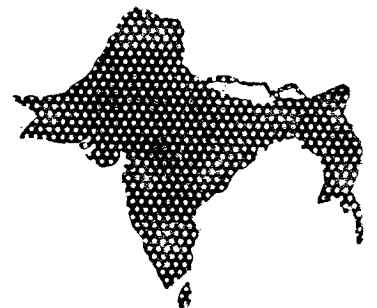


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“Wonderful Jesus”

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TUCKED away in the ninth chapter of the book of Isaiah among other titles ascribed to our Lord is one name of particular interest: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: . . . and His name shall be called WONDERFUL.” Isaiah 9:6.

His Name Shall be Called “Wonderful”

This name “Wonderful” comes from the Hebrew word, *Pehleh* which means literally “Miracle.” The life of Jesus Christ was one long succession of miracles. His virgin birth was a miracle. His sinless life was a miracle. His whole ministry in behalf of sin-sick, disease-ridden, lost humanity was a miracle. Blind eyes were opened. Dumb tongues were loosed. Deaf ears were unstopped. Diseased bodies were made whole. Sick minds were restored to normalcy. Lost souls were snatched from the pit of sin. Finally, after He had successfully met every challenge of the evil one and the cross was His reward from a thankless people, the grave received Him. But the tomb could not hold Him. His resurrection on the third day was a miracle. His ascension back to His Father was a miracle.

Paul in writing to Timothy sums up the miracle that was Christ in these words: “Without controversy great

MEET OUR WORKERS

This week we bring to you two pillars of our medical profession—Drs. I. R. Bazliel. Dr. Bazliel was a surgical specialist in the army in Lucknow when the truth for these times came to him. He studied under Pastors A. E. Nelson and R. J. Ritchie and was baptized in 1946. In 1947 Dr. Bazliel left the army and joined the Nuzvid hospital in April of the same year. Five months were spent in our Surat hospital in 1949 and then he went to re-open our hospital and sanitarium in Simla where he and his wife have laboured ever since with very good success. Dr. Bazliel says tithe-paying and Sabbath-keeping were not new to him as his mother-in-law had been keeping the Sabbath for years having learnt of it from the Jews and he and his wife had paid tithe from childhood! May the Lord bless these two doctors as they work for Him in Simla.



is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” 1 Tim. 3:16. The apostle declares the wonderful miracle of Christ’s life and ministry to be the mystery of godliness.

So wonderful is His name that even today in our times miracles are wrought in the name of Christ. Still prayers in His name are honoured of the Father. Still the sick are healed in the name of the Great Physician. Today devils come forth in the name of Jesus. The lame walk, the dumb sing and the deaf hear the voice of the Wonderful One.

In many ways, Jesus, by His miraculous life and death, is Earth’s Wonderful One.

Jesus Was Our Wonderful Sacrifice!

Jesus, the Lamb of God, walked in the shadow of the cross for centuries before He finally yielded up His life upon Calvary’s cruel cross as our wonderful sacrifice.

As early as Genesis the fourth chapter and the fourth verse, Inspiration speaks of the firstlings of the sheep or goats being offered upon the altar as a sacrifice for sin. No doubt Abel was taught to make such sacrifices by Adam his father soon after the fall.

2,000 SOULS FOR CHRIST IN 1951

The Holy Scriptures do not reveal the exact date when the first sacrifice was killed, but it must have been very shortly after God made His promise of a Saviour as recorded in Genesis 3:15. The Heavenly Father's purpose in instituting the sacrificial system was to remind every sinner as he took the life of the innocent little lamb, that some day his sins would take the life of a heavenly sin-bearer who would come and die as the Lamb of God. It was to be a perpetual reminder and a penitential acknowledgment of his sin. Above all, the Almighty desired to impress upon sinful man that it was sin that caused death.

These sacrifices, Paul reminds us, were but "a shadow of good things to come... [and could] never with those sacrifices... make the comers thereunto perfect.... For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." Heb. 10:1, 4.

It is plain from these words that the offering of sacrifices in the earthly sanctuary did not make full atonement for sin. They were but a type of the perfect Lamb of God to be slain upon Golgotha's hill.

"Not all the blood of beasts
On ancient altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience
peace,
Or wash away the stain.
"But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sin away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they."

Jesus came as the fulfilment of all the types of the sanctuary sacrificial system.

