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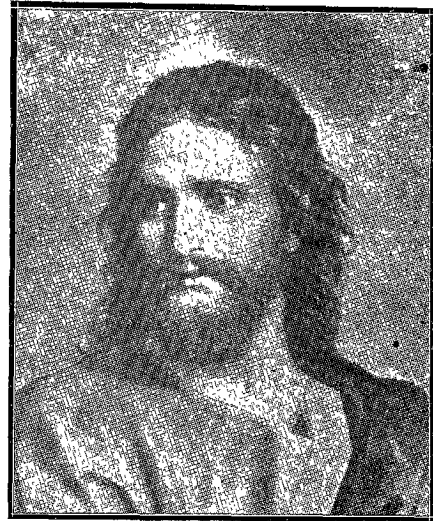
**C**HRISt must come, and for three strong reasons: First, because of the state of the world. Two great wars, vast in extent and incredible in fury, have laid waste the glory of kingdoms. And now there rises up on guarded deserts and coral isles, a deadly, explosive miasma, the ghostly vapours of hydrogen bombs.

When the first atomic bomb exploded over Japan in 1945, atomic scientists saw in it a possible omen of world annihilation. Immediately they decided to do something that scientists had never before done, to organize themselves as campaigners. They set out to arouse public sentiment in the hope that this new and terrible power might be curbed by international legislation. They founded a journal called the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, and placed on its cover the picture of a clock with the hands standing at "minutes to midnight." Five years later, in 1950, the editor sorrowfully confessed: Our "campaign has failed." A few months ago he gravely observed:

"The hands of the clock on the *Bulletin's* cover now stand at two minutes to midnight. . . . Wishing will not stop the clock. The *Bulletin* may be wrong. It may actually be one minute—perhaps seconds—to midnight."—*Bulletin*, October, 1953.

Now, a world headed for fiery extinction needs a deliverer. None among the sons of men is wise enough or great enough to accomplish deliverance. That is why the Son of God must come again. Rightly does the Bible describe the "glorious appearing" of Christ as "the blessed hope," for in Him only is there hope of deliverance from "this present world." Titus 2:12, 13.

Right here stands out a significant fact. What Seventh-day Adventists can now offer as the first and most un-



This is the first of four timely talks concerning our Lord's return given at the closing Sabbath afternoon service of the General Conference Session. The others will follow in future issues of the "TIDINGS."—EDITOR.

debatable reason why Christ must return, formerly seemed no reason at all. Indeed, it is impossible fully to measure the terror of our times or the weight of this first great reason for the Advent unless we see the whole matter in the perspective of the long years.

From its beginning in mid-nineteenth century the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been dedicated to the task of proclaiming to all men that we have come to the last days of earth's history, that "the great day of the Lord is near," when Christ shall come in power and glory. (Zeph. 1:14.)

WHY  
CHRIST  
MUST COME

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But when we began to preach the world was relatively peaceful. Men faced the future with hope. Scientists forecast endless progress, and churchmen predicted a millennial era of peace and righteousness. The record is clear that the world of the nineteenth and the early twentieth century was a confidently hopeful world. Men were sure, beyond all question, that the future would be ever brighter and happier. The record is also clear that from about 1850 onward Adventists have proclaimed with increasing vigour that the world faces, not progress, but a sudden end; not light, but darkness; not peace, but war, world-wide in extent.

Probably history has witnessed no more unlikely forecast than this. Certainly no forecast was ever more ridiculed. Here was a new religious movement that challenged the wisdom of the wise and took issue with the collective judgment of churchmen,

statesmen, and scientists regarding the future of our world.

Now, why did we risk the grave threat that the unfolding years would prove false our forecast, and reveal that we did not have what we claimed to have, a true understanding of Bible prophecy? The answer is, we could not do otherwise. As conscientious men we had to preach the message from God that we found in Bible prophecy—that the day of Christ's coming is near and that we may know of its increasing nearness by tumultuous happenings on this earth. For example, we believed our Lord's prophecy that in the last days there would be "distress of nations, with perplexity; . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Luke 21:25, 26. It was our confidence in what we read in the Bible that gave us courage to preach as we did a hundred years ago. Never did a religious movement so willingly risk exposure as a fraud.

God forbid that we should find in the wreckage of two world wars any cause for satisfaction. Or that we should see in atomic explosions any ground for gloating. Or that we should discover in the furious preparations for a third world war any occasion for claiming superior insights. But unquestionably, the frenzied events of recent years, and the even more frenzied plans for the future, are a startling fulfilment of what we forecast. However, let me hasten to add that this proves, not that we are better or wiser than other men, but that the Bible prophets "spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21.

Now, even with the world standing at "seconds to midnight," there are some, even sincere churchmen, who feel that the tide can surely be turned, and thus, presumably, the Advent of Christ will be unnecessary. And what do they believe will turn the tide? They reply: The forces of good in the world! This brings us to the second reason why Christ must come; namely, the nature of man. Let us glance again at the pages of the past.

By the time the Seventh-day Adventist Church began a century ago, the world's wise men had largely discarded the ancient belief that man is an essentially evil creature, in favour of the view that he is essentially good, or at least not very bad. They affirmed that man could become a fit citizen for a perfect society if given the right environment and a good education. The slogan was: Every school opened means a jail closed. Social legislation

became the order of the day. Churchmen predicted a great outpouring of the divine Spirit that would soon make all men holy. The accumulated sorrows, sins, and turmoil of the ages were shortly to be dissolved in a strong solution, whose ingredients would be the divine Spirit, scientific discovery, and social reform.



## LONGING FOR HOME

ZONA NOLAND PALMER

How my weary heart is yearning  
For the mansions of the blest,  
Where there's nought of pain or sorrow,  
Only peace and joy and rest;  
Where no tears or voice of weeping  
Mar the joys that will be known  
To God's faithful, chosen children  
When they gather round the throne!

How I long to see the river  
And the precious tree of life,  
Free to all in that fair country  
Where there'll be no war or strife!  
How I long, with saints and angels,  
There my Saviour to behold,  
And to view the Holy City  
With its streets of purest gold!

Blessed thought of life with Jesus  
In the lovely earth made new,  
Knowing nothing e'er can part us  
From this precious Friend so true.  
This world's trials will seem as nothing  
In that glad and happy day;  
Sorrow will be gone forever—  
God shall wipe our tears away.

Saviour, give me grace and guidance,  
Hold, oh, hold my trembling hand  
As I walk the narrow pathway  
Leading to that glorious land  
Where I'll sing Thy praise forever,  
Free from sin and grief and care,  
Home at last with my Redeemer,  
All the joys of heaven to share.



Scientists added the capstone by announcing that Darwin's work on evolution proved that there is a universal law of progress, and hence man's advancement and improvement are inevitable.

From its beginning the Seventh-day Adventist Church challenged the scientists' theory that an evolutionary process would bring man ultimately to perfection. We affirmed that neither education nor social legislation could solve the real problem, the evil heart of man. We took issue with the churchmen's view that a new, overwhelming measure of God's Spirit would descend to change men to holiness. On the contrary, we declared, in the words of Scripture, "that in the last days perilous times shall come"; because "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse"; that, indeed, "iniquity shall abound." 2 Tim. 3:1, 13; Matt. 24:12.

Here is what time has revealed regarding the nature of man: Higher education has not raised men heavenward, there are simply more college graduates in jail. Thanks, in part, to social legislation, the masses have "fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness." But so also had the people of Sodom, most depraved of ancient cities. (Eze. 16:49.) Education, legislation, and science have left man right where he was before, a creature standing twixt heaven and hell, whose heart is a battleground between good and evil, and who most frequently yields the battle to the forces of evil. How else can we explain the secularism of our age, the overflowing jails, and the increasingly devastating wars, which spring from the angry passions of the human heart? The facts are, that today a very great and growing number of men, within and without the Christian church, confess that they no longer believe that man is progressing upward, or that there is any reason to believe that he will.

What makes the unexpected happenings of our day even more breathtaking is this: Men once considered the discoveries of science the greatest reason for believing that the world would steadily progress upward. Today those discoveries prove to be the greatest cause for despair. It is science that makes possible the extinction of the world.

Two facts stand out starkly: First, man is not improving, but remains a self-generating centre of evil; and second, our world is at the point of possible destruction by the hand of man himself. The second fact grows out of the first, and is a startling proof of the Bible declaration that "sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15. These two facts combine to assure endless tragedy and mortal crises for the world. That is why we declare with renewed earnestness that Christ must come. For we know that in that day we can cry out exultantly, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us." Isa. 25:9.

