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A LIFE PLEASING TO GOD

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“WE BESEECH you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.” 1 Thess. 4:1-3.

“Ye ought . . . to please God, so ye would abound more and more.” This is the message God wants to impress upon all our hearts. We may be conscious of God’s smile of approval and divine love, and feel fully assured that His loving arms are about us. He is near to bless and guide and protect those who try always to please Him. “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.” 1 John 3:22.

It was because of his faith and implicit obedience to God’s will that Abel is mentioned in the Bible. His life was pleasing to God, and he is called “righteous” Abel (Heb. 11:4).

Think, too, of Enoch. “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must

believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Heb. 11:5, 6.

It was by faithful obedience to the commands of God that Noah and Abraham pleased God. Noah is said to have “walked with God” as Enoch did before him. Abraham “was called the Friend of God” (James 2:23). God Himself said, “Abraham My friend” (Isa. 41:8).

Moses made great sacrifices in order to serve God, “choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. . . . For he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.” Heb. 11:25-27. Because of his desire to please God, Moses was called to a high position of leadership; and best of all, to an intimate fellowship with the Lord.

Joseph had such a strong desire to be true to his father’s God that in the hour of temptation he was able to successfully overcome, saying, “How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” Gen. 39:9.

Queen Esther was so anxious to please God that she was willing to risk her life in the attempt to save her people. Said she, “So will I go in unto the king, which is not accord-

ing to the law: and if I perish, I perish.” Esther 4:16.

Samuel “regarded himself as God’s servant, and his work as God’s work. His efforts were accepted, because they were prompted by love to God and a sincere desire to do His will.” —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 573.

David, wishing to please God, did that which he thought would aid in accomplishing his purpose. “I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand. I shall not be moved,” he said (Ps. 16:8). Often David prayed that God would help him to live a life that would please his Maker. “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.” Ps. 19:14.

Daniel pleased God so much that He gave him favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs of Babylon, and gave him knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom, and understanding in all visions and dreams. Especially He revealed to Daniel, in a night vision, the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. God also sent a mighty angel to deliver Daniel from great danger. Speaking of this experience, Daniel said: “My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me.” Dan. 6:22.

God tells us the way we may please Him and helps us to walk in that way. Says Paul, "Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Col. 1:10. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His pleasure." Phil. 2:13. "The Captain of our salvation leads His people on step by step, purifying and fitting them for translation."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 333. "No outward beauty can recommend the soul to God. The wisdom and excellence revealed in the character and deportment, express the true beauty of the man; and it is the inner worth, the excellency of the heart, that determines our acceptance with the Lord of hosts."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 638.

FORWARD IN FAITH

Not one of us can be satisfied with past or present efforts to please God. All must press forward and upward. Peter presents a ladder of progress

in pleasing God: "Add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." 2 Peter 1:5-10. In climbing this ladder we shall please God more and more and at the same time be adding grace to grace, thus preparing for the second coming of Jesus.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Heb. 13:20, 21.—*Review and Herald*.

husband passed away, we were isolated. In winter, when the snow was deep, we could not go the ten miles to Sabbath school, so we had our Sabbath school in our own home. One child was superintendent, one was secretary. My husband or I taught the lesson.

"Our Sabbath days were the high days of the week. I kept a box where the children placed suggestions for things we could do on that day. No one looked in it until Sabbath afternoon. Such surprises! Sometimes it would be a picture cut up to be put together. Sometimes it was a story one would tell. Perhaps it was a walk on the ice up the creek to see some new thing winter had done. Perhaps it was a walk through a deep cedar swamp. Here, one Sabbath, we found a whippoorwill asleep, cozily tucked away to keep warm. O what precious things we stored in our minds! Memories, too, of that little log cabin in the woods of northern Michigan.

"Here is where the love for skiing was born. My husband taught the children to ice skate too. . . . Such fun we all had, such hills, and plenty of ice and snow. In summer he taught the children to swim in the creek that ran merrily through the farm. . . .

"In Wisconsin we all worked while the children were going to school. Two sons wanted to learn the habits of snakes. We had good books from the library. . . . Finally I let them have snakes and more snakes in the back yard. They filled a large barrel about half full of dirt, and with a piece of heavy screen across the top they kept their pets inside. How they did enjoy them!

"One day one of the boys came home with a black lamb. By and by he traded it for a ewe lamb. From then on his lambs bought his clothes. It was such a short time till the day came when he sold out and went off to college. For the girls there was berry picking, and just everything for grade school and academy tuitions and books. In college years there was canvassing for all of them.

"I received much help from the Spirit of prophecy. Sister White wrote so much for mothers. We must live with our children. . . . How many walks through the Wisconsin woods—winter and summer! Winter and summer sports. . . . After the boys had worked hard all day, they came home and we enjoyed an hour or so with plenty of laughter. . . . It was good experience for the children. really think children appreciate a—

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ONE MOTHER'S WAY

THREE books and a letter are before me. The letter came from one who lived in our community some years ago. Before I share several of its pages, to encourage mothers everywhere, let me quote from the books that were her guide and solace through those hard early years of widowhood, when her children were small and dependent, and also in the later years, when they advanced through academy and college.

"Let your children learn from the flowers. Take them with you into garden and field and under the leafy trees, and teach them to read in nature the message of God's love. . . . Lead the children to see in every pleasant and beautiful thing an expression of God's love for them."—*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 145, 146.

"The home should be to the children the most attractive place in the world, and the mother's presence should be its greatest attraction. . . . They are easily pleased, and easily made unhappy. By gentle discipline, in loving words and acts, mothers may bind their children to their hearts. . . ."—*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 388, 389.

"Very early the lesson of helpfulness should be taught the child. As soon as strength and reasoning power are sufficiently developed, he should be given duties to perform in the home. He should be encouraged in trying to help father and mother, encouraged to deny and to control himself, to put others' happiness and convenience before his own, to watch for opportunities to cheer and assist brothers and sisters and playmates, and to show kindness to the aged, the sick, and the unfortunate. . . .

"The company they keep, the principles they adopt, the habits they form, will decide the question of their usefulness here, and of their future, eternal interest."—*Ibid.*, pp. 401-403.

How often this mother studied the books! How often she prayed, not only for wisdom in training her five children, but for physical strength to carry on, for she was frail!

Now let me share pages of her letter. She begins: "Yes, it has taken prayer, faith, and hard work. We have had to live one day at a time, but the Master has helped us through all the days. . . . When we lived in north Michigan, where my

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE"

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GOD accomplishes great things with ordinary means and little people. Do not think for a moment, however, that God is content with ordinary effort and small plans. The opposite is true. What He wants us to realize is that He can take the most common people and situations and make something good and worthwhile out of them. This is especially true of people, so if you have ever felt insignificant and worthless, take heart. In the hands of God you count. You are worth something. The more fully you are under His control, the more valuable you become. You know this to be true. You might be able to tell of many instances that would prove the point. Probably your own life is a testimony of the experience we are talking about.

Young men and young women who go out into the foreign mission service frequently feel insignificant and small compared with the things they are expected to do, particularly if they are called to serve under the handicap of a new and strange language. A missionary said to me, "There is so much to do in this field and we have so little with which to do it. Here I am still hobbling along with the language, and now it looks as if I am going to have to be personally responsible for almost everything in this field. I am afraid that I am not up to what is excepted of me." He did have a difficult job to do. He really was not "up to it," but God brought him up to where He could use him mightily. His weakness became his strength.

The apostle Paul so aptly expressed that feeling when he asked, "Who is sufficient for these things?" 2 Cor. 2:16. Most likely there were many times when he felt tremendous shortages in his life and work, but he knew where to turn for help. Our Master gave him that which he lacked, so it was that the apostle could reply, "When I am weak, then am I strong," 2 Cor. 12:10. Our weakness is all the more reason for God to exercise His greatness. How wonderfully God can use small and weak, but willing, men and women. It is more than a saying that "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

So often in the past God has selected apparently insignificant men

and women, and through them He has radiated a glory and exercised a great power. To such belong the words, "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Daniel 11:32. William Carey left the cobbler's bench to become "that myriad-minded man, at home in twenty-eight languages." His life of devotion and service makes "our heart burn within us." Notice some of the accomplishments of the cobbler during forty years of missionary service. He made and edited two dozen translations of the Bible. He was the prime factor in printing two hundred thousand Bibles in forty Oriental languages and dialects. Add to that grammars in six tongues. Do not fail to keep in mind the hundreds of books and tracts in several languages. That isn't the whole story, but it is enough to help us understand why Mr. Winks wrote about Carey, "It may be questioned if more work of a solid and useful character was ever pressed into one human life." That was the result of Mr. Carey's co-operation with God. His slogan, "expect great things from God, at-

Faith

Faith is the wondrous, living link
That binds the trusting soul to God;
It lights the darkness, smooths the way,
Gives comfort through His staff and rod.

