The mother of one of these young men cried bitterly one day. Her son went to her and said, "Mother, I have other brothers who are not following any religion, why don't you cry over them and not over me? I am trying to follow Jesus and the teachings in the Bible. I want to be a good man." The mother had nothing to say and stopped crying.

A friend of one of the interested boys came and said, "Why do you want to follow those Adventists? Some joined them and then left them again." The answer came quickly, "I am not following the Adventists. I am following

Jesus. Some may have left the truth, that does not matter. Jesus hasn't left it yet, and I am following Him the same as the Adventists. So you see we are following the same thing."

A brother of one of the interested people came to the village and said, "What is the matter? Why do you want to follow the Adventists?" The young man said, "Brother, you are a policeman, aren't you? You don't have time to study God's Word. You are too busy because of the bad people around here and so you cannot give any thought to God and His teachings. I am trying to be a good man. If I can follow the Bible teaching then all will be well and I have the promise of God that He will save me. If all people would follow the Bible we wouldn't need any policemen and you would be out of a job." The policeman had no answer. God has been wonderful to these people and helped them meet opposition and break down prejudice in the neighbourhood.

At the time of my visit I was told a number of stories similar to the ones mentioned above; but space prevents me from telling them all. One more may be in place. A neighbour of one of the young men came to him and said, "Why do you want to join the Adventists? I will give you a very nice girl for wife." The young man answered immediately, "I am after eternal life. There is no eternal life in your young girl. I have been given the Bible and there I find eternal life."

Progress in the Orissa Field

It is only ten months since I made my first tour into the jungles of Orissa and then baptized ten people and organized a church. Those people had been led into the truth through one of our colporteurs. Much has happened in these ten months. The leading person in that group has been busy. He has interested people in several places and today we have people in various villages studying the truth. The Orissa Mission was organized many years ago, but due to lack of workers almost nothing has been done for the past ten or fifteen years. Today we have a splendid beginning, a new family has come out from America and they are now busy studying the Oriya language. The Bihar Mission has loaned us one of their workers who is now the man conducting the effort in the centre of the various interested groups. The village in which the pandal—leaf shed—is standing is a purely heathen village. Many are attending our meetings. Classes for children and adults are provided and we expect a good harvest early in 1947. December 15 we had our second baptismal service in that section and this service left a deep impression upon those attending our meetings. Surely the Spirit of God is moving upon the hearts of men in this great land.

Will you pray the Lord of the harvest that He may send us reapers? The harvest truly is ripe—white already for harvest.

The Progress in the Midst of Trouble

O. A. Skau

*"Conquering now and still to conquer,
Rideth a King in His might,
Leading the host of all the faithful
Into the midst of the fight;
See them with courage advancing,
Clad in their brilliant array;
Shouting the name of their Leader,
Hear them exultingly say,
Not to the strong is the battle,
Not to the swift is the race,
Yet to the true and the faithful
Vict'ry is promised through grace."*

1946 is unparalleled in some things as far as our work is concerned and in other respects in the history of India. Never before have we had such a concentration of trouble as in 1946. We have had strikes of almost every description and communal troubles on a tremendous scale. Thousands of people have been killed—first in Calcutta, then in East Bengal, and then in Bihar. Wholesale slaughter, looting and arson have now been in progress ever since the middle of August. The whole territory of the Northeast India Union Mission is in the grip of fear and many wonder how we can carry on any work at all, but in spite of everything—famine, murder, looting, and arson coupled with great exoduses in Bengal and Bihar—the work is going forward. Yes, not only going forward, but it is progressing as never before and that in spite of the greatest shortage of workers we have ever experienced. 1946 is proving to be the very worst in the history of our work as far as troubles are concerned, but the very best as far as the growth of the Lord's work is concerned. We shall be able to report more souls baptized this year—1946—than in any previous year. For this we are indeed grateful.

Not only in souls baptized are we able to show splendid growth, but also in other lines. Our young people's work is indeed encouraging. In 1946 it has been my pleasure to invest 1 Sunbeam, 99 Friends, 48 Companions, 11 Comrades, and 8 Master Comrades up to the end of November. There are still others to be invested. Before the year is over we may be able to invest another 6 or 7 Master Comrades. Our workers here at the union office have pretty well finished all the requirements. Aside from having handed out the above pins, I have filled out hundreds of Bible Year Certificates, Reading Course Certificates, with nearly 200 Vocational Honour Certificates.

The institutes conducted so far this year have, with one exception, been in connection with one or the other of our boarding schools. In Assam we invested a group of young people from a village school, perhaps the first one of its kind to date. So far the Assam and the Bihar Missions are the only ones that have had investiture serv-

ices. We expect many candidates to be invested in the East and West Bengal Missions also. And now that we have a new family for our much neglected Orissa Mission, we look forward to seeing young people from within its borders invested and enrolled as volunteers for Jesus.