But there is a third and still stronger reason why Christ must come; namely, the nature of God. Our world exists, not by accident, but by the will of God. "He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited" by holy beings. (Isa. 45:18.)

But into Eden came sin that increasingly made this earth an unfit dwelling place for those who love righteousness. God's plan for saving His children out of this evil world

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## A CALL

## FROM THE

## TEMPERANCE SECRETARY

CHAD B. ISRAEL

SABBATH, October 30, 1954, has been designated by action of the General Conference and the Southern Asia Division committee as world Temperance Sabbath. We trust that the suggestive materials appearing in this issue of SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS will assist our temperance secretaries, leaders, pastors, and church elders to prepare and present an effective temperance programme on that day. Additional source materials may be found in recent issues of national *Alert*, foreign *Alert*, and *Listen* magazines. During the months of September and October 1953 a series of excellent articles appeared in the *Review and Herald* dealing with the propaganda of the liquor interests, the relationship of alcohol to crime, to traffic accidents, and to the break-up of the home. The international aspects of the problem were also discussed in one issue. All these materials may be drawn upon in your preparation for this special programme.

We must arouse our people to greater activity. We are not to expect the Lord to perform some miracle in our behalf, but we ourselves are to grapple with this giant foe, and as we do the Lord has promised to bless us.

We would suggest that our church leaders for a number of Sabbaths before the scheduled date emphasize the special Temperance Day programme. On Sabbath, October 23, call the attention of the people to the programme and offering scheduled for October 30.

The Temperance Day offering is included on the offering envelopes of our churches. Where this is not done the special envelopes for this particular offering may be distributed at the beginning of the service on Sabbath morning, October 30, and announcement be made at the beginning of the service to the effect that the Temperance Day offering will be taken up at the close of the service.

We would again emphasize the importance of encouraging all our people to place their Temperance Day

offering in the envelope, giving the name and address so that the church treasurer can issue a proper receipt for such an offering. If some have already placed their Temperance Day

offering in the regular tithe and offering envelope, a careful record of this should be made by the treasurer so that the temperance account will get the proper credit for such offerings. We would also suggest that all the loose offering that is placed in the offering plates be credited to the Temperance Day offering.

Let us make this the largest offering in all our history. Our needs are great. Our first major project, *Alert*, is well established. Let us continue to enlarge its influence by increasing its circulation. It should be sent to every public official, school administrator, teacher, clergyman, and other influential persons in the community.

Our second major project under proposal is the setting up of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism and the establishment of the Institute of Scientific Studies. This has been well received, from the very beginning, here in Southern Asia. The Institute is sponsored by the National Committee. The General Conference has endorsed this programme and is helping to finance this worthy project in the United States. Its influence is far-reaching, and we should make it possible for such an Institute to be a success in Southern Asia.

We trust that the Lord will richly bless our leaders as they endeavour to present the temperance message and arouse our people to action. We have been instructed by the servant of the Lord that this phase of the message is not only to be revived but that it is to be presented in a more decided and positive manner everywhere. Surely we are living in the time when this phase of the message is to go forward with mighty power. "Now is our golden opportunity to co-operate with heavenly intelligences in enlightening the understanding of those who are studying the meaning of the rapid increase of crime and disaster. If we do our part faithfully the Lord will bless our efforts in the saving of many precious souls."—*Temperance*, p. 251.

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Pastor O. O. Mattison (President, International Temperance Association, Southern Asia Division) (Right) signing the Pledge, (Left) handing his Temperance Message to Pastor Chad B. Israel, Executive Secretary, International Temperance Association, Southern Asia.

PASTOR O. O. Mattison in his message to *Alert* states that "its matter is dignified propaganda and that through education, and the example of leading citizens it will keep before the people the evils of intemperance and will assist in leading them into better ways of living and bring peace and happiness to the thousands of homes that are now being wrecked by this, one of the greatest enemies of mankind."

In conclusion he appeals to all to "JOIN IN THIS CRUSADE."

### WHY ALERT AND LISTEN WERE STARTED

HOW important it is that God's messengers shall call the attention of statesmen, of editors, of thinking men everywhere, to the deep significance of the drunkenness and the violence now filling the land with desolation and death! . . . Now is our golden opportunity to cooperate with heavenly intelligences in enlightening the understanding of those who are studying the meaning of the rapid increase of crime and disaster."—E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, October 25, 1906.

"The Temperance question is to receive decided support from God's people. Intemperance is striving for the mastery; self-indulgence is increasing, and the publications treating on health reform are greatly needed. Literature bearing on this point is the helping hand of the gospel, leading souls to search the Bible for a better understanding of the truth. The note of warning against the great evil of intemperance should be sounded."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 462.

"Many of those looked upon as hopelessly depraved, will, if properly instructed in regard to their unhealthful practices, be arrested with the truth. Then they may be elevated, ennobled, sanctified, fit vessels for

the Master's use. Go with your hands full of proper reading matter, and your heart full of the love of Christ for their souls, reaching them where they are."—*Temperance*, p. 252.

Since *Alert* and *Listen* are devoted to alcohol and narcotic education, is there any reason why Seventh-day Adventists should read it themselves, since they don't drink or smoke?

Every Seventh-day Adventist should have access to *Listen* and *Alert*.

National *Alert*, the voice of the National Temperance Society, is a 24-page colourful pocket size quarterly, that is slowly but surely making its influence felt in every capital of the world.

Our modern day is a time when proof is demanded for any belief or conviction. Even in our own church, there is a great need for a factual basis of our belief in total abstinence. Every person, young and old, must know why he is a total abstainer and be able to convince others that his position is not only logical but necessary in view of the effects of alcohol on the human

body and especially on the mind, where is centred all the spiritual part of a human being.

—*Activities*, May 1952.

### NOTES FROM THE FIELD

BURMA—Mrs. F. C. Wyman writes: "A Branch of the International Temperance Association was organized in our school.

"So if you wish any correspondence with them please address the principal who in turn will pass it on to the Chapter leaders."

SOUTH INDIA—Brother O. S. Matthews writing from there says:

"You will be very much interested and happy to know that I received from Dr. W. G. Thomas a letter yesterday informing me that he has organized a Temperance chapter at the Nalwazhi hospital. Think of it, the first Temperance chapter in South India! . . . I am deeply interested in this and am going to do all I can to have many chapters organized both in our schools and churches in South India and perhaps in some of the government schools here in Bangalore and other cities."

A letter received later from him states that chapters have been organized in Lowry Memorial and E. D. Thomas Memorial schools.

He enclosed a letter received from the Government of India, All India Radio, MYSORE, which says:

"Dear Sir: We thank you for your letter of 27th instant. We shall be happy to release your scripts on talks and sketches which you desire to broadcast from our station, at an early date for our consideration. Thanking you."

WEST PAKISTAN—Elder W. H. McGhee writes:

"I will certainly promote Temperance Day in this Union. I had already thought along the lines you suggested. I had planned an itinerary that will take me to many High Schools where I plan to enrol hundreds of students. I will use our Temperance Qasid special (October).

"The big news is: The West Pakistan Committee voted to make me editor of an English and Urdu *Alert* to be published quarterly. I have applied for "Printer publisher permits." Until then I will use the special edition of Qasid. I will send you a copy."

AN EMERGENCY CALL TO EVERY CHURCHMEMBER!  
THINK OF THE RECENT FLOOD VICTIMS AND  
GIVE A LIBERAL OFFERING ON  
OCTOBER 16.

## READERS

## APPRECIATE

## ALERT

The following are some of the letters received from admirers of *Alert*:

(a) The personal secretary of the Ambassador writing from the Indian Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, tells that he is under instruction from His Excellency the Ambassador to bring the object of our society to those whom he meets.

(b) Mr. Archer Tongue, Executive Director of the International Bureau against Alcoholism, Lausanne, Switzerland, writes:

"By the kindness of the Indian Embassy in Berne I received a copy of the second issue of *Alert*. I would like to congratulate you on its production and wish you every success in the future.

"I shall be glad if you can put me on the mailing list for *Alert* regularly. If you can send me the first number, it would be appreciated.

"If I can be of any use to you at any time with regard to information on temperance questions in the international field, I shall only be too pleased.

