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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."—Matt. 25:40.

IT IS a wonderful thing in time of great need to be reminded of the loving thought and care of friends. It is still more wonderful—if we understand the Scriptures aright—to be privileged to extend that love and care: for, great though the blessing is of receiving, it is still more blessed to give.

On Sabbath, November 15, it is going to be the privilege of every TIDINGS' reader to share in this blessed experience, and to know that every anna that is given will go to the relief of someone in desperate need.

In the quietness and comfort of our homes let us remember the Seventh-day Adventists in other lands who were once just as comfortable as we are, but who now are living in hovels or ruins, and with scarcely a bite to eat. Let us help them as we ourselves would wish to be helped were we in their places.

We believe we are living in earth's closing scenes. The waymarks that indicate the nearness of our journey's end abound on every hand. Soon our opportunities to help fellow-travellers will be over, and we want to face no regrets when the books recording our gifts are closed in heaven.

The money we give will be spent on parcels of food, and what a happy experience it will be for those hungry ones who receive them! One union is inviting its members to give a week's sacrifice. Members in other fields may wish to do the same, but whatever we do, we suggest that none give less than Rs. 10 for this most worthy cause.

Famine Relief Offering—November 15

"UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE"

BEFORE you decide how much you can give for Famine Relief, we ask you to meet briefly just a few of "the least of these." These are actual cases, gleaned from hundreds of letters arriving constantly at our General Conference headquarters.

A European mother writes: "My only child, a boy of nine years, has become tubercular. For the last two years my child has not one drop of milk. Would it be possible to get some for my child? Never yet in my life have I asked for such favours, but the present need compels me."

From a Yugoslavian refugee: "Greetings, grateful greetings, on the paper I found in the pocket of a coat received in Austria. I had been deprived of all my earthly possessions, without shoes, in snow and sleet. It is bitter cold here, but the grief is still more bitter, because I do not know what has become of my children—my daughter was evacuated with me, but I lost her on the way and do not know where she is. So far I have not been able to get a pair of shoes. May I ask whether I could get a pair from America? Some food, too? God bless your helping hand. I am not getting weary to pray for you without ceasing."

A nurse in Cologne describes her work for the poor. She requests a gift package in order to share it with "many an old mother," and says, "I shall close, and pray earnestly that one day such a food package will arrive."

"May I ask whether some one has a sweater to spare for the winter?" is another request. "Please excuse this request. I would rather buy one, but I know no way out. Conditions are getting worse every day. I am too weak to take part in the church services.... We are praying much for you. Next Sabbath we have a Thanksgiving Day, in behalf of all our brethren and sisters in all the world who sacrifice so much for us."

A 66-year-old man, who spent sixteen months in a concentration camp and is now in an old people's home tells of his experiences and his opportunities to give Bible studies and witness for the truth. Then he asks for a pair of trousers. His one pair is so worn and ragged that he will soon be unable to attend church for lack of clothing. "I am praying earnestly for this," he says.

What an opportunity for us to become workers together with God in answering the thousands of prayers that go up daily asking for "this day our daily bread!"

"Hunger is painful," says another letter, "and it is hard for a mother to have to tell her children, 'I have nothing to give you to eat'...and now comes your help! My three children thus see God's answer to our prayers."

A daughter in the church at Coburg, Saxony, says: "When I brought the

gifts (from S. D. A. relief packages) home, mother was speechless at first, and could not keep her tears back. We could hardly eat for excitement. 'Let us first thank the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness,' said mother."

Another letter: "My little girl cried for joy when your package arrived. She inquired how you know that we are always hungry. May God reward you for what you have done to a homeless widow who has no shelter."



"What we found in Europe last autumn cannot be described. History has never before seen sixty millions or more of one nation doomed to perish of slow starvation. The only bright spot for our people was the Adventist relief. We can never forget the joy seen in Berlin when our first two trucks of food and clothing came from Switzerland. The modern famine relief is the strongest appeal that ever came to God's children."—L. H. Christian.

A deaconess, reporting on the distribution of clothing received in bales from America, says, "How often I heard the words, 'This was just the thing I had made a special subject of prayer. Now I shall be able to go out of the house again.'"

"Your package is like a gift from God," says another letter. "My little six-year-old was overjoyed because it had shoes for him. The food problem is very acute. For hours we stand in line to get a loaf of bread (or fail to get it)! The children cannot understand why we have to starve."

Let us pray that we may be worthy stewards of the plenty the Lord has entrusted to us, that we may courageously make the sacrifice required in these times of abundance for us—desperate privation for others! "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death...if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not He

that pondereth the heart consider it?... And shall not He render to every man according to his works?" Prov. 24:11, 12.

General Conference Famine Relief.

PASS IT ON

Edna Atkin Pepper

OUT of the great depression of the thirties came this beautiful story, which has often been told and retold. A well-dressed couple was about to enter an exclusive club to dine, when a man, obviously "down and out," shamefacedly asked for the price of a meal, explaining that he had had nothing to eat that day.

The husband turned away, suspecting that the man merely wanted a drink; but his wife declared that she could not enter the club and eat a meal that she did not need while this man went hungry.

"Here is a dollar," she told him softly. "Buy yourself some food. And don't lose courage, even if things look hard. There's a job somewhere for you. I hope you'll find it soon."

When the man had stammered his thanks and assured her that her money would be used to assuage the pangs of hunger, she added two significant sentences: "You'll be eating Christ's bread. Pass it on."

The poor man felt a warm glow. He was trusted! He would have food!

Just ahead of him an old man stumbled along the walk. He looked hungry, too.

"You'll be eating Christ's bread. Pass it on," the lady had said. So he spoke to the old man, and they went in together to a cheap restaurant where they could get a hot meal for fifty cents each.

The poor man noted that his new friend was wrapping his bread and butter in a handkerchief. "Saving some for tomorrow?" he hazarded. But the old man was not saving for tomorrow. He had seen the newsboy on the corner and the tears on the pinched face. So both men wrapped up their bread, and one added his pie. Was there not an unseen Guest at that lowly table?

