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The Ship, "Pitcairn"

As this issue of TIDINGS is entirely devoted to the Sabbath-school work it seems fitting that a picture of the good ship Pitcairn should adorn our front page. The ship itself has done its work and been sold long since. It had its day and passed on out of sight. But it was far more than a mere incident in the history of this denomination. It was more than an event. It was a token marking a denominational awakening.

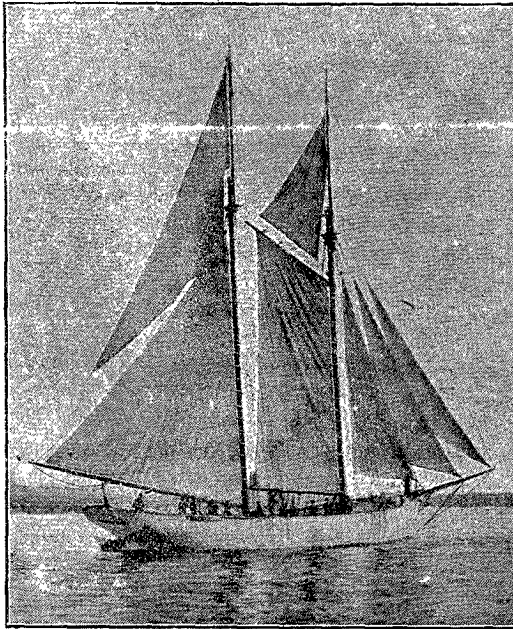
Who among us that remembers the building of the Pitcairn but would admit that that effort stirred the whole denominational conscience in the interest of foreign missions? When in all our history has any one thing occurred that compelled our interest, quickened our imagination, and caused such joyous giving as did the building of that ship? It may not have been the chronological beginning of our Thirteenth-Sabbath offerings, but it marked the birth of an idea—the idea that our Sabbath-schools throughout the world could unite upon some one object and devote themselves to it till it was an accomplished fact.

Possibly other events in our history have been watched with as universal interest, but we do not remember anything that so gripped the interest of old and

young, middle-aged and children, in church and Sabbath-school, as did the sailing of that first party of missionaries out through the Golden Gate of San Francisco harbour in the ship Pitcairn—built by our Sabbath-school offerings. Other events may have been more important; much larger parties of missionaries have sailed; but somehow no other event has had a whole book published about it,

as was done in the case of the building and sailing of the Pitcairn.

So, all honour to the good ship. In building her they perhaps built more wisely than they knew. She marks a period—an awakening—a visualization to us of foreign missions—and a hint of our power to help. Pitcairn, fit subject for an epic.



Is it not something to be thankful for that the Sabbath-school membership of the India Union Mission is 1212, and

that one thousand and four members are attending Sabbath-school every Sabbath? Are you not glad that you are one of those members?

An itinerating Sabbath-school, as organized in South India, is something new, but it is a very good plan. This Sabbath-school is composed of our Indian colporteurs who spend their Sabbaths in different villages.

Reports from our Sabbath-Schools

Antervedipalem

Our Sabbath-school was started on the 27th of July, 1918, with Brother P. Samson and family and two Hindu boys. At first they came only to learn about the truth. When others mocked at them for attending our Sabbath-school, these brethren replied, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." After studying the Bible week after week they have come to the conclusion that what we teach about the holy Sabbath, signs of His coming, and other doctrines is true; and now five members are ready for baptism. Brother Samson is helping me in the work and by him some are interested. Please pray for us.

V. BENJAMIN.

Mussoorie

In Mussoorie we have a good Sabbath-school composed mostly of the Annfield School children and teachers. We also have the sanitarium family and one other family who reside in the station. These are our regular members, and others who attend are mostly visitors. Our membership runs to about 60 in the summer months when missionaries are here on leave.

Our donations are quite good. We are very thankful for the help offered us by our visiting brethren and sisters. They help us also with the teaching and reviews. This year our attendance has been very good. Some pupils have not missed one Sabbath. Our donations have always exceeded the aim.

