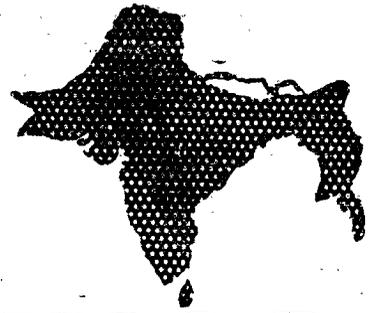


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CONFESSING CHRIST

John W. Halliday

WHAT freedom from sin, what peace in the heart, what joy in the soul, what satisfaction of mind, what power to live aright, and what a hope of heaven come into the life when one confesses Christ openly before the world! These are the results of definitely choosing to follow Christ. As we hold fast to our decision we are led to confess Him openly, because our whole nature has been brought under His control. So it has been truly and helpfully said:

"Many are inquiring, 'How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?' You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God can not accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can *choose* to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 51, 52.

Confessing Christ involves the confession of our sins, for they must be put away and the soul be cleansed and forgiven. So the apostle John says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. The promise of salvation for those who confess the Lord Jesus is clearly and emphatically stated by the apostle Paul: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from dead, *thou shalt be saved*. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Rom. 10:9, 10. Jesus Himself earnestly encourages us to confess Him before men and He promises to confess us before God if we do: "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32. Christ also gave us His own personal example of faithfulness in confessing under the most trying circumstances before Pilate, to the truth concerning Himself, for we read, "Christ Jesus, . . . before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession." 1 Timothy 6:13. How able He is, therefore, to strengthen and enable all to confess Him freely and faithfully, even the weakest of the weak!

When Dwight L. Moody was holding evangelistic meetings in Norway, a little boy's heart was touched with the love of Jesus and His great salvation, and he longed to confess Him openly. Hardly a word of English could he speak, but he made the attempt, and got up and made his way down to the front. Then tremblingly, as his eyes filled with tears and trickled down his face, he said: "If I tell the world about Jesus, He will tell the Father about me." His heartfelt words sank deeply into the hearts of all, and touched a responsive chord there, as in so few words he told what it meant to him to confess Jesus as his Saviour, which he did then and there openly.

So is it also with many others who tremble on the brink of salvation, fearful of losing the forgiveness, cleansing, and peace they so long for. The heart of Jesus goes out in tender sympathy toward them, and by His Holy Spirit He draws compassionately near to strengthen them to step out nobly on His side, assuring them that if they did He would indeed confess them before His Father in heaven! The hearts of some are deeply moved by His compassionate love and longing desire to set them free to confess Him openly as His dear followers and they say out of the depths of their own hearts with childlike sincerity and responsive love, "If I tell the world about Jesus, He will tell the Father about Me." They make up their minds! They will accept Christ, they will trust in Him, and they will confess Him, their fixed decision being, "I will tell the world about Jesus, I will confess Him freely before all!

"I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursed load;
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious,
Till not a stain remains."

What a joy must thrill the great heart of God as He beholds His new-born child confessing his dear Saviour! What joy must overflow from the heart of Jesus Himself, as He beholds another soul rescued from the

clutches of sin! And what triumphant joy must peal forth from all the angelic host before the throne, as they hear the glad tidings of another soul set free for the kingdom of eternal glory because he had confessed Christ! No wonder heaven's arches ring with their shouts of praise and songs of joy!

Glory! glory! how the angels sing:
Glory! glory! how the loud harps ring;

'Tis the heav'nly army, like a mighty sea,
Pealing forth the anthem of the free.



VOICE OF PROPHECY CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

SOME TESTIMONIES

THE world is in confusion. The church is experiencing the sifting process. We are on the verge of the time when the world is to be lightened with God's glory and thousands are to be converted to the truth, to take the crowns of those who fall out by the way.

Truly we need to heed the counsel "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11. At the same time we need to rejoice that out of the darkness precious souls are shining forth as the following letters reveal.

1. A Hindu gentleman, M.A., B.L., Ph.D. (Edin), professor of English of the Post Graduate Dept. of English, of Herbert College, Kotah, writes:

"I am very grateful for your kind reply to my queries on the nature of the Godhead. The answers are quite convincing. I also agree with you when you say that we should not examine too closely into this matter which is most sacrosanct.

"I am thankful to you for your kind prayers and good wishes.

"I am faced with a grave problem in the personal testimony attached to Lesson 21. I am ready to accept Jesus as my personal Saviour. My mind is not yet decided on the question of "all-sufficient." But I keep an open mind, and am open to all suggestions of spiritual culture and uplift. I hold Christ in the highest reverence, and bow down my head before Him. I am in desperate need of His grace and mercy.

"I am faced with a still graver problem in Lesson 22. I am not ready for standing before the Judgment-Seat. This idea never struck me. I am grateful to you for having set me thinking seriously on this question of my life and death. I do not know the way to get ready, and I need light and guidance on this very important topic.

"Your lessons have set many spiritual chords vibrating in me. But a feeling of utter wretchedness and misery overpowers me. I am a poor sinner before my Maker. How can I have the strength to meet Him and receive His pardon and grace? These problems are steeped in darkness and mystery before me. God's light alone can illumine my path."

2. A Mohammedan gentleman, M.A., LL.B., Ph.D., D.P.A., professor in Lucknow University, writes:

"Ere I took your illuminating lessons my mind was clouded with many misgivings and doubts. Your lessons have tumbled the world upside down for me, blown into space a thousand cobwebs of genteel and ethical illusion and have thus shaken the tabernacle of lies and set me back upon a strong foundation of noble virtues. I strongly recommend to my friends and relatives your propitious Course."

3. An anxious student who is a B. A., writes:

"I have just finished your course of Bible lessons. They have made a profound impression on my mind.

"I would like to tell you about a remarkable event which occurred to me very recently.

"I was walking in a graveyard. As I was walking about, I saw something written on a black stone attached to a tomb. The words read like this:

"Listen, Oh passer-by, once I was in the condition in which you are now. Once you will be in the condition in which I am now, so be prepared to follow me."

