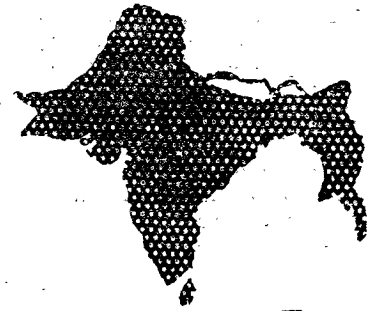


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## THE QUESTION WE CANNOT ANSWER



A MINISTER, after completing his sermon for the next day, fell asleep in his study. As he slept, he dreamed. In his dream he seemed to see the devil holding a meeting of all his evil spirits. The main item on the agenda was the very sermon the minister had just finished preparing. Satan and his imps were planning how best to neutralize the influence of the sermon to be delivered on the morrow.

One imp said: "I'll be at his church in the morning, and I'll tell the people that there isn't any God and that all the preacher is saying is foolishness."

Another said: "I'll go and tell them the Bible isn't the Word of God and that what the preacher is saying isn't true."

"Let me go," said a third. "I will tell them there is a God, that the Bible is inspired, that what the preacher is saying is wonderful, but that they don't need to do anything about it."

This suggestion met with immediate approval, and the little imp, "Neglect," was dispatched to attend the church service to be held the next day. Satan has been using this imp, Neglect, all too effectively upon the hearts of young men and women.

We don't have to steal, or hate, or lie, or gossip, or drink or covet in order to miss heaven. We don't have to break all the Ten Commandments to be lost. In fact we may even keep all of them in a perfunctory manner and still never pass through the pearly gates. There are going to be multitudes lost in the great day of reckoning for the same reason—NEGLECT.

The word "neglect," according to the dictionary, comes from two Latin words *neg* and *legere*, meaning "not to pick up."

A man drifting aimlessly in a row-boat at the head of a waterfall floats along slowly, and then more rapidly as he nears the cataract. The oars of his tiny craft lie in the bottom of the boat. He can easily row to shore if he so desires, but he drifts along with the current heedless of the danger ahead. The boat gathers speed as it nears the swirling waters just above the falls. People on the shore note the man's tragic plight and shout instructions and entreaties. To all he turns a deaf ear, and the boat rushes on to destruction. Distracted, the folk on the shore throw a life line to the doomed man. It falls at his feet but he refuses to grasp it. Impervious to all appeals, a moment later he makes the fatal plunge over the falls.

This man did nothing to cause his death. It came as the result of his neglect. As the original Latin word implies, he merely would "not pick up" the rope that had been thrown for his safety. Every means for his deliverance was at hand. The oars or the rope—either would have saved him had he made use of them. All that

was necessary for him to be lost was to do nothing.

How many today are drifting aimlessly down the river of life dangerously near the falls of eternity, unmindful and heedless of the entreaties of those who would save them the awful plunge on to the rocks of eternal destruction! Every endeavour to save them from their perilous position is either ignored or put off for attention on some future day. The rope of salvation is left lying at their feet—they fail to pick it up.

How great the toll neglect has taken! A motorist neglects to sound his horn at a dangerous curve, and lives are snuffed out in the crash that follows. A lighthouse keeper neglects to keep his light burning brightly and a ship, floundering hopelessly in a raging storm, strikes the sharp rocks and sinks. A nurse neglects to carry out the exact instructions of the physician and a patient dies. How tragic the havoc wrought in this life by this satanic little imp of neglect!

Infinitely more sad is the eternal havoc wrought in the lives of millions who drift aimlessly along, neglecting to appropriate to themselves the provision of salvation which heaven has made for them.

This brings us to the tragic question: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Hebrews 2:3.

Read it the second time! It is God's challenge to you just now. Make it personal. How shall I escape, if I neglect so great salvation?

Here is the question that cannot be answered, because it has no answer. There is no escape for the one

who neglects the provision God has made for his salvation.

Young man, young woman, have you been guilty of indifference and neglect? Are there yet things in your life that you have neglected to make right with your Father in heaven or with your fellowman? Do not wait

until some false tomorrow, expecting to make things right at your leisure. Rather, respond to the appeal of the Spirit of God: "My sons, be not now negligent" (2 Chron. 29:11); for how shall you escape, if you neglect so great salvation?

R. H. P., Australian "Signs."

## INFANTILE PARALYSIS AND FOMENTATIONS

G. K. ABBOTT, *Medical Director, St. Helena Sanitarium, California, U. S. A.*

(Owing to the fact that Poliomyelitis or Infantile Paralysis is so prevalent in India at the moment, we thought the following article on the subject would be of interest and help to our church members.—Editor.)

THOSE who were trained and able to give hydrotherapy treatments during the great pandemic of influenza in 1918 and 1919, saw many life-saving results from these simple methods. In 1941 hydrotherapy again astonished many in America by saving the lives of a few patients taken suddenly with infantile paralysis in its worst form, the type which attacks the nerve cells of the respiratory centres in the spinal cord.

Four persons sent into a large hospital in Minneapolis to be put into the "iron lung" (the Drinker respirator) were treated instead with hot fomentations by Sister Kenny, and all survived. Four others, put into the "iron lung" died. Some in whom the disease attacked the nerve centres of other muscles recovered entirely under hydrotherapy treatment, with no permanent paralysis. Here is an outstanding accomplishment, for this disease has failed to yield to the united research of hundreds of men of science who have sought and are seeking a knowledge of the disease and the virus that causes it.

In 1924 I saw a little child who had been attacked by this disease, which affected the heart and respiratory centres. The doctor was first called at midnight, and by two o'clock the following day the child was dead. Thousands of crippled adults and children the world over attest the terrible ravages of this great plague. Yet, in equally severe cases the simplest kind of fomentations seem to have prevented such dire results. What does moist heat do to accomplish such astonishing results?

Arthur Locke discovered by experimentation that animals with a vigorous heat mechanism, so that they could recover from severe chilling in twenty minutes, could destroy in thirty to sixty minutes highly virulent pneumococci injected directly into the blood stream,

and ninety-two per cent of such animals revealed no symptoms whatever of fever or infection. Here again is something far more efficient in life-saving results than all the sulphonamide drugs that have been produced in the past five years.

### EFFECTIVE RESULTS OF FOMENTATIONS

Research work regarding the heat mechanism of the body, the effects of heat on oxidation, relief of congestion, oedema, and the oxidation effects of vitamin C, give a fuller explanation of the means by which the Kenny "foments" produce such remarkable results. This treatment, including the non-use of splints, and its programme of rehabilitation, has now received the endorsement of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. An editorial in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for December 6, 1941, also endorses the Kenny methods of re-education and the non-use of splinting. Sanitarium-trained nurses who have read of the Kenny technique will recognize that the larger, thicker-wrapped fomentations they have been taught to use retain heat much longer than the smaller, unwrapped fomentations and produce more surface derivation.

