



## “The Crown of Sacrifice”

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THE spirit of sacrifice has always characterized the faithful people of God. The cause of their Lord has ever been more precious to them than all earthly possessions, and even more than life itself. “All who follow Christ will wear the crown of sacrifice.”—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 223.

We read in the Scriptures of Abraham’s leaving his homeland and his kindred and going to a strange land that as yet was unknown to him. “He went out, not knowing whither he went.” Sacrifice was a vital part of his daily life and of his religion. Finally we see him on Mount Moriah at the point of offering his only son upon an altar, a willing sacrifice, in obedience to the command of his God. We hear him receiving heaven’s reassuring message, “Now I know that thou fearest God.”

Heaven measures our love and loyalty by the degree of sacrifice we are willing to make. This indicates beyond any doubt the genuineness of our devotion to our Lord and His cause.

Selfishness and covetousness are fatal diseases that have but one remedy. “Constant, self-denying benevolence is God’s remedy for the cankering sins of selfishness and covetousness.”—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 548. In one of the primitive tribes of Africa a covetous person is described as “one who has gone crazy over things.” How aptly this describes thousands of people today—obsessed with houses, farms, automobiles, and other “things.” The god of this world has blinded their eyes. It must not be thus with those who follow their Lord and who earnestly look for His soon appearing.

Extravagance and a failure to foster a spirit of sacrifice lead away from God. It was so with Solomon. “Prominent among the primary causes that led Solomon into extravagance and oppression, was his failure to maintain and foster the spirit of sacrifice.”—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 61.

Each year in connection with the Week of Prayer we have an offering that we call the Week of Prayer and Sacrifice Offering. During this week we call upon all of our church members and workers everywhere to bring to the Lord an offering that represents a special sacrifice. For years many have followed the practice of giving an entire week’s income toward this offering. Others have done more. Some have not been able to do quite that much, but have endeavoured to make it an offering that represents true sacrifice.

At the General Conference session in San Francisco a newspaper correspondent and his wife were interviewing some of us and asking, among other things, about our giving. We explained that Adventists give a tithe of their income and, in addition, considerable offerings. The wife, deeply interested, broke in with, “People who give like that must really love their church.” When a woman, redeemed from a sinful life, brought to her Lord a costly gift, Jesus said, “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much.” May our love

for our Lord and His cause lead us to give as we should at this time of our annual Week of Prayer and Sacrifice.



## START RIGHT STAY RIGHT

J. F. ASHLOCK



**T**HE best way to start the day is to start it right. It is impossible for one to stay right throughout the day unless he does start right. The only way for a Christian youth to start the day right is to start it with Jesus. For decades, all around the world, Missionary Volunteers have demonstrated that the most successful way to start the day is by observing the morning watch.

The Lord Jesus, Master Missionary Volunteer, began each day in the proper way. "In the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place and there prayed." The immaculate record of His day-to-day, earthly sojourn has established forever the value of the morning watch in Christian experience. Surely if Christ, our Perfect Example, felt the necessity of establishing contact with heaven the very first thing each morning we also should recognize our need for so doing.

All will agree that it is far better for one to come to Jesus at the very beginning of each day to present to Him the threads to be woven rather than to lay at His feet in the evening the tangled threads of the imperfect pattern of one's own designing.

True observance of the Morning Watch involves four simple but essential features: (1) A youth should be alone so that there may be no interruptions. He must even guard against his thoughts wandering away. In the secret chamber he becomes better acquainted with his best Friend and receives His very life and power. Precious fellowship! The secret of success in Christian living! (2) There should be real prayer, a simple pouring out of the heart to God. This is prayer at its best, under the most favourable circumstances. This is the Lord's ordained means of success in the conflict with evil and the development of sterling character. "No other means of grace can be substituted and the health of the soul be preserved."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 249. It is here that Heaven's storehouse is unlocked and the boundless resources

of the Divine become free gifts. (3) The Bible should be read, perhaps only a verse. For this purpose the very attractive *MORNING WATCH CAL-ENDER* has been prepared. There is inspiration and strength in the knowledge that the same verses are being read morning by morning by Advent

youth the world over. Through His Word the Master Guide gives counsel for the day. Every youth needs to receive and follow this blue print all his life. (4) Finally there must be meditation. One should never say a hurried prayer, read a short verse, and then quickly run away. To neglect this feature of the Morning Watch is to fail to truly observe it. "We must take time for meditation, for prayer, and for the study of the Word of God."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 363.

No spiritual exercise, available to youth, can do more to enable him to stay right throughout the day, day by day, throughout the year, than the daily observance of the Morning Watch. Start right and it will be much easier to stay right all through 1955.

### WEST PAKISTAN UNION MISSION

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### "WHO MADE THE BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW?"

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**D**ID you ever see a rainbow when there were no clouds in the sky? I always thought it was impossible, too; that is, until I attended "Dr. Rabbit's" workshop, and did he work magic! There was one strange thing about this magician. He was ready to share all his secrets with all who would use them. In fact, that is why he came with his helpers. Elder E. B. Hare (alias Dr. Rabbit of Burma fame) from the General Conference Sabbath School department, with Elder and Mrs. W. L. Barclay from the Division office, arrived in Chuharkana on October 18, 1954, to conduct a Sabbath School Institute.

Fifty delegates, representing more than twenty of West Pakistan's fifty Sabbath schools, were present. As they sang

"I know, I know, God made the beautiful Rainbow,  
That's why I love Him so."

and waved the beautiful rainbow they had made in the workshop, the smiles on their faces showed plainly that all of the 2,888 members of the West Pakistan Sabbath school were going to hear about this. When they learn that there can be rainbows without clouds or rain, others will want to see and hear, too.

Isn't that what Sabbath school is

for? Isn't it to teach folk who it was that made the beautiful rainbow? And aren't Sabbath school institutes to teach teachers and officers how to make the Sabbath school so interesting that all will be tempted to go?

It may be that you had not thought of tempting people to do good or to attend Sabbath school, but I am sure that the delegates at the West Pakistan Institute are sure that it can be done. You could not have kept the boys and girls of the school away from the two-hour-long evening meetings and they did not sleep either. It was almost impossible to keep them from the workshops and other meetings that were strictly for the delegates.

There were magic boxes, hearts that had either Christ or Satan in them—never both; pictures that scowled or smiled at a magical flip, but never able to do both at once; bad disappeared and good stood out where none had been seen; the devil in the bottle sure made it black, but out went the devil and the black changed to crystal clear.

Yes, there were strong temptations to attend meetings and it seemed as hard for the gray haired to resist as for the children. It certainly demonstrated what Sabbath school can be, and that there are five avenues to the soul. If we are satisfied to use the ears only we are failing to use the means that Jesus used, and God gave us, to make lasting impressions.

A lot of planning and hard work went into this institute. Elder Hare, with Elder and Mrs. Barclay, were busy from early morning till the close of the evening meeting at nine o'clock.

Sister Alexander and others who cared for the temporal needs of those who attended did an excellent job and we wish to thank them, along with our visitors, for all they did to make this gathering a success.

No Sabbath school officer could go from Sister Barclay's meeting and say "There is nothing I can do because of lack of equipment to make Sabbath school interesting for children."

As the children of the Sabbath schools around the world sing, "God Made the Beautiful Rainbow" or "Jesus Makes It White When He Comes In," and "God Takes Care of Me," a chorus will be awakened that will ring through all lands and the day will soon come when we can attend Sabbath school where the Rainbow without clouds will ever shine around the throne as we worship before Him who made it.

## SEEKING SOULS IN KARACHI

E. ROBERT REYNOLDS

**S**UNDAY night, October 3, marked the beginning of our fourth series of meetings in Karachi within a year's time, and the third to be held in our own church building. Our largest attendance to date attended that evening. Pews seating six persons were crowded to accommodate seven and eight, with the main floor packed solidly and half of the balcony filled as well. It was indeed a thrilling sight.