We have had more than our share of trouble this year, but God has greatly compensated for all that by blessing us so abundantly.

We solicit your prayers for the young people of India.

NEWS FROM SAWYERPURAM

SAWYERPURAM is an out-and-out Christian and educational centre in the Tinnevely District. It is a promising modern town, with the handloom industry and allied trades steadily increasing. The long felt desire of having our own church building has been fulfilled, and the church building was dedicated by Pastor E. D. Thomas at the beginning of this year. A few years ago our believers passed through untold difficulties and received a great deal of opposition. Now a great change has taken hold of the people in favour of our truth, for the rich and the poor, the old and the young, the learned and the illiterate, all alike attended the effort conducted by Brother Y. Abraham, the full result of which remains to be seen.

It was my grand privilege to visit this place and to take part with our believers in the Week of Prayer held from November 16 to 23, the first service being conducted by the writer. Throughout the Week of Prayer the Spirit of God was openly manifested. Several of the interested ones also came to the meetings and testified that the messages were very timely and appealing. Sabbath, November 23, was a day of great rejoicing for the believers in Sawyerpuram when we were greatly privileged to have Pastor C. Moses, the superintendent of the South Tamil Mission, and Brethren John Samuel, Y. Abraham, and M. Arputham with us. Soon after the Sabbath school, we were all taken to a nearby canal where four souls were buried with their Lord in baptism by Pastor C. Moses. Two of them are wives of our believers, who had all along opposed our truth, and now it is only through the Holy Spirit that they have surrendered their lives to the Master's command. The third is a young girl belonging to a rich family who firmly withstood many trials and much persecution from her parents. Seeing her persistence in her new found faith, they let her have her way, and now more than ever she rejoices with the believers of the third angel's message. The fourth one is a widow who has been interested in the truth for many years, but due to several reasons she was not able to take her stand until now. Many witnessed this baptismal scene and wondered at the Biblical system of baptism against the present practices in their own churches.

The last service of the Week of Prayer was conducted by Brother Y. Abraham on the same evening. It was a heart-to-heart message to all present. All were stirred and everyone gave open testimony as to how they had enjoyed the spiritual feast given to them throughout the week. At the close of the service the annual offering was taken which amounted to Rs. 39-8-0.

Brother A. Manuel, the station worker, arranged for a photograph to be taken the next morning of all the members and interested ones in front of the Wellman church. In this connection we might say that the church was built by a gift from Elder and Mrs.

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By

James White

S. A. Wellman who laboured in this country for several years, and as a token of appreciation and love from the members of the church for their devotion to the cause of God, this photo will be sent to them. In honour of the baptismal service and of the leading workers present who worked hard for the edification of this church, a sumptuous feast was given by the members. With brief remarks by Brethren Y. Abraham and M. Arputham and a prayer by Pastor C. Moses, the function came to a close.

The believers of the church are very friendly with one and all, and are working very actively in living the message and spreading the same to all around. Shall we not remember this little group of earnest believers in our daily devotions so that the Spirit of God may work wonders in the hearts of the people who have heard the message preached but who still are hesitating to take their stand with the remnant church? We believe it will not be too long before we shall have many more of these with us in the next baptism.

Joshua D. Moses.

EVELYNE AND PASCALINE

Gabriel Mathew, Evangelist

THE Week of Prayer of 1946 in Pondicherry church came to a happy close. Time was allotted during the course of the week to the attendants, both Adventists and non-Adventists, to take part in prayer and at the close of the week to express the spiritual blessings they had gained as the outcome of the Week of Prayer and their firm resolution to remain true. Really, the attendants at the meetings felt the genuine working of the Holy Spirit in the meetings and in their hearts.

Just after the meeting was over, a day before the close of the Week of Prayer, an elderly sister came close to me and whispered something. I asked her what she wanted. She replied that she desired that I hold a dedication service the next day, and dedicate two young girls to Christ. I answered her in the affirmative.

Next day among the attendants of the Week of Prayer were found seated by the side of their mother, Evelyne and Pascaline, aged fourteen and twelve. They are studying French in the ninth and seventh standards respectively. They formerly attended Bethel Mission church with some of their family members. When the time came for the dedication service, these two young girls came forward to consecrate themselves to Christ like Martha and Mary of Bethany. How marvellous is the working of the Holy Spirit!

The consecration service was solemnized by the writer. The sermon delivered on the occasion, the appropriate song sung, and the special dedicatory prayer offered on their behalf, were all inspirational. The consecrated young girls, as they shook hands with the officiating minister, offered thank offerings to the Lord. So the close of the Week of Prayer was a very blessed one.

The father of these girls is a man well educated in the French language, and has visited France where he obtained medals during the first great war. Though he is a Catholic by birth, he has no real faith in any religion, but respects the Seventh-day Adventist mission. He has allowed his daughters to consecrate themselves to Christ in the Adventist Church.