Christ's bread it was that the boy ate so hungrily. Not all of it, however.

"Here, Jack!" he called to the hungry dog in the alley. "You can have half." The boy was cheerful now. He stood with his head up and sold three papers while the men stood there.

"We've eaten Christ's bread," said the man as he bade the other good-bye.

"Yes," agreed his guest. "I've thought of a place where maybe they need a night watchman."

So the poor man went on his way, and the dog followed him. He spoke to the dog cheerfully and gave him a pat. It was then he felt the narrow strap around the dog's neck and

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FORWARD IN THE NORTHWEST

R. L. Kimble

Superintendent, Northwest India Union

THE past few months have been difficult ones for our people in the Northwest. Terrible things have happened during this time when thousands have been killed in communal rioting. Some of our workers have been placed in extremely dangerous situations and along with our lay members have been in great distress. But in spite of all the trouble, our people are safe and have been spared to live and witness for the Lord. We are indeed grateful to our heavenly Father for His protecting care. I have just returned to Delhi after a tour of the field when I was able to meet with many of our workers and see first hand some of the things that have happened. The upsurge of human passions in its worst form is visible in many places throughout the field. But the brighter side is when we find men and women strong in faith and courageous in the Lord's work. Such a company of workers we have and we thank God for them. Even though this communal trouble has retarded our work considerably, there are evidences on every hand of progress for which we thank God.

This present disturbed condition was getting under way in early August and as the days passed we became aware of the seriousness of the situation. In the Union Committee in Delhi, August 27, 28, much time was given to the study and planning for the emergency we were facing. One thing we did was to postpone all of our local field annual meetings with the exception of the South United Provinces Mission meeting to be held at Lucknow, October 9-12. We felt this was far enough ahead to make it safe to hold. But when trouble in Delhi began on a large scale, and train service was tied up, we then concluded that this meeting also should be postponed, as well as the colporteur's institute that was to follow the Lucknow meeting.

For a while in Delhi we seemed cut off from the outside. Strict curfew was enforced in the city and it was most difficult to contact our workers and believers living not far from us. One morning Brother Dal Chand came to the bungalow with the sad news of the sudden death of Sister Chander Sen. Sister Sen had come to Delhi to be with her husband who was very ill at the time. She was at his bedside when a heart attack took her away suddenly. Doubtless the trouble in Delhi helped to add to the strain that our sister was under, and it proved too much for her. She was laid to rest in Delhi.

After a week or ten days, curfew was relaxed and we were able to visit our church members. One morning we called to see Sister Charan who had been isolated in the heart of a danger-

ously disturbed area. Night and day the conflict raged in that area between the two communities, buildings were burned and many were killed. In the home of this sister we heard the story of much that had happened. After prayer we were about to leave when we were asked to wait a moment. When Sister Charan returned, she handed to Brother Dal Chand Rs. 115, which she and her husband, who is not a Seventh-day Adventist, but very favourable, had laid aside. They had saved up Rs. 105 in tithe and Rs. 10 in Sabbath school offerings. We cannot but feel that now the Lord is impressing His people to make a full surrender, and place all upon the altar.

During the trouble in Delhi we were concerned about our workers in Hapur and Roorkee as only conflicting reports were coming through. One morning Brother Faqir Chand, my wife and I started out in the motor car to visit these places. Along the way we were reminded of the tenseness of the situation. In places no one seemed to be at work, only walking about with lathis. When we reached Hapur we were happy to find everything running well. The workers were busy and facing the problem before them courageously. Around about in the villages and towns, people were nervous and alert. At Roorkee we found Brother Streeter and his staff busily engaged in their work. No trouble had reached the school. We stopped at Muzaffanagar to visit Brother and Sister Sundar Das and they were safe, although in the city heavy police and military patrol were on guard. In Meerut our workers were out at the time we called, but we were told things were quiet there.

From other sections of the North and South United Provinces reports came reassuring us that all workers and believers were safe. About this time Mussoorie and Dehra Dun were beginning to show signs of disturbance, but we thank God His protecting care has been over His children at these places. From Simla, Miss Sandberg wrote of the trouble there which caused us considerable concern, but we have since heard that conditions are more or less normal again.

It was my privilege to visit Karachi recently and spend nearly a week with Brother and Sister Collett. For some time we have been endeavouring to secure a permanent place for our work there and throughout most of this year we have been working to that end. Brother and Sister Collett have been constant in their efforts to make this possible. Now we are able to report we have secured an excellent piece of property of nearly an acre of ground, centrally located in a section of the

city that is easily accessible by tram and bus. Now that Karachi is the capital city of Pakistan, we feel the Lord has opened the way for us to purchase this property. The time has come for us to enlarge our work. The unentered lands of Sind and Buluchistan are waiting the gospel messenger. Karachi is to be the headquarters for this advance move now that we have our own mission property and we plan to have a strong medical work established there.

My stay in Karachi brought inspiration to me as I associated with our believers there. Brother Collett is in touch with a number who are studying regularly. Some of these are preparing for baptism which is to take place before the end of the year. One lady, as the result of reading the "Signs of the Times," has asked for Bible studies. Recently she said that when she was a Christian Scientist she did not feel free to urge on others her beliefs, and could not write her friends about it. But now a change has come since she has been studying. She is an educated woman and since she began studying she says her pen flows freely as she writes to friends about the message she has learned to love. She is opening her home for cottage meetings. A Hindu bank manager also has been studying the truth and is greatly impressed by it.

The Karachi Sabbath school is truly the church at study, for most of the members attend. Sister Normington, the superintendent, and Sister Collett, the secretary, are striving to make it one of our best Sabbath schools. It was interesting to listen to ways and means suggested for Sabbath school investments. One suggestion was to walk once a week and save bus fares for investment offerings. Another unique way followed by a number of the Sabbath school was paying one anna on the rupee or money drawn from a savings account.