Faith makes the past an open book;
It trusts His Word, yields to His power;
Lays hold of God's almighty hand,
And lives with Him from hour to hour.

Faith proves His every promise sure;
It feels the final triumph near;
It ever dwells with hope and love,
And casts out every haunting fear.

Faith works by love the soul to cleanse;
It purifies the heart and life;
It triumphs over every foe,
Gives victory in daily strife.

Lord, give me such a faith as this,
That firm my trust may be in Thee;
Help me to keep the narrow way,
For I, in peace, Thy face would see.

—C. P. Bollman.

tempt great things for God," will probably never be forgotten.

It is so easy to consider ourselves useless and of such little worth. But look what God can accomplish through willing and consecrated men today, insignificant though they may be. Then observe how the seemingly small accomplishments have a way of adding up to considerable results. Take, for instance, that oft-heard challenge, "Win One." Those who do, and do it consistently, are able in reasonable time to point with justifiable spiritual satisfaction to respectable results.

A "REGULAR" SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Brother Hibert of Pueblo Nuevo in the Republic of Panama became a Seventh-day Adventist when he was a young man twenty-eight years old. He had not been a member of the church long until he heard people talking about soul winning. They didn't call it the Win One Movement in those days, but the objectives were much the same as they are today.

"What is the soul-winning programme?" he inquired of someone who had been in the faith longer than he.

"Oh, that means that as long as you are a 'regular' Seventh-day Adventist, you have to keep working for and winning souls to the truth."

"Does that mean everybody in the church?"

"If you are a 'regular,' it does."

Hibert resolved to be a "regular." Recently Brother Hibert and I sat together in a meeting in the city of Panama. Again we listened to the "Win One" challenge. Brother Hibert wanted to add his words of encouragement, so he arose and spoke:

"During the fifty-three years I have been a Seventh-day Adventist, I do not recall a single year in which I did not lead at least one soul to my Saviour."

No, Brother Hibert is not a minister. He is a "regular" Seventh-day Adventist layman. He has been responsible for bringing considerably more than fifty-three persons into the truth. All have been won through continuous small-talent effort.

Oh, yes, God can take our small powers and join them to His and make them count mightily in His service. Do you ever feel insufficient for what God asks you to do? Then to you He says, as He did to the apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee." 2 Cor. 12:9.—R. & H.

PPROMOTION cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the Judge; He putteth down one, and setteth up another." Ps. 75:6, 7.

Most people are gratified when promotion comes to them. They think of the added prestige, the larger sphere of influence, the larger salary, a more luxurious way of life: new furniture, new clothes, a new house, and a new car. But Christian workers are not to indulge these thoughts. In their case promotion comes from above, from heaven. It is from neither the east nor the west nor the south. God "putteth down one, and setteth up another."

It is very human to seek for position. This self-seeking spirit was present among Christ's disciples. Mary, the mother of two of Jesus' disciples, requested that her sons be given the foremost positions in the coming kingdom. Jesus assured the trio that they knew not what they asked. He said, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

With great confidence the two sons of Zebedee replied, "We are able."

Jesus, seeing the future, knew that they would indeed drink of His cup, and be baptized with His baptism of sorrow and death. "But," He continued, "to sit on My right hand, and on My left, is not Mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of My Father." Matt. 20:20-23.

Men may today manœuvre for position as did Zebedee's sons, but as Jesus said, "ye know not what ye ask." It is God who calls men to office, who sets up and takes down, who gives responsibility and takes it away in counsel with His divine wisdom. "If any are qualified for a higher position, the Lord will lay the burden, not alone on them, but on those who have tested them, who know their worth, and who can understandingly urge them forward. It is those who perform faithfully their appointed work day by day, who in God's own time will hear His call, 'Come up higher.'"—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 477.

Forty years before Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt he recognized his life-work. And more than that, he felt himself fully prepared. He was well educated in all the learning and lore of the Egyptians. His civil and military skill was the highest. He was devoted to God and his people, but was full of ambi-

Are You Ready for Promotion?

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tion, and was intent upon delivering Israel in his own way. In setting the stage for this he placed his own life in jeopardy, and was forced to flee to the land of Midian.

Forty years later God called him to accomplish in divine power that which he had forty years earlier attempted to do in his own strength. But what had taken place during that forty years of tending Jethro's sheep? Moses had learned patience. He had learned to rely upon God as the sheep upon its shepherd. He lost his pride and self-assurance, and learned meekness, humility, and faith. He learned that if and when Israel was delivered it would be by the Spirit of God.

When the call came for him to return to Egypt it found him self-distrustful. His impetuous spirit was gone. This reveals the importance of every servant of God faithfully pursuing his daily tasks and letting God take care of the call to assume larger ones. After Moses received his divine appointment he became eloquent, zealous, and faithful, and it was written of him: "There hath not arisen a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom Jehovah knew face to face." Deut. 34:10, A.R.V.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man." How many times we have followed our own counsel, only to learn, in the working out of things, that we were wrong. How much better the wisdom of God, who sees the end from the beginning! How much better claim the promise of His over-ruling providence! "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28.

The wisdom of man is foolishness to God. And why is this so? Because of our Lord's divine foresight. We may think that we are well qualified for advancement, but God may see that we would not be able to bear the responsibility to His glory, or

that standing on a more lofty height we would not be able to endure the temptation of that position. Some positions of leadership are vital to the advancement of the cause of God in the earth. See how carefully God chose Moses, Joshua, Joseph, and Daniel.

"Every man has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Whether we fill that place depends upon our own faithfulness in co-operating with God."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 476.

How does a man qualify himself for promotion? How may you prepare yourself for greater responsibilities? By doing faithfully and well the work you have at present. It may seem drab, uninteresting, and unimportant, but in doing it faithfully, by perseverance and persistence you will develop not only physical and mental skills but force of character, which is in the sight of God of even greater value.

Only as you follow the divine leadings can you be said to be a worker "together with" God. This applies to men and women filling all positions. Only as you feel your need and depend upon the Lord for help will you receive it. When he became king, Solomon prayed, "O Lord my God, Thou hast made Thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child. I know not how to go out or come in." 1 Kings 3:7. So long as he depended upon God, Solomon was a wise and benevolent leader.

We today need to learn that real success will attend our efforts when we reach the place of the young king at the beginning of his life-work. Humility, submission, a teachable spirit, are qualities that place a worker in the channel of God's blessing and usefulness. God cannot use a worker whom He cannot control. It is not that He would not, but that He cannot. King Saul provides a typical example of this. At the beginning of his reign Saul was a humble, submissive, modest young man. But as he was blessed of God, as he drank the wine of success, he became "heady, high-minded." His heart became proud and lifted up, and in this condition God could not use him. God could only reject him and choose another for his office.

These principles have not changed.

Promotion to higher and a more responsible position provides no qualifications of character. It gives no guarantee of infallibility, and does

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“WHAT HAVE THEY SEEN IN THINE HOUSE?”

H. L. RUDY

AFTER the Lord had performed a special miracle in connection with the healing of King Hezekiah, “God left him, to try him, that He might know all that was in his heart.” 2 Chron. 32:31.

The Babylonians, who were alert students of astronomy, were astonished when, without any apparent reason, the shadow on the sundial was brought ten degrees backward. When they finally heard that this happened as a sign (2 Kings 20: 8, 9) from the God of heaven that He would heal Hezekiah and prolong his reign fifteen years (Isa. 39: 5), they came to visit the king and to “enquire of the wonder that was done in the land.”

Hezekiah was very happy to greet his Babylonian guests, and “shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, not in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.” Isa. 39:2.

“Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.” Verses 3, 4.

God left Hezekiah free to act as he pleased. Now the king had the opportunity of a lifetime to reveal the knowledge of the true God to those idolatrous Babylonians. God had manifested His power to Hezekiah and greatly blessed him in his reign. He blessed the whole nation of Judah and the stragglers of Israel who had united in the great passover and the reforms that followed. Also, God performed this natural wonder in order to arrest the attention of the Babylonians, who were soon to come and carry Judah captive. The stage was perfectly set for Hezekiah to give a powerful and convincing witness of the greatness and majesty of the God of heaven. Now it was up to Hezekiah. What would he show the

Babylonians, and what would he tell them? The king had so many things to be thankful for: his own physical recovery, the consecration of his people to the service of God, the high esteem of other nations, the material prosperity of his reign, and now the wonderful opportunity to proclaim the knowledge of the true God to the ambassadors of Babylon.

But Hezekiah failed his God. “Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord. . . . Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.” Isa. 39:5-8.

Poor Hezekiah! He saw his mistake, but it was too late. The only comfort he could enjoy was that there would be “peace and truth” in his days.

How different Judah’s lot might have been had Hezekiah given a decisive witness when he had the opportunity! Now the captivity was sure to come with all the severity possible. The witness that God’s people failed to give before the nations in times of freedom and prosperity must now be given in captivity under most trying circumstances. The witness was ultimately given, to be sure, by Daniel and his companions, but at what a cost!

Is there a lesson in the experience for God’s people today? The apostle Paul reminds us: “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” Rom. 15:4. These things were written for our learning, yes, for “our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” 1 Cor. 10:11. What are we to learn from the times of Hezekiah?

First of all, this was Judah’s last opportunity to witness before the nations under such favourable circumstances. Israel—the northern kingdom—had already gone into captivity (2 Kings 17:1-23). Time was rapidly running out for Judah.

Now Hezekiah had failed, and the opportunity that he missed was never to return before the final captivity. Second, God’s purpose was ultimately accomplished, regardless of failure on the part of His chosen people. True, it required additional time and called for much suffering at the hands of the enemy, but nevertheless God accomplished all that He had set out to do.

Similarly today. God has raised up a people and has given them the last and final message of hope and salvation. The message of Revelation 14:6-12 is God’s last message to a perishing world. There is no other message to follow. This message must be given now, without delay.

At the moment Seventh-day Adventists are in the most favourable position in all their history to witness to the great three-fold message. The world is ready to listen to apocalyptic truth. Christianity generally is beginning to think in terms of the “last things,” or eschatology. The hope of the second coming of Christ is being grasped by people who only a few years ago would not have admitted interest in that great, central doctrine of Christianity. This is the hour of great opportunity for God’s people to give the last message with certainty and power.

Is not this the time for us to learn and take courage from the times of Hezekiah? Then God waited with His test question until the king had passed by his great opportunity. Today, thanks to the record of Scripture, we know the test question in advance. In these days of favour and opportunity, which may well be the last ever to come to God’s people, God is asking, “What have they seen in thine house?” Is the Advent message, first of all, accomplishing the revival and reformation among us as a people that it is designed to accomplish? Second, are we satisfied with the preaching of a general gospel, without pointing up the vital, distinctive truths of the three-fold message of Revelation 14? Are we satisfied with a mere display of our organizations, our institutions, our financial budgets, and our world statistics? These are all good in their place. So were the treasures of Hezekiah in the king’s house in their place.

God has placed us in the world, under the present favourable circumstances, to give us the greatest opportunity we have ever had as a people to witness to the truth of the God of heaven. May God give us grace to do His will at this time.—*Rev. & Her.*

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ANAMALAI EFFORTS

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THE North Tamil Mission committee greatly desired to have an effort conducted in the Anamalai Hills in order to strongly establish the work started by our lay preacher, Mr. S. David. Special mention must be made of Pastor M. D. Kodan's earnest work in this hilly place about a year ago when several were baptized there by him.

In accordance with the request of the local mission, Pastor V. D. Edward, the leader of the effort, and his assistants, Brother S. David and the writer (the local worker), arrived at the place a few days earlier and hired the Staff Club at Valparai to conduct the meetings. Just two days before the meetings started, handbills were distributed systematically and carefully among the people. A special invitation to attend the meetings was also sent out twice during the campaign to all the Voice of Prophecy students and radio listeners, in and around the Anamalai Hills.

On the 9th of May, the hall was fully crowded with eager listeners and many had to stand outside. The hall could hold only about 300 people, and from the beginning to the end it became a problem to us to find seats for the people. People from a distance of two to seven miles have gathered there regularly to listen to the third angel's message being preached. Because of their great interest, even though there is no proper conveyance, people still came out regularly for the meetings with families and friends walking all the way. Through their members, the Open Bible Church (similar to the Pentecostal church) distributed tracts against us and our doctrines, but the attendance did not decrease but increased every day. All throughout the meetings the audience was deeply moved by the inspiring message given by Pastor V. D. Edward and every one felt the presence of God.

Both at Valparai and Mudis (the most central place in the Anamalai

Hills) thirty-five sermons have been preached. The speaker presented most of the fundamental doctrines of the Remnant Church to the people during the campaign.

At the close of the effort we conducted a baptismal service for the ones who had decided to follow their Master all the way. Pastor V. D. Edward baptized eleven precious souls, the first fruits of the effort, on June 12, in the Nadumalai River. One Voice of Prophecy student with his whole family was buried in the watery grave on the same day, and still there are many more interested ones who will be ready for baptism in the near future. May we request the prayers of the members of the Remnant Church throughout the Southern Asia Division for the humble work being done in the Anamalai Hills.

SECUNDERABAD CHURCH SCHOOL

O. S. MATTHEWS

JANUARY 25 was a day of great rejoicing on the part of patrons, church members and friends at Secunderabad, at which time the church school officially opened its doors to twenty-one eager boys and girls. The establishing of a church school at Secunderabad had been looked forward to for a considerable length of time, and we certainly feel thankful to the Division for granting us permission to open the church school under the new Church School Incentive Plan scheme.

On the evening of the 24th a meeting of all the church members was held, at which time appropriate remarks were made pertaining to the importance of Christian education and particularly to the institution that was soon to be opened. Those present at the meeting will long remember the speeches and appreciative remarks made by various ones, which testified to their confidence in and support of the church school. Brother Stahlnecker, who is the treasurer of the new school, and chairman of the meeting, added some very helpful

thoughts. It was the privilege of the writer to join in the programme of the evening.

And now the school is in full swing. The teachers, Mrs. Stahlnecker and Brother K. Israel, are successfully contending with the initial problems, some of which are knotty ones; but we are already seeing definite signs of progress.

This newly-established school will fill a very definite need and prove to be a great blessing to our work in Secunderabad. According to reports received, there should be an attendance of between sixty and seventy students next year. What a joy it is to see this school passing on to the boys and girls of our church the great benefits and blessings of Christian education.

THE CALICUT CHURCH

E. L. SORENSEN

THE city of Calicut, chief centre of the Malabar District, has long been a challenge to God's workers. Such men as T. V. Zachariah, J. V. Jacob, K. P. Kurian, and W. F. Storz have spent faithful months and years in laying the foundation for the work in this dark city. Recently an effort was planned with the hope that the ground-work laid by the sincere efforts of the workers in the past might be built upon to establish a church in Calicut. The effort began at the end of November of last year with a fine staff of workers. The meetings were held in the town hall and the attendance was good during the entire 12-week series of meetings.

On Sabbath, May 1 the results of the labour put forth in this city were revealed. Although no building other than the town hall is available for the children of God to meet in, a large crowd gathered there for the organization of the church. Twenty-two loyal and proven Seventh-day Adventists signed the roll as charter members of the Calicut Seventh-day Adventist Church. Truly it was a time of rejoicing and victory for the cause of God in the Malabar District. We are confident that this is just the beginning of good things here. There are a number of others who are preparing to unite with this group of believers. A strong follow-up programme is being followed by Pastors Nathaniel and Kurian and Brother Johnson. The lay members are also going out with the message to their friends, and the prospects look bright for this new church.

