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An Appeal to **YOU!**

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“**F**AMINE Relief? Just another offering!” did I hear you say? Yes, perhaps, but stay a while and read these few lines telling of actual experiences that have been reported of conditions obtaining in Europe where 30,000,000 children are not getting nearly enough to eat; two-thirds are tuberculin positive and in Poland 50 per cent of the children under seven years of age have rickets. On examination each one of a group of Adventist children was found to be from eleven to twenty pounds underweight!

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me.” These words of the Master are certainly most fitting today. The hungry faces of both young and old look to us in thankfulness and hope: thankfulness for blessing and help in the past; hope that in the long, trying, cold winter ahead we will not fail them.

The story is told of one of our church members who had been thrown into prison and later released. On his release he could get no news of his family who had had to flee for safety and so he started to look for them. Wrapped in rags, his feet in old, torn shoes he sadly and aimlessly wandered around praying for help. In direct answer to his prayer he made contact with our believers in a strange city and through them received of the help we made possible by our gifts in 1947, and later he found his loved ones.



As I write, one of the letters before me says, “If you and the brethren and sisters could see, as I have, the pathetic look of deep gratitude on the faces of those who need and receive your help and could realize the real disaster from which they have been saved, you would be satisfied that no effort and no sacrifice can have been too great. The evidences of malnutrition in Germany can be seen everywhere. Thousands must die this winter if more help is not given.” Are we going to let such calls, such need go unanswered?

Another letter speaks of the pathetically scanty clothes the believers have, most of them made from pieces and patches until it is well-nigh impossible to tell the colour of the original material. Shoes have very little of the uppers left and the soles—what there is of them—are sadly in need of repair. Many have their feet tied up in rags while others don’t even have the rags and just have to do without.

One aged sister writes, “I live in a small attic where it is cold and damp and uncomfortable. My bed has but three legs and for the fourth I put a wooden box under it. My body is stiff from lying in an uncomfortable position. I have never seen such a bed in all my life to say nothing of owning one! Two years ago I put in an application to the government relief for a blanket but have heard nothing of it. Wherever I go they say, ‘We have none.’ Once I applied

SOUTHERN ASIA GOAL For Famine Relief Offering October 23

Northwest India Union	Rs. 2,500
Northeast India Union	2,000
South India Union	2,000
Western India Union	2,000
Burma Union	750
Ceylon Mission	750
Total	Rs. 10,000

“Freely ye have received, freely give.”

for a pair of slippers and was asked my age. Because I am merely sixty-eight I was told 'If you were seventy you might have a chance.' There is no thought of bed linen, towels or anything of that kind—and we grumble at our lot and grudgingly give a mite!

Another sister writing from bombed-out Berlin speaks of the food parcels which are being sent to our believers in Germany and says one cannot fully realize what this means to them. She calls it "the grace of God moving upon the hearts of His children." She tells of the believers who from robust, rosy-cheeked and happy individuals have, from want and deprivation, such as we cannot imagine, now become gray, miserable, and exhausted. Most people, and that applies to most of the members of our churches, can work but only a few short hours—then they have to stop because of weakness. Many of our ministers while preaching find that weakness overcomes them and their train of thought just disappears.

There is so much more that I could say but this article must come to a conclusion. However, let me mention one more instance. This time I will quote from E. E. Cossentine, who spent two months in Germany. He writes: "In one city while standing near an American Army store which sells only to army personnel, a group of soldiers came out eating cookies. A small piece broke off and fell to the ground and



Some hungry children receiving one good meal provided by your gifts last year.

as he passed, a soldier trod on it. As soon as they had gone by a man quickly kneeled down and gathered up the crumbs wetting his fingers in order to pick up any that might otherwise escape him. In the cities I have seen people picking the leaves off trees. To look into their gaunt and hungry faces, to see the inroads that slow starvation is already making, to see children with stomachs distended from malnutrition—all this must challenge our aid."

As you sit down to your bountiful meal and give thanks to God for the food He has given, remember these

hungry children, as it were, pressing their noses against your windowpane, hungry and cold, silently pleading for a little of that which only you can give.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me," is the challenge which comes ringing down through the ages to us today. Are we going to fail our brothers and sisters in this their time of need and distress? Be liberal in your offering and those dear ones will reap the benefit while we, in turn, will share in the blessing of giving.

VINCENT HILL COLLEGE PRESENTS—"ESTHER."

G. B. Hoag.

"IMAGINE singing a cantata for the public at the Savoy Hotel!" The Vincent Hill College students were amazed at the high goal set for them by their chorus leader, Mrs. M. McHenry. But when she made the assignment their amazement reached a higher pitch as almost every member said, "What! learn this whole one-hour-and-a-half cantata by heart! Impossible!" For weeks the hostel halls resounded with "Haman, Haman, long live Haman!" and other portions of the lively "Esther" cantata. Determined persistence and hard practice won the day. In fact, Mrs. McHenry has unearthed more musical talent from Vincent Hill students than the students ever dreamed was there!