The first two efforts had been held in English by the writer assisted by Brother D. H. Hunter and Pastor Hakim Din, with the Young People's Society conducting the Friday evening meetings during the second series. The third and fourth series have been under the direction of Brother Hunter and have been in Urdu. The first of these was held in an area of the city known as the slaughterhouse and was among people who were by and large Christian. In the latter meetings we have had many Muslims and this has cheered us greatly. Although the meetings are not as large as they were at first, nevertheless we have continued to have a good attendance. We have observed a changing audience nightly, however, but the meetings serve as a witness to truth and some do come regularly. One man sought out the speaker at the close of the second

Sunday evening lecture to secure an appointment with him.

Another feature of this series is that it is largely a lay evangelistic programme; with the lay brethren assuming the burden for most of the speaking.

Two baptisms have been held this year, and we anticipate a third one in the near future. Although these

baptisms have been small, they are the fruit of lay labour. We trust that our local brethren and sisters will be encouraged by seeing many more souls take their stand for the Truth as a result of their faithful and combined efforts. We, in Karachi, earnestly solicit the prayers of our brethren elsewhere for the success of these meetings.

### MINUTE MEDITATIONS

## BOUNTIFUL SHARING

HARRY M. TIPPETT



*"If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day."*  
Isa. 58:10.

Vachel Lindsay, the poet, told of his experience one night when tired and hungry. Stopping at a farmhouse, he asked to stay overnight. He had no money, but offered to pay for his lodging by reciting original poetry. The housewife, not interested in poetry, replied, "We cannot keep you, but that gentleman over there may," and she pointed to a small house across the field.

Going over to the house, he was welcomed by the occupant, who said, "You may stay if you are willing to put up with what I have." There were only two small rooms, the poet observed. Not a rug on the floor, no window shades, not one piece of furnishing worth two dollars. There was a bed, a rickety table, an old stove, and a few broken chairs.

When Lindsay left the next morning, this is what he said to a friend: "That man had nothing and gave me half of it, and we both had abundance."

The anecdote points up the fact that we all have something to share. Necessity sometimes makes casual companions feel the essential kinship that underlies all humanity. Stripped of the multitude of gadgets and appliances and luxuries that often minister only to our vanity, we find warmth and comfort in the sympathy and kindness of those who have nothing else to share.

The test of true graciousness of

character is to give ourselves when we have nothing else to give. And our words of cheer, our re-assuring smile, or our tears of sympathy or perhaps an arm around a neighbour's shoulder in an hour of need may speak volumes when argument and preachments have failed.

The keeper of the inn at Bethlehem probably would have made a bed for himself in the stable and given up his own room had he known he was entertaining the Christ Child that dark night so long ago. But like Pilate, he missed his shining hour. On the other hand, how often, even in lesser ministries, we find later that we have "entertained angels unawares."

We need to contemplate more seriously the remarkable potentials there are in every life and in every life situation. Nothing is more innocent-looking than a seed, yet think of the flowering beauty or market value wrapped up in it. It takes but contact with the moist earth to make it burst forth into bloom. So it is with many a human circumstance where men mingle and life touches life. A refusal to be stirred from our comfort or complacency to minister to another's distress may prove to be the act that puts us beyond the point of no return as far as influence in that particular life is concerned.

Money can not be carried into the next life; it is not needed there; but the good deeds done in winning souls to Christ are carried to the heavenly courts.—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 266.

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## TELUGU MISSIONS CONSTITUENCY MEETING

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THE members of the Narsapur school family, deemed it a privilege to have the Telugu Missions Constituency meetings conducted in their school campus from August 24-29, 1954.

The first meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with most of the delegates seated comfortably in the pandal singing praises unto the Lord. The presidents and secretary-treasurers of the North and South Telugu fields with Pastor E. L. Sorensen, the president of the South India Union, presided over the first meeting, which commenced by singing praises and songs of thanksgiving unto the Lord for His protection during the past biennial period. W. F. Zill, the principal of the school, welcomed the delegates to the estate. Pastor L. Subushanam, president of the North Telugu Mission, extended a warm and hearty welcome to all. Pastor B. S. Moses, president of the South Telugu field, gave those in attendance a spiritual lift as he spoke on "Christ Above All." This was the motto for our meetings.

The three hundred delegates and their families, and the school family brought the attendance to over 500. This was the largest gathering in the history of the work in the Telugu field. It was our privilege to have as delegates: Pastors O. O. Mattison, J. F. Ashlock, and A. E. Rawson from the Division; Pastors E. L. Sorensen, C. Moses, R. H. and Mrs. Broderson, Brethren S. John, J. A. Soule, O. S. Matthews, and E. N. Simon from the Union; Pastor and Mrs. D. S. Harris from Vizagapatam, and Mr. and Mrs. Stahlnecker from Secunderabad. It was good to have representations from the sister fields: Pastors D. David from South Tamil, Y. G. Thomas from North Tamil and M. D. Moses, son of Telugu soil, now the president of the Central Mission of the Northwestern India Union. These brethren brought the message during the morning devotional hours and their contributions during the business sessions and various commit-

tees were inspirational and beneficial.

Pastor G. Isaiah, who has long worked in the field of education and is now boosting the evangelistic work in the South Telugu field, gave the message during the first devotional hour. Pastor J. F. Ashlock conducted the first Bible study on the need of evangelistic fervour in our field. Other Bible studies were taken by Pastors Harris, Rawson and Broderson.

The evening messages were brought by Pastors Sorensen, Ashlock and Rawson all of which were most inspirational and instructive.

The presidents in their reports showed the progress of the work in Andhra State. There were gains in every phase of the work over the former-biennial period. Additions to the church by baptism were 394 in the North and 193 in the South. The treasurers revealed that Rs. 34,597.2 was realized in tithe with a gain of Rs. 5,282 over the former biennial period for the North Telugu field, and Rs. 13,339 for the South Telugu field with an increase of Rs. 4,497.12. The challenge of the unfinished task was brought before us by the presentation of a big map of the new Andhra State. The appeal was made



## Special Service for Medical Workers

THE writer recently received a letter from J. Wayne McFarland, M.D., secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, concerning a service which is to be rendered for the general practitioner and specialist in keeping him up to date on the best in current literature embracing all medical fields. This service is in the form of tape recordings, and there are three branches to this service:

1. A weekly service of a one-hour tape for general practitioners.
2. A semi-monthly digest in the fields of surgery, internal medicine, and Ob. Gyn.
3. Special lectures on tape accompanied by slides or filmstrips that illustrate the lecture. At the present time material is available from the current post-graduate assemblies of some of the finest clinics in the country.

The offices for the service are located at  
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800 North Glendale Avenue  
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Jerry L. Pettis is executive vice-president.

If you are interested in any particular tapes, they can be ordered through Esda of the General Conference.

If any of our doctors or the medical staff of our hospitals in Southern Asia are interested in receiving the benefits of this service, kindly correspond with Dr. G. A. Nelson, Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, Karachi, W. Pakistan. A list of the current items, as above mentioned, will be sent with a copy of the lectures and discussions which are available.

GEORGE A. NELSON, M.D., *Medical Secretary.*

to everyone present to take the message to the millions it represented. The departmental secretaries brought out encouraging reports, and progress was shown in every phase of the work.

The round table discussions and business sessions were instructive, and many suggestions were made and far-reaching resolutions were brought out by the various sub-committees for strengthening the stakes and lengthening the cords in Andhra State.

The Sabbath day was a high day when over 600 came together. Pastor Ashlock dedicated two babies and brought the message for the hour.

Pastor O. O. Mattison, President of our Division, was with us for the last day and the last meeting. He based his message on John 1:1-12 and pointed out that it was the responsibility of everyone to let his light

shine for Jesus Christ. In the consecration service there was unprecedented response from the assembly.

Special meetings were conducted for the children and the women by Mrs. Broderson assisted by Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Stahlnecker.

An appeal was made for a liberal offering which would be used in the erection of new churches. A total of Rs. 3,300 was pledged in about half an hour. During the past biennial period seven churches were built and it is hoped that another ten churches will be built during the coming period.