*The Name of Jesus Is Wonderful
to Save*

The famous preacher Charles Spurgeon went one day to the Crystal Palace to test the acoustics of the hall before speaking there that evening. Stationing one of his friends in the rear of the hall to listen, Mr. Spurgeon stepped on to the rostrum and read from his Bible: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Tim. 1:15.

He read the text a second time. Then without comment Mr. Spurgeon stepped from the rostrum and went his way.

Nearly twenty years later while he was busy in his study a call came to Mr. Spurgeon asking him to visit a

man on the other side of the city who was dying. The pastor responded expecting to discover a sinner on the verge of eternity unprepared to meet



his God. However, when he stepped into the humble bedroom he saw lying upon the bed, a man whose face reflected the light of heaven. It was evident from the countenance of the dying man that his was the peace that passeth all understanding.

After visiting with him for a while Spurgeon asked the sick man how he had come to know Christ. His face lighted up as he replied, "Nearly twenty years ago I was a workman doing some repair work high up in the cupola of the Crystal Palace. One morning while I was at work you entered the hall and stepped up on to the rostrum and read a text. The words you read I shall never forget. 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.' Somehow the message burned its way into my very soul. I was not a Christian. But God sent conviction to my heart that day through the simple reading of the precious text. High up there alone, my heart burdened down with the knowledge of my sinful condition, I bowed my head and silently gave my heart to Christ!"

Yes, the name of Christ is wonderful to save!

*The Name of Jesus Is Wonderful in
Its Healing Power!*

No disease known in His day was able to thwart the power of the Great Physician. Unclean spirits fled before Him. Lepers were made clean. Fevers vanished at His touch. The sick of the palsy found instant healing in His presence. Insanity and dropsy, blindness and lameness all yielded to the magic of the Wonderful Healer. Issues of blood were stopped and dumb tongues loosed by the Man who spoke as never man spake. His every act seemed charged with restoring power.

During His earthly ministry teaching and healing went hand in hand

in the work of the Master. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

May we expect Jesus to be our wonderful Healer today? We may if we are willing to meet the conditions laid down in His Word!

*The Name of Jesus Is Wonderful in
Prayer!*

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." John 14:13.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do!" Think of it—Jesus offers to His children anything we may ask in His name. Notice the significance attached to His name—"whatsoever ye shall ask in My name." Jesus' name must be signed to any cheque we may attempt to draw on the Bank of Heaven. A cheque without a name is worthless.

Recently a friend of mine went into a certain office, received a cheque and took it to his bank to cash. The bank teller took the cheque, glanced at it a moment and handed it back to my friend.

"I'm sorry" the teller explained, "but I cannot cash your cheque for the cashier in the office forgot to sign his name to it."

But our Master has not failed to sign His name on the cheque He offers you and me. "That I will do" is His promise when we ask in His name. It is the name of Jesus that opens to us the resources of the Bank of Heaven.

It is a marvellous privilege to always be able to count on a Wonderful Helper who will hear every prayer and supply our every need, spiritual, temporal and physical, according to "His riches in glory." "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name that will I do" is the blessed promise!

This Wonderful One is your Saviour and mine if we will but accept Him as our own! Jesus is a real companion to help in every need, not merely a beautiful theory upon which to meditate.

Wonderful, wonderful Jesus
Who can compare with thee?
Wonderful, wonderful Jesus,
Fairer than all art Thou to me!
Wonderful, wonderful Jesus,
Oh how my soul loves Thee;
Fairer than all the fairest
Jesus art Thou to me!"

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ANNUAL MEETINGS

E. A. CRANE

ANNUAL meetings have always meant much to Advent believers in Ceylon. As the years roll by they will take on added significance. God's people are admonished not to forsake the "assembling of yourselves together, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." This text, we believe, could refer with special force to annual meetings which serve as times of spiritual refreshing, and provide opportunity for God's people to plan unitedly for the work of God.

This year, as usual, we were blessed with efficient help from the Division. Pastors J. F. Ashlock and E. D. Thomas did much to make the meetings worth while to those who attended. Their inspirational talks and practical counsel went deep into the heart. Wonderful transformations of life and character were manifest in the experience of many. All seemed to obtain a new grip on spiritual things.

The meeting for the Sinhalese-speaking community was held at Kottawa August 23-26. A good spirit was manifest throughout. One feature which we especially observed, and which we feel was an omen of good things to come, was the early morning prayer bands. These bands also met in the evening for earnest prayer, and care was taken not to forget to "pray for power at the noon-day hour." The spirit of intercession leads to deeper consecration, and we had occasion to observe how it clears the channel for blessings from God.