"I would like to ask your help in securing a good Indian representation at the 25th International Congress against Alcoholism which is to be held in Istanbul in the second week of September 1956 under the patronage of the Turkish Government. We have a strong abstinence movement in Turkey led by the Governor-Mayor of Istanbul, and we look forward to this occasion as an opportunity for bringing the world Temperance forces together. It is especially important that your field should be well represented on this occasion, and we would like to have any suggestions that you might like to make regarding the programme and possible speakers.

"We are following with great interest your programme and wish you every success."

(c) Rev. C. Lobo writing from Oratorio Salesiano, "Dom Bosco," Goa, says:

"One day having gone to the Consulate, on the reading table I saw your little magazine *Alert*, and was very pleased both at the courage-inspiring subject matter and the excellent get-up. My heartiest congratulations. . . . I ask you kindly to

send me all the past numbers of the magazine."

(d) Mrs. Satyavati S. Chitambar (wife of the late Bishop J. R. Chitambar), President of the All-India WCTU for fourteen years, Member of the World's WCTU advisory Board for twenty years and Life Member of the All-India WCTU, writes:

"You are to be congratulated on the way you edit *Alert* and its whole set-up! So good looking and attractive, small and handy, concise and pregnant with thought-provoking material and the latest scientific facts. Just the thing for folks of all ages for propaganda to educate the public on the need of total abstinence from all intoxicants and to make prohibition in the country a success. It fills a great need!

"*Alert* should be in the hands of

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every teacher to know how to handle the subject satisfactorily with their students.

"It should also be in the hands of every Government official (especially of the Departments of Prohibition, Health and Education) and in every Government office to give a chance to the workers there to get acquainted with its contents.

"It would help much if *Alert* could be had in all our major vernaculars as well.

"Enclosed please find my cheque for eight copies of your good *Alert* (to be sent to friends)."



## PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE

W. A. SCHARFFENBERG

WHILE riding on a train recently, I picked up a local paper. Glancing through the correspondence section, I came across a letter written by a couple who were teaching a rural school.

"Soon after accepting teaching positions in a mining centre we were asked to attend a public function. Thinking this an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with the patrons of the district, we accepted the invitation. Much to our embarrassment and dismay, we saw many of the parents were drinking in the presence of their children and making disgusting spectacles of themselves. We turned down all invitations to join in their drinking, with the approval of a few and the disdain of many. One father insisted that we drink, too, saying, 'Well, if you don't join in with our drinking, you two won't last long in this community, for here everybody drinks.' We thanked him, but told him we preferred not to drink.

"To make a long story short, we stayed not only that year but the next also, and at the close of the second year the parents went in a body to the local meeting to keep us the third year.

"By our example of abstinence, drinking became less prevalent in the homes. One couple with children in

school stopped drinking completely and joined the church during the two years. They became our best friends. The children who were ashamed of their parents' action let their feelings be known, and their parents became sensitive to their children's criticisms.

"When we left that small community we had a good feeling, not that we claimed one iota of glory for ourselves, but we felt that the children and some of the parents had caught a glimpse of a richer and fuller life with a formation of higher ideals, which we hope and pray they will follow through to complete realization."

"As Seventh-day Adventists, we are to make our influence felt by precept and example, by voice and by pen, in favour of total abstinence. As a result, we will become acquainted with others who are standing firm and who are making their influence felt in their community for the principles of temperance. "We should seek to come near to these workers and make a way for them to stand shoulder to shoulder with us."—*Temperance*, p. 217.

Let us, as Seventh-day Adventist laymen and workers, follow the example of these two who had the courage by precept and example to let their light shine.

## TEMPERANCE BIBLE STUDY

## SATAN'S PLAN UNMASKED

HENRY F. BROWN

1. What do we know about Satan's plans?

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Cor. 2:11.

2. What woe is pronounced on the world at this time?

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12.

3. How sadly unfit is our age to meet Satan's onslaught?

"You live in an age that is twisted out of its true pattern, and among such peoples you shine out, beacons to the world." Phil. 2:15. (Knox translation.)

4. What is Satan's plan to destroy men today?

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and DRINK WITH THE DRUNKEN." Matt. 24:48, 49.

"Satan gathered the fallen angels together to devise some way of doing the most possible evil to the human family. One proposition after another was made, till finally Satan himself thought of a plan. He would take the fruit of the vine, also wheat, and other things given by God as a food, and would convert them into poisons, which would ruin man's physical, mental, and moral powers, and so overcome the senses that Satan should have full control. Under the influence of liquor, men would be led to commit crimes of all kinds. Through perverted appetite the world would be made corrupt. By leading men to drink alcohol, Satan would cause them to descend lower and lower in the Scale."—*Temperance*, p. 12.

5. What instruction has God given concerning alcoholic beverages?

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20:1.

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness

of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine." Prov. 23:29, 30.

6. What dangers for our judges and executives lurk in alcohol?

"It is not for kings to be quaffing wine, nor for princes to be swilling liquor; lest in their cups they forget their law and misjudge a case of misery." Prov. 31:4, 5. (Moffatt.)

7. What strict prohibition did God insist on?

"Never drink wine or liquor, lest ye die; this is to be a standing rule." Lev. 10:9. (Moffatt.)

"He must abstain from wine and liquor." Num. 6:3. (Moffatt.)

"Put away thy wine from thee!" 1 Sam. 1:14. (Moffatt.)

"And do not get drunk, with wine—that means profligacy." Eph. 5:18. (Moffatt.)

8. Into what does the unconverted nature degenerate?

"Now the deeds of the flesh are quite obvious, such as sexual vice, drinking bouts, revelry, and the like. . . . People who indulge in such practices will never inherit the Realm of God." Gal. 5:19-21. (Moffatt.)

9. What is God's challenge today?

"Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?" Ps. 94:16.

"Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks."—*Temperance*, p. 233.

10. How did Pilate endeavour to evade his responsibility rather than defend Jesus?

"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it." Matt. 27:24.

11. Can Seventh-day Adventists avoid the responsibilities of being leaders in the temperance work by washing their hands of it?

"Thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." Ezek. 33:7, 8.

12. What does the Adventist message include?

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" Isa. 58:6.

"Brethren and sisters, we want you to see the importance of this temperance question, and we want our workers to interest themselves in it, and to know that it is just as much connected with the third angel's message as the right arm is with the body. We ought to make

## OUR MARCHING ORDERS

"THERE is no class guilty of greater perversion and abuse of His precious gifts than are those who employ the products of the soil in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors."—*Temperance*, p. 31.

"Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question. . . . Our work for temperance is to be more spirited, more decided."—*Ibid.*, p. 250.

"We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple with this giant foe."—*Ibid.*, p. 254.

"We should then take up the temperance question in all its bearings, and drive it home to the hilt."—*Ibid.*, p. 240.

"We need to . . . make this question one of living interest. This is one way in which we may become fishers of men."—*Ibid.*, p. 252.



advancement in this work."—*Temperance*, p. 238.

13. What reproving message has God sent this people?

"I feel distressed as I look upon

our people and know that they are holding very loosely the temperance question. . . . We should be at the head in the temperance reform."—*Ibid.*, p. 223.



## INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES

THE attendance at the annual sessions of the Institute is excellent. The session is attended by educators, clergymen, physicians, businessmen, social welfare workers, nurses, temperance secretaries and youth leaders. They come from many states and from several countries.

The following statements taken from letters of those who have attended the session emphasize the importance of this work:

"It has been an outstanding privilege to attend these lectures. . . . The fellowship of the school has been precious to me. The untiring effort and dynamic leadership of those in charge of the school have been greatly appreciated by me and they have my sincere thanks."

"I have received great benefit. Encouraged with over-all work being done. Have felt the kindly understanding of all connected with the institute. I am most grateful to have had this opportunity of attending. It has been a great satisfaction to hear the many expressions of 'total abstinence is the answer.'"

"Psychology very uplifting. The promoters, the instructors and the students *live and practise the principles of Christianity*. Leaving here I have a feeling that I'm leaving so much that is good and fine. . . . This has been like unto a haven of rest. Educationally—the instruction has been very educational; scientifically I have a wealth of new knowledge. God bless the work. May it continue to attract and prosper."

"I have been happily surprised and greatly pleased with the type and method of presentation given. My concern over the Temperance issue has been increased 200 per cent as a result of the issues at stake which were revealed by the studies. The kindly attitude on the part of instructors and administrators is excellent."

"This was my first year at the Institute. It has been all and more than I ever anticipated. I know of no church convention that has so enthused me with a greater determination to save our beloved youth from the hands of Satan. Every lecture has been helpful."