Their mother has been attending our church, paying regular offerings. She is not yet a baptized member, though at the verge of taking baptism. Her earnest desire is to convert the whole family to the third angel's message. Evelyne and Pascaline are her youngest children.

So the request is conveyed to the TIDINGS' family to remember along with us these consecrated young girls, their parents and their brother and sister at the throne of grace, that the whole family may be made fit for the kingdom of God.

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GOOD NEWS

W. Muller Isaac

ACHAMPATTI is one of the small villages in Sankerankoil Taluk, Tinnevely District. Pastor E. D. Willmott founded this church in 1941. The light of the third angel's message has gone to many other villages from this one.

A peculiar sect of Christians, more than a century old, live here, and it was our great desire to warn them with the present truth before it is too late. So the South Tamil Mission Committee sanctioned some money to conduct an effort in Achampatti.

We have erected a small panthal in front of the Munisif's Court with the permission of the village munisif. Mr. G. A. Jesudian and the writer have conducted the meetings on every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from July 21 to September 6.

These meetings were held under many difficulties and sometimes the attendance discouraged us. Many people witnessed that they had never heard such a series of lectures before, and this is the truth.

The Holy Spirit sowed seeds in many hearts from the beginning. His workers watered them. Our loving Father made them to grow and in the fulness of time, reaped the harvest. Glory to God.

There was great rejoicing in heaven on November 16, 1946. It was true of Achampatti also. The superintendent of the South Tamil Mission, Pastor C. Moses, was present for the Sabbath. After the Sabbath school, he conducted a special meeting. Four men and two women have surrendered their lives to their Master and Saviour. They were tested. They witnessed that they have accepted Christ as their Saviour and the present truth before other members. Then these six members were baptized by Pastor Moses and joined the fellowship of the remnant church.

In the afternoon at about 2:30, Pastor Moses celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. The members of this church had great joy in their hearts

to have the Lord's supper here for the first time. Some are getting ready for baptism. Dear readers of the TIDINGS, we ask you to remember our little church and the work in your prayers, so that some from here may be "in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming" and be "our glory and joy."

Selling "Our Day" in the Malayalam Field

A. Joseph, (F. M. S., Malayalam Fields)

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS!!

How that name sounds to Catholic ears! As a sect of people who are known to be Protestants in the truest sense, our name does not sound well among the Catholics. Yet the honest in heart in this great organization are to be warned of the impending danger that threatens them. They are to be given the call of separation from Babylon. And the next few lines narrate the experiences of our faithful colporteurs among this sect of people.

Brother J. Simon is a faithful colporteur of the Malayalam Mission. He is quite new to this work and speaks very little English. He is canvassing in a place called Irinjalakuda, Cochin State.

This place is a strong Catholic centre and Protestant denominations have never gained any footing here. Our brother went to this place with very little courage and did not know how to proceed with his work as he was to canvass for "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy." The first few days he did not have the courage to show "Our Day" to the Catholics. Their big churches and monasteries, convents, and establishments frightened him very much. Fearing the Catholics, he went out to work with the small books he had. But to his surprise he sold all these small books within a week's time and there were no other small books for him to sell. The only thing he could do was to take his subscription book, "Our Day," and visit the people. Greatly perplexed he went to work, praying on entering every gate, but he returned with practically nothing sold. He wept bitterly on account of his failure and determined to try once more and then give up if unsuccessful. After a long prayer during the night he woke early in the morning and started on his work. When he went this time, he obtained fifteen orders for "Our Day" with Rs 2-8-0 advance on each order. With greater courage he went the next day and got some more orders. Now, after having worked for a few months, he has disposed of almost two hundred copies of "Our Day" in this Catholic centre. With the exception of two or three, all were Catholics who bought these books. Yes, God works wonders with the men from the humble walks of life. If only consecrated, He can use us all for the advancement of His work.

This has taught me a lesson; a lesson of confidence in divine guidance.

Brother M. F. Albert is canvassing in the commercial city of Alleppy. This place also is a noted Catholic centre. For the last few years he has been canvassing for "Our Day" in different parts of South Travancore. He has disposed of a large number of "Our Day" among the Catholics and Hindus of this city. One day he was walking along the street on his way to a certain man when suddenly a man came running up to him. Shouting at the top of his voice with threatening words, he approached our brother, asking him to stop! Our brother calmly stopped there without paying much heed to all the abusive words and found out that he was a Catholic who had bought a copy of "Our Day" from him the previous week. "Give my money back and take this book. Are we to pay for a book which condemns us and the most holy Pope?" asked the angry man. Our brother smiled and asked him to be patient for a time and he would explain everything. He told the man about the value of the book in his possession and advised him to read it with an open heart. The man's rage subsided in no time and he invited our brother to his factory where he introduced him to many of his friends who, in turn, bought several copies.

Yes, the work among the Catholics goes onward. Hitherto conservative people seem to stretch their hands for the bread of life. Will the readers of the TIDINGS kindly remember our dear brethren in their prayers.