"These words have stirred me deeply and I do believe all the truth you have endeavoured to teach me, but still I am not satisfied, so please enrol me in the Advanced Course immediately before it is too late."

WEEK OF PRAYER IN DELTA VILLAGES

THIS is the first time the regular Week of Prayer programme was properly observed in the jungle. Meetings were held in several villages. The writer had to be the director around these villages. Some of the elders of the villages were chosen and given the outline of the Week of Prayer readings, and they led out their group very well.

It was the harvest time, so the villagers were scattered in their fields and farms to watch their paddy. However, the prayer meeting services were carried on.

At the end of the Week of Prayer, the Annual Offering was taken. Some offered one pice, some one-anna, some two annas to a rupee. At Taungbawzu village where I spent the latter part of the week, the offering was Rs. 11-3-6. We thanked God that He helped us during these prayer meetings.

We were grateful to God that seven precious souls were converted and buried with their Lord in the watery grave of baptism. We need your help by your prayers. Please remember us and our work here in the Delta District always. Pastor Peter.

SHALL WE BREAK FAITH THIS CHRISTMAS?

CHRISTMAS with all its gay festivities will soon be here. Christmas has always been a time of much eating and drinking—a time when people throw to the wind all their good resolutions regarding a balanced diet. Healthful food is usually forgotten and in its place is substituted a diet very high in protein and carbohydrates (especially sugar).

How many times we hear our friends say, "Just this once I will indulge; three hundred and sixty days in the year I will obey the laws of health, but for this one week I must eat and drink with my friends." They allow appetite to overrule their better judgment and in the days that follow they pay the penalty. Let us carefully consider our diet. Study from cause to effect and above all things cultivate self-control. Over-eating causes the digestive organs to lose their vital force and the foundation of physical strength to be undermined. This surplus food burdens the system and produces a morbid, feverish condition. Keep the appetite under the control of reason and never abuse the stomach. Remember, "a clogged stomach means a clogged brain."

During the Christmas holidays thousands of gallons of intoxicating liquors are consumed and lakhs of rupees are spent in buying poverty, disease, lust, crime, and death. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, after summing up this subject says, "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause?... They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red... when it moveth itself aright [fermentation]. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:29-32.

Especially, at this season of the year do we find people consuming large quantities of cane sugar. Far too much is used in our food. Sweets, pastries and jams are active causes of indigestion. "If used freely and in concentrated form, cane sugar is very injurious to the stomach and duodenum."—J. H. Kel-

logg, M.D., L.L.D., F.A.C.S. "The free use of cane sugar in any form tends to clog the system and is not infrequently a cause of disease."—Dr. David Paulson. "Cane sugar (table sugar) and white bread have their mineral matter removed. They not only do not supply lime, but they actually draw on the lime supply of the body tissues, thus robbing the bones and the teeth. This is why children who eat much candy usually have poor teeth. Honey has its lime still in combination so is a much better food than white sugar. Even brown (Demerara) sugar has some lime in it, so is always preferable to white."—Belle Wood-Comstock, M.D. The harmful effects of cane sugar can be listed as follows:

1. Habit forming.
2. Irritating to mucous membrane; a factor in producing catarrhal conditions.
3. Destroys appetite for more wholesome foods.
4. Ferments easily in digestive tract causing gas and forming acids.
5. Cane sugar contains no nutriment.

Natural wholesome sugar has its place in our diet. It is an economical energy supply.

Sugars in their natural state are combined with minerals and vitamins. These sugars are abundant in fruits, vegetables and plant juices. Dried fruits, such as, dates, figs, prunes and raisins are especially high in natural, wholesome sugars.

Honey is one of the best sources of natural sugar. Where honey is not available use palm or date sugar, treacle, jaggery or brown sugar. These sugars contain many minerals and lime and are not so harmful to the system. Use these natural sugars in all your cooking and resolve this Christmas that you will be, "Temperate in all things."

"We are building every day a temple the world may not see,

Building, building every day, building for eternity."

Try the following health caramels and hear the children cry for more—caramels rich in minerals, vitamins and natural, wholesome sugars.

- 1 lb. dates
- 1 lb. raisins
- 1 lb. dried figs
- A few walnuts

Grind all through a food chopper and roll the mixture out flat and cut into bars and wrap in wax paper.

Coconut Apricot Candy is also delicious. Here is the recipe:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dried apricots
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup shredded coconut (dry)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup walnuts or cashew nuts
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful grated orange rind
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoonful lemon juice

Wash apricots and steam for five minutes. Put apricots, coconut and walnuts through a chopper. Add orange and lemon rind and lemon juice and knead mixture until blended. If candy is too

dry, add enough orange juice to moisten. Shape into balls about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter. Roll in Demerara or date sugar.

Elsie Lewis Rawson.

MAYMYO

ON SABBATH, November 27, the sun smiled down brightly on the little Bible Auditorium in Maymyo. There was sunshine in every heart as eight new members were added to the church and were given the right hand of fellowship. One whose membership record had been lost during the war was taken into the church on profession of faith. The other seven went out to the beautiful Maymyo lakeside in the afternoon to take part in the baptismal service. A large group of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony and filled the air with songs of consecration as each candidate went forward in baptism.

These precious souls are further fruitage from the evangelistic effort just concluded here in Maymyo. They bring the total to fourteen baptized thus far. Many newly interested people are being studied with at the present time. Two families have begun to keep the Sabbath.

The Maymyo church was organized October 1947 with a charter membership of nineteen. During 1948 twenty have been added by baptism and one by profession of faith bringing the total membership to forty. Maymyo is praying that the church membership will be doubled again in 1949.

P. A. Parker.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT FROM CEYLON

A. E. Rawson

IT WAS the writer's privilege to conduct the Week of Prayer in the Colombo and Nugegoda church, in Ceylon. A spirit of calmness always seems to surround this beautiful island field. However, I am glad to report that the spirit of reconsecration and rededication on the part of the church members surpassed all else. The way the church members responded to the altar calls and expressed their determination to lay all on the altar of sacrifice was a source of inspiration. The meetings were well attended and all thanked God for the many blessings that He has showered upon them.

