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A Personal Letter to You

from the
PRESIDENT of the GENERAL CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

It is a privilege to address the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the pages of the "Review and Herald." This is my first opportunity to do so since returning to Washington following the General Conference session in San Francisco. Many of you were in attendance at that great meeting. Every reader of the "Review" has had the reports, which were so carefully prepared and promptly published. It was an occasion of real moment to the cause of God, marking another high point of progress in carrying the message of a soon-coming Saviour to a distracted and troubled world.



The session is now in the past. The delegates from North America have returned to their fields of labour and taken up their tasks. A few of those from overseas have lingered a bit, but by this time most of them too are back at their posts of service.

We are living in a day of intensity, a day of great advancement, a day of thrilling accomplishment by the Lord of the harvest. Thousands are embracing the message God has commissioned us to give the world. During the coming four years, if time should last, we confidently expect to see a net gain in our membership of at least four hundred thousand. No one can study the reports that come in to us and not be convinced that God has set His hand to accomplish a quick work and that it will soon be cut short in righteousness.

While this is true, we do not forget that the present hour is one of great trial. In some lands our people suffer severely, being persecuted, defamed, falsely accused, and imprisoned for their faith. In others we are able to conduct our services only under the most rigid restrictions and unfriendly surveillance. Then there are large areas of the world field from which we receive few reports of any kind. We have some idea of the condition of our people at those places, but our knowledge is meagre. We are persuaded, however, that the truth of heaven is making its way into honest hearts and that those whose faithful lives have been an inspiration to us in former years are continuing their noble witness as they stand stiffly for the truth under the most adverse circumstances. Let us never forget to pray for our brethren and sisters who cannot write us or send representatives to our meetings, but who meet us only at the mercy seat.

It is not alone in lands of open hostility to the message that there is danger to the remnant people. Satan spreads his snares where conditions are outwardly favourable. The allurements of worldly position and influence with their temptation to compromise principle, the love of ease with its benumbing of spiritual perception, the tendency to trust in numbers and in the material prosperity of churches and institutions—all these constitute dangers to the child of God and are to be zealously resisted.

These are days of test and trial. The times are changing, and the changes bring us face to face with new problems, new situations, new complications, and perplexities. We must press on undaunted with the divine assurance that these are also days of fulfilling prophecy. Events of which we have been preaching for so long are now actually occurring before our eyes. The opportunities were never so challenging or so momentous as now. The mighty arm of God is not shortened, but is stretched out in glorious power for the support of His consecrated witnesses in all parts of the earth.

May the choice blessings of heaven rest upon each one of you, dear brethren and sisters of the Advent faith, as you carry on your faithful service in the sphere to which God has called you. "Look up, and let your faith continually increase." Let us press together in Christian love, in sympathetic understanding, and in tireless service as we endeavour under the blessing of God to bring into the circle of our fellowship those whose hearts are being stirred by the message we have to bear.

Very sincerely your brother in Christ,
R. R. Fighur

—"Review and Herald."

NO MEN WANTED!

W. L. BARCLAY

IT WAS during the depression years and millions of men throughout the world were out of work. The majority of these men had families, and they were desperate. Their children were hungry and starving and ill-clothed. Day by day they walked the streets of the great cities of the world searching for work that would provide the funds to buy life-giving food for their families. But always the result was the same. At the entrances of factories and shops were huge signs with the discouraging words—"NO MEN WANTED."

Yes, it would be discouraging to constantly be in search of work and always be turned away with the statement "NO MEN WANTED." There is only one situation that could be more discouraging and that would be if God were to put a sign on every church saying "NO MEN WANTED." That would mean that His work on earth was finished, probation's door was closed, and there was no more hope for sinners. That would be discouraging for the unsaved, and it would be hard on those who were looking for the coming of the Lord, because some of their loved ones might be amongst the unsaved, and it would be hard to live through the last year of time and know that these unsaved loved ones were suffering the torments of the Seven Last Plagues.

How wonderful to know that the doors of probation are still open and that God wants men for His work and His kingdom. There is no need for any churchmember to be idle in God's work. He still wants men! "As the Head of the church, Christ is authoritatively calling upon every one who claims to believe on Him to follow His example of self-denial and self-sacrifice *in working for the conversion* [italics mine] of those whom Satan and his vast army are exert-

ing every power to destroy."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 30.

If we are standing idle in the market place, heeding the "NO MEN WANTED" signs that Satan is cunningly holding before us to turn us away from doing God's work, then it is certainly time for us to answer the challenge in the above statement and go to work for Christ, working for the conversion of loved ones and neighbours, who might otherwise be still unsaved when probation's doors close.

In *Testimonies*, Vol. 2, p. 632, our attention is again called to the fact that God still WANTS MEN; that He still has a work for us to do. "Every follower of Jesus has a work to do as a missionary for Christ, in the family, in the neighbourhood, in the town or city where he lives."

Every follower means you; it means the elder; it means the churchmember sitting beside us in the pew. And the statement is an invitation to us to take an active part in searching for souls in our own neighbourhood, because God still WANTS MEN, the men and women who are not yet walking in the light, the men and women for whom Christ died.

The doors of probation will soon be closed and still there is a great work to do. To neglect to do that work will mean that souls will be lost. No one else can do our work, therefore we must not neglect to do

what God has invited us to do. "When personal work is neglected, many precious opportunities are lost, which, were they improved, would advance the work decidedly."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 364 (1915 edition). Are we advancing or retarding the work?

God has not yet hung out the sign "NO MEN WANTED." He still has a work for His church to do. Home Visitation Day gives each one of us an opportunity to prove our loyalty to God and our interest in finishing His work. On Home Visitation Day, Sabbath, October 2, Seventh-day Adventists all over the world will be systematically visiting their neighbours giving them truth-filled literature, praying with them, studying with them, and searching for those who are seeking light in these troublous times. There is a place for you in the ranks of those who will take an active part in this Home Visitation Day, Share Your Faith, Soul-winning Effort. Will you rise to God's challenge and invitation?

Wesley once said, "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but God, who hate nothing but sin, and who are determined to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and I will set the world on fire." If Wesley could do that with one hundred men what could we do here in Southern Asia with the 14,640 believers who profess their belief in the soon-coming of the Saviour?



Only Satan puts up signs in God's church saying "NO MEN WANTED" to do God's work. God is still saying that "MEN ARE WANTED" to take an active part in Home Visitation

Day, October 2, and to carry on this heaven-blessed programme until God's work is finished and God says "NO MAN WANTED."

in South India, there is a faithful couple who go out every week with about fifty copies of the *Signs of the Times*. I wish you could hear some of their experiences! They are thrilling. The courage of these two people does not wane, but their enthusiasm for the gospel seems to grow greater and greater because they are contacting people in their homes and turning hearts toward the gospel.

"OUR HOMEWORK"

E. L. SORENSEN

(President, South India Union)

“HOW can the great work of the third angel's message be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort—by visiting the people at their homes.”—*Evangelism*, p. 411.

We cannot over-estimate the importance of house-to-house work. It has been the plan of God from the very inception of the gospel. When Jesus sent out the seventy, He gave them instructions to visit in the homes of the people. They went out two by two and did a marvellous work for the cause of Christ. So, today, God calls His faithful and loyal people, the lay members in the churches, to go out two by two to visit the people in their homes. There is no substitute for this method. Contacting people where they are in their homes, around the family circle, will enable us to get close to the hearts of the people, to help them to understand that we are sympathetic and that Jesus has the solution for their every problem.

Again, the Spirit of prophecy tells us “this house-to-house labour—searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep—is the most essential work that can be done.”—*Evangelism*, p. 431. Surely, we as God's remnant people realize the truthfulness of this statement. We must be searching and hunting for the lost sheep. We must find them where they are in their homes. We cannot expect them, in every case, to come to us; but we must come closer to them; search them out; show our friendliness toward them. This is the most essential work that we can possibly do for the Master and God lays the responsibility on every faithful churchmember

to work for Him in His vineyard.

