



“Our Way That We Should Go”

ARTHUR L. WHITE

IT WAS an unnamed hired man that made the suggestion. Some three thousand years ago two young men for three days had been looking for some stock that had wandered from the father's farm in old Palestine. Their food was gone, their money was nearly all spent in fruitless search. In discouragement Saul suggested "Let us return." Then his companion spoke.

"Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go." I Samuel 9:6. And so the two young men turned toward the village where dwelt the prophet Samuel, for we are told that "Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer, for he that is now called a prophet was beforetime called a seer." Verse 9.

Before the young men could explain their visit to the prophet he answered their question, and then Samuel delivered to Saul a message of great importance, a message concerning his life work—indeed telling

him the way he should go—for he was to be Israel's first king.

"Men went to enquire of God," says the Scripture. God wants His people to understand His purposes; to know the times in which we live and to be informed of the events of the future. In these words God declared His purpose: "If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make Myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream." Numbers 12:6. This is the means by which God communicates with His people, informing and instructing and guiding them in the way they should go. Not only in past centuries have God's children benefited by this guidance, but also in our own day, the Lord has spoken to His remnant people through the Spirit of prophecy.

A little over a hundred years ago, as the remnant Sabbath-keeping church came into being, according to the prediction of Revelation 12:17 and 19:10, a voice was heard among this people saying: "As God has shown me in holy vision." It was the voice of the Spirit of prophecy manifest in the experience of Mrs. Ellen G. White. For seventy years

that voice was heard among us guiding, counselling, instructing, and informing. What a blessing that voice has been to this people! And that voice is still heard from the thousands of pages that have come to us from the tireless pen of Ellen G. White telling us the way we should go.

Through this special gift to the church, the Lord has nurtured the church and has led and counselled this people into the great lines of work being conducted around the world, and all through the years we have been guided in the conduct of this work through the many visions that were given to Mrs. White. Often the visions led us to a broader understanding of the work before us. It was so in the winter of 1874-1875.

In 1874 we had one publishing house in all the world and only one sanitarium. Both of these institutions were located at our old head-

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 SPIRIT OF PROPHECY
 DAY
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WHY SPIRIT OF PROPHECY DAY?

Fortunate indeed is the Seventh-day Adventist Church to have the Spirit of prophecy as manifested in the writings of Ellen G. White! For more than one hundred and ten years this important gift of the Holy Spirit has been a source of strength to the Advent Movement. Through these inspired messages God has definitely guided in the founding and operating of medical, publishing, and educational institutions and in the establishing and administering of churches in all parts of the world. Even more precious has been the inspiration and guidance of the Spirit of prophecy in the lives of the individuals who make up the membership of the church.

In respect to the institutions and organizations, where the heaven-sent counsel has been followed, prosperity and success have always attended the work. In respect to the church members, where the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy has been received and followed, always there has resulted a more marked degree of Christian experience, a higher standard of Christian living and greater joy in Christian service. Truly these blessings have been inestimable.

It is fitting and proper that April 9 should be set apart as Spirit of Prophecy Day in Southern Asia as well as in our churches all around the world. It is sincerely hoped that in every place where God's remnant people gather the pastors and church elders will present the message found in the sermon "Let Them Teach You" by Pastors White and Jemison, and in the other material in this number of the "Southern Asia Tidings" and other sources available on the subject. It is further suggested that church leaders follow up the interest and inspiration of the Spirit of Prophecy Day by encouraging old and young alike to continue their study of the inspired writings.

—J. F. Ashlock, Secretary Ministerial Association.

quarters in Battle Creek, Michigan. In the fall of 1874 we sent out our first missionary. Elder Andrews was sent to Europe. In that same year we built Battle Creek College. But somehow as the buildings were being erected, some of the church members could not understand why, in view of our beliefs of the soon coming of the Lord, we should be building a college, for they felt time was too short to give our youth a college education.

Elder and Mrs. White were persuaded to remain in Battle Creek for the dedication service scheduled for Tuesday morning, January 5, 1875, so that Mrs. White especially could help our people understand why we were establishing a college. As the time for the meeting neared, Mrs. White took sick and grew worse from day to day. When they reached

the day before the important dedication service, Mrs. White was very ill, and Elder White sent for the doctor to come to the home and examine her. Mrs. White was pronounced a very sick woman, and Elder White was urged to send her to the sanitarium for proper treatment. But she was needed the next day at the dedication service, and so Elder White sent for the elders of the church.

The three ministers prayed for Mrs. White's healing as she sat wrapped in blankets in a rocking chair in the living room of the White home. After the ministers had prayed, Mrs. White in a whisper began to plead with God for strength and health, and while praying was taken off in vision. The men knew that she was in vision, for there was that familiar shout of "Glory to God! Glory to God!" Then she was breath-

less for a full ten minutes. During the vision Mrs. White arose and walked about the room, exclaiming at first: "Dark, all dark, so dark!" And then "A light, a little light, more light, much light!" After the vision she returned to her bedroom, and when Elder White returned home later in the afternoon, he found her completely healed and busy with her work of writing. She attended a night meeting with her husband, and the next day took her place at the dedication service.

As Mrs. White explained the vastness of the work before Seventh-day Adventists and the need of educating our young people, she related the vision of the day before. She told of how she saw the world enveloped in darkness and then later covered with light, which typified the extent of the work before us and the need of a training school. It was this she was seeing as she had made the exclamations in the vision. Then she told the assembled group that she had seen printing presses in different parts of the world printing the message in many languages. James White, eager to know where we should send workers and establish publishing houses, interrupted her and inquired if she could name the countries, but she replied that the angel did not give her the names, but if she should ever see those printing presses she should recognize them. This vision led all present to see the wider scope of the work than any had anticipated.

Ten years after this vision, Mrs. White was in Europe, and as she was taken to our headquarters' building she recognized the surroundings, the building and its equipment.



As she entered the printing office she exclaimed: "I have seen these presses before. These are the printing presses shown me ten years ago in the vision in Battle Creek." Then as she was introduced to the two pressmen, she inquired for a third man she had seen in the vision ten years before, but whom she missed as she entered the room. Upon inquiry she learned that the man she missed was in town on business. The next day she met him and delivered a message given her for him. Ten years earlier she had seen in vision not only a publishing house not yet established at the time of the vision, but also the man.

Mrs. White later recognized the presses in the printing offices in Norway and Australia, and it brought courage to the hearts of the workers and confidence as they contemplated that the institutions and equipment had been shown her in vision so many years before. Again

and again the Lord has led His people to a broad and correct understanding of the work before us through the visions given to Mrs. White. As we contemplate this we are reminded of a precious promise found in Psalms 32:8: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye." This promise is for us personally in these uncertain days. How tender the thought that God guides His children with His all-seeing eye, an eye that sees from the beginning to the end.

But, dear friends, God can teach us in the way we should go, only as we do as the two young men did of old. *We must go to the seer or the prophet.* This we can do by studying and applying the many messages of counsel and guidance which God has given us in His Word and in the Spirit of prophecy writings given us in our times. "Come, and let us go to the seer."

of healthful living that will insure good health and clean minds and make us fit dwelling places for His holy spirit. He has given us counsel as to the education of our youth, and He has given us our wide medical programme that brings relief to thousands throughout the world. The spiritual paths that we should follow have been outlined for us. While the Spirit of prophecy writings are not to take the place of the Word of God, yet from time to time they have helped us to glean new light and beauty from the truths of the Bible.