We are indeed sorry that Brother and Sister W. A. Dunn had to return home due to Sister Dunn's illness, for they have done very good work on the island. Their work has been much appreciated and they have left behind them many friends.

Pastor and Sister E. A. Crane, who are holding an evangelistic effort in Jaffna, gave a most encouraging report of the work up there. Pastor Crane is very enthusiastic and we feel sure that success will attend their labours. The attendance at this effort has been exceptionally good and in spite of much

opposition, the interest has been maintained throughout the whole series of meetings. Several families are showing a keen interest in the truth and if proper follow-up work can be established, we feel sure that a good, solid work in Jaffna will be established.

It has been noted with satisfaction that Kottawa school is showing much improvement. Although we all realize that the school is not ideally located, yet much is being accomplished and many students are being led to accept the truth. During the consecration meeting which the writer conducted on the Friday evening of the Week of Prayer, all students present stood either to give themselves for the first time to the Lord or to reconsecrate their lives to the Master. Among this group were several Buddhists. We thank God for the many mercies He is bestowing upon His people.

Pastor L. F. Hardin, who is stationed in Kandy, is definitely co-ordinating the many interests in that section of the Island. Already a Sabbath school of twenty-five members has been organized. Pastor Hardin is following up the Bible School interests in Kandy and surrounding districts and he is very optimistic as to the outcome. The prospects look very bright and he feels sure that many students will be baptized in the near future.

Pastor Hardin is planning on holding an evangelistic effort in Kandy in the early part of 1949. We feel sure that this effort will be the means of definitely consolidating our work in the city of Kandy. We wish Brother Hardin much success as he launches out on this programme.

While in Colombo, I attended a Ceylon committee meeting. Pastor Crane and his optimistic co-workers are planning on a strong evangelistic programme. Pastor Crane, in addition to being the superintendent is also an evangelist and he is indoctrinating this enthusiasm into his workers. A very good spirit prevails in Ceylon and we feel sure that this island field has a bright future in the Lord's cause.

Much study was given to the Voice of Prophecy Branch School in Ceylon. The Ceylon Mission has moved forward in this respect and they have released a worker for translation work and have formed a reading committee to check over the translations. Brother R. S. Fernando has this work well in hand and the Voice of Prophecy lessons will soon be given to the press for printing. We hope to start this Branch School sometime during the early part of 1949. May God's blessing rest upon the groundwork that is being done and may success attend the inception of the Bible School!

We feel sure that Ceylon is waiting for these truth-filled lessons. We ask you to remember the Bible School work in Ceylon in your prayers and we ask you also to pray that God's work will soon come to a triumphant close.

MEN who are content with a very small work could really do bigger things. I understand that here in India you have undertaken some large city efforts, and I am so happy that you have. I am thankful to God for the success that you have experienced. But there are still great cities to be entered, and you must go into them and take possession. I do not know if your work has been done largely in English in these cities. If so, I am asking the question: Is there not a great work yet to be done in these cities in the vernacular languages? I believe that the answer to our big problem in India is to work in the vernacular; not only in the cities, but in the thousands of villages that I have seen from the air and the hundreds of villages that I have seen as we have travelled by train. Somehow, we must find ways to conquer these for God. I am not here to tell you how it is to be done, but to impress upon your minds the urgency of the task before us, and the fact that if we will only believe, God can do great things through us. Understand that I am fully aware of the fact that we are a very small people. We are not great men. If we think we are, we deceive ourselves. It is just as Brother White said years ago: "We are small men, but we have a big message," and because of that message we can accomplish great things if we have faith in God.

Our mission is an urgent one. You will notice in Luke the 14th chapter, it says: "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city." You have the cities here, brethren. You have the streets and the lanes. You have the highways and you have the byways, and they will all have to be entered. And notice it says: "Go out quickly, [it requires haste] and compel them to come in." It is that word "compel" that I want to dwell on—"compel them to come in." We were having a workers' meeting in a place in Europe some years ago, and I was trying to impress upon the hearts and the minds of the workers the necessity of doing a quick work—that we are to "compel" people. One worker arose and said: "Brother, I cannot understand this." He said, "I do not understand why we should feel so deeply concerned about the message we preach. I go to the hall. If the people come, good; if they do not come, that is their fault. I have done my part. If they come, I get up and preach to them the warning message of the Lord, and when I finish I go home and go to bed. It is not my concern what they will do with the message I preach. If they want to accept it, well and good; if they refuse, all the worse for them." Is that the right attitude, brethren? Was that the attitude of Moses? No, indeed! He said: "Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written." Ex. 32:32. Oh, brethren, he was so burdened for his people, his life was so wrapped up

with their lives, that it seemed to him he could not live unless God would pardon and save them.

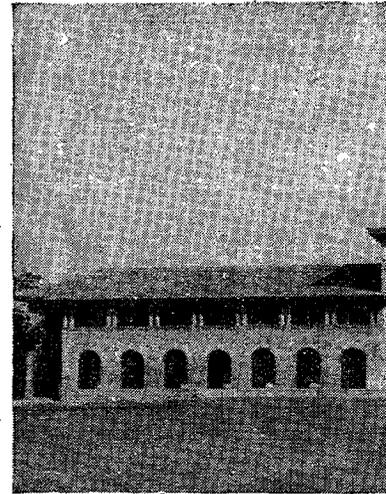
Think of how Jesus worked. Did He show any burden when He stood and looked at Jerusalem? What did He say? My Bible says He cried out in anguish: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matt. 23:37. I read in Matt. 9:36 that "When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Then I turn and read in Romans the 9th chapter, where Paul tells us that: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,"—the men and the women of his own race and blood. Ah, yes, as I read the epistles of Paul, I find again and again that he speaks of his tears, and when he learned that some of his converts over in Galatia had drifted away, he wrote to them: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." Gal. 4:19. No child is ever born into this world without travail, without great anguish. Brethren, Paul passed through that anguish in his burden for souls. If we want souls, we must also be willing to pass through those birth pangs. Even spiritually, souls are not born without anguish and suffering, and I am convinced that if we have more of that spirit we will see greater results.