Like many such hydrotherapy methods, the technique is not difficult to learn. I personally trained and used scores of mothers, daughters, and even a few fathers, to give similar treatments during the pandemic of influenza of 1918-1919. Here again is another tribute to the science of hydrotherapy and its vastly superior results over many another agency which has been used to treat diseases of an infectious nature. Dr. W. J. Mayo years ago said: "When the relationship of bacteria to infectious disease was first brought to the attention of the scientific world, for a long time the specific germ was the chief object of study. Experience soon taught us, however, that in combating infectious disease, it is even more important that we familiarize ourselves

with those conditions of the body by which nature combats disease." And another who has given us greatly enlightened counsel states further: "Fever cases have been lost, when, had physicians . . . put their wits to work, and wisely and persistently used the Lord's own remedies, plenty of air and water, the patients would have recovered."

In the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, hydrotherapy and diet were considered almost an essential part of their religion and faith. Here is a mysterious disease in which both of these are basic factors in treatment and prevention. Man's failure through the years to stay the ravages of this disease has served to make more prominent and decisive the success of very simple means—fomentations, fruit, and vegetables. Yet back of it all is a physical and chemical basis which reveals a little of the depth of God's own means of protection and treatment, which is far superior to any that man has or can devise.

The scientific basis of both hydrotherapy and diet is fundamental, coordinated, and far-reaching. They protect against many different infections, viruses, and toxins and give methods of treatment of wide application. Even more notable is their superiority to man-made germicidal chemical poisons, such as the sulphonamide drugs, in that they do not damage the delicate mechanisms of human physiology. The red cells and hæmoglobin are not deranged in function, nor destroyed, as they may be and often are, by the coal-tar and sulphur drugs. The multiple protective mechanisms of the white blood cells and other body cells are not damaged by fomentations and vitamin C, as they may be by such drugs. Rather, they serve to supply the body cells with the much-needed element—life-giving oxygen.

In this feature lies a marvellous co-ordination of the Creator's handiwork. Men's researches have indeed discovered some very wonderful things, and the scientists are deserving of much honour. But it is God alone who devised these mechanisms, and then revealed to man in these last days just where he might, by searching, find something of the greatest stores of wisdom and knowledge. Might we not, by heeding the God-given instruction and by studying nature's mechanisms of protection, discover many more wonderful means such as was almost by chance discovered by Sister Kenny with her hot fomentations?

(N. B.—One of our members has suggested that in treating polio, instead of using the usual hot fomentation to the spine, one may use a wet

towel the length of the spine, wrapped up in a dry towel, and then two hot-water bags to cover the length of the spine. They should be changed every twenty minutes, and the treatment con-

tinued for two hours. Sister Sandeman of Victoria, Australia, is said to have used this treatment with one hundred per cent success, and it is much easier and simpler than the usual method.)

## \* THREE IN ONE \*

O. O. MATTISON, *Superintendent, South India Union*

IN the regular routine of things it often helps us when we do things a little out of the ordinary. We like to do something new. Holding a workers' meeting, a colporteurs' institute, and a spearhead effort at the same time in Pazhanji in the North Kerala field was a little different from the usual routine of things and was most encouraging. North Kerala is a newly organized field, and Pastor W. F. Storz has long wanted to have a meeting for his workers in order to study their approach to opening up this new field and the many problems connected with such a work. Since he was called to associate with Pastor R. H. Brodersen in the Palamcotta effort, his plans were delayed but when he did have an opportunity he and his workers made the very most of it. The place where Pastor Nathaniel recently located was selected.

A Mr. David, the manager of two schools in one (one for girls in the lower standards and a co-educational school for the young in the upper standards) turned over his schools with all of their benches and tables to us for our public meeting. Brother Nathaniel is living in a very commodious house with an upper room large enough for the workers' meeting, and during the ten days they were together, all felt that they had truly had an upper room experience in Bible study, field discussions and departmental instruction. The departmental leaders of the Union were given a couple of days each to take up the promotion of their various departments. All took a keen interest in these discussions.

All the colporteurs came in for the last four days of the meeting and besides having the inspiration of the evening meetings they had the opportunity of going into things in a thorough way with their leaders, Brethren Preston and Joseph.

All of us were inspired by the splendid response of the public to the meetings conducted in the school house and compound during the eight nights of public lectures. Pastor Storz was the speaker and Pastor Nathaniel the interpreter, and to see a crowd ranging from 500 to 2,000 each night drink-

ing in every word and paying the closest attention, brought a glow to the heart of every worker. The first night about 1,500 came out, mostly from curiosity. The rain for the next two nights tried to keep the people away but in spite of the rain at least 500 came each night. Knowing we were Seventh-day Adventists they requested one lecture on the Sabbath. This is seldom done when we run such a short series of meetings but the workers felt the request of the people should be honoured, so on Saturday night Pastor Storz gave a very fine lecture on the place the Sabbath holds in the Christian's life. Between 800 and 1,000 were present and it was good to see the pencils moving as many took note after note and also the texts that were given.

We all wondered if it would turn the crowd away on the last night when the subject of "The Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus" was to be presented. Instead of turning them away it seemed to bring out the whole community! By the time the lecture started, the school and the large compound, were full of people—even the walls were occupied. We estimated that 2,000 were present, and at least half of them were women, all just as attentive as they could be. At the close of the meeting, cards were passed out inviting those who understood English to join the Voice of Prophecy Course for further study of kindred subjects. Over a hundred names were signed and when we realize that this was entirely a non-English-speaking community, I am sure that represented every man or woman who knew English. Had we been able to invite them to join a Malayalam Course, I am sure there would have been not less than a thousand names. An offering was taken each night which took care of the expenses connected with the spearhead meeting.

As the workers returned to their labours, all felt it was a very profitable ten days spent together. Brethren Zachariah and Nathaniel had made excellent arrangements for all. The colporteurs received new inspiration for their work and the public got an in-

roduction to Present Truth which we feel will bear fruit for the kingdom. Pazhanji is truly ripe for a full effort and as soon as it can be arranged the North Kerala committee desires to start one. The next great event in their planning is the Trichur effort which will soon begin. Pray for this new field which is truly ripe for harvest.

## MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

A. E. RAWSON

KENNETH S. KEYES, president of a large firm of realtors in Miami, Florida, and a devout Christian actively interested in church work, had become convinced that God's plan for tithing applied to a business organization as well as to an individual. With Christian fortitude born of firm adherence to principle, he brought the matter before the stockholders of the Company. His faith and sincerity so impressed them that they unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"We, the stockholders of the Keyes Company, recognizing God's ownership of all things we possess and realizing that we are but His stewards here on earth, wish to acknowledge His ownership, and our stewardship and to that end it is hereby resolved:

"1. That we adopt God's plan of using one tenth of our profits for church and charitable purposes.

"2. That the Board of Directors be authorized to set aside this tenth—the scriptural tithe—as it is earned."

God never fails those who put Him to the test by giving an honest tithe, for during the first year the plan was in operation, the business of the Keyes Company increased beyond all expectation, just another way of saying there was not room enough to contain the blessings from heaven. And each succeeding year showed an expansion, for clients who knew about this plan had confidence in the integrity of the people with whom they were dealing. Tithing may be regarded as the hall-mark of integrity. A person who seeks constantly to be honest with God cannot be dishonest in his dealing with his fellowmen.

Ten years after this business firm adopted the above resolution, they were the largest organization of realtors in Florida, with an annual volume of business, running into millions of dollars.

God's plan is best for us whether our earnings are little or much. Honesty is required of us when we earn a little no less than when we earn much.

# PROSPECTING IN THE LUSHAI HILLS

## PART III

E. M. MELEEN

THAT which claims our major interest in these people is their attitude toward religion. In about half a century the work and influence of the Welsh missionaries turned the majority of them in the north toward nominal Christianity, while in the south the work of the Baptists bore similar results. As one goes from village to village he is impressed with the independence and self-reliance of the church congregations that have been raised up. They build, equip, and maintain their houses of worship without depending on foreign money or foreign leaders. The members of the church groups take turns in carrying church leadership responsibilities. With such a spirit and attitude and by such methods of prosecuting evangelical work there is no limit to the extent to which it may be expanded as there is when there is almost complete dependence on financial support from some extraneous source. It is this spirit and attitude that has enabled a very small handful of foreign missionaries to expand their work in this entire hill section and turn the great majority of the population toward Christianity. This self-reliance and independence is not due to economic advantages for the people are as poor as any in any part of India, and very little money circulates among them—it is due to the spirit within them.

But it appears that many of them are not satisfied with their quality of Christianity and Christian doctrine. They have found that some Bible truths have been withheld from them, and have become enthusiastic and even fanatical when something new is revealed or when some new and unusual interpretation is given to Scriptural statements. Probably this is at least in part the explanation for the fact that certain extreme and bizarre types of religious manifestations find among these people a fruitful field. Holy Rollerism, extreme types of Pentecostalism, something called Revivalism, and other similar types of religion, all of which require shouting, much noise, shivering, shaking, beating the air with the arms, dancing, jumping, and other physical acrobatics in their practice, make a strong appeal even among the members of the sober and almost sombre Welsh Presbyterian churches. Not all of the Bible has yet been translated and published in Lushai,

but from what I have seen I am impressed that these village people spend much time reading and discussing the Scriptures which they have, with one another, even when drunk. And when something that they have not known before is brought to light, they seem unusually ready to receive it. It would seem that their discovery that some Bible truth has long been withheld from them, makes many suspicious of the old and more ready to accept the new. This trait makes of them a promising field for the propagation of Present Truth, and one which it behooves us to exploit without further delay.

In Lushai everybody smokes. Women have a peculiar sort of pipe made especially for them and which the men do not use. These pipes are fitted with a little water container through which the smoke is drawn as it is in the hookah used in India. The younger women are supposed to preserve the nicotine-saturated water for the old women to drink who have lost their teeth and are therefore unable to hold the pipe in their mouth. However, in these days home-made cigarettes seem to be making inroads on the old custom, and many of the little boys and

girls and older youth are substituting them for pipes. I have seen little children not more than two years old smoking them. The use of tobacco is believed to be as essential as eating rice, and is a serious problem in preparing even otherwise sincere Christians for membership in our church.

Flesh foods do not form a major part of the diet, especially in the villages—chiefly because of prohibitive prices. But of that which is used, pork takes a major place, and cooking-fat other than pork fat is unknown to many. It will be a challenge to any of our missionaries to teach the people how to produce vegetable oils to replace the universal lard.

Brother Zuala estimates that there are now at least three hundred Sabbath-keepers in the Lushai Hills, and the number is steadily increasing even in places where there is no evangelist to carry the message. Someone learns of this truth through contact with someone who knows it, takes it to his village, and some begin to study the Scriptures and finding support therein, accept it. Even during the weeks I have been here Brother Zuala has received intimation of groups observing the Sabbath, where, to his knowledge, neither he nor any other mission worker has carried it. Some have accepted other points of Present Truth, and have written requesting baptism, but most of them have much to learn yet before being ready for that step. Thirty-five

or forty have been baptized, some of these during my present visit here, and in Lung Leh several are reported to be ready. They have waited long, and it is a very keen disappointment to them that we could not at this time visit them, for they have from time to time been promised such a visit. No Seventh-day Adventist foreign worker or other ordained minister has yet been there. But if plans now in process of execution materialize, we will soon have a missionary family settled in Aijal. From the mission headquarters strategically established there, the power and influence of Present Truth should soon be manifested in the presence of groups of believers on many hill tops.

## AN APPEAL

**THE General Conference has assigned the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering of the first quarter, 1950, to the Southern Asia Division, and the Division Committee has taken action granting this offering to Pakistan for a hospital in Karachi.**

**We would like to see our people all over the Division write some articles about the progress of the work in their respective fields for our papers such as the "Review and Herald," "Youth's Instructor," "Sabbath School Worker," and other periodicals of this kind. It would be nice if our foreign missionaries could write some good letters and articles to their home churches and local conference papers regarding our work, and the need of men and means to finish the work in this great Division. The articles should be written as early as possible so that they may be printed in America during the first quarter of 1950.**

E. D. Thomas.

THE END

## EVANGELISTIC EFFORT IN RANGOON

J. O. WILSON

THE first real evangelistic effort in Rangoon since the war is off to a good start in one of the best halls in the city. Pastor F. R. Scott and his fellow workers and church members are full of enthusiasm. They are praying for large results—one hundred new members, and are working earnestly to help answer their own prayers.

It was not without some trepidation that Pastor Scott and the writer approached the secretary of the Mayo Marine Club with the proposal to hire their beautiful and well-equipped hall for religious lectures, the hall where the elite go for their special shows and entertainment. We found the secretary very cordial and willing to try to accommodate us.