To study the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy, jointly, is a joy and delight which will enrich the life as no other means of study could ever do. And now, as we near the end of time, we can look back with thanksgiving for the way God has led and directed through His counsel to the church in these writings. But at this time more than ever before, we need to study diligently the counsel that He has given to us and apply it in a special way to our own lives as we plan for the finishing of His work. We must make sure that we are measuring up to the standards God has set for us. Has sin been eradicated from our lives entirely? Are we following His blueprint in every phase of our activity, so that His work may be completed on time?

May God, through this year, lead us into deeper study, not only of the Bible, but of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy that He has given to us as a church. May we as church members search the pages diligently that we may know what God requires of us. I am sure that all of you, with me, value the writings of the Spirit of prophecy as we value no other book, outside of the Bible. We do not want them to take the place of the Bible, but they can be a handbook for a better understanding of the precious truths that God has given us, they can enrich our lives and help us to reach the standard that He wants us to obtain before He takes us in through the gates into the kingdom that He has gone to prepare for us. How good God has been. Let us show our appreciation by heeding His counsel and becoming better acquainted with the writings of the prophet of God in our private devotion and study.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE FOR THE CHURCH IN THESE LAST DAYS

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TO AN individual or to a people it is always gratifying to know that God has a special regard for them and that He has singled them out from all other peoples of the earth for a specific task. In order to prepare a people for a special task God gave spiritual guidance that they might measure up to their responsibilities. When God desired to lead Israel out of slavery to the land that He had promised to their forefathers, He chose a prophet to not only lead them into the promised land but to instruct them in the spiritual paths necessary to prepare them for citizenship in that land. It was a long process as much had to be eradicated from their lives and from their thinking after spending so many decades in slavery. But it is inspiring to read the constant instruction that Moses gave to them in order to bring them into harmony with the law of God. Only by following this instruction and by living up

to the standards which God desired could they shoulder the responsibilities that He wished to place upon them as a nation representing the true and the living God.

In these last days God has also shown a special regard for the people that he would lead into the Heavenly Canaan by giving to the Remnant church a prophet to counsel and guide and direct. As we study and meditate on the wide counsel that has been given to us through the writings of the Spirit of prophecy we can see how very good God has been to us. He has brought us out of confusion and darkness into the marvellous light of this truth. He has directed our paths into a world-wide programme of preparing a people to meet God. Through the writings of the Spirit of prophecy He has shown us the moral standards that we should reach. We have been given instruction on how to care for our bodies and live up to that standard

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY AND OUR MEDICAL WORK

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THE world is sick, and wherever the children of men dwell, suffering abounds. In all lands, notwithstanding the advancement of medical and surgical science, sickness and disease are increasing. The "great white plague" takes its tens of thousands; degenerative and malignant diseases exact their heavy toll; and many lesser complaints undermine the physical constitution and sap the strength. On every hand mankind is seeking relief from pain and sickness.

It is not the Creator's purpose that the human family should be weighed down with a burden of pain; that his activities should be curtailed by illness, that his strength wane and his life be cut short by disease. But all too frequently the laws established by God to govern the life and emphasized by the Spirit of prophecy, are flagrantly transgressed; sin enters the heart, and man loses sight of his dependence upon God, the source of life and health. Then follow the penalties of transgression—pain, sickness, and death.

To understand the physical laws governing the body and to bring the life practice into harmony with these laws is a duty of first importance. There is need for an understanding of the many factors contributing to true happiness—a cheerful home, obedience to the laws of life, proper relationship to our fellow-men. When sickness comes, it is essential that we employ the varied agencies which, in co-operation with nature's efforts, will build up the body and restore the health. There is also a larger and more vitally important question, that of our relationship to the Creator, who originally gave man his life, who made every provision for his continued happiness, and who is interested in his welfare.

From the early days of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the importance of living in harmony

with the principles that make for health has been prominently featured in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy.

In August, 1864, a 32-page article entitled, "Health," was written and published by Mrs. E. G. White. This was the first comprehensive treatise on the subject found in any Seventh-day Adventist publication. This article brought to view the present widespread condition of sickness, disease, and deformity in the human race, and pointed out that the cause could be traced back to disregard for the laws of health. Since the fall of man, she stated, there has been a

violation of the laws of health by the human family, with the result that disease has been steadily increasing. The cause has been followed by the effect. The prevalence of perverted appetite was traced through Bible history, with reference to the antediluvians, to the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah, to the attempted diet reform when the children of Israel were in the wilderness, with their rebellion against it, and to the story of Nadab and Abihu as illustrating the results of intemperance. Emphasis was laid upon the express command against the use of swine's flesh. The evils of present-day indulgence in liquor and tobacco were vividly portrayed, and the stimulating effects of tea and coffee were pointed out.

From this small beginning our present world-wide health programme originated, and all under the direction of the Holy Spirit as revealed through the writings of Mrs. E. G. White.

PUBLISHING PROPHETICALLY PLANNED

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THE birth of the Publishing department traces back to the Spirit of prophecy. Before ever there was a church, conference, or mission organization the Lord's messenger said, "You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 1.

Later there came this counsel, "As long as probation continues there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 11.

The first statement has been abundantly fulfilled, and we have faith to believe and evidence on which to base our faith, that the latter will yet meet its complete fulfilment.

From its beginning clear through to its consummation the publishing work is based on the positive instruction of the prophetic gift to

this movement. All through the years when a crisis would arise the Spirit of prophecy would point the way out of the difficulty and when the counsel was followed prosperity invariably resulted.

The work which began just about a hundred years ago with a small edition of a paper which was carried to the post in a carpet bag, has grown into a mighty stream of literature pouring forth from some forty publishing houses strategically situated around the world.

If the pages of the literature published in the year 1954 were placed end to end and side by side it would form a band of paper clear round the world at least three feet wide. In value this amounted to over Rs. 80,952,381-10.

And since the work began the paper used would cover a street over thirty yards wide belting the entire earth, and valued at the sum of Rs. 1,274,391,407-5.

BIBLE STUDY

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

1. The remnant church will keep the commandments and will have the testimony of Jesus. Rev. 12:17.
2. The testimony of Jesus is stated to be the Spirit of prophecy. Rev. 19:10.
3. Since the fall of man God has revealed His will through the prophets. Hosea 12:10.
4. The tests of a true prophet are set forth in the Word of God.
 - a. The prophecy will come to pass if genuine. Deut. 18:22.
 - b. True prophecy will always be in harmony with the law of God. Isa. 8:20.
 - c. The fruits of the prophetic message will determine their genuineness. Matt. 7:20.
 - d. The prophecy will testify of the virgin birth, sinless life, vicarious death, victorious resurrection and glorious second coming of Christ. 1 John 4:23.
5. Prophecy was among the special gifts which Christ gave to His church. Eph. 4:8-11.
6. This gift of prophecy was to operate until Christ's return the second time. Eph. 4:12, 13; 1 Cor. 1:6-8.
7. The gift of prophecy is to characterize the remnant church. Rev. 12:17; 19:10.
8. Spiritual refreshing was promised to fulfil the latter rain prophecy. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:16, 17.
9. The Bible warns God's people against despising or rejecting this essential gift. 1 Thess. 5:20, 21; Eph. 4:30.
10. God has promised prosperity to His church for showing confidence in the gift of prophecy. 2 Chron. 20:20.

—J. F. Ashlock.

This is a startling figure and points to success in money value, but that is only part of the picture. Through the influence of this truth-filled literature, directly and indirectly, thousands of souls have found their way into the fold of salvation.

Many years ago the servant of the Lord declared: "Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word."—*Christian Service*, p. 146.

Rob this movement of its literature and where would it be? Where would our evangelists be without it?