We tried a new plan this year. Instead of reading a portion of scripture in our opening exercises we asked the school to learn and say from memory five or six verses of a selected Psalm or chapter. This year we learned Psalms 1, 23, 24, 34, 46, and 91, John 14 and Isa. 53. For the young people we believe this a good idea for in years to come they will find help and comfort from the scriptures learned in the Sabbath-school. We certainly believe the Sabbath-school the best means the Church has of keeping its members strong and healthy spiritually. It is a thermometer of the church, and if a mem-

ber's love is growing cold the Sabbath-school is the first thing that is dropped. A live Seventh-day Adventist is always in his or her place at Sabbath-school. We praise God for His blessings to the Mussoorie Sabbath-school for 1918.

C. MANSON.

Cawnpore

The Sabbath-school at Cawnpore was organized by Brother and Sister Lake in April, 1918. We commenced with a membership of six, and now have ten on the roll.

The Sabbath-school has been a source of great blessing to each one of us. We hope and pray by God's grace it may grow and be the means of spreading the gospel in this dark city.

MRS. ESTHER GONSALVES.

Pondicherry

Our Sabbath-school was started in the year 1915 by Brother V. E. Peugh. Though the attendance was small at first, it grew until there were over thirty members. Some of the members were compelled to join the field service owing to the war and some of the prominent men in the Sabbath-school work were separated from us by death. At the present time there are 26 students on the roll and the average attendance is good.

During the last four years the lessons have covered a study of the life of Christ, the book of Acts, and some doctrinal topics. In the primary department the children have studied stories from the Old and New Testaments.

The value of an earnest and prayerful study of lessons on these subjects cannot be measured by man.

The children are especially interested in giving Sabbath-school offerings. I have noticed them carefully saving all the pies they get from their parents during the week, and each child brings about five or six of these small copper coins.

We trust these children will become very good men and women to hold the truth and the right before many souls.

A. DEVASAHAYAM.

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Karmatar

In the Karmatar Sabbath-school we have a total of 57 members distributed among classes in the senior, junior and kindergarten divisions.

During the present quarter the senior and junior divisions are studying Acts of the Apostles, and the kindergarten division is studying the Old Testament stories. The classes are conducted in three languages, viz., Bengali, Santali and English. Even though we have a diversity of tongues the truth is the same and our hearts are united thereby.

By far the greater portion of our membership consists of school boys and girls and other dependent children, yet our Sabbath-school donation for the past quarter was Rs. 13-6-0, including the 13th Sabbath offering.

While to us this is not much of a sum, yet when one considers the poverty of these people, even this means a sacrifice to them.

C. C. KELLAR.

Calcutta

I hardly know what would be of special interest, unless it be the keenness manifested by teachers and pupils in the study of the lesson; so much so that the time allowed for the study, 20 minutes, was found insufficient and another ten minutes was allowed. Even 30 minutes was not any too long, because the pupils were so engrossed with the studies that at the end of 30 minutes, when the bell was rung to close, it seemed to fall on deaf ears. On their attention being drawn to the fact that time had expired, the classes reluctantly broke up. This fault however is on the right side, and rather than discourage the enthusiasm, we extended Sabbath-school from one hour to one hour and fifteen minutes.

Our programme is as follows:

9.00	9.20	A.M.	Opening exercises
9.20	9.35	"	Review
9.35	10.05	"	Lesson study
10.05	10.15	"	Comments or special articles for the 13th Sabbath offering, etc.

J. H. REAGAN,

East Bengal

Were it possible for all our members to meet together from week to week from every village into one large Sabbath-school, we might have a Sabbath-school as large and as interesting as any in India. A number of classes would have to be conducted representing every division of the school. This plan would be ideal if it could be carried into effect. But our members are scattered for many miles over the district; and only once a year at the annual conference do a fair number of them have the privilege of meeting together in the capacity of a Sabbath-school.

At present schools are conducted regularly in seven centres, and the people living within easy reach of these attend. In a number of other places we have perhaps one or two families who study together; and still there are other isolated individuals who would gladly attend Sabbath-school if it were possible. As yet we have not been able to get our isolated families or members to see the importance of reporting, though we hope to be successful in the future.

Not having workers stationed in all the centres where schools are conducted, the local people are compelled to conduct them to the best of their ability. Conducted under such circumstances our schools are not what we would desire them to be, and we regret not having been able to bring them up to a higher standard. But we are encouraged by the improvement made during the last two years, and hope by occasional visits and frequent letters to the leaders to see greater advancement in the future along all lines for which the Sabbath-school stands. Our donations though not as large as we would like to see them, are increasing.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

The Najibabad Sabbath-school reports that last quarter thirteen members were neither absent nor tardy during the entire quarter.