A suitable plot of ground has already been purchased for the erection of a church, and plans are going forward to build just as soon as possible. It is the hope of the church that within a very few months a representative memorial to God might be built, and that this church might prove to be a light shining in a dark place—another agency in the great plan of God to hasten His second coming. We earnestly solicit the prayers of our fellow-believers in behalf of this new church.

GANTI-PEDAPUDI BAPTIST SERVICE

I. SUBUSHANAM

WHILE Pastor and Mrs. Matison were visiting the churches in North Telugu field it was emphasized that each man in the Ganti-Pedapudi church should work towards bringing the women to the church and there was an unanimous response. The decision was made nearly one and a half years ago but the results were seen on Sabbath evening, May 8, when nine women and nine men were baptized in the River Godavary. This is the largest number of women to be baptized here. The old-time superstition is now slowly vanishing with the conversion of heart and with the new birth.

Brother M. B. Laben who conducted an effort during the last winter rejoices with us over the fruitage of his labours. This is a new day in India. The Lord is at the helm and we have bright prospects of more accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour. We are working towards our baptismal goal of 300 for our field.

TITHE PROMOTION IN THE SOUTH TELUGU MISSION

B. S. MOSES

AMONG the local missions of the South India Union, the South Telugu Mission stands second in the tithe collection per capita so far this year. This is a new field with a doubled membership at the end of 1952 and now we are trying to double the doubled membership by the end of 1954. It has been suggested and also encouraged in all our churches to arrange for special programmes for the collection of tithes. This has proved a success in the village churches that have tried this plan.

is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. . . Great objects are accomplished by this system." During the paddy season, the churches at Mamillapalli and Allur worked out a special tithe programme. The members looked forward to the special days as they set apart their tithes. The members and elders took the initiative in promoting God's plan of the tithing system. They worked out a simple programme in advance and had it printed. Friends, relatives, and other villagers were invited and inspired to take part also.

When the appointed days arrived, the paddy in bags and in baskets was cheerfully brought to the meeting place. Some had turned the paddy into cash. A non-Adventist family at Allur gave Rs. 30 out of their income from paddy and promised to be loyal and faithful in paying tithes. Mr. Yeddu Hanavaiah and his wife are very interested in sending their two sons to our school at Narsapur. They presented a baby petromax to the church and promised to give Rs. 300 toward the church building. The spirit of paying tithes faithfully and putting the church on a self-supporting basis was emphasized at the meetings.

Our lay workers, Mr. and Mrs. Premaiah and Dr. and Mrs. P. Samuel at Mamillapalli and Mr. D. Rangaiah at Allur with Brother K. Joseph Prasad, fostered these simple programmes. The total tithes collected at Mamillapalli is nearly Rs. 400 and at Allur we have collected Rs. 150 in cash with almost Rs. 50 more to come.

These goal devices and special programmes have their effect. Other churches and companies are now encouraged to be faithful and loyal to God in paying their tithes. It is high time that we bring our work to a self-supporting level. May God richly bless us in our honest endeavours.

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR THE GIFFARD MISSION HOSPITAL NURSING SCHOOL

EDNA L. YORK

THIS year our School of Nursing at Giffard Mission Hospital has broken all its former records in regard to the number of applications received. We tabulated 88 applications which we received. That tabulation is shown below. In addition to these applications which were more or less complete, we also received applications and inquiries amounting to more than 30. Just today three such inquiries were received. We will no doubt continue to get these for another month or two.

We have accepted only 19 of all the applications, as our quota is full and the class is selected. We have no accommodation for more students and regret having to refuse them admittance to our classes.

The tabulation below shows the number and type of applications which we received and also how many we accepted from each group. By the first of July there may be a few changes but this will give you an idea of how the selections were made.

We accepted students to our maximum limit; yet the table shows that many fully qualified applicants had to be disappointed. There are other points besides the scholarship qualifications which have to be considered when selecting students for a profession carrying such responsibilities as Nursing does. Some of these are age or maturity, size, health, language area, Christian experience and character, and ability to get along with people. In accepting students we must also think of the needs of the field as a whole and opportunities for employment when the student has completed the course.

We have tried to select wisely a class that will bring credit to the

Classification

S. D. A. with Matric Passed
 S. D. A. with Matric Failed
 S. D. A. Division Exam. Passed
 S. D. A. Division Exam. Failed
 S. D. A. Appearing for Matric
 Non-S. D. A. Division Passed
 Others non-qualified, etc.
 Non-S. D. A. Matric Qualified

Girls Applied	Accepted	Boys Applied	Accepted
2	1	12	4
2		4	
13	11	8	2
4			
10*		4	
1	1		
4		4	
5		15	
Total	13	47	6

* Two of these will be accepted if they pass the subjects offered in the Matriculation.

nursing profession, the denomination, and the school. We sincerely hope that our workers and constituency will understand in cases where we had to disappoint applicants and their sponsors.

SALEM EFFORT

J. DAVID

THE Salem effort conducted by Pastor C. John literally started with thunder and lightning. The meetings were to have started on May 16, but on the 14th evening the tabernacle nearly collapsed under the fierce onslaught of wind and rain. God heard our earnest prayers, and except for a slight tilting of the structure no harm was done. This, of course, necessitated a postponement of the effort.

So on June 23, a week later, by the grace of God, the effort started in full swing. The tabernacle, 80 feet by 40 feet, had seating accommodation for about 250. The first day it was packed to capacity.

Three days before the meetings started Pastor P. K. David, Bro. S. D. Moses, and the writer who are there to help in the effort, aided by brethren Pariburanam and Vaiburi, local church members, carried on a vigorous campaign of house-to-house advertisement of the forthcoming meetings by means of colour-printed notices. This has had a very good effect for the attendance has not gone below 200 for the five meetings we have held so far.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Pastor C. John is giving the message to the people of Salem. The attendance is good and many interested ones are very regular at the meetings. Will you please remember us in your prayers, so that the harvest of souls in this effort may be rich.

WEDDING BELLS

The marriage was solemnized on April 29 in the Trichinopoly church, of Nasamani, fourth daughter of Mr. M. Swarminathan, and Mr. N. Simon. Pastor Y. G. Thomas officiated at the ceremony, which was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. Following the ceremony, the new couple were warmly received at a reception held at 50, Yanaikatti Maidan. May God richly bless this young couple as they establish a new Christian home.

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LIGHTS AGLOW IN THE CHIN HILLS

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NEW lights are shining in the darkness of the Chin Hills in Burma. Fourteen adults were in the first baptism ever to take place by our people in this newly-entered territory. Thus we in Burma are rejoicing to have a new language added to our growing list of languages in which this three angels' message is now being preached.

It was only in December, 1953, that Brother A. E. Anderson and family arrived in Tiddim to take up their work among the Kamhau Chin people. Almost immediately a very good interest developed. The fourteen candidates who made up the first baptism were the results of a small effort conducted in the village of Leilum a mile or so from Tiddim. This will be by no means the final result of these meetings as there are a number of others who are already keeping the Sabbath and will soon be ready for baptism. A Sabbath school of over forty members has been organized.

The baptism itself was perhaps the most unique that I have ever performed. Water is a very scarce item in this mountain village of over 7,000 feet elevation. We found a little mountain stream and dug a hole down into the rocky stream bottom for several feet. Then we attempted to dam up the stream hoping that

the water would be deep enough for the baptism. However, we could not stop the water from seeping through. The baptismal candidates had to sit down on the stream bottom while the officiating minister knelt in order to have sufficient water to perform the baptism.

Some of those baptized had to make a great sacrifice to become a Seventh-day Adventist. One young man by the name of Koza Kham was the pastor of the local church of another denomination. He had great possibilities as a leader among the large Christian community in that section. He had been selected by his church to be sent to America for further study. Pressure was applied by both national and overseas personnel to keep him from joining our church. Throughout it all he remained true to his determination and was the first candidate to be baptized. He plans to continue his ministry in our church and, later, to go to Spicer Missionary College for further training. Already he is a very active worker for others and has been a very great help to Brother Anderson in teaching others the truth.

