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A Great and Effectual Door of Service Opens

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FOR many years there has been a growing conviction among the believers in the Northwestern part of India, and also in other sections, that a representative medical institution should be established in Delhi, the heart of the nation. Efforts were made from time to time to find a suitable location for such a hospital, but they were not successful.

Then came the Union constituency meeting in January, 1952, with Pastor A. F. Jessen as chairman of the Administrative Committee. Dr. Dunbar Smith presented a persuasive appeal to the constituency assembled, on the subject of Medical Evangelism. Other medical men and women were present and added weight to the opinions expressed on the need of a strong medical centre in Delhi. This item was not on the agenda, but a resolution was moved from the floor and was quickly seconded that study be given to this matter. A lively discussion followed which showed that not only the medical workers but all the delegates were impressed that some kind of medical work should be opened in Delhi. So the resolution was passed requesting "the Union Committee to make definite investigation with regard to plans for locating a medical institution in Delhi."

With this directive to guide them,

efforts were renewed to find a suitable location. Still nothing materialized.

Then came the year-end Division meeting of 1954. Again this item came before the members for discussion. Again an almost unanimous opinion seemed to indicate that something along medical lines must be started in Delhi. An action was passed stating that a favourable view was

taken to "establishing a modest medical unit in Delhi, with the view to carrying on a co-ordinated medical programme in Delhi and Simla." Also a sub-committee was appointed to make a survey of the possibilities and bring in a report to the Mid-year meeting.

The minutes of this meeting had scarcely been recorded when an op-



Pastor T. R. Torkelson signing the papers for the purchase of the land for the new hospital in Delhi. Pastors B. M. Shad and Faqir Chand are standing behind him.

portunity presented itself to the brethren in Delhi to purchase a plot of agricultural land in the rapidly developing area known as South Delhi Municipality. The plot consisted of nine acres and was situated at a place where the main road from the new Diplomatic Enclave to Palam International Airport is proposed to be laid down. Furthermore the State Government had no scheme for any hospital in that area. Land all around this plot was being bought up by prospective home-builders. It was evident to the brethren in Delhi that action must be taken quickly or the opportunity would be lost.

Then came the historic meeting of the Union Committee on April 5 of this year in New Delhi. Pastors O. O. Mattison and D. S. Johnson from Poona and Dr. G. A. Nelson from Karachi came. It seemed to all the members present that a decision of great importance had to be made that day—whether or not to purchase the land and thus launch the church into a medical programme in Delhi. Prayer for guidance was offered. It seemed that the committee was being urged forward in the matter faster than they dared to go. But responding to a definite compulsion that all felt an action was finally passed authorizing the purchase of the available land.

Since then, the purchase of the land has been completed, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in India is now the possessor for the first time in its history of property in Delhi—a nine-acre plot of land for medical work. Those who have been close to the situation as it has developed feel that a great and effectual door has been opened for service for the Master. Actual construction of the hospital will doubtless not begin for some time as the area of South Delhi is still undeveloped, but in due course a medical work, after God's own order, will be established at the national capital. The Northwest India Union wishes to express its appreciation to all sister Unions in the Division for their willingness to permit the Division resources and energies to be spent on this project at the centre for a time, with the hope that eventually its beneficent influence will be felt throughout the whole of India to the glory of God and the advancement of the cause.

DEAR TIDINGS FAMILY:

August 20, 1955 is our Christian Home and Family Altar Day and what a blessed privilege is ours to be able to devote this day to that which is nearest and dearest to all of us—our homes. I trust our field leaders and church pastors will make the most of this day in all our churches and companies and bring to the attention of our people the importance of developing better Christian homes throughout Southern Asia.

Our homes are the most important places on earth to each of us. Our children are heaven's most precious gift. God has given them to us to love, to train, and to protect from the evils of the world. We are to train them for avenues of service in the Lord's work here on the earth and eventually for a place in His home—heaven.

Let us make our home the happiest and most pleasant place on earth to our children. The sweetest type of home is where Jesus dwells continually. Therefore parents should see that Christ really abides there and is not just an occasional visitor.

Well prepared meals should be served in the home and it should be kept neat and clean. The children

should be taught to keep it this way. Let us ever remember that order is the first rule of heaven.

The home that is beautified by sympathy, loving kindness, and tenderness, is not only a home in which the children will find joy but a place where the angels of heaven will delight to dwell. Such a home glorifies our Father and our God.