In Meiktila Sabbath-school classes are conducted in both English and Burmese. Great interest is taken in the study of the lesson,

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Seven Reasons for Giving Sabbath-School Offerings

1. The greatest blessing to mankind came by giving. "God so loved the world that *He gave.*"

2. God who "gave" has given commandment to return to Him *offerings* to advance His kingdom in the earth. "Bring an offering, and come into His courts." "None shall appear before me empty." We make claim to commandment keeping.

3. This world is not our home. We are called to be citizens of a better place. "I go to prepare a place for you," said Jesus. The thought of that place borne upon the heart during the week will help us to lay aside our earthly treasure for Him as an offering. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

4. In giving offerings to Him week by week we acknowledge Him as our sovereign ruler, and the gracious bestower of our unmerited daily bread, both temporal and spiritual. The kingdom to be established is so different in character and duration to that of earthly kingdoms that it calls for a world-wide movement. For the establishment of this new kingdom the prospective subjects must first freely give themselves, then give all their substance. "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

6. The Sabbath offering consecrated to God by a consecrated people serves to unite our hearts in unity. As one in spirit we give, and as one He bestows His spiritual blessings upon all. Count your blessings, then make your offering. "Every man shall give as he is able, according to *the blessings* of the Lord."

7. Soul-winning brings joy to the church in heaven and to the church upon earth. By faith we may see the soul-saving agency, God's Word, carried by

living messengers such as the living preacher, the colporteur, the medical worker, and the faithful teacher, to earth's remotest bounds, and we, His church militant, may feel that our offering, however humble, if given in true sacrifice, will help finish the unfinished work upon earth.

G. W. PETTIT.

Malayalam Field

Our Sabbath-school in this country started in 1916. Then there were only a few members, but the number has increased. Some are coming seven or ten miles. All are doing their best to have perfect attendance. We now have five schools, 21 teachers and about 250 members.

Our teachers are doing better work we believe. At the beginning of each quarter we have a teachers' meeting which all the teachers are supposed to attend. They also give their experiences at this time. They are now doing what they can to obtain regular attendance. If any one is absent the teacher visits his house and tries to get him to come next time.

We opened kindergarten classes in the head station this quarter, one for boys below ten years of age and the other for

girls. We have opened one new school this quarter and hope for more in 1919 and many more members.

Persons from other denominations have visited our school and commented favourably.

Do not forget this part of the vineyard.
ED. JOSHUA.

IN speaking of the money collected in Sabbath-school, which term do you use—donation, collection, or offering? Have you ever looked it up in a dictionary to see if there is any difference of meaning? Could you explain why offering is much the best word to use?



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Jaffna, Ceylon

Jaffna is a peninsula forming the northern part of Ceylon. It is an important place, the people having had for about a century the full advantages of the missionaries from America and other places. Our village is five miles from Jaffna Town.

Our Sabbath-school has a membership of seven or eight men, women, and children. My father who is of our faith lives five miles away but cannot attend on account of his old age.

We are hoping that our school will develop into one of greater usefulness.

S. THAMBIPPILLY.

Hapur

Our first Sabbath-school in Hapur was organized in December, 1916. There were only eight members, but the organization of this small school announced the fact that the *Sanichar wale* (Saturday-keeping) Mission had come to Hapur. By visits to the surrounding villages and by the help of our Indian workers this fact soon became known to a great number of people in a shorter time than one would imagine. Although the report was spread by some of our friends (?) that "these people never stay in one place, but drift from pillar to post," I am thankful to say that the Lord seems to have opened the way whereby the Sabbath Mission and their Sabbath-school have taken root and are here to stay.

All our members, thirteen in number now, look forward to Sabbath morning when we can meet in Sabbath-school. We are especially enjoying the study of the lessons just now, and I feel that these will be a great help to our Indian believers in acquiring a better knowledge of the truth.

Almost every Sabbath some of our inquirers come from the surrounding villages for Sabbath-school, some from distances of six to twelve miles, and are on time at 8:30 in the morning.