The last day of the meetings came too soon when the closing meetings had to take place. Pastors Subushanam and B. S. Moses in bidding the constituency "farewell" admonished them to take the inspiration of the meetings back to their fields.

## WORK ON YOUR KNEES

A preacher, while watching a marble cutter at work, exclaimed: "I wish I could deal such clanging blows on stony hearts!" The workman replied: "Maybe you could if you worked like me, *on your knees.*"—*Selected.*

mation can be brought about by a critical, harsh attitude toward the wayward.

We are told that often "a false zeal passes for jealousy for the cause of God," when it is only a manifestation of self. "It is true that some have committed errors, and made mistakes, but it is equally true that these errors and mistakes are not nearly as grievous in the sight of God as is the harsh and unforgiving spirit of those who are critics and censors."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 186.

Severity and unkindness are no part of true holiness. Think of the character of the most holy God, which is described thus, "Merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." Ex. 34:6, 7. When one is seeking for a revival of godliness in the church, he first should pray for these graces of the holy God to take possession of his heart.

Warfare for the right should never appear to be a personal one. Never should self be allowed to get in the way when one is seeking to uphold the standards of the church. It is not one's duty to steady the ark or the pillars of the temple. God will see to that. Our first duty is to live sincerely and uprightly, as He has taught us to do, and then to love our brethren even as we love Him.

Once the messenger of the Lord wrote to a group of brethren as follows:

"God would open the eyes of His professed people in order that they may see that they must love God supremely, and their neighbours as themselves, if they would be saved in His kingdom. Many are making manifest that they are not controlled by the Spirit of Christ, but by another spirit. . . . It is high time that believers should stand shoulder to shoulder, and strive together for eternal life, in place of holding themselves aloof, and expressing by word and action, 'I am holier than thou.'"—*Ibid.*

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## THE "HOLIER THAN THOU" SPIRIT

FREDERICK LEE

"A FORM of godliness" is one extreme in Christian experience. A "holier than thou" spirit is the opposite extreme. While the former is found more among those in the church who may be inclined toward worldliness, the latter generally is seen among those who are more naturally devout.

The devout are not troubled by worldly enticements. They are not tempted to follow a multitude to do evil. They want to have no part in anything that has the appearance of wrong-doing.

The church should be filled with such sincere, consecrated members. They are the salt of the earth, the light of the world, as Christ declared.

However, the enemy of God's household does not leave any member alone. When he cannot lead him into one temptation, he will try another.

The danger of these pious souls comes when they look about them and hear fellow members calling for lowered standards and when they see the indifference often manifested toward spiritual instruction. They know their own anxiety to obey God in all things and cannot understand how anyone who professes to be a Christian can feel or act otherwise. Thus it ever has been with the devout followers of Christ.

It is no wonder that some should have a great concern for the spirituality of the church. The Laodicean state of lukewarmness toward spiritual needs has called forth Heaven's rebuke.

However, as zeal for the Lord's house increases and one turns his eyes away from the holy Lord and intently observes the unholy members, it is then that the enemy comes along with his "holier than thou" temptation. Then, as the devout and pious ones in the church compare themselves with the worldly and lax ones, it is not strange that the former should begin to feel somewhat superior in spiritual attainment than the latter. Unless this feeling is consciously resisted, they might even come to say within themselves what the Pharisee so boldly uttered: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." Luke 18:11, 12.

When this spirit is allowed to take possession of a person, it is not long before he is changed into a severe and critical judge of others. However, it is at this point that this brother or sister becomes disqualified to do the very thing he or she would like to do, for no true reform-

# I WANT POWER!

E. L. MINCHIN

"I AM tired of trying to be religious. I am going to give it all up and quit pretending that I am a Christian. I have tried a thousand times and failed. What is the use of trying again?"

It was Don's first year at college, and these were his words as he told me of his decision to leave school and go back home to have his fling in the world. I talked with him and urged him to try once more, but his decision appeared to be final.

The following Friday evening the student body was gathered in the chapel for the weekly devotional meeting. The godly Bible teacher gave a powerful message. An appeal was made for the young people to crown Jesus Lord of their lives. One by one they gave their testimony of decision and love for Christ. Don sat in the back seat with his head down. I was on the platform, where I could see him. I knew what he was thinking about, "What is the use of trying again? I am a miserable failure. I am not going to be a hypocrite!" Silently I raised a prayer for him that God would give him the courage to try again. I knew his weakness—he had told me about it—but I also knew that God loved him. I thought he was not going to speak, but he did.

He was the last to stand. I can see him now, half standing and half pushing himself up against the wall at the back. He spoke three words only, but I have never forgotten them. It seemed that all the sincerity of that boy's life was concentrated in those words. "I want power," he cried, and then slumped back into his seat.

My heart went out to him. Soon I sought him in his room and again tried to help him find the power he was seeking. He did not want to be told more about what he should do. He did not so much need more knowledge about the truth—he was brought up in an Adventist home—but his great need was more power to live the truth he already knew.

Surely this boy is not alone in his cry. Every Week of Prayer, in every church, in every land, we hear the

same cry from old and young, educated and uneducated, rich and poor: "I want power." We know the way, but we lack the power to walk in it. As I talked with him I felt my own great need of experiencing the power that I was trying to help him obtain.

Dear friend, is this your great need? You too have been brought up in the church. Perhaps you are baptized and attend church regularly, but somehow you find yourself still controlled by sinful habits. You lack the power you need to live a Christlike life and to witness before others. Furthermore, you look around you and see many in the church who evidently lack that power and who have the same experience as you do; this discourages you and robs you of joy



## AFAR OFF OR NIGH?

SIEGFRIED M. V. SANDSTROM

Afar off they followed their Master,  
They stayed not close to His side;  
Forsook Him and fled in confusion;  
They feared some would sneer and deride.

But soon they repented their error,  
E'en giving their lives for their Lord;

They counted not comfort or prestige,  
But faithfully preached the glad Word.

Do we follow the Master closely,  
Or linger from Him afar off?  
Do we only what we think convenient,  
To make sure so-called friends do not scoff?

Are we e'er ashamed of the gospel?  
Afraid someone might call us queer?  
When God's principles hang in the balance,

Are we solid, or just thin veneer?  
No, never, let's never forsake Him,  
Whatever our lot it may be.  
In all of our living and thinking—  
Make Christ first, then others, then me.



and certainty in your own experience and causes you to lose confidence in yourself and others. You ask, Is there no way out? Must I always acknowledge failure and defeat?

Do not give up, fellow Christian. There is power for you—wondrous overcoming power! Your Father in heaven has promised it, and He does not taunt us with His promises. Listen to this: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power." John 1:12. Ah, here is the secret! Power comes with a Person. There is no spiritual power for any, or for you, without Him; by receiving Him we receive power.

But how do I receive Christ, you ask? By a simple act of faith and surrender that must be renewed every day. Say to Him, "Blessed Jesus, I am a needy sinner. I yield my whole life to Thee—body, soul, and spirit; I receive Thee as my Saviour from sin. Wilt Thou accept me as Thy child and come and take possession of Thy property?" Then believe that He has accepted you and that through His Spirit He has now taken possession of His own property. Do this daily. It becomes a fact in your experience when you believe it. We may not be conscious of power, but others will recognize it.

Some children of God fail here because they are seeking the consciousness of the blessing rather than the Spirit Himself. We wouldn't be willing to drive a horse that was conscious of its power. He could break away from us in an instant. The driver has the consciousness; the horse has the power and is guided where he should go. And so it should be with us. God has the consciousness of all that we may accomplish; it is our place to be submissive.

The Holy Spirit "is as the personal presence of Christ to the soul." Isn't that wonderful? Oh, what it must have been to have walked with Him and to have enjoyed His personal presence while on this earth! But to know that I may have His personal presence with me today, and now, is a precious and life-giving thought!