It is of interest to note the Karachi third quarter Sabbath school report for 1947 as given below:

12 Sabbaths Offerings	Rs 151-9-0
Birthday	27-4-0
Investment	18-0-0
13th Sabbath	425-0-0
Total	Rs 621-13-0

The little chapel on Sabbath was well filled and it made one feel that now is the time to proclaim the message as never before. Most everyone stood in answer to the call to rededication, and Pastor Collett offered a touching prayer for this part of the service.

I left Karachi by train Wednesday, October 15, for Lahore, reaching there

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VOICE OF PROPHECY Bible Correspondence School

What Hindus Say of the Voice of Prophecy Lessons

"The lessons are simple and apt. They are easy to understand. It is the direct teaching of God."

"The more I read your lessons the more pleased I am with them. I think that the Bible is the only book in this world that reveals the face of God. When I read your lessons it seems to me that God appears before me."

"I am very pleased to know that you are willing to facilitate my work of knowing Christendom. I shall be pleased if you could manage to send me any literature you can afford connected with Christendom. I shall not hesitate to find one or two hours from my daily routine to devote to the study of your interesting lessons."

"Thank you for your wonderful lessons. They are inspiring. I am a young man of twenty and thus can be easily converted, for it is not wrong to say that the younger generation is more open to conviction. It is only the old who would say—'our race is run, no changes now, thus far and no further.' Let me expect, therefore, that I will have a better understanding of Christianity after taking your Course."—B. A.

"I find your lessons full of materials exactly as I wanted. I have developed a keen interest in these lessons which have been very carefully prepared and skilfully graded. Besides, the questions reveal the intelligence of a great teacher."—M. Sc.

"I am very glad to receive your Bible Course. I request you not to look down upon me because I am a Hindu but to consider me as a Christian student and teach me your Course. It is needless to say that all my views are only Christian."

"Your lessons are both fascinating and enlightening. I appreciate the fact that you have made a successful attempt to adjust your lessons to the taste of the Indian mind."—B. Sc., Banker.

"I thank you for your lessons. I am very glad to receive them. They are very interesting to read and most suitable for us, that is, busy people. I have some taste for religion. For this reason, although I am a descendant of an orthodox Hindu family, I have a strong desire to read the Holy Bible. However, it is almost impossible for me to read the whole of the Holy Bible. I find that your lessons contain the essence of the Holy Bible and so I want to continue with them."

"I will not say alone, but all say, that the Voice of Prophecy makes relationship with God because of its easy Course of the Bible. I am too pleased and satisfied with the suitable Course just like this. I am a Hindu, but I am searching for the light."—B. A., L. L. B.

"I am grateful to you for the lessons thus far. These are so instructive and beautiful. I like to read these lessons again and again. As many times as I read these lessons I learn new things."

"I am sorry I found this treasure so late in life, but I am glad at least that now I have the pleasure of learning some worth-while things before it is too late. I grasp this as a golden opportunity."

"I have gone through your lessons with great satisfaction and pleasure. To say the truth, your lessons appeal to my taste very much and now I am waiting eagerly for the arrival of the remaining ones. May I believe that you will take all necessary steps to promote my little knowledge of the Bible?"

"Your lessons are an eye opener. The entire conception is novel and daringly original. My thanks to the organizers of this Course. They could not have thought of anything better than that of spreading the message of God to a spiritually famished world."—Bank Manager.

MINISTERIAL

GOOD NEWS AT LAST

Volume II of "Prophetic Faith" Nearing Completion

THE following word has been received from Pastor L. E. Froom of the General Conference Ministerial Association:

"Some 3,000 advance orders for 'Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers,' Volume II, have been recorded for months in the publishing house book department. The 3,000 who sent in their orders in good faith nearly a year ago, and other hundreds awaiting notification that the book is off the press, have been disappointed and perplexed over the long delay in issuance—and not a few have been a bit vexed. If it be any consolation, such are not nearly as distressed over the tardiness as are the publishers, the sponsors of the 1947 Ministerial Reading Course (of which it was a part), and the author. This note is designed as an apology and an explanation and a promise combined, tendered to all.

"No other book in our publishing history has ever had such an investment of time, effort, and money put into it. The sources upon which it is based were practically all gathered from the great libraries of Europe in the years just prior to World War II—some of which are now damaged, and crippled, and some are in ruins, as in Germany. This has created a real

handicap. In the painstaking and rigid verification of every fact, extract, or allusion, and its context, and of every name, date, and circumstance, four experts have toiled for eight months on this gigantic task, involving Latin, German, and French sources, as well as English. Correspondence with libraries in England, France, Switzerland and Italy has had to be conducted, and supplemental microfilms, photostats, and additional data secured to round out the evidence.

"This task has taken longer than any could foresee. But now all this is done. The book is now actually being set by a battery of linotype operators. The proofs are passing through our hands. The impressive illustration cuts have all been made, including those of two new Harry Anderson paintings. We are definitely promised the book off the presses, bound, and sent out in December—thus still within the year 1947. We crave your indulgence for the remaining weeks. Then the volume should be in your hands. We believe you will feel that it was well worth waiting for, and that it is destined to exercise a moulding influence upon the public—if the various book reviews of Volume II from leading religious journals, are any indication, along with letters and oral statements received from prominent scholars, librarians, and theologians in America."

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searched until he found the licence tag and an address.

"Somebody wants you. Come along; I'll take you home," he offered.

The dog's master was grateful, pressed a ten-dollar bill into his hand, and told him to come to his office next day. There might be—something.

Christ's 'bread! Did one ever go hungry, once he had eaten it? Everyone has at some time tossed a pebble into water and watched the ripples widen until they were lost in infinity.

You have a service to perform for someone. Perhaps it is a lowly one, not anything that the world would consider a privilege. It is, let us say, to clean house for someone. But you do it in a gracious, competent manner because you are Christ's child; He, too, performed menial tasks beautifully. And, lo, it is no longer commonplace. It is holy service.