They have a long-term contract with a certain company, which puts on a four-day programme about every six weeks. By agreeing to omit our Wednesday and Friday night meetings during that week, retaining only Sunday

night, we were able to get the hall for a month, three nights a week, with the option to renew our contract a month at a time for two additional months.

This hall probably brings the biggest price of any in the city. That, of course, is not the reason we hired it. The fact is that it is about the only decent hall there is here except for the large city hall, and that would not be available for a regular series of lectures. In the matter of cost they were very reasonable, and gave it to us for about half the regular price.

The first meeting was held on Sunday evening, November 6, with the hall filled almost to capacity. By putting in extra chairs the hall will accommodate 300, and there were almost that number present. The subject was, "The Atomic Bomb and the End of the World." The Lord greatly blessed Brother Scott in the delivery of his message on this timely topic.

Reserved seat tickets had been posted out to those who called up and asked for them. More than 200 reservations were asked for. Some of the prominent officials of the city were present. The offering was well over Rs. 100. The music is directed by Brother Stanley Hendley, assisted by Saya Maung Sein, who has been drilling a small choir in the church and hospital for the past few weeks.

The public press has been most cordial and co-operative. The two leading English daily papers, with whom our advertising has been done, are allowing liberal space for reports of the meetings. One of them even gave us an editorial on the Atomic Bomb lecture.

Last night Dr. Eden Smith spoke on Tuberculosis. Unfortunately, we had a real down-pour about five o'clock, but even so, there were more than one hundred people present. The lecture was excellent and was followed by a short motion film on the subject. This was supplied by the U. S. Information Service.

In addition to the offering mentioned above, Brother Scott has just received



Part of the interested audience in the Mayo Marine Club, Rangoon, listening to the last warning message for these days.

a cheque for Rs. 75 from a gentleman who was present on Sunday evening, a non-Adventist. A number of books were sold also and Brother J. F. Hamel is in charge of this feature. He has a fine selection of our attractive books on display.

It is too early to predict, after these first two meetings, what the more or less steady attendance may be. But we are praying that the Lord will send out those whose hearts He has prepared to receive His saving truth. Surely there must be many in this great city who will respond to the "flying-angel messages" for these last days. We invite the readers of the "TIDINGS" to pray for this effort.

### EXTRACTS FROM A MISSIONARY'S LETTER CONCERNING HIS TOUR

A. F. JESSEN

"I SHALL briefly tell you of my recent visit to churches and believers in the Nedumangad district.

"I first visited Perilla and met all the believers in their homes and then had a nice meeting with them. There are about fifteen believers there. I went on to Vithura and after an eight mile tramp got there just at dark so had no time for visiting. I had my S. V. E. projector along and we had a two and a half hour meeting which the people thoroughly enjoyed. The film showing our work in different parts of the world was of great interest to them. It cheered them greatly to know we had such a big work in the world. We had a full attendance of church members and a number of non-believers. Brother Paul has about forty-five members attending his meetings regularly.

"At Kokothamangalam and Velloorkonam I was able to visit with Pastor Nallathamby all the believers in their homes and also the homes of some backsliders. I believe our visit has been helpful to them. It has been to me also. The church at Villurkonam has been closed for some time. I have arranged for Brother Nallathamby to have Sunday night and Wednesday night meetings and I believe the interest can be built up.

"I visited all the members at Parandodu and Panniyodu with K. S. Peter and we believe a big work can be done in that area. I had no time to visit members in their homes at Paruthipally but we had an interesting meeting with them in the evening.

"We had a good workers' meeting at Nanthencode last week. We got all our workers together for seventeen hours of instruction and discussion. We dis-

cussed personal problems, church problems, improved methods of work for the churches, and evangelism, laying special emphasis on Bible work as the evangelists are now coming to the closing weeks of their efforts. I believe meetings of this kind every three months will greatly benefit our work and workers.

"I have not yet been able to visit all the deeply interested folk of the Voice of Prophecy but I found two girls and one boy who seem to mean business. There are others who profess deep interest. I think we have good reason to believe that the three young people mentioned will take their stand. If we had someone visiting them, a much greater work could be done. The lad I mentioned fully believes all the message and had stopped going to school on Sabbath for three months. I told him that if he is fully convinced that the Lord wants the Sabbath kept as a holy day, he should begin right away to serve the Lord fully and never swerve from it. His reply was that he will not break another Sabbath but on Sunday will get notes of what other students have done on Saturday and so prepare for his exams. One of the girls mentioned has no opposition in the home. She has passed her teacher's training and desires to go to Nuzvid for nurse's training. The other girl is a teacher and is very firm for the Voice of Prophecy teachings but is meeting quite a lot of opposition from her father. Pray for these souls."

### ADULT LITERACY

C. A. SCHUTT

AS I have travelled about the Southern Asia Division, I have been convinced that one of the greatest needs is to teach our village people to read in their own mother tongue. Almost every village group of believers presents the same picture, and that is that a large percentage of our people cannot read. They have heard the message and the Holy Spirit has impressed their hearts, and they have become baptized church members.

The responsibility to teach our own people is of first importance. How can they grow and develop in Christian living if they cannot read and study the Bible? Our church members will become loyal, intelligent members if we will organize classes for them in which they can learn to read.

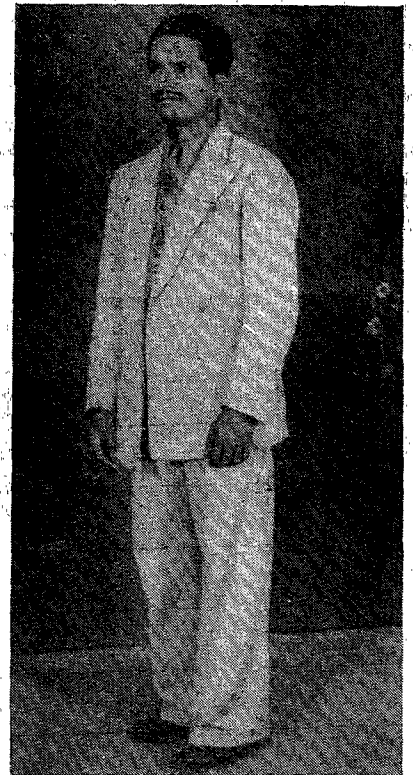
While we are teaching our own people we can invite other village people into the classes, and as they learn to read they can at the same time learn "the truth." If we will exert ourselves to help people, we will win their friend-

ship, and they will be willing to listen to the message that we have for them.

The new governments of this Division field are putting forth great efforts to bring literacy to the people. Should not we as Christian leaders, be in the forefront in bringing uplift to them?