On Thursday evening, September 16, in the Savoy Hotel auditorium the Vincent Hill College chorus of over forty voices, presented before a most appreciative audience the sacred cantata "Esther." Parents would have been proud could they have sat in that audi-

torium as I did and listened through those ninety tense minutes as, by solos, duets, trios, male quartette, and choruses, the beautiful story of the book of Esther unfolded. It was impressive. It was splendidly done. As soon as it was over there were enthusiastic words of commendation on the evening's performance. "I enjoyed every minute of the programme," was the unanimous response.

Little did the audience know of the handicaps and obstacles overcome in making possible the presentation that evening. How, only four days before, the student trained for the leading part of Queen Esther, had suddenly been called away; how coughs and colds had tried to discourage more than half of the chorus members; how several had emerged from hospital wards just in time to take part; how the director joined the chorus, taking the queen's part; and how Brother Milton McHenry rose nobly to the occasion and conducted the entire cantata. But in spite

of all handicaps it was remarkably well executed and the whole audience followed the story with captivated interest.

Sister McHenry as Queen Esther, Ian Wylie, the tall, noble King, John Moment as Mordecai, and Billy Boykin taking Haman's part, along with nearly forty other students, accompanied at the piano by Douglas Rutland, are to be commended. At one point in the story thirty children entered sweetly singing the praises of the king and queen. Perhaps the high point in interest was reached when Haman (Billy Boykin) learned from the king (Ian Wylie) that it was not Haman, but Mordecai, who was to be honoured.

The advertising value alone was well worth the effort put forth. Vohra Studios phoned Principal R. E. Rice, requesting the privilege of taking the photographs. The floodlights, highlighting the faces of the wholesome youth of V. H. C., was an inspiration to all. As a result two families in the audience

decided to send their children to our school.

An attractively displayed Dorcas Sale, conducted by Miss Baird, Mrs. Killoway and Miss Matthews, climaxed the evening. Sales amounted to Rs. 112.

Pervaiz Bazliel and Ralph Allen expressed it well when Mrs. Hoag asked them if they enjoyed the cantata. "Yes, we liked it very much." "But didn't you get tired sitting there for nearly two hours?" "Oh, no, Mrs. Hoag; we could have listened to that for another couple of hours." So could we all! Vincent Hill College has presented a religious programme for the public in a most commendable way.

OLD COPIES OF "THE MINISTRY"

ARE you in need of certain old copies of "The Ministry" to complete your sets? If so, this is your opportunity!

The following "Ministry" magazines are yours for the asking. If you are in need of any of the following numbers to make your sets complete, write to:

Pastor C. A. Boykin
S. D. A. Mission
36, Park Street,
Calcutta, W. BENGAL.

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November	11	1	1940
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May	5	1	"
October	10	1	"
February	2	1	1943
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January	2	1	1945
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

IN a letter recently written by Elder J. A. Stevens to Elder E. D. Thomas he says:

"Thank God we are connected with a growing work. That is patent so far as the Sabbath school is concerned. Our statistical reports quarter by quarter indicate the fast-growing expanse of our movement as it reaches out everywhere into new areas. And we are growing within the Sabbath school organization—in needs and in efficiency—to meet those needs. *Sabbath school teachers and division leaders are eager for better methods, better plans.

"The ideal channel for passing on these 'helps' is 'The Sabbath School Worker.' It is the court of final appeal for Sabbath school workers wherever English is read, and its counsel and suggestions have done, and are doing, much to mould our Sabbath schools along right lines. But it is restricted in its work by lack of space for even greater helpfulness. Much is lost to the field because we cannot visualize certain features that must be presented by illustration if they are to be understood. We should greatly amplify material for the children's divisions, and even the general articles should cover a wider field of Sabbath school interests.

"Because of this we have approached the publishers with a request to enlarge the 'Sabbath School Worker' to forty-eight pages. This will allow fifty per cent more space for illustration of such important features as sand table set-ups, flannelgraph use, more detailed instruction for the Sabbath school services in every division, and a wider variety of articles for officers, etc. There will be a slight increase in cost. Singles to overseas addresses will be Rs. 6-15, and clubs of two or more to one address will be Rs. 5-11. The increased size requires increased postage.

"North America has quite unanimously approved the enlargement of the 'Sabbath School Worker.' We hope it may receive your approval, also, because we desire to make the magazine more international in its scope. Accordingly we want your best Sabbath school workers to write articles for the 'Sabbath School Worker.' We pay a modest price as a token of appreciation to those who write articles accepted for publication of not less than three pages of double-spaced typewritten matter. And we want articles on every phase of Sabbath school work. We need a constant stream of articles. And we can use some dialogues on Investment services, poems on birthday offerings, thirteenth Sabbath offerings, and Rally Day programmes, etc.

"We appreciate the 'Sabbath School Worker' circulation in your field, and hope 'A Bigger and Better Sabbath School Worker' will result in an even greater circulation. We hope to launch

the new 'Sabbath School Worker' with the January 1949, issue."

Pastors, evangelists, and school teachers are much helped by the "Sabbath School Worker." Since this letter is self-explanatory I shall not make further comment. Please send in your order to the "Oriental Watchman Publishing House," through your Book Depot as early as possible.