And seeing your cheerful attitude in the face of drudgery, the lady of the house goes to her own duties with good humour. She prepares her husband's favourite dinner, and his weary spirits revive as he eats it.

Holy services, each one. Into each has been tucked the intangible quality that has made them so—love. The fortunate receivers in turn pass it on, like overflowing wells spilling out kindnesses to all with whom they come in contact.

"You have had a kindness shown—pass it on."

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after a safe journey across the desert. En route we passed three train loads of refugees moving towards Sind. Hundreds of thousands are on the move here in the north and one wonders what it all means. The whole life of several million people is being uprooted and multitudes are without homes, pilgrims, short of food, and in need of clothing. Clothing is an urgent need to keep warm and alive the exposed bodies of these unfortunate refugees. As I watched from the car window, my heart ached to see trains overcrowded with hundreds sitting on the top of the carriages. I watched a man help his wife up the side of a goods van to the top where it was difficult for her to find sitting room. A baby then was handed to her, and then followed the father. These three might truly represent thousands who are migrating and suffering silently, with seldom a word of complaint. In one village our workers were asked to pray in their homes and in turn the people came to the meetings. There is a soul hunger—hidden beneath the tragedy of the hour—for food that satisfies the sin-sick soul.

From Lahore, because of irregular train service due to disturbances and floods, we traveled by motor cycle to Chuharkana. Along the way damage from water was noticeable. In places the road bed had been destroyed and only by detours here and there were we able to reach the mission bungalow. On arriving we met Brother and Sister Morris, and Brother and Sister (Dr.) Robbins, and workers. Chuharkana was in a district where some of the bitterest rioting took place. We found all well and the school, with nearly 200 students, running as usual.

At one time more than 300,000 refugees had gathered at Chuharkana. We were naturally anxious over the welfare of our workers during this time, but we were happy to learn that nothing of a serious nature had happened. One day from a shooting skirmish a few bullets hit the mission buildings, but no damage was done. Brother and Sister Morris remained calm throughout, which meant much to ease the situation. A fine group of promising young people are in school and doing good work. Brother Morris, the principal, gave a good report of the work.

Brother Munshi Ram, the superintendent of the West Punjab Mission, had his committee meet when I was there, and I heard some of the encouraging reports brought in from the field. It was suggested the Famine Relief Offering goal be set at Rs. 250, but before voting it was raised to Rs. 300. The goal for this local field, including the school.

Brother and Sister (Dr.) Robbins returned from the Mussoorie Language School just at a time when needed most. Many are sick in the villages, beside thousands in refugee camps.

On Sunday Dr. Robbins inoculated 290 against cholera.

Moving into Pakistan are thousands who are arriving worn and weary, and many of them sick. On Monday Brother Robbins and I went to Lahore and called on the Inspector General of Hospitals for Pakistan and reported to him what we had seen. We offered to help in this emergency and immediately large supplies of medicines were made available for our Chuharkana medical work. The Inspector at once began to contact over the phone different departments, and in less than half an hour a large order of urgent medical supplies was placed at our disposal. This large order of medical supplies would cost us around Rs. 5,000 if we were able to buy them on the market. Our medical workers at Chuharkana are busy serving the sick and suffering in villages round about that place. This emergency will help Brother and Sister Robbins to get acquainted with the people. Medical work is one of the best ways of winning confidence of the people for whom we work.

In East Punjab, Brother Faqir Chand, the superintendent, in committee related some experiences his people were having. A village in which some of our members were living was about to be attacked and looted, but before this took place the military arrived and they were saved. The home of one of our Christian families was in the direct path of gun fire, bullets were flying all around them. Inside the house the sheltered believers were praying and repeating the ninety-first Psalm and all were protected from the dangers outside. It is wonderful the way deliverance has come to all, for we know of no one who has lost his life. Our people are safe and they feel they have been spared to live on and witness for their Master.

One of our faithful lay workers, Brother Samuel Das, whose home is in Amritsar where Sabbath school was held, was forced to leave, with his family, and go to another city. When looking for work at this new place, he was confronted with the problem of Sabbath work. Several were ready to employ him if he would work on Saturday. One man offered him Rs. 350 a month, but he must be at work on Saturday, which our brother refused to do. At last he met a man who said, after a short talk with him, "If we can give Friday off to others we can give you your Sabbaths off." The manager offered Brother Das work with Sabbath off at a salary of Rs. 165 per month, which was gladly accepted. Then the manager said to him, "If you had been here sooner we could have given you a place at Rs. 500 a month, but take this now and we will raise your wages." Thus we see how the Lord works for His people when remaining firm, and when we refuse to compromise or break the Sabbath.

One section of the East Punjab Mission field has been isolated for

about three months. It was in the heart of a dangerously disturbed area and not safe for workers to leave or enter. We did, however, try to enter, but felt it was better not to do so at the time. One day Brother Joseph from Jullundur came to Delhi with a letter from Pastor Hakim Din. He wrote to say they were in great trouble, food was scarce and they were without money. We dispatched money immediately by Brother Joseph who returned over the same dangerous route by which he came. His train was attacked two or three times before he reached his destination. Now the situation has changed and the way has opened to enter. At the recent East Punjab Mission Committee held in Lahore, it was voted that the superintendent, Pastor Faqir Chand, and Pastor Noel Bolst visit and contact our workers and believers there. We trust they will be able to bring back a good report from this trip.

One of the encouraging sides at this time has been that none of our mission stations has had to close down. All our schools are operating, and churches and village work remain open. The Lord has wonderfully blessed and the Spirit of God has worked on the hearts of many.

At Rajpura, twenty-two miles from Lahore, an evangelistic effort has just closed. Twenty-one were baptized the last Sabbath, October 18. In this village we have sixteen Christian families. During the effort three meetings were held daily. On the last Sabbath, 300 gathered on the banks of the river for the baptismal service. It must have been inspiring to see that large company and hear them sing Christian songs. They were a happy company of people, one brother said, "My joy is knee-deep," meaning it was overflowing. One sister brought a gold ornament as a thank offering when her husband was baptized. In that family four were baptized that Sabbath.