The Educational Departments of all the Provinces have splendid material on Adult Literacy. Consult the local government school inspector, and he will be able to put you in touch with books and materials that can be used in Adult Literacy Classes. Scores of these classes should be organized, and conducted by our workers throughout the field.

### A SUCCESSFUL SALESMAN



### BROTHER J. JAPAGNAMAM.

Associate Publishing Department Secretary of the South India Union Mission, writes that during ten months—January to October, 1949—he has sold in each month between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 1,300 worth of literature for the colporteurs. This is a very fine record indeed when we consider the amount of time that is consumed in travel from place to place. During these ten months Brother Japagnanam has spent only six days at the Bangalore headquarters; the rest of the time he has been in the field. He has visited almost every colporteur in the Union and some have received very splendid help.

Brother Japagnanam concludes his letter by saying: "The Lord has been

very good to me both in the matter of giving success in sales, and in preserving my health in the face of such a strenuous programme." Let us pray that Brother Japaganam will continue to enjoy a large measure of health and strength, and that his labours will continue to be blessed.

L. C. SHEPARD.

### SPREADING THE MESSAGE IN SIMLA

R. I. VALENS

"YE ARE the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14. These words should mean much to us, who live in these last days when millions of people are in darkness. If we are light-bearers it is our duty to carry the light of the gospel to others.

Simla is one of the most charming hill stations in India. It is situated over 7,000 feet above sea level. The scenery is beautiful and the climate very pleasant.

We find that hundreds of visitors come and reside in this beautiful city. Since the partition of India, Simla has become an important station. The East Punjab Government and the High Court are situated here.

It is in this lovely city, that our medical work is soon to re-open under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. I. R. Baziel. The writer joined them as a colporteur-evangelist, and I am glad that the medical and literature ministry can go along together, and thus spread the message quickly.

Our church members in Simla are a faithful and consecrated group and labour along with us in winning souls for the Master. We are endeavouring to give the people in the highways and byways of Simla our truth-filled literature. We meet many people and hold Bible readings and prayer meetings with them and also present them with our papers. We also have great pleasure in enrolling students for the Voice of Prophecy Bible School, and, of course, herald the opening of our hospital.

One day while I was interviewing a prominent doctor he said, "I really appreciate, thank, and commend the Seventh-day Adventists for the noble and humanitarian work they are doing in India." Another doctor and his wife said: "You Seventh-day Adventists are really doing a good missionary service, and we wish you every success."

The seeds of truth that have just been sown here are beginning to bring forth fruit, and we are earnestly

### NEW EDITIONS OF BIBLE TEXTBOOKS FOR 7TH AND 8TH STANDARDS

JUST recently two Bible textbooks have been revised and published. One is the New Testament History Book, and the other the Old Testament History book, normally used in the 7th and 8th Standards. The New Testament History book is entitled *Development of the Christian Church*, and the other is *Life and Times of the Old Testament*. These books have been revised by a Committee appointed by the Educational Department of the General Conference. The new books are beautifully illustrated, and well organized on the unit system, and will make Bible teaching much more satisfactory in these two standards.

We would suggest, that schools that need new textbooks in these classes secure these latest editions. It would seem advisable in every one of our Secondary schools to have at least a copy for the teacher of each of these classes, in order that the teacher may make use of the added information in these books, and then, as fast as it seems practicable, these books should replace the old editions.

C. A. SCHUTT.

praying to the Lord for His mighty blessings upon our endeavours.

We respectfully solicit the prayers of every "TIDINGS" reader on behalf of our work in Simla.

### BANGALORE M. V.'S CAMP AT TWIN BROOK

H. A. WALLS

THE Bangalore church and school sponsored the first Missionary Volunteer camp in their history, from September 4 to 6. Twenty-one juniors and seniors gathered at the school at 5:30 a. m., on Sunday with their bedding and other camp equipment. Two carts were required to haul the luggage to the railway station and the group of campers presented an unusual sight to the early Sunday morning pedestrians as they followed the carts for about one mile to the Bangalore Cantonment station. Tickets were purchased while we waited for the early

morning train. We were fortunate in being able to find a compartment large enough and empty enough to permit us all to get in together. During the two-hour wait which we had, we ate our breakfast on the station platform.

We reached Kumbalaguda at about 11 a. m., and walked through the rice fields to the state-owned "Traveller's Bungalow" which was to be our TWIN BROOK CAMP headquarters. Another bullock-cart and two wheelbarrows were pressed into service to transport the luggage. Everyone helped to speed the preparations for lunch by preparing vegetables, drawing water from the nearby village well or by starting and tending the open fires over which the food was cooked. Lunch was a little late but was well worth waiting for. After the necessary camp duties had been attended to everyone thoroughly enjoyed the rest hour. The regular camp routine was quickly entered into and events moved rapidly. Each morning was started with flag raising, Morning Watch, and prayer bands. After breakfast and duties one and a half hours was given to Progressive class work and then there was a Camp Council hour at which time problems which the campers had presented were discussed. The campers were interested in receiving counsel on good and bad reading and on the problem of having intimate friendships with young people of the world. A free half-hour period before lunch gave the campers the opportunity to have some lively games of volley-ball, etc.

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# Gleanings

PASTOR A. L. HAM left Poona on November 22 to visit the hospital and workers at Nuzvid.

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On November 23, Pastor A. F. Tarr departed on a business trip to Burma.

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Mrs. C. A. Schutt has gone to Burma for a period of about six weeks to assist in the Rangoon Hospital.

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The latest reports on Brother Robbins' condition state that there is some slight improvement. Let us continue to remember him in our prayers.

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We understand that there is a sound of hammering, digging, and hewing at 91 Depot-Lines, Karachi, for work has now commenced on the proposed Seventh-day Adventist hospital there.

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Vincent Hill College will be closing on November 28 and the students will be returning to their homes. We hope they will have a happy and profitable vacation.

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Pastor A. J. Johanson returned to Poona on November 25, after a two months' tour of West Pakistan, Northwest and Northeast Unions in the interest of the colporteur work and colporteur institutes. He reports that the institute at Vincent Hill College was attended by twenty-seven students who are planning to do colporteur work in the different unions during the coming vacation. Also that over forty workers in the Northwest Union and about twenty in the Northeast Union are at present busily engaged in taking orders for the new Hindi journal, *Swas-thya Aur Jiwan*.

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Dr. N. A. Buxton spent a few very busy days recently at Spicer Missionary College and Salisbury Park. Medical attention was given to a large number of students and workers. Doctor Buxton was assisted by Dr. Ubbink and Mrs. L. C. Shepard. The good work done by these medical folk was much appreciated.