Often the members in our larger churches are called upon to assist an evangelist in his public campaign. When members co-operate in this way with the evangelist, a great work can be done in getting into the individual homes of the people. Before the effort begins the churchmembers can be helpful in distributing literature in the homes and during the effort these contacts can be followed up by faithful laymen. It is possible for the members of our church to get closer to certain families than can the evangelist himself. The personal contact which they have, the humble spirit and sincere desire to see souls saved, will impress the people as nothing else will.

It is not enough simply to preach our message from the pulpit: “Not only is the truth to be presented in public assemblies; house-to-house work is to be done. Let this work go forward in the name of the Lord.”—*Evangelism*, p. 490. This is the work that you, dear lay brother, can do for the Master. This is the work which God has called you to do. There is work everywhere—in the villages, in the towns, and in the cities. Multitudes are crying for this gospel message which God has placed in our hands. How wonderful it is to search these folk out and to enrol them in our Voice of Prophecy course! In this way we can place in their hands the opportunity to know this third angel's message and to follow the truth of God for today.

Many churchmembers are engaged in distributing our magazines and papers. In one of our large churches

I remember one Home Visitation Day when my wife and I went out as a team and we were thrilled with the wonderful response we received. As we went from one house to another, we had prayer with some of the people; we were able to enrol several in the Voice of Prophecy course; and in addition to that, our own souls were greatly helped, because we felt that we were doing the work that Christ has appointed us to do in these last days.

We must remember that every member of the church is called to be a worker. “Go ye,” Jesus says. He means you; He means me. “Go work today in My vineyard.” In a special sense, can we not think of this “today” as October 2, and go and work for Christ in a special way on that day? This is following the plan of God. This is walking in the footsteps of the Master. “By being social and coming close to the people, you may turn the currents of their thoughts more readily than by the most able discourse.”—*Gospel Workers*, p. 193. Yes, you may do the work of Christ and in many cases more effectively than the man who is trained as a gospel minister. Won't you join whole-heartedly in the house-to-house visitation programme this coming October 2? Won't you be among those who will go forth with the precious seed? Listen to the words of the Psalmist as he brings to us the suggestion of the reward that awaits us when we follow God's plan: “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” Ps. 126:5, 6.

GIVE THIS DAY IN SERVICE

OCTOBER 2

HOME VISITATION DAY

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION

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AS A people we believe with all our hearts that this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world before the end can come. And, I believe, the majority of us are trying to do our part in preaching this gospel. But I am afraid that in our zeal we have lost sight of one of the most important ways of hastening the coming of Christ's glorious kingdom. This is true of workers and lay-members alike. Let me quote: "The Lord desires that His word of grace shall be brought home to every soul. To a great degree this must be accomplished by **PERSONAL LABOUR**. This was **CHRIST'S METHOD**. HIS WORK LARGELY MADE UP OF **PERSONAL INTERVIEWS**."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 229.

C. G. Trumbull writing in *Taking Men Alive* says, "Individual soul-winning is the **GREATEST WORK** that God permits men to do. **IT WAS CHRIST'S OWN PREFERRED METHOD** of work, and it is His preferred method **FOR US TODAY** for it is always the most effective way of working."

A study of Christ's ministry clearly reveals that the one soul audience was to Him the greatest challenge and the most precious opportunity. "It was in private, often to but one listener, that He gave His most precious instruction."—*Education*, p. 231. It was to the lone woman at the well of Sychar that He gave His wonderful discourse on the water of life. It was to the honoured rabbi on the Mount of Olives at dead of night, that He explained the need for the new birth. And yet dear friends, you and I today neglect this, Christ's preferred method, and turn our time and attention to those of our own devising. There is no room for doubt as to the Saviour's method for winning men, and we are told that "Christ's method **ALONE** will give the **SUCCESS** in reaching the people."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 143. Can we hope for success when we do this? Dare we set our methods against those of the Master Soul-winner?

I have heard some of our ministers say that their work was public evangelism and that they plan to do that and that only. Brethren, public evangelism is important. The drawing of

large crowds to a large auditorium to hear the word of God is good. But note these words from the pen of inspiration: "In the work of many ministers there is too much sermonizing and too little real heart-to-heart work. There is need for more personal labour for souls. . . . Ministry means much more than sermonizing, it means earnest personal labour. . . . When a minister has presented the gospel message from the pulpit, his work is only begun. . . . He should visit the people in their homes, talking and praying with them in earnestness and humility. . . . To my ministering brethren I would say, by personal labour reach the people where they are. Become acquainted with them. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money loaned or given cannot accomplish it. Sermons from the pulpit cannot do it. Teaching the Scriptures in families—this is the **WORK OF THE EVANGELIST**, and this work is to be united with preaching. **IF IT IS OMITTED**, the preaching will be, to a great extent, a **FAILURE**."—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 185-189.

I am sure, brethren, that none of us wishes his work to be a failure. So let us follow the instructions and plans outlined for us.

Our churchmembers also have an important part in this important work. "God expects personal service from **EVERY ONE** to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 30. "Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labour, in giving Bible readings and distributing literature."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 127.

The need is great—"There are many who need the ministrations of loving Christian hearts. Many have gone down to ruin who might have been saved, if their neighbours, common men and women, had put forth personal effort for them. "Many are waiting to be personally addressed. In the very family, the neighbourhood, the town where we live, there is work for us to do as missionaries for Christ. If we are Christians this work will be our delight. No sooner is one converted than there is born in him a desire to make known to others what a precious friend he has found in Jesus."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 141.

Brethren and sisters throughout our Division, may I appeal to you to consecrate your time and your energy to this most important work. The time is short and there is still a great work to do. And **REMEMBER** "the work of God in this earth can **NEVER BE FINISHED** until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 117.

(Capitals mine)

HE ALSO BRINGETH TIDINGS

W. F. STORZ

(President, Northeast Union)

"**A**ND the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the King said, He also bringeth tidings." 2 Sam. 18:26.

We all do a certain amount of running. The import of the times in which we are living is a stimulus to do something. Not one of us is willing to just sit back and watch the world go by and not have any part in it.

We as Seventh-day Adventists are a fortunate people, because we have a message and we should know whereof we speak. The unfortunate Ahimaa of whom our text is speaking

also felt the urge to run and have a part in the great events that were transpiring. But when he got through running he discovered that he had nothing of any consequence to tell. He had made this long trip in loneliness, without association or help, but what was the profit? When he had finished he had accomplished nothing.

Sabbath, October 2, has been set apart as Home Visitation Day. We have on hand plenty of runners. Every Seventh-day Adventist is anxious to do something, but the unfortunate part of it is that too often we do not know what to do. The Home Visitation Day programme has been

organized so that we can all profitably use the energies that God has given us to run. It has been planned that each one might have a definite message to carry. Not only should we have the message of experience on our lips but we can go forth with the printed page in our hands to give to our neighbours and friends, so that they will have something to ponder after we leave. We need not run in loneliness because on October 2, every good Seventh-day Adventist will join you as you go out to share this

message with someone else.

After the passing of this Home Visitation Day may not one of us be told as was Ahimaaz "Turn aside, and stand here." If we have whole-heartedly taken part in the programme of the day neither can it be said of us as of Ahimaaz "And he stood aside and stood still." It should be said of no Seventh-day Adventist regarding our relationship to this message "I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was."

THE RALLYING CALL

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WHAT do we mean by Home Visitation? Some are anxious to go, but do not know what to do. Others may be timid and afraid to go.

We do not need to be afraid when in the service of our Lord—"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

When individuals become members of the remnant church, they pledge themselves to give their talents to the service of God and the finishing of His work. The chief purpose of each member should be to win souls.

"We are not to feel that the work of the gospel depends principally upon the minister. To every man God has given a work to do in connection with His kingdom. Everyone who professes the name of Christ is to be an earnest, disinterested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness. Every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God. Whatever our calling, as Christians we have a work to do in making Christ known to the world. We are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ.

Each member of the church can carry the message by the printed page and give to all he meets. Each member should enrol as many as possible in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. Also, those who are interested in the message should be invited to Bible studies, to help them understand our message.