For the Tamil believers the Annual meeting was held in a specially constructed cajan pavilion at Divulapitiya. The meeting convened during the weekend following the Kottawa services. Brother S. T. Gomer placed his match factory at the disposal of those attending. In these commodious quarters many of the guests found sleeping accommodation. In it also was found dining room space.

Pastor I. K. Moses, secretary of the South India Union, also attended the Tamil Annual meetings, and gave splendid help. His singing, both in Tamil and English, was greatly en-

joyed by all. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered by the Division brethren as well as Pastor Moses from South India. We extend a hearty invitation for these good workers to return to Ceylon as soon and as often as possible.

We believe that this year's Annual meetings will result in much permanent good. We pray that the blessing of heaven may attend all our believers as they endeavour to let their light shine for God during another year.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW NUPEGODA CHURCH

M. WOOD-STOTESBURY

AUGUST 27, 1951 was a very special day for the Ceylon Union Mission, and especially for the members of the Nugegoda church. It was the occasion of the long-awaited dedication of their new church. For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with Ceylon, we may mention that Nugegoda is a suburb of Colombo.

Situated on the High Level Road, which constitutes one of the main arterial highways in Ceylon, and within a few miles distance of the city of Colombo, this house of worship commands a leading position geographically.

The edifice itself is a compliment to the architect's skill and the Ceylon Union are grateful to Brother N. Claessen for bearing the responsibility for the construction of the building to a major degree, and for accomplishing this task so ably, which is evident from the finished work. The church is white and looks good and solid—a symbol of the purity and solidarity of the Truth.

The sombre dignity of the rostrum and baptistry has been mellowed by a coloured river scene; one wonders whether the artist, Brother D. C. Claessen, had the Jordan river in mind when he designed this picture of hill, river, and blue sky.

The building includes a nice gallery, a Dorcas room, a vestry, and other apartments. The lighting arrangements in the main hall are both novel and attractive.

A short history as to how we obtained this property might be of interest to the readers of "TIDINGS." It was about the time when the Nugegoda church had just been born. The members were in need of a church building, and Pastor A. F. Jessen, who was then superintendent of the Ceylon Mission purchased a block of

land and the Tabernacle was built. This building served the dual purpose of a meeting hall and church school, and was incidentally the first mission building in the Colombo area to be constructed on a permanent basis, for even the Colombo church is but a temporary structure procured by the late Pastor G. F. Enoch.

The Tabernacle served a very useful purpose, and continues to do so. But Pastor Jessen was anxious to procure a more suitable site for a large church building in Nugegoda, and after much searching, the present site was decided upon as most suitable. After consultations with the Division brethren, some of whom came and inspected the property, it was finally purchased, a total extent of two roods and twenty-two perches, for a sum of Rs. 12,500.

The building now stands dedicated, as a meeting place where God is ever ready to draw near to His people. May it ever be the purpose of those who enter therein to dedicate their individual lives to holiness and purity.

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NEWS ITEMS

F. E. SPIESS

THE Northeast workers have been very diligent in the Uplift drive recently and the latest total of cash received is about Rs. 22,700. Promises which are reliable and will be coming in within the next few weeks bring the total to just over Rs. 25,000 to date. Orissa is the first Mission over the top and West Bengal promises to be the second. Assam, Bihar, and the Himalayan Mission are reasonably sure to reach their goals before long. East Pakistan, too, has made a good start and there are evidences of the awakening of the North Central field.

Evangelistic campaigns are planned to open soon in Kalimpong, Shillong, Barisol, East Pakistan, Ranchi, and Calcutta. A number of village campaigns are also to be opened soon. This is the time of the harvest when the harvest is ripe but the labourers are few. "Therefore pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth reapers into the harvest." God has pledged Himself to answer our prayers in the above words of admonition.

The following encouraging words

have just come in from Brother Hilliard far up in the Himalayas:

"Our Bible class last night studied 'God's Test for Today.' We have three people who have been attending very regularly for some time. One is a watch repairer who is nearly finished with his Bible Correspondence course. Another is head clerk in the Town Ration Office. The third is a student who has just failed his matric as did all but two in his class of fourteen. All our Bible class seemed deeply impressed with the seriousness of the times. Please pray for them that they may have the courage to step out and keep the Sabbath."