Though our members are poor in this world's goods, we are doing all we can in the way of donations, giving from Rs. 16 to 20 each quarter.

We thank the Lord for the Sabbath-school, for the interest created in the world-wide work by this agency, for the acquaintance with divine truths and the spiritual uplifting which comes from the study of the lessons.

M. M. MATTISON.

Calcutta Bengali

Our Bengali Sabbath-school in Calcutta is well attended by the resident Sabbath-keepers, the youngest member being about six years of age and the oldest nearly ninety.

In the preparation of the lessons the ideal that is kept before the school is perfect lessons on the part of both teachers and pupils; and we are happy to report that most encouraging progress is being made in this direction. The teachers and reviewer are encouraged to become so familiar with the subject that they can stand before their classes and teach the lesson without having to refer to the lesson pamphlet, and the pupils, from the youngest to the oldest, respond to their efforts by earnest preparation.

As our Sabbath-school is quite largely composed of boys and girls from our two boarding schools, the donations are not large, but the Lord looks not so much on the amount of the gift as on the sacrifice made in giving. Most of the boys have some way of earning a few pice during the week, but not so with the girls. So in order to have something to give to the Lord on the Sabbath, for over two years the girls in our boarding school have given up their Friday morning curry, being permitted to have the pice thus saved for their Sabbath-school donation.

Our present membership is 136 with an average attendance of 192. In addition to this we have a Home School for one family that is too far away to attend the regular school. Through interesting their neighbours in the Sabbath-school lesson the attendance at this home school has reached 17.

During the past two years 17 members of our Sabbath-school have been baptized and united with the church, and several others are awaiting baptism.

M. V. HALDAR.

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Chuharkana

Very near to Chuharkana
A dispensary is seen,
In the which, each Sabbath morning,
Meets a band of just fourteen.

Some are pale and some are dark-faced:
Some speak English, some Urdu,
But all long to search the Scriptures
Just the same as I or you.

Nathu Mall our school assembles
With an opening song and prayer:
The report of last week's meeting
Tells who were and were not there.

With these exercises finished,
English class to the bung'low go,
And from out John's Revelation
Soon is found what we don't know.

In the Urdu class that's left there,
Christ's soon coming is the theme,
And from out the sacred pages
Wondrous words of promise gleam.

So from week to week we gather,
Glad to know we have a part
In the work of God for mortals
That are dear to His great heart.

Mrs. O. SMITH.

Bombay

In 1913 the Bombay Sabbath-school was organized in a private home at Parel, Bombay. There were just six present, including Pastor and Sr. Pettit who were the ones that brought about this good work. From this small beginning the school has grown, until we now have a number of classes.

It is one of the most pleasant hours of the week, when we assemble to spend an hour in study, aside from the busy world. Our Master said, "Search the Scriptures." This suggests the idea of investigation, to search out the hidden things. It is our aim to have every member of the Bombay Sabbath-school a worker, a searcher for the hidden treasures. This means the work must be planned, then the plan must be worked, not by the officers and teachers alone, but by every member of the school. It must vitally touch every individual. This individual method of work we are striving to attain to.

The Thirteenth Sabbath is a day we all look forward to; it is planned for, talked

about, and remembered throughout the quarter.

The Secretary's weekly report is sent out from time to time to the isolated members. We want to bring our One-member Sabbath-schools in touch with the Home school. This may be accomplished by a personal visit, or a good newsy letter from a Sabbath-school member. An individual Sabbath-school report, written in an informal way, does much to cheer these lone members. In return we ask of them letters, telling of their experiences and the work they are doing. They are a part of the Home school, and we look for their reports.

We are glad to have a part in this grand work, and with persevering efforts strive to make it a blessing to all.

R. L. KIMBLE.

Rangoon Burmese

I am glad to say that our Sabbath-school is in a very encouraging position. The members are faithful and have done their part. There is a regular attendance every week and the members are very good in bringing their friends with them.

Since the Sabbath-school quarterly was translated into Burmese, the interest of the classes is much greater than before, because all can have a copy and are able to have the lesson prepared during the week. The visitors, some Christians and others Buddhists, are also interested, and always remain for the preaching service.