"We wish that all the Lord's servants were labourers. The work of warning souls should not be confined to ministers alone, but brethren who have the truth in their hearts, and who have exerted a good influence at home, should feel that a responsibility rests upon them to devote a part of

their time to going out among their neighbours and into adjoining towns to be missionaries for God. They should carry out publications, and engage in conversation, and, in the spirit of Christ, pray with and for those whom they visit. This is the work that will arouse a spirit of investigation and reformation."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 61.

We cannot wait for friends and neighbours to come to us and ask for the truth, for the majority would never come. We must do as Christ did in his ministry, go to them, gain their interest and confidence by meeting them on a common ground interest.

"Christ did not wait for congregations to assemble. Some of the grandest truths He uttered were spoken to individuals. Listen to His wonderful words to that one woman of Samaria. He was sitting by Jacob's well as the woman came to draw water. To her surprise He asked a favour of her. 'Give Me to drink,' He said. He wanted a cool draught, and He wished also to open the way whereby He might give to her the water of life."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 194.

"How much interest Christ manifested in this one woman! How earnest and eloquent were His words! They stirred the heart of the listener, and forgetting her errand to the well, she went into the city and said to her friends, 'Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?'"

"Many left their employment to come to the Stranger at Jacob's well. They plied Him with questions, and eagerly received His explanation of many things that had been dark to their understanding. They were like people tracing a sudden ray of light until they found the day.

"The result of the work of Jesus, as He sat, weary and hungry, at the well, was wide-spread in blessing. The one soul whom He sought to help became the means of reaching others and bringing them to the Saviour. This is ever the way that the work of God has made progress on the earth. Let your light shine, and other lights will be kindled."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 195.

In order to finish this work of spreading the gospel to all the world, every member must take an active part. Go forth in a spirit of love and consecration. God will bless and give results to His church.

"To human agencies is committed the work of extending the triumphs of the cross from point to point. As the Head of the church, Christ is authoritatively calling upon every one who claims to believe on Him to follow His example of self-denial and self-sacrifice in working for the conversion of those whom Satan and his vast army are exerting every power to destroy. When church members put forth earnest efforts to advance the message, they will live in the joy of the Lord, and will meet with success. Triumph always follows decided effort."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 30.

"If the families around you are opposed to the truth, strive to lead them to yield to the claims of Christ. Work patiently, wisely, considerately, winning your way by the tender ministry of love. Present the truth in such a way that it will be seen in all its beauty, exerting an influence that cannot be resisted. Thus the walls of prejudice will be broken down."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 11.

There are other ways besides Bible studies and Voice of Prophecy enrolments to bring souls to the truth. Invite them to evangelistic meetings, to Sabbath school and church services. Above all, the life of each member will preach a greater sermon than many sermons preached from the pulpit. If every member is living in harmony with the will of God, he is witnessing to the power of God. Let us fulfil our Lord's commission and contact all far and near, giving them the message of the soon-coming of our Saviour.

"Among those to whom the Saviour had given the commission, 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,' were many from the humbler walks of life—men and women who had learned to love their Lord, and who had determined to follow His example of unselfish service. To these lowly ones, as well as to the disciples who had

FOLLOWING CHRIST'S PLAN

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been with the Saviour during His earthly ministry, had been given a precious trust. They were to carry to the world the glad tidings of salvation through Christ."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 105.

"Not upon the ordained minister only rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfil this commission. Every one who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow-men. 'The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come.' The charge to give this invitation includes the entire church."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 110.

"Hundreds, yea, thousands, who have heard the message of salvation, are still idlers in the market place, when they might be engaged in some line of active service. To these Christ is saying, 'Why stand ye here all the day idle?' and He adds, 'Go ye also into the vineyard.' Why is it that many more do not respond to the call? Is it because they think themselves excused in that they do not stand in the pulpit? Let them understand that there is a large work to be done outside the pulpit by thousands of consecrated lay members.

"Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfilment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned, and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory."—*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 110, 111.

Will you, dear churchmembers, do all that you can on this Home Visitation Day, October 2, to make it a soul-winning day?

THE CHANGED HEART

DELLA ADAMS LEITNER

God promises to take away
The stony heart and give
A heart of flesh that feels desire
Unselfishly to live.

This is the miracle of love
Transforming by its grace
Hardened, self-centred, calloused ones,
Their thoughtlessness efface.

And when the stony heart becomes
Softened to understand
The needs of others, it is blessed
To serve as God has planned.

Oh, let us pray that stony hearts
Of tyranny shall know
This change to gentle hearts of flesh,
God's purpose to show.

"OUR Saviour went from house to house. . . ."—*Christian Service*, p. 113. I have seen souls won by laymen who have used Christ's method!

Responding to our call to the church to distribute literature, our missionary leader in the Astoria, Oregon church set a good example. He lived on a farm about ten miles away. Not having too much time or money, because of the confining nature of his work, he made every moment count for the Lord. After church services he would stop at ten farm houses on his way home in his car, distributing tracts. This meant that he delayed eating his dinner for at least an hour, but he was happy to do his bit for the Master. Every Sabbath for five or six weeks he stopped at the same homes. This resulted in interest in the teaching of Seventh-day Adventists. An old couple, retired, asked for Bible studies. Our brother took his projector and studied every Tuesday night. He took me with him on one occasion, just before I left for Southern Asia. How happy he was! How thrilled I was! In a few months this old couple was baptized, and their children are becoming interested.

Never would I have reached that couple in public meetings, as they had no conveyance to travel ten miles to the city.

"The presentation of truth . . . from house to house, is in harmony with the instruction that Christ gave His disciples."—*Christian Service*, p. 114.

As a child I was brought up on a diet of soul-winning! My father, a local elder, raised up several churches through the lay house-to-house method, one of the last was the Pierre, South Dakota church, about twenty years ago. As a boy I used to accompany my father when he gave studies in the homes of the people. He succeeded in places where public efforts by trained evangelists failed.

"In large cities there are certain classes that cannot be reached by public meetings. These must be searched out as the shepherd searches for his lost sheep."—*Christian Service*, p. 113.

We believe in the house-to-house

method in Lahore. Following up Voice of Prophecy contacts and a spring effort keep our members busy nearly every night praying, visiting, and studying with over fifty souls, about half of whom are already preparing for baptism. Three have been baptized thus far. Our workers are going into high class homes, as well as poor ones. Some Muslims are definitely interested. Souls are being reached that could never be reached in a public meeting.

Being very busy with my pastoral programme, departmental duties in the Union, besides cottage meetings and follow-up work, I appealed to the church to help in the house-to-house work. The members here have come to the aid of their pastor. Brother Abid Ditta, our translator, of his own volition began a cottage meeting in Dharampura, where he has more than a dozen people definitely interested, among them a doctor and his wife, a school teacher, and a book seller. Brother Webster, a layman, with his projector is giving studies nearly every night in English. There is no end to the possibilities in Urdu. Calls come that we cannot fill. Recently a call came from a layman in Moghulpura, another suburb, to hold meetings. He has about twelve neighbours interested. This brother has borne a faithful witness, having obtained Sabbath privileges from the railway workshop, and pays his tithe faithfully. He wanted someone with more education to conduct the meetings. Brother Ghosh, a worker in the Voice of Prophecy office, responded to the call and is doing well, preaching from his Bible without aids of any kind. There is no electricity there, so he uses no projector.

Sabbath school attendance is increasing here in Lahore; in fact it has increased one hundred percent since we arrived a year ago. Members are conducting four branch Sabbath schools with a total attendance of nearly sixty. Last Sabbath at our baptism the church was packed. On Sunday nights members bring fifteen to the baptismal class, where we conduct a class both in Urdu and English preparing them for baptism. We held baptisms in May, July, and

August, and plan for a baptism every month of the year. This would not be possible without the active co-operation of our laymen and church-members.

In preparation for an effort, we use the "house-to-house" method to reach people. There is no better plan than that of the Home Visitation programme scheduled for October 2.

"House-to-house labourers are needed . . . My brethren and sisters, visit those who live near you. . . And remember that those who know the truth for this time, and yet confine their efforts to their own churches, refusing to work for their unconverted neighbours, will be called to account for unfulfilled duties."—*Christian Service*, pp. 114, 115.