When we read the history of the Christian church, and read about the lives of the men who have gone down in history as outstanding evangelists, as outstanding soul-winners, we will discover that they were all men who carried a tremendous burden for souls upon their hearts—men who wept and toiled. Somehow, because of that spirit, because of that burden, because of that anguish of soul, there was something in their message that went straight home to the hearts of those who listened.

I think of that great Baptist preacher Godell, of New York. Some of you perhaps have read his book. It is stirring! He had laboured in various places before he was called to New York. In every church where he had been pastor, there had been revivals. Soon after he was located in New York they had what we term a workers' meeting in his church. The pastors were called in. He had been asked to prepare a paper on revivals. When the time came for him to read his paper, a brother minister touched him on the elbow and said: "Godell, remember you are in New York now. Here revivals are not common"—as much as to say, there will be no revivals here. Slowly he walked to the front, faced his audience, hesitated, stammered out a few words, and then

he said: "Brethren, as I was coming up this aisle someone touched me on the elbow and said: 'Godell, remember you are in New York now. Here revivals are practically unknown.'" The tears began trickling down his cheeks, as he continued: "Brethren, let me tell you there will either be a revival in Calvary's church (that was his church) or there will be a funeral in Calvary's parsonage." You know what he meant, that unless he could have a revival in that church as he had had in other churches, he simply could not live. He would labour on to the last breath. I believe that as Seventh-day Adventist ministers, we must have that spirit; I believe we must carry souls upon our hearts. Aaron, the great high priest, was told that he was to wear a plate with the names of the children of Israel, that is, the twelve tribes, right on his heart. Brethren and sisters, we must carry our people on our hearts, and not only must we carry our church members on our hearts and the young people in our churches, but we must also carry a great burden for the unwarned, unsaved, all around us. Oh, may God somehow open our eyes and stir our hearts and help us.

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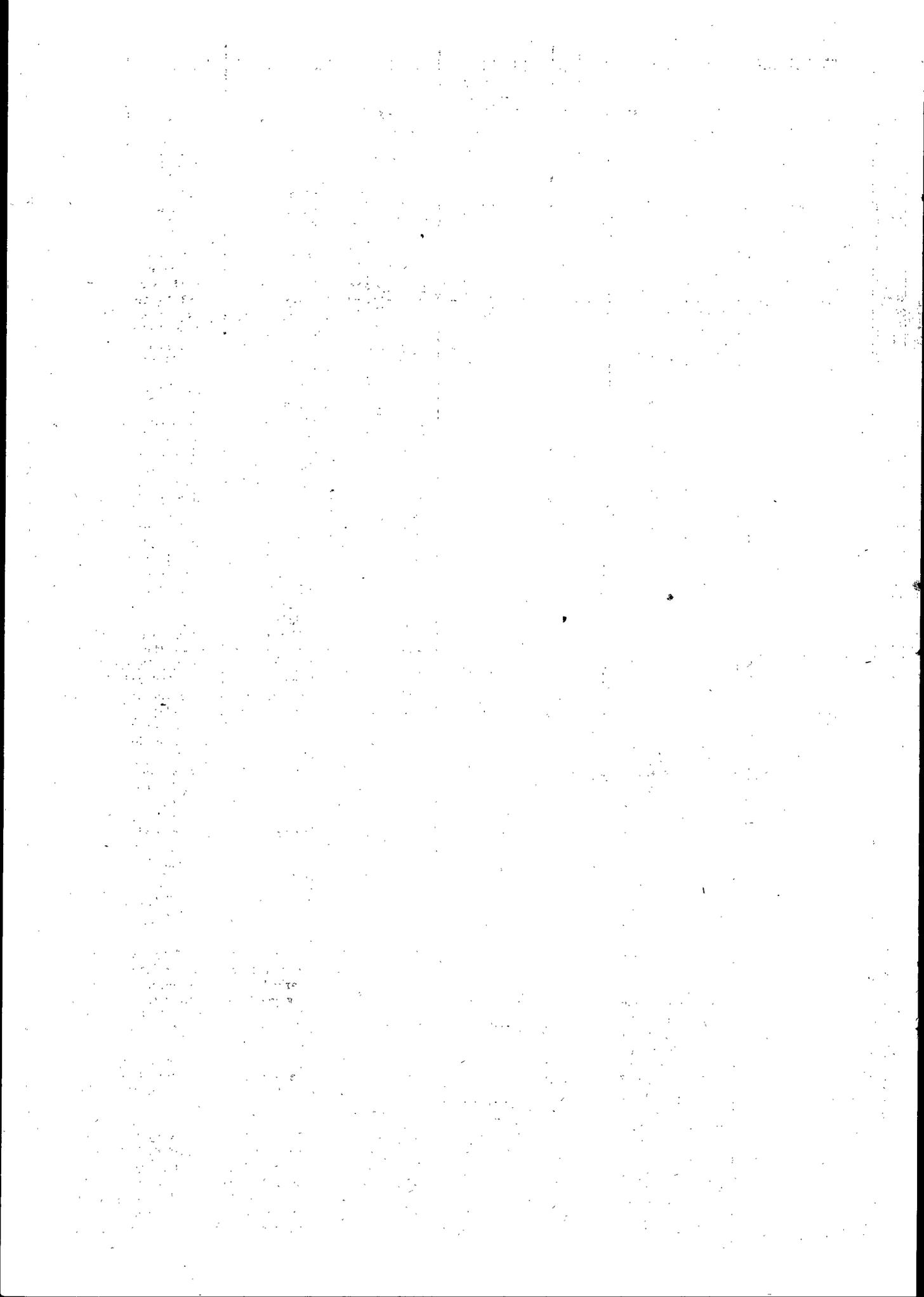
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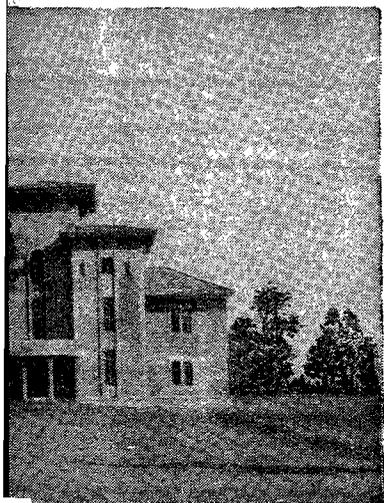
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1948