"The press is a powerful instrumentality which God has ordained to be combined with the energies of

the living preacher."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 100.

A new emphasis has been placed on the tie-up between the publishing interests and the overall plan of evangelism which has meant much to our literature evangelists and has already greatly improved the soul-winning value of our books and papers.

Consistent follow-up work has made the literature ministry more effective, and this in turn has been of great benefit to the minister in souls baptizing into the truth.

An elderly minister was baptizing as many people into the truth each year as the outstanding younger evangelists. The secret was discovered in his refusal to work in a given

area unless he had two or three literature evangelists working with him. He followed their contacts and obtained many a decision.

If only all our evangelists would follow the divine blue print in this matter how many more souls would be won!

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the word in our books and periodicals."—*Ibid*, p. 145.

One day an elderly brother over seventy years of age, went out selling magazines in a large city. A Greek lady subscribed for *Life and Health* and requested the worker to return in the evening and explain *Bible Readings for the Home Circle* to her husband. A sale and studies in the home resulted in the whole family accepting the truth and the father becoming a successful literature-evangelist. Yes, our literature wins souls. There was no mistake in the counsel given through the Spirit of prophecy.

"In a large degree through our Publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 140.

From its beginning to its consummation in a blaze of glory at the close of probation, literature has, and will, play a sacred role in giving the gospel to a perishing world.

OTHERS HAVE SAID

Life lived just to satisfy yourself never satisfies anybody.

—*Information*.

A man devoid of religion is like a horse without a bridle.

—*Biblical Recorder*.

There is no security that is greater than the knowledge that one is doing the right thing.

—*D. Kenneth Winebrenner*.

Opportunity does not only knock once in this life. Life has a great many doors, and if we don't hear the knock on one, we may hear it on another—if we listen and do not put our fingers in our ears like sulky children.

—*Woman's Weekly*.

"WHAT THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY MEANS TO ME"



THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BRINGS JOY, COMFORT AND INSPIRATION

IT IS my desire to share with the readers of the SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS my convictions and experiences as to the gift of prophecy in the Remnant Church, as manifested in Mrs. Ellen G. White.

The way I was led to accept the doctrine of the Spirit of prophecy was very simple but somewhat different from the usual way. My attention having been called to the Sabbath by Brother G. C. Joseph, now a worker on sustentation, I desired to know more about Adventist doctrines. So I joined the South India Training School, now known as Spicer Memorial College. While there I took from the school library the book *The Great Controversy*. I knew nothing about its author and read it simply for my spiritual edification. The joy, comfort and inspiration that came into my soul through the perusal of this book made me think very highly of the Christian experience of the author. When I expressed this regard of mine for the author to one of the old college students, he said that the author was a prophetess. I said to him, "No wonder she writes so well!" The sanctifying influence of this book convinced me beyond a shadow of doubt that the author was indeed a prophetess.

The blessings I have experienced in my personal life and in my ministry from the study and the use of the messages of the pen of inspiration are countless. Some of the obscure passages of the Bible that perplexed me for years were made clear to me by these books. As a commentary her works are very practical and better

than the best of other commentaries. They enrich one's Christian experience and deepen one's knowledge of the Scriptures.

No Adventist minister need be an uninteresting speaker if he makes a wise use of the Spirit of prophecy. People will listen spell-bound to its messages. The Adventist evangelist who is not intimately acquainted with the book *Evangelism* written by Ellen G. White, suffers a world of loss. There is power, authority, and interest in the messages of the Adventist preacher who is not ashamed of the Spirit of prophecy. It is next to the Bible to me. I love it.

—G. ISAIAH.



THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY STRENGTHENS MY COURAGE AND FAITH

THE Spirit of prophecy is a real blessing to me and my home. When I feel discouraged and blue I read the Spirit of prophecy, and my courage and faith returns stronger than before.

In my church and evangelistic work the Spirit of prophecy has been my guide. Every time I read, it renews my faith. More than anything else, it helps me to become a better Christian which I so earnestly desire to be. I am so happy that I belong to the Remnant Church which has the Spirit of prophecy.

—M. D. MOSES.



THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY HELPS IN MY STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES

THE Spirit of prophecy has been a great help to me in my study and

understanding of the Scriptures. I believe it would be a great help to all those who desire to understand the Word of God since it does make plain many texts which it would be difficult to understand without this valuable help. Especially is this true in respect to the books of Daniel and The Revelation as they have much to say regarding the future and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On one occasion I travelled with a preacher of another church who was astonished at my knowledge of the messages of Daniel and The Revelation. He did not understand how I could present to him so clearly the true teachings regarding the second coming, the judgment and the new earth. So he asked where I had studied about these things. I was glad to explain to him how the Spirit of prophecy writings had helped me. He then desired some of these books to read for himself. Since the Spirit of prophecy helps us to understand the Bible, the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy should be studied together.

—THRA PETER.



THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY SIMPLIFIES THE STEPS TO HEAVEN

IN THE tension of these tumultuous times it is refreshingly sweet to have the Holy Scriptures that point us to a life of bliss hereafter and also make our lives radiantly happy on earth. It is unfortunate, however, that some Christians should have left the unerring, well-defined way of the Bible and followed paths that have brought humanity to a dismal state of living. How glad we are that at a time like this we have the writings of the Spirit of prophecy which help to trace for us the God-planned way of life and divert us from man-made tracks and thus lead us back to God's Holy Word. There we find the simple steps which take us to Christ and heaven. May we with unwavering faith, step on to this infinitely sweeter way of life that will lead us on to the celestial city.

—BERNARD PINCHE.



NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION*President:* T. R. Torkelson*Secretary-Treasurer:* L. E. Allen*Office Address:* 23 Curzon Road, New Delhi**RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE NORTHWEST UNION**

T. R. TORKELSON

READERS of the "TIDINGS" will be interested to know of the recent developments in the work in Northwestern India, especially since the re-organization of the field at the time of the last year-end Division session.

At that time a new church organization was created out of a part of the territory of the former Northwestern India Union. It now presents its news separately to "TIDINGS" readers under the heading of "Bombay State Section." With Bombay separated from the territory of the Union, it became necessary to select another site for our headquarters. The place chosen was Delhi. The move has already taken place and now the functions of the Union office are being carried on normally from there. Pastor L. E. Allen, who for many years has been connected with the work in Northwestern India, is the secretary-treasurer.

A new staff of departmental leaders has also been chosen. Pastor I. M. Chand is the Voice of Prophecy secretary; and Mr. C. H. Tidwell, principal of Roorkee High School, is Educational and M. V. secretary. Pastor C. R. Holford, who is now on furlough, is to be the Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary upon his return this summer. Mr. L. D. Paul, who has been leading the colporteur forces in two of the local sections for the past two years, is to carry the union Publishing department as well, in an acting capacity.

Doctors Bazziel, who have been on an overseas programme of advanced study, returned to India in February, and are now busy getting the Simla medical work going again. Dr. I. R. Bazziel is the Medical secretary for the Union, as well as the Director of the Simla Sanitarium and Hospital.

In addition to the Roorkee High

School, there is another boarding school in the Union, located at Hapur. Pastor B. M. Shad is the principal there. Both these schools have just reported a profitable Week of Prayer, with Pastor W. H. Mattison leading out at Roorkee, and Mr. C. A. Chacko at Hapur.

There are three local sections within the Union as it is organized at present. The Central India section, with headquarters at Nagpur, is under the direction of Pastor M. D. Moses. The North India Section, with its headquarters at Jullunder, is under the leadership of Pastor W. H. Mattison. In between these two comes the Upper Ganges section, which at present is being administered from Delhi by Pastor S. P. Vitrano, who is acting president along with his duties as Union evangelist.