You can count on Lahore on October 2!

HOME VISITATION IN MYAUNGMYA

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DING dong, ding dong, ding dong. "There is the two o'clock bell and it is time for our Voice of Prophecy field day." This statement has become almost a habit on the campus of the Burma Union Training School at Myaungmya. For since September of 1953, when the Burmese branch of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondance School was opened, the students of the school have faithfully, as weather and circumstances permitted, gone out in active Home Visitation every alternate Sabbath afternoon. This has been our major Home Missionary project. Through it many in the surrounding area have come in contact with the message.

For successful work the school student body was divided into nine bands under the leadership of teachers or workers who reside on the school campus. A territory in the town of Myaungmya or its adjacent villages was assigned to each group.

On reaching its territory on Sabbath afternoon each group breaks up into smaller groups to visit those already studying or to look for new enrollees.

Today, with over 600 names from this area alone, our hands are full. Contacts are being made which are the training ground for many of the future workers of this field.

As in all such work, some we meet are interested and some are not, but

many today are studying eagerly the lessons given them and can hardly wait for the two weeks to pass until they can get new lessons.

The loving interest shown towards one family, in which the Voice of Prophecy lessons were being studied, and towards their little girl who was sick unto death and the consequent prayers for healing, although negatively answered, were the means of awakening the community.

The district jail has not been forgotten and today a small group

are following up the interest created there and over forty prisoners are reading carefully the lessons placed in their hands.

This Home Visitation programme has, and is, paying dividends in friends for the Lord Jesus as well as giving definite training to our young people in the art of "Home Visitation."

The final results will never be completely seen until we reach the mansions above. But today the Lord is blessing and we thank Him for it.

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FLOODS AND UPLIFT IN EAST PAKISTAN

R. S. FERNANDO

EAST Pakistan is in the grip of unprecedented floods affecting seven million people. The damage caused to crops is immense. Mymensingh and Faridpur districts in which live eighty per cent of our believers are among the eight districts involved. Jute godowns, post offices, railway stations dispensaries and school buildings are floating, not to speak of dwellings of villagers who have lost their properties and all their life savings. Trade and business is at a standstill and boats are plying where only a few days ago other vehicles used to ply.

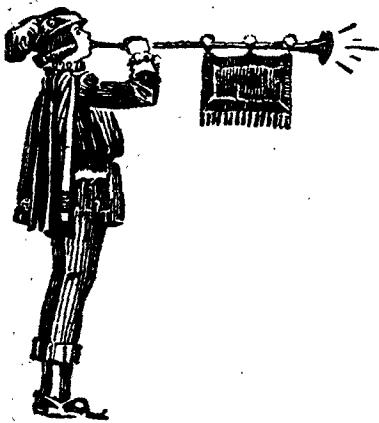
The suddenness of such calamities were impressed upon the four uplift workers who unaware of floods left their homes to find even the city of Dacca, which was least affected whenever other parts of the province were hit by floods, being threatened. Because of a *khal* (canal) running through the city certain parts of the town were under water choking the drains and threatening the health of the people. If any group of workers had legitimate reason to return home this group had one. But in order to get an experience of working in the midst of such calamities they decided to make a start. This, by the way, was the second attempt to launch out in this year's uplift work at Dacca. With much prayer and preparation the challenge to do a work which we failed to do when things were under more favourable circumstances was accepted.

A little announcement calling the attention to "Your Radio Doctor"

broadcast over Radio Ceylon gave us an excuse to enter every home. Holidays which some felt would interfere with uplift turned out to be of no hindrance for the men folks were at home. The presence of a lady in the group made it easy to reach the ladies behind purdah. Many in zenana who listen to our radio programmes were met. One declared, "I am almost a Christian and if I ever publicly declare it, I would join no other church but the Seventh-day Adventist Church." We have no place of worship at Dacca.

Due to the floods the scattered believers could not get together for Sabbath school at Brother Haslam's home. Communion was celebrated in the various homes and some met in our hotel room. A field day was organized for the benefit of the believers.

The Lord honoured the faith and courage of our believers by helping them to raise the largest collection ever raised in this flood-stricken city. The donations ranged from two annas to three hundred rupees. His Excellency the Governor of the province was one of the donors. Though we have no established work in the city our village work is very much appreciated. Many thanked us for doing a work that they themselves cannot do and gave of their mite. Brother Arinda with his helpers cared for 40,000 patients at Gopalganj. Brother Chitta Boll from his centre at Jalirpar went out in boats and treated more than 11,000 patients in one year. Let us pray for the UPLIFT workers in East Pakistan as they now endeavour to render help to the flood-victims. The calamity is serious and the need of the sufferer is great.



COLPORTEUR

RALLY

DAY

SEPTEMBER 18

J. A. SOULE

RECENTLY one of our colporteurs in England was entering one of the large city printing presses, and noticed a large sign board above the entrance. "Have it in print, The Right Message, In the Right Words, at the Right Time."

As our colporteur was about to close his canvass, the manager of the press hesitated to give his order for the set of books offered by the colporteur. Just then our good brother remembered the sign. So with new courage and enthusiasm he said, "Have it in print, The Right Message, In the Right Words, at the Right Time." Immediately recognizing his own advertisement, the manager took his pen in hand and signed the order for a set of our books containing God's message for the lost world today.

After reading this experience, I have thought much about how accurately the words of the signboard describe the work of the Publishing department today.

HAVE IT IN PRINT

"I have been shown that the press is powerful for good or evil. This agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can. The press, controlled by men who are sanctified to God, can be a power indeed for good in bringing men to the knowledge of the truth."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 28. "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11.

Today we do not have a great "host" in Southern Asia publishing the message God has given us. We need more literature evangelists to help proclaim the message through the printed page.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of get-

ting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing and praying with and for them—is a good work, and one which will educate men and women to do pastoral labour."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 80. "God will soon do great things for us, if we be humble and believing at His feet. More than one thousand will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their conviction to the reading of our publications."—*Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1885.

THE RIGHT MESSAGE

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." John the Baptist preached the "right message" for the people in those days. Christ not only preached this same message but He also commanded His disciples to preach it too. And today we are to preach this message through our publications.

Today the nations are making great preparations for war and any emergencies that might arise. But are we preparing ourselves and those around us to meet God? Jesus says in Revelation 22:7, 12, 20, "Behold, I come quickly." We have the message for the people today. Let us give it.

IN THE RIGHT WORDS

"Then said Simon Peter, 'Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.'" God has given us the "right words," the words of eternal life. In our magazines and books we have used "words easy to be understood." "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So

likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air." 1 Cor. 14:8-9.

AT THE RIGHT TIME

The Lord speaking through the apostle Paul says: "(For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.)"

Today we are living at the end of the world. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

During the month of May while on hill leave, Pastor O. A. Skau told us of an experience that recently took place in Iceland. Pastor Stokesbury, previously in India, was walking along Iceland's seashore with a VOP student one day. They were studying about the second coming of Christ. As they walked along, they saw some words written in bold letters in the sand, "The second coming of Christ is nearer than the Adventists think." This was indeed a strange message to be written in the sand.

Returning to the car parked some distance from the beach, a stranger was there requesting a ride into the city with them. While on their way to the city, Pastor Stokesbury and the VOP student continued their discussion on the Second Coming of Christ. During the discussion, the stranger in the rear seat of the car said, "The second coming of Christ is nearer than the Adventists think." It was the very same message they had seen written in the sand! Pastor Stokesbury turned his head to ask the stranger a question and behold the back seat was empty! This heaven-sent message should impress us more than ever that we are now living in the "right time."

BY THE RIGHT MESSENGER

Suppose we do have it in print, the right message, in the right words, at the right time. But what about the "right messenger"? God's work requires "faithful messengers." And He is asking "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" In *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 42, we read, "He has sent forth His angels with the message of mercy; but, as if they did not speed on their way fast enough to
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DOES THE SABBATH SCHOOL NEED YOU?