ARULANANDAM: It is with feelings of great sorrow that we announce the death of Brother Arulanandam on Saturday, the 30th of November, 1946, at Tuticorin, Tinnevely District, South India.

Brother Arulanandam was born in Uthamapalayam, near Kampong in the Madura District, about sixty-seven years ago, and he had lived at Tuticorin up to the day he passed away. He accepted the third angel's message about twenty years ago and we dare to say that he was the first convert in the whole of Tuticorin. We regret to lose a pioneer believer from our midst.

The members of the Tuticorin church will especially remember him for his keen interest in the home missionary work as secretary, which he always attended to faithfully. He was a great and enthusiastic canvasser in scattering the printed page in Tuticorin, and he also was a loyal helper in our church services. The day before he expired he was canvassing and getting orders for "Nalvali," our Tamil magazine. All of a sudden our brother was called to his rest, due to heart failure.

He leaves to mourn his wife, two sons, and many relatives. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and his remains were laid to rest in the municipal cemetery to await the call of his Redeemer.

M. Arputham.

GLEANINGS

Pastor A. L. Ham has returned to Poona from a brief tour of South India. During his visit to Nuzvid the new ward at the Giffard Mission Hospital was dedicated.

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Elder W. B. Ochs, Vice-President of the General Conference, and Elder J. A. Stevens, Sabbath School Secretary of the General Conference, have been appointed to visit the Southern Asia Division, and will be arriving in Karachi by air about January 24. Their first appointment will be with the Division Committee which convenes in Poona from January 26 onwards.

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As so many have felt keenly the news that Dr. H. C. Menkel, for health reasons, is unable to return to India, the following letter received by Pastor Tarr will be read with appreciation by all: "I did appreciate your writing to me from the Council at Grand Rapids. Somehow India service creates a bond of fellowship which is delightfully enduring and precious. My chiefest interests are with India, the land of my best years. Who knows what the future may still unfold. Anyway, my stay here thus far has, and still is proving helpful. The Lord is giving me a gradual improvement, and doubtless there is still more to be worked out. I am better than I was at the time of the General Conference. Colorado is a grand climate for this purpose. I am helping out with services at several of the Denver churches, when their regular pastors are absent on appointments. So far we are happy with the way the Lord is leading us."

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A cable received from the States tells of the sailing for India of the following families: Brother and Sister Broderson, Brother and Sister Milton McHenry, Pastor and Sister H. G. Woodward, Brother and Sister Laursen, Pastor and Sister W. B. Votaw, Brother and Sister Francis R. Scott, and Pastor Manshi Ram. A hearty welcome awaits every one of these workers—new and old.

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On Tuesday evening, December 17, at a gathering in front of the Publishing House a very cordial welcome was extended to Pastor and Sister A. E. Rawson and their daughter Betty June on their return to service in India. Pastor Rawson returns to us to lead out in the Voice of Prophecy work, and he, with his family, will ultimately take up residence in Bungalow No. 6, Salisbury Park.

Not only are we glad to have this added family with us, but we look forward with keen anticipation to the development of the important line of work which Pastor Rawson has been commissioned to inaugurate.



Pastor and Sister E. L. Sorenson and child who recently arrived in the Northwest to take up evangelistic work in New Delhi, paid a recent visit to Poona in connection with a trip to Bombay where Brother Sorenson took delivery of his car which had arrived from the States. We were very happy to have this family with us for a short stay on the Park.

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The boat bringing Pastor and Sister E. M. Meleen back to India is due to arrive in Colombo some time after January 15. Their old friends and fellow-labourers will be happy to greet again these workers who have spent so many years in this Division.

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The following is an extract from a letter received recently from Pastor Skau:

"You will be happy to know that the work in the Northeast is progressing very nicely. On this my last visit through Assam I invested ninety-two individuals in various groups—six Master Comrades in the list. We also baptized thirty people—sixteen in the Assam Training School and fourteen at Mawkaiew."

BURMA NEWS

M. O. Manley

OCTOBER twenty-six was a day that had been anticipated for many months by the workers in Burma, for on the afternoon of that day, Pastors A. L. Ham, C. A. Schutt and Dr. T. R. Flaiz arrived in Rangoon from India. It was a happy experience to walk up the gangplank of the S. S. "Talma" and welcome these Division men to this long separated but most encouraging field of Southern Asia.

While in Burma, the Division representatives visited the Training School in Myaungmya and went on from there to Bassein, the headquarters of the Delta Mission. Upon their return to Rangoon from the Delta, which was negotiated almost entirely by boat, they set out in the mission truck for Upper Burma, visiting our people and stations in Toungoo, Shwenyaungbin, Meiktila, Kalaw, and Maymyo. More than 1,250 miles were covered on this trip. Many miles of the journey were through territory that was infested by bandits; and police in jeeps, armoured cars and tanks were seen patrolling the road in these sections. Long stretches of the road were in very bad repair and travelling

over them was made up chiefly of hitting the high spots.