Negotiations are still going on for the purchase of a piece of property for Union headquarters in Delhi. It is hoped that this work may be finalized soon and the offices moved to church-owned premises.

**OUR
DIVINE
DIRECTION
FINDER
ERNEST LLOYD**

THERE is an old picture of a dark, stormy night, and a traveller on horse-back standing up in the stirrups at a crossing of the road, trying to read the directions on the guide post. His face is full of eagerness. You can see him holding the lighted match carefully in his hand lest the wind blow it out

before he has read the directions. It was a good thing for him that there were directions, and it is a good thing that we have them too. Where are our directions? They are in the Book that is too often neglected in these days.

A Bible colporteur called at a home and asked the lady if she had a Bible. "Do you think I am a heathen? Of course I have a Bible," she replied. Then she sent her daughter to bring the Bible. After some searching it was brought. On opening the Book, the woman of the house said, "Well, I am glad you called. Here are my glasses, which I lost several months ago and never could find." How sad it is that in millions of homes the Bible, though it may be found, is seldom opened.

"And in their home there is a Book
With pages seldom turned,
Whose messages of truth and hope
Are still by them unlearned—
The Book that tells of Him who came
To earth that we might know
The beauty of a sinless life,
Lived here so long ago.

"'Tis sad they do not really know
This man of Galilee,
Who healed the lame, the blind, the deaf,
Beside the sapphire sea!
And still they read and laugh and cry
O'er stories of the hour,
And let the Book, dust covered lie
Unopened in its power."

Blessed is the man, the woman, who keeps close to the Bible. We are living in perilous days, in days of lawlessness, perplexity, and fear. We have long been forewarned of them by the prophetic pages of the Book, particularly certain pages of the New Testament. Can any thoughtful man or woman help feeling serious now? Little that is human will abide the coming ordeal. How thankful we should be for the living and abiding Word of God! Let us consult it often and treasure its guiding counsel, and thus prepare ourselves for all eventualities, and for the glorious things promised the faithful children of God.—*Review and Herald*.

Brotherhood is as nothing when it is expressed exclusively in words; it is as everything when it is expressed in deeds.—*Missions*.

Yesterday sleeps; tomorrow sleeps. Only today is awake and we ought to be awake with it.—*Archibald Rutledge*.

Introduction:

1. God's picture of the kind of men and women He intends to take into His eternal kingdom is clear-cut and unblurred. He knows what type of person He can trust to maintain the principles of His government and never again rebel against His loving authority. Through every means at His command He is working to bring His people to that perfection of character. But perfection does not come suddenly. It is a growing experience. Sister White speaks of it this way:

a. "You have watched the rising sun, and the gradual break of day over earth and sky. Little by little the dawn increases, till the sun appears; then the light grows constantly stronger and clearer until the full glory of noontide is reached. This is a beautiful illustration of what God desires to do for His children in perfecting their Christian experience. As we walk day by day in the light He sends us, in willing obedience to all His requirements, our experience grows and broadens until we reach the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus."—*Messengers to Young People*, p. 15.

b. "Self-denial, self-sacrifice, benevolence, kindness, love, patience, fortitude, and Christian trust are the daily fruits borne by those who are truly connected with God."—*The Sanctified Life*, p. 10. (Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Matthew 5:48.) These are the characteristics God is trying to develop in each of His professed children.

2. Character must be developed in God's way. For man to follow his own pattern of growth is disastrous.

a. The Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know about the plan of salvation, and leads us to accept the plan and apply it in our own lives. He convicts of sin and glorifies Christ as the deliverer from sin. (John 14:26; 16:13-15.)

b. The Holy Spirit works largely by means of the revelations given through the prophets. It is He who through the ages has moved God's spokesmen to speak and write as they have (2 Peter 1:21). It is He who has applied the messages of the prophets to individual lives, and worked out in behalf of the indi-

vidual the salvation Christ has provided for all.

(1) The Bible is the primary means through which this work has been accomplished. It is the message of the prophets in the written Word, portraying the life, and power, and salvation of the living Word—Christ Himself.

(2) In the last days, as was clearly predicted in the Bible, God has given another manifestation of the gift of prophecy—through the ministry of Ellen G. White. Seventh-day Adventists recognize this demonstration as a part of God's plan for leading men and women to a full knowledge of Bible truth and helping them apply its principles to their lives in making preparation for the soon-coming kingdom.

3. Paul included both of these manifestations of the Spirit of prophecy—he calls it "the testimony of Christ"—in speaking of making preparation to be "blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:4-8 (Read)

a. Note that they were enriched "in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as [or to the extent that] the testimony of Christ was confirmed" in them. They grew spiritually to the extent that the messages of God through the prophets were established in their minds.

b. These declarations were made with the people in mind who



were "waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul's desire for them was that they should come behind in none of the gifts Christ had placed in the church.

4. What is the place of this last-day manifestation of the gift of prophecy in the church? "As the end draws near and the work of giving the last warning to the world extends, it becomes more important for those who accept present truth to have a clear understanding of the nature and influence of the *Testimonies* (Generally speaking, the word "testimonies" as used in this sermon

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refers to any or all of the Ellen G. White writings, and not simply to the nine volumes of *Testimonies for the Church*.) which God in His providence has linked with the work of the third angel's message from its very rise."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 654.

5. The writings of Ellen G. White are one means God is using to lead us into the kind of spiritual experience essential for those preparing for entrance into the kingdom of God.

Rightful Place of the Spirit of Prophecy Writings

Here is a brief summary in the words of Mrs. White of what God intends the place of the Spirit of prophecy writings to be.

"You are not familiar with the Scriptures. If you had made God's Word your study, with a desire to reach the Bible standard and attain to Christian perfection, you would not have needed the *Testimonies*. It is because you have neglected to acquaint yourselves with God's inspired Book that He has sought to reach you by simple, direct testimonies, calling your attention to the words of inspiration which you had neglected to obey, and urging you to fashion your lives in accordance with its pure and elevated teachings. . . . Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the *Testimonies* simplified the great truths already given, and in His own chosen way brought them before the people to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse. . . . The *Testimonies* are not to belittle the Word of God,

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but to exalt it and attract minds to it, that the beautiful simplicity of truth may impress all."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 665.

Three principal purposes of the Testimonies are given: (1) to exalt and call attention to the Bible, (2) to simplify great Bible truths, (3) to urge us and help us to apply Bible principles in fashioning our lives.

1. *To call attention to the Bible.* From the very beginning to the close of the ministry of Ellen White she sought not to call attention to her own writings, but through them to focus minds on the Bible. Her keynote ever was: "I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice. By that Word we are to be judged."—*Experience and Views*, p. 64.

Every page of the writings must be allowed to direct our minds to some phase of Bible truth. Every time a portion is studied, the thinking of the student should be urged on to deeper Bible study. The last-day Spirit of prophecy writings cannot be separated for a moment from the Bible. If one would have them occupy their rightful place in his life, he must permit them to turn his thinking to the Word of God as the rule of his faith and practice.

2. *To simplify great Bible truths.* After millenniums of the inroads of sin on men's minds, and gross neglect of the Bible, human thinking is so out of harmony with God's thinking that it is difficult, if not impossible, for many to grasp some of the simplest of Bible truths. Erroneous teachings are so widespread, and confusion regarding spiritual matters is so general, even though nearly all

men have access to the same Bible, that the Lord has graciously given the Spirit of prophecy writings to serve as a guide that we might discover from the Bible what is truth. Here are some examples:

Few definitions or descriptions make *prayer* seem so simple and so real as do these words of Ellen White: "Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 97. Who can misunderstand or fail to grasp such a simple but sufficient definition?