E. D. Thomas.

*The officers require information concerning the best methods of administration.

SPICER MISSIONARY COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

O. S. Matthews, Registrar.

THE 1949 Summer School will be held from March 15 to June 21. These are suggestive dates, and appear to be the best that could be arranged to suit the entire Division programme. Classes will be held six days a week. The Summer School is primarily planned for the benefit of secondary teachers and administrators but others also will find it helpful and will have opportunity to earn college credits either towards the completion of a Junior or a Senior college course. This note is being sent out early so as to give those interested in attending Summer School and school boards and committees ample time in which to make all necessary plans and arrangements for the summer session.

Classes to be offered are:

1. Fundamentals of Teaching
High School English 2 hrs.
2. Bible (Prophets) 2 "
3. History of Indian
Education 2 "
4. Science Survey 2 "
5. Secondary Maths.
Survey 2 "
6. History—Problems in
World Politics 2 "
7. School Home Administration
..... 2 "

This list may be modified according to the demand. If there are any suggestions concerning this list, please send them in immediately. Round table discussions regarding various school problems will also be arranged. It is also planned that visiting speakers be invited to lecture on special topics.

A person will be permitted to register up to a maximum of six hours of classroom credit for the summer's work. Other classes may be audited if permission is obtained.

General inquiries concerning the Summer School may be addressed to Pastor C. A. Schutt, Director of Summer School, Spicer Missionary College, Aundh Road, Poona 3.

SHARING THE JOYS

G. B. Hoag

"I DO want to share the ministry of God and the joys of the Lord's work," writes one of our lay members who, until now, has been running his own prosperous but worldly business. "I want to spend the rest of my life in the propagation of God's message," he continued. We read from the Spirit of prophecy that "Not one in a hundred among us is doing anything beyond engaging in common worldly enterprises. We are not half awake to the worth of the souls for whom Christ died."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 148. "Labour not for the meat which perisheth," says Jesus. "but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." But some of our good folk say, "Oh, I'm doing a big real estate business," or, "I'm in the egg-selling business," or, "I've a good-paying position with the Sabbath off." or, "I've got my father's paddy fields to look after, how can I give up this and do God's work? If I did, what could I do in the mission?"

Why, the canvassing work, of course. "God has ordained the canvassing work. ... This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time. ... Properly conducted it is missionary work of the highest order. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 5.

One young man applying for colporteur work said, "I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." But the call I would extend to you here is for a line of labour that is, if properly done, "equal to that of the gospel minister" and is "missionary work of the highest order" and of the greatest importance, upon which hangs the weightiest consequences.

Colporteur evangelism is the most profitable business on earth. It pays twice—both here and in the hereafter. Your present employment may not be paying you what you are really worth. The colporteur work will repay you every anna you are worth PLUS added enjoyment and satisfaction obtainable nowhere else in worldly work. With minimum experience one can easily average one, two, or three sales a day. This represents an average of Rs. 50 a day depending upon what books or periodicals you choose to sell. Our colporteurs are doing this right along—even young, inexperienced students. For a twenty-five-day month this means Rs. 1,250 in sales. It would mean to most people a quite acceptable monthly income on the commission basis. One brother recently wrote, "I am doing well in my present work, but

I know I could earn much more in the canvassing work and be in the Lord's service besides."

There is no happier work. Personally I am happiest of all when I am out in the field selling our gospel literature. When the Saviour appears in the skies over Southern Asia one day soon to translate His saints to a better, brighter world, I can think of nothing I would rather be found doing than to be in some home doing my best to persuade the people to purchase our truth-filled Bible books that would help them to find a place in that same heavenly home.

Don't you desire to do this delightful work, too? "My brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for labourers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?"—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 33.

"Yes, I'll try," said a sister recently. Indeed, that is all the Lord expects of any of us. And when we "try" and really do our best then it is up to the Lord to pour out the promised blessings. And will the Lord ever fail? No, never. All heaven is anxiously waiting to cooperate with you as you take up this thrilling soul-saving missionary work of the highest order.

But "Satan is now seeking to hold God's people in a state of inactivity, to keep them from acting their part in spreading the truth."—"Christian Service," p. 37. Don't let him hold you back any longer. Let every Adventist awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature and devote more time to this work. Let many give themselves willingly and unselfishly to the canvassing work. We haven't much time. The end is near. We must act quickly. Many will perish if we refuse. The gates of heaven will open wide if we accept. Why not volunteer at once for service as a colporteur evangelist?

EVANGELISTIC PROGRESS
IN MAYMYO

ANOTHER successful evangelistic effort is reaching a climax in Maymyo. Six people are definitely planning to take part in the first baptism to be held. Eleven more are keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism in the near future. Others are studying and we pray that their interest will grow and that they too will join the remnant church.