An orderly home must have rules and we as parents will have to see that those rules are promptly obeyed. By teaching our children to obey the rules of the home they will learn to obey the laws of God. If our children learn to obey and respect their parents they will grow up loving and obeying the Great Father of all. Solomon says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." An obedient child is a happy child and how happy we as parents are when our children love and obey us. Let us guard carefully the future happiness and spiritual interests of our homes.

My earnest prayer is that every Adventist home in India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon may be an ideal Christian home. Let us work and pray and strive toward that goal.—
MRS. O. O. MATTISON.

FAMILY WORSHIP

EVERY family should rear its altar of prayer, realizing that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. If ever there was a time when every home should be a house of prayer it is now.

In the morning the Christian's first thought should be upon God. Worldly labour and self-interest should be secondary. Children should be taught to respect and reverence the hour of prayer.

It is the duty of Christian parents, morning and evening, by earnest prayer and persevering faith, to make a hedge about their children. They should patiently instruct them—kindly and untiringly teach them how to live in order to please God.

In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening

worship. How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken to thank the heavenly Father for His protection during the night and ask Him for His help and guidance and watch care during the day!

How fitting, also, when evening comes for parents and children to gather once more before Him and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is passing.—(*Child Guidance*, pp. 517-520.)

The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin souls. Prayer is communion with God, the Fountain of Wisdom, the Source of strength, and power and happiness. Jesus prayed to the Father "with strong crying and tears." Paul exorts

believers to "pray without ceasing," in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, making known their requests to God. "Pray one for another," James says. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

By sincere, earnest prayer parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them and that holy angels will guard them and their children from Satan's cruel power.

Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and

enjoyable of the day. A little thought given to preparation for it will enable you to make it full of interest and profit. From time to time let the service be varied. Questions may be asked on the portion of Scripture read, and a few earnest timely remarks may be made. A song of praise may be sung. The prayer should be short and pointed. In simple earnest words let the one who leads in prayer praise God for His goodness and ask Him for help. As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and the prayer.

Eternity alone will reveal the good with which such a season of worships are fraught.—*T. T.*, pp. 90, 91.

REMEMBER!

CHRISTIAN HOME

AND

FAMILY ALTAR

DAY

August 20, 1955

for the years ahead, and soul winning will be assured. But if we fail in the home, we fail in the whole implementation of the Christian gospel.

The family must learn to pray together. One of the dearest memories of my childhood is of the family altar. Every morning, at the beginning of the day, the family gathered for prayer. When I had my adolescent problems in regard to cynicism and doubt, let me assure you they were not solved as a result of preaching. Rather, those problems were solved in my own heart and mind as a result of kneeling round the family altar and listening to my father, a strong man whom I admired very much, as he got down on his knees and mentioned all the children—nine of us—by name, and prayed that God would bless Arthur and help him. It was in that situation—on my knees—that I solved my problems. . . .

I have said time and time again that I would much rather succeed as a good father and a good husband than to succeed in the realm of politics, or in the ministry, or in any profession. There is an Oriental saying that is very true. "If a man does not find happiness in his home, he is not likely to find happiness anywhere in the world." Surely those of us who love the Lord Jesus Christ and His great message should have the power to make our homes happy homes indeed. . . .

If we are to save our children, then our homes must be a demonstration centre, a laboratory in which Christian principles are extolled. For "the family that prays together stays together" and the children who are in an atmosphere of prayer will find

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THE HOME--A DEMONSTRATION CENTRE

A. L. BIETZ.

THE most effective ministry possible, insofar as Christian teaching is concerned is *ministry in the home*. . . .

When as a lad I sat and listened to the preacher bring a specific message that had to do with Christian living, I was immediately aware of the fact that as soon as we got home that which was spoken in the pulpit would be brought into the fabric of our home life during that week. In other words, the home is the most effective place to witness for Jesus Christ, and if we fail here, then all the preaching in the pulpit will be of little avail. Abstractions are good, and I don't think anyone would be willing to say that what we hear from the pulpit is of little consequence but that which is spoken in the pulpit is meaningful to the degree that it becomes effective in the home. And so, the home is a demonstration centre.

I would like to have you think about one of the most meaningful texts in the Word of God so far as I am concerned. The text is recorded in Acts 5:42 and I would like to quote a popular translation. The words are these, "Not for a single day did they cease to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in the temple and at home." I think the message is very significant, namely, in the early Christian church there

was a fusion of the work of the church and that of the home. . . .