Seventh-day Adventist minister: "To my way of thinking the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism is the greatest step forward in the Temperance work that I have seen since my connection with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. The scientific findings of the effects of alcohol on the human body, morals, and social welfare, were most enlightening."

"Plans are afoot for the establishment of an Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism in India. To date we have five serving on the International Commission and we are looking out to invite four more to represent the nation. If all goes well the institute is to be commenced in Bombay. This is going to be a yearly affair. Mr. B. G. Kher has taken a keen interest in the matter."

Elder W. A. Scharffenberg has written that sensing the importance of this vital programme, the General Conference in its 1954 Budget has made a worthy appropriation for this project here.

"A strong appeal has come to us from several high government officials that a similar project be launched at as early a date as possible in Southern Asia."

"We believe that this is a project that we should whole-heartedly endorse and support financially."

## WHAT STATESMEN SAY

The Governor of Orissa declares:

"What the States in India do in the Government levels to promote social welfare by means of Prohibition, the International Temperance Association is doing on a world-wide basis. Its work is commendable. *Alert*, the accredited organ of the Association, is out to do substantial service in the cause of Temperance, indications of which are already expressed by the tone and contents of its very first issue."

Shrimati Jothi Venkatachellum says:

"Their (I.T.A.'s) service to humanity should be ranked with the foremost of such noble services and the results they are bound to achieve sooner or later will be the reward which they fondly hope for. I have very great pleasure indeed in sending them this message of good wishes for the success of their noble endeavour."

## THINK OF THE FLOOD VICTIMS GIVE A GOOD OFFERING ON OCTOBER 16.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Ceylon, states:

"The Government of Ceylon is in full sympathy with the Temperance movement. We hope, with the active co-operation of the people, to reduce the consumption and sale of liquor in this country. Total abstinence is our goal. The Government of Ceylon, therefore, accords full support to all well meaning persons and societies striving after this ideal."

The Governor of Madras writes:

"I have read with great interest the inaugural issue of the *Alert* published by the International Temperance Association (Southern Asia Division) and am greatly struck by the laudable objects which it has set before itself.

"There is no denying the fact that the best method of regulating human life is temperance; and the best way of attaining the end is both by precept and example."

YOUR OFFERING ON OCTOBER 30 WILL HELP  
GIVE ALERT AN  
INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION

**CEYLON UNION MISSION***President:* L. F. Hardin*Secy.-Treasurer:* M. M. McHenry*Office Address:* 7 Alfred House Gardens  
Colpetty, Colombo**WITH OUR BELIEVERS IN  
CEYLON**

O. O. MATTISON

**C**EYLON is not only a beautiful land and rich in natural resources, but is especially rich in spiritual wealth. When we visited this island we found scattered here and there precious gems which will adorn the Lord's crown when He makes up His jewels from every land and nation.

Arriving in Colombo I was met by Brother L. F. Hardin with a programme all worked out making sure that we would be kept busy all the time we were there. Brother E. R. Streeter had already gone on to Kandy for the Sabbath and to give careful study to the building programme in Mailapitiya. It was an inspiration to meet with the Ceylon churches over Sabbath. The last time I was there the Nugegoda church was not completed, but now with a completed church and the portable evangelistic tabernacle pitched to the rear of the church and serving very acceptably for the time being for their church school, there is not only plenty of activity around the church on Sabbath but a fine group of children in attendance in their make-shift school during the week.

On Sunday we left early for Matara at the southern tip of the island. I have never seen a more beautiful country or driven over a more lovely route. We met a fine group of believers there who were organized into a church some years ago in the back of the shop of one of our brethren. They are planning definitely on either buying a church already complete or building one of their own in the near future. For the present they are meeting in the large front room of Brother Kurunathan, who is doing a good work for our believers and interested ones there. They had recently conducted an effort further up the coast and the interest there is being followed up.

It was a joy to meet with most of the workers for a couple of days in workers' meetings and to study with them some of their problems. We also drew closer to the Lord in prayer and Bible study. Wednesday was spent in committee work; Thursday in visita-

tion; and the week-end we kept for Kandy.

I had heard much of the fine spirit shown by the student-body and staff who were living in temporary quarters out at the new school site, but I will long remember the Friday evening and Sabbath morning I spent there. They could not be more happy in finer buildings. And in the little chapel constructed of bamboo and cocoanut palm-leaves by the student-body with their own hands and in their own time, it seemed as though they drew closer to the Lord, and the Lord enjoyed coming into their midst in a special way just because they had honoured Him so willingly by the work of their hands.

Sabbath afternoon was spent with the Kandy church. This new church was also in process of construction the last time I was there, but the satisfaction of seeing it completed and the happiness on the faces of

those who come together here Sabbath by Sabbath creeps into your soul as you worship with them. Brother Eric Juriansz and his loyal staff in the school and Brother Brian Juriansz in the church are doing a fine work assisted by the students and laymen in that section of the field.

On Sunday we had hardly finished breakfast when the school truck pulled into the compound loaded with Uplifters all pepped up for a full day; so Brother and Sister Brian Juriansz and I got in with them and we went to a town about twenty-five miles away where they Uplifted that day. I went on to Jaffna.

Jaffna also has a lovely church in both souls and structure with many Tamil Voice of Prophecy interests with whom Brother Jonahs is faithfully working. Would that I could have had more time with them!

Brother M. M. McHenry is getting settled into the work there as secretary-treasurer of the field. Brother Hardin has taken hold of the leadership in a fine way. A strong evangelistic programme is outlined for the year and as all work together I am confident much will be accomplished this year. Let us remember them in our prayers.

**NORTHEAST INDIA UNION MISSION***President:* W. F. Storz*Secretary-Treasurer:* M. S. Prasada Rao*Office Address:* Karmatar P. O., Santal Parganas, E. I. Ry.**"ANOTHER SIGN OF THE  
TIMES"**

W. F. STORZ

**N**O DOUBT most of you have read in the newspapers regarding the floods that are taking place in the Northeast. Quite generally the accounts are not exaggerated.

On arrival at Pandu railway station to purchase a ticket I found that the railroad had been washed out and that there was no way to get to Falakata except by a very circuitous route by air. That particular railroad was so badly breached that it took a whole month to restore just a partial connection. Even some of the aerodromes were under water during this time. I eventually got to Falakata and though the rain has never completely stopped it again increased and before I left the same communications that had just been restored were again cut off. After spending a night in the railway station, during which time the station

master could get no communications through, I walked three miles through the rain and mud to the aerodrome to return to Calcutta.

The same rain and flood waters that are causing so much damage to public communications are taking their toll of crops and property; yes, even life. Though we have as yet no accurate evaluation of the damage that has been done to our mission properties and the properties of our lay members, reports are coming through. Brother Fernando, president of the East Pakistan Mission reports:

"The news from Gopalgunj is bad according to the newspapers. Brother I. R. Thomas (principal of the Kellogg-Mukerjee High School) wrote that he managed to harvest the *aus* (early) crop as the waters were coming in. I am afraid that our buildings are under water judging from conditions here, and we may not be in a position to hold the Constituency meetings. Mymensingh is still cut off. There we have four churches and



300 Sabbath school members. I have already written you regarding getting in another shipment of relief clothing for our people here. That was before the flood started. Now that we are in a flood that has caused much damage, involving seven million souls and eighty per cent of our work we will be called upon to do much more."

"And there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places. But all

these things are the beginning of travail." Yes, we hear about signs being fulfilled to the right hand and to the left. In fact, they are becoming so common that we often fail to recognize them for what they are. There is much suffering on every hand and our brothers and sisters also are caught in its clutches. Will you please remember the people in these flooded areas in your prayers. They need your help.

### **SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION**

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*Secretary:* I. K. Moses

*Treasurer:* S. John (Acting)

*Office Address:* 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore

### **A VISIT TO THE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE**

E. L. SORENSEN

**O**N SUNDAY, August 8, it was my happy privilege to be invited to the Christian Medical College at Vellore, to speak at the evening chapel service.

When I arrived at Katpadi station, I was glad to have Brother Paulson Yesudian and John Abraham meet me at the station. These two young men were enthusiastic about the course which they are studying there at the school. They took me over to the men's hostel where we enjoyed a good dinner together. There we were joined by Brother Ninan, Brother Moses Christian, and Brother Terrence Rice. We enjoyed eating together and the fellowship there was very cordial. It was interesting to see how guests were welcomed. Those who were by special invitation were invited to give a short speech following the dinner.