Brother Hilliard also writes regarding a Voice of Prophecy student in Gangtok, Sikkim:

"You will be interested" he says, "in the reply I got from a letter to one of the Voice of Prophecy students in Gangtok. He is the first who has replied to me from Nepal or Gangtok. Here it is:

"I simply cannot send words to thank the Voice of Prophecy for these precious Bible lessons which they taught me through their Correspondence School. I have taken them as a gift from the Lord. Now it is my hope that God will provide me with an opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour though it seems not possible for me to receive Him here in view of the fact that my parents are utterly averse to my becoming Christian. I am always praying in the hope that God will hear and answer to me as we read in Luke 1:37. With God nothing shall be impossible. I hope you will also remember me in your prayer."

"He is a clerk in the Finance Department in Gangtok."

Word from Pastor Dahlsten recently brings the following good news from the Naga Hills which are still forbidden lands to us:

"We have received word that there is a pastor and a group of Nagas in Ukhrul, Manipur State who want to join us. The pastor would like to meet me in Imphal between September 20-26. I have also received word that I will be permitted to visit Kohima (in the Nagas) and stay over one night."

News has been leaking through that Dr. Shearer has been more than ordinarily busy of late in the Ranchi hospital. More recently we learn that the newly opened town clinic has been having an overflow patronage.

The Honourable Chief Minister of Orissa, as he inscribed his name in our Uplift book for Rs. 600 told Pastor Jensen and the writer that India was

DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR POWER AT THE NOON-DAY HOUR

WHEREVER you are, whatever you are doing, pause a moment every day at noon and lift your heart to God for personal power to do your part in finishing the work of God in Southern Asia in this generation!

"At noon, will I pray, and cry loud; and He shall hear my voice."—Psalm 55:17.

doomed. "unless this type of industrial pride and sense of the dignity of labour could be inculcated into her young people." We not only have the message that leads men to the Kingdom, health reform, and the best in organization, but we have the message of reform in industry that India needs. Shall we not ourselves properly appraise our gifts from God and make the best use of them and appreciate them from our very hearts.

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HARVESTING HEARTS

G. B. HOAG, *Pub. Dept. Secy.*,

BROTHER L. D. PAUL, associate Publishing Department secretary for the Northwest Union has just written me a letter from the troubled zone of the Punjab. He says: "You will be glad to know that two good souls were baptized yesterday (August 25) by Pastor Faqir Chand. One was a Hindu gentleman from Dhariwal mill holding a high position there. The other was his assistant, a Christian gentleman. These two baptisms are entirely due to Brother B. M. Isaac's efforts. I had the opportunity to give them some Bible studies on fundamental doctrinal beliefs, otherwise the entire work is that of our regular colporteur, Brother Isaac. These two men are really God fearing and influential men, and the families of both of them are

also to be baptized very soon." In the same mail a letter from Brother B. M. Isaac further relates—"I have been visiting these men for the past few months while canvassing here. This interest has been gradually increasing, until the time came when both these gentlemen decided to leave the world completely and join the remnant church."

We praise God for such encouraging news. Truly, "The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 33. Brother S. M. Mall working in Delhi is conducting a regular Sabbath school each week. Brother Keshava Chandra in Gorakhpur on the Nepal border is also conducting a Sabbath school. Young Davis Masih who went to Ajmer recently is conducting services there. Also Tuls Ram in Jaipur, as well as M. D. Hanjrao in Patiala State are conducting Sabbath schools. Brother S. R. Calvin another regular colporteur is the only worker in charge of the Allahabad group of believers. The same is true of our oldest regular colporteur-evangelist, Brother John Milton, in Dehra Dun. Yes, "The canvassing work, properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order. . . . God has ordained the canvassing work. . . . we cannot too highly estimate this work."—*Christian Education*, p. 5.

The colporteur-evangelists are doing their full share in helping to evangelize the millions in this great Union field. May I remind those who read these lines to kindly continue to remember the faithful colporteur-evangelists in their daily prayers. And remember especially the words of Jesus that "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38. Perhaps the Lord of the harvest is also calling YOU.

REORGANIZATION OF SIMLA CHURCH

MRS. R. H. DAVIDSON

WE ARE sure that the readers of "TIDINGS" will rejoice with us that the Simla church has been reorganized and is functioning again with the sisterhood of churches of the East Punjab.

