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ALONE

*God walked alone in Eden
At the close of that dreadful day,
His heart all broken with sorrow—
He had sent His children away.*

*God walked alone in Eden;
And the lovely garden was bare,
No answering voice or footstep
In the dim, shining stillness there.*



*God walked alone in heaven
The night that Christ came to this earth,
While all the celestial choir
Were singing to mortals His birth.*

Mildred

*God walked alone in heaven
And not even angels above
Could know the weight of His anguish,
The wonderful depths of His love.*

Wood

Harris

*God walks alone in heaven
Once more when this old earth is done,
Waiting in glad expectation
Return of His glorified Son.*



*With the redeemed of all ages
To gather around His great throne
In thankful, satisfied glory,
Our God walks no more alone.*

NORTHWEST UNION MISSION

M. E. KEMMERER, *President*

PUNJAB VILLAGES CALLING FOR OUR MESSAGE

M. E. KEMMERER

“CHAUDRY SAHIB, I can tell you where to go if you want to hear some real preaching.”

“Where?” asked the villager.

Joseph quickly responded by telling the Chaudry Sahib about the meetings then in progress in the city of Amritsar. The Chaudry Sahib in this story is an important business man in the village of Fategarh-Churian about twenty-five miles north of Amritsar. The Punjab Chaudry Sahibs in general are usually very influential as leaders among their people, belonging to the better class and as a rule have some degree of education.

Joseph is a young Seventh-day Adventist student who attended our Roorkee Training School last year and has returned for a few weeks of his vacation to visit this village in the heart of the East Punjab. He is one of our older students who is already married and in this village is the home of his wife. There are no other Seventh-day Adventists there as far as we know.

After Joseph told these village fathers about the Bible preacher in Amritsar, he explained further that they could find the place easily by looking for “The Divine Revelation Camp” as the meeting place was called.

A few days later this Chaudry Sahib and a friend had occasion to go to Amritsar so they felt impressed to look around for “The Divine Revelation Camp.” Sure enough they found it, just as Joseph had told them, and that evening two very interested men sat among the audience listening to God’s message. Pastor Faqir Chand gave a message direct from God’s Word which touched their hearts. They seemed to be impressed that there was a message for them so they listened every attentively and decided to come back again. Thus it was that these two village leaders heard the message for the first time and after attending the meetings regularly for a number of nights they went back home to their people. There they told their families and others in the village about this new Adventist preacher who found his message in the Bible and truly gave them divine revelations such as they had

never heard. The people listened eagerly to these reports and the next thing we heard was that the two Chaudry Sahibs together with two of the village school teachers were back in Amritsar asking Pastor Faqir Chand to come to their village and preach this same message. Although they belonged to another Christian mission they said they did not know such truths were in the Bible.

Soon after this the time came to close the regular effort meetings. Meanwhile the word had gone from village to village telling about this new Christian preacher who really taught from the Bible. So one day these men returned again and this time carried a plea from twenty-three villages calling for meetings to be held in each place so that they might learn more about the Bible.

It was at this point in the story that a letter came to the writer from Pastor Faqir Chand as follows: “We are having a baptism and also the communion service on Sabbath, July 15.” (Five souls were baptized as a result of the Amritsar meetings.) “We have been sent invitations from the representatives of twenty-three villages in the districts of Amritsar and Gurdaspur. You will hear further good reports when you come.”

On Friday morning when our train arrived in Amritsar, the happy pastor was there to meet us. Even before we left the station platform he was telling us about these new seekers for truth and the wonderful way in which God opened the way to enter these villages. He also told us of their plan to have us come and visit several of the villages over this weekend. I was anxious to meet these people and see for myself just how interested they really were in our message, so this was a timely opportunity. That afternoon as we were seated in our hotel room discussing our plans we heard a knock on the door. Two village men came into the room and greeted us. They spoke in Punjabi, so I could not understand, but they seemed to recognize my handicap and smiled as we exchanged “salaams.” After they had gone I learned that we were invited to their village on Sabbath afternoon. These two men were the Chaudry Sahibs who had come with a special invitation.