I feel that too many Christian youth are strangers to this intimate and personal relationship with Jesus. That is the real reason for failure and lack of power. My dear friend, are you tired of failure and chronic weakness against temptation? Won't you stop, right now, and examine the reason for your failure? With your whole heart receive Him anew and let Him come and possess you wholly.

I like the thought expressed con-



cerning the Corinthian believers. "But first gave their own selves to the Lord." 2-Cor. 8:5. Did you notice that word "first"? That is the secret of victory over sin! It is the secret of power with God and man. It is only through such a surrendered life that God can work. He cannot use you in any special way if you are holding back part of your life from Him. There is many a man in the pulpit, and many a man in the pew, who is shorn of power because God cannot get the right of way in his life. This is the secret of power! They "first gave their own selves." Then God used them.

In my homeland, Australia, a telegraph line crosses a weary desert in the interior. Travellers used to keep close to the telegraph wire, so that if there was any danger of their not reaching their destination, they could snip the wire, and then the telegraph operators coming to search for the breakage would find them. Once a man started out on a long journey with his bicycle. The days passed by, and he did not arrive at his desti-

nation. All trace of him had been lost. Finally, men went out to search for him. They came across the trail of his bicycle and followed it. They saw where he had dismounted, and shortly afterward they came to the bicycle, which had been cast aside. Feverishly they hurried on, and came to the place where he had dropped on his hands and knees near the telegraph line. They saw where he had dragged himself through the sand, and a little farther on they found the man—dead. A pair of wire snippers were in hand, and he was almost touching the telegraph pole. So near—yet lost!

O my friend, there are young people and others who read these lines who are as near to power as that. But let us remember that we must first give ourselves to the Lord. First, in the days of our youth—first, while the flush of health is upon you—first, before eternity breaks upon you. Yes, young friend, there is power for you. To those who will daily make such a surrender, "all power" will be your reward.—*Review and Herald.*

## THE ATTRACTIONS OF HEAVEN

We cannot tell whether people will ever fly to the moon. Certainly no sinful man will ever step foot upon the inhabited planet of another world. God will not permit the contagion of sin to infect unfallen spheres, but the moon which is the earth's satellite—who knows? We do not believe it will ever happen. Whether it does or not is not important to our discussion. *We are particularly impressed by the desire of people to go to the moon. Why shouldn't there be many more people who want to go to heaven?* Paul tells us that heaven is Paradise. But the moon—scientists inform us that there is no life there, no atmosphere, nothing except wild, uninhabited regions in which no man could survive even for a few moments without the most modern scientific gadgets to assist him.

But heaven—"eye hath not seen, nor ear heard," says the apostle Paul, "the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Just think—God Himself will be there and all the holy angels of glory to welcome us home. We will not need scientific equipment. Immortality will condition us to the new and glorified atmosphere of that ineffable place.

How many people have made application to make the mass flight to glory when Jesus comes? Only a few in comparison with the vast majority. Is there any risk? No risk at all. But it will take all we have to make the journey. We may back out if we will, but there is no need. The flight to heaven is assured without risk of danger.

There will be no mechanical islands or spaceship, but if God chooses, He might permit us to stop off at Mars and Saturn and Venus. But this thrill will doubtless be reserved for eternity.

And distance? We shall go much farther than to the moon. Beyond our own solar system. And many solar systems until we reach the third heaven—God's home. There we shall spend a thousand years, and then after the millennium safely return to this world. There will be no dangers on the return flight. With the Holy City, New Jerusalem, we shall travel the distance safely. Oh, what a joy it will be! Better than earth-satellite travel? Yes, better by far. May we all enter our names for this if we have not done so already. This journey to heaven may very well take place before the scientists have succeeded in preparing a ship to make the first flight to the moon.—*Review and Herald.*

## FLIGHT TO THE MOON

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**D**URING the past few years the science magazines have had much to say about spaceships and trips to the moon. Mechanical islands will be built along the way, anchored in space, as floating air fields upon which the earth-satellite traveller may land his eerie-looking craft to "catch his breath" and prepare for the next leg of the journey. Soon after the final take-off the passengers and crew will doff their earthly clothes and gird themselves with the scientific apparel essential to sustain life on the cold surface of the moon, where there is little or no atmosphere and nothing but extinct volcanoes, vast, stretching plains, and—mystery, certainly no inhabitants.

### MAN'S INSATIABLE CURIOSITY

It is almost impossible to believe, but scores of thousands of people have submitted their names and addresses to scientific societies requesting the privilege of making the first flight to the moon. How many of these moon-struck travellers will actually go through with their plans if and when the spaceship is ready to make the

flight, nobody knows. Just why they should want to go to the moon we cannot tell. They have no relatives to visit there. Doubtless the main attraction is man's love of the unknown, his insatiable curiosity about hidden realities.

The dangers involved in making such a precarious flight do not daunt these travellers. They would be willing to risk life itself just to "be along" when some dauntless Captain Video of the future brings his earth craft to a halt on the unexplored surface of the moon and prepares to unload passengers and set up their scientific equipment.

We imagine that just a few days or hours after this spaceship lands—if it ever does—the passengers and crew will have had enough of the moon to last them a lifetime and will want to get back to the comforts of the earth without delay. The trip earthward will probably be more dangerous than the journey moonward. La Guardia Field or the International Airport in New York will look very, very good to these sky wanderers when the sky craft actually lands on earth again.

THE great climax of Christ's coming is not the destruction of the earth, but the creation of "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Of that glorious climax I wish to speak.

The apostle John wrote: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away." Rev. 21:1. John in vision was permitted to gaze into the future. As he beheld the first heaven and the first earth, he saw them passing away; and in their place there appeared before him, as our text states, "new heavens and a new earth." We ask, "When and how will this transition take place?" The Bible, the source of all truth, gives the answer. It teaches clearly that at the close of the millennium, or the one thousand years, Christ will return to the earth again. This time He will be accompanied not only by angels but also by the host of the redeemed who were taken to heaven at His second coming, and who "lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev. 24:4. Enoch prophesied of this coming when he said, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints." Jude 14.

As Christ descends in majesty He

will call forth the wicked dead; for God's Word declares, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Rev. 20:5. Christ will descend upon the Mount of Olives, the same place from which He ascended after His resurrection. We read, "And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof . . . and there shall be a very great valley." Zech. 14:4. The New Jerusalem in its dazzling splendour will then come down out of heaven and rest upon this place that has been prepared and made ready to receive it. John says, "And I . . . saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Rev. 21:2.

When Satan and his evil host behold the beautiful city, they will endeavour to capture it; for we read, "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city." Rev. 20:9. Will they be successful in their attempt? The Bible answers, "And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." It is this fire that cleanses and purifies the earth. Peter makes this plain when he says, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10. The destruction of the wicked and that of the evil angels and Satan himself will be complete. The Lord says, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, . . . that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Mal. 4:1. Every trace of sin will be swept away. No eternally burning hell will be kept before the redeemed as the fearful consequences of sin.

After the complete destruction of the earth by fire, the promise of the Lord, made through the prophet Isaiah, will be fulfilled: "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isa. 65:17.

It is good to know that the inheritance of the redeemed is a country and that the territory of this glorious land will not be our earth in its present state, with its scars caused by sin, but the new earth in its Edenic beauty. Is not this what David be-

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## THE BETTER WORLD BEYOND

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lieved when he wrote "the meek shall inherit the earth." Ps. 37:11? Did not Jesus teach this in His beatitudes when He said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5? The meek have never possessed this earth. Through the centuries they have prayed, "Thy kingdom come;" and with assurance in their hearts they have been able to say:

"There's a land that is fairer than  
day,

And by faith we can see it afar."

Someone has pictured the beauty of that eternal home in these words: "There the heavenly Shepherd leads His flock to fountains of living waters. . . . There are ever-flowing streams, clear as crystal, and beside them waving trees cast their shadows upon the paths prepared for the ransomed of the Lord. There the wide-spreading plains swell into hills of beauty, and the mountains of God rear their lofty summits. On those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God's people, so long pilgrims and wanderers, shall find a home."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 675.