Many learned discussions have failed to result in producing satisfactory definitions of *faith*. But the Lord has given, among others, one that is simple and understandable in *Education*, page 253. "Faith is trusting God, believing that He loves us, and knows best what is for our good."

The meaning of *sanctification* is clearly set forth in *Life Sketches*, page 237. Sanctification is "daily dying to self and daily conformity to the will of God." It is simply a matter of setting our own will and wishes aside when they conflict with the will of God, and doing what He wants us to do rather than what we might naturally choose. This practice may be followed until, in the words of Sister White, "if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to



His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 668.

3. *To urge us and help us to apply Bible principles in fashioning our lives.* It is not enough to turn one's attention to the learning of Bible truth, nor is it sufficient to grasp the meaning of the simple explanations given in the writings of Ellen White. We need to know how to apply these principles to our daily living. A little later we shall notice how the writings help us to apply the principles of truth so that they become a part of our character.

Danger of Indifference

No message that our God has sent to us is unessential. That being the case, serious attention should be given to all the counsel and instruction He has provided for us.

1. It is not necessary for us consciously to set aside instruction in order to reject light. "To disregard light is to reject it."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 680. If one fails to put into practice in his life instruction that applies to him, he is as truly rejecting light as though he turned away from it altogether and bitterly opposed both the messenger and the message.

2. The most serious consequence of indifference to light is this: Through light sent from heaven it is God's plan to lead us into His kingdom. He has made no other plan for our guidance. If we ignore the light He has sent, what more can He do?

a. "The Testimonies of the Spirit of God are given to direct men to His Word, which has been neglected. Now if their messages are not heeded, the Holy Spirit is shut away from the soul. What further means has God in reserve to reach the erring ones, and show them their true condition?"—*Notebook Leaflets*, Vol. 1, No. 22, pp. 1, 2.

b. In *Testimonies*, Volume 8, p. 298, it is stated: "Perilous times are before us. Everyone who has a knowledge of the truth should awake and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armour of God. We must follow the directions given through the Spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His Word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?"

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What the Messages of the Books Can Do for Us Today

The moment we willingly allow the messages of God to occupy their rightful place in our thinking, God is able to work mightily to use them to bring about a transformation in our lives and give us a series of uninterrupted victories. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 679.)

1. To the unconverted heart the achievement of the kind of character portrayed in the Bible as required of the Christian appears to be an utter impossibility. Even the converted man cannot fully grasp the idea that God can actually perfect his character. That the life of every Christian may bear the full fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (self-control)—seems incredible. Yet it is not only a possibility but a distinct necessity for the ones who will enter the kingdom of God.

2. The writings of Ellen G. White are intended by God to guide us in developing these characteristics. We shall notice only two of them briefly.

a. *Love*. The supreme mark of identification of one possessed of the Spirit is love. (Read John 13:35; Matthew 22:37-39.) What is there in the Ellen G. White writings that will help us to know how to experience this first and most conspicuous trait of Christian character?

First, the need is forcefully pointed out. "No matter how high the profession, he whose heart is not filled with love for God and his fellowmen, is not a true disciple of Christ."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 318. Next, we are told how love comes into the life. "As they feed upon His Word, they find that it is spirit and life. The Word destroys the natural, earthly nature, and imparts a new life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to the soul as a Comforter. By the transforming agency of His grace, the image of God is reproduced in the disciple; he becomes a new creature. Love takes the place of hatred, and the heart receives the divine similitude. This is what it means to live 'by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'"—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 391.

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E. G. WHITE PUBLICATIONS

Every now and then some one says, "We do not know what Spirit of prophecy books you have in the Publishing House." We have tried to supply information of our stock through the pages of the "Tidings" from time to time but it may be you have missed this.

Herewith we present you with a complete list of stock on hand. This list covers only Mrs. White's publications. Any book that is not listed here can be ordered for you and if it comes by mail it will now take over two months for the book to reach you.

Please look over your needs and place your order with your book depot. Thank you.—O. A. Skau.

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Counsels to Parents*	34	13- 1	10	17-13
Counsels on Stewardship*	10	9- 8	1	13- 1
Education*	44	9- 8	10	13- 1
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MAINTAINING THE SPIRITUAL GLOW

HARRY M. TIPPETT

"Listen—it is the Eternal speaking—be not too proud to hearken; do honour to the Eternal, to your God, before the darkness falls, before your footsteps stumble on the twilight hills, before the gleam you look for turns to a dead glow." Jer. 13:15, 16.*

In his spiritual autobiography the poet Dante described himself as being in a dark forest, apparently lost.

"I found me in a gloomy wood, astray."

He saw that the way out of spiritual gloom, then as now, was in the upward look. Suddenly coming to the base of a sunlit mountain, he got a glimpse of the vision splendid and in allegorical figure wrote:

"I looked aloft, and saw his shoulders broad

Already vested in that planet's beam

Who leads all wanderers safe through every way."

The hill, of course, was the life he fain would live. It was steep and difficult, but led out of the valley mists and gloomy entanglements of the wood into the light of the hilltop illumined by the Sun of righteousness. The poet then described the dangers that beset his journey: first, a panther, symbol of youthful lust, which he drove away; then the lion of the pride of successful manhood overtook him and nearly vanquished him; finally, when the zenith of the hill came into sight, a lean wolf, suggestive of avarice, the sin of advancing age, appears. But he held true to his vision and emerged triumphant.

The spiritual gleam that lures us on is not always to be found in a blinding flash of light such as struck Paul down on his way to Damascus. It must be sought in the means of grace God gives us, for there must be a guiding star of hope and inspiration in every life that aspires to measure up to what God requires of His followers.

Nothing is sadder in one's experience than when he loses the glow of the eternal out of his heart. For when one has lost that gleam, all the roads of life are lonely, and the shadows take a heavy toll of courage. Daily tasks become wearisome, and their routine is unrelieved by hope. Unless the light breaks through, the march of years will inevitably touch with gray those symbols of faith that once shone with glory.

It is so easy to lose the spiritual glow that suffused our hearts in our first experiences with God. And when the preacher has lost it, his sermons are arid rhetorical wastes. When the statesman has lost it, the nation he serves bends its neck to new burdens. When the toiler has lost it, his toil is fretful and prodigal of strength. When duty has lost it, the paths of life are flinty and cut our feet. When love has lost it, the heart can never soar again, and time becomes what Carlyle describes as "Only a little space between two eternities."

But when the light of God's holiness shines on the eternal hills, beckoning us on, no matter how many battles we lose, we shall win the war, for our faces will be ever forward.—*Review and Herald*.

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In the *Index* to the Writings of E. G. White there are more than twenty columns of references to the subject of love, many of them pointing out how love may be made a growing part of our character.

b. *Self-Control* (temperance). As the word temperance is used in the inventory of characteristics

making up the fruit of the Spirit, its primary thought is the broad one of self-control.

"The highest evidence of nobility in a Christian is self-control."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 301. "No other victory we can gain will be so precious as the victory gained over self."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 475. "The real greatness of the man is measured by the power of the feelings that he controls, not by those that control him."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 568.

These simple suggestions from *Gospel Workers*, page 475 will help you. "We are to live, not to guard our feelings or our reputation, but to save souls. As we become interested in the salvation of souls, we cease to mind the little differences that so often arise in our association with one another. Whatever others may think of us, it need not disturb our oneness with Christ, the fellowship of the Spirit. . . . Do not retaliate. So far as you can do so, remove all cause for misapprehension."