Our train was to leave on Sabbath afternoon at five o’clock. At 4 p. m.

the two villagers were already at the hotel ready to accompany us to their village. They told us that others of their people would meet us at the railway station about twenty-five miles distant. The train was late as usual so it was practically sun-down when we arrived after a hot ride in a very crowded compartment. This being a Sikh (Hindu) festival day we were literally packed into the train. The train was so crowded that hundreds rode on the very top of the bogies and others hung on the sides. It was a real relief to arrive at our destination, the village of Fategarh-Churian.

As we pressed through the crowd on the station platform we noticed a group of people lining up just beyond the station. The word was quickly passed to us that these people had come from the village to serve as a welcoming committee. About fifty of these villagers had come to greet us.

First we were introduced to several of the important village fathers, then the two school teachers stepped up and greeted us. Next we were ushered down the long line of villagers exchanging “salaams” all the while. As we came to the centre of the line, we were also garlanded according to their custom. After this part of the welcome, we started walking to the village itself which was located about half a mile from the station. We hadn’t gone very far until we met a part, at least, of the village brass band. Six young men, dressed in red coats, two with horns, two with drums, and two with cymbals. These joined in the procession to the village and what a noise they could make. We had not expected such a loud and boisterous welcome and were somewhat embarrassed at all this ceremony, but we felt that after we could teach these people better things some of these village customs might be adjusted and adapted to other plans.

They led us through the heart of the village (4,000 to 5,000 population) and around the other side to one of the compounds. There we were greeted by several hundreds more and also found they had arranged a shelter for us, with chairs and table all set to receive a message from us. As we sat down to rest with perspiration very heavy on our faces, they brought us some refreshing ice-cold drinks and then delegated a couple of the young men to stand beside us and fan us. They really tried to make us comfortable and seemed to be happy that the Padre Sahibs had come at last.

We decided that since it was later than we had expected we would wait until after they finished their evening meal before going on with the meeting

as planned. Also, we felt that we needed just a little rest first. So we took just a few minutes to thank them for their kind and generous welcome and invited them all back for the meeting later on. In our reference to the welcome we told them that we were not accustomed to this type of welcome and that we hoped they would welcome into their hearts the message we would bring with a prayer that God might bless our stay in their midst. A few minutes later the group dispersed to go to their homes while we were invited to go with the Chaudry Sahibs to their home for "khanna" (food).

A few moments later we found ourselves seated on the top of their house with a table of good things set before us. They had spared no trouble to make us comfortable and we greatly appreciated their kindness. About an hour later we returned to the compound where the meeting was to be conducted and found the place packed with people. It was not a large place, but several hundreds were present, including men, women, and children. A group of the young men who knew some Christian songs began to sing and soon the air was filled with melody and song as only a Punjab village can produce.

Pastor Faqir Chand gave the message of the evening in their own language, speaking to them about the importance of following God's Word. The attention was excellent and everyone remained quiet until the very close. As the service was concluded many were heard expressing the desire to hear more of this message from the Bible. Some inquired, "When will you have meetings right here in our village like you had in Amritsar?"

As we lay on our beds that night looking up at the stars in a clear sky (we slept as the villagers do, on top of one of their houses) we couldn't help but turn our thoughts to God's promise that His power would be with us even unto the end. Here in this village of the Punjab was another example of how God goes before us to prepare the way for His last message to a world in need. Great joy and peace came into our hearts as we fell asleep happy in the consciousness of God's presence with us.

The next morning we were awake at sunrise and immediately made our plans for the day. After a good village breakfast of paratas, eggs, and hot milk we were all ready to begin the journey as planned which would take us to three or four more of these villages. Since our total distance from this first village would be around fifteen miles we had to secure a

tonga, a two-wheeled cart drawn by one horse, for the journey.