Truly the Holy Spirit is moving men and women to surrender more fully to Him. At this meeting surrenders were made, and many confessed their sins and rededicated themselves to God. A number of gold and silver ornaments were given as thank offerings.

At another place a sister was impressed to gather her jewellery together and sell it. This she did and received the amount of Rs. 440 for what she sold. She gave this whole amount into the Week of Sacrifice and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. We believe more such experiences will take place, and greater changes will come to our people if we will listen to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit.

In these last days we are to visit the homes of our people more frequently for prayer and instruction. Non-Christians are asking our workers to come to their homes for this purpose. At Rajpura where the effort was held, we were asked to return and hold another meeting. This meeting is now planned for the last of November.

In West Punjab, Munshi Ram, the superintendent, is planning special meetings before the close of the year. There is a heart yearning among many and our prayer is that through the help of the Holy Spirit this may in some way bring in a real revival among our people throughout this union field.

Storm clouds may hang heavy over many lands, but the sunshine of Christ's righteousness shines brighter and brighter as the days go by. Our courage is good in the Northwest, and we are determined to press forward until the goal is reached. Our need is to be remembered in your prayers that we might prove faithful in the work we have to do.

BURMA UNION

MOVING ON IN MAYMYO

J. O. Wilson

THE first Sabbath in October (October 4), 1947, goes down in Adventist history as the birthday of the church in Maymyo, Burma. On that day ten new believers were baptized, and they, with nine others who were already members of Seventh-day Adventist churches in other places, or had been members before the war of churches now scattered and disbanded, were organized into the Maymyo Seventh-day Adventist church.

The effort which has brought forth this fruitage is most commendable and worthy of emulation throughout this division.

When the first few missionary families re-entered Burma in 1946 to rehabilitate and rebuild the work, Brother Philip Parker and family were asked to locate in Maymyo to pastor the few believers located there, to care for the property of the mission, and to study Burmese. In March, 1947, the Scotts and the Hamels were also sent to Maymyo for language study. By this time Brother Parker, having organized a Sabbath school on his arrival in Maymyo, had not only become acquainted with our few members, but had contacted a number of interests outside of our own group. With the arrival of the Hamels and the Scotts, it was not long until the combined enthusiasm of these language-studying missionary families had laid plans for a modest evangelistic effort, which they felt could be held without interfering too much with their daily struggle with the strange sounds of Burmese. On their promise not to neglect the task for which they had been sent to Maymyo—especially the two new families—the Union Committee approved their plan for holding Sunday evening meetings in the parlour of the mission home—formerly "Brightlands Nursing Home"—but voted no budget for advertising or other expenses.

The meetings were started. The people came. The interest grew.

The monsoon rains came down in torrents, but failed to keep the people

away from the Sunday evening services at "Brightlands." Ministers of other churches became considerably perturbed, and endeavoured to dissuade some of those who were attending from listening to the "foolish things" taught by the Adventists. But true sheep were recognizing the voice of the true Shepherd.

The growing interests were pursued from the public meeting into the home circle. Bible studies were given, dozens and scores of them. Brethren Parker and Scott took alternate Sunday evenings in the public presentations. But Brother Parker, having had a head-start of a few months in language study, carried most of the burden of the home studies. As the interests were largely from the Anglo-Indian and Anglo-Burmese, or domiciled European communities, the public services and most of the home studies were conducted in English. However, Brother Scott gave a full series of studies in Burmese to a Burmese young lady, and had the joy of seeing her among the ten who received baptism. He has also conducted a Sabbath school class in Burmese during the past three or four months. So the evangelistic effort really provided him with practice in acquiring Burmese.

Mrs. Parker spared no effort to make the Sabbath school a strong and effective feature of this evangelistic effort. It is a most enthusiastic group of more than forty members that meets from Sabbath to Sabbath. Their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on September 27 was Rs. 75. The total for the quarter was over Rs. 340. And the amount of tithe coming into the treasury indicates true Adventist conversion: head, heart, and hand—and the purse within the hand. All expenses connected with the effort have also been met by offerings given for that purpose. It has been fully self-supporting.

The Dorcas work here also is setting a pace for the rest of us. Numerous garments and toys are being fashioned and stitched each week by willing fingers, preparatory to a Christmas sale, which they hope and believe will bring in Rs. 500. They are getting ready, you see, to help build a new church.

The ten baptized on October 4 are only a portion of the fruitage of this effort. At least that many more are deeply interested, yes, convinced, and several of them have declared their intention to be ready for the next baptism. It has been an inspiration also, and a revival of Christian experience to the little group who were already members.

The following officers were appointed to serve this new church during the remainder of the year: Elder, P. A. Parker; deacon, J. F. Hamel; treasurer, Mrs. P. A. Parker; clerk, Miss D. Saviel (Major, head-nurse in charge military hospital, Maymyo, one of the ten just baptized); deaconess, Miss Esther Sparks. Brother Hamel was ordained for his work as deacon.

It was a wonderful day in Maymyo. The baptism was held in a beautiful stream. Robes had been prepared by our sisters, and everything was decent and dignified. Even the clouds were co-operative, and made way for the sun to shine down upon us in bright, warm rays. One sister of seventy-five years age had not been quite sure whether she would venture into the cold stream—remember Maymyo is in the hills and the climate cool—or not. We did not urge her, but told her we would baptize her in Rangoon sometime in the church baptistry. But when we arrived at the stream, the warm sun encouraged this enthusiastic grandmother. She stooped down and put her hand into the water, arose smiling, and went to the dressing tent to get her robe. When she was baptized and came out of the water, her face was aglow with the delight of a child—yes, a new child of God.

It was a great pleasure to the writer to have the privilege of conducting this service. Our pioneer, Dr. Ollie Tornblad, studied with this dear sister many years ago. How happy she will be to hear that Mrs. Duckworth has been baptized.