On Friday evening, August 31, at vesper time, Pastors D. W. Hunter, Faqir Chand, and E. R. Streeter, met with the company of believers who have been meeting in the little Sanitarium chapel for services from Sabbath to Sabbath. Pastor Chand

brought us an encouraging message from the other churches of this district and encouraged us to join with them in an ever-progressive programme for the giving of the message to this needy area of the Southern Asia Division. On Sabbath morning, after a profitable Sabbath school session in which Pastor Streeter led out in the lesson discussion, we enjoyed a spiritual feast during the worship hour. Pastor Hunter brought us the message.

We met again in the afternoon at four o'clock. At this time those desiring to become charter members of the re-established Seventh-day Adventist church of Simla joined together in church covenant and fellowship. The nominating committee, previously appointed, brought in its recommendations for church officers. The election of church officers took place, together with the ordination of the newly elected officers. Then, together with the visiting brethren, we all took part in the ordinances of the Lord's house. It was a blessed occasion, and as Pastor Hunter welcomed us into church fellowship with the other churches of the Northwest Union, we felt that a definite and encouraging step had been taken in the evangelization of this hill country to which we have been called to labour.

So again we have an organized Seventh-day Adventist church in Simla, and we bespeak for it the prayers of our brethren and sisters in the Southern Asia Division, as we endeavour to give to this community the message of the soon coming Saviour.

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LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE AT MYAUNGMYA

PEIN YEE

THE week of August 27 to September 3 was a scene of much bustle and activity at the Myaungmya School where Elder W. L. Barclay from the Division conducted the Laymen's Evangelistic Institute for the Delta Local Mission. Elder M. O. Manley, Mr. Hendley and Brother Myat Pe from the Union were also present and they contributed much beneficial help at these meetings. To the laymen and workers alike, it was a real privilege and blessing to learn the art of soul-winning under the guidance of these experienced workers.

Due to travel difficulties in the monsoon and rice planting season, only about half of our laymen were able to attend this Institute. Some of them came from a distance of about fifty miles over swampy areas, partly trudging their way knee-deep in mud and partly travelling in country boats. In spite of these road hazards, twenty-one laymen and thirteen workers were present and after the Institute they expressed much satisfaction for the joys and blessings they had received during the week.

Each day began with a morning devotional and a period of prayer which commenced at 6:30. With the exception of a break for meals and afternoon rest hour, the day was fully occupied in Bible studies, sermon preparation, and methods of soul-winning. One hour in the afternoon was devoted to practice preaching by laymen and twenty minutes was allowed for constructive criticism on the sermons preached by the laymen. This hour was most exciting and interesting in which all participated in lively dis-

cussion. The day came to a climax with an evening devotional meeting at which time Elder Barclay related some of his personal experiences in the soul-winning work in Jamaica.

On the last day of the Institute these laymen and workers were conscious of the responsibilities which rested upon them for winning souls in their own villages through personal evangelism and they resolved to put into practice what they had learned at the Institute. After an earnest appeal by Elder Barclay an individual goal was set up by laymen and workers. After adding up the column, the laymen's total goal was eighty-four, and the workers' goal was 296, making a total of 380 souls to be won for the year ending June 30, 1952. This is a fine goal. Nothing is impossible to human efforts if aided by divine agencies. As these laymen and workers return to their respective villages and fields of labour, we invite the earnest prayers of our brethren for them as they endeavour to work and win souls for the Master.

TELL ME ABOUT THE MASTER

Tell me about the Master!

*I am weary and worn tonight,
The day lies behind me in shadow,
And only the evening is light;
Light with a radiant glory
That lingers about the west;
My poor heart is aweary, aweary,
And longs like a child for rest.*

Tell me about the Master!

*Of the hills He in loneliness trod,
When the tears and the blood of His anguish
Dropped down on Judea's sod.
For to me life's numerous mile-stones
But a sorrowful journey mark;
Rough lies the hill country before me,
The mountains behind me are dark.*

Tell me about the Master!