After lunch, our young men showed me around the college hostel. This new men's hostel is indeed a building of which the institution can be proud. The boys are comfortable in a room which accommodates just the one student. This makes it possible for them to have their study hours without disturbance. Then, I was shown through the museum which was an interesting experience for me. I saw a good many things which I had never seen before—things which, perhaps, would be a lot more interesting to some one in the medical profession, but which proved very fascinating to me.

At 4:30 in the afternoon, I was

invited to the staff intercessory meeting. It was impressive to hear the sincere requests for prayer and the earnest petitions that were offered to God by this staff of medical men and women. Following this service, we proceeded to the chapel where I spoke on the subject of Christian character. The message was well-received and all seemed to determine anew that they would do their best to develop a Christlike character under the guidance of the Master. During this service, Brother Isaac with his wife and their small boy joined us.

Following the chapel service the five medical students, Brother Isaac, and I talked for an hour or two. I was glad to see the fine spirit of these young men who are taking their training in this institution in order to become effective medical workers for God. They are well thought of in the institution and we in the field should remember them in our prayers. We look to them as the future leaders of our medical work in this great field. I am sure that these young men will appreciate our prayers and would also appreciate hearing from us from time to time. I shall not soon forget this pleasant day spent at Vellore, and would suggest that anyone who is passing that way would do well to drop in and visit this splendid institution.

### **V. O. P. ACTIVITIES IN NUZVID**

J. MURRAY

**U**NDER the leadership of the Young People's society in Nuzvid, on February 1954, a V. O. P. band was organized and a rally was

planned for July 4, 1954. K. P. Philip and B. N. Dass gave very able assistance in carrying out this project successfully.

The aim of the band was to meet every V. O. P. student in our vicinity, the number being sixty in all. We went out in groups of two's and three's once a week, adjusting the time according to the hospital programme. Some went out early in the morning between six and eight. Others during the noon and a few others late in the evening. Every member of the V. O. P. band did his or her part in order to accomplish our aim.

Personal contacts were made with each student. This was really worth while because during these visits new members were enrolled and some others were re-enrolled.

The programme for July 4 was advertised by means of posters, hand bills, and slides in the cinema hall. At the time of the programme the church was full to capacity and over. There were items of special music, talks on organization or the functions of the V. O. P. with its purposes, and a film entitled "Help Wanted." This film depicted the points in giving first aid treatment.

Contacted members present were thirty and new members enrolled were seventy-seven. The effort proved to be a success. Plans are being made for another meeting to be held in the near future.

### **TEMPERANCE ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH INDIA**

O. S. MATTHEWS

**T**HE work of the National Temperance Society of South India is growing and expanding to the farthest corners of this Union field by establishing and fostering temperance chapters in our high schools, hospitals, elementary schools, and churches both large and small.

The objective of such chapters are as follows:

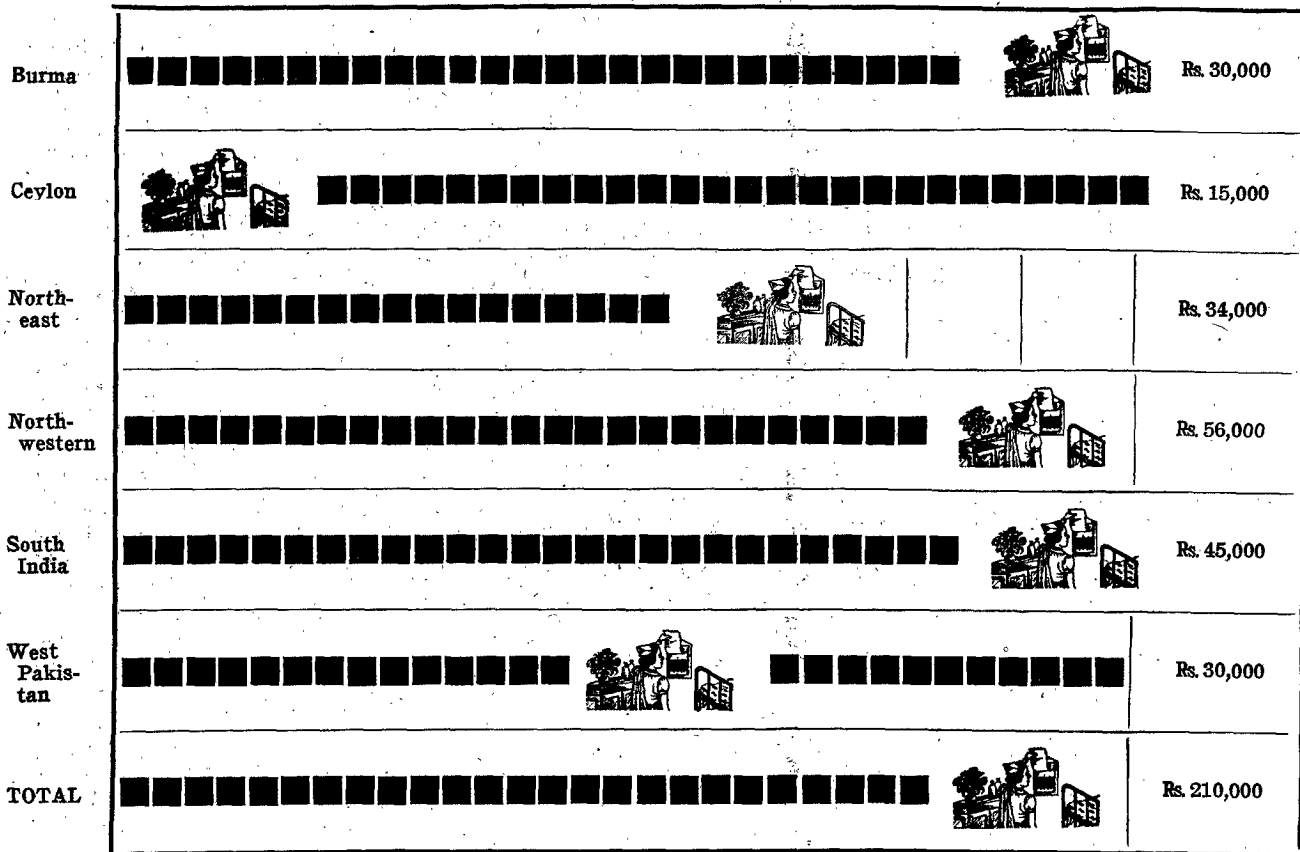
1. To arouse an interest in our youth and churchmembers in the cause of temperance, and to fortify them against the insidious temptation of alcohol, and to place upon them a sense of their responsibility to be examples to others, as well as to know how to help those who have fallen a prey to the enemy of mankind.

2. To foster purity of social life among the masses of India, especially those found in the thousands of villages that are scattered all over this vast sub-continent.

# UPLIFT 1954

September, 26, 1954

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Goal



## UPLIFT RECEIPTS

September 26, 1954

Unions	Received	Percentage
Burma	Rs. 30,000	100%
Ceylon	16,806	110%
Northeast	25,060	75%
Northwestern	44,512	80%
South India	41,076	90%
West Pakistan	44,285	149%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201,739</b>	<b>97%</b>

Tamil Mission, is actively engaged in fostering the work of this new chapter.

A number of Temperance rallies were planned for at the time of Brother Chad B. Israel's visit to the Union during the year-end. We hope that as a result of these rallies many more chapters will come into existence, and that the temperance work as a whole will receive a new impetus and that the temperance

message may be presented everywhere in a more decided and positive manner.

## NUZVID NEWS

E. A. STONEBURNER

Elder Vitrano from Delhi conducted a very profitable Week of Prayer for Nuzvid church the week ending August 14. His words of counsel and advice were greatly appreciated by every one and we feel that spiritual blessings were gained by all. From day to day during the week many took the opportunity of talking to him during the counselling hours and once each day prayer bands were conducted in each hostel besides the two meetings in the church each day for the adults. A meeting for the children was held in the Church school every day. There is power in prayer and this Power was felt by many during the week. During these last days it is necessary to have this Power or Holy Spirit in  
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3. To enlighten public opinion which shall by voice, pen, and vote demand the complete eradication of alcohol.

**E. D. Thomas Memorial High School**  
Brother James David, one of the teachers in the school is serving as the president of the chapter there. Other officers include Leslie Salisbury, secretary; J. S. Esther, treasurer. Plans are under way for a strong promotional drive in the surrounding villages.

### Nalwazhi Hospital

To the Nalwazhi hospital goes the credit of being the first institution to establish a temperance chapter in South India. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Dr. W. G. Thomas and his secretary—Brother M. Swaminathan—the chapter has been active in enlisting a number of new members and in strongly promoting the cause of Temperance in Trichinopoly.