## M. V. CAMP

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Following the afternoon rest period came more Progressive work. The tracking and trailing groups roamed far and wide over the countryside and the First Aid classes produced some

## ! ATTENTION !

Literature Evangelists and other workers in the Northeast and Northwest Unions!

Please remember your subscription goals for the Hindi magazine:

Northwest Goal—7,000 subscriptions before the end of 1949

Northeast Goal—5,000 subscriptions before the end of 1949

Let us pull together brethren, and with the Lord's help, meet the New Year with the work completed.

A. J. Johanson.

pitiful looking specimens who were bound head and foot with all manner of bandages. The Twin Brooks formed a nice pool just a short distance from our camp and each afternoon everyone went there and waded or swam.

The evenings were just cool enough to make a crackling campfire comfortable. All joined in singing the rounds and choruses and all listened attentively to the thrilling stories. The last night marshmallows were roasted and games were played by campers and counsellors in the moonlight.

Time for departure came too soon to suit anyone but by the appointed time the luggage was on the bullock-cart and the campers had started across the fields again for the railway station while the cart followed the roundabout road. After quite a little time the cart had not appeared and there was much conjecturing as to what had happened when the little fellow who had been assigned to accompany the cart arrived at the station thoroughly drenched and crying hard. His story was that the cart had tipped over, throwing all the luggage on to the muddy ground. Some of the older boys and leaders ran back to the spot and found that the luggage was strewn over quite an area. The cart was righted and the luggage put back on to it and the procession started for the station again. After the cart had gone a short distance an ominous crack was heard. The shaft had apparently been damaged when the cart turned over and was now giving way. Again all of the luggage was removed, the campers were summoned and each one carried his or her share to the station. Just after the last piece had been deposited on the platform the train arrived and there was another scramble for seats.

A tired but very happy group reached the City station from which point they separated to go to their homes by bus, but not until tentative plans were made to have a longer camp next year.

## AT REST

KING—The many friends of Brother W. P. H. King will be sorry to hear of his death which occurred at Madras on October 5, 1949. Brother King, with his wife, accepted the truth some years ago, and they were both baptized by Pastor James in Bombay. Brother King had been ailing for some time and since 1945 had been prevented from attending worship in church as he was confined to his bed. He laboured faithfully to proclaim the truth, which he had received and in which he steadfastly rejoiced, having been a lay preacher in Bombay for five years. It was my privilege to be with him during the last hours of his life and to hear his confession of perfect faith and trust in God. Wednesday morning brought to him the longed-for and well-earned relief from the pain and suffering of this world and he sleeps in the blessed hope. We laid him to rest in a quiet spot far removed from the disturbed, anxious world of strife. To his sorrowing wife and children we extend our sympathies and join with them in earnest prayer that the day of re-union may come quickly.

E. W. MATTHEWS.

BIRCH—The church at Bangalore was made sad recently when one of its beloved members was laid to rest. Daisy Millicent Birch was born December 27, 1887, and passed to her final rest on August 26, 1949, at the Lady Curzon hospital in Bangalore, after a lingering illness. She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church since the time of her baptism on November 27, 1948. She was a nursing sister and willingly gave her services to all who needed her help. Mrs. Birch was the mother of Mrs. E. Hardinge, and grandmother of Clive, Denise, and Jean Hardinge, all of whom are members of the Bangalore church. The burial service was conducted by Pastor O. O. Mattison and the writer. One of Mrs. Birch's favourite hymns was sung, "Abide With Me." Sister Birch will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but we are confident that she sleeps in Jesus and will again be united with her loved ones on the great resurrection morning.

E. L. SORENSEN.



# CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

for

JANUARY, 1950

## NOTES TO LEADERS

AS WE begin another year let me take the opportunity of greeting each one of you, wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year in soul saving. January 7 is the first Sabbath of the year 1950. This Sabbath has been set aside for the Win-One Campaign. We have printed "Personal Soul-Winning Covenant Cards" in English and in most of the vernaculars. When Elder Butler was here early in 1949 he stressed that we use this card at the beginning of the year, soliciting the co-operation of the church members in signing the card and checking on the different lines of missionary activities they would like to be engaged in. So I would like to appeal to you, brethren, to put into practice what we have been instructed, today, the first Sabbath of the year.

Personally, I believe there is a great opportunity before us to do a large missionary work in this country through the lay members, and bring a number of people to the knowledge of this truth. The church elders should take upon themselves the responsibility of organizing their churches into various bands and teaching them how to operate.

For the year 1949 the Inter-American Division set a goal of 15,000 souls to be won largely through the influence of laymen. We have at present, 9,843 baptized members in the church in our Division. If we all work, every member striving to win at least one soul, we should have another 9,843 members added to the church before the year 1950 closes.

It is my earnest desire that you will arrange an interesting programme on this Sabbath, and set a definite goal for souls for your church for 1950, and then do all in your power to reach that goal.

—E. D. THOMAS.

## THE WIN-ONE PROGRAMME

A. L. Ham

OF THE many objectives of the Home Missionary department the

"Win-One" programme is doubtless the most important. The great objective of all departments is to advance the great work of winning souls to the Master, and this is a precious privilege. The gospel prophet, Isaiah, said, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the

## Suggestive Programme

for

Sabbath, January 7, 1950

Opening Hymn: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," No. 361 in *Church Hymnal*.

Prayer.

Announcements.

Offertory.

Secretary's Report.

Leader's Remarks.

Special Music.

Reading or Talk: "The Win-One Programme."

Reading or Talk: "Go Up at Once."

Recitation: "A Prayer."

Closing Hymn: "Courage, Brother," No. 263 in *Church Hymnal*.

Benediction.

feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Isaiah 52:7. And the writer of Proverbs says, "He that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30.

The "Win-One" programme is an endeavour on the part of the Home Missionary leaders to encourage every member of the church to put forth earnest effort and prayer to win at least one person to this blessed truth during the coming year. It is well that our attention is called to this work early in the new year—1950.

There are many avenues through which souls can be won to the church. I would like to mention one thrilling experience I had in one of the Sabbath schools I attended in the Orient. There were in attendance between two and three hundred members. At the close of the Sabbath school the super-

intendent called on the pastor of the church to make some remarks. Two young men brought in a blackboard and the pastor began to ask anyone from any of the classes who had brought one or more persons to the Sabbath school to stand. I saw many people standing all over the room and was told that almost every class had one or more members who had brought people to the Sabbath school that day. The pastor wrote the number from each class on the blackboard and it totalled forty-four for that one day. All of these members of the various Sabbath school classes, whether learned or illiterate, were doing their very best in the "Win-One" programme and all seemed very happy at the results of that report. As a result of this programme we observed that that church had many baptisms during that year. We sing:

"Throw out the life line across the dark wave,

There is a brother whom someone should save;

Somebody's brother! oh, who then will dare

To throw out the life line, his peril to share?