The evangelistic campaign was launched on May 15 in our neatly constructed "Bible Auditorium" made from an army hut. Lectures were held three nights a week in Burmese and three nights a week in English. Thra Ah Chu, the Union Sabbath School and

Missionary Volunteer secretary, was loaned to us to lead out in the Burmese meetings. A good interest was shown from the first as the "Bible Auditorium" became the talk of the town. On the second Sunday night a capacity crowd of 167 were present to hear the subject "The Atomic Bomb and Armageddon." Communist activities in the community soon caused our attendance to decrease somewhat, people being afraid to come out after dark. It became necessary to begin cottage meetings to follow up the interest. In order to have more time for the follow-up work, after the fifth week we decided to conduct the English meeting on Sunday nights only. Thra Ah Chu continued his Burmese meeting three nights a week as it was necessary for him to get back to his duties in Rangoon as soon as possible.

About the middle of July the Burmese meetings were closed by Thra Ah Chu and he left for Rangoon shortly afterward. A good interest developed during these meetings and it is being followed up. On the last night of the meetings four stood up indicating a desire to be baptized. We appreciate the good help which Thra Ah Chu gave us and only wish he could have stayed with us longer.

We expect to continue Sunday night meetings in English until November. By then we hope to bring several who are still hesitating to a decision.

Our cottage meetings are proving very successful. We are holding six separate cottage meetings at present in various locations in the town. The attendance varies from six to over twenty. We expect to see several baptized from these meetings. In this way we are reaching a number who would not be able to come to the public meetings because of distance. With several, private Bible studies are proving very effective.

The offerings and book depot sales, totalling Rs. 341-9-0 to date, have been encouraging and will go a long way toward defraying the expenses of the effort.

This effort, like most other efforts, has had its full share of difficulties, opposition, disappointments, and just plain work. Our diligent advertising campaign was counteracted by a diligent campaign of the enemy. After we had spent valuable time and money in putting up posters in all the conspicuous places, we found as we toured the town that the opposition had missed only a few in their "pulling down" campaign. The monsoon rain has discouraged many a stout-hearted one from venturing out to hear the lectures no doubt. The occasional shots of a Communistic attack and the lawlessness of the evening hours have discouraged others. But we are not discouraged for God has poured out His Spirit upon the people of Burma. Through His help we expect a rich harvest of souls here in Maymyo.

P. A. Parker.

LAUNCHING THE "MARGA DARSI"

I. Subushanam. Field Missionary Secretary
North and South Telugu Missions.

THE Telugu Colporteur Institute was held at Narsapur from September 1 to 6 when all the workers and the colporteurs gathered together to be instructed by the Division and Union Publishing secretaries on the modern methods of salesmanship. Willingness to co-operate, and determination to spread the message-filled literature in the villages and towns where we have no living preacher, were manifested.

Colporteurs and workers had long looked for the day when they could handle the Telugu magazine. It had been talked about for many years, but definite plans were laid during this year and Brother Ch. B. William was appointed editor for the magazine. He went to Poona and was soon busy gathering material for the magazine which was to be issued on September 1. For years the Telugu colporteurs had practically no literature in the vernacular and as a result, literature evangelism did not prosper as it should in Andhra Desa. Therefore, the workers and the leaders of the Telugu missions are thankful to the workers in the publishing house for the lovely magazine they have put out so quickly for the Andhra Desa.

Great was the joy of the colporteurs and the workers when Pastor Shepherd from the publishing house brought and showed the first issue of "Marga Darsi" ("The Pathfinder"), a magazine for health, home and happiness. We are thankful to the Lord for this magazine and hope it may be a real "pathfinder" to many in the darkness of sin that they may be led to the "Light of the World"—Jesus Christ. We were reminded of the day when Elder James White sent out the first issue of the "Present Truth" and we felt we were walking in the footsteps of the pioneers. A call to consecration was given and a special prayer was offered that the "Marga Darsi" be used of God for the spreading of the truth to the 40,000,000 Andhras occupying one-third of the area of India.

Pastor A. J. Johanson, the Division Publishing Department secretary, conducted the first morning devotional service and from day to day inspired those in attendance. He also instructed us in Christian salesmanship and Christian business methods.

Pastor L. C. Shepherd, from his long experience in India, was able to bring to the workers a spirit of courage and determination. He gave us many practical lessons and demonstrations on "approach" and "close" which were of much benefit to those who were going out with the magazine.

We were privileged to have Pastor Mattison from the Union with us at the time of the institute to advise and

counsel us before we went out into the field. He conducted the evening services bringing new zeal and hope to us all. Every worker went from the institute determined to work hard and evangelize the territory given to him.

The help given by the assistant Field Missionary secretary, Brother J. Japanagnam and the local Field Missionary secretaries, Brethren D. M. Joshua and M. P. David of the Tamil and Kanarese missions was very much appreciated.

An interesting symposium was conducted by the colporteurs on the Sabbath afternoon. Different experiences of how souls were saved, Government officials contacted, and religious books accepted were related and every one enjoyed and was much benefited by these thrilling experiences.