W. L. BARCLAY

THE above question is one we may ask ourselves occasionally, especially when we are tempted to stay away from Sabbath school. It is easy for us to think that the Sabbath school can get along without us; that there are plenty of members and we won't be missed.

Now it is quite possible that you are right, that the Sabbath school can get along without you. It has always got along regardless of who attended and who stayed away. But really, the Sabbath school is always a better place when you are there.

The most important question is not whether the Sabbath school needs you, but whether you need the Sabbath school. Now, if we are honest with ourselves we will have to admit that we really need the Sabbath school. When was the last time you attended Sabbath school? A week ago? Two weeks ago? A month ago? Six months ago? Whether it was two weeks ago or six months ago you must admit that by staying away from Sabbath school you missed some thing.

COLPORTEUR RALLY DAY

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satisfy His heart of yearning love, He lays on every member of His church the responsibility of proclaiming this message. "Let him that heareth say, Come." Every member of the church is to show his loyalty by inviting the thirsty to drink of the water of life. A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act your part in this great work?" Jesus says, "Go ye." That means you. It means every member of His remnant church today.

We have it in print, the right message, in the right words, now at the right time! But what about the messengers? We need more of the right messengers to carry this glorious message into every nook and corner of Southern Asia. Will you say, "Here am I, send me"?

What was it you missed the most? Was it the fellowship with the other students? Yes, I'm sure that fellowship would be missed. And did you miss the opportunity to advance God's cause throughout the world field because by missing Sabbath school you did not give your offering for missions? God has a wonderful blessing in store for those who give willingly and liberally.

What else did you miss? I'm sure you must have missed the opportunity of listening to the thrilling weekly missionary report, and the special music, and the inspiring review. And above all, you must have missed the blessed experience of meeting with your class for that special thirty minutes of study as the teacher leads out in the discussion of the lesson.

All of these things I know you must miss and because of that you need the Sabbath school, but there is one thing more that I would miss if I stayed away from Sabbath school, and I am sure you would too, and that is the sweet spiritual strength that comes to one by making the daily lesson study and its discussion in the class on Sabbath a source of inspiration that builds up one's character and experience and strengthens for the trials of daily living. When we consider all of these things we must conclude that *we need the Sabbath school.*

But our question is "Does the Sabbath School Need You?" Of course there is only one answer to that question—"It Does!" It needs you because the Sabbath school is made up of God's children who are not only judgment bound, but heaven bound—and *you are one of God's children.* Without you the Sabbath school is not complete! If you are a teacher it needs you. If you are a musician it needs you. If you are the quietest member in the class it needs you. You may be the one who has the most influence on the fellow-student who has a secret burden. Your

presence may comfort that individual. When you are absent the comfort and assurance your presence gives is missing and someone's experience may be affected.

Your presence in the class may be an inspiration to the teacher, and the questions you may ask, or the thoughts you express, may challenge the teacher to deeper study and thus bring a greater blessing to the class and the Sabbath school.

There are other reasons why you should always be in Sabbath school, but time and space will not permit recording them. We suggest a little self-analysis. Two things are established—You Need the Sabbath School, and the Sabbath School Needs You. September 25th, is Sabbath School Rally Day. A special programme has been planned in every church for that day. We invite you to be there. We want you there. God wants you there. You may disappoint us but don't disappoint Him. Plan to make this Rally Day the beginning of a new Sabbath school experience and strengthen YOUR Sabbath school by being an active member, present every Sabbath until the great Sabbath School Rally Day in Heaven.

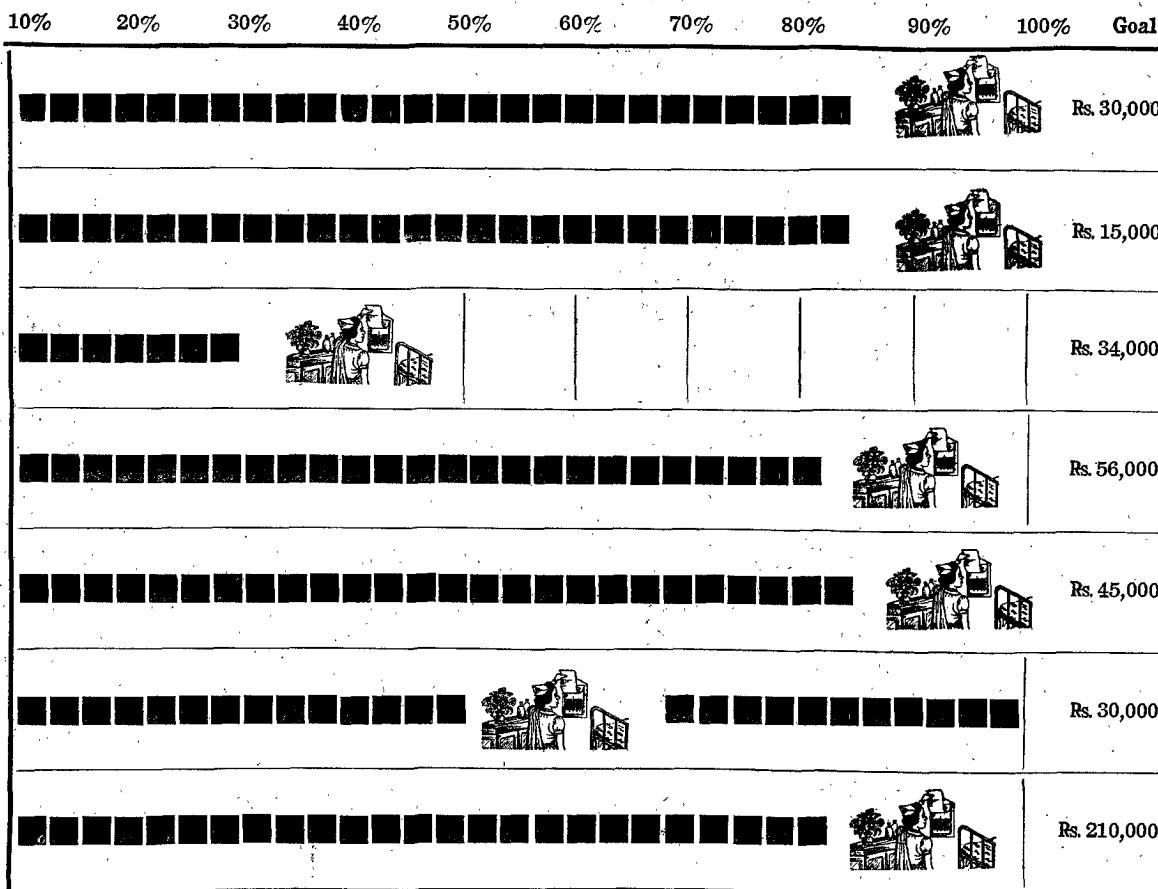
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—W. L. BARCLAY

UPLIFT 1954

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KOTTARAKARA WEEK OF PRAYER

FRANCIS R. SCOTT

ONE of the finest student bodies with which I have ever been associated reconsecrated itself during the Kottarakara High School Week of Prayer, July 16-24. The writer led out in a series of fourteen studies on the theme, "The Road to Victory."

Two services a day were held, one in the morning, and the other at the evening worship hour. Not only were the students and staff in attendance, but a number of the church members as well.

One of the high lights of the week

UPLIFT 1954

UPLIFT RECEIPTS

September 13, 1954

Unions	Received	Percentage
Burma	Rs. 30,000	100%
Ceylon	16,806	110%
Northeast	18,435	51%
Northwestern	44,512	80%
South India	41,076	90%
West Pakistan	44,285	149%
TOTAL	195,114	93%

was the Friday evening testimony service, when almost the entire audience of two hundred gave individual testimonies. Some public confessions were made, and the Spirit of God drew near.

An outstanding feature of the week was the question box, to which the students contributed in written form the problems which confronted them. The nature of the many questions indicated that the Holy Spirit was

impressing the students to do a thorough job of seriously searching their own hearts. Usually two questions were answered preceding each service. Yet there was such an abundance of good questions that the entire Young People's Hour on the final Sabbath was given over to the answering of the remainder of the questions.