### Madras Tamil Church

The Tamil church in Madras had the most recently organized chapter under way. Pastor M. D. Kodan, the Temperance secretary for the North

## VINCENT HILL SCHOOL PROGRESSION

M. O. MANLEY, *Principal*

SIX months of a busy school year have sped rapidly by. Although the total number of students who returned in March of this year was less than formerly, those who came have done much to make the past six months profitable for themselves and an encouragement to their teachers.

April brought the annual school picnic which was held this year at the spacious and inviting grounds of the Happy Valley Club. The picnic day, the food, and the activities were all that we could wish for and it was a satisfied school family that made its way back to the school in the evening.

The Spring Week of Prayer began on April 25 under the guidance of Pastor W. L. Barclay. Day by day as he unfolded the theme of the week, "Climbing the Golden Stairway," students and teachers moved upward in either a renewed or a new experience in Christian living. From the beginning step of *Love* at the bottom of the attractively illustrated stairway, we moved daily upward toward our

goal at the top. At each morning and evening service a new step was constructed as Pastor Barclay led his congregation closer to the Master with his carefully prepared presentations and his apt illustrations. On Sabbath morning at the close of the week our spiritual feet were planted upon the last step, the step of *Surrender*. Surely God was with us for at the closing service when the last step was reached and the door at the top of the stairs was opened revealing the lovely Jesus, every student, without exception, gave outward manifestation of his desire to walk the ways of this life as a companion of the Master in preparation for a place in the life to come.

With the first week of May came the carefully planned Missionary Volunteer Camp by the side of the swift rushing mountain stream and beneath the soft-spoken, nerve-soothing pines at the Deodars. Under the directorship of H. R. Hooper and with nearly every teacher and student participating from the sounding of

the morning reveille until the quietness which came with the evening bugle taps, five days passed all too soon. Camp inspections, new crafts acquired, camp duties faithfully performed, morning prayer bands, evening worships followed by the story hour around a blazing camp fire plus one night of rain all went to make this pleasant excursion not only enjoyable but a very worthwhile training experience for Missionary Volunteers at Vincent Hill School. Back to school we all came and to hard work we each returned for the remainder of the month of May.

Near the close of May the Dorcas ladies, under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. E. Rice, held their annual sale which exceeded Rs. 2,000/-. Mrs. Rice and those who so ably assisted her were most happy as well as thankful.

June 1 found students and teachers, moved by the enthusiastic promotion and example of Pastor E. F. Buck, visiting friends and residents in Mussoorie in an all-out effort to make the 1954 school Uplift day one of the best ever, and so it was. When the final figures were assembled they came to nearly Rs. 3,000/-. a real record as well as a blessing for which to be truly grateful. Also in the month  
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Pastor W. L. Barclay directing a group of V. H. S. students upward on the Golden Stairway.

## NEWS FROM

## THE WORLD FIELD

MOSLEMS IN MIDDLE EAST  
BUY OUR LITERATURE

B. E. WAGNER

THE following most encouraging word has just arrived from Wadie Farag, publishing department secretary of the Middle East Division:

"We have more than 80 student colporteurs canvassing this summer. Most of the books are being sold to Moslems, and every day we see scores of Moslems subscribe to our Arabic *Signs of the Times*, which is called *The Hope*. One out of 16 or 17 Arabic-speaking Seventh-day Adventists is now engaged in selling our literature. Our immediate problem is not selling books but getting them ready. We are doing our best to scatter the printed page everywhere.

"The Lord has wrought a miracle in the Middle East. We are now witnessing a new day, and we feel that the printed page will prepare the hearts of men and women to meet the Lord. Our aim is to double last year's goal, and we feel that the Lord will help us to do even more than double it. We want to increase the number of sales month by month, and thus redeem the time and do now what we should have done fifty years ago. Remember the colporteurs of the Middle East in your daily prayers."

With a membership of less than 1,800 and a population of more than 78,000,000, a tremendous task rests upon the publishing department of the Middle East to reach the great masses of people with the message by the printed page. Let us all earnestly pray that the rich blessings of heaven may rest upon our colporteurs and their leaders, that God's programme of colporteur evangelism may be carried out in the Middle East.

PUBLISHING WORK  
ONWARD IN KOREA

W. P. BRADLEY

A LETTER to the General Conference from Vinston E. Adams, who has returned to the Orient for service as manager of our publishing house in Seoul, reports:

"Things will be running smoothly again as soon as we can get equipment to begin printing in our own plant. Comparative reports show that sales in Korea are even running ahead of Japan, and they should, for we have a larger constituency. Were we able to put out a sufficient volume of literature we could double our sales shortly. My only fear is that we may be hindered before we are to get our publishing enterprise fully under way. The situation in Korea is still tense, but our workers are calm and courageous."

FIFTY YEARS IN  
PORTUGAL

CHARLES A. RENTFRO

FIFTY years ago the Foreign Mission Board chose Clarence E. Rentfro and Mary L. Haskell Rentfro, the writer's parents, to pioneer the work in Portugal. The Portuguese people live in a picturesque pastoral country. The Romans called it Lusitania. Even today the people are known as Lusos. The Iberian Peninsula was later dominated by Visigoths, then overrun by Moors. The Spaniards also tried to control Portugal. But through all these struggles the Portuguese survived as a smaller nation and also retained Angola and Mozambique, large colonies in Africa.

Lisbon, a wealthy port and the capital city, suffered a great earthquake on November 1, 1755. Overwhelmed by this disaster, Portugal lost its economic dominance in European affairs.

FIRST ADVENTIST SERMON IN  
PORTUGAL

Elder Rentfro's first sermon in Portuguese was preached April 17, 1906. After months of earnest work and prayer a Mrs. Lucy Portugal began keeping the Sabbath. The hearts of the missionaries rejoiced, for she was the first convert in Portugal. The Bible students at that time numbered twelve.

Mrs. Portugal was a refined English woman of the Anglican Church,

married to a Portuguese actor. She and three other persons were baptized one dark Friday night at 8:00 P.M. in the ocean near the mouth of the Tagus River, Lisbon, by Ernesto Schwantes, who had come from Brazil to associate in the Portuguese work in Oporto.

The public press finally took note of the new religion that had come to Lisbon. An old publication entitled *O Seculo Illustrado* (The Illustrated Century), April 15, 1907, shows C. E. Rentfro standing in the pulpit with a prophetic chart behind him. The reporter commented that "the method of teaching his doctrine consisted principally in painted charts, on which are noted verses of the Old and New Testaments, . . . whose symbolic significance is not, sometimes, very easy to understand."

## ADVENT TEACHING BEARS FRUIT

This teaching bore its spiritual fruit. Today in the Portuguese Union, which also embraces possessions in the Atlantic—the Azores, Madeiras, and Cape Verde Islands—there are approximately 2,500 Sabbath-keepers.

The Portuguese hierarchy was opposed to Protestantism, because under the monarchy a union of church and state prevailed until October, 1910. At that time King Dom Manuel was deposed, and a republican form of government was instituted. In an old secretary's report book appears this striking entry for Sabbath, October 8, 1910: "Due to the revolution of October 5, which implanted the Republic in Portugal, there was no meeting, because the members could not come together."

Unruly and fanatical elements sought to regain power for the monarchy in 1912. A number of Protestant meeting-houses were broken up and plundered. Sixteen men tried to create a riot in the Seventh-day Adventist meeting hall on a second floor, but police whistles were blown. The rioters were urged to leave, but the gendarmes caught the ringleader, the last one out. He was cast into jail for six months.

## BETTER DAYS IN PORTUGAL

For years Father was able to secure the services of friendly guards from police headquarters to maintain order in the Sunday and week-night public meetings. This may appear strange to persons in Protestant lands. Here was a nation trying to guarantee their new rights of civil and religious freedom in a land that for a thousand

years had been Catholic, as well as one of the former bulwarks of the Inquisition in Southern Europe. Owing to the freedom of the press, Father was able to start publication of the Portuguese edition of the *Signs of the Times*.

Better days have now come to our people in Portugal, and a measure of spiritual prosperity, though our believers there have had their trials. Let us pray for the growing work in Portugal in these days of opportunity.

## ADVENTIST HOSPITALS AROUND THE WORLD

ROGER W. BARNES, M.D.