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East Punjab Mission	1	115	—	—	—	—	—	—	115	—	1	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	432	—	—	—		
Frontier Mission	1	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	49	—	—	—			
North U. P. Mission	9	878	33	—	1	—	9	903	4	5	—	10	7	9	—	41	11	65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	1,281	—	—	—			
Sind Mission	2	50	—	—	—	—	—	49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	42	—	—	—			
South U. P. Mission	3	108	—	—	4	—	1	111	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	179	—	—	—			
West Punjab Mission	5	523	22	—	—	—	—	545	—	1	4	—	1	—	—	—	7	4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	2,568	—	—	—			
Totals	25	1,885	55	—	5	1	—	10	1,934	5	12	5	22	9	16	—	3	1	51	20	104	3,518-8	—	12,472-7	—	13,918-3	5,560-7	11-10	417-8	119	5,511	—	—		
SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION																																			
Kanarese Mission	9	353	—	—	—	—	—	353	—	2	2	2	2	10	—	4	—	12	4	30	—	—	439-0	—	66-8	—	843-11	8-8	—	10	504	—	—		
North Malayalam Mission	10	315	3	2	5	1	27	2	295	1	3	—	1	19	—	8	—	9	2	40	—	—	1,271-6	—	100-11	—	362-1	—	—	18	534	—	—		
North Tamil Mission	14	596	6	—	6	—	5	603	1	4	—	3	—	6	—	12	—	3	1	28	—	—	1,243-15	—	631-2	—	685-15	2-14	463-8	32	735	—	—		
North Telugu Mission	20	720	2	—	7	—	—	729	2	3	—	5	—	8	—	2	—	17	—	35	—	—	1,973-0	—	48-4	—	824-10	—	—	29	1,067	—	—		
South Malayalam Mission	20	928	3	—	—	—	2	929	—	6	—	3	—	8	—	3	—	3	—	23	—	—	989-10	—	3-4	—	278-11	—	—	24	1,382	—	—		
South Tamil Mission	22	647	1	—	17	1	1	54	609	—	2	—	8	—	6	—	16	—	33	—	—	2,344-1	—	1,020-14	—	563-13	40-8	192-10	31	996	—	—			
South Telugu Mission	11	691	1	—	5	1	9	687	—	3	—	5	—	9	—	2	—	9	—	29	—	1,965-14	—	207-10	—	849-4	—	55-8	25	1,357	—	—			
Union	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	3	9	—	—	—	2	6	11	—	—	2,465-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Totals	106	4,250	16	2	40	3	39	61	4,205	4	23	3	27	6	75	—	32	—	71	13	228	4,188-12	—	12,641-15	—	2,078-5	4,408-1	51-14	722-7	169	6,575	—	—		
WESTERN INDIA UNION MISSION																																			
Central Provinces Mission	6	362	—	—	—	—	—	362	1	—	—	2	1	6	—	2	—	1	2	11	—	—	6,673-11	—	5,006-2	—	1,726-6	50-10	—	4	495	—	—		
Central Marathi Mission	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	21	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	222-8	—	—	—	137-12	—	—	2-2	1	28	—	—	
Gujerath Mission	1	30	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	726-14	—	—	—	412-9	—	—	1	57	—	—		
North Marathi Mission	3	131	—	—	—	—	—	131	—	1	—	2	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	477-10	—	—	—	181-6	—	—	8	456	—	—		
South Marathi Mission	5	156	1	—	—	—	5	152	—	1	1	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	1	2	8	—	376-11	—	79-9	—	185-5	5-4	3-10	8	328	—	—		
Totals	16	699	2	—	—	—	5	696	2	2	2	5	3	27	—	3	—	4	7	41	—	—	6,708-8	—	8,477-6	—	5,187-12	2,643-6	55-14	5-12	22	1,364	—	—	
CEYLON MISSION																																			
Burma Union Mission	22	954	160	1	5	3	1	—	1,116	6	6	2	8	4	22	—	29	12	67	—	—	2,910-12	—	6,039-9	—	166-1	2,676-6	—	704-5	38	1,758	—	—		
Northeast Union Mission	34	1,327	36	—	25	4	12	10	1,362	3	13	2	18	12	13	—	46	23	94	—	—	3,065-4	—	14,627-0	—	2,988-10	4,489-3	221-1	—	69	2,114	—	—		
Northwest Union Mission	25	1,885	55	—	5	1	—	10	1,934	9	12	5	22	9	16	—	3	1	51	20	104	3,518-8	—	12,472-7	—	13,918-3	5,560-7	11-10	417-8	119	5,511	—	—		
South India Union Mission	106	4,250	16	2	40	3	39	61	4,205	5	23	3	27	6	75	—	32	—	71	13	228	4,188-12	—	12,641-15	—	2,078-5	4,408-1	51-14	722-7	169	6,575	—	—		
Western India Union Mission	16	699	2	—	—	—	5	696	4	2	2	5	3	27	—	3	—	4	7	41	—	—	6,708-8	—	8,477-6	—	5,187-12	2,643-6	55-14	5-12	22	1,364	—	—	
Ceylon Mission	8	300	2	—	2	1	—	9	294	3	—	—	4	3	6	—	4	—	14	6	28	803-9	—	3,964-0	—	361-1	1,237-6	89-1	786-11	10	946	—	—		
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URGENCY OF OUR TASK

A. V. Olson

(last issue)

little personal experience? When I was a young man just starting in the work in America, I was called before a committee early one morning at a camp meeting. It was a committee on credentials and licences. They said: "Brother Olson, we have agreed to recommend your name for ordination." It was a surprise to me for I was only a boy. And they continued: "We have no suggestion to make. We are so thankful for what God has done for you and through you, but we do have this one little thing to say. We think you are too sober in the pulpit. We think you should make your audience laugh. When you preach somehow you look as though you are carrying a great burden on your soul. Just limber up and make your audiences laugh. Make them feel good." I said, "Thank you, brethren, but let me tell you when I stand before the audiences, I feel that I am standing between the living and the dead. I feel that there may be some soul in that room whose eternal destiny depends upon what I might say in that room." And then I finished and looked up and saw that the three of them were weeping. Then they said: "Brother, forget all that we have said and you preach as you have done."