We are glad that we have a sweet Sabbath-school where we can come together to study about Jesus and His love. We hope to meet all our members from all over the wide world in the heavenly school where Jesus will be our great Teacher and we can sit at His feet to learn more and more of His boundless love and mercy toward us. Let us all work together that through the Sabbath-school we may win many precious souls for Jesus.

Mg. BA TIN.

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Madras

From my experience as superintendent and later as secretary of the Madras Sabbath-school I have found that great benefits can be derived from the study of the lesson, especially to a new member of our Church who finds it difficult to understand the Bible when he reads it at home.

Besides this, our Sabbath-school affords us opportunities of conversing freely with one another, thus clearing away all doubt that we may have in mind.

I trust that all the little efforts we put forward in carrying the Gospel message to those who have it not may have God's blessing.

L. HOBROYD.

Kalyan

Not long after the first 13th-Sabbath offering was taken we noticed the interest in giving seemed to lag. We wondered what we could do to wake our people up. I decided to have a regular Sabbath-school march each week at the time of the offering. The bell rings, all stand, and the smallest one begins to march, while we all sing "Christ is my Saviour." All in order follow this young leader with offering in hand. The superintendent stands in front to take the offering. Now all want a part in this, so even the babes in arms bring something and this adds to the interest and the amount as well. No one likes to sit still with empty hands, and no one likes to march about and not offer to the Lord; so this has had the desired end and awakened everybody. Then we all sing the doxology and sit down.

In our Sabbath-school reviews we noticed that only a few were always ready with their answers. So we decided to have our schoolmaster read the Sabbath-school lesson daily in school, and explain the meaning so that at the end of the week all our students would have good lessons. This method has worked wonders. Now nearly all are quite familiar with the lesson each week and more are ready to answer than before.

When Brother Williams was with us over a year ago he gave us from South India an earthen pice jug for offerings. We tried to get our best potters to make the same kind for us but they made all sorts of excuses till we gave it up. Then we decided to use tin boxes.

Our last 13th-Sabbath offering was not satisfactory, so we gathered baking-powder boxes, cocoa tins, and even grape nut tins, etc. We tied them with string, sealed them, and gave them out. We shall open these boxes the last Sabbath in this quarter. We requested each person to pay regular tithes and offerings, and then above that to work for extra money for the 13th-Sabbath offering.

Well, from all I hear and see, each person with a box is "at it" early and late to put in all they can for the Lord. All sorts of ideas for earning money have come to our people. Some gather paper and sell it for six annas a pound in the bazaar. Others sell garlands of flowers for the Brahman women to wear in their hair; others are setting eggs for chicks; and the idea of all doing something special for the Lord is very prevalent at present. The spirit of it seems intoxicating, for they all have entered it with great pleasure. We expect a good time opening the boxes and counting the pice, and will let you know the results later.

M. D. WOOD.

Myanaung

The regular membership of our school is only six, but the record card shows that there have been only two Sabbaths in the last two quarters that we have not had visitors in attendance. Our donations have been fairly good, averaging a little more than Rs. 30 per quarter. And this the last quarter of the year must be better to prove that our Sabbath-school is progressing.

May the Lord bless each Sabbath-school in India and Burma that they may be the channels of light they can and should be.

MABELLE M. BECKNER.

Sabbath-School Report

FOR THIRD QUARTER, 1918.