*Of the wrong He freely forgave:
Of His love and tender compassion,
Of His love that is mighty to save;
For my heart is aweary, aweary
Of the woes and temptations of life,
Of the error that stalks in the noonday,
Of falsehood and malice and strife.*

*Yet I know that, whatever of sorrow
Or pain or temptation befall,
The infinite Master has suffered,
And knoweth and pitieth all.*

*So tell me the sweet old story
That falls on each wound like a balm,
And my heart that was bruised and broken
Shall grow patient and strong and calm.*

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THE COMPLETION OF THE HOSPITAL PROJECT IN KARACHI

O. L. HOOVER

“**B**ETTER is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof.” Eccles. 7:8. We are happy that the medical project in Karachi is finished as far as the construction is concerned. We were delighted to be able to turn over the keys of the main hospital building to the hospital management, completed and equipped in a record period of twenty months.

The staff planned to begin moving on September 2 according to Doctor G. A. Nelson, the medical director. At the time of writing the surgical and obstetrical section had been in limited use for about three weeks. The hospital will be one of the most modern, as well as one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in this area.

We have indeed been pleased with the availability of materials, and the progress that has been made all through the construction period. We have had a very good working personnel, which has contributed to the rapid completion of the building. Very good speed was made in spite of the fact that all the face stone had to be

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SO MANY friends and workers have extended their sympathy and kindness and offered their help in our time of need and bereavement that it has been impossible for me to write to you all and tell you how much strength and comfort your prayers and sympathetic expressions have meant to my children and me. Therefore I take this opportunity to extend to you through the “TIDINGS” our sincere thanks and gratitude for all the kindness shown to us.

Many have written asking what we were going to do. That is a hard question to answer fully. Our determination is to stay by the task the Lord has committed to our hands. We have no intention of returning to America at this time. Through the kindness of many friends—especially Brother and Sister W. C. Mackett in Mussoorie and Pastor and Mrs. T. R. Torkelson of Lucknow and the Vincent Hill college my children, Marilyn, Lynn, and Danny have been provided with the very best possible homes. They all seem happy and are apparently doing well in school. Danny is making his

hand chiselled. We have appreciated the help of Brother R. G. Ubbink who has handled the funds, and Brother A. C. Scott who has supervised the labour. The construction project has also been blessed in that it was completed with a saving of twenty per cent under the estimated cost. This was accomplished by planned economy, careful buying, using tried and proved methods of construction, etc. However, no cheap materials nor poor

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home with Brother and Sister Mackett and attending school as a day scholar. Marilyn and Lynn are both in the school. I make my home partly in Hapur but mostly in Delhi but in reality I am touring in the field most of the time. Our furlough is due in 1953. God willing and helping us, we purpose to stay on the field and continue with our fellow-workers to press the battle even to the gates.

In spite of the tremendous shock that has been my lot I would like to testify that my faith is stronger and deeper and more realistic today than ever before. The precious promise of the soon-coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is far more precious to us now. It is with redoubled diligence that we are resolved to put on the whole armour of God and consecrate all that we have toward helping to finish the work of God quickly. We do ask a very definite interest in your prayers as we press onward, fewer in number, but more eager than ever to reach our divine destination.

GARLAND, MARILYN, LYNN, AND
DANNY, HOAG.

workmanship went into this structure.

The completed project consists of three main buildings as follows: The staff quarters, three storeys high, which will house from six to eight families; the church which will seat about 200; and the hospital building which is also three storeys high. The hospital will accommodate seventy-five beds for in-patients, besides the out-patient department, medical examining rooms and offices for the doctors, the offices for the manager, the physiotherapy, X-ray, laboratory, pharmacy, and all the other necessary departments, such as kitchen, laundry, pantries, storage facilities, etc.

The site consists of about one acre of land in a desirable part of the city and within easy access. We are happy to have an excellent and well-qualified staff in whose hands the future progress of the institution lies. We wish them heaven's richest blessing in their endeavours to help those in need.



The completed buildings.
Hospital to left.
Church to right.
Residence extreme right.

OUR GREATEST NEED

A. E. RAWSON

IT IS well for all preachers occasionally to discard the accumulated unused sermon helps and to properly file up-to-date material. In fact, it might be well for some of our preachers, as the writer has done, to discard most of their "treasured sermons," for times have changed and we must keep abreast with the times.

Recently as I was going through my sermon notes and clippings, I came across some valuable material. Among this was a clipping titled "Our Greatest Need" written by P. E. Berthelsen. I read it several times. Each time I read it it seemed to have a deeper meaning. Although it was written several years ago, it is present truth, and so I am passing it on to you in the hope that you, too, may realize to an even greater extent the challenge of our times.