By seven o'clock we were ready to leave and already we could see monsoon rain clouds gathering in the distance so we anticipated a wet ride before we were through. The mud road over which we had to pass also indicated that the monsoon had come and so we found our progress rather slow and difficult. Many times our little grey horse (mare) had to walk in mud and water up to her knees, but fortunately she kept the cart right side up so our ride was not too bad. After about an hour on the road the rain really caught us and although we tried to cover up as best we could, yet the rain soaked through and we looked rather wilted by the time we arrived at the next village. There we found the pathway so wet and muddy that two of the village men volunteered to carry us into one of the houses on their backs.

We found a good interest among these people and in spite of the rain and mud this little cottage was packed with people ready to greet us and listen



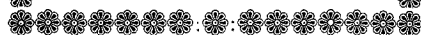
THE PEACE OF GOD

*Keep me quiet, Master,
Patient day by day;
When I would go faster,
Teach me Thy delay.*

*Restless, oft I borrow
From the future care;
Teach me that tomorrow
Shall its burden bear.*

*From Thy full provision
Daily, richly fed;
By Thy clearer vision
Ever safely led.*

—William Adams Brown.



to our message. We told them we had come to see their village and to bring them a message from God's Word in the hope that later on we could spend more time with them and give them a full series of meetings. They were so pleased at our coming and urged us to return soon as they had no one to teach them of these wonderful things.

We arrived at the third village about noon and sat down under a large tree to rest. Soon after we were told that a group of the people were gathering in the little village chapel to listen to our message. This was not a large group since most of the folk were out in the fields at work, but we found a good interest among those whom we met, and after a short service followed by a lunch at one of the homes, we again resumed our journey.

On we went to the fourth village and by this time our poor little tonga horse was getting rather tired, but whenever we stopped, she had some time to rest. Here we found the regular Padre had just started his service for the day, so we felt that it might be best not to compete just at that time. However, we sat down beside the chapel and waited until the service was over, so we could meet this Indian village Padre. He was a kind old man, but after just a few moments of conversation, we could see that he had lost most of his influence with the people that had gathered around. We had a pleasant visit and were invited to return and give our message as soon as we could arrange it. Before we left this place, the old Padre Sahib showed his friendliness by offering us hot milk to drink. We accepted his kindness and then bade farewell to this village. We looked at our watches and realized that our time to reach the fifth and last village in our proposed tour was limited. The tonga driver was already objecting to going any further with his tired horse and the Chaudry Sahibs from the first village who had come all the way with us were also feeling tired, but we had hoped to see this other village so felt that we should try to go on before evening. The two school teachers from Fategarh-Churian had also come along and they encouraged us to go on saying that this next village was one of the best places we would see, with a good Christian background.

With a little more encouragement we decided to start walking, suggesting that the tired tonga horse come after us. We could walk just about the same speed as the horse over this rough and muddy road. At last we were on our way realising that we would arrive at our destination about sun-down if all went well. Except for being dead-tired and somewhat weary from the journey of the day and in spite of crossing a canal and other streams where no bridges existed we arrived about the time we expected. Quite a group were on hand to meet us as a message had been sent ahead to tell of our coming. They brought us into the village and also refreshed us with hot milk at once.

Here it was that I learned a little more about village life when I found that they have no consciousness about time. They go to bed after their evening meal and wake up when the sun rises; they insisted on preparing a full-fledged meal for us first before having our meeting. We agreed reluctantly after the village women sent word they

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SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION

O. O. MATTISON, *President*

GIFFARD MISSION HOSPITAL NEWS

K. GOPALA RAO

THIS year the hill leave and annual leave schedules were so arranged that there was a doctor and sufficient staff on duty to keep the hospital running during the summer months while the others were on vacation. Now with the complete staff back on their jobs again, things are moving along as usual.

The recent cyclone has affected our patronage greatly. Following the cyclone our numbers did not exceed the sixty mark for a long time. We are making a rather slow but steady gain in our numbers and hope that before long we will hit the average mark that we used to make at this time of the year.

Dr. Oliver has been away for a few days to attend a Council meeting of the Vellore Medical College Hospital recently. Shortly after returning from there he received an invitation to go to the Malayalam country to assist the brethren there in laying plans for the establishing of a hospital for the Mala-

yalam country. He is still there and we pray that the Lord will guide the brethren in their plans for the opening of medical work in that needy field. We trust this will be a stepping stone to greater evangelization for Ikya Kerala.