The interest in the Chin Hills is not confined only to the village of Tiddim. Fires of interest have sprung up in many villages throughout the territory. During my visit Brother Anderson took me on a trip to a village about sixteen miles away. A good interest had developed there because of some literature that Brother Anderson had given to one man who came to him for medical help when Brother

Pastor Parker baptizing one of the new believers in the water hole dug in the stream bed.



Anderson had passed through his village on his way to another village. The only way of reaching this village was on foot over some of the steepest mountain paths I have ever seen. Miss Eliada Mann, the director of the nursing school at the Rangoon Mission Hospital, accompanied us on this trip. During the entire three days that we spent in this village we were busy from morning until late at night. People were there before we got up in the morning either for medical help or for Bible studies. Many would stay on after the evening meeting to ask more questions about the Bible. Four families are already keeping the Sabbath in that village and many others are waiting for Brother Anderson to return to tell them more. Almost the entire village came out to our evening meeting. We estimated the attendance at about six hundred people. Our visit was greatly appreciated, and in a speech made by one of the village elders on our last night there, we were told that we were the first missionaries ever to hold public meetings or to offer medical aid to them.

Yes, a fire has been started in the Chin Hills and it grows brighter day by day. We were told of another village which after studying the literature put out against us has decided that we are correct in observing the Sabbath and are waiting to learn more.

A tremendous challenge confronts us as we begin our work in the Chin Hills. There are four major Chin languages. We have had work among the southern Chins for some years. However, we have no work as yet in either the Laizo or the Kuka Chin. So far we have no literature in any of the Chin languages. Plans are being made now to print a book on Bible doctrines before the year is over.

We appreciate men like Brother Anderson who are willing to make sacrifices and to suffer privations and hardships, and to live an isolated life in order to give the gospel to those who live in these still primitive regions. Jesus is coming soon! We know He will find many dear souls in the Chin Hills ready and waiting for Him.

joined the Y.P.M.V. Society? Progressive Classes are conducted and Y.P.M.V. meetings are held every Sabbath evening just after the close of the Progressive Classes. In these meetings one might think that only the young people take part, but it is not so. The older folks are taking part too. It was a wonderful privilege for me to witness what they were doing in the Progressive Classes. The members are divided into various classes. I went and watched all the classes and found they all had something to repeat to their teachers. It was surprising to me when I saw three old women stand up and repeat the Lord's Prayer, the Lord's Promise, the Ten Commandments, and Psalm 23, all in a very short time. They have completed all the memory work for the "Friend" class in just one recitation.

They have determined to be active in all phases of our work. They want to qualify themselves better for soul-winning effort. They are following the zealous and enthusiastic example of the Master, and at the same time they are an example unto each of us living around them. Fellow readers, "Be ye also an example" in the same manner as our believers of the Sohryngkham Church and our brother in Christ, Bro. K. Kharbteng, are. The work in the Assam mission on the whole is progressing. This mission field is keeping pace with others and will march on to greater progress as time passes by till the work comes to its perfect completion and we be ready for the coming of Christ the Saviour who will take us home to heaven.

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"BE YE ALSO AN EXAMPLE"

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TO ALL the believers throughout the world today comes the admonition through the pen of Inspiration, "Be ye also an example!" In actions, in words, and in the life of every believer there should be something good that the world can follow. One of the greatest ways to be an example is to do the will of God—the will of God is to accomplish the work on earth and be zealous for His cause wherever we may be stationed.

Sohryngkham is a village about seven miles from Shillong on the Shillong-Jowai Road. We have a large church in the village headed by Bro. K. Kharbteng. He is doing his very best as a church school teacher as well as an elder of the Sohryngkham church. The members, the young and the old, the ignorant and

the educated, men and women, boys and girls, are heeding and practising in their lives the very admonition which is our topic, "Be ye also an example!" In all phases of our work the members are in the front line taking their stand ready to act for His cause. It is interesting to note that this year, 1954, the members are more active and more determined to be an example, under the able leadership of Bro. K. Kharbteng.

It was my privilege to visit this church one Sabbath day. There is an active girl who is missionary minded. She invited her friends to join her on her way to the Sabbath school. Yes, this is the missionary spirit which is found in all the believers of Sohryngkham. They feel their burden for souls, and are enthusiastically doing their part. They live a life which is an example to others living around them.

Recently I received a thrilling M. V. report from Bro. K. Kharbteng. Can you believe that all the old folks 50 years of age or more have

PROGRESS IN THE NORTH-EAST

O. O. MATTISON

IT WAS an inspiration when in Calcutta early in June to see the continued interest of the crowds who attended Brother Down's lectures in the pandal carried over into his meetings in the church. Both nights I was there the church was well filled and that in the midst of the week. Some 114 received their Bibles, some in English, others in Bengali, and still others in Hindi, and how their faces lit up with joy for this reward of having attended every lecture in the pandal. They ran out of Bibles and Brother Down told me there were some forty more yet to receive their Bibles when they could be obtained. Fifty have already been baptized from the effort and many more are

still in the baptismal class. They are confident the total will reach at least eighty.

Brother Gayen from the Garo Hills reports a wonderful response to the message that is being preached to these hill people. Brother Rick informed me that recently on a tour into that section, he had baptized 30 and that there are still many more in preparation.

The brethren in the Northeast were deploring the fact that the General Conference could not have been held just one month later, as had they been given just one month more they would have doubled their membership during this past four-year term. Prospects are bright in the Northeast and the Lord is blessing in every phase of the work in a remarkable manner.

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VOICE OF PROPHECY IN THE UPPER GANGES MISSION

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Voice of Prophecy secretary

IT HAS been a long time since the readers of the SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS have had news of the activities of the Voice of Prophecy in the Upper Ganges Mission. It will be of interest to you to know that during the past few months several students in many sections have been visited who have been genuinely interested in the truth.

In Allahabad we have several interested in the truth as a result of the work of the Voice of Prophecy. They are pleading for help that they might be able to leave their present occupation, where they are unable to keep the Sabbath, so that they can become fishers of men.

One of the most active members of the Lucknow Sabbath school is a Voice of Prophecy student. Although he is not baptized yet, and is still a Hindu, he has time only to talk about the Adventists. He told me he has recently opened a fuel shop, which he closes every Sabbath that he might, by sitting there, be able to invite people individually to listen to him, so he can teach them the Seventh-day Adventist doctrines.

To all interested in a knowledge of the truth he would say, "If you want to know the truth, go to the Seventh-day Adventists; they have the truth; they believe it and teach it." He takes a very active part in the Sabbath school and the class discussion and he has asked for an interest in our prayers that the Lord will make the way clear for his baptism. He is all with us and for us.

We have others also in the Lucknow church who are regular in attendance at the Sabbath school and church services, who were interested as a result of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

Two of the strongest members of the Meerut Sabbath school are also Voice of Prophecy students. They have a great liking for the Bible class conducted at the Sabbath school and take an active part in the class discussion.

We have many interested in Kanpur also. Mr. Reuban of the Locquartiers, has been greatly influenced by the Voice of Prophecy and the last time Brother B. S. Gilbert and the writer visited him, he and Mrs. Reuban asked us to arrange for illustrated lectures at their home, to which they would invite friends and neighbours. Mr. Reuban is a driver in the railway and is busy most of the time but when it comes to the Voice of Prophecy, he somehow makes some time for the study. We pray that the meetings conducted at his home may be the means of causing many to come to a knowledge of the truth.

A student writes from Dabra, a place midway between Gwalior and Jhansi, to say: "Your letter arrived here, but unfortunately I did not get it. . . . My elder brother read it and became very angry with me on my conversion into the Christian religion and tore the letter up before me. . . . Now please do not send any letter for the sake of my peace, otherwise, there will be a hue and cry among the family members. . . . Leave all things upon God's mercy. I will be Christ's follower for the whole of my life."

As we think of the many students who have a desire to know and follow the truth, our hearts go out to God

in prayer that they may be led to accept the truth for our time. Let us talk about the Voice of Prophecy, and do all we can through the Voice of Prophecy to reach the millions around us and invite them to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

ONE MOTHER'S WAY

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education more when they must help earn it. Mine all canvassed to pay academy and college expenses. . . . I often heard them speaking of our happy home life. 'Didn't we have good times together? Skating! Swimming! Canvassing! In college!'