Are you sometimes tempted to give way to discouragement? "If you do not feel light-hearted and joyous, do not talk of your feelings. . . . Instead of thinking of your discouragements, think of the power you can claim in Christ's name. Let your imagination take hold upon things unseen. Let your thoughts be directed to the evidences of the great love of God for you. . . . Then talk of the promises; talk of Jesus' willingness to bless. He does not forget us for one brief moment."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 478.

Similar practical, workable suggestions for putting God's great principles of life to work in your own experience will be found in connec-

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tion with every phase of your daily experience. This is God's way of helping you to make daily preparation for the kingdom.

Conclusion and Appeal

1. The Ellen G. White writings do not present something new and different in spiritual thinking or Christian standards. They are Bible truth simplified and brought to bear on practical problems of today's living.

2. They leave us without excuse for failing to grasp and apply Bible principles. "Additional truth is not brought out; but God has through the Testimonies simplified the great truths already given and in His own chosen way brought them before the people, to awaken and impress the mind with them, that all may be left without excuse."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 665.

3. They wall us in to keep us from neglecting or rejecting God's counsel. "As the Word of God is walled in with these books and pamphlets, so has God walled you in with reproofs, counsel, warnings, and encouragements."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 666.

4. It is not necessary to tear down the wall to destroy its effectiveness. We need only to refuse to accept its protection. But in these days we need all the advantage that God can give us in our battle with the enemy.

After reading the nine volumes of the *Testimonies for the Church*, one said, "The blessing I got out of that reading leads me to think of my life as 'before I read the Testimonies through,' and 'since I did.' The overall picture I got has meant much to me. I was impressed with the perfect timeliness of the writings. I was greatly impressed with the good sense, business judgment and acumen, balance, reasonableness, wholesomeness, and encouragement in them. I found no fanaticism, no extremes, no morbidity. I found psychological, and even scientific and medical information that anticipated the best in modern thought and faithfully warned against the peculiar evils of the age.

"I am repeating that reading. If every professed Seventh-day Adventist did such reading, in simple faith, I do not see how there could be any apostasies, offshoots, or fanatic parties within us, or 'new

light' upsetting confidence."

Results like this can be accomplished because these writings tie men and women to the Scriptures.

5. Today is the day to decide to begin reading according to some simple plan, such as the one suggested for reading the Testimonies, or Testimony Treasures. It may be you will want to read the Character

Classics, or the Health Classics.

a. God wants us to use what He has put in our hands. If we leave our books on the shelf, are we not in practice rejecting the counsel by ignoring it?

b. How many will determine and pledge today to begin to read the precious Spirit of prophecy books? (Call attention to Spirit of prophecy books)

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HOW I PROVED THE LORD

J. JAPAGNANAM

A FEW weeks back I went to conduct an Institute for the Jowai Training School. After the Institute I went along with the Lushai boys to start them out in Silchar. We reached there safely and started out in our work in the first day, but we did not get anything. We were a bit discouraged, but we started out again on the second day. That day also, we were not able to get even one anna. I was a little discouraged and the boys' hotel bills were going up, so I asked them to go to Aijal and I would spend the next two days canvassing. I told them that if I made any sales I would send the amounts in their favour to the book depot. The boys, according to my instructions, packed up everything and off they went on the third day.

After sending the boys away, I took my Bible for my evening worship. When I opened it casually my eyes fell on the 6th chapter of Judges wherein the beautiful story of Gideon is mentioned. I read the first few verses and I was very much interested. I came to the place where the Lord told Gideon, "Go in thy might, thou mighty man of valour." Then I kept on reading the chapter till I came to the experience of Gideon, how he proved the Lord with the fleece.

After reading the Bible I knelt down and prayed and told the Lord that I fully believed He had called Gideon to lead out the children of

Israel against the Midianites. Also that if I made a sale in the first house that I would go to in the morning I would definitely believe that the Lord had called me. So next morning I went out early with a bag full of books and as I went along I felt that someone was going along by my side. Several times I looked back to see if anyone was following me. There was no other human being on the road on that cold morning. I went to a house which happened to be the house of the Additional Superintendent of Police, Silchar. I knocked at the door. The gentleman was still in his bed but on hearing my knock he came out in his night clothes to see who was knocking at the door so early in the morning. He greeted me and invited me to come in. Before I was half way through the canvass, he told me that he was not interested in the magazine but in some way or other he was impressed to give me something that morning. So he asked me the cost of the magazine for one year. I told him the price and immediately he went inside and brought me the amount. I then asked him whom I could see next. He told me to go and see the Superintendent of Police. I found this gentleman had bought practically all of our books, with the exception of *All about the Baby*. Before I left he had paid me the cash for this book.

I thoroughly enjoyed my work that day and I had a sale in every house I visited. That was the only day in my life that I had a one hundred per cent success in sales.

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For Youth Seeking Denominational Employment

WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATION?

LOUIS K. DICKSON

THE greatest need of the church is for men and women who are qualified for the finishing of God's work. Qualifications for service and for leadership in this final hour of God's cause are becoming more and more exacting. Those whom the Lord can use most effectively are the men and women who are chosen by Him not only because of training as ordinarily considered, but because of spiritual fitness for the great experiences that are to mark these final hours.

The question is often asked, particularly by the younger generation within our ranks, "Are the possibilities for denominational employment lessening today as compared to former years?" In answering this question we are constrained to say that nothing has transpired in these later years to change the possibilities and opportunities before our young people for entering the service of God. It is true that the numbers of graduates from our educational institutions are continually mounting, but we must remember also that God's cause is expanding and the needs are multiplying. Because of the high spiritual qualifications that the Lord has held out, it is becoming more and more difficult, regardless of the multiplication of numbers, to find well-qualified men and women after God's own order.

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Surely the Lord was with me that day, and as Gideon proved Him, even so I proved Him, and I am convinced that this Literature Evangelism is ordained of God and it must go forward under all circumstances.

IS SPIRITUAL FITNESS ASSUMED?

The consciousness of superiority in knowledge and material achievement has led dangerously to present-day claims to superiority in spiritual knowledge and achievement. We need to ponder well whether these two achievements have developed together in the lives of prospective workers, or whether spiritual fitness is but assumed. Until we reach out to scale greater heights in spiritual attainment, opportunities for denominational employment will seem to lessen. It is possible for one to have a fine equipment of material tools with which to do a work for God but hands too weak and trembling to use them. There is a significant meaning in Christ's own words to His disciples when He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

In these final days of triumph there must come into our work a

new resurgence of the old pioneer spirit. We need men and women who are fervent and zealous for the cause of God, as were the apostles of old and the pioneers of this message. We need a new vision of the possibilities and opportunities for superior service there are in the church of God. The lack of this vision alone is the reason for the seeming lack of opportunities and possibilities in this present hour.

We should realize more than we do the temporary nature of present opportunities. Soon the work will be finished. As never before, Satan is seeking to disintegrate and undermine our judgment to the point where we will not sense the great needs of the work. There is no question but that God does find some whom He can trust with great responsibilities. Undoubtedly He sees some who have the capacity for leadership, devotion, sacrifice, and consecration commensurate with the present hour.

We must now gird ourselves for the final battles of the Lord. No spiritual giants of the past shall surpass those of today. Think of the apostles, the martyrs, the great spiritual stalwarts of the past, as well as the founders of this message.