	No. Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Regular Offerings	13th Sabbath Offerings	Total
Bengal Mission						
Calcutta (English)		48	37	193 11 9	61 1 0	254 12 9
Calcutta (Bengali)		54	45	56 13 0	18 14 0	75 11 0
East Bengal		85	76	15 2 6		15 2 6
Karmatar		48	40	11 6 0	2 0 0	13 6 0
TOTAL	4	235	198	277 1 3	81 15 0	359 0 3
Bombay Mission						
Bombay		32	25	201 15 6	200 0 0	401 15 6
Kalyan		82	53	24 13 7	3 6 0	28 3 7
Lonavla		10	7	25 14 9	30 4 0	56 2 9
Manmad		6	5	9 12 3		9 12 3
TOTAL	4	130	90	262 8 1	233 10 0	496 2 1
Burma Mission						
Kamamaung		11	9	13 14 0	1 2 6	15 0 6
Meiktila		46	36	76 3 0	27 12 3	103 15 3
Myanaung		5	6	23 6 6	6 3 3	29 9 9
Rangoon (English)		50	41	136 12 0	70 5 0	207 1 0
Rangoon (Burmese)		10	9	15 0 0	2 9 0	17 9 0
TOTAL	5	122	101	265 3 6	108 0 0	373 3 6
North India Mission						
Agra		10	10	18 0 0	7 0 0	25 0 0
Cawnpore		10	8	54 12 6	15 7 0	70 3 6
Chuharkana		15	12	15 15 6	1 6 3	17 5 9
Garhwal		32	25	13 5 0	2 8 0	15 13 0
Hapur		11	9	13 4 3	3 3 3	16 7 6
Lucknow		19	14	55 13 6	24 5 0	80 2 6
Mussoorie		48	56	158 13 4	54 13 6	213 10 10
Najibabad		40	34	8 5 3		8 5 3
Najibabad Out Station		13	16	3 11 3		3 11 3
Rae Bareli		21	18	3 0 0	2 0 0	5 0 0
Simla		25	18	149 0 6	116 1 0	265 1 6
TOTAL	11	249	220	494 1 1	226 12 0	720 13 1
South India Mission						
Antervedipalem		42	35	27 13 6	17 1 0	44 14 6
Bangalore		14	12	4 0 6	1 11 0	5 11 6
Itinerating		5	5	4 0 7		4 0 7
Jaffna		7	7	1 13 0		1 13 0
Matra		15	13			
Madras (English)		10	7	31 14 0	8 7 0	40 5 0
Madras (Tamil)		19	16	4 9 10	5 9 5	10 3 3
Narsapur		7	7	6 8 6	1 0 0	7 8 6
Nazareth		94	73	28 2 4	11 13 8	40 0 0
Nazareth Out Schools		7	7	3 5 0		3 5 0
Neyyattinkara		73	60	12 14 9		12 14 9
Neyyattinkara Out Schools		140	120			
Pondicherry		26	21	8 2 3	1 14 0	10 0 3
Rajamundry		12	8	2 12 0	1 0 0	3 12 0
Tangaserrie		5	4	12 3 0	1 2 0	13 5 0
TOTAL	15	476	395	148 3 3	49 10 1	197 13 4
GRAND TOTALS	39	1212	1004	1447 1 2	699 15 1	2147 0 3

(Total Home Dept. membership is 13.)

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Open View, Garhwal

Our Sabbath-school in Garhwal is composed of the boys and teachers of our mission school. Among our Sabbath-schools it is unique, in that all the members at present are high-caste Hindus, with the exception of Mrs. Smith, myself, and one Christian (Methodist) teacher.

You would undoubtedly be surprised to step into our hall some Sabbath morning and listen as the day's lesson is being recited by these heathen boys. Their knowledge of Old Testament stories and the life of Christ is surprising. Their well-studied Sabbath-school lessons are evidence of their interest, if not of their belief. The zest with which they sing the songs of the gospel is also a source of inspiration.

Remember our Sabbath-school in your prayers that its members may become not only hearers of the word but doers also, and that these lessons studied in their youth may be a strong factor in changing some of their now heathen hearts and drawing them to Christ.

F. W. SMITH.

In Due Time We Shall Reap If We Faint Not

Tangaserrie, the place where we live, is entirely Roman Catholic, we being the only Protestants living here. Ever since we came we have had to endure fierce oppositions, so much so that we have lost our servants, and it is almost an impossibility to get anyone to do our work. The priests, after saying dreadful things about us, told the people they were not to even look at us.

We had come to the conclusion that we could never win a single soul for the Master here, as we were so boycotted. But a little more than two months ago the wife of a European and her daughter came to see us. This lady, we found, was in need of comfort, having recently lost her husband and eldest son. We pointed her to Him who alone can comfort, and after praying with her invited her to come next day to Sabbath-school.

The daughter, aged 16, came, and has continued to come in spite of the threats of the priests and jeers of friends. These people had never seen a Bible, and all the Catholics seemed to have taught them were a few distorted stories from the New Testament. Of course we had to start right from the beginning and give very simple and necessary studies on sin, repentance, and salvation. To our joy last Sabbath, in response to our appeal, she gave her heart to the Saviour, and promised to obey Him, whatever happened. As the mother is an invalid, and hardly ever able to leave the house, I go to her every Friday and give Bible studies. We are praying that she too will learn to love God and accept His truth. Truly, no place is too difficult for God, and in the most unlikely place we find people who are groping after truth.