From the North and South Telugu Missions, including the new recruits, forty-nine workers and colporteurs went out with the "Marga Darsi" to raise 6,000 subscriptions. From the reports on hand we have every confidence that this goal will be reached before the six weeks' campaign is over. Every worker is doing his utmost to reach his individual goal and thus reach the Mission goal. The interest in the field is great and our colporteurs collected almost 200 subscriptions before the first issue of the magazine was published! Pastor Johanson could give only one week's help in the leading towns. Brother Japanagnam is at present working with some of the colporteurs in the North Telugu Mission and the writer has completed his itinerary in the South Telugu Mission and is starting for the North Telugu Mission.

As we endeavour to enter the thousands of homes in the Andhra Desa with the "Marga Darsi" and the story of the soon-coming Saviour, the TIDINGS family is requested to remember this campaign in their prayers.

SABBATH SCHOOL RALLY DAYS AROUND BANGALORE

I. K. Moses.

SABBATH School Rally Day was an important event for the Bangalore churches. Sabbath school workers in these churches enthusiastically put themselves to the task and told us how the Sabbath school was foremost in the task of evangelism.

On Sabbath August 14 a special meeting was arranged in the church at 9 Cunningham Road in the afternoon when the visitors from the Division and the local missions, who had come for a meeting of the Union committee, spoke on some of the vital aspects of the Sabbath school. The guest speaker of the

hour was Elder A. L. Ham our Division president, and he was followed by the Union officers and the local men. The subjects selected by these speakers were on

The Importance of the Sabbath School.
The Relationship of the Church to the Sabbath School.

The Contribution Offerings Make to the Sabbath School.

The Sabbath School Daily Lesson Study.

The Sabbath School A Soul-Winning Agency.

Special items of music were given between the speeches and at the close of the meeting we felt we had had a good day together and only wished the meeting had continued a little longer.

Lowry Memorial High School is in no way behind in the activities of the Sabbath school. It was my privilege to be present for the Rally Day programme which was arranged for Sabbath, September 4.

The speakers had taken real pains to give accurate and valuable information about the progress of the Sabbath school in South India and the spiritual value the different aspects of the Sabbath school brought to the student. Special emphasis was made in the speeches by the various ones that the Sabbath school, in spite of all its so-called ceremonial activities, should be an evangelizing agency ever going onward in its soul-saving work.

It was pointed out that the opportunities as they presented themselves these days were unsurpassed and that doors are wide open for us to go and give our message to the people.

The students of the school were encouraged to give their best attention to the improvement of the Sabbath school work such as the opening of branch Sabbath schools, showing diligence in the study of the Bible, and the support of the work by free-will offerings, however little they might be able to contribute.

We are sure that the influence exerted by those in charge of the school will tend to strengthen the spiritual life of the students and stabilize them in the message.

The words of the Spirit of prophecy "The Sabbath school is one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effective in bringing souls to Christ," were used to bring the meeting to a successful close.

"THE SPICERIAN"

NOTICE: Will subscribers to the "Spicerian" please send all subscriptions to Mr. G. J. Christo, c/o The Treasurer, Spicer Missionary College, Kirkee, Poona 3.

MRS. GEORGIA BURGESS—PIONEER MISSIONARY TO INDIA

THE sad news has just reached us that Mrs. Georgia Burgess, widow of the late Elder L. J. Burgess, died at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, California, U. S. A. on September 19, 1948.

As the first permanent missionary to India—a lone young lady from California, U. S. A., Miss Georgia Burrus came out to India, via London, on the twenty-third of January, 1895. Upon leaving America, she expected to join Elder D. A. Robinson and family in London and come out with them. However, when she arrived in London, she learned that Elder Robinson was not planning on going to India for a year or more. So, with true pioneer spirit, Georgia Burrus decided to venture the voyage alone in order that she might study the language during that year of waiting.

She then wrote to the Mission Board proposing that if her fare were paid to Calcutta she would serve as a self-supporting missionary during the year that she would be alone in India. The boat reached the pier in Calcutta docking on the afternoon of January 23, 1895. Miss Burrus, after landing, hired a third-class carriage and then began a search for a suitable lodging place within her means. Just as the sun was setting she found a place where she could obtain board and room temporarily until she could discover a permanent place of abode.

That first night as Miss Burrus stood looking out of the window of her room, she watched the strange faces and listened to the discordant sounds of a foreign land and a feeling of nostalgia swept over her. Taking her burden to the All-Father, she said: "O Father, I feel so lonely and homesick, I don't know what to do." "From that time on," she wrote, "the weight of homesickness and loneliness lifted from my heart, and I realized that I was not alone in India—for my Saviour was still with me.... That was my first and last experience of homesickness during the years I spent in India."

Miss Burrus laboured indefatigably and unselfishly, always sacrificing her comforts for the sake of the cause of God in India. She led a very simple life, eating and dressing in accordance with her strict code of how a missionary should live. She also went about in a very simple way and thus endeared herself to one and all who knew her

and who came in contact with her. She always had a smile for everyone and took the burden of giving the message to the unwarned of India very seriously. The writer came in contact with her from the beginning of her sojourn in India right up to the end and can testify that if anyone on this earth was ready for Heaven, she was.