Well, now, brethren, I have never got over the feeling that when I stand in the pulpit, I stand there as the messenger of God and that much may depend upon what I may do in that pulpit, that my every gesture, my every word, may count for weal or woe. It may send a man down to hell or it may raise him to heaven. May God give us all a real sense of the value of souls and may He give us such a burden for souls that we will be continually searching for them. It is not only in the pulpit that we need to have this earnest sense and feeling, but I believe we must carry it with us wherever we go. It must live with us night and day.

Most of the people in India are not going to be reached through great sermons, nor through great efforts. It will have to be an individual work or a village work. We must all of us remember that we are the ambassadors of God, the servants of the Lord, and that to us has been committed the ministry of reconciliation, the Word of reconciliation. A worldly man and his equally worldly wife were staying in a hotel. One evening there came to that hotel a simple living man who, after supper went over to the lady who was sitting alone, and began to talk to her. After a while the husband came through and saw what was taking place, and a few moments later when the wife joined her husband, he said, "What was that man doing?" "He was talking to me," she replied. "What was he talking about?" asked her husband. "He was talking about my soul," answered the woman. "Why did you not tell him to mind his business?" said her husband sharply. "Husband," she said: "If you had heard him talk you would have believed that he was minding his business."

Yes, our conduct, our words, should always be such that wherever we are, whatever we do, men and women will know that we are about our Father's business. I feel that we need a new vision, a new experience. I believe that we, Seventh-day Adventists, must, if we are ever going to accomplish our task, find a way to redouble our efforts. We must have a colporteur force that knows no other business. We must have institutional men and women who are and have no other business than to serve their God and to win souls. We must enthuse our students in our schools, our workers in our publishing houses, our workers and doctors in the sanitariums, hospitals, and clinics, with the same spirit of enthusiasm and a burden and conviction for souls, for unless we can speed up our work, we are all going to pass off the stage of action before our generation is warned, and another generation will come on.

So we must, by the grace of God and the help of Christ, understand today the urgency—the great urgency, of our mission in the world. May God help us to finish the task quickly.

SALISBURY PARK DORCAS SALE

Agnes McHenry.

THE Salisbury Park Dorcas Society organized a sale of food and clothing on October 28, and the following write-up tells us how it appealed to some of those who attended:

"Look, Mother," said Nur. "Here is a note from Mrs. Mack, inviting us to a Dorcas sale. She says it is a sale of garments made by the ladies of her church and they are to be sold to raise money to buy more material to be made up into garments for the poor. There is also to be a food sale and she warns us to come with empty stomachs and full purses. At the end there are to be moving pictures. Do let's go and see what they really do out there at Salisbury Park."

Thursday afternoon arrived and anxious not to miss anything, Nur and her mother came early. Sitting on the verandah of the church school building they watched the continuous stream of men, women and children, coming from all directions of the compound carrying food in their hands. Nur and her mother were told the food was being donated for the sale and as far as they could see few were coming empty handed. They noted the happy faces of all and also that they were all dressed in their best.

After explaining the meaning of the Dorcas society, and of the work done behind the scenes by the Dorcas ladies, Pastor E. D. Thomas declared the sale open. We rushed into the room where the garments were displayed and in no time most of the articles were gone. The prices were made as low as possible so that even the very poorest would be able to buy something.

Then we saw people coming with glasses, plates and spoons. This reminded us that we had better hurry if we wanted some good food to eat. The aroma was enough to whet our appetites as we proceeded down the line for food. There were tasty curries of all kinds, purries, bhajias, and vegetable patties. Cakes of many kinds, shapes, and flavours. Taking a generous supply we passed on to the sweets, nuts, and lemonade. We decided to eat what we now had before taking ice-cream. Nur remarked that she never expected so many good things to eat.

As soon as everyone had finished the room was cleared and made ready for the films. Soon the place was filled to overflowing. Various educational films were shown of animal life and of their training and also of the beauties of nature.

Mrs. L. C. Shepard, the Dorcas ladies, and other helpers, are to be congratulated on the success of their hard work and many hours of planning.

Rs. 310 were realized for the sale of food and clothing and will be used in carrying on the good work of making garments for those who are in need.

READING COURSES FOR 1949

INFORMATION has just come in regarding the Reading Courses for 1949. The readers of the TIDINGS will be interested in a brief description of the books in the several courses.

MINISTERIAL

"THE WITNESS OF SCIENCE," by George Knapp Abbott, M. D. It is the purpose of the author in the presentation of this volume to show how the inspired writings of the Spirit of prophecy are substantiated by the research of modern medical science. Years of research upon this subject make it possible for the doctor to present abundant material to prove the messages reliable in every detail. To the youth of today, and especially to ministers and physicians this book will come as a confirmation of faith. The subjects discussed include the spiritual reasons for healthful living, the danger of refined foods and their relation to disease, problems related to meat eating, the harmful use of drugs, a balanced diet, and the proper treatment of disease. All quotations in the book are chosen from authoritative sources, and they will prove a valuable reference library to any student of the Spirit of prophecy. It is published by the Pacific Press.