Since the chief objectives of the visit of these Division men in coming to Burma was to give study to the re-establishment of the medical work, the rebuilding of the Union Training School and the establishment of facilities for the printing of urgently needed literature in this country, their visit was concluded with a union committee meeting in Rangoon in which careful consideration was given as to how these objectives could best be established.

The Division Commission left Rangoon by plane for Calcutta on the morning of November 14. Their visit was much appreciated by the Burma workers and believers.

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Pastor H. Baird, Doctor and Mrs. Johannes and Brother and Sister J. F. Hamel with their three little girls, Jean, Judy, and Sandra Sue, arrived in Rangoon several weeks ago and are all occupying crowded quarters in the mission compound where more than fifty individuals are living at the present time.

Dr. Johannes, who has been appointed as the medical secretary for the Burma Union, has been tirelessly searching for a location in which to begin the medical work in Rangoon.

Pastor Baird has been visiting our believers in the Tenasserim field. He has also been appointed as the director of the Voice of Prophecy programme for Burma and is busy laying plans for this project.

Colporteurs are again selling truth-filled literature in Burma and Brother Hamel has progressive plans in mind for putting the literature work back on a firm basis as he steps in to head this work as publishing secretary for the union.

Pastor Ham brought with him several packages of relief clothing from India for which we wish to express appreciation. The need for clothing is still very great.

We solicit your prayers for the work of God in Burma in this time of its great need.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAMME

February 7, 1947

Topic: UPLIFT RALLY DAY

Opening Song: "The Lord Is My Light,"
No. 577 in "Church Hymnal."
Scripture Lesson: Joshua 1:1-7.
Prayer.
Appropriate Special Music.
Talk: "Gathering Souls and Funds for Christ,"
by W. B. Ochs.
Talk: "Benefits Derived From Uplift," by
A. L. Ham.
Announcements: (Plans and Supplies.)
Closing Song: "In the Glad Time of the
Harvest," No. 539 in "Church Hymnal."
Prayer.

NOTES TO LEADERS

THE articles furnished this year are very timely and soul-stirring. Make definite use of them, thus imparting joy and courage to all who take part in the Uplift. Make a goal chart. See that the figures for the church goal are plainly indicated, and get each group in the church organized into working bands. Stress the fact that the Uplift presents a unique opportunity to work for Christ individually. It affords a wonderful opportunity to acquaint the public with our world-wide mission programme. When presented in the right way, many will count it a privilege to give for the advancement of our work.

The challenge of the present hour is most solemn. Let us rally our forces for a united effort with a view to completing the Uplift campaign by the date set.

Home Missionary Department

GATHERING SOULS AND FUNDS FOR CHRIST

W. B. Ochs

THE UPLIFT work, which has been carried on for so many years by the denomination, not only has been a real success but has brought many blessings to the cause of God in souls and in money. We are convinced that this important phase of our work was ordained by God. The wonderful results speak for its divine origin. Eternity alone will reveal what part the Uplift has had in the speedy finishing of God's work in all the world.

The topic of this article deals with the work of ingathering, or Uplift, and it is most fitting that the word "souls" precedes the word "funds." Both are to be gathered for Christ. Both are important. More souls mean more funds, and more funds mean more souls.

We Cannot Separate Souls and Funds

It is impossible to separate souls and funds. The gospel commission, which means souls, cannot be carried out without financial support. God has ordained that there shall be money in the treasury of the Lord to make possible the speedy finishing of His cause in all parts of the world.

Through the years of our Uplift work we have been convinced that the prophecy, "The forces [margin 'wealth'] of the Gentiles shall come unto thee" (Isa. 60:5), has been partially fulfilled. Think of the thousands of rupees that have come to us from those not of our faith! These funds have helped the General Conference to do a much greater work in the world field.

There are still those among us who feel that we should not emphasize the importance of raising money as we do. They think that it is our business to preach Christ, and the financing of the work will take care of itself. Christ and His love must always be paramount in all that we do. But let us remember that when a soul is truly converted to Him, he will also have his pocketbook [purse] converted, for to love Christ is to love His work, and His work needs our financial support.

In one language the words "prayer" and "give" are spelled alike. To differentiate between the two, the accent is placed on a different part of the word. However, the words look exactly alike. "Prayer" and "give" are inseparable twins. The more we pray, the more we shall give; and the more anxious we are to gather funds for the cause of God, and the more we give the more we shall want to pray that what we have given might bring a blessing to the work.

The prime reason for engaging in Uplift work is the salvation of lost souls. To us has been given the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The purpose for the preaching of the gospel is to win souls, for the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Aflame for God and His Work

As a people we must not lose sight of the fact that the gathering of souls for Christ is the most glorious work given to man. No wonder the prophet Daniel said, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

When this message takes hold of one, he becomes aflame for God and His work. The burden for lost souls rests so heavily upon his heart that he will cry, "Woe is me if I do not win someone to Christ!" We must ever remember the hopeless, miserable, wretched, lost condition of an individual who is outside of Christ. That soul will perish, be lost eternally, unless someone brings to him the word of life and makes plain to him the way that leads to life eternal.