The monsoons have broken but we have not had the usual amount of rain that we ordinarily have during this season. In fact it has been rather sultry for the past month, the temperature not having gone below 68°. The compounds look nice and green with grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Mascarenhas of Ceylon and their little son were our welcome guests recently. We were thrilled to hear Brother Mascarenhas last Sabbath when he bore testimony to the Lord. He told how he was rejected and persecuted by his relatives and kinsfolk for giving up Catholicism and accepting the Advent message. But he thanked God for giving him the strength and courage to remain faithful in the face of trials and persecution. He said that the Lord has been good to him and has always supplied him with the necessities of life. His son is in his second year of nursing here, and he expressed his pleasure in

seeing him receive competent training under God-fearing teachers and in such a Christian environment. Testimonies like this encourage us in the Christian way.

The last but not the least is our nursing school. School opened on July 3. Class work is in full swing and before long the first term will be over. This year the enrolment in the freshman class is the largest and equally representative. Eighteen students have enrolled in the freshman class—ten girls and eight boys. The junior class has fourteen students—six boys and eight girls, and the senior class has five students—three boys and two girls. This makes a grand total of thirty-seven students in the three classes. There were more applicants this year than we could take. Because of the fact that the class has been made up for this year we have had to advise a number of them to re-apply next year. Due to scarcity of housing accommodation we have had to turn down a number of married applicants. We wish we had more housing accommodation for such students.

The following of the class of '50 have accepted a call to serve this institution: K. Samuel, P. J. Kurien, D. N. Peter, Rose Rajah Rao, Mabel Gopala Rao, J. Ruth, Perinbam and Jemimmal. We trust they will enjoy their work thoroughly. Others have either gone for further studies or are transferred elsewhere. Sister Arul Bai has accepted a call to connect with the Surat Mission Hospital. Sisters Chocolate and Kolina have gone back to Assam where I understand they are making plans to take post-graduate work in midwifery. Sister Victoria Florence is taking maternity training in Guntur and after finishing it she hopes to join our staff here. Sisters Alice Prem and Esther have married and settled down in life. Sister Diana Prasada Rao has accepted a call to work for the Ranchi Mission Hospital.

Nurses who have been trained in our Nursing School in years gone by are doing medical missionary work in different parts of the field, and we pray that the Lord will bless this institution abundantly as it continues to train medical missionaries to fill places of responsibility in this great Division field.

Under the leadership of our chaplain, Brother P. Rajah Rao, our missionary work is alive. Every Sabbath our missionary groups are out conducting branch Sabbath schools in the neighbourhood. The school makes arrangements for students who are off duty to visit our churches around and hold meetings and conduct Sabbath

Leave it with Jesus

A Message For Those Who Suffer

*Just leave it with Jesus, He sees and understands
the weariness of heart and anguish of the mind; place
all your sorrow, pain, and care within His hands—a
sympathizing, faithful Friend in Him you'll find.*

*Just leave it with Jesus, He's by your side to bless,
He hears your laboured breath and marks your every tear.
Your tossings to and fro, your cryings of distress
enter His loving heart—He knows your every fear.*

*Just leave it with Jesus, the heavy cross He'll bear
and give to you the grace sufficient for the day;
within your heart His peace will keep you from despair
and through your fortitude His glory He'll display.*

*Just leave it with Jesus, thou highly favoured one,
He chastens in His love that He may prove to thee
that He will soon complete the work He has begun—
that you may dwell with Him throughout eternity.*

STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

schools. The Personal Evangelism class goes out frequently and conducts meetings and gives Bible studies. Every Friday night Bible classes are conducted for those who wish to study more into the truth and to prepare prospective candidates for baptism. Students are encouraged to take part in all religious activities, visit the library and read our denominational periodicals.