There were many victories, and one could not help but sense the divine presence. Thirty-four students signed the baptismal pledge, stating that it was their desire to be baptized as soon as they were prepared. Brother M. J. Ahimaz began the first session of the baptismal class early on the final Sabbath morning.

Perhaps the reaction of the students to the renewing power of God's Spirit can best be summed up in a statement one student wrote on his question slip which he turned in the last day of the meetings: "Last week was a blessing week for me. I like to travel on the way to victory, so I accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour. I wish your prayer for my success."

COMMENTS ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

F. D. NICHOL

AS WE look back on that great meeting we should be able to find rather accurately an answer to such questions as these: What kind of people are Adventists? What are their prime interests? What do they have to show for their long years of ardent, sacrificial giving in behalf of a great idea? How has the movement grown? What is its standing in the world today?

AN UNUSUAL GATHERING

We wish to share with our readers a few of the distinctive impressions made on us by the General Conference session. First and most evident was this: Our gathering, which was more than twenty thousand in number on weekends, was unusual, and from several standpoints. Among the twenty thousand or more people present we saw none that seemed to give evidence of belonging to the financially elite. That in itself is unusual. In so large a gathering there should be, on the law of averages, a certain fraction who would be described as belonging to the upper strata of society, financially speaking. So far as outward appearance was concerned, the worshippers all seemed to belong to about the same level in society—to use a homely expression, they seemed to be just ordinary folk.

Now we can hardly believe that the financial level of all our people is essentially the same. In fact, we are quite sure it is not. To some God has given much more of this world's goods than He has to others. But evidently there must be something about the Advent Movement that keeps men and women from making an outward display of affluence. The very message we believe tends ever to lead us to simplicity of life and of dress. Certainly it turns us completely away from outward display in jewellery—and it is in this respect that wealth often makes itself most manifest. There is also something in the Advent Movement that leads us to spend our means on the great cause of God rather than on ourselves.

We do not attempt to give any full or dogmatic answer as to why all the

thousands present seemed to belong on the same level in society. But we think we have offered some valid suggestions that provide at least a partial answer. Further, we think that that partial answer should bring courage to our hearts and a renewed conviction that there is power in the message to change our lives and our sense of values.

There was something else unusual about the great gathering. Those present were most evidently happy, but they were not hilarious. How different from many great conventions held in large cities. We talked with policemen and firemen on duty at our meeting. Said one policeman to us: "I've got nothing to do here except sit around." Even the janitor could testify that the auditorium was left in good order each night, and of

course there were no cigarette stubs to sweep up.

A great convention is considered a boon by the various businesses in a city. But the thousands at our meeting were a disappointment to the managers of theaters, bars, and similar kinds of business. Generally, bars have their most prosperous days when a convention is in town. We are different—no doubt about it. One of our brethren with a delegate badge prominent on his lapel, entered a taxicab in front of the Civic Auditorium. The cab driver looked at him and said: "Oh, you are one of the folks from the Adventist convention. You don't like tobacco. I guess I'd better throw my cigarette away."

But unusual as were these features of our meeting, there was something still more striking. Great conventions representing big business of one kind or another invariably talk of building ever larger and of going on indefinitely into the future. It's true; we talked about growing larger, but not about going on indefinitely into the future. Instead, our discussions always had as their most distinguishing mark the idea that we hope to

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COMMENTARY

S. D. A.

Word from Brother J. D. Snider, manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, says: "When they saw the actual volumes, many wanted them but of course the offer had expired and they could no longer obtain them at the special \$7.95 price." Is this your experience?

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Remember your opportunity to benefit by the special offer closes as far as our Division is concerned November 30, 1954.

Order now and save yourself the disappointment of not having this wonderful set of books. You will be billed only as the books come.

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OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

C. L. TORREY

Treasurer, General Conference

“FOR a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.” 1 Cor. 16:9.

Open doors with opportunities unlimited describe the challenge to the Advent people. We know that through the centuries there have been adversities; problems have been and are ever-present factors. However, when the problems and perplexities come, these are always outweighed by open doors and opportunities. We have many examples of adversities, followed by victories for God.

Some time ago I visited Rome and stood in the little, cold, damp, dark prison where Paul was incarcerated. For years he was held prisoner, chained to a soldier, with little or no freedom, and yet in this depressing environment Paul was not discouraged. He was not inactive, he was not silent, and certainly he was not downhearted, for he had never for a moment forgotten the voice of the Lord on his way to Damascus calling him to service. His letters of hope and courage, his warnings, and his admonition to the followers of Jesus were received by his brethren with rejoicing. The work grew and expanded mightily, even reaching within the palace of Nero.

The world today needs Seventh-day Adventist Christians like Paul and Silas; those who will not be swerved from their course, and those who will be true and loyal to God even in the face of death. Adversities and suffering, trials and tribulations, are allowed to come to God's people to perfect their characters and to fit them for the life to come.

In this our day, adversities continue and will increase in severity as we approach the end.

Even now tens of thousands of our brethren in some countries are cut off from the association of their brethren and sisters in other lands. We can no longer visit them or they visit us, nor are they allowed to write or receive letters. They are living under the most trying and forbidding circumstances. These brethren know what it is to sacrifice daily, and they are continually willing to die for the

cause they love. It is a day-by-day experience with them. Satan, knowing that his time is short, is feverishly driving the rulers of nations to a godlessness such as has never been known before. He and his evil angels neither slumber nor sleep. These evil forces are in their element. How they delight in the destruction of God's people, and indeed in the suffering and death of the human race!

Surely the outlook would be most discouraging if it were not for the uplook. Notwithstanding world conditions, perplexities, fear, war, and turmoil, God has His plans for the finishing of His work in all the earth. How well we remember prior to World War II when we used to say



EXPECTATION

ARLETTA C. STEELE

O could I have my wish I'd stay
To greet that long-expected day
When flaming heavens together roll,
As trump resounds from pole to pole,
To wake the sleeping saints of God
Who long have slumbered 'neath the
sod.

O could I have my wish I'd wait,
Tho' bridegroom tarry long and late—
The time of trouble intervene—
As prophet Daniel hath foreseen,
And seven plagues of God be poured
On earth ere all things be restored.

I love to learn and read and hear
Of signs fulfilling year by year
Which prophets long ago foretold.
Then with my own eyes I'd behold
The restoration God hath willed
Unto His own at last fulfilled.

O what a gathering that will be
For victors on the crystal sea!
Immortal bloom ne'er to decay:
Life never more to pass away.
The fight of faith, the victory won,
To hear at last the glad, "Well done."



that unless the military power of Japan were broken, it appeared that the Christian effort must cease. Today Japan is free, and its people may accept Christianity if they so choose. This experience has helped us to realize that the cause of truth must triumph, even in the face of apparent defeat, and we must believe that in those countries still closed, doors must eventually open for the message to enter. In these times we must hold fast our faith, enlarge our vision and plans, and make greater effort and sacrifice for the finishing of the work.

Brethren and sisters, I sometimes wonder whether we are not too cozy and comfortable in our religion, for as one man put it, "The thing wrong with religion today the world over is that it is too centrally heated." Christian evangelism will never make its maximum impact until it regains the genius of the cross, the capacity for sacrifice. The Advent Movement began in sacrifice and will end in sacrifice. We must never forget this. Indeed, it is the sacrifice of God's people that has made possible the sending of missionaries into nearly every land of earth and the sustaining of our evangelistic and institutional work in the countries where these missionaries are labouring; and wonderful have been the results.

There are many doors of opportunity still standing ajar. Appeals come to the various local, union, and division headquarters in all parts of the free world telling of earnest, sincere souls who are longing for light, and who are pleading for someone to come and tell them of the Word of Life.

However, doors of opportunity will not always be open. We need now to press forward with renewed vigour, enthusiasm, and sincerity, disregarding our adversary, and finish the task before us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Certainly we will have trials and adversities and tribulations. So did Christ; so did the apostles; so did the men and women who suffered martyrdom and death in the early Christian era and during the Dark Ages. And, as has been indicated, some of our brethren are now suffering persecution, some have lost their lives, and some are in prison for the truth's sake.