After a few years of labour in India, Miss Burrus found a true help-meet in Luther J. Burgess. They were united in marriage about 1902 or 1903 in the Free School Street Hall after the close of a Sabbath service, Elder John L. Shaw, the then Superintendent of the India Union Mission, officiating.

After their simple wedding, Elder and Mrs. L. J. Burgess pioneered the work first at Garhwal, (U. P.), and then at Ranchi, (Bihar), and in Shillong, (Assam).

Mrs. Burgess spoke the Bengali language fluently and had a good working knowledge of Hindi. In the writer's opinion, none of our foreign missionaries mastered an Indian language as thoroughly as did Mrs. Burgess.

She lived for India and sacrificed all for India. In the end, as she could not stand the heat of the Indian plains, nor the altitude of the hills on account of the condition of her heart, she and her husband retired to America after about forty years of toil, hardship and sacrifice in the land they loved so well.

Our dear sister indeed walked with God. She passed away about two and a half years after her husband's death, at about the age of eighty-four. We are informed that Elder F. M. Burgess conducted the funeral service.

Now the tired warrior sleeps from the battle "until the day break and the shadows flee away." It will not be long before those of us for whom our dear sister laboured in India and whose lives were influenced by her true Christ-like character, will meet and greet her in the earth made new, if we but remain true and loyal to the message. Then this veteran pioneer missionary shall see of the travail of her soul and shall be satisfied.

"O, be watchful, be hopeful, be joyful till then,
And a crown of bright glory we'll wear."

L. G. Mookerjee.

"Whereas, There is no General Conference Department fostering the Investment Fund plan, and believing there are resources in this plan which will greatly increase the mission offerings,

"We recommend, That this fund be known as the Sabbath School Investment Fund, that the Sabbath school department become responsible for the promotion of the plan and that all money received on the Investment Fund be added to the regular Sabbath school offerings to missions; it being understood that the money received as the result of these investments shall not interfere with the offerings now being given, but shall be an addition thereto."

I well remember the time when we first started the Investment Fund in the Southern Asia Division. We invested pieces of land, plants, trees, cows, goats, chickens, etc. The Lord blessed the coconut trees, the banana, papaya, and orange trees; some of which had never borne fruit until they were invested for Jesus. We have a wonderful Saviour who blessed those trees so remarkably that they brought forth a rich harvest. In the Telugu field nearly every family invested a chicken, which brought forth in due time an average of Rs. 7-8 per family. Some kept their needles busy, making many useful little things and thus swelled the investment offering. Others made and sold sweets, and collected old tin cans and newspapers and sold them, giving the proceeds to the Investment offering. Thus the good work has been kept going. In many places twice or more a year an Investment programme is given and offerings raised in various ways.

It may be of interest to know how the Lord has blessed the Investment offering in the Southern Asia Division.

The Sabbath School Investment Offering:

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
1925	232-12	1937	1,940- 9
1926	800-14	1938	1,978- 4
1927	901- 3	1939	1,592-15
1928	1,117- 6	1940	1,979-13
1929	1,290-14	1941	1,777-13
1930	1,651-13	1942	1,908- 8
1931	1,933-10	1943	2,428- 3
1932	1,941- 8	1944	3,267- 0
1933	1,500- 0	1945	3,398- 6
1934	1,952- 5	1946	3,622- 1
1935	1,685- 6	1947	4,113- 5
1936	1,432- 9	1948	1,628- 1
1936	1,432- 9	1948	(2 qrs.) 1,628- 1

TOTAL Rs. 45,075- 2

THE SABBATH SCHOOL INVESTMENT OFFERING

FOR some years a plan had been in vogue for increasing the offerings to missions by investing money or labour. The increase on the original investment was devoted to missions. In some conferences in America this plan

was promoted by the conference officers, in others by the Sabbath school department, and in still others by the other departmental officers. In the spring of 1925 the following action was taken by the General Conference:

Let us keep up the good work and show an increase each year. It would be nice if each one of the readers could take a little time today to see what she or he has done toward the Investment Fund this year.

E. D. Thomas.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NUZVID

K. Gopalarao

SINCE last reporting, two students—Brother P. C. Biswas from Bengal and Sister Jessie Muthammal from the Tamil nad—have enrolled in the first year classes at the Giffard Mission Hospital School of Nursing. Regular class work is going on at full swing and we wish each and every student complete success in their studies.

Brother M. Amirtham, from the Bangalore Union office, spent about two weeks here bringing the hospital books up to date. He gave some very fine devotional studies to the student group during the evening worship hour which were greatly appreciated by all concerned. The students greatly benefited by these timely messages.

The Superintendent Matron from Madras paid us a visit on the 8th of August for the purpose of inspecting the Hospital School of Nursing. She said that she was very pleased with the fine set up of the hospital and the high scholastic standard that the school of nursing was maintaining. She was impressed with the sobriety and industry, orderliness and friendliness that pervade here. In a personal interview with the students she remarked that they were very fortunate to have such good facilities and a fine library with many and various volumes of nursing and medical books open for their use. She said that many schools that she visited did not have as good a library as our school has here. Then going on to the question of living quarters she remarked that the girls' hostel was ideal and not lacking in anything and that the boys were housed in excellent quarters too. She assured us that she would present our school report aright to the Madras Nurses' and Midwives' Council when it met in November. She was very much impressed by the loyalty of the staff to the hospital, when in speaking to one of the students, the student said, "in our hospital we have one relative stay with a patient because they come from villages afar and are afraid to stay alone." The visitor said, "in our hospital!" How fine that feeling of "belonging" is for student employee and institution!