The recreational side of training is not neglected. Mrs. Shigley conducts physical education classes three times a week. The boys' and girls' hostels are supplied with carom sets. Volley

ball, ring tennis, and badminton courts invite those off duty to play in the evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and family who were connected with this institution for the past four years have recently been transferred to Ranchi. We wish them the Lord's richest blessing in their new work.

Dr. Oliver and the senior class paid a visit to our school at Narsapur recently and gave a check-up to the students there.

We would request our constituency to pray for our institution and our work.

that the Spirit of God was near, reminding us that time is short and that God's requirements are high and specific.

The way the students related themselves to the Week of Prayer is characteristic of the way they are relating themselves to the school year. One would expect that with the larger student body which we have this year there would be more problems of discipline. Such has not been the case. Rather there have been a minimum of discipline problems. Students seem to be here for business, and that business includes the formation of character for service in the cause of God in this world and citizenship in the kingdom of Christ to come. We invite all our friends throughout the Southern Asia Division to join us in seeking the blessings of God upon this institution. The time for great things in the finishing of the work of God is here, and we in this great training centre expect to have our due share in the finishing of the work of God on earth and a place in His kingdom to come.

WESTERN INDIA UNION MISSION

C. B. GUILD, *President*

THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT SPICER COLLEGE

H. H. MATTISON

THE psalmist says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Ps. 92:1. The apostle Paul says, "It is a good thing that the heart be established with grace." Heb. 13:9. Believing in these two good things the faculty of Spicer Missionary College provided a week quite early in the school year for students and faculty together to seek the Lord in a special way. Although we are a bit late in reporting to the readers of the "TIDINGS" the week of good things which we enjoyed from August 4 to 12, the delay has been due to an abundance of work rather than indifference to the blessings received.

It was our privilege to have Pastor E. D. Thomas lead out during the Week of Prayer, and it was his privilege to conduct a Week of Prayer for the largest student body Spicer College has ever had. Pastor Thomas' years of experience with young people in Southern Asia especially qualified him to bring to our young people practical spiritual truths which will, if remembered and practised, make them better Christians and more qualified workers in the cause of God.

During the morning services Pastor Thomas dwelt on besetting sins which are keeping us from measuring up to God's standards for us and thus keeping us from qualifying as citizens of the kingdom. In his evening services he dwelt upon a series of topics on fellowship. The thought was stressed that it

is not enough that we have our past sins forgiven. We must have the indwelling Christ who will enable us to be victorious over sins day by day. Meeting Christ in peace when He comes will not be a strange experience to one who has had close fellowship with Him day after day. Meeting Him in peace would be indeed strange if during our earthly pilgrimage He had remained to us a stranger and One whom we approached only in times of great emergencies. After all the One who is coming is King of kings and Lord of lords, and to stand in His presence will be no trifling matter. Although He is "the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity," yet He dwells with him that "is of a contrite and humble spirit." Isa. 57:15. It is possible, then, for us to have such close fellowship with Christ that to look up and say "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us," will be the natural thing in the day of His coming.

After each morning service the students met in their various prayer bands which were organized according to language groups. The faculty members circulated among these various bands. The spirit of fervency seemed to be manifest in several of the bands. After each evening service the faculty met together for their prayer band. During the week several calls to renewed consecration were made. The response to each call was gratifying. The last Sabbath service was concluded with a special call to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, to which almost the entire student body and faculty responded. We felt

SOUTH MARATHI MISSION BOARDING SCHOOL, HATKANAGALE

SUMITRA S. PANDIT

IT GIVES me great pleasure to write a few lines about the new boarding school of Hatkanagale. For a long time we have been wanting to start this boarding school. At the budget meeting of the Western India Union considerable time was spent in making plans for this school and on June 20 the South Marathi Mission Boarding school opened its doors to admit fifty students. We have here only four standards from III to VI. At the present moment we have only the Administration building. The boys' and girls' hostels are yet to be built.

We are thankful to the Union and the Division for granting us funds for this school. We have a strong staff and we have every hope that this school year will be a successful one.