These three missionary families who have united their efforts so earnestly, rejoiced to see what God had used them to accomplish. They are full of enthusiasm to press on and do more. I am sure our workers throughout Southern Asia will rejoice with them, and also our Southern Asia family of believers will extend a real welcome to these new members and to this new church.

NORTHEAST UNION

ROBINSON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

M. D. Spicer

OUR school reopened its doors on July 1 for the new school year. As we look back into the records, we find that this year shows a splendid enrolment of both boys and girls. With this fine group of young people, the activities of the school progress rapidly.

During these days when our life comforts are rationed and under the war-torn conditions, it is not an easy matter to run a boarding-school. But the Karmatar High School is progressing favourably under the able leadership of its Principal, Pastor R. N. Dass.

The Principal and his colleagues are sacrificing everything in their endeavour to train these young people for this needy field. We teachers are proud and thankful for the words of the Spirit of prophecy in this connection. We are told that "to train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to man."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 166. We consider our work in terms of soul winning. What

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a privilege is ours to teach through their lessons the matchless love of Christ to these students who know it not! Of course this is the NOBLEST work on earth.

This year our Principal made it possible for us to cultivate some paddy fields for the school. His constant approach to a Zemindar in the neighbourhood paved the way for obtaining these paddy fields from him on lease. This is an excellent plan and we are sure to have a cent per cent success in our efforts. The fields were already transplanted in the month of August for which much credit is due to Brother Cornelius Kisku for his agricultural craft. This arrangement is only for this year. However, we hope to have a good harvest at the end of this month. At the time of writing our boys are engaged in preparing a fine threshing-floor for the paddy. We do not know to whom the Zemindar is going to lease these fine fields of his next year. We are quite sure that if the school could purchase these wealthy plots we would become self-supporting.

We have been privileged to have many visitors these past three months. On the reopening day of school, Pastors O. A. Skau and Jensen from the union paid us a visit. Pastor Jensen gave an encouraging talk during the chapel session.

September 19 to 23 was an important landmark for the work in the Santhal field. A Lay-Preachers' Institute was conducted by Pastor E. D. Thomas from the Division, Mr. C. B. Israel from the union, and Pastor W. B. Votaw from the Bihar Mission. The Sabbath sermon on the 20th was preached by Pastor E. D. Thomas,

bringing forcibly to our attention a comparison between spiritual growth and physical growth by appropriate illustrations. All thoroughly enjoyed the lecture.

The evening of the same day witnessed a very interesting programme given by the students. Many items were rendered which were greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

September 21 was another day of rejoicing for the students and teachers. It was the day for the Karmatar Dorcas Society sale. This small but energetic society is ably led by Mrs. S. K. Bezra every Tuesday evening. She and the Dorcas Society members planned a programme for the evening. Many edibles were on the table.

The spiritual atmosphere of the school is encouraging. A call for a baptismal class was made and many students responded. The first terminal examinations were held on September 3 to 5, and the results of these examinations are satisfactory. We have a band of trained teachers and we do hope that by our humble service the school will advance in every way under the blessing of the Lord.

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MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

IN A few days the Morning Watch Calendar will be ready for shipment to the field. The cover of this year's calendar is a very beautiful reproduction in three colours of a picture of CHRIST OUR PILOT by Harry Anderson, the Seventh-day Adventist artist. It is a booklet you will be proud to send to your friends. This year send the Morning Watch Calendar instead of the usual Christmas cards which are high in price and difficult to obtain.

The price, including an envelope in which to post it to your friends, is only six annas. Orders should be placed through your local Book Depot. Orders sent directly to us must be accompanied by a remittance for the amount of the order, or sent by V. P. P.

L. C. Shepard.

DE MEL.—It is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of Sister Mildred de Mel of Moratuwa, Ceylon. She fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of September 19. Her death is a great loss to the work and to the members of her family as well.

Her early education was at Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa, where she passed the Junior Cambridge. She left the senior form to proceed to Spicer Missionary College, Poona, where she graduated from the Teachers' Training Course, at the completion of which she joined the staff of the Nugegoda Church School. She was loved by all who knew her, and since she accepted the truth her earnest desire has been to

tell it to others. She was a living epistle known and read by all. Wherever she moved she always carried with her a happy and smiling face. She was faithful to the end—faithful to her Saviour and faithful to the truth.

Before a large gathering of friends and relatives, Pastor Wilbur A. Dunn, assisted by Brother R. S. Fernando and the writer, conducted the funeral service. Pastor L. F. Hardin contributed a special song at the service.

On September 27 a memorial service was held at the Bethel Chapel, Colpetty. This service was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives.

She leaves behind her beloved mother, Mrs. F. H. de Mel, one sister, Mrs. A. R. Pieris, one brother, Mr. Lawson de Mel (Department of Fisheries), and a brother-in-law, Mr. A. R. Pieris (teacher, Nugegoda Church School), and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mercy Lena de Mel (nee Gardner of Roorkee, U. P.) of the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence School, Colombo.

S. Allen de Silva.

ANANDA RAO.—Brother R. Ananda Rao was born on December 12, 1912, in Dondapodu, Kistna District, and was laid to rest after a very brief illness on October 11, 1947, at Gudem Madhavaram in the Bezvada Section, to await the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning. He was a member and a worker of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than half of his age.

In the year 1934, when he was twenty-two years of age, he was sent to this village, Gudem Madhavaram, as a teacher, and later on settled there with his newly married wife as a self-supporting worker, looking after the mission property. At one time the Telugu Mission authorities, feeling that the opportunities were small here, desired to close this mission station, but Brother Ananda Rao saw its possibilities, and without salary worked with his wife day and night for some years. He gained a wonderful influence in these parts, even among the caste people, and as a result of his efforts the church membership was greatly increased, and today we see money being voted for a church building to be constructed at Gudem Madhavaram.