The beauty and the glory of this inheritance no finite mind can comprehend. It will be known only to those who will have the privilege of beholding it. Meditating upon its glory, the apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9.

The New Jerusalem, the metropolis of the new earth, will be a crown of

### LOVE'S ETERNITY

ROBERT HARE

When burdens at last are lifted,  
The testing struggle done,  
How sweet will be the resting  
With victory nobly won.  
The clouds that dimmed our  
vision,

The mists that bound our sight,  
All disappear forever  
In heaven's eternal light.

With heartaches all forgotten  
And tears forever past,  
With hope's resplendent joy,  
Eternally to last.

No death dirge will be sounded  
To hush the joyous song;  
Gladness in place of grieving  
Will fill the ages long.

Pain's bitterness shall never  
Send terror to the soul;  
Beyond time's dark repining,  
The spirit is made whole.  
And then in hope divinest,  
Love's endless years pass by;  
No heart, in all the myriads,  
Will ever breathe a sigh.

Then, pilgrim, catch the promise  
Faith offers unto thee;  
Anticipate the gladness  
Of love's eternity.





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to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord." Isa. 66:22, 23.

Turning for a moment from the beauty of that better land and its celestial city, we take a glimpse at the conditions that will prevail. The climate will always be perfect. We shall not suffer from the heat of the sun. There will be no blizzards, no zero weather, no storms or floods; no rumblings of thunder will be heard and no lightning will be seen. Today we see among the grains and fruits weeds, thistles, and thorns; but in the earth made new "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. . . . The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon." Isa. 35:1, 2.

In this world we see, amid prosperity and plenty, thousands who are starving for lack of food; but in the New Earth, thank God, "they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more." Rev. 7:16. Here we build houses, and many of them are destroyed or lost to those who hold the mortgages; but there, the Bible says, "they shall build houses, and inhabit them." Isa. 65:21. There will be no foreclosures and no repair bills; no insurance will be needed.

In our present world the jungles are full of wild beasts; but in the earth made new, the Bible says, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatted together; and a little child shall lead them." Isa. 11:6. Yes, "they shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," saith the Lord. (Verse 9.)

Down through the centuries this world has gone through many wars which have wrought destruction and havoc. In the earth made new God says, "My people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." Isa. 32:18. Again we read, "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, thy gates Praise." Isa. 60:18.

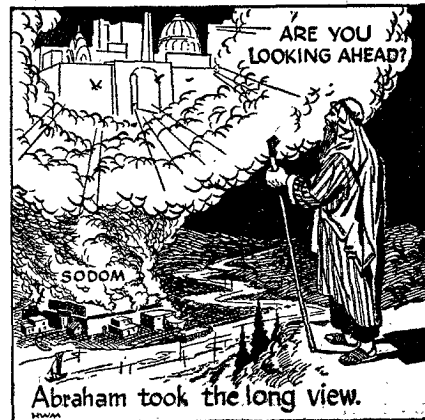
Here many are engaged in works of unrighteousness; their thoughts are evil; they are disobedient to God. But in that better land we shall associate and dwell with a redeemed people—a people who have developed the character of their Creator, who are "without fault before the throne

of God." Rev. 14:5. Yes, our companions will also be the angels of God and the inhabitants of the un-fallen worlds. What a privilege it will be to visit with our guardian angel—the one who watched our steps and protected us in times of peril.

In this life the inhabitants are weak and sickly as a result of sin and transgression or because of improper living. But what will be the physical condition of the inhabitants of that better world? The Bible answers, "The inhabitant shall not say, I am sick." Isa. 33:24. Pain cannot exist in that atmosphere of heaven. Here many are blind, deaf, and dumb; but listen to the promise in God's Word: "The eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. . . . And the tongue of the dumb sing." Isa. 35:5, 6. Here thousands are lame; many have never had the privilege and the joy of walking. But there the lame shall leap as an hart. (Verse 6.) In this sad world tears are abundant because of heart-aches and sorrow, but in that better land "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 21:4. Yes, "the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isa. 35:10.

It is utterly impossible to visualize what it will mean to be partakers of all that the earth made new holds out to those who shall inherit it. Imagine, if we can: no more temptation to do evil, for the tempter will be gone forever; no more sin, for it will be a thing of the past; no more hatred, jealousy, anger, or backbiting; no more thieves, prisons, or asylums. The hearse will not be seen wending its way toward the cemetery. For we read, "And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:

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Abraham took the long view.

The New Jerusalem, the capital of the New Earth, will be the place of worship of the redeemed through all eternity. For John the Revelator tells us that "the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it." Rev. 22:3. Isaiah the prophet also speaks of this when he says, "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come



## BETTER MOTHERING

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THERE are many kinds of business in the world, for people must eat and dress and build and manufacture, but the greatest and most essential business of all is—mothering. Children need housing, schooling, dressing, feeding, and training, but what they need most is mothering, better mothering. They need what we all need—love. They need it cradled and sung into them at the very dawn of thought, and on through childhood days.

The youth who can look back and see his earliest recollections blessed with mother love has a decided advantage over the youth who has no such memories. For he knows, in spite of all the disillusion and betrayals and bitterness of later years, that there is such a thing as pure and unselfish affection. The youth who has had a good mother will never wholly lose his faith in God.

Some scientists have declared that most mothers do not know how to train children, and that it would be better to place the little ones in the hands of experts. But the time will never come when any educator, nurse, school, or scheme can take the place of the child's own mother, of "the tender whisperings at twilight and the laughter at dawn that are a child's best heritage." For there are more things to be learned in this world than manners and arithmetic. The very deepest and most underlying truths of existence are those that only a mother can give.

It is a very unwise thing for a mother to yield to the temptation to earn money while others look after her children. "Others" can never give the child the motherly interest and care the child deserves and requires. The business of mothering is one of high privilege and great responsibility and genuine blessing. The most beautiful picture on earth is that of a good mother with a contented babe in her lap. But some

mothers feel that they are "tied down" too much with family cares. Mrs. Mary Bangham expressed her feelings about it in these words:

"I am tied down by clotheslines on which I hang small blue and lemon-yellow rompers. By strings—just commonplace white threads with which I sew on buttons, mend wee pockets, patch faded, threadbare little suits. Ropes tie me down, red jumping

ropes—and those that pull small wooden animals about. Young bleeding grimy thumbs there are to kiss, and bind with lengths of clean white gauze. And baby arms around my neck. Oh, yes, I am tied down. *Thank God!*"

The work of a mother is one "that is rarely appreciated. . . . Her days are occupied with a round of little duties, all calling for patient effort, for self-control, for tact, wisdom, and self-sacrificing love; yet she cannot boast of what she has done as any great achievement. She has only kept things in the home running smoothly; often weary and perplexed, she has tried to speak kindly to the children, to keep them busy and happy, and to guide the little feet in the right path. She feels that she has accomplished nothing. But it is not so. Heavenly angels watch the care-worn mother, noting the burdens she carries day by day. Her name may not have been heard in the world, but it is written in the . . . book of life."—*M. H.* pp. 376, 377.—*Review and Herald.*

## ARE MEN PREDESTINED TO SALVATION?

ROBERT LEO ODOM

WHEN God planned the creation of man, a creature endowed with intelligence and with the power of choice, He well knew that it would be possible for such a being to sin. Man, in the exercise of the freedom of his will, could choose to disobey his Maker's commandments. And if he should do that, then what?

Our Creator was too wise to bring man into existence and not make provision to meet the emergency if he should choose to do contrary to the divine law. Hence the plan for our redemption from sin through the blood of Christ was laid at the same time that the plan for the creation of this world was made. The plan of salvation is not an afterthought, something devised to meet the emergency after Adam and Eve sinned.

Paul speaks of the gospel as "the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God *ordained before the world* unto our glory." 1 Cor. 2:7. It is "the revelation of the mystery which hath been *kept in silence through times eternal*, but now is manifested . . . unto all the nations

unto obedience of faith." Rom. 16:25, 26, R. V.