Miss Mildred Bradley passed in her Hindi examination for which she recently appeared. We extend to her our hearty congratulations.

Miss Chandramanikyam, graduate nurse of Scudder Memorial Hospital of Ranipet has joined our staff.

Recent visitors to the hospital were Pastor Ham, Pastor Johanson, Pastor and Mrs. Mattison, Mr. D. M. Joshua, Mr. and Mrs. Japanagnam and Mrs. S. Jesudass. We are very happy to have visitors like this once in a while and to listen to the messages they give. The Dorcas Society in particular was very happy to welcome Mrs. Mattison, the Union Dorcas leader. Our Dorcas sisters were definitely benefited by her visit.

A Sabbath School Investment Sale took place here on September 16, 1948. There were various items for sale. Many patients and their relatives were in attendance and the proceedings amounted to a little over Rs. 100. We thank all who have taken active part in making this a success.

We did not open our clinic one afternoon after three because we went away from the hospital compound to a nearby lake for a game and supper.

The patronage of the hospital has been very encouraging during the past two months. We have never had as heavy clinics as we have had during the past two months, the morning clinics extending up to half past two and the evening clinics up to seven on some days. In the month of September we reached our pinnacle—106—in the matter of our daily census.

There was an outbreak of a kind of fever epidemic, diagnosed as "fever of unknown origin," in the hospital family. With the exception of a very few, all the members of the hospital family contracted this fever. At the time of writing there are four in bed in the hospital, but we are very thankful to the Lord for sparing the lives of all these people. We hope and pray that those who are in bed now will soon be on their feet again.

May we ever remain true and faithful to Him and be ready to meet Him when He comes to take His children home.

SOULS WON IN BURMA

SABBATH September 25th was another "high day" in the Maymyo church. On Sabbath afternoon, seven precious souls were buried in baptism at the beautiful Maymyo lake. These are the first fruits of the evangelistic meetings which have been going on for some time.

At the Sabbath morning service a call was made for those who have definitely decided to take part in the next baptism which is planned for early in November. Six responded to this call. There are a number of others who are already keeping the Sabbath and planning on future baptisms.

The interest is increasing from week to week and more requests for Bible studies than can be taken care of are made. We are glad to see a large interest among the Roman Catholics. Two of the number baptized were Catholics and six others are taking Bible studies. God is causing many honest-hearted people to think for themselves and to study the Bible. God is blessing the work here in Maymyo. Since the church was organized on October 4, 1947, twenty-three precious souls have been baptized into the church. The future is bright for a large group more to come into God's remnant church before the end of the year.

P. A. Parker.

AT REST

SUNDARAO—P. Sundarao was born on March 20, 1894 and died on August 3, 1948. He was baptized into the Adventist faith in 1920 by Pastor H. L. Peden. After a period of training at the South India Training School, he entered our work as teacher-evangelist in which work he continued until his death.

Meanwhile, death had twice laid its icy hand on his home. In 1942 Sister Sundarao, who had been associated with him in the work, was laid to rest. After having continued in the work sadly and alone for a season, he remarried, but was permitted to enjoy the partnership for only a year when his second wife also was taken away. Sorrow and lack of home help made inroads on his health to such a degree that he was sent to Madras for hospital treatment under which he seemed to improve. Returning to his work in the North Telugu Mission he threw himself wholeheartedly into it, co-operating in the Uplift and other campaigns to the best of his ability. But the strain was too much, and he was returned to the Madras hospital in May, 1948, from which he did not return. His body was laid to rest in Madras.

Though Brother Sundarao is not with us now, the influence of his life and service still remains. He was a staunch Adventist and a conscientious worker. In many villages we see the results of his work where many of his converts are faithful members of the church and some are engaged as workers. He was one of the pioneers among the Telugu people and his departure will be felt as a loss to the cause. Two young sons, orphaned by Brother Sundarao's death, are left to mourn, as well as a host of relatives and friends. Blessed is he that dies in the hope of a glorious resurrection. Ch. M. Krupavaram.

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GLEANINGS

Doctors Nigel and Elmira Buxton, after extended leave in England, returned by air to Surat on October 2.

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After several months service at Surat Hospital, Doctor Bazziel has again returned to Nuzvid where he is enjoying a visit with his family.

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Brother D. S. Johnson and family arrived in Bombay on October 1, from the United States on the s. s. "Borneo." We are pleased to have them here in Poona while they await a passage to Karachi. Brother Johnson will be in charge of our school at Chuharkana and we wish both he and Sister Johnson every success as they begin another term of service.