"PROPHETIC FAITH OF OUR FATHERS," Volume 1, by L. E. Froom. Another important link in the chain of the history of prophetic interpretation will find completion with the publication of Volume 1 of the "Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers" series. This treatise presents the personal pre-millennial advent of Christ as the hope of the church in the first two centuries of the Christian era, the dimming of that hope between the third and fifth centuries, its rejection and virtual obscurity for a thousand years after, its partial recovery under the Protestant Reformation, its decline and second loss to a majority of Protestants in the eighteenth century, and its final recovery in the mighty awakening and Advent movement in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. No other existing work contains the sifted evidence of years of research in this special field of investigation as does this entire set of studies in prophetic exegesis. Every worker eager for a grasp of the varied interpretations of Daniel and Revelation from early times to the days of the Waldenses will find this panoramic review comprehensive and authentic.

"THE BIBLE INSTRUCTOR," by Louise C. Kleuser. This long-awaited handbook of counsel and instruction in the art of giving Bible readings is now on the press. Scores of our best Bible instructors have contributed experiences and observations for its pages. The personal and spiritual requirements for Bible teaching, the problems that confront every worker, the psychology of

approach to prospective believers, the various methods of co-operating with evangelistic efforts, sample studies in outline form of a score of cardinal doctrines—all this and much more form the bulk of this new volume. It will prove not only a handbook of procedure for beginners, but a very real inspiration to seasoned workers in the field of evangelism: Useful to every pastor and evangelist, as well as to his Bible assistants and lay workers.

"SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING," by John Sutherland Bonnell. This well-known pastor of a large Presbyterian church in New York City has given us an excellent treatise on pastoral psychology which carries no taint of the Catholic confessional, nor any resemblance to the psychoanalyst's techniques. Rather it tells the minister how to meet psychological problems by the application of religion aided by well-defined principles that govern the mind. This book is dotted with frank and human interest stories that make good reading and offer sound advice on what to do and, more important, what not to do. Our ministers and workers are sure to find in its pages much of vital interest and practical value in helping people to grapple successfully with various problems of mind and spirit.

PRICES:

"The Witness of Science"	\$4.00
"Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers," Vol. I	5.00
"The Bible Instructor"	3.75
"Spiritual Counselling,"	2.50

Total 15.25

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SENIOR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

"MASTERS OF MUSIC," by Arvid C. Anderson. When one sits under the spell of great music that captivates the loftiest aspirations of the listening heart, a glance at the printed programme almost invariably presents the familiar names of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, with perhaps others of more modern times, and one wonders about these masters as they moved in the romantic background of another day or another environment than ours, yet concerned with human struggles and human problems much as we are. In this volume it has been the aim and accomplishment of the author to fill in the background for such dreams as we have of those great prophets of music we have known in song, oratorio, chorale, or sonata, but perhaps have been too busy thinking about their productions to think of them as people. His book will be a spur to the ambition of youth for noble accomplishment, and to the greater ad-

miration of scholar and sage for the beloved geniuses of music history.

"THE SHINING WAY," by Norma Morris. The smiles and tears and thrill of young love under the guidance of Aunt Prue, a wise and noble soul who lived with her heart between earth and heaven so that she could take counsel from both, fill this book with a charm that will hold the reader's unflagging interest from the first paragraph to the brief sequel at the book's end. The common temptations that assail young people through normal social intercourse are handled with fidelity to Christian ideals in a framework of narrative centering in a group of young men and women in a typical small community environment. It will stimulate the "Share-Your-Faith" programme now being launched by Adventist youth.

"STORIES OF THE REFORMATION IN THE NETHERLANDS," by Ruth Gordon Short. In our peaceful enjoyment of religious freedom today we do not realize at what cost in countless martyred lives and in what terrible tribulation these liberties were born. We sing with fervour of the brave exiles from Holland who crossed the sea to find sanctuary in the American wilderness, but seldom has the telescope of the narrator brought us a close-up of the excesses and terror of the days of bloody persecution in the Low Countries under unspeakable tyrants like Charles V and Philip II of Spain, such as you will find in this new book by Mrs. Short. Here in episode after episode one sees behind political intrigue and religious intolerance the stout faith and heroic fidelity of prince and peasant champions of the Protestant movement. Well-known historical sources have been painstakingly combed for the human interest elements of that great religious struggle and set forth in this pageant of gripping stories.

"CAPTAINS OF THE HOST," by A. W. Spalding. After several years of research, travel, and collaboration with descendants of pioneers of the second Advent movement, this first volume of a new history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is being sent forth with a unique sense of worthy accomplishment. Under commission from proper authorities, the author has spent exhaustive years of labour on this church chronicle of the events and personages that have made the hundred years of Adventism a miracle of fulfilled prophecy. Though studded with documented facts, in the hands of this skilled weaver of words and colourful phrases, this book loses none of the warmth and fervour that goes with the story of a great religious cause. It shows the feeble beginnings of its evangelistic, medical, educational, and publishing interests, ever following the light of revelation

which led their promoters forward into new exploits. The volume is written for the believer, from a believer's viewpoint, and therefore will build up the faith and loyalty of the sympathetic reader in the cause it espouses. Those who have read the manuscript have been eager for its appearance in book form. Illustrated with many new pictures recently taken in the old historic environs of the early church, it will find enthusiastic welcome in every loyal Adventist home.

"A BRIDE ON THE AMAZON," by Barbara Osborne Westphal. Here is a delightful day-by-day record of youth unafraid. Its humorous observation of human nature among strange peoples who can hardly count above the fingers of one hand, its story of missionary heroism amid the squalor and immorality of desperately under-privileged tribes in a jungleland, its portrayal of intimate glimpses into the private lives and resourcefulness of a young Adventist couple consecrated to the noble ideal of advancing the truth where the darkness of superstition holds master sway—all are depicted here in a series of letters that are unusual among the records of missionary literature. It contains many sidelights also on the veneration for Pastor Stahl, the "Apostle to the South American Indians."