**A**BOUT two years ago the Medical Department of the General Conference asked whether my wife and I would undertake to visit our mission hospitals in the Near East, Southern Asia, and the Far East. I was to help our doctors with medical problems in my specialty, to give lectures to our hospital staffs and to physicians and medical schools in the various communities we would visit. In this way, first-hand knowledge of our medical work in foreign lands would be brought back to the College of Medical Evangelists, where replacements and new recruits are being trained. At first it seemed that the expense of such a trip would be too much; but after giving the matter prayerful consideration we decided to go.

Several thousand miles by air and jeep over precarious travel routes brought us to the Andean community of Chulumani, Bolivia, in South America, where we were privileged to visit our son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Delmont Emery, who are holding forth alone in medical work in that isolated region of the Andes.

Following brief visits to Rome, Cairo, and Palestine, we came down through a typical Arabian dust storm into the city of Baghdad, Iraq. Our Dar el Salaam Hospital, situated not far from the ruins of Babylon, is now moving from its older hotel quarters to its fine new home, which is one of the best hospital plants in the Middle East. Adventist medical work is holding forth the light of the gospel in lands we associate with such Bible characters as Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel, and Nehemiah. While in Baghdad, I was called upon to lecture at the Royal Medical College and to the club for graduates of American universities.

We were welcomed to a very busy week's work at our new Karachi Hospital by the medical director, our veteran missionary and medical secretary of the Southern Asia Division, Dr. George Nelson. Miss Emma Binder is in charge of the nursing service of the institution, which is widely known for good nursing, good food, and efficient medical care, all offered to the patients in the spirit of Christian service.

Seventh-day Adventist mission hospitals and clinics stand out as beacon lights scattered over India. From Simla and Ranchi in the north to Dr. W. G. Thomas's busy little hospital at Trichinopoly in the south, they are havens where physical ills are treated and spiritual uplift is given. Dr. Nelson accompanied us as we visited the Simla Hospital in the important summer capital in the Himalaya Mountains, the Surat Hospital in this western Indian commercial city of a quarter of a million; and the Giffard Mission Hospital, our chief training centre for India, situated in comparatively rural surroundings in Telugu land.

### VELLORE MEDICAL COLLEGE CO-OPERATES

At the Vellore Medical College in South India, a Christian medical college operated by several mission societies, including Seventh-day Adventists, we found a noble band of missionary physicians on the faculty and a fine Christian student body including several Seventh-day Adventist young people.

An overnight train ride west from Calcutta to the semi-hill station of Ranchi brought us to another of our hospitals.

One of our larger hospitals is near the business section of Rangoon, capital city of Burma. This institution is developing a nurses' training course for our Burmese young people, who are eager to serve their own people in medical lines.

Our mission sanitarium and hospital in the outskirts of Bangkok is the best in the kingdom of Siam and one of the best in Southeast Asia. Begun more than fifteen years ago under very humble circumstances by Dr. Ralph Waddell, it has become one of our most important clinical and training centres.

Our Penang Sanitarium, started by Dr. Gardner nearly thirty years ago, is situated more than halfway down the Malay Peninsula on an island of

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lush vegetation, beautiful parks, and tropical climate.

Along with our Far Eastern Division headquarters, Malayan Union headquarters, school, and publishing house, previously situated in the cosmopolitan city of Singapore, we have recently developed our Youngberg Memorial Hospital.

In the foothill city of Bandung, Java, the little hospital there is soon to move into fine new quarters.

Our medical work in Australia, staffed by devoted Australian doctors and nurses, was begun more than fifty years ago, and continues an important factor in our work. We were happy to meet Dr. C. W. Harrison, superintendent of the Sydney Sanitarium and the only American physician with our Australian medical work.

The Manila Sanitarium, partially destroyed in the war, is now fully restored and is serving as an important medical training centre in association with our Philippine Union College. Both in Manila and in Tokyo, I was privileged to lecture to major medical gatherings and university groups, among whom I found our work to stand in good favour. The Tokyo Sanitarium is being enlarged to a one-hundred-bed institution in order to preserve our widely reputed nurses' training school.

### MEDICAL WORK IN KOREA

There is probably no place in the world where our medical missions have brought more consistent relief from suffering than in Korea. Dr. George Rue and associates have

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## MORE FLOOD NEWS

O. A. SKAU

**I**N A letter dated September 1, Pastor R. S. Fernando, president of the East Pakistan Mission, writes:

"We are in the midst of the worst cataclysm ever seen in East Pakistan. The classrooms in our Jalirpar school are under one foot of water. We had raised the teachers' quarters last year but they too are under water and the teachers are now living in the girls' dormitory."

He goes on to say that all our village chapels are under water. Bamboos have been supplied our people for building platforms so that they can sleep above the flood waters. Picture to yourself what the people face with all the wells flooded and contaminated, no sewer system, and the prospect of the water stagnating after the rain ceases. Four American families and Pakistani army personnel have launched an inoculation campaign for cholera.

At Gopalganj all the workers' quarters are under water and workers, school children, and members are housed in the hospital. The water is still rising. If it rises another two inches, then the hospital will also be flooded. Let us pray for our workers and believers. No doubt many have suffered losses, shall we not remember them with more than our prayers? What about clothing, bedding, and money for relief work?

Rice mills and threshing floors are under water. Every high place is being converted into temporary threshing floors in order to thresh the paddy. The greatest danger now is the after effects of the flood. We sincerely hope cholera does not break out.

Brother Fernando writes: "We are of good courage for we have prayed for the end of time to close, and are prepared with God's grace to go through these troubles which are only samples of greater troubles to come."

disastrous action, is it not time for God to act in a way very different from the ordinary? Well does a Bible prophet declare that when God acts in judgment He performs a "strange act." Isa. 28:21. The orderly operation of nature is but an evidence of the long-suffering of the God of nature, and the God of all flesh. But the very Bible writer who speaks of God's ageless mercy to men, warns us against thinking that this will endlessly continue, for he adds emphatically: "But the day of the Lord will come." 2 Peter 3: 10.

We believe that the time *has* come for the infinitely resourceful and omnipotent Ruler of all nature to display a power that He has kept in reserve against this evil day. We declare not only that it is reasonable to believe in the miracle of the Advent, but that any other belief is unreasonable, because it fails to provide a solution to the suicidal tragedy of modern man. We thank God, and proclaim to all, that the fate of the world will be decided, not by earth-shattering bombs but by the Advent of Christ.—*Review and Herald*.

### Why Christ Must Come?

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requires, for its complete success, the second coming of Christ. The Bible declares: "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28.

On the eve of His crucifixion, which was to be followed by His resurrection and ascension to heaven, Christ gave the unqualified promise to His disciples: "I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. After Christ's ascension, the disciples went forth to preach. Boldly they declared that the day was coming when God would "send Jesus Christ." Acts 3:20.

Right here stands out sharply a closely related truth. The righteous of all past ages have gone to their graves. God has a compact with these righteous dead to bring them forth from their dusty beds. But the carrying out of that compact calls for the coming of Christ. The Bible declares that "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven," and that then "the dead in Christ shall rise." 1 Thess. 4:16.

I repeat, Christ must come because of the very nature of God Himself. God is still ruler in the heavens. He is not going to permit His otherwise perfect universe to be marred forever by an evil and rebellious world. He will not abdicate in favour of wicked men who would destroy the earth. Instead, He will "destroy them which destroy the earth." Rev. 11: 18. Through "the mouth of all His holy prophets" God has promised to "send Jesus Christ," and God cannot lie. Christ Himself has promised that He will "come again." And His promises are faithful and true.

Learned men will remind us that the coming of Christ would be a miracle, and that miracles cannot happen, because they would violate nature. But let me ask: Is it part of the orderly action of nature that the very elements should blow apart and fill the air with a deadly radiation that threatens extinction to the world?

The very terror of our times springs from the fact that the evil heart of man is now reinforced by the scientifically sharpened mind of man, with the result that the laws of nature are being prostituted to the potential destruction of the world. When disorderly human nature twists the laws of nature to disorderly and

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of June the Baptismal class which was formed at the conclusion of the Week of Prayer began regular Sabbath afternoon meetings under the direction of Pastor Buck. We look forward to the day when, before the school year closes, a number of these young people will be prepared and ready to become members of the Church as a result of these weekly study sessions.