"Does it pay to send children through our schools? Just what is the destination we want for them? All five of mine accomplished what I had in mind for them, for one by one they had the vision of a college education. One by one all have graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College and have gone out to work for the Master. One, as you know, is president of the new college being carved from a wooded mountainside in the Philippines. One is in Java, a minister; one is a missionary wife in Singapore. One is a teacher in our Minnesota academy, and one is a critic teacher in La Sierra College.

"I want to ask again, Does it pay to send our boys and girls to our schools? The answer depends upon the destination we plan for them."—*Review and Herald*.

When we meet God in prayer, we should go like a patient to his doctor to be thoroughly examined and afterwards to be treated for our ailments.—"National Voice."

There are two spirits of prayer: one that prays to get what it wants, and the other to know what God wants it to get.—"Christian Index."

Leannec, the famous French physician who invented the stethoscope, wrote to his cousin, "Do not fear to repeat what has already been said. Men need things dinned into their ears many times, and from all sides. The first version makes them pick up their ears, the second registers and the third enters."—Rosmond J. Webster.—"Review and Herald."

THE

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT**TEMPERANCE DEVELOPMENTS**

CHAD B. ISRAEL

A NEW day has dawned in Pakistan as far as the temperance work is concerned. Pastor McGhee (Lahore) and Pastor Reynolds (Karachi) are alive to God's leading in this heaven-ordained plan of temperance leadership by Seventh-day Adventists.

Pastor McGhee, Secretary, National Temperance Society of Pakistan, has done remarkably well in interesting the elite of Hyderabad (Sind) and Loyalpur.

In following the same methods as elsewhere, appointment was procured to meet the Health and Revenue Ministers of the Sind Government, Pakistan. Pastor Reynolds was present during the interview. The Hon'ble Minister was anxious to utilize our experience and help in bringing about total prohibition in Sind next year. He gave us a letter of introduction to the Hon'ble Minister of Excise suggesting that opportunity be accorded to study details of participation.

While referring to the temperance work in other parts of the land, the interest of the legislators was mentioned by Mr. Reynolds and others. In endeavouring to work out plans to meet the various legislators in Pakistan in the short space of time at our disposal, Providence intervened in a miraculous way. During our visit with the Health Minister of Sind, a gentleman arrived there. Immediately all rose to their feet in respect. The gentleman entered the inner section of the residence. When we made request of the Health Minister for a photograph of the interview, he took us in to introduce us to the gentleman who had just come in. He was interested to meet us and invited us over to his home so that his colleagues, the other legislators, would know about our work. This man, Hon'ble Mr. Talpur, is the Chief Speaker of the Legislature. Now all joined in the picture, and the Hon'ble Speaker remarked that the Hon'ble Health Minister looked like an agent of the Temperance Society with the magazine *Listen* in his hand. Holding it right in front of him the Hon'ble Minister replied, "I would be proud to be an agent of such a magazine

because I wholeheartedly believe in this noble cause."

Several papers in Pakistan featured the news of our movements and contacts.

Excerpts from Recent Letters

Washington D.C.

March 15, 1954

"I believe that the temperance work, properly carried on, will give us a prestige and an influence that will serve to advance our work along other lines as well.

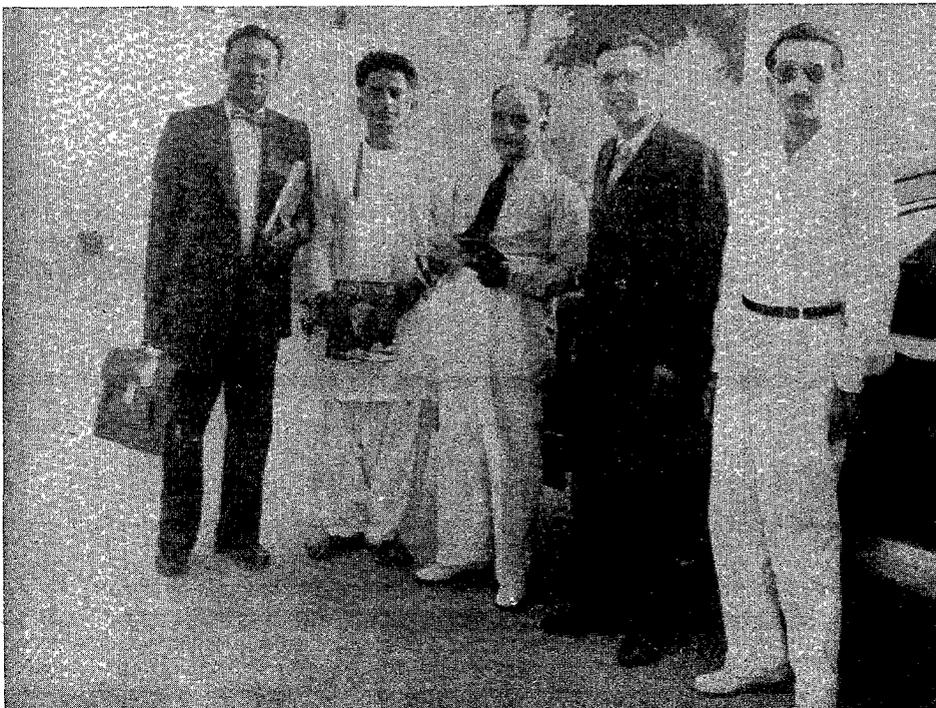
"I am glad to know that the Bombay government has taken action sanctioning the order for 5,000 copies of *Alert*. This, I hope, will only be a beginning.

"Wishing you God's rich blessing in your work, I am,

Sincerely your brother,
A. V. OLSON."

Anguin, California
May 7, 1954

"You will be interested to learn that Pastors Ashlock, Rebok, and I had a very pleasant visit with His Excellency the Ambassador from India to Washington, Mr. Mehta. The letter which you so kindly sent along from Dr. Jivraj Mehta really helped. We were received very cordially and we spent a very pleasant three-quarters of an hour telling him of the work of Seventh-day Adventists, explaining our medical, educational, temperance, and evangelistic work. He was very



Left to right: Mr. Chad B. Israel, Executive Secretary of the International Temperance Association, Southern Asia Division; Hon'ble Pir Ali Mohammad Rashdi, Revenue and Health Minister, Sind Government (West Pakistan); Hon'ble Mr. Ghulam Ali Khan Talpur, Speaker, Sind Legislative Assembly; Mr. R. E. Reynolds, Member of the Executive Council, National Pakistan Temperance Society, and Director of the Society for Sind and Baluchistan; Parliamentary Secretary.

much interested and asked many questions. He expressed his desire to visit our head-quarters and the two of our institutions in Takoma Park, and Brother Rebok has promised to arrange for this soon after the General Conference Session.

"... I have written a number of our leading men there in India recently expressing my personal conviction that we should be doing more and more to support the temperance cause. I feel this sincerely.

"Be sure and keep me posted on the programme of the temperance work there.

"With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely your brother in Christ,
ROBERT H. PIERSON"

ARE YOU READY FOR PROMOTION

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not assure of a place in eternity. Promotion is not to be sought, but if it comes as a call from God, let it be recognized as a call to earnest, heart-searching prayer. Let the one upon whom the "mantle" has fallen ask himself these pertinent questions: "Am I qualified for this important work? Have I learned to trust in God?"

And finally, let it be remembered that "promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south." It comes from above, and the God who sets one "up" is as well able to set one "down." A lesson may be learned from the young preacher who was preaching his first trial sermon. He was proud and full of self-assurance as he ascended the rostrum. He failed miserably, and walked off the rostrum very much humbled. A wise, old elder remarked: If the young man had gone up as he came down, he would have come down as he went up.

We never criticize a kicker who kicks toward the goal.—"Fifth Wheel."

Man has conquered almost every dangerous thing in nature—except human nature.—"Santa Fe Mag."

One reason for poor preaching from the pulpit is that there is poor praying from the pew.—Pierce Cook.

THE

VOICE OF PROPHECY

REPORT OF THE VOP HINDI BRANCH SCHOOL

J. PANDIT

WE HAVE almost reached the middle of the year 1954, and it is only proper that a report of our Voice of Prophecy Hindi Branch School be rendered to our TIDINGS readers.

The figures below tell of the work done in this Hindi Branch School during these last three and a half years.