"Throw out the life line with hand quick and strong;

Why do you tarry, why linger so long?

See! he is sinking; oh, hasten to-day—

And out with the life-boat! away, then, away!

"Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,

Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;

Haste, then, my brother, no time for delay,

But throw out the life line and save them today."

Let all the church members of all the churches of the Southern Asia Division volunteer in this rally to throw out the life line in this "Win-One" movement. Not only is the winner of souls wise, but also supremely happy. I have personally never been happier than when I have been conscious of helping some poor soul to find the Saviour. No programme of the church will do more

to promote unity and brotherly love and real progress than this "Win-One" endeavour. The fields where the church members are zealous for this soul-saving work are the ones which are making the greatest progress. They are also the places where church problems are the least, because everyone is busy in helping someone else and sharing his faith.

The following poem by Whittier expresses this thought of sharing:

"Immortal Love, forever full,  
Forever flowing free,  
Forever shared, forever whole,  
A never-ebbing sea.

"The healing of the seamless dress  
Is by our beds of pain;  
We touch Him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again."

What a wonderful religion is this which we enjoy and should we not be eager to share it with others?—**FOREVER SHARED, FOREVER WHOLE.**

### "GO UP AT ONCE"

Warren N. Wittenberg

(Author's note: In order to give emphasis to this talk, we recommend that you utilize some news stories from the current week's local newspapers. These stories should reveal certain facts that will introduce, illustrate, and give point to this talk. For example: news stories that reveal the fulfillment of prophecies—these indicate that Christ is coming soon, hence time is short to do God's work; news stories that reveal the tremendous increase of sin and crime—hence the great need of more active soul-winning; or, a news story that tells of some great engineering or building feat that illustrates the vision of a great engineer or architect. A story like this will challenge your audience to enlarge their vision to see that God can use them to do great things for Him in building His church.)

THE majority won this time, as they so often do;

But the majority was wrong, as is so often true.

YES, it was ten against two. Ten "brought up an evil report of the land" and as a result "all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried; and the people wept that night." Well might they have wept at the decision made that night; for it resulted in forty years of wandering, and hardships, and finally death in the wilderness. But think what might have happened had the Israelites listened to Caleb and Joshua. In the midst of weeping and groaning, in spite of the great walled cities and mighty giants, they said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it;

for we are well able to overcome it. . . . The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us." Numbers 13:30; 14:7, 8.

A tremendous challenge demands our immediate action. It is estimated that 100,000 people die without Christ every day. In one week's time, then, a larger number of heathen people die than the total Adventist membership throughout the world. Sin and wickedness are on the increase. War clouds again hang low over the entire world. Nevertheless God says, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. In spite of the apparent giants and the walls of difficulty, let us go forward in faith, fellow believers. Those in whom the Lord delights because they are fully consecrated to Him and have faith in Him will see some wonderful things take place in these last days. We must ever remember, though, that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 30.

### A PRAYER

Vivian L. Horning

Father, hear me as I pray;

Give me patience for today,  
Patience for the many things

That our daily living brings,  
To understand the friend who fails,

To kindly hush the gossip tales,  
To find pleasure in the joyous voice

Of healthy romping girls and boys,  
To hold my tongue when things go wrong

And set them moving right along,  
To help someone who's had a blow

And not to say, "I told you so."  
To every one I speak, be kind

Tho' I have problems on my mind.  
Faith, Hope, and Charity, grant me these

And mix them well with Patience please!

The methods used finally to bring down the walls of Jericho and put the giants to flight were very simple methods. However, they were God's methods, and they had to succeed. Our tremendous task of reaching the esti-

mated one billion people in the world who are without Christ—reaching them with this glorious advent message—needs men and women of mighty faith and vision, men and women who are willing to follow God's plans. This task needs those who will make soul-winning their main business no matter what other work they may have to do. "The work above all work—the business above all others which should draw and engage the energies of the soul—is the work of saving souls for whom Christ has died. Make this the main, the important work of your life. Make it your special life work. Co-operate with Christ in this grand and noble work, and become home and foreign missionaries. . . . Oh, that young and old were thoroughly converted to God, and would take up the duty that lies next them, and work as they have opportunity, becoming labourers together with God!"—*Messages to Young People*, p. 227.

"What can I do?" many may ask. Well, there is something for everyone to do in God's work. First of all, our own souls must be filled with the joys of salvation. "The most intellectual, those who are looked upon and praised as the world's great and gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the most humble, simple words spoken by one who loves God, who can speak . . . of those things which their minds contemplate and feed upon. Words, even if well prepared and studied, have little influence; but the true, honest work of a son or a daughter of God in words, or in a service of little things, done in natural simplicity, will unbolt the door, which has long been locked, to many souls."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 203.

There are a great variety of means to bring Christ and His message to the attention of people who know Him not. No means is better than the distribution of our tracts, magazines, and books. This can be done by house-to-house distribution and through well-placed tract racks in waiting rooms, professional offices, beauty parlours, barbers' shops, and many other places. It is our privilege to carry tracts with us wherever we go and distribute them as we have opportunity on the streets, in public conveyances, and places of business. Some have even gone aloft in aeroplanes and dropped our message-filled literature from the sky.

What can you do? Maybe you can do medical missionary work. The giving of simple treatments and the frequent use of fomentation cloths constitute a wonderful opening wedge for

soul winning. Sharing your knowledge of a healthful diet is also successful. Neighbour Jones is given a sample of your tasty meatless curry or baking-powder-less cake. She enjoys it very much and so does her family. Naturally she wants to know, "Why no meat?" or "Why no baking powder?" That opens the way for the presentation of health principles and, maybe later, the other truths of our message.

Oh, there are so many things that can be done! The distribution of Bible School enrolment cards is easy and interesting missionary work. Dorcas welfare work has proved itself through the years. Supplying Adventist church news material for the columns of the newspapers is coming to the forefront as a splendid way of spreading the truth. Then, of course, there are many men who could hold lay efforts or conduct cottage meetings if they went forward in faith and made soul winning their main business.

Thousands should be giving Bible studies in the homes. In volume nine of the *Testimonies*, p. 150, we are told, "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world." In the same volume, p. 41, it says, "By visiting the people, talking, praying, and sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do." In *Ministry of Healing*, p. 152, all are urged, "Invite your neighbours to your home, and read with them from the precious Bible and from books that explain its truths. Invite them to unite with you in song and prayer. In these little gatherings, Christ Himself will be present, as He has promised, and hearts will be touched by His grace."