THOU MUST NOT FAIL

O thou church of the living God,
Thou art like a burning light
Far out upon a rocky shore
That sends its rays at night.
The sky is dark; the storm is on;
The waves are running high,
But the sure light sends out its beams
To vessels far and nigh.

Thou art that light, O church of God,
To millions in this life;
With sunken reefs and rugged rocks
And boiling waves of strife.
Thou art that light! Poor sin-wrecked souls
Are struggling in despair—
Send out your beams of hope and cheer
To sinners everywhere.

Thou church of God! Thou must not fail
In time of greatest need—
A world in sin, perplexed, distressed—
Hark, hear them as they plead!
Send forth thy light, thy brightest beams,
Across the world of sin;
Light up the earth in this dark night,
And thousands you will win.

—N. P. Neilsen.

Christ died to save mankind. He did all He could. He paid the price upon the cross. He depends upon us as a people to carry the story of His grace and love to those who know it not. Are we going to disappoint Him? Shall we take the attitude that it matters not whether souls perish in their sins? Surely this is God's day of power and the church's day of opportunity. Never was there a better time than now to seek and to save those who are lost.

In every Uplift campaign thousands of contacts are made from house to house. Millions of pages of literature are distributed. Many interests are created, which should be carefully followed up. The singing bands find many people who are deeply moved by the Christian songs and by the spirit of Christ which is manifested by those who sing and solicit. These visits must necessarily be brief, for the solicitors must keep up with those who are singing.

When the Uplift work is being done during the daytime, those who participate in the work have many opportunities to talk with those whom they meet. Everywhere there are lonely hearts who need to be cheered and comforted.

Souls Won Through Uplift

That the Uplift work has brought many souls into this truth is a matter of history. May we, however, relate two experiences which illustrate the importance of the Uplift work and which definitely prove that souls can be won when the work is carried on as it should be.

One of our sisters was working her community one day. She saw a woman sitting in a rocking chair on her front porch and motioning for her to come in through the gate. She went in and found that soul literally "waiting" for the truth. The woman listened with avid interest to the stories of missions. She marvelled at the wonderful work being done by Seventh-day Adventists. She gave her offering and asked for all the literature she

could get. She read the literature. She accepted the truth and is now the missionary leader of her church and an ardent Uplifter. This sister now reports that one third of the members of her church had their first contacts with this message during the Uplift campaign.

Another experience which illustrates how our Uplift singing bands are actually winning souls is given hereunder:

"It was the first night the singing band in one of our Los Angeles churches had been out. The members had gathered at their appointed place. They had paused for an earnest prayer for God's blessings upon their efforts. Then the singers began singing their beautiful hymns as they walked slowly down the street in the heart of this great metropolitan area. The solicitors were going from door to door. A few blocks ahead a woman was sitting on the front porch of her home, enjoying the refreshing evening zephyrs. Presently she heard the strains of sweet, far-away music borne lightly on the wings of the evening breeze. She thought it was somebody's radio. But, no, this was not radio music. This was real. She listened intently. The singing became more audible. Her curiosity and interest grew as she saw the group of singers approaching. She thrilled to hear the familiar tunes so beloved by Christian people of all faiths. She was enraptured by the time the band reached her home. She was so greatly impressed and so interested that she listened eagerly to the story and the earnest appeal of the consecrated solicitor who spoke to her. She gladly gave an offering and took the Uplift paper. But she didn't immediately go into the house to read it. Rather, she remained on the porch to hear more of the singing, and listened until the last notes of the singing faded away in the distance. Then she arose, went into the house, and there quietly, thoughtfully, read the literature that had been given her. She meditated much on the words she had heard: 'Seventh-day Adventist Singing Band—singing for missions.' She looked up wistfully toward heaven in deep reflection. Something had happened. Her heart was touched. She determined right then, 'I'm going to the Seventh-day Adventist church next Saturday.' And she did.

"At the church Sabbath morning she heard the singing band report how much they had solicited for missions, but no one knew how much the singers had done for her. They did not report that; they could not. She heard the earnest words of the minister. She heard with keen interest the announcement that the singing band would meet at a certain corner Sunday night at a certain time. She quickly wrote down the time and place, and determined to be there to hear the singers again. The next night she was there. Tactfully one of the members of the band invited her to join them in singing. Gladly she consented. Then down the street came the singing band with the newly enrolled member helping to sing that wonderful song, 'The Old Rugged Cross.' Then they began singing of Jesus' call to sinners, 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling.' It was very real to her. Next the woman found herself singing with them of 'The Sweet By and By.' Would she be there in that beautiful home in heaven? Soon she heard herself singing 'When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There.' She determined there and then that she would be there. She was singing her way into the church, into the truth of Jesus, into heaven!