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Dr. R. V. Shearer and family also arrived on the s. s. "Borneo" on October 1. Within thirty-six hours of landing a little daughter was added to this family! They leave Poona on October 12, to sail to Calcutta. Dr. Shearer will engage in medical work in the North-east India Union. We hope their stay in India will be a fruitful and happy one.

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We are glad to have word that Brother C. H. Hamel has recovered from his recent serious illness and is almost his old self again.

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The Annual Meeting of the East Punjab Mission was held at Jullunder from the 6th to the 9th of October, and the North United Province Mission Annual Meeting from the 11th to the 16th at Hapur. Pastors E. D. Thomas and A. E. Rawson and Mrs. A. L. Ham from the Division family have attended.

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Pastor E. M. Meleen left Poona on October 12 and Brother J. L. Shannon on October 13 to attend Vincent Hill College minority meeting.

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We were happy to hear from Brother H. G. Woodward and to know that he had a safe journey home. He writes as follows: "The journey home was splendid. In spite of the fact that we were frequently dodging a typhoon I experienced no discomfort and visited the dining room without a single absence... We stayed one week in Manila and I was made happy when our brethren from the Union office came to the boat and invited me to stay the time with them. They treated me royally, and I much enjoyed my stay. ... I shall ever have happy memories of India, the land for which we have given so many of the years of our lives. And

the brief time I was there in Poona, attending the Poona church, was a happy time. We shall not forget you good folk who are still there."

COMMENTARY ON THE "MORNING WATCH" FOR 1949

FOR two or three years now the "Review and Herald" have published a commentary on the "Morning Watch." The subject for 1949 is "MY LORD AND I" by H. M. Tippett. These commentaries and daily devotional studies have been very greatly appreciated by our people in India. Will those who desire the book for 1949, please order at once so that we can have them posted directly to you from the United States. In this way Import Licence difficulties will be eliminated. Price: Rs. 3-5-0 in cloth, boxed and in De Luxe binding, Rs. 5.

L. C. SHEPARD.

OPPOSITION IN BIHAR

IN THE beginning of 1948 our District leader in the Munda field in the Bihar Mission started his meetings in a selected place. Before erecting the meeting shed, the workers asked about a good place to have it. The opposition element in the village very helpfully suggested a place. Our workers went to work at the suggested site not knowing that it was supposed to be a haunted place. As the work progressed people began to tell the evangelist that no one would come to that place. They said many things trying to discourage our evangelistic workers. Our evangelist told them with his winning smile that they had prayed about this matter and that they felt that it was the right place. The first night our workers were surprised to find the meeting place full—350 persons were present. The next night there were 500 and this number kept on coming. Then the persons who formerly had tried to discourage our workers said, "Why did you build this place so small?"

The worker replied, "You are to blame for you tried so hard to discourage us by saying that no one would come."

Because of our meetings a Lutheran preacher began meetings in his place and he told his people and the other villagers not to attend our meetings. Such propaganda only helped to arouse the curiosity of the people as to why they should not go to our meetings. As our meetings continued, the Lutheran preacher sent some theological students

who were home on vacation to spy on us. They dressed up like poor, simple villagers and came to our meetings. Our workers saw through the disguise and one of our lay members from a neighbouring village decided to spy on the students and listened to their conversation. He soon found out that the students were deeply impressed by the meetings. They apparently were convinced by what they saw and heard just as the Roman soldiers were when they went to take Jesus prisoner. Today one of those students is taking regular studies from the evangelist. Yes, God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform—hearts are touched and lives are changed.

O. A. Skau.

INVESTMENT SALE AT S. M. C.

WE ARE happy to be able to make this brief, yet encouraging report of the Investment Sale held at S. M. C. on September 12.

The long looked forward to, and much planned for day arrived, and at 5 p.m. the sale was opened with prayer by Pastor C. A. W. Ritchie. The spacious and tastefully decorated school dining hall was used for the occasion. Stalls were neatly arranged toward the front of the hall and were attended by members of the staff, and students, who in many cases had also provided the food they were serving. The variety of food seen at the various stalls was ample evidence of the desire of the organizers to cater to every taste. There were curries of every kind, coconut rice, bajies, pies, Indian sweets, and a number of Burmese dishes, only to mention a few of the good things in evidence.

Very soon the dining hall was a scene of lively interest as people moved about from stall to stall, and from stall to table, and back again, and visited with friends. We were happy to have with us a number of our friends and old-students from Salisbury Park. Supper was followed by a short and appropriate programme.

Introductory talk: Mrs. B. Lowry
Prayer: Pastor C. A. W. Ritchie
Money received through Investment plan from 1925 to 1947: Pastor E. D. Thomas

Mixed Quartette: Students
Recitation: Manoranjan Baroya
Violin Solo: Sam Gaw
Dialogue: Investment Thoughts—Boys
Recitation: Premila D. Ohol
Vocal Solo: Mr. D. G. Bower.

Thus, with the Lord's blessings, another very happy and successful Investment Sale was brought to an end at S. M. C. A total profit of Rs. 100-13-0 was realized for the Investment Fund.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lowry and her band of faithful workers, and others who contributed towards the success of the Investment Sale. Well done!

O. S. Matthews.