The Godhead kept this wonderful plan secret until the time should come when it would be necessary to put it into effect. Adam and Eve did not have the slightest inkling of it until after they had sinned. Insofar as they knew, the penalty of death for disobedience would be visited upon them when the hour of reckoning with their Maker should come. But before He pronounced the sentence upon the guilty pair, the Lord revealed that deliverance from sin would come to man through the Promised Seed (Gen. 3:15).

As we study the subject of predestination we need to keep two paramount truths uppermost in our thinking, lest we be led to adopt unsound conclusions.

### THE MEANS OF SALVATION PRE-ARRANGED

First, *the means* used by the Godhead for saving us from sin was predetermined. We are redeemed "with *the precious blood of Christ*, as of a

lamb without blemish and without spot: *who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world.*" 1 Peter 1:19, 20. Peter said to the people of his nation concerning Christ: "Him, being *delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God*, ye . . . by wicked hands have crucified and slain." Acts 2:23. These statements show that Christ's death, the means whereby we are saved from sin, was effected in accord with a plan pre-arranged by the Godhead.

Thus God "hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given in *Christ Jesus before the world began.*" 2 Tim, 1:9. "He [God] hath chosen us in *Him [Christ] before the foundation of the world*, that we should be holy and without blame before *Him* in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by *Jesus Christ.*" Eph. 1:4, 5. These passages reveal that the means whereby we were to be saved was decided upon beforehand, even before the creation of the world.

#### THE CONDITIONS OF SALVATION

Second, *the conditions* whereby the plan of salvation would become effective in my life and yours were also predetermined. The Scriptures quoted in the paragraph above declare that in order for the plan of redemption to be fully carried out in us, "we should be *holy and without blame* before Him in love." This shows that it was determined beforehand that the sinner, by God's grace, must renounce his sinful ways and live a righteous life. It was written of Christ: "He shall save His people *from their sins.*" Matt. 1:21. He has never proposed to save us *in* our sins. The promise of salvation from sin by God's grace is conditional, made on condition that we confess our sins and forsake them. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth them *and forsaketh them* shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.

Now let us consider a text that is puzzling to some: "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son. . . . Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Rom. 8:29, 30.

This passage of scripture does not mean that God has foreordained that certain men should be saved, and that

## EXTRACTS FROM THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

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### A CANVASSING EXPERIENCE DURING THE RAINS

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WHILE circulating our message-filled literature recently I had an unusual experience that has been of no little encouragement to me as it indicated how God cares for His children and hears their prayers.

After finishing our work in Lohardaga (Ranchi District) Brother Seth Kujur and I were going to Simdega. It had been raining heavily and the roads were very slippery. On the previous day one of the buses, belonging to the Ganga Motor Service, plying from Simdega to Ranchi, slipped off the road and dashed against a culvert, killing five people. Many were injured and two more died the next day in the hospital. After praying for protection just before we started out, I asked Brother Kujur to take his things first to the bus. While he was gone, I knelt down again and pleaded with my Lord very earnestly that there should be no rains until we reached our destination. As I rose to my feet I believed that God had already heard my prayers.

While we were getting into the bus it was still raining. But after a few moments when we had started on our way the rains suddenly stopped and we saw no more for the next three and half hours, until we reached our destination! The unusual thing was that rain had been coming down on both sides about a furlong away, but nothing on the road on which we travelled and so the driver was able to see the way clearly and drive as fast as he wished. When Brother Kujur turned to me and said, "Brother, it is raining this side and that side, but how it is there is no rain on our road?" I told him that God had already heard my prayer that there should be no rains along the way until we reached our destination. We had hardly time to settle ourselves in our hotel when down came the rain again and it continued without ceasing for the next three days and three nights.

He who heard the prayers of Elijah of old that there should not be any

rain for a space of three and a half years, answered the prayers of a child of His today and took him safely to his destination.

### PREDESTINED TO SALVATION

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He has decreed beforehand the perdition of certain others. We are told that God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live." Eze. 33:11. Christ graciously invites us: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. "Whosoever will, let Him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Yet Christ says: "Many be called, but few chosen." Matt. 20:16; 22:14. Why are few elected? Because God, in the judgment, chooses or elects only those who have chosen or elected to accept the gospel invitation and comply with the conditions laid down in it. He forces no one against His will.

In the parable of the wedding of the king's son (Matt. 22:1-14), many of those bidden to the feast chose to spurn the royal invitation, preferring to give their time and attention wholly to things of this life. One man chose to accept the king's invitation, but did not comply with the conditions laid down in it. He did not make the preparation needed to sit at the feast, failing to take off his own clothes and put on the wedding garment which the king had provided for him. He was cast out by order of the king. This proves that only those will be lost who refuse to be saved.

#### ONE WHO REFUSES TO BE SAVED

We may illustrate this matter of predestination in the following manner: A passenger ship sails from New York across the Atlantic Ocean

to Southampton. Before the vessel leaves port it is well equipped with life-saving gear—lifeboats, life buoys, life jackets, life lines, et cetera. This does not mean that the owners and the captain of the ship have determined or purposed beforehand that somebody shall fall overboard into the sea during the voyage. Far from it. But it shows that they have foreseen the possibility of such an emergency, and have made wise provision for meeting it if and when it should arise. It is proof that from the beginning they have had the best interests of the passengers at heart, and that they place a very high value on the life of a human being.

How much more, then, has our Maker had our well-being at heart in foreseeing the possibility of sin in our world, and in planning beforehand for the salvation of men from sin by the death of Christ, if there should be a need for it.

Let us suppose, in the case of the ship, that in disregard of warnings of danger, a passenger disobeys instructions given him and falls overboard into the sea. Heroic efforts are made to reach the man, and the means already provided for saving him from drowning are placed within his grasp, and he spurns them, saying: "Go away from me! Keep your ropes and boats to yourself! I don't want your help!" And he perishes because of his failure to co-operate with those who seek to save him from death. Whose fault is it?

"The gifts of His [God's] grace through Christ are free to all. There is no election but one's own by which any may perish. God has set forth in His Word the conditions upon which every soul will be elected to eternal life—obedience to His commandments, through faith in Christ. God has elected a character in harmony with His law, and any one who shall reach the standard of His requirement, will have an entrance into the kingdom of glory. Christ Himself said, 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life.' John 3:36. 'Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven' Matt. 7:21. And in the Revelation He declares, 'Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.' Rev. 22:14. As regards man's final salvation, this is the only election brought to view in the Word of God.

"Every soul is elected who will work out his own salvation with fear and trembling. He is elected who will put on the armour, and fight the good fight of faith. He is elected who will watch unto prayer, who will search the Scriptures, and flee from temptation. He is elected who will have faith continually, and who will be obedient to every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. The provisions of redemption are free to all; the results of redemption will be enjoyed by those who have complied with the conditions."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 207, 208.

Precious indeed is the "hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Titus 1:2. Before our world was created the question arose in the councils of the Deity as to what should be

done in case man should sin. The Son of God loved us so much that He Himself promised to pay the penalty of our transgressions by sacrificing His own life. God the Father so loved us, too, that He accepted this proposal. Christ, by a solemn covenant made with the Father, bound Himself beforehand to die for us. The demands of the justice of God would be fully met in order "that He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Rom. 3:26. He will not refuse to accept anybody who is willing to believe in Christ and obey His word. God's honour and His throne are at stake in this matter. He will not break His covenant, nor alter the word that has gone out of His lips. All may be saved if they will.—*Review and Herald*.

them. We should glory only in the grace of Christ, without which all our righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight.

A vision of the holy Lord who humbled Himself and lived among publicans and sinners that He might win them to righteousness, and a reminder of His mercy and tenderness toward His own erring disciples including the traitor Judas, should give us a sense of shame if ever any "holier than thou" thoughts should even for a moment be held in our minds. After we have done all that the Lord has commanded us to do, giving us what might appear to be a blameless record, how can any virtues of ours, any amount of duties performed even in His name, make us very much better in God's sight without the free gift of Christ's righteousness than even the vilest sinner?