"Another work in which all may engage is gathering children and youth into the Sabbath school. The young may in this way labour efficiently for the dear Saviour. They may shape the destinies of souls."—*Christian Service*, p. 130. On the outskirts of Washington we have seen a wonderful demonstration of what can be done by young people in Sabbath-school work. Working closely with their pastor, Elder Russell Quackenbush, some of the Hyattsville church young people built a simple, but beautiful little chapel in the Decatur Heights neighbourhood. Then they invited the boys and girls in the community to come in for Sabbath school. Now for over six months they have been having some thirty or more non-Adventist boys and

girls and young people meet with them every Sabbath. Some are already fine prospects for church membership.

Yes, "all can do something in the work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 395. With an enlarged vision and consecrated dedication to the work during

1950 we could all see God do great things through us. It is time to finish the work that we might see an end of sorrow, sin, and sickness and go to our heavenly home. Let us join the Calebs and Joshuas, and "go up at once and possess the land."

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## TEN-MINUTE SERVICES

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Sabbath, January 7, 1950

### MINISTERS, LAYMEN, AND GOD

AMID the deepening shadows which cast a spell of gloom and utter hopelessness over many people around the world, we can now see rays of light begin to shine forth to light the way of millions who are sitting in darkness and who are without hope. The advent church is beginning to stir, and the laymen are becoming active for God. There seems to be a turning to God by many—which reminds us of a statement Sister White penned for this people years ago. She wrote: "The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence."

Largely through the influence of laymen the Inter-American Division is expecting to baptize 15,000 souls this year. The sweep of this great laymen's movement across the neighbouring countries to the south could well be the cause for Bishop Raymond A. Lane writing as he did in the Jesuit magazine *America*. Commenting on Catholic losses in Inter-America he wrote: "Unless some of us stay up nights and do hard planning and praying, in another generation great sections of Latin America may well be counted among the lost lands of Christendom."—*Selected*.

Sabbath, January 14, 1950

### MINISTERS, LAYMEN, AND GOD

ONE lay brother recently wrote me concerning the cottage meetings that he and his wife conduct. He writes, "I cannot remember a time in the past four years when we have not had a study going. I would set the average attendance for the past year at ten adults. We are holding four cottage meetings and one public effort at present. I think we have had part in about sixteen baptisms."

Another brother writes that he is holding meetings with a weekly average

of forty children and twenty adults present. He has left his friends, a good climate, and comforts—all at a time in life when most people retire. He and his wife have selected a byway not far from the desert as a place to work for God.

About us everywhere are open doors for service, doors which we can open only as we work together. Let us pray that God will guide our feet into paths that lead to the harvest fields of earth, where both ministers and laymen may garner in the precious wheat for God's kingdom.—*Selected*.

Sabbath, January 21, 1950

### MINISTERS, LAYMEN, AND GOD

A YOUNG man who recently graduated from Southern Missionary College had the course of his life changed by a Voice of Prophecy enrolment card. Two years ago when he was released from the army, he entered a seminary of his denomination to become a minister. The Seventh-day Adventist church in the town in which he was studying held a field day, distributing Voice of Prophecy enrolment cards at every home. A junior boy passed out the cards on the street where this young man stayed. The boy was so timid he could not speak to the people, but he rang the doorbells, thrust the cards under the doors, and scurried away.

This young man saw him coming; and just as the boy rang the doorbell, the man appeared and said, "Sonny, what do you have?"

The boy, frightened almost speechless thrust out the card toward him and said, "It's free. Take it."

The young man signed the card, thinking the course might be helpful to him in preparing for the ministry. It was. After taking six lessons he called for a minister, accepted the truth, and finished his theological course in a Seventh-day Adventist college. He is now one of our ministers.—*Selected*.

Sabbath, January 28, 1950

MINISTERS, LAYMEN, AND GOD

FROM South Africa comes one of the most thrilling stories we have heard. Due to peculiarities in the government of Basutoland, Adventists have not been permitted to locate any missions there. Elder E. L. Cardey, director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School of the Southern African Division, reports that he recently made a visit into Basutoland to spy out the territory. He met a man who had studied the truth in Durban, some 250 miles to the south. This native went back to his home territory, and at the present time has about 1,000 people keeping the Sabbath and paying tithe. Now he is giving the names of all these to the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School so that they may be won to the truth.

In Bechuanaland, where Adventists have been excluded by law for many years also, the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School enrolled some women of very high standing in tribal government. Some of these women accepted the truth and though severely persecuted have remained loyal. Doubtless a complete change will come in the anti-Adventist regulations because of the influence of the Voice of Prophecy course.

A man in the veldt of South Africa received the Voice of Prophecy lessons. After studying about baptism he told his wife, "We are not baptized!" He went to the pond in his field; and as his wife read Matthew 28:19, he sank himself into the water. Since then he has met our minister, and he and

his wife have been baptized and are members of the church.—*Selected.*

ANGELS ARE WAITING

"THOUSANDS upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has so generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 129.

"The message is first to be given 'in the highways'—to men who have an active part in the world's work, to the teachers and leaders of the people. Let the Lord's messengers bear this in mind. To the shepherds of the flock, the teachers divinely appointed, it should come as a word to be heeded. Those who belong to the higher ranks of society are to be sought out with tender affection and brotherly regard. Men in business life, in high positions of trust, men with large inventive faculties and scientific insight, men of genius, teachers of the gospel whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time—these should be the first to hear the call."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 229, 230.

About ten years ago a Sabbath-school teacher read and re-read that statement. She caught, in a small degree, a vision of the possibilities of organized planning and its power to bring into a reality the command involved in those words from the book, *Christ's Object Lessons*.

She invited the young people of her Sabbath-school class to a party at her home, and shared with them the plan. They caught the thought, and gladly organized as a group to send the *Signs of the Times* to the members of the President's Cabinet. Then other members of the church caught the spirit of the idea, and now the members of both Houses of Congress receive the paper. The under-secretaries of the Cabinet, the Supreme Court Justices and their associate Justices also have been added to the list of official families to receive the *Signs of the Times*.

The story has been told from coast to coast, and through its inspiration thousands and more thousands have sent the *Signs* to the leaders of our public thought and responsibilities.

"Often prayer is solicited for those who are suffering from illness or adversity; but our prayers are most needed by the men entrusted with prosperity and influence."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 212.

"The greatest men of earth are not beyond the power of a wonder-working God. If those who are workers together with Him will do their duty bravely and faithfully, God will convert men who occupy responsible places, men of intellect and influence."—*Id.*, p. 216.

And angels are waiting to help. "Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with the members of our churches in communicating the light that God has so generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 129.

—Eva Jeune McAssey.