"During the six weeks of the singing band efforts she never missed a night. Furthermore, she attended our church each Sabbath and watched with keen delight as the Uplift thermometer climbed higher and higher. The missionary-minded people in the church studied the truth with her. THE INTEREST THAT HAD BEEN CREATED WAS WISELY FOLLOWED UP. And on the last week of the Uplift campaign, the same day that the church went over its financial goal, a baptism was conducted in that church. This young married woman was one of the six persons baptized that day."

These delightful experiences could be had by every church member who would enter into this great house-to-house solicitation programme and recite the stories of missions. We must recognize the annual Uplift campaign as a wonderful opportunity to send out every Seventh-day Adventist to gather in these precious souls before it is everlastingly too late. Comparatively few of our church members take part in this wonderful campaign. Surely every pastor should do his part to get every church member actively engaged in some line of work, and the Uplift campaign which comes to us annually is but one avenue through which our church members may work together in both souls and means. We must see the spiritual

possibilities in all these campaigns. The uncertain conditions of the world, this age of fear for what is coming, causes men and women to think soberly about eternal values.

Spiritual Possibilities of Uplift

Then there are the many promises based on the fulfilment of conditions, and when they are fulfilled, the results will be souls saved for Christ. Notice the following:

"If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, going on a warfare at their own charges, each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. If our people will act upon the light that is given in these few words of instruction, we shall surely see of the salvation of God. Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted, and many souls will be added to the church. When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 246.

If we could only see the value of one soul as God sees it, we would not rest day or night in winning souls for the kingdom. Think of the value of the world in rapes and annas! But we are told that one soul is worth more than the world, for "what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

We win souls for Christ when we have a love for souls. Christ came to reveal the love of God. He was the love of God in human flesh. His life was all love. He was never cold or unapproachable. Those whom He contacted knew that He loved them and that He wanted them to accept the plan of salvation. That same spirit of love and devotion must take hold of us if we hope to win souls for Christ. Our love for lost humanity must be so supreme that we will say as did Knox: "Give me Scotland, or I die"; or as did Whitefield, "Give me souls, or take my soul."

The world today is like an ice-box. It is dying for a little bit of love. God expects us to bring to these lost in sin the warmth that is embodied in His own love and in the gospel. Notice the following words from the messenger of the Lord:

"The spirit of love, meekness, and forbearance, pervading our life, will have power to soften and subdue hard hearts, and win to Christ bitter opposers of the faith."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 174. Then again we are told:

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 221.

May we as church members consider each campaign, whether it is Uplift or any other, as a means ordained by God to hasten the coming of the Lord, and may that day not only find us prepared to meet Him, but may we have souls to present because of the part we have played in the Uplift.

BENEFITS DERIVED FROM UPLIFT

A. L. Ham

GREAT importance attaches to the Uplift campaign in the Southern Asia Division. First, it is a very successful means for meeting old friends and discovering new friends of our work and telling them of its progress and further needs. It affords a very excellent opportunity to talk with people concerning our Christian beliefs, as well as the wonderful work God has led us to undertake for the people of the whole world. Our medical missionary work, and especially our health programme, form a distinctive part of our plan of operation. This appeals to the public and they generally approve of it. Then, too, our programme of education, laying emphasis on the development of the mental, spiritual and physical aspects, with further emphasis on vocational training, makes a very special appeal to leaders and public-spirited individuals in lands of the East where the need along these lines is so much in evidence.

The Uplift campaign gives opportunity to make such contacts with men of influence and secure their moral and financial support. A successful business man, or a man of standing in the government or society, appreciates an aggressive programme for the betterment of the masses of the people. Immediately they want to know about it and are willing to encourage such worthy enterprises. It is a pleasure to tell such individuals what we are doing and outline to them our general plan of work.

The chairman of the board of a very prominent banking corporation, when presenting to his board one of our large projects, said: "It seems to me that of all the churches working in this colony, only the Seventh-day Adventists have a programme and know where they are going." As a result of his splendid presentation of the work we were endeavouring to do, his board voted us a very large contribution. The following year the manager of the same concern gave us a large personal gift. When we expressed our pleasure, and also surprise, at the size of the gift, he said, "I want to see a worthy enterprise like yours go on to completion."

Of course, one prominent objective of the Uplift campaign is to secure financial support for these large undertakings. Year by year we are able to expand our work through the finances obtained by this means. God could provide for us and His work otherwise, for He says, "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine." And again, "For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." But it was He who told Israel to

borrow wealth from the Egyptians which could be used for His programme for them before they left Egypt. We all remember the story of how they brought in great wealth in jewels and ornaments and so forth, which afterward were used for the carrying on of the work of the Lord.