Pastor W. J. McHenry, the Union Educational secretary opened the school and then visited the classes and helped us make our plans. His counsel was very much appreciated.

From July 21 to 29 a very profitable week of prayer was conducted by Mr. S. P. Engles, the Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary secretary of the South Marathi local mission. At the close of the week of prayer Brother Engles organized a baptismal class of twenty-five. We sincerely hope that many from this group will be baptized at the close of this school year.

On August 16, the school took part in the Uplift campaign. The Home Missionary secretary of the local mission led out in this effort. We were thrilled in the evening to hear the interesting stories told by our students. The total collection for the day was Rs. 100. We thank God for His providential guidance for that day and we give glory to Him.

More recently Pastor and Mrs.

C. B. Guild visited the school. We shall not forget the valuable instruction given by them. After visiting the school they visited all the stations in the South Marathi Mission with Pastor S. L. Khandagale the superintendent of the local mission.

We request the readers of the "TIDINGS" to pray for this new boarding school.

these sorceries, saying, 'This man is the great power of God.' Acts 8:10.

"But the people of God will not be misled. The teachings of this false christ are not in accordance with the Scriptures. [Italics ours.] His blessing is pronounced upon the worshippers of the beast and his image, the very class upon whom the Bible declares that God's unmingled wrath shall be poured out."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 624, 625.

These are solemn thoughts; may we each ponder them by the study of the Word, and by heart-searching prayer let us prepare to meet our God.

This is not the time to look for faults in others but to search out those sins which beset us personally. We must resist sin and evil in our lives. Paul says "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood." May we take confidence in the abundance of evidence we have concerning the truth and press together ready to meet the Lord.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:1, 2.

"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."—*The Great Controversy*, pp. 594, 595.

"Not one watching and praying saint will be won by Satan."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 404.

May God bless you as you think on these things.

NORTHEAST UNION MISSION

F. E. SPIESS, *President*

WARNING AGAINST STRONG DELUSION

O. W. LANGE

THAT we are nearing the end of the world's probation is daily growing clearer. We are reminded of this fact by the recent terrible earthquake. Only a glance at the daily papers furnishes evidence of that fast approaching day. Very soon we may be brought into great distress and trouble. Satan is already preparing his platform for the final great deceptions. If possible, he will "deceive the very elect." We must be on the lookout for these dangers. Jesus said, "Behold, I have told you before." Matt. 24:25.

At the time when we are looking for the outpouring of the Spirit of God Satan will play his trump card to try to deceive the whole world. At that time we must stand by faith in the Word of God. Jesus said "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24.

"Then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thess. 2:8-10.

"Fearful sights of supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle

against the government of heaven. By these agencies, rulers and subjects will alike be deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing, and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. (Rev. 1:13-15.) The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air, 'Christ has come! Christ has come!'

"The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands, and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the Seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to

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had already begun the preparations, so to make a long story and a long evening short, we concluded our meeting just about midnight. We found a real interest in this village too but we were too tired to think about it so late at night and climbed up to our secluded beds on the roof-top and promptly fell asleep.

The next morning daybreak came all too soon, but we had to be on our way, so as to catch a train at one of the stations about five miles down the road. We had other appointments and the train would speed us back to Amritsar. As we left this village, the fifth we had contacted, many of the people crowded around us and urged

us to return soon and hold more meetings, so that they could learn more about Jesus and His message for them.

We caught our train on time. We bade farewell to our friends, the school teachers, and the Chaudry Sahibs who came all the way from the first village to the last. We have seen and heard the hundreds of earnest pleas that have come from these villages to come and teach them. Now we have a responsibility to answer these calls. In this brief story we have touched at only five of the twenty-three villages that have sent us appeals to help them. These calls remind us again of the

Macedonian call, "Come over and help us." Their plea keeps ringing in our ears added to the loud calls of many others who are in darkness up here in the Punjab and who long for the light of salvation through Jesus our Saviour.

We are trying to answer these calls by sending out one of our workers, and Pastor Faqir Chand will also visit these villages as frequently as possible, but we need more reapers in God's harvest field which is so ripe in these closing days. Let us pray that God will send added help to assist in this great task.