June 3 it rained. Spirits of students and four teachers registered a marked downward trend that morning because it was the day to begin the much-looked-forward-to hike to Deosari. Eight o'clock came. The school bell sounded. Off all trudged to unprepared-for classes. A few hours later the clouds gave way somewhat, for an anticipated introduction to the sun. The hike was on. Books and studies were forgotten. Along the trail so often followed by other Vinsonians we made our joyful way. Came Mugra and a night beneath those stately, silent sentinels of the forest—the pines. Soon, also, came the morning and after breakfast and the loading of the mules, we moved on down to Balucha and across the river, pausing only for the usual pic-



ture taking. A little past mid-day we cast down our packs and sat down beside them. We were at beautiful Deosari beside the stream that spoke of a rapid descent to the valley below. After a short time, camps were in readiness for both girls and boys. Four leisurely days there including a visit to Nag Tiba's summit to do a little initial carving were much enjoyed. It was good, though, to get back to school and to find both Mrs. Lowry and Bela providing a most tasty welcome in the dining room and to be able to give wheat sticks, granola, chapatis, and the usual hike menu a short dietary vacation.

With July came the rains. Students took note of their study habits and increased their scholastic pace. The end of the 1953-54 scholastic school year was drawing nigh. Before it arrived, however, on July 23, there came on the evening of July 17 another high spot of interest and genuine entertainment of the best kind. Mrs. Buck presented her piano pupils and the Boys' and Girls' Choruses under her direction in a very carefully prepared, and certainly well given, recital. Many hours of hard work and practice on the part of both pupils and instructor were bespoken by each number presented. We were only sorry that the fathers and mothers of the participants could not be present to enjoy, as well as observe, the noticeable progress their girls and boys had made in their music.

At the conclusion of the recital and after Mrs. Buck's piano pupils had presented her with a floral tribute of their appreciation, she well expressed her satisfaction over each student's performance when she said that she was "just bursting with pride" because each participant had done so well. Those of us who had the privilege of listening, shared her feelings.

We observe that the morning mists and fog are now moving southward through the Himalayan passes, and there comes the happy realization that the return monsoon has begun. Soon will come those beautiful sky-blue days of October. Through mist-swept gold and red sunsets, we observe the faint ghost of a soon-appearing winter line.

The school year hastens on. Students and teachers determine to work harder. We ask for your prayers to guide us. We are conscious of the fact and aware of the reality that Christian education pays generous dividends at Vincent Hill School. God has been good to us. We thank Him for His merciful watchcare and protection over us.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

### COLPORTEUR EVANGELISM

In November of 1848 the following message was given to Elder James White, "I have a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. . . . From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—*Life Sketches*, p. 125.

"AT THIS time God's message to the world is to be given with such prominence and power that the people will be brought face to face, mind to mind, heart to heart, with truth. . . .

"THE great object of our publications is to exalt God, to call men's attention to the living truths of His Word. God calls upon us to lift up, not our own standard, not the standard of this world, but His standard of truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, pp. 150, 151.

"I HAVE been repeatedly shown that our presses should now be constantly employed in publishing light and truth. This is a time of spiritual darkness in the churches of the world. . . . The professed Christian churches are not converting the world; for they are themselves corrupted with selfishness and pride, and need to feel the converting power of God in their midst before they can lead others to a purer or higher standard."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 65.

"THE book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world. The publications that come forth from our presses today are to be of such a character as to strengthen every pin and pillar of the faith that was established by the Word of God and by the revelations of His Spirit."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 69.

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our lives in order to stand the temptations that come. We need a closer walk with our God. The need for this and how to obtain these were emphasized during the week and many victories were won. Many stated that this Week of Prayer meant more to them than any we had ever had before. May we so live in the days to come that we may hear "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" when we meet Jesus.

Principal H. H. Mattison of Spicer Missionary College was our guest here at Nuzvid on Sunday August 22. Although Elder Mattison has been in India for some years it was his first visit to Nuzvid. There was a special meeting called at 3 p. m. and the hospital family enjoyed his talk on "How Much Value Do You Place on Your Soul?"

Monday, August 23, Elders A. E. Rawson and J. F. Ashlock stopped in Nuzvid for the day on their way to the Constituency meetings in Narsapur. They spoke to the church and student body at night. Both of them gave inspiring talks. It is always an inspiration for us here at Nuzvid to have visitors as we are so isolated.

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## Miscellany

● ON September 9 Brother and Sister H. C. Lamb left India by the *S.S. Himalaya* to make their home in Australia. Brother and Sister Lamb have served the Cause in India since 1933 and have worked in many capacities, in South India, at Vincent Hill School, in the Voice of Prophecy and their last appointment was Bible work in Madras. They will make their home with their son, Milton, who has settled at Turrumurra in N. S. W. He is employed in the Lewisham factory of the Health Food Company in Australia.

● MISS GLADYS MILLER arrived at the Bombay airport on Friday, September 17. She comes to us from the General Conference office in Washington D.C. to be Pastor O. O. Mattison's secretary. We trust she will be happy in her new field of labour.

● ELDER W. J. Gilson, Educational secretary of the Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference, Australia, spent a few days in the latter part of August visiting schools in Southern Asia. Elder Gilson visited our high school at Roorkee, secondary school at Hapur, the Taj Mahal at Agra, Spicer Missionary College at Kirkee, and, of course, the Estate at Salisbury Park. On September 1, he left Southern Asia from Colombo to return to Australia.

● ELDER F. Brennwald of the General Conference Auditing Department, arrived in Poona on Friday, September 24. He will be here for a week or ten days auditing the Division books.

● ON September 24 Brother and Sister M. S. Prasada Rao landed at Bombay. They are returning from the General Conference. On the way back to India they have visited various countries in Europe and the Middle East. We welcome them back to our midst.

● ELDER D. S. Harris is moving from Vizagapatam to Secunderabad where he will hold an evangelistic effort this autumn and winter.

● PASTOR O. O. Mattison returned to Poona on Monday, September 20, after an interesting and profitable trip to the Northeast where he was attending Constituency and Board meetings. He was able to meet with the churches in Lucknow and Kanpur on his way back to Poona.  
—L. C. SHEPARD.



## YOUR HELP NEEDED!

THERE comes a time when it is a joy and privilege for the children of God to come to the succour of those who are in dire need. Such a time has arisen here in our own Division field—a time when we can reach out our hands in cheerful Christian giving to those of our fellow-believers who are in the flood devastated areas of the Northeast Union.

I have just returned from that field and the stories told of the sufferings and needs of our people throughout East Pakistan and other flood-swept sections have touched my heart and I appeal to every churchmember in the Southern Asia Division to share in alleviating some of this suffering.

Most of our believers have lost all—food, clothing, houses, cattle, standing crops—all they had to look forward to for sustenance for this coming year. Our workers throughout have laboured heroically to help them and others where help was most needed. Next month when these people should be harvesting a crop there will be no crop to harvest. It has all been swept away.

The waters have now subsided and we thank the Lord that no lives have been lost as far as we can ascertain. But they are going to need help to re-build their wrecked homes and to keep alive until another crop can be planted and harvested. We have appointed OCTOBER 16 as the day for a DIVISION-WIDE OFFERING. We appeal to every worker and churchmember to give as liberally as possible to help those who have suffered so much.

Think of how you would appreciate help were you in their place. Give liberally and willingly knowing that you are helping a fellow-brother in his hour of need, who in turn would come to your help were you in need.

Christian love and devotion is shown in such an hour as this. May the Lord impress you to make a real sacrifice on OCTOBER 16. May He bless you as you give.

Sincerely,

O. O. Mattison

### Adventist Hospitals Around The World

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conducted effective hospital work in Seoul and Pusan, besides operating a home for 350 orphans.

Do medical missions pay? Our answer is emphatically in the affirmative. The medical work is truly the right arm of the message; it reaches souls who could be reached by no other means; it opens the way for evangelistic work and prepares the hearts of peoples for acceptance of the gospel. Is our College of Medical Evangelists worth while? We were closely associated with many of our College of Medical Evangelists' doctors and their families—visiting them in their clinics, their operating rooms, and their homes—many of them in remote and lonely places. These are dedicated men and women whose lives and whose service to the cause are the most convincing assurance that the

College of Medical Evangelists is filling its role in the closing work of the gospel.

### What Statesmen Say

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"Temperance need not be confined to drink and harmful drugs alone. There are several forms of intemperance present in human life; and we have to be temperate in everything. An international organization like this can help in many directions, and bring home to all persons, the foundational principle for which Temperance Associations stand. May this principle be made acceptable and applicable to other departments of human activity as well in the days to come.

"I wish the *Alert* every success in its noble endeavour of enlightening us all on the value and virtue of temperance in life. I send my best wishes to all who are enthusiastically engaged in this very necessary humanitarian work."