We have an opportunity again this year to contribute our funds to hasten the finishing of the work. I feel sure that we all recognize as our greatest problem, indeed our greatest need, the spiritual uplift of our own individual soul that as we search

our life may become one with His, and in this relationship to the Majesty of heaven, our efficiency in soul winning will be increased. Thus we will

be willing to sacrifice for the cause we love and strive to finish the work of God in the earth.—*Review and Herald*.

NEWS FROM

THE WORLD FIELD

FRUITAGE IN SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND

K. A. ELIAS

ALMOST exactly two years ago Brother R. M. A. Smart and the writer were invited to move into the Sheffield area of the North England Conference, to make advance preparations for the evangelistic drive in the city planned for the autumn of 1953.

Before undertaking this effort the writer participated in the great crusade in the city of London. It was felt that the experience gained in this way would be of infinite value in our work in Sheffield. This has proved true time and time again. We deliberately modelled our approach in this city of steel after the methods learned during those thrilling months in the metropolis, and God has truly blessed wonderfully.

Back in Sheffield, where in the meantime Brother Smart had been carrying on alone, we were joined by Sisters E. Hanna and M. M. Thomson and Brother J. Cuthell.

During the early days of our evangelistic effort some forty thousand Voice of Prophecy cards were distributed, and five thousand invitations were sent to the better-class homes. Later, many thousands of handbills were distributed from home to home. These with billboard announcements and the newspaper advertisements repeated the invitation to attend the opening city hall meetings.

The first night about 1,200 listened to the message of God and warned to the assurance of His abounding interest in their personal lives.

But where the Spirit of God is manifest, opposition is not far away, and so it proved in no uncertain way in this campaign. The first blow fell on the very day before our opening night, when Mrs. Elias was stricken down with rheumatic fever. God in

His mercy preserved her from the dreaded complications, and although weak, He gave her strength to carry through her appointed tasks in the latter part of the campaign. Hardly had she left her bed before Brother Smart was involved in a motor-cycle accident in which his arm was broken, and as a result his help was severely limited for about three months at the very height of the campaign when this help was so vital. But we took courage during these and sundry other smaller troubles in the fact that where Satan actively opposes, much good must be pending; and so it proved.

Our team was temporarily augmented by the welcome and most valuable addition of Dr. J. Shone of Leeds. His health lectures during our early mid-week meetings were greatly appreciated, and they have done much to stabilize these services and to establish those attending in the message of present truth. Demonstrations in home nursing and cookery were given in conjunction with these talks and they aroused great enthusiasm. Sister Fielding of Leeds kindly and effectively demonstrated home nursing and Sister Elias, following her recovery, took over the cookery demonstrations and carried them through weekly until the end of March.

The third angel's message was proclaimed from meeting to meeting, and God's Spirit was manifested in a wonderful way. One sister, later received into church membership, told us how for years she had gone from church to church seeking one where Jesus and His message was uplifted, and how always she was disappointed until she came to our services. Thank God, it is still true that "I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto Me." Never have we felt the Spirit of God so near as when we presented the Sabbath truth for the first time in this series.

THRILLING VICTORIES

We only wish we had space to tell you of some of the thrilling victories involved. Of the brother who for ten years had been dogged by this precious Sabbath truth and found peace and surrender during this series even though it meant losing his job and forfeiting his pension to keep God's Sabbath holy; of another brother who for many weeks absented himself from work on Saturdays without specific permission, until finally his employers decided that the whole department would pay better on a five-day week, and gave him, and all who worked under him, the sacred hours free! of the sister suffering from heart trouble, who was told by her doctor that these meetings had done more for her spiritually and physically in six months than all he had been able to do for her in years.

The fruitage of our winter's work came in two stages. On April 10 in the Manor Baptist church, kindly loaned to us for the occasion, a packed audience rejoiced with us as thirty-eight new believers publicly testified to their faith in Jesus and joined God's remnant people. We were honoured to have with us J. H. Bayliss, president of the North England Conference, who spoke before the baptism.

So far, fifty souls have been given us by the Lord of the harvest. How we praise His holy name, and thank Him for all He has done for us!—*Review and Herald*.

THEY ARE CALLING FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE

LOUIS T. GRIEVE

Secretary, Western Highlands Mission
New Guinea

DURING July of last year we were very pleased to have with us for a short time F. T. Maberly and A. J. Campbell. During their stay Pastor Maberly performed the first baptism of Wabag people in this area. There were seven candidates—three men and four women. One of these, Pinyara by name, was a very old devil priest who had given his whole life to the service of Satan. For such a priest, Pinyara's history is unusual, for he was an outstandingly good and kind man.

The sick, afflicted, and injured were Pinyara's voluntary care. He brought them food, water, and firewood, and according to his limited knowledge did for them whatever he could to alleviate pain and suffering. There



EVANGELISTS

PASTORS

BIBLE TEACHERS

Have you ever been perplexed over Bible chronology? Have you spent hours trying to figure things out and then given up? Has any one pointed out so called inaccuracies especially in the list of the kings? Have such questions left you speechless and perhaps with a doubt in your mind? I know many have, but none need to have such experiences any more. For now "for the last time the perplexing chronology of Hebrew monarchies in Kings and Chronicles has been analyzed and successfully correlated with the fixed dates of Babylonian and Assyrian history."

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seems to be no room for doubt that Pinyara's life was illuminated by "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Because he lived by whatever light he had, the way was prepared for his speedy acceptance of all God's truth. Soon after his baptism he developed pneumonia and complications followed. He was sent to the hospital and later died, but his last words to us were, "If I die, I will see you in heaven." He was a shining example to his people.

There is no doubt that our first baptism here has struck a powerful blow for the cause of truth. It was witnessed by a crowd estimated at two thousand, some having come from long distances. It was the first step along the road to victory.

Our union president once said to me, "It seems that God raises up powerful leaders in every place to strengthen His work." This has been so in Wabag, where we have a natural leader and recognized chief as our most influential adherent. Like Pinyara, Daboiya was always a good

man and soon accepted the truth. A man of faith and prayer, he has a genuine burden for his people and is very active on behalf of the mission. Now practically all of his tribe are Seventh-day Adventists, and a large number of them, particularly the influential men, have long since joined the baptismal class, despite opposition from the other paramount chief of the tribe. Because of this, attempts have been made to intimidate Daboiya, but he has stood firm throughout. He is now preparing for baptism.

Through the influence of Daboiya two chiefs of another tribe joined the pre-baptismal class many months ago and these are zealous missionaries among their own people. Yet another tribe surprised us by asking for a Seventh-day Adventist teacher. They said, through their spokesmen, the chiefs, "We are impressed that we should have a Seventh-day Adventist teacher to help us. We have also heard of the remarkable answers to prayer received by Adventist teachers on behalf of sick people and, as we

have had many deaths in our tribe recently, we wish to worship the true God in the proper way so that He may hear our prayers." We have since built an outstation amongst these people, and despite strong opposition attendance at our meetings there has been large and consistent.

For years we have been receiving calls for teachers which we have been unable to fill. At the present time we have over twenty such calls outstanding. Pray for the work in Wabag that we may find the means to feed the multitude calling for the Bread of Life.—*Review and Herald*.

THE SACRED BANANA OF THE GOLD COAST

PASTOR J. K. AMOAH

CLOSE to the seat of the paramount chief of Kokofu in Ashanti, West Africa, is the village of Sebedie. In this settlement was a fetish known as "Takora." All the people in this neighbourhood gave reverent respect and honour to this idol. A sacred banana was planted near this juju, and no one was allowed to touch or eat the fruit from the tree. The idol and the grounds around were kept very sacred, and special servants swept it periodically.

One day one of our members in this town named James Adu, who had watched this foolish idea going on for years, thought to try his Christian experience on this fetish and see what would happen. In the night he took his sharp cutlass, his sword of the Lord, and utterly destroyed every one of the sacred banana trees, and quietly went back to his bed.