Certainly our Sabbath-school is out of the ordinary, for although our membership is only five, yet we have four departments. 1. There is the Roman Catholic girl who must be given the very simple studies. 2. Then Mr. Woodward teaches an Indian girl in the vernacular. 3. At this time I teach my little daughter. 4. After they are finished, my husband and I study our own lesson. Sometimes it is more than three hours before we are all finished.

This incident has been a lesson to us, and God has shown us that if we are faithful to Him He will show us the honest in heart where we least expect to find them.

MRS. H. G. WOODWARD.

"The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."

"The Sabbath-school is an important branch of the missionary work, not only because it gives to young and old a knowledge of God's word, but because it awakens in them a love for its sacred truths, and a desire to study it for themselves."

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Rajamandry

The strength of our Sabbath-school was about eighteen in the beginning. We have only two divisions, namely, children and seniors.

Brother Benjamin used to take the children's class, and the senior class is taken by me. It is through the Sabbath-school that the adults have learned the present truth. The children can repeat a good number of texts. Brother Benjamin's son, called Vandanam, can repeat many texts. He is four years old.

Brother Benjamin has been transferred to Antervedipalam, which is forty miles west of Rajamandry. Hereafter our Sabbath-school will consist of about fifty heathen boys and we request you all to remember it in your prayers.

N. B. SOLOMON.

Kamamaung

The Kamamaung Sabbath-school is the most interesting we have in Burma. It's membership is made up of the workers on the station, and the heathen children that have come from the surrounding villages to attend the Mission day-school. The children all live on the station as boarding students, and this gives the teachers and workers every opportunity to teach them about God, the Bible, and the plan of salvation. They have now been in the school about seven months, and the things that they have seen and learned is already beginning to make a

difference in their lives. The Sabbath-school and the part that these heathen children are to take is not lost sight of throughout the week. In the home the Sabbath-school lesson is studied morning and evening, and when Sabbath comes every one is anxious to do his part to make the Sabbath-school a real success.

The service is opened by singing two or three hymns, and every child joins in the service of song with all his might. During the seven months these children have been in the school they have learned many beautiful Christian hymns, and no doubt there is singing among the angels in heaven when these children, whose parents for many generations have been bound by the darkness of heathenism, raise their little voices in praise and thanksgiving to Jesus who died for them.

After the review and study of the day's lesson the whole school is ready for the most interesting part of the program, that of saying the memory verse. Every member, from the oldest man to the youngest child, can repeat, without a mistake, the verse that has been selected

for the day. This is a good example for all our schools. As yet the membership is small, but we hope that this little light will be fanned into a great flame that will bring light and salvation to many of God's lost sons and daughters in this darkened land,



How many Sabbath-schools have someone to equal the record made by this girl, a member of the Nazareth Sabbath-school, who for three quarters was not once absent or tardy?

C. F. LOWRY.

Reports from our Sabbath-Schools

Lonavla

It is a privilege to write a few lines about our little Sabbath-school at Lonavla.

We have rented a nice bungalow in a quiet spot up here where a few of us gather each Sabbath to honour and obey our Lord. Most of the members are tiny children, yet we have set our goal to reach Rs. 40 in offerings for this quarter, and it now appears that we may achieve our object.

Elder Pettit and other workers from Bombay take it by turn to visit us week by week. We greatly appreciate the help and teaching we get from these good brethren.

Though few in number we pray the Lord to increase our love and steadfastness in looking for His appearing, and to give us the abiding presence of His Holy Spirit that we be found worthy to go in with the Bridegroom to the marriage feast.

MRS. GRACE BALLARD.

Nazareth

Our first Sabbath-school in South India was organized at this station in 1910. From its organization I was the superintendent, secretary, and also one of the teachers for many years. For the past two years different members of this church have been able to share these responsibilities with me. Since the beginning of this year, I have not had any office in the school. I feel thankful to say, that the work has been carried on very satisfactorily by the young people of the church.