In the year 1946 the generous gift of Dr. N. A. Buxton enabled the South Telugu Mission Committee to re-employ Brother Ananda Rao as a temporary worker. He greatly desired to finish the construction of the church building, and in fact had the stone cut for the walls. This brother is no more with us, but his good works remain with us and witness to the gospel truth.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, one daughter, and two brothers. All were present at the funeral service, except the eldest son who is twelve years old, and studying in our mission high school at Narsapur. Please remember these dear ones in your daily prayers.

B. S. Moses.

GLEANINGS

Pastor A. L. Ham writes that he is booked to sail from San Francisco on November 28 by the s. s. "Marine Swallow" which is expected to reach Bombay on December 29.

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A busier spot than Bungalow No. 6 cannot be found on Salisbury Park just at present. Pastor Rawson informs us that the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School is enrolling hundreds of students every week. The Poona and Ceylon Schools, we understand, have over 15,000 enrollees. The Poona School is sending out anything from 700 to 800 lessons and more than 400 test papers corrected, graded and mailed each day. Last Sunday 1,200 lessons were mailed. Liberal offerings are also coming in, but more than all this, we rejoice that over 110 students have signed "Yes" to all the Sabbath questions and some have even asked for baptism. Surely this ought to rejoice the hearts of all our believers. However, even as these figures are being written, they are a day old, and by the time they reach our readers, they will be out-of-date. Let us pray for the Voice of Prophecy Bible School here in India.

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Pastors A. F. Tarr, E. D. Thomas and E. M. Meleen are at present spending a few weeks in the Burma Union. While over there they have had a very busy programme visiting the mission stations, attending the annual meetings, and what time has remained, Pastor Tarr has spent auditing the mission books. On November 2, they will attend the opening of our new hospital at Rangoon after which they plan to return to India.

Prior to the opening of the meetings, Pastor Tarr visited north Burma. Due to the floods, travelling was very precarious. When the train could go no farther, Pastor Tarr took to bus, Jeep, car—anything in order to reach our mission station at Maymyo. Of his arrival there late at night he writes, "I arrived at our mission house (Maymyo) just as the folk were going to bed. They could not believe that anyone could have got through, and I was almost like Peter standing at the gate." He continues, "My trip was very interesting, but what a mass of ruins everywhere—railway engines, trucks, bridges, homes, and public buildings. Everywhere one goes in Burma the sights are the same." On the return journey to Rangoon, Tongoo and Sheyaungbin were visited. We hope to give a full report of this trip later.

While in Rangoon, Pastors Tarr and Meleen, together with our Burma brethren, took the opportunity to visit Jubilee Hall and pay homage to the lately

fallen statesmen of Burma. A report of this visit appeared in a number of the newspapers in Burma and we give below the report that appeared in the Tuesday, October 21 issue of the "New Times" of Burma. It reads as follows:

MISSIONARIES AT THE JUBILEE HALL

Seventh-day Adventists Express Profound Sympathy

Leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in Southern Asia have recently arrived in Burma for a conference with members of the Mission here. The delegation consists of Pastor A. F. Tarr, Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Poona, India, and Pastor E. M. Meleen, Educational Secretary.

These Adventist leaders, together with Pastor J. O. Wilson, Superintendent for Burma, Dr. J. Johannes, Medical Secretary, U Pein Gyi, Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. U Ohn of the New Burma Medical Hall, Saw Ah Chu, Secretary of the Sabbath School and 'Youths' Departments, and other local leaders, both Burmese and Karen, visited Jubilee Hall on Sunday morning to pay their respects to Burma's lately fallen statesmen. Laying a wreath to the memory of Bogoyoke U Aung San and his associates, Pastor A. F. Tarr made the following statement:

THE HIGHER POWERS

"We express to the relatives of the fallen ones and to the Burmese people our deep and profound sympathy in the irreparable loss which this great tragedy has placed upon them. Our sympathy is the more profound because of the principles we cherish in our doctrine and teachings, on the duty of each individual to be an obedient, loyal, peace-loving citizen of his country. We hold in reverent regard the Bible admonition. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God."

"We deplore the spirit of lawlessness which destroyed the lives of these great leaders of the nation, and we request the privilege of laying this wreath as an expression from the Seventh-day Adventist Mission in Burma and in Southern Asia, of our sympathy, loyalty and goodwill."

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"O Painter of the fruits and flowers!
We thank Thee for Thy wise design
Whereby these human hands of ours
In Nature's garden work with
Thine."

The above words by the poet Whittier expressed full well the feelings of all who attended the Ninth Annual Flower and Vegetable Show held on Thursday, October 2, in the church school building on Salisbury Park Estate. The vagaries

of the weather had caused the Community Centre to postpone the show from the month of September to the month of October and the display of flowers, fruits and vegetables was most satisfying. The judging was ably carried out by Sisters Bower, Rawson, and Wale in the flower section and Brethren Bower, Hart, and P. D. Enos in the fruit and vegetable section, and Brother Hart conducted the sale of the exhibits at the close of the show. The proceeds of the sale will go to the staging of the 1948 show. The conducting of these shows, instituted many years ago by Brother C. H. Mackett, have proved a great inspiration to our workers on the estate as is borne out by the cosy, friendly appearance of most of the compounds. During the show Pastor L. C. Shepard, estate manager, bore testimony to the great improvement in the appearance of the homes, and assured us we were well on the way to making Salisbury Park a veritable park.

On Sunday, October 19, the prizes were distributed in the Publishing House chapel. C. K. Kurian came first in receiving the largest amount in prize money, with S. K. Poddar second and G. Shinde third. At the close of the distribution, Pastor Mookerjee handed Mrs. Tarr, the president of the Community Centre, a letter which had most opportunely just been received from Brother Mackett, of Beirut, Lebanon. In this letter he sent his good wishes to those interested in the show. He writes: "I was very interested to know that the flower show was still in existence. I was glad to hear that the workers are still maintaining interest in trying to beautify their compounds. I did not think it would be kept up quite so long. It goes to show there was really a good interest in gardening. How I would love to walk in on the day of the show, and I wish you would convey to the workers who are still interested of my personal interest and joy to know that they are still carrying on.... I am sure the estate is looking fine now the monsoon is on. I did love my garden in No. 7, and things grew so nicely in Poona. Since leaving I have not had even a pot full of earth to cultivate, and I have missed it so much. They tell me I will be able to have a garden in Bloemfontein, so I will be looking forward once again to being able to grow some flowers."