In the morning there was commotion and confusion in the village such as had never before been witnessed. The sacred trees were down. What had happened? Who might have committed this terrible crime? Someone wanted to die an untimely death. All this and more were an indication of the hushed and frightened remarks of the worshippers. Reports were sent to the chief and to the fetish priest. The whole town was moved and awaited tragedy. Old and young were heard weeping. Clothes were rent and burned. The chief of Sebedie humbled himself and went through the streets in sackcloth, weeping bitterly.

Now Satan was at work. The evil spirit came upon the fetish dancer and he predicted that the offender would die within ten days. His prediction did not come to pass. Another important fetish priest came and he

predicted that the culprit would report himself after twenty days had passed. This also proved false. Guns were fired into the air and yet the offender was not traced.

Through all this commotion and ceremony our faithful brother in that village was watching what was being done. All their enchantments, all their heathen practices, all their superstitions, proved false, and under a cloud of shame the hopes and efforts of the servants of Satan failed.

The sub-chief and the priests were not satisfied; so they went to the divisional chief of Kokofu and reported to him all that had happened. The Kokofu chief looked into the case and helplessly said, "Let Takora take care and find the evil-doer."

Time has passed and now Takora has proved itself a sham. No one worships it any more and many of its followers are now Seventh-day Adventists, rejoicing in a new birth of freedom from Satan and his hosts.

Here in the Gold Coast many people are afraid of these idols and jujus because of ignorance. The lazy

fetish priests are exploiting these benighted souls. It is left with us to preach Christ and Him crucified, to break these bonds of Satan, and to release them from his grip.—*Review and Herald.*

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT GOD

WELDON TAYLOR HAMMOND

PERHAPS this is a strange topic since God is infinite, and all of His attributes are likeable and lovable when rightly understood. But God's willingness to reason with me appeals to my heart in a very special way. Suppose we read a text. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18.

I am acquainted with a few persons who just can't be reasoned with. It is useless to try. Not so with God. He urges us to talk things over with Him.

God, I feel sure, does not especially care to talk with us about our wants.

If that be the topic of conversation we would, without doubt, do most of the talking, for few people are seldom without some supposed or imaginary want.

I do not think that God is primarily interested in discussing with us our sorrows and disappointments. He well knows that if we begin to enumerate our heartaches and trials we shall soon become so obsessed with self-pity that we could not hear His voice if He should attempt to speak to us. He can easily take care of the many things that trouble us if He can persuade us to forsake the one thing that troubles Him. That one thing is sin!

And so He invites, "Come now." He has made provision to take care of every sin. That provision is available now. I have accepted that provision, and it is wonderful! Will you accept it now?

God has provided for my present and eternal happiness in such a simple, practical, and reasonable way that it clarifies my thinking and appeals to my understanding—that's what I like most about God!

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Miscellany

● DR. H. W. MILLER, one time medical missionary and president of the China Division, and Mrs. Miller were guests at Poona over the weekend, August 20 to 23. Doctor and Mrs. Miller are enroute to Taiwan (Formosa) to re-establish our medical work in that centre. It was fifty-one years ago that Doctor Miller first went out to China and began work in the province of Hupei. As he related the experiences of those early days we were very greatly thrilled during the Sabbath morning service of August 21.

● PASTOR and Mrs. M. G. Champion have just returned from their furlough in the United States. They arrived in Bombay by the *S.S. Billiton* on August 24. Brother and Sister Champion are under appointment to take up work in West Pakistan and will be going on to Karachi when the *S.S. Billiton* has completed her unloading in Bombay.

● ON August 26, Pastor and Mrs. L. E. Allen arrived in Bombay on the *S.S. Sir John Franklin*. These missionaries are returning from their furlough in the United States. For the time being Pastor and Mrs. Allen will be located in Bombay.

● PASTOR A. R. Appel and Mrs. Appel with their two sons, John and James, returned from furlough on the *S.S. Steel Examiner* on September 1, Pastor and Mrs. Appel completed one term of service in Ceylon before going on furlough. Brother Appel has now been called to India to take up the duties of president of the Western India Mission. We wish Brother and Sister Appel every success in this new responsibility.

● M. S. MOSES writes from Nagpur: "We have had two baptisms in Aurangabad. Two new stations have been established at Indore and Khandwa with a good interest in each place. Plans are under way to hold an evangelistic effort in Nagpur at the end of September. In spite of opposition the work is progressing in this centre.

● MRS. R. H. SHEPARD and her two children have been spending some time with Pastor and Mrs. L. C. Shepard in Poona. Kathleen and Cecelia are attending school there but Cecelia will return to Kottarakara with her mother. Mrs. Shepard takes back to Kottarakara a third daughter, Carolyn Irene, born at the Coyajee Nursing Home on August 6.

● MISS MARION MILLER, a nursing supervisor of Nuzvid Hospital, left the airport in Calcutta on Monday, August 9 for the United States. She plans to make a few stops in Europe and London and proceed on to New York by boat. The family at Nuzvid will greatly miss Miss Miller but they wish her a pleasant furlough. —L. C. SHEPARD.

Comments on the General Conference Session

(Continued from p. 11.)

finish our business ere long, our great business for the Lord, and to close out the organization at the gates of heaven.

Closely related to this was the fact that we were quite different from most religious bodies in convention.

We did not discuss a variety of secular legislative propositions that we would offer to governments to enact in the hope of making this present world better. We were concerned with church legislation that had as its objective gathering out from this world a goodly company to go with us to a better world beyond.

Adventists have not been wiser than other men. They have been protected against fruitless legislative appeals by a simple belief in the Word of God and its description of these last days of earth's history. That is why we have focused on a world beyond, and on preparing men for the Advent of our Lord. At no time has that focusing been more evident than at the great General Conference session recently held in San Francisco.—*Review and Herald*.

AT REST

THAMBAKARA—Sister Thambakara Sornakili Ammal was born in Prakasapuram, South India, in 1898, and died on August 20, 1954, at the age of fifty-six years.

In 1916, she was united in marriage to Brother P. S. Thambakara Nadar, and the couple lived happily together until Brother Thambakara Nadar's death in 1946.

She was baptized by Pastor E. D. Thomas, and joined with God's remnant people at Prakasapuram when only a young girl. For forty-one years she was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Left to mourn are five sons: S. T. Jebamoney, S. T. Rajamoney, S. T. Abel, S. T. Gomer, and S. T. Jabez; four daughters: Mrs. Gnanapoo Vedamathu, Mrs. Gnanamoney Asir, Mrs. Grace Edwards, and Mrs. Annamoney Gnanekan, as well as two sisters, two brothers, twenty-eight grand-children, and a host of friends.

Interment was in Divulapitiya, Ceylon, with services conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor L. F. Hardin, J. M. Fernando, and Y. G. Prakasam. There our sister awaits the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning.

—FRANCIS R. SCOTT

SHINDE—Ganga Ram Shinde passed away on August 16, 1954. Brother Shinde had served in the pressroom of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House for thirty years. Brother Shinde had been in poor

health for some time and was eventually admitted to Wadia Hospital where he expired, leaving his wife and four children and a number of relatives to mourn.

He was laid to rest in Salisbury Park cemetery. We believe our brother is resting from all his labours and is awaiting the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morn.

Please remember this family in your prayers.

—B. A. HOWARD

AINGER—Mr. R. V. Ainger, a faithful member of Meerut church, was laid to rest on June 24, 1954. He leaves behind an only daughter to mourn his loss. He rests from his labours awaiting the return of Jesus.

—D. CHAND

RODE—Claude E. Rode was born October 1, 1890 in Colombo and passed away on July 30, 1954, to await the call of the Life-giver.

Brother Rode was a guard on the Ceylon Government Railroad until the time of his retirement. But for the past three years he had not been in good health and entered hospital about two weeks before his death. When I last talked with him and had a prayer with him, he was full of courage and hoped to get better soon.

Brother Rode leaves to mourn his good wife, two sisters, one brother, and a host of friends.

The service was conducted by the writer assisted by Pastor O. O. Matison at the Cemetery Chapel.

—L. F. HARDIN.