Applicants	38,858
Enrollees	20,224
Lessons Sent Out	366,567
Test Papers Graded	272,809
Graduates	5,623
Contributions	Rs. 4,446

We are still on the forward move, for God's Truth must gain its ultimate victory. Millions are being warned through this progressive, God-ordained phase of evangelism. The Hindi Branch School has proved to be a successful wedge in entering many unentered villages of our country. Reports have reached us on several occasions that this Hindi Bible course has been the cause of great excitement in many villages where people lack knowledge in English but know Hindi well. They find great joy and satisfaction in studying the Word of God through this wonderful means. It is indeed a great blessing to them. Also reports have reached us that in some places the whole village or greater part of the village has accepted the message of God. Certainly we rejoice to know that the Spirit of God is in action in convicting and convincing many faithful men and women in this country of the truth.

Our contributions are steadily increasing as a result of the working of God's Spirit in the hearts of our people in this country. However, the funds we have been receiving are still too meagre to cope with the tremendous amount of work lying ahead of us which must be finished soon.

It is indeed inspiring to read letters received from people who are interested in the Truth. We have received some very interesting and

encouraging letters from Christians and non-Christians who have highly appreciated the free Bible course. I would like to share with you excerpts from a few good letters that have come to us hoping they will cheer your hearts and inspire you to greater service for the Master.

From Ram Krishna Nagar, a Hindu, well qualified in Hindi, writes: "Dear Sir, By the study of these valuable lessons I have received great happiness and peace of mind. This study has opened before me the unity and greatness of the Godhead. Indeed, God is Love. Anyone who studies these lessons will surely find a nearness to God. You have done a great good to me by offering this course to me."

A lady from Nagpur writes: "Sir, I like to let you know that I have received many blessings and inspirations as a result of studying these Hindi Bible lessons. The time spent studying these lessons was a time of untold happiness and joy. These lessons have revealed to me many Bible Truths which I would have never known had I not studied these lessons. These lessons are beautiful and simple and can be easily understood. I was in darkness, but now it seems that the curtain is lifted before me and I can understand some such deep Bible subjects as What Is the Sabbath, Baptism, The Condition of Man in Death, The Second Coming of Christ, etc. Please pray to the Lord for me."

Another lady from Nagpur preparing to be a doctor writes: "Sir, I must not forget to thank you for the time spent in studying these good lessons. In the past I was in confusion concerning some Biblical subjects. I never understood them. But these enlightening lessons have removed my doubts and perplexities and have given me a new light."

From Ambarnath, a gentleman writes: "Dear Sir, I am sending Rs. 7 as my first tithe according to Malachi 3:10. I am happy and ready to suffer with the people of God. God has shown me a good way and a right way to walk in. The Seventh-day Adventist people are the only people in the world who obey the Holy Bible. May God bless you all."

Another Hindu gentleman from

Bareilly writes: "Sir, Today I am sending you my last test papers. There is nothing in the world that can give me so much pleasure and happiness as the study of your Bible lessons. I have now learned to love God."

A Hindu young man from Shajapur writes: "Sir, I completed your Hindi Bible course. Doubtless these lessons were a spiritual feast for me. They have presented to me a new message of God—a message of hope and comfort. These lessons were as light that will guide me in my travel through this life. The following Bible

texts quoted in the lessons are indeed helpful and comforting." (He quotes many Bible texts here).

Space will not permit to give the excerpts of more letters that have come to us from time to time. We are indeed glad to find souls responding to the pleadings of the Spirit.

In closing we thank all our loyal supporters of this Voice of Prophecy work. Indeed your co-operation has meant much to us. We ask that you remember this great work in your private and public devotions so that we may all press on till the battle is won.

HOW TRUE HAPPINESS IS FOUND

JAMES J. AITKEN

ALGIERS was hot and sultry. Roland Esposito, Missionary Volunteer secretary for North Africa, and I lugged our heavy bags past the sleeping forms on the street and entered the station. We were both glad to rest for a moment before the grand rush when the train should arrive. As it puffed into the station a large crowd shoved and pushed. Craning necks followed the coaches as the train came slowly to a standstill. Everyone wanted a seat near a window.

I stood guarding the bags while Brother Esposito pushed into the coaches and procured two good seats. Then I handed the bags through the window. After much arranging they finally fitted into the racks above our heads. Then we sat down and breathed sighs of relief. The trying weather had made us weary. We longed for a nap.

It had been a strenuous ten days of youth evangelism. Every night we had held public meetings, and often there had been afternoon meetings besides. We were tired, and we felt we deserved a rest.

"I hope no one else wants to share our compartment," I said. "I'm tired of talking." Brother Esposito agreed and instantly fell asleep. I joined him.

Suddenly the train jolted to a stop. A young officer of the French Army entered our compartment and sat down opposite me. Now, why did he have to sit in our compartment? Although we had just been preaching to our youth that they should share their faith at all times, I surely thought I could be excused this once. So I went to sleep again.

Another jolt brought me back to

consciousness, and as I opened my eyes I found this officer eyeing me rather interestedly. At last I straightened up and decided to obey Mr. Conscience and speak to the man. Except for the weather, about the only suitable subject of conversation with a complete stranger is the destination to which one is travelling. So I asked: "*Ou allez-vous, Monsieur?*" (Where are you going, Sir?)

The officer's face lighted up. "Oh, I'm going down to Constantine to help quell a rebellion."

"Oh," I said, "that's where I'm going."

Then the officer straightened and looked me in the eye. "Are you by any chance a Seventh-day Adventist?"

I was shocked with surprise. Now how had he come to that conclusion?

He must have noticed my puzzled look for he quickly added, "I noticed your Missionary Volunteer pin. It's just like the one I used to wear."

Then I asked him, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?"

"Oh, no," he replied, "not any more. I married out of the truth and now, of course, I'm in the army." He looked down sadly. "But I've never been happy," he added.

These words penetrated through Brother Esposito's sweet dreams of home, and he gradually woke up. "Brother Esposito," I said, "this is a new friend I've made. He used to be a member of our church."

Brother Esposito rubbed his eyes. "Esposito!" exclaimed the officer, "why, Roland, sleeping there beside me all this time!"

"Reny!" Brother Esposito thought he was still dreaming. "What are you

doing in that uniform? I haven't seen you since we used to go to camp together!"

Such a reunion! They jumped up and slapped each other on the back and talked French so fast I could hardly keep up with them. But after the first few minutes of conversation he told us with tears in his eyes that it had been six years since he had seen a Seventh-day Adventist.

I glanced at my watch. In thirty minutes we would be in Constantine. Only thirty minutes to try to help a young man who had lost his way! We made good use of those thirty minutes, I can tell you. He asked us to send him a Bible, and we gave him some literature we had with us.

After we had said good-bye to him and were on our way to our hotel, I said to Brother Esposito, "That young man is in search of life, a more abundant life, and we almost slept too long!" Brother Esposito agreed that we had been rather selfish.

Life is the watchword nowadays. "Put more life into it!" someone says, or "Live it up!" "He doesn't have enough life." Life and youth go together. Unfortunately most young people have a mistaken sense of values. Anything that can produce a momentary laugh, a light tune that goes to the feet, an exciting, adventure-packed picture, a night in a crowded amusement park—these, youth thinks are life.

We human beings are a strange lot. When we buy an article of clothing we look inside to see whether the seams are finished, and we take special notice of the material. Or if it's a new car, we want a good motor. When purchasing transitory things for this life we want full value for our money and effort. But when it comes to things of eternal nature, we often take the cheapest and gaudiest, the one that pleases the eye or the ear. We spend much and get nothing lasting in return.

People do this because they think it will make them happy. But what fleeting pleasure! Immediately they start all over again, till they are taken up in a whirlwind of activity they call "life." When it stops they suddenly don't know what to do. They don't really enjoy it, but it's better than doing nothing, and they think someday their ship will come in and they will be happy.

One of Hollywood's famous movie stars, writing her life story, said it always made her feel bad when people criticized her for having married so many times. "After all," she wrote,

"I'm only seeking happiness." What a false conception of how true happiness may be found!

The cry of the world today is for happiness. So few know where to find it. Put the Christian should know.