Teachers' meetings are held separately, each Sabbath from 9 to 9:20 A. M. At 9:30 A. M. the Sabbath-school begins. We have at present five senior classes and four primary ones. Had we more teachers these classes could be divided into many more. Nearly all the members are very regular in attending, with their lessons well prepared. To enable our illiterate sisters to study their Sabbath-school lessons, a vernacular class is being conducted by my wife on week days. This has done immense good to those who have attended these classes regularly.

Every year we witness the baptism of some members of our Sabbath-school. It has been very gratifying to see the willing spirit manifested by the members of this school in the matter of increasing their offerings, and especially the enthusiasm shown in the 13th-Sabbath offering.

The members of this church are also educated to organize Sabbath-schools wherever they go on their business. The brethren in Ceylon have at present two organized schools. At Neyyoor in South Travancore another Sabbath-school has very recently been organized, consisting of the Tamil colporteurs of South India. So we have a well-organized Sabbath-school itinerating all over South India.

Our hearts are rejoiced to see beacon lights spreading to every nook and corner of this dark field. It has been my privilege to correspond with the members of these different schools, and encourage them to make a real success of the aim and object of the Sabbath-school.

The Lord has indeed very wonderfully led us in the years past and blessed our feeble efforts. God grant that the coming year may prove the very best in the history of our work at this station. Kindly remember us at the throne of grace so that every member, teacher, and officer in this church may open his heart that the Holy Spirit may work in and through him to the winning of souls.

E. D. THOMAS.

Nasapur

During this year from January to July I had Sabbath-school pictures for my family. By these pictures my children easily understood the Bible stories. Since August 1st to the end of September we studied the Acts of the Apostles. From October 1st we have been studying the book of St. Luke with two heathen boys. One more heathen boy is ready to come but his parents charged him not to. He promised me that he can attend from next week. The Sabbath-school is the strong foundation to our denomination. If anyone cannot attend to the Sabbath-school I believe he cannot understand the Sabbath truth.

Please pray in your daily prayers for us and our school. M. PRAKASAM.

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Our Aim

Every Church member in the Sabbath-school;
Every Sabbath-school member in the Church.

Laughing, happy, eager children;
Such an active, joyous throng;
We must do our best to win them
For our Christ, away from wrong.

Laughing, happy, eager children;
They, too, in this feast must share:
Simple stories, songs, and music
Teach Christ's love and wondrous care.

For the Sabbath-School Teacher

What to Know	How to Know
Know thyself -	—Consecrated.
Know thy God -	—Prayer.
Know the Word -	—Study.
Know your pupils -	—Sympathy.
Know how to win souls -	—Personal Work.

In India the Sabbath-school lessons are studied in the following languages:—

Bengali, Burmese,
English,
Hindi,
Karen,
Malayalam, Marathi,
Santali,
Tamil, Telugu,
Urdu.

We learn with sorrow of the death from Cholera of Brother A. Devasahayam, our Tamil brother in charge of the work at Pondicherry. Truly this is a heavy blow to our work in South India. We know the TIDINGS family will unite in extending a message of sympathy to Sister Devasahayam. A five-year-old son has also died of the same complaint.

The Three Goals

1. Daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson.
2. Personal work for every student.
3. Liberal offerings for Missions.

There are two Sabbath-schools in Ceylon, located at Jaffna and Matra. This small beginning means greater things for Ceylon.

By a wire sent from Colombo Bro. Wellman announced to us that they expected to arrive in Bombay on Dec 31st by the S. S. Dunera.

The Manmad Sabbath-school, although recently broken into by illness, is faithful in its efforts to hold up the standard of Truth in the midst of the surrounding darkness.

Sabbath-School Helps

Picture rolls.
Memory verse cards.
Object lessons.
Maps.
Blackboards.
Sabbath-School Worker.

At present many of the members of the Simla Sabbath-school are away from home for the winter months, but wherever they are their loyalty to the Sabbath-school will doubtless be the same as that manifested from week to week when they are at home.

ONE of the permanent institutions of the Lucknow Sabbath-school is the Kindergarten class, presided over by Miss Belchambers; and we consider the Picture Roll and the *Little Friend* to be practically indispensable helps. Don't forget the value to the school and the church of the Kindergarten.

It is only fair to state that much of the work on this Sabbath-school issue has been done by our General Secretary, Mrs. Blue. It is not for us to speak of the excellence of the work, but certainly the printer has enjoyed the task of getting this number into shape.