Were the apostles "able . . . to stand"? We shall be more able. Were the apostles "able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked"? We shall be more able. Were the apostles able to pull down the strongholds of the

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"IT BELONGS TO THE LORD"

C. R. Hills

A farm boy came into a Chinese city one day after the harvest season. He handed the pastor fifty cents and said, "This is my tithe. I have just sold my wheat for five dollars."

"But," said the minister, "that leaves you with only four dollars and fifty cents to live on."

"Yes, that is true," he replied, "but it belongs to the Lord, and I must not rob Him of His tenth."

A few weeks later this lad came in again and dropped twenty cents on the preacher's desk. He had earned two dollars, and determined that Jesus should have His share.

Are you faithful in returning to God His tenth of all your earnings?—"Review and Herald."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized churches	Membership Last Reported	Members Added			Members Dropped			Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers		Licensed Ministers		Credentialed Missionaries		Licensed Missionaries		Colporteurs		Other Workers		Total Workers		Tithe		Foreign Mission Offerings		Sabbath School Offerings		Contributions for Home Mission Work		Contributions for Local Church Work		No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Retail Book and Periodical Sales
			By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter		Missing	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.			
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Assam Mission	15	849	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	855	2	—	1	5	1	—	5	14	—	16	—	30	9	65	—	2,446-13	5,473- 7	2,848- 9	77- 4	—	—	30	1,455	—		
East India Mission	21	1,140	10	4	20	—	6	24	3	1,141	3	12	—	7	2	3	6	23	—	12	—	7	11	64	—	7,741-15	10,961- 1	2,262- 4	108-11	38- 8	27	1,572	—			
East Pakistan Mission	18	785	18	—	—	1	4	26	1	773	—	7	—	2	—	—	8	—	—	1	—	18	—	36	—	1,751- 2	2,905- 2	551- 2	7- 0	80- 8	30	1,469	—			
Himalayan-Andaman Mis.	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	3	2	—	156- 8	3- 5	314- 6	8- 1	51- 0	2	20	—			
Totals	55	2,786	34	4	21	4	32	25	3	2,781	6	19	1	14	3	3	11	47	1	30	—	55	23	167	—	12,096- 6	19,342-15	5,976- 5	201- 0	170- 0	89	4,516	—	—		
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION																																				
North India Mission	5	344	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	330	—	1	—	3	—	—	11	—	—	—	3	—	18	—	2,327- 3	1,886- 9	548- 3	—	—	53-14	26	1,242	—			
Upper Ganges Mission	14	570	1	—	—	—	—	18	—	557	4	4	1	3	1	—	9	26	—	1	—	6	14	41	—	4,221- 0	1,104-13	2,481-11	131- 8	273- 3	29	1,296	—			
Central India Mission	3	142	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	144	1	1	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	1	2	7	—	658- 1	79- 6	235- 12	5- 1	—	19	1,127	—			
Western India Mission	17	1,075	—	7	80	—	85	29	—	1,048	1	2	—	4	1	—	18	—	—	—	7	1	32	—	11,801- 6	6,802- 8	5,058- 5	246-14	466- 6	16	1,303	—				
Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	1	3	—	7	40	—	—	5	12	51	—	387- 8	5- 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Totals	39	2,131	1	7	86	—	85	61	—	2,079	9	12	1	13	5	—	17	97	—	2	—	22	29	149	—	19,395- 2	9,878- 4	8,323-15	383- 7	793- 7	90	4,968	—	—		
SOUTH INDIA UNION																																				
Kanarese Mission	8	454	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	449	1	1	—	3	—	—	1	6	—	4	—	13	2	27	—	3,022-12	40- 8	817- 1	279-12	96- 6	9	586	—			
Kerala Mission	37	1,572	9	1	2	6	1	3	—	1,574	10	—	13	—	19	—	1	—	—	7	—	22	—	64	—	2,669- 6	446- 4	823- 0	269- 5	—	74	2,845	—			
North Tamil Mission	13	617	8	—	1	—	—	—	—	621	—	6	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	7	—	8	2	24	—	2,931- 0	384-13	1,007- 0	—	—	14	659	—			
South Tamil Mission	32	1,418	36	—	7	6	—	3	—	1,452	—	5	—	7	—	—	8	—	—	9	—	11	—	40	—	3,728-14	295-14	704-13	88-11	—	45	1,472	—			
North Telugu Mission	35	2,032	1	9	10	10	2	9	—	2,031	—	4	—	10	—	1	8	—	—	6	—	12	—	41	—	5,174-11	324- 0	2,011-12	—	—	68	2,871	—			
South Telugu Mission	7	432	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	431	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	7	—	6	—	4	2	21	—	1,964- 7	31- 7	440- 6	10- 4	129- 6	22	1,011	—			
Union & Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	3	2	6	7	9	22	—	—	—	26	21	61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals	132	6,525	73	10	19	23	8	18	—	6,578	4	33	5	38	6	27	12	53	—	32	—	96	27	278	—	19,491- 2	1,522-14	5,804- 0	648- 0	225-12	232	9,444	—	—		
WEST PAKISTAN UNION																																				
Punjab Mission	11	996	28	—	—	—	—	1	—	1,024	—	4	—	3	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	11	—	26	—	5,679- 1	—	2,170- 4	—	—	50	2,960	—			
Union	4	127	1	—	7	—	1	9	—	125	5	5	—	2	8	4	17	14	—	7	—	8	30	40	—	3,916- 5	—	3,121-11	369- 1	2,356- 9	4	321	—			
Totals	15	1,123	29	—	7	—	1	10	—	1,149	5	9	—	5	8	4	17	22	—	7	—	19	30	66	—	9,595- 6	—	5,291-15	369- 1	2,356- 9	54	3,281	—	—		
RECAPITULATION																																				
Burma Union	26	1,852	5	86	21	8	3	16	36	1,901	4	11	1	10	3	3	11	42	—	3	—	52	19	121	—	14,794-11	2,492-14	5,501- 8	93- 8	647-13	49	2,036	—			
Ceylon Union	11	528	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	528	1	6	—	4	—	—	1	9	—	7	—	15	2	41	—	*	*	*	*	*	*	38	865	—		
Northeast Union	55	2,786	34	4	21	4	32	25	3	2,781	6	19	1	14	3	3	11	47	1	30	—	55	23	167	—	12,096- 6	19,342-15	5,976- 5	201- 0	170- 0	89	4,516	—			
Northwestern India Union	39	2,131	1	7	86	—	85	61	—	2,079	9	12	1	13	5	—	17	97	—	2	—	22	29	149	—	19,395- 2	9,878- 4	8,323-15	383- 7	793- 7	90	4,968	—			
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West Pakistan Union	15	1,123	29	—	7	—	1	10	—	1,149	5	9	—	5	8	4	17	22	—	7	—	19	30	66	—	9,595- 6	—	5,291-15	369- 1	2,356- 9	54	3,281	—			
Division and Division Institutions, Workers on Furlough and under Appointment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	4	1	2	20	9	56	13	—	—	—	111	104	139	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Division Totals	267	14,957	142	107	154	35	129	130	39	15,015	56	94	9	86	45	46	125	283	1	81	—	370	234	962	—	75,372-11	33,236-15	30,897-11	1,695- 0	4,193- 9	552	25,110	—	—		

* No Report

ADOPTED INTO THE HEAVENLY FAMILY

MARIAN P. ALLEN

A DEAR little Chinese baby became a source of worry to her parents because she was born on "an evil day." The soothsayer said that they must not try to bring her up. She would die, and misfortune would befall the whole family! There were two older children.

For one long month the mother, Mistress Leong, mourned and brooded over this dreadful curse. At last she summoned enough courage to hurry off to the Singapore newspaper office. There she tearfully begged them to advertise for a good home for tiny Thiam Chu. The headlines came out, "I love my baby, but I *must* give her away!"