The loving Father's plan is that youth should be happy. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

To the Christian young person the more abundant life means many things. A beautiful sunset, a concert, a rosebud with the dew still clinging.

My mother taught me to enjoy nature. Early in life as I sat at her side watching the changing colours of the western sky, she told me of the great Creator. I never see a sunset without thinking of her.

This more abundant life is a life full of unselfish service for others. There is no thrill on earth equal to the thrill that comes from seeing a soul saved through one's own efforts. Service to others helps us to forget our own troubles and protects us against experiencing the disappointment and heartaches that come to those who search for happiness in their own way.

As Seventh-day Adventist youth it is our business to help others find happiness. And as we lead others into the more abundant life, we ourselves find happiness that we never realized was possible.—*Review and Herald*.

MY MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's wall,
There's one that's clear than the rest
And sweeter far than all:
'Tis a picture of my mother
When I, a little chap,
Was folded in her loving arms,
To slumber on her lap;
I felt her hands caress my head,
I heard her softly say,
"Dear Jesus, take this little life
And use it every day."

There must have been a mighty weight
Behind that simple prayer,
For through the seasons, year on year,
The picture lingers there,
And whether I'm on hill or plain
Or on the deep blue sea,
The memory of that sacred scene
Forever comforts me;
Among the treasured pictures
That I've hung on memory's wall,
My mother's supplication
Is the sweetest of them all.

EVANGELISM FOR THE WORLD, THE CHURCH, AND THE INDIVIDUAL

M. K. ECKENROTH

THE story of the love of God cannot be detached from the fact of His passion for the salvation of the world. This is revealed in these oft-repeated words, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

It has ever been in the mind of God, since the foundations of the world, that His redeeming love shall be known and experienced by His children. Though cruel charges may be made against Him by His despicable enemy, God shall yet, through long-suffering and mercy, prove His eternal love.

If the world ever needed redemption, a guide, a promise, and an assurance of a better world, that time is now. The world is ripe for the heralding of such a message and the revelation of such a Redeemer. To tell the wondrous story of God's love is to do the work of an evangelist. To this high calling the church has been summoned. The young and the old, the weak and the strong, the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated—all have been exhorted to do this blessed work: "Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist." 2 Tim. 4:5.

The call to duty was an obvious necessity in the apostle Paul's day. In the keen expectation of the triumphant church the apostle sounded the great call. Evangelism was a necessity in Paul's day, and we can see that the need exists even more critically now than when the Christian church first launched forth to meet a pagan world.

The messenger of God declared in 1903: "The whole world appears to be in the march to death."—*Evangelism*, p. 26. But that was more than fifty years ago. Since then two major world wars have been fought, with millions of casualties. Entire nations have been uprooted, and now the world is caught in the grip of another tremendous conflict. Indeed, "the whole world appears to be in the march to death."

This is why evangelism is so necessary for the world. Not the purely emotional, superficial, popular type;

but a deep, profound evangelism, wrought out in the power of a grace such as was manifest in the lives of all the converts in apostolic days.

The world needs the Adventist evangelist today. We are plainly told:

"Calamities will come—calamities most awful, most unexpected; and these destructions will follow one after another. If there will be a heeding of the warnings that God has given, and if churches will repent, returning to their allegiance, then other cities may be spared for a time.

... The Lord will not suddenly cast off all transgressors or destroy entire nations; but He will punish cities and places where men have given themselves up to the possession of satanic agencies. Strictly will the cities of the nations be dealt with, and yet they will not be visited in the extreme of God's indignation, because some souls will yet break away from the delusions of the enemy, and will repent and be converted, while the mass will be treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath."—*Ibid.*, p. 27.

Here then is the reason for our existence in this hour. It is a matter of the salvation of the world. This is not an hour in which the church is to be found facing her task with casualness. This is the time for an extreme intensity to lay hold upon the hearts of God's people.

Yes, evangelism is the answer to the needs of a bewildered world; but how can the world be evangelized until the church sees and accepts her responsibility for the redemption of the world? God loves the world, and He gave His Son; but the Scriptures also declare that "Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." Eph. 5:25. Here is expressed God's love not only for the world but for the church. The church, enfeebled as it might be, is still the object of God's great love. This love is manifest to the church in the call to evangelism, to the redemption of the lost sinners. It is a high calling.

The Remnant Church will be buffeted by every unfavourable wind the enemy can stir up in the latter days. "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed." Rev. 12:17.

Here is a spiritual warfare. The Remnant Church is called upon today to measure up to the dramatic picture painted by the prophet so many centuries ago:

"A great work is to be done. I am moved by the Spirit of God to say to those engaged in the Lord's work, that the favourable time for our message to be carried to the cities has passed by, and this work has not been done."—*Ibid.*, p. 31.

This statement, found in *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 463, helps us to see how important it is to act now:

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a terrible crisis under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances."

This is the great evangelistic challenge to the church now. We are in those days of challenge now as the poet has written:

"There is a darkness still, gross darkness, Lord,

On this fair earth of mine.
There are prisoners still in the prison house,

Where never a light doth shine.
There are doors still bolted against Thee,

There are faces set like a wall;
And over them all the shadow of death

Hangs like a pall.

"Do you hear the voices calling,
Out there in the black of the night?
Do you hear the sobs of the women
Who are barred from the blessed light?

And the children—the little children—

Do you hear their pitiful cry?
O brothers, we must seek them
Or there in the darkness they die."

Now the love of God narrows down to its smallest focal point. Not only does God love the world and the church, but the Scriptures say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20. Christ "loved me, and gave Himself for me." This, therefore, becomes an intensely personal thing as far as God is concerned. He is not detached from the salvation of the single soul! Wonder of wonders!

These are the three purposes for which God has called us into this service: because of his love for the world, His love for the church, and His love for the individual. How then can we who claim to be crucified

with Christ not share with Christ in the salvation of the world?

The messenger of God told us, "The world, who act as though there were no God, absorbed in selfish pursuits will soon experience sudden destruction, and shall not escape."—*Evangelism*, p. 26. This is an appalling and tragic fate awaiting rebellious mankind. They must know about it! They must be told of it! They must be shown the way of deliverance now in this day of salvation!

—*Review and Herald*.

Miscellany

• Pastor and Mrs. O. O. Mattison arrived in Poona on Monday, June 28. We extend to them a warm welcome as they join our Salisbury Park Community and as Pastor Mattison enters into the full responsibilities of Division leadership. We assure them of our prayers and full co-operation as we work together in finishing God's work in Southern Asia.

• We welcome Pastor and Mrs. J. F. Ashlock and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Ashlock, as they arrive in Poona after attendance at the General Conference Session. Pastor Ashlock will give the Division Committee a first hand report of the inspiration and advancing plans adopted in connection with that important meeting. The young people of Southern Asia are indeed fortunate that Pastor Ashlock will again give his full enthusiasm and strong leadership to the Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer department as he and Sister Ashlock resume their term of service in our field.

• Our schools are opening at this time in many places throughout the Division. Let us remember the school leaders and the teachers as well as the students in our prayers that God may especially be with them during this school year. We anticipate large enrolments in most places. Spicer Missionary College reports just a decrease in enrolments at this date compared with last year, with 151 College students and 48 high school students or a total of 199.

The new college boys' hostel construction is moving along rapidly and the new dining hall and kitchen will be ready in another month or two.

• Letters from both Pastors P. K. Gayen and W. C. Rick give encouraging news in connection with the baptisms in the Garo Hills and also

in another place in that general area. On a recent Sabbath, 50 souls took their stand for the Third Angels' Message and 17 in another area. The brethren over there are hopeful that in another few months quite a number more will take their stand and go forward with their Lord in baptism. Please continue to pray for these interested souls that the message of the soon-coming Saviour may quickly be preached in that large territory.

• Reports coming to Poona indicate that the local constituency meetings in the two Tamil fields and the Kerala field of South India have just been concluded with excellent meetings and many good plans laid for the advance of the work in those areas. More detailed reports will appear in later issues of the TIDINGS. Pastor L. C. Shepard attended the South Tamil and Kerala meetings as a representative from the Division and Pastors O. O. Mattison and W. L. Barclay attended the North Tamil meeting. —M. E. KEMMERER.

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