Brother Mackett also tells of his plans to pack up again as he has been appointed secretary-treasurer to the South African Union Conference with headquarters at Bloemfontein. Strangely enough Bloemfontein in South Africa is known as, the "City of Flowers," so we feel sure Brother Mackett will be very happy there.

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Word has been received that Miss J. White sailed from England on October 23 on the s. s. "Empire Debin" and will arrive in Bombay on November 20. Miss White has been called to join the editorial department of the 'Oriental Watchman' Publishing House.

TEN-MINUTE SERVICES

Since the first Sabbath of December 1947 has been set aside for the last readings of the Week of Prayer, we are not sending out to the field any Church Missionary Programme for that Sabbath.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

December 20, 1947

WIN ONE

"HE first findeth his own brother... And he brought him to Jesus." John 1:41, 42.

In studying Christ's ministry, one is impressed by the fact that His evangelistic labours were largely of a personal nature, appealing to men and women as individuals. Jesus "had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience." He preached to the Samaritan woman; He gave divine instruction to Martha and Mary; He healed the nobleman's son.

From the calling of His disciples to leave their nets and follow Him as "fishers of men," to the personal appeal to the thief during the last hours of our Saviour's life, the saving of men from sin was the one mission of His life.

This also was the divine formula for the propagation of the gospel to all men in all ages. "With the calling of John and Andrew and Simon, of Philip and Nathanael, began the foundation of the Christian church."—"Desire of Ages," p. 141.

In the case of each of these five disciples, whose experience laid the foundation of the early church, the personal individual method was the means of reaching them. John the Baptist arrested the attention of Andrew and John; Andrew brought his brother, Simon Peter; Philip found Jesus, and immediately became a soul-winner and found Nathanael.

It may be truthfully stated, therefore, that the Christian church had its beginning in a "win-one" movement. It will also end in a "win-one" movement.

Who will join in a "win-one" movement? Just one soul for Christ's kingdom before the end of the year!

—Selected.

December 27, 1947

"PLEASE, DO NOT DISTURB!"

IN HOTEL guest rooms in some countries will be found a card printed in large letters—"Please Do Not Disturb," with a cord for slipping on the outside door-knob, to warn porters, maids, and others that the occupant of the room wishes to enjoy undisturbed slumber. Some members of churches might well be labelled "Do Not Disturb!" By their smugness and indifference, they are saying, "Missionary leader, pastor, do not disturb me."

The world is in desperate straits, and is pleading for a voice of authority to explain and guide. To our people in general should go forth the exhortation of the apostle Paul: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead." Eph. 5:14.

As ambassadors for God, we cannot pass these sleepers and leave them to their fate. We must call to them in no uncertain tones, "Wake up, brethren and sisters, wake up. Sleep no longer... For your own soul's sake, wake up... We are amid the perils of the last days. Greater perils are before us, and yet we are not awake. This lack of activity and earnestness in the cause of God is dreadful. This death stupor is from Satan."—"Christian Service," pp. 80, 81.

Now is the time to "let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."—"Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 14.

—Selected.

December 6, 1947

NEEDED! ENERGETIC LAY MEMBERS

THE business of the church is to win souls. She has no other right to exist. A church with no gain in membership is a church conducting poor business. Poor business is due to lack of good management. Check yourself. Where do you stand?

"The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession she makes, not by the names enrolled upon the church book, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering, faithful workers. Personal interest, and vigilant, individual effort will accomplish more for the cause of Christ than can be wrought by sermons or creeds."—"Review and Herald," Sept. 6, 1881.

"The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration. Oh, I am so full of this subject that I cry to God, 'Raise up and send forth messengers filled with a sense of their responsibility, messengers in whose heart self idolatry, which lies at the foundation of all sin, has been crucified.'"—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 27.

A church without mission activity is a dead church. Let us awake and answer the challenge. To accomplish this task we must have consecrated mission leaders and individual church workers.

—Selected.

December 13, 1947

EVANGELIZING BY MAIL

"WE HAVE no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 22.

We shall not always enjoy the freedom of the press and of the mail. Some day this way will be hedged up. How busy we should be now to scatter our message-filled literature as leaves of autumn! The literature way is the best way—our denomination history proves that. It is the easy way. Any one can participate in the plan. It is the inexpensive way. It delivers its message while we sleep and while we work. It is the convincing way. Precept upon precept, week by week, it carries its message. Thousands of our church members can participate in the plan.

Every church should have a literature mailing hand.

—Selected.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY WORK for the Second Quarters of 1947 and 1946

	Burma Union	Ceylon Mission	Northeast Union	Northwest Union	South India Union	Western India	Totals, 2nd Qr., 1947	Totals, 2nd Qr., 1946	Gain in 1947	Loss in 1947
a. No. Added by Lay Members	—	—	—	15	—	—	15	18	—	3
b. No. Churches and Companies	14	7	49	80	161	16	327	273	54	—
c. No. Churches Sending in Report	2	3	27	39	108	13	192	209	—	17
d. No. Churches Holding First Sabbath Service	3	2	17	32	75	10	139	150	—	11
e. No. Churches Conducting Ten-Minute Sabbath Service	4	3	19	39	89	12	166	173	—	9
f. No. Churches Organized Into Working Bands	—	1	12	45	8	12	79	59	20	—
g. No. Dorcas Societies	—	1	12	31	16	9	69	65	4	—
h. No. Lay Preachers	—	—	17	—	27	—	44	28	16	—
i. Number Reporting	532	293	307	1,321	2,109	240	4,807	4,821	—	14