There is much in our very important programme that would be either curtailed or discontinued if our workers and members would cease their efforts during our Uplift campaigns. God has, we believe, instituted this plan to be a blessing to those friends we visit, and also to our people who do this visiting and solicit financial aid for our work. Let the good work go forward to ever increasing success, and may all our workers and people heartily co-operate as the time for the next Uplift campaign comes to us. The needs of the work are increasing every day and we must work "while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." May the Master richly bless and reward all who faithfully serve Him in this important line of our endeavour.

TEN-MINUTE SERVICES

February 1, 1947

UPLIFT EXPERIENCES

DURING the course of the Uplift campaign we called on a certain Mr. Yang, who is in charge of the interests of the National Resources Commission for the northwest of China. This Mr. Yang gave us a \$3,000 (Chinese currency) donation for the office he was directly responsible for, and after a further visit he said: "Our commission has several subsidiary agencies in Lanchow and vicinity. I'm sure that every one of them will want to have a part in this work, but they are scattered about the city, and it will take you a long time to visit all of them. Tomorrow I'm having a meeting with the managers of all these companies, and if you will allow me to do so, I'll take this matter up with them, and you can come in a few days to see what results I've been able to obtain." We accepted this offer and left a few copies of the Uplift paper with Mr. Yang, with a subscription book for signatures. When we returned a few days later we found that Mr. Yang had been able to collect a total of \$25,000 (Chinese currency) for us from the companies in his organization.

Never should one admit that he is not qualified to meet the businessmen of any city. The Uplift campaigns, rightly conducted, will make just this sort of friends for this church and the work we are doing.

E. L. Longway.

February 8, 1947

UPLIFT EXPERIENCES

IN December of 1944 it was my privilege again to have a part in the Uplift campaign in the city of Chungking. One of my old "customers" is a certain Mr. Chow Chi-hwei, manager of Chwan-Kang Bank. From the time of my first visit with him in 1933, when we were raising funds to build the West China Training Institute, to the present, Mr. Chow has given a liberal donation every year. And nearly every year since that first visit I've had a chance to study with him some of the signs of the times that point to the soon coming of Christ. Some years I've taken a half hour of this busy man's time explaining the prophecies, while the business of the bank waited for the Bible study to be finished. As I was about to take leave of this gentleman he leaned across his desk and said most earnestly: Mr. Longway, you should be training someone to continue in this work you are doing. You are getting older, and one of these years you will not be able to make me a visit. You should have someone ready to continue your work; otherwise how will we be able to know of your work and your needs, and how will we be able to make our contributions?"

Experiences of this sort help us to understand that men of the world hold the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in very high regard.

E. L. Longway.

February 15, 1947

"MY WORK CAN STOP—YOURS MUST GO FORWARD"

BROTHER Thomas Geraty, business manager of the China Training Institute, was helping with the Uplift campaign in Chungking. Among others whom he visited was Mr. Yu Hung-chun, general manager of the Central Trust Company of China. This Mr. Yu was later appointed minister of finance for China. When Brother Geraty told Mr. Yu of the work of the China Training Institute and of our sanitarium-hospital in Chungking, Mr. Yu said to him: "By the rules of my company I'm not permitted to give more than \$50,000 (Chinese currency) to any charity, but I'm very glad to give that much if it will be of help in your work." This same Mr. Yu was mayor of Shanghai during the time of the fighting in that city in 1937. We called on him in the interests of the Uplift campaign. It seemed rather a presumptuous thing to do, as the city was under fire from the enemy guns, and it was evident to all that Shanghai must soon fall to the enemy. After listening to our appeal this wartime mayor of Shanghai said: "How much did the mayor give you last year?" When he knew that the previous year's donation was the sum of \$400 (Chinese currency), he said: "All right, we will give the same this year. Our revenues have completely stopped. You men know that soon I'll be leaving this city. My work can stop, but yours must go forward. Therefore, I'm happy to give you this \$400 today."

It would be well if many in our own ranks could have this same vision of the importance of our world-wide mission work. All other work can stop, but the work of this church must go on.

E. L. Longway.

February 22, 1947

EVANGELIZING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WHERE YOU LIVE

TWO sisters who disliked going back over the same territory with literature each week decided to labour in a distant section where they had not been assigned. Though they worked hard, the returns were small. One Sabbath the pastor mentioned in his sermon the failure of the disciples to catch fish because they had cast their nets on the wrong side; but when they followed the instruction of Jesus, to cast their nets on the right side of the boat, they found their nets filled in a very short time, and right in the very same spot where they had toiled all night and caught nothing.

A week later the two sisters, who had run away from their own neighbourhood to do missionary work, joyfully related to the church their unusual experiences. Among their friendly neighbours they were kindly received and the literature accepted. One of the neighbours became very much interested, and in due time was baptized. Which all points to the importance of keeping steadily at work in the same neighbourhood territory week after week. It pays to cast the net on the right side in the very spot where you are.

J. E. Edwards.