The same day a pretentious-looking limousine drove up to the Leong home. The third wife of a wealthy sultan had come to see the baby. She immediately fell in love with Thiam Chu, and by another day had legally adopted her.

The sultan, away at the time, on being told of the child said, "I already have many children," but he was glad to give the baby his name. One duty remained for him when he returned home. He must pay to the Leongs the conventional good-luck gift. No one need ever again call Thiam Chu unlucky.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

How much like little Thiam Chu we all are; born into Satan's realm of sin, cursed from the beginning, "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, . . . having no hope, and without God in the world." Eph. 2:12. But Jesus steps in. He sees us condemned by the most deceitful of all soothsayers, fouled by lust or material advantages, and doomed to die. His heart of pity is opened to us. He loves us! He wants us! He pays the price! We are His, and the

Father gives us His name! Moreover, when He receives us we need never again fear the "curse," for "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12. Greater than electric power! Even greater than atomic power! The power to change sinners into saints and make them strong and enduring pillars in the Father's house!

Let us pray earnestly that our lives may be so animated by this power that we shall ever be kept under the blessing and guidance of Prince Emmanuel.—*Review and Herald*.

WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATION?

(Continued from p. 13.)

enemy? We shall be able to crush them earlier and more surely.

God is now choosing men and women for these final triumphs. The spiritual qualifications are more definite and exact than at any other time in the history of the church. The endurance needed now is tremendous, as is the stamina for suffering and hardship, for courage and faith. God calls now for red-blooded men and women; none weak-kneed can qualify. The call today is to the highest type of courageous, spiritual living. Thank God these men and women are moving forward from our educational institutions and churches.

Of the youth of this generation the messenger of the Lord has said: "The perils of the last days are upon us, and a trial is before the young which they have not anticipated. They are to be brought into most distressing perplexity. The genuineness of their faith will be proved."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 269.

FORTIFIED AGAINST THE ENEMY

In this hour of final preparation our hearts are to become fortified against the onslaughts of the enemy. Every triumph now will strengthen us against the greater attacks that Satan purposes to make upon us. Remember, we have been told by God's servant that the devil is "seeking for the usefulness or the life" of every child of God.

Then let us guard the avenues of our soul with the greatest of care, and fortify our lives by the entrance of that power against which Satan's assaults have always failed. We face a defeated but determined foe. We have nothing to fear while we are in complete surrender to God and wholly given to His revealed will for our lives.

God is calling for such lives in unprecedented numbers today. The cause of truth can use every such life qualified by the possession of God's Holy Spirit and trained for service. Our problem today is to find those who are willing to go to hard places and burn the bridges behind them—to remain on the altar of sacrifice and service until Christ releases them.

Yes, the call of this hour is for the uprising of youthful lives—that have been made powerful by the possession of Christ's Spirit. This is the supreme qualification, without which all other training is meaningless.—*Review and Herald*.

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Miscellany

● WE ARE happy to report the arrival of Doctor and Mrs. R. H. Dunn and children in Rangoon on March 15. Our believers in Southern Asia are well acquainted with Doctor and Mrs. Dunn who have served at Kalimpong, Karachi, and Surat. Doctor Dunn took post-graduate work while on furlough in America.

● DURING the time G. E. McWilliams, M.D. is on hill leave in Kodaikanal for the next few weeks, Doctor Carrie Robbins from the Karachi Hospital will be caring for her duties at Nuzvid.

● Miss Alice Franks of the Karachi Hospital is arriving in Bombay on March 15, en route to the Surat Hospital where she will do nursing work for the next few months until the arrival of Miss Christine Kruger. This assistance which Karachi is able to give the other institutions in the field is very much appreciated.

● PASTOR and Mrs. E. F. Buck left Pakistan on March 8 by car, planning to travel through the Middle East and Europe en route to the United States. The Bucks have spent six years at Vincent Hill School where their services have been much appreciated. During recent weeks Pastor Buck has been assisting with the Uplift work in Lahore. He also assisted Pastor McGee in a series of meetings in that city.

● ELDER W. A. Scharffenberg of the Temperance Department of the General Conference has been spending several days in the Bombay area, arranging for the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism. During this time he is also visiting the office at Poona and will address the students attending the Seminary Extension School in Spicer College.

● WE welcome to Southern Asia Doctor F. H. Yost and Elders M. K. Eckenroth and A. L. White. Doctor Yost has spent two weeks visiting our work and places of interest in Southern Asia, and also interviewing government officials and others interested in the calendar reform issue.

Elder White is spending the week-end of March 19 in Lahore and Chuharkana in special meetings designed to inspire our workers with regard to the writings of Mrs. E. G. White. The Seminary Extension School opens on Monday, March 21.

● A VOICE of Prophecy Rally, under the direction of Pastor A. E. Rawson, is now in session in Poona. All Voice of Prophecy secretaries and workers are attending these meetings in the committee room at the Division office.

● PASTOR W. L. Barclay will be leading out in a Home Missionary Council which opens in the Salisbury Park church on March 17. Home

them officially to Southern Asia.

● PASTOR and Mrs. A. R. Appel who have been living on the Estate at Poona are moving this week to 16 Club Road, Byculla, Bombay. Pastor A. R. Appel is the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Section, Bombay State.

● BROTHER L. J. Larson, editor of the *Oriental Watchman*, has just returned from furlough, and we welcome him back to the Salisbury Park Estate. Mrs. Larson who is teaching at the Washington Missionary College will follow later.

● DOCTOR and Mrs. R. E. Rothe, who were for several years at the Karachi Hospital and then have relieved in Rangoon, are transferring to Nuzvid for a few months to relieve Doctor John Oliver. Doctor and Mrs. Rothe and their two children will proceed on their furlough in the month of June.

● Miss Ruth White of the Surat Hospital left India on March 8 for a well-earned furlough. She will accompany the Buck family as they tour through the Middle East and Europe.

● LETTERS from Brethren Sorensen and Storz give us the news that 840 were baptized in the South India Union in 1954 and 480 in the Northeast India Union.

● BROTHER R. H. Brodersen who is here attending the Home Missionary Council reports that South India Uplift to date is just over the Rs. 39,000/- mark.

● BROTHER W. F. Storz writes that Pastor H. T. Burr has been asked to take over the leadership of the Assam Mission and Brother D. S. Laursen will be acting president of the East India Section. Brother I. R. Thomas has been appointed as principal of the Kunti School.

● BROTHER R. W. Shorter has accepted the invitation from the Bombay Section to take the leadership in the Educational and Missionary Volunteer departments in that field.

● PASTOR and Mrs. A. Fossey, returning to Southern Asia from furlough, sailed from New York on March 7 via England and are expected in Bombay on April 2.

—D. S. J.

A MIGHTY HELPER

N. P. Nielsen

When your load seems hard to carry,
And the path of life seems steep;

When the mountains rise above you,
And the valleys are so deep;

It is then you need a helper
And a friend to bear your load,

Someone who can lift your burdens
And assist you on the road.

There is One who will go with you
Through the dark and cheerless night,

One who never faints nor falters;
He can make your burdens light.

It is He who died for sinners;
He will guide you all the way.

Then, dear soul, give Him your burdens,
And your night will turn to day.

Missionary Department leaders in the local and union field will be in attendance.

● PASTOR J. W. Nixon, who arrived just recently with his family from Australia, is already attending institutes at Lasalgaon and in the Northwest at Agra. A special programme was given at the Salisbury Park Recreational Centre, on the evening of March 12, to welcome