CEYLON UNION MISSION

E. A. CRANE, *President*

ANNUAL MEETINGS

E. D. THOMAS

THE first Sinhalese annual meeting was held at the Kottawa School, August 17-20. The school chapel was beautifully decorated and the first meeting was promptly begun at 7 p. m. on August 17, when the chapel was filled to its capacity. The workers and church members had looked forward to this meeting with great interest and earnestness. Each meeting was preceded by a good song service. Pastor Crane, the superintendent of the Ceylon Union Mission opened the meeting extending a cordial welcome to all present. The next two days were occupied with an interesting programme. Most of the time was given to Round Table discussions, when various topics of vital interest such as healthful living, temperance, Sabbath-keeping, marriage, the Christian home, Christian education, faithful tithing, liberal offerings and the Spirit of prophecy in the remnant church, were studied and discussed. Pastor Cooper of the Colombo church gave valuable instruction.

At the Sabbath school the classes were divided into three groups—the Sinhalese group with 76 members, the English with 23, and the children with 23, making a total of 122 members in attendance. The Sabbath school offering of the day was Rs. 22.20. The Sabbath school was followed by a consecration service when Rs. 120 was received in cash and pledges.

On the last day Brother Walter Mendis who had left us several years ago gave a splendid testimony, confessing to God and the church all that he had done against them during these

years and asked for their forgiveness. He requested that he be re-baptized and taken back into the church that he had learnt to love from his childhood. The church as a whole rejoiced to see the stand taken by this brother. The Spirit of God has been working in his heart for some time. May God bless Brother Mendis and his family and keep them faithful to the end.

On Friday evening Pastor Detamore who had just landed in Colombo for an evangelistic effort, gave a wonderful talk about "Going Home." This was followed by a duet given by Brother and Sister Appel, who have come to assist Pastor Detamore in his evangelistic campaign. The brethren appreciated the message very much.

Satisfactory arrangements were made for board and lodging. Those who attended the meeting testified to the blessings received. All the Sinhalese workers worked hard to make the meeting a real success.

The first Tamil Annual Meeting of the Ceylon mission was held at Divulapitiya, August 24-27. Nearly the same programme of the Kottawa meeting was carried out here. Brethren Jebamoney and Gomer had prepared a splendid spacious meeting-shed for the occasion, and good arrangements were made for board and lodging. Every one was well cared for. Tamil members had come from Jaffna, Colombo, Chilaw, Nugegoda, Matara, and many other adjacent places. They were happy for the privilege extended to them to associate together and renew their Christian brotherhood. Our people were inspired and thrilled with the various talks given. At the Sabbath school, there was an attendance of 110. Some said it was the first Sabbath school they had attended for

many years. The Sabbath school offering was Rs. 51.23. At the preaching service held following the Sabbath school Rs. 97.67 cash was given as thank offering.

Brother and Sister Prakasam are doing good work at Divulapitiya. A cordial invitation was extended to hold the next year's annual meeting at the same place. As I associated with our people in these two places, I heard them express the joy and peace these meetings had brought to them. May God bless the instruction given and keep our people loyal and faithful to the end. This is the beginning of many good things the Lord has in store for Ceylon.

NOTICE

IF YOU have any clean copies of tracts, church papers (old or current), secular magazines, and useful books which you would care to donate to the Lowry Memorial High School Library and for distribution, please pack them and address them clearly to: The Librarian, Lowry Memorial High School, Duravani P. O., Bangalore Dist., South India.

Any assistance you can give us in this campaign will be greatly appreciated.

—The Librarian.

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Gleanings

Pastor and Mrs. D. S. Harris and family began their furlough to the United States on September 11 when they left Bombay on the S. S. "Dwark." May they have a happy and profitable time in their homeland.

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Pastor E. M. Meleen returned to Poona on September 13 after his trip to Ceylon and part of South India.

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Brother G. B. Hoag writes from the Northwest Union that Brother Frank Juriansz and he received a Rs. 300 cheque from an Indian gentleman while they were collecting for Uplift, and that they are hoping to go over the Union Uplift goal soon.