So our plea to all is this. Let us shun the laxity that would lead us to disregard our duties toward God and man and let us seek devotedly to follow carefully in the way of truth, always remembering this: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9. Only thus can we be commended to God and be an influence for good both in the church and in the world.—*Review and Herald*.

## A MINISTRY FOR ALL

ERNEST LLOYD

I HAVE been told of a man who looks for the obituary notices in the daily papers of his home city, and sends to the bereaved families tracts adapted to their needs under the circumstances. What a blessed ministry this is! And what a fine example, worthy of imitation, especially by persons of more or less leisure. Would not such a ministry be more precious in the sight of God than the lavish floral offerings seen at many funerals?

Some persons are blessed and saved through the public proclamation of God's truth, some by inspiring and holy song, others by house-to-house visitation, and many through the literature ministry. We thank our Lord for all the various methods of evangelism. Every member of the church can serve in some way to make known the message of God for this time.

What a simple thing it is for all members of the church to engage in tract evangelism. Here none can plead inability. But how prevalent is the lack of inclination! Here indeed is a wide and perpetual field of labour for old and young. How easy it is for one to always carry with him a few tracts for distribution.

Tract evangelism should be promoted more than ever before. The need for such service is greater, and our publishing houses are putting out new and attractive literature for

all to use. Every Seventh-day Adventist home should have a supply on hand—ready for daily service. Do you carry missionary literature in your car?

And there is Bible warrant for this kind of ministry. God's Word authorizes and even commands the scattering of gospel seed. "Cast thy bread upon the waters." "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." "Bearing precious seed." And those who do so, mark it, "shall doubtless come again with rejoicing" because of the resulting sheaves for the heavenly kingdom. In this work with our literature, as in all other lines, success will follow in proportion to our prayers, perseverance, and faith.—*Review and Herald*.

## THE "HOLIER THAN THOU" SPIRIT

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Yes, let us have more devout Christians, who have a concern for the church and their fellow believers. But let no one make pretensions regarding himself. Let none parade his virtues or boast of more duties done than others. Never should anyone lay claim either in thought or in word to being a better Christian or even a better Adventist than those about

## THE MASTER'S WAY

EDITH V. SPILLMAN

"Come up higher, come to Me,"  
Hear Christ calling? "Follow Me.  
Follow Me o'er life's rough road,  
Let Me bear your heavy load."

"Light My burden, easy yoke,"  
Thus it was the Master spoke,  
Spoke to all both old and young,  
Men of every clime and tongue.

Ye who hear the Master call,  
Gladly give to Him your all.  
Follow Him o'er hill and plain;  
Follow Him, and new heights gain.

Climbing higher day by day,  
Following the Master's way;  
Slowing step or running pace,  
Gaining daily in life's race,

Till at last you reach the prize  
And your home beyond the skies.  
You will hear the Master say,  
"Come, My child, come home to stay."

## NEWS FROM

## THE WORLD FIELD

## WON THROUGH A BOOK

I. M. BUCY

Secretary, Publishing Department,  
Canadian Union

OUR message books have the greatest power for attracting men and women to Christ. The men and women who read *The Great Controversy*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *The Desire of Ages*, or *Daniel and the Revelation* are set on fire for Christ and the gospel. So often a person comes to us and states, "I just read *Patriarchs and Prophets* through for the second time. I want to become a colporteur evangelist and sell this wonderful book." This is especially true with the Ellen G. White books and *Daniel and the Revelation*.

The publishing department leader who knows these books and can give a memorized canvass for them has little trouble training his colporteurs to sell them. Since we in the Canadian field have concentrated more on these message books, dozens of reports of baptisms and persons keeping the Sabbath have come to us.

A young man playing in a worldly jazz orchestra sauntered one afternoon into a second-hand bookstore. As he browsed around, his eye fell upon a book entitled *Daniel and the Revelation*. As he scanned the pages something gripped him. That book had appeal, yes, even for a jazz musician.

"How much?" he asked the girl.

"Just five cents," she responded.

He took his bargain with him to the dance hall. Between songs he would quickly reach down, secure the book beside his chair, and eagerly devour its contents.

"Say, that book is filled with power," he thought.

Soon he began to look for a Christian school. He must gain a Christian education and carry this powerful message to others. Yes, he found a school, and I believe you have guessed correctly, it was a Seventh-day Adventist school. But he must finish first his high school training and then go on through college.

Something in that book *Daniel and the Revelation* seemed to impel him to press on fervently. How would he find financial resources adequate to cover his school expenses? The answer soon came to him, "Go out and sell our message-filled books." He did. In just four and a half years he had completed his high school and college work. In order to pay for his education he worked in the colporteur ministry, and during those four and a half years he earned four and a half scholarships.

Where is that lad today? He is pastoring two of our fine Seventh-day Adventist churches in Toronto, Canada.

Last year Canadian students delivered over \$65,000 worth of our precious truth-filled literature, setting a new high for this field.

THE CHURCH ELDER WHO  
BECAME A COLPORTEUR

J. C. CULPEPPER

"SELL the gospel? Impossible! Salvation is free; I could never sell it. I will give Bible studies. I will give tracts and magazines. I am happy to lend books, but sell them? —NEVER."

The local elder of the St. Kitts church in the Caribbean Union had been invited to recruit at least one full-time colporteur from among his members. But his heart troubled him. He thought of colporteur work as book selling and of the colporteur as an undesirable book agent.

The St. Kitts church received Big Week books each year, and an urgent appeal for the members to sell them. But how could the church elder urge others to sell the books when he didn't believe in selling books?

As the years passed, his church accumulated more and more books. Their Big Week goals remained un-reached, and this troubled the elder. Their church won less and less souls each year. This, too, troubled the elder. So he decided that this year he would help in the campaign to reach their Big Week goal if each member would do likewise. The church was

well organized, and the elder and members began to work.

As the elder of the church presented *Steps to Christ* to a Christian Scientist, he gladly bought the book. Days later the elder of the church visited this Christian Scientist and studied God's Word with him. Recently the ex-Christian Scientist told the church elder that if he had not paid his money for the book, he probably would never have read it, nor would he have followed Christ.

And what a happy church elder our brother was on baptismal day when thirty-eight were baptized, and among them the ex-Christian Scientist! And how happy to learn that many of the thirty-eight new members had been won to Christ through the distribution of gospel literature! The Big Week goal was reached and a large harvest of souls realized.

The church elder's vision was changed. He no longer thought of the colporteur work as belittling, nor did he think of the colporteur as a book agent. The earnest consecrated church elder began recruiting in order to reach the church goal. Whom should he recruit? He began at home. He no longer disputed with himself. He recruited himself. And how happy he was when he responded to God's call to service! In the Caribbean Union and other fields of the Inter-American Division there are no less than twelve full-time literature ministers who are efficient, faithful church elders.

Obedient witnessing reveals the saving presence of Christ in the heart of each Christian. Like Paul, let us not be disobedient unto the heavenly vision. If our works fail to stand the test, we cannot be saved no matter what creed we profess. A mere profession of religion cannot save anyone. There will be no starless crowns. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls.

JAMAICA'S SONS MAKE  
GOOD IN WEST AFRICA

DERWOOD L. CHAPPELL

TWO strangers from Jamaica landed at the Accra airport in late October, 1949. Looking around at the surroundings of the capital city of the Gold Coast, the country in which they were to make their home for the next five years, they felt a thrill surge through their very beings as they said to each other, "Now, we are real missionaries for Christ." These two adventuresome men, L. H. Davidson and E. L. Brown, little knew



then how great a contribution they were destined to make to the development of the publishing work in West Africa, and especially in the land of gold, cocoa, and diamonds—the Gold Coast.

### REAL PIONEERS

After a brief visit in Accra with the president of the union, the two experienced colporteur evangelists proceeded to Kumasi and began canvassing, thus becoming the real pioneers of the printed page in this country.