"Some time ago, on the front page of the *Chicago Tribune*, there appeared an illustration picturing the world as wounded, suffering, and bleeding, in a large operating room, lying on a table. Many eminent physicians and surgeons were in attendance to diagnose the case.

"After careful inspection a prolonged consultation followed, the verdict being that the only hope for the sick world was a major operation, removing the old human nature. A partial table of contents of that nature revealed envy, hatred, enmity, spite, revenge motivated by malice, greed, and avarice.

"Yes, the old world needs a new nature if strife is to cease. The evils cherished in the hearts of men have brought on the present terrible condition. The prophet Jeremiah describes the natural heart of man in these words: 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?' Jer. 17:9.

"As individuals our greatest need now is a new nature. The old, carnal nature must be changed. But it can never be accomplished in the life of man by his own efforts. 'Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also



do good, that are accustomed to do evil.' Jer. 13:23.

"Realizing the sinfulness of his old nature and the enormity of his sin, David prayed: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a steadfast spirit within me.' Psalm 51:10, R. V., margin. It is not a theoretical knowledge that is needed, but a spiritual regeneration, which requires creative power. It is not a modification or improvement of the old life of sin, but a new life, a new nature altogether. That new nature is Christian; it is Christlike. Hence the new nature means living as Christ lived.

"There is power in the gospel to create this new nature in man. The word "power," so often used in the New Testament, is translated from the Greek word from which we get such words as 'dynamite' and 'dynamic.' Paul writes: 'I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power (dynamite) of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.' Rom. 1:16. By the same power Christ was raised from the dead. (Ephes. 2:1.) It is the Holy Spirit's power in man, received through the exercise of faith, that regenerates, creates a new nature, a spiritual life, a Christlike life.

"The chief desire of the new life is to please God in all that is done and said. All that is incompatible with the will of God, that is detrimental to soul and body, will naturally disappear. The Bible will be carefully and prayerfully studied and followed. God's law of love, the ten precepts, His standard of righteousness, will be cherished. Will you open wide your heart's door and by faith receive this blessed experience into your life?"

Yes, we need a new clean heart—a

new life. May our sanctified lives shine always for Christ.



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Moment-Sharroch

IN A beautiful setting of palms and flowers and in the quietness of the little Methodist Chapel of the Clara Swain Mission Hospital in Bareilly, U. P., Mr. John Moment and Miss Esme Sharrock were united in marriage on September 13, 1951, the wedding being solemnized by the writer.

The bride was attractively dressed in white and was attended by her mother. These young people are both graduates of Vincent Hill College and have both spent some time since their graduation in the service of the mission. Brother Moment is assisting Pastor Sorenson in caring for the church in Bangalore, where the happy couple will make their home.

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Gleanings

Brother and Sister E. R. Reynolds and their two children arrived in West Pakistan on August 27. Brother Reynolds is to connect with our evangelistic programme in the West Pakistan Union.

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Other arrivals in West Pakistan are Brother and Sister F. W. Hill and their two children who arrived on September 6. Brother Hill is the new Publishing secretary for the West Pakistan Union.

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On September 25 Brother and Sister F. L. Fuller and their two children arrived in Bombay. They come from our Southern Missionary College in Tennessee and Brother Fuller will assist in the work of the Division Treasury Office.

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Brother and Sister F. W. Zill also arrived in Bombay on September 25 and are spending two or three days in Poona before proceeding to South India. Brother and Sister Zill will assist Pastor Sorenson with an effort at Vizagapatam and then proceed to Bangalore for Telugu language study.

We give these new missionaries a hearty welcome to India and trust the Lord will abundantly bless them as they labour for Him in this corner of the vineyard.

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Pastor and Mrs. O. A. Skau have returned from furlough. Pastor Skau is to be the principal of our Lowry Memorial High School. We welcome these old friends back to India for another term of service.

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Pastor J. F. Ashlock returned to Poona on September 21 after conducting the Week of Prayer at our Nuzvid Hospital.

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Chad B. Israel was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on the 8th of September. Pastor Israel is now in the field promoting departmental interests.

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AT REST

BRAIDWOOD—Brother John E. Braidwood, faithful member of the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist church and an active lay preacher, was called to rest on Thursday morning, September 6, at the age of sixty-seven. Brother Braidwood accepted present truth in Calcutta many years ago. We believe he died in full assurance of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ. He is most keenly missed by his wife and son, Mrs. Lillie and Alfred Braidwood.

—J. O. WILSON.