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From Quetta, Baluchistan, comes word from Brother Duane S. Johnson that Brother Hamel and he have been uplifting in that section of the field and that one Parsi gentleman gave them a cheque for Rs. 500.

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The Marathi edition of 5,000 copies of *Tested Ways to Health* is now off the press. This is a well-printed volume with an attractive red cover and should be a real benefit to our colporteurs and other workers in the Marathi field.

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Recently Seventh-day Adventist items have appeared in the *Time* magazine's religious section. The most recent one was dealing with our Medical Cadet Training Camp at Colorado, U. S. A. The write-up was entitled "Conscientious Co-operators."

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Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Dunn and three children arrived in Bombay on their way from Kalimpong to Karachi, where Dr. Dunn is to connect with the Hospital. They paid a short visit to Surat and spent a few days at Poona, prior to sailing on September 30.

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Pastor A. F. Tarr arrived back in Bombay on the 28th and will be in

Poona on the 29th for a short stay prior to leaving to take up his residence in England.

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A. W. Howard, formerly the Publishing Secretary for the Northeast India Union, writes to say that he has been appointed Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary for the North England Conference.

CALENDAR REVISION

L. G. MOOKERJEE

THE readers of the EASTERN TIDINGS throughout the Division will be very glad to learn that a letter dated August 27 which reached the writer on Sabbath, September 2 from Dr. Frank H. Yost, Secretary, General Conference Committee on Calendar Revision, Washington, informs us that the United States Department of State gives the official notice that the World Calendar Association scheme of blank-day Calendar revision will not come before the U. N. Assembly this autumn. For this we are all very grateful to God. The letter is as follows:

"DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

August 24, 1950

"My Dear Mr. Yost:

"Thank you for your letter of August 10, 1950, inquiring about the inclusion of the World Calendar on the Provisional Agenda for the forthcoming General Assembly.

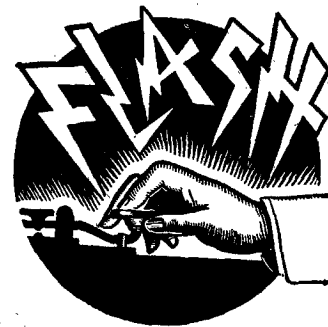
"This item is not on the Provisional Agenda. Also, I understand that in view of the conditions of crisis under which the Fifth Session of the General Assembly will be meeting, the World Association has decided not to press for its proposal as an agenda item by a member nation.

"Sincerely yours,

"(Signed) Margaret R. T. Carter
Chief

"Division of Public Liaison."

However, this does not mean that the Calendar Revision question will not come up again before the United Nations, but it is postponed till some future time. When necessary the specially prepared literature may be secured through the Religious Liberty department for distribution.



THE message of the soon-coming of Jesus is now being broadcast from Radio Ceylon, one of the strongest stations in the world. Pastor A. E. Rawson went to Radio Ceylon on September 21 and signed the contract which gave us time on three services—the African service, the Far Eastern service, and the Southeast Asia service. The African service will be beamed to Africa. This will mean that our programme will be heard in the whole of that continent. The one beamed to the Far East will take in Burma, Malaya, Singapore, and all the islands right on over to China. And, of course, the one beamed to Southeast Asia will cover India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Baluchistan, Afghanistan, Tibet, Nepal, Sikkim, and will even reach beyond the Iron Curtain. We understand the initial broadcast is to be October 1, from 8:30 a. m. to 9 a. m. More details will be given later.

BABY FOR ADOPTION

Baby boy born August 27, 1950 in Surat Mission Hospital, abandoned by its mother, is offered for adoption. Anyone willing to take this child under his care, kindly write to the Surat Mission Hospital, Athwa Lines, Surat. (An Indian home preferred.)

November 4 is the third FIELD ADVENTURING DAY of this year. Plan for it from now, and make it the biggest day in this "Every Home Visitation" programme.

—The Home Missionary Department.