PRICES:

"Masters of Music"	2.25
"The Shining Way"	2.50
"Stories of the Reformation in the Netherlands"	2.75
"Captains of the Host"	3.00
"A Bride on the Amazon"	3.00

Total 12.50

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JUNIOR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

"ON WINGS OF CHEER," by Sam Campbell. Another fascinating book of nature adventures by this well-known naturalist, author, and lecturer. In this new volume the author takes his readers again to the Sanctuary in the woods of northern Wisconsin at the time of year when the north country is under the enchantment of fall haze and daz- zlingly brilliant foliage. Hi-Bub, the city boy with an engaging lisp who was introduced in a former volume, is present again in this one and making progress as a budding naturalist. There is no stopping this determined little lad once he has his heart set on anything. The way he manages grown-ups is amazing. And the lively, engaging style in which the author writes about him will provide many hours of sheer reading pleasure. In fact, here is a whole year full of fun and wholesome adventure for juniors—and grown-ups too.

"REALLY-TRULY STORIES," Book 3, by Gwendolen Lampshire Hayden. No parent who has read the first two

books by this gifted writer of stories for boys and girls will want to miss this third volume from her pen. There is a charm about these true-to-life tales from our grandfather days that is a refreshing change from the reading and radio entertainment offered the family today. Most of these stories are of the great out-doors, of raiding Indians, escape from wild animals, heroism in blizzards, imprisonment in caves, danger on high train trestles, and rescue from a dozen different kinds of death—all taken from the diaries and records of an eastern Oregon family in the last generation. They stir physical and moral courage in both juniors and their elders. Every story is nicely illustrated by Vernon Nye, one of our staff artists.

"WITH JACK AND JEAN IN BIBLE LANDS," by Ellen Klose. In an age of rapid transportation and communication such as ours, when entire school groups are given trips of hundreds of miles to see the nation's capital, it is no strain on the imagination to follow Jack and Jean, two missionary children, as they accompany their parents in a tour of old Palestine, Egypt, and Mesopotamia. Never before have we produced a book for children packed with so much historical and geographical information as this. Nearly all the well-known stories of the Old and New Testaments are retold here against the background of their modern environment. The narrative is progressive, following a modern auto tour with competent travel guides. Sprightly dialogue portraying typical junior enthusiasm and humour carry the story forward from day to day. Unusually well illustrated, this volume should appeal to all who would find a new framework to picture Bible scenes and events indelibly on the minds of their children.

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"With Jack and Jean in Bible Lands"	3.00
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PRIMARY

"SKUNKLETS," by Ella M. Isaac. A charming story of the adventures of six baby skunks—January, February, March, April, May, and June—who were orphaned at an early age. They became the objects of much interest and observation, when every evening about dusk the author and a group of her friends gathered near the home of the skunklets to watch them file out, one by one and frolic about in the garden in search of food. After many hours of patient waiting, and cautiously following the skunks about, five of the little wild creatures were captured and were put through the process of de-skunking, and finally became household pets, as lovable and playful as kittens. The story of these baby skunks will both instruct and entertain the boys and girls.

"THE CHILDREN'S HOUR," Book 4, by A. S. Maxwell. These beautiful books are already well and favourably known. In their gay-coloured jackets they make an impressive set in anyone's library.

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We are very happy to have this new and valuable machine in the publishing house and hope to increase our production of truth-filled literature by its help.

C. N. A.

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The Poona workers and all dwellers on the headquarters' estate were very happy to welcome Elder A. L. Ham home after about three months' absence in the United States. We are waiting with interest to hear his reports from the Fall Council.

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On December 9, Pastor and Mrs. E. D. Willmott arrived in Bombay from furlough in the United States. They are to join the staff of evangelists in South India.

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The year-end Division committee meeting is to begin on December 23. Because this will be followed by Union constituency meetings, no unusual delegation will be called to Poona this year. Following this committee meeting there will be a Home Missionary department advisory council for about three days, and at the same time a meeting of a special committee to study educational problems.

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Miss Lois Burnett, R. N. of the General Conference Medical Department, arrived in Karachi on December 9. Miss Burnett is to make a tour of inspection of the nursing staffs and facilities in our hospitals in the Southern Asia Division.

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LITERATURE MINISTRY IN SOUTH INDIA

J. Japaganam

IT IS a long time since we passed any news on to the readers of the TIDINGS with regard to the progress of the literature ministry in the South India Union Mission. We were so busy with the sales that we could hardly find time to count them up. Now the first nine months of the year have gone and I am happy indeed to submit a report of the work done during this period, comparing the sales of last year for the same number of quarters.

Brother D. M. Joshua, who was a colporteur for a number of years, and who has accepted the call this year to lead the literature evangelists in the Tamil Missions is doing a very good work. Brother A. Joseph, the Field Missionary secretary of the Malayalam Missions is responsible for the great achievement which the Malayalam Missions have never experienced before, and in spite of the fact that they do not have much vernacular literature for sale. Brother I. Subushnam, the Field Missionary secretary of the Telugu Mis-

sions is more than happy to lead out his old and new men in a campaign of the new Telugu journal, "Marga Darsi." Although Brother M. P. David has only a few colporteurs in the Kanarese Mission, yet, he has done very well as we can see from the figures. Our faithful and ever-joyful colporteurs are always ready to support the hands of the leaders in holding high the banner of truth.

In South India we have now thirty-nine colporteurs, as compared with twenty-seven colporteurs at the same time in 1947. The sales for the nine months of 1948 total Rs. 95,222-1-0 as compared with Rs. 81,310-3-0 for the same period of 1947 showing a splendid gain of Rs. 13,911-14-0.

Pastor H. E. Preston, the new Field Missionary secretary for South India has now arrived and before very long he will be taking charge of the work and I am sure under his able leadership the literature ministry in this Union field will go far beyond its past record.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SALES FROM JANUARY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 FOR 1947 AND 1948

Field	Sales for 1947	Sales for 1948	Decrease	Increase
Tamil	38,488- 9	44,913- 9		6,425- 0
Telugu	9,522-12	17,992-11		8,469-15
Malayalam	19,268- 5	19,369- 5		101- 0
Kanarese	11,305- 3	12,946- 6		1,741- 5
Miscellaneous	2,725- 6		2,725- 6	
Total	81,310- 3	95,222- 1	2,725- 6	13,911-14

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