Church members watched with curious interest this new type of evangelism being carried forth with ever-increasing success by Brother Brown and Brother Davidson. On the Sabbath the new missionaries visited churches to recruit some African men to join them in literature evangelism. Not without difficulty did they finally persuade a few men to try the new work. God greatly blessed, and the group grew, and by February, 1950, when D. A. McAdams visited West Africa, the number was sufficient to warrant holding an institute in Agona, Ashantiland.

Now, at last, after forty years of missionary endeavour, the Adventist mission had a colporteur band in the Gold Coast. But who would supervise and train the new men? All eyes turned toward the friendly, ever-smiling Levi Davidson, and the question was answered, making one of Jamaica's sons the first publishing secretary of the Gold Coast Mission.

Since that momentous day in early 1950 Brother Davidson has worked diligently and untiringly to build a strong colporteur force in this field. The records, both in sales and in the number of new members won by the "silent preachers" used by his army of twenty colporteur evangelists, testify to the measure of his success as a leader of men. His men have delivered more than ninety thousand dollars' worth of Christian literature.

While Brother Davidson was concentrating his efforts on training others to sell truth-laden books, his companion, E. L. Brown, was demonstrating by outstanding records in sales, first in Kumasi and later in Accra, the sure results of efficient evangelistic canvassing. He was Davidson's number-one colporteur, delivering nearly \$2,800 worth of literature in 1950.

In June, 1951, Brother Brown was called from his canvassing in Accra to serve as publishing secretary in East Nigeria, where he remained until

1953. It was during this period that one of Jamaica's daughters, Miss Cassandra Mullings, arrived in Aba and shortly afterwards became Mrs. E. L. Brown.

Probably by the time you read this article, Mr. Davidson will have written his last bulletin, prepared his last monthly report, and trained his last colporteur in the land of his adoption during the past five years. He is soon going to England, where he plans to attend Newbold Missionary College, preparatory to rendering a wider service in the work of God in the future. We appreciate his years of devoted service in West Africa.

### CHILD OF CONVICTION

**I**N ONE of our churches in North Sumatara a church elder conducted a class for baptism, and a neighbour girl attended. She became firmly convinced of the truth, and decided to follow her Lord. However, her father thought that the girl was unbalanced, so he took her to a doctor in a nearby town, who examined the girl and pronounced her well. But the father was not convinced. He had her examined by a doctor in another place. Again the verdict was the same.

The father then decided that he would drive the new ideas out of his daughter's mind by corporal punishment. So he crushed hot chili pods and then soaked a long, tough weed in the solution. With this he severely beat his daughter over the back. But in spite of all this the girl was faithful, and was finally baptized, even though it had to be at night in a small pool of water in the jungle. The girl has been driven from her home, and now lives in the church elder's home. Her example of Christian fortitude and courage was a challenge to all of us.—N. C. WILSON.

—Review and Herald.

### THE BETTER WORLD BEYOND

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for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

As we enter upon this new life in the earth made new, we shall make intellectual progress throughout the endless ages of eternity. Christ will be our Master Teacher. All the treasures of the universe will be open to our study. The wonders of God, the unsolved mysteries, as well as the science of redemption, will be studied.

Once again, as it was in the beginning before sin marred our world, there will be no veil that interposes between the visible and the invisible. Best of all, we shall see our Saviour—the One who gave His life that we might inherit eternal life and enjoy all that the new and better world offers us. As we behold His beautiful face and then place our hands in His, which were pierced for us, we shall fall down at His feet and say, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." Rev. 5:12.

God is anxious that we, each one of us, shall be among those who shall be worthy subjects of this better world beyond. Today the door of mercy is still open. Jesus invites us to come to Him, to accept Him as our personal Saviour. He longs to wash away our sins, to prepare us for His glorious kingdom. To us He says in the words of the apostle Peter: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:14.

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## Southern Asia Tidings

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## Miscellany

● ELDER Eric B. Hare, Secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, arrived in Karachi October 15. He plans to spend some time in the Southern Asia Division in the interest of Sabbath school work and will hold Child Evangelism institutes in various parts of the field.

● PASTOR and Mrs. W. L. Barclay left Poona in time to meet Elder Hare in Karachi. They will assist him in his Sabbath school institutes.

● RETURNING from furlough in the States, Pastor and Mrs. C. H. Hamel, Marie, and Johnnie, arrived in Karachi recently. They are scheduled to go on to Lahore where Pastor Hamel will serve as president of the West Pakistan Union.

● Two nurses from our Baghdad hospital in Iraq spent their vacation here in India visiting our hospitals and renewing old friendships. Miss Hurd had served Southern Asia for several years in Narsapur, Nuzvid, Surat, and Spicer Missionary College.

● DR. G. A. NELSON took his summer leave this year in Afghanistan visiting former patients of the hospital. He was able to visit our Simla Sanitarium on his way back to Karachi.

● BEFORE starting the evangelistic campaign in Secunderabad with Pastor D. S. Harris, Miss E. Warhurst, the Bible Instructor, spent the week-end in Poona from November 5-7.

● W. F. Storz reports that the

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● SAILING from Bombay on the S.S. *Strathmore*, Dr. E. J. Hiscox left India to spend a well-earned furlough in the U. S. A.

—J. I. W.

### MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR O. O. MATTISON has been in Southern Asia since 1921 so is well known to most of us, but we are sure all will be interested to know just how his long years of service in India have been spent. From 1922 to 1924 the Mattisons were stationed at Chuharkana and a school was established. Then Brother Mattison did evangelistic work and was in charge of the district until 1928. When he returned from furlough in 1929 a new school for the girls of the Punjab had been built at Chichokimallin and Mrs. Mattison took charge of this while Brother Mattison took over the district work in that section of the field. Then a hospital was established in Chichoki where the Mattisons, Dr. Lindholm, Miss M. Brewer and Miss M. Keller all worked together until 1934. Pastor Mattison was then called to the United Provinces to take charge of the work there and to head up the Hapur School. He carried this task until 1936 when another furlough was due. When they returned in 1937 they were again stationed in Chuharkana and for the next five years took charge of the work in the area now known as West Pakistan. In 1942 Pastor Mattison was called to Delhi to superintend the Union where he remained during the war years until 1946 when he went back to the States. Brother Mattison became president of the South India Union in January 1947 and this responsibility he carried until June 1954 when he was called to be President of the Southern Asia Division.

### WHAT DOES CHRISTIANITY MEAN?

In the Home, Kindness.  
In Business, Honesty.  
In Society, Courtesy.  
In Work, Thoroughness.  
In Play, Fairness.  
To the Unfortunate, Pity.  
To the Fortunate, Congratulation.  
To Sin, Resistance.  
To the Strong, Trust and Good Will.  
To the Weak, Help.  
To the Penitent, Forgiveness.  
To all Men, Reverence and Love.  
To God, Worship and Service.

—CHARLES F. BANNING

### THE BETTER WORLD BEYOND

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The realities of that eternal world will be worth everything. No sacrifice will be too great, no suffering too severe. As we meditate upon the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love Him, our hearts respond willingly to heaven's call, "Prepare to meet thy God." Gladly we give our hearts and lives anew to Him now, and we pray that He might help us not only to be fit subjects for the earth made new, but that we may also be instrumental in bringing others with us.

"Then o'er the bright fields we shall roam,

In glory celestial and fair,  
With saints and with angels at home;

And Jesus Himself will be there."

—Review and Herald.

### AT REST

RURAM—Digamber Ruram passed away on September 19, 1954 at the age of 126 years. Brother Ruram accepted the truth in the year 1948 and was baptized by Pastor P. C. Gayen. He was a faithful believer and stood firmly for the truth up to the end. His eldest son Ibrahim Rema is one of our energetic workers in the Mymensingh District. Brother Ruram was laid to rest in Monsaparrah cemetery in his own village. We believe he 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.

—J. N. SIRCAR