I know I would not be here today if my salvation had depended on the ministry of the pulpit. I am here today because of the ministry of the home. In fact, I was reared in a church where there was no pastor. That church was completely under the leadership of laymen, so we knew little about effective preaching as such, but there was an attempt to implement the message of the gospel in the home situation. If the homes of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are what they ought to be, we need have no fear concerning the future. We may be assured that great and stalwart ministers will be developed





MOTHER'S BEAUTIFUL PLACE

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wisdom and an undying love for her own. In her sacrificing spirit and forgiving graces she displays to the world the attributes of her Maker. God gave her a brave heart, a calm mind, and undaunted courage. In her motherly bosom she nourishes and caresses the human family. A kindly author wrote these lines about Mother.

"God thought to give the sweetest thing

In His mighty power
To earth, and deeply pondering
What it would be, one hour,
In fondest joy and love of heart
Outweighing every other,
He moved the gates of heaven
apart

And gave to earth—a mother."

—Author Unknown.

Woman was Heaven's last and best gift to mankind at the time of creation. She was to be the ministering angel of innumerable blessings, and there is indeed a wide field of service for Mother's hands. Her tasks seem endless.

The warmth of her kindly heart is the greatest blessing in the home. There she performs her most sacred ministry. Her hand wipes many a tear in trouble and sorrow. In sickness she is the tender nurse for her precious children. She also bears upon her heart the burdens that weigh upon her husband. No matter how the world treats him during the day, when he enters his door he meets the fragrant atmosphere of assuring love. In the darkest hours, when burdens like mountains weigh him down, when adversities have left him almost exhausted in the midst of the fierce struggles that try every fibre of his manhood, she speaks courage; and her heroism and bravery kindle new faith and hope in his perplexed heart.

It is at such times that she rises to

her full grandeur in his eyes. Her warm interest in his welfare, her wise counsel and management in the home, make him strong for every duty and valiant in every struggle. Her tasty and healthful cooking means more to the welfare of the family than many think. It builds healthy bodies, contented hearts, and well-rounded feeling in every way.

THE SATISFYING LOVE OF JESUS

Mother's love and efficiency are very precious, but they are not enough to completely satisfy her heart. Only in Christ can she find the wisdom and strength she needs to meet successfully all the solemn duties of true motherhood. Into every home there will come trials, disappointments, hours of sorrow and solitude. Then none but Christ and a living faith in God can work things out satisfactorily.

A widowed mother felt helpless in her desperate struggle to save her wayward daughter from harm. Finally she said, "I am going to turn Judy over completely to Jesus. He has been my Helper in the past. He is mighty. I will do it right now." And immediately she closed herself in her bedroom and fell on her knees, and with bowed head and a humble heart cried for divine help to save her only child.

Judy heard her name in her mother's prayer and she quickly slipped out into the night through the back door. When Mother looked for her, she was nowhere to be found. She wanted to tell Judy once more how deeply she loved her and wanted to help her, but she had gone. Mother wept and got on her knees again, and stayed there a long time.

Judy was briskly walking toward town to meet her worldly friends. Suddenly she heard the sound of the hymn her father had often sung. She stopped. "My name in Mother's prayer. My name in Mother's prayer. That just one word, my name I heard, I heard my name in Mother's prayer."

"Strange that this song should float out on the air just now," mused Judy as she stood there in the bright moonlight.

"Hi, Judy," called a schoolmate. "Don't stand over there alone. Come go to church with Father and me."

Judy complied. A revival meeting

"MOTHER! Mother!" called a voice from out in the cold.

A kindly gentleman walked quickly around the corner to answer the cry of distress. He looked into an old empty building, and there in the corner stood a shivering little form facing the wall, her face buried in her arms, weeping. It was the lonely little girl whose mother had been buried but a few days before.

"Come, dear, I will help you." called the man kindly.

"Thank you, but I only want my mother," she cried. "I need her so very much."

That is the cry of millions of hearts today, a cry for good mothers—mothers who make home and loved ones their first duty.

Few things in this world are so precious or give so much joy and happiness as does the wonderful love of Mother. Here is one of the sweetest names on mortal tongue. It is surrounded by many sweet memories and sacred ties.

Good mothers are the healers and soothers of human woes. They impart countless blessings. God put them here to fill a place that is akin to His own. Great power is placed in their hands, and high destinies are committed to their keeping. God invested in Mother beauty of soul with which she was to bless the human family a thousand ways. Her beautiful place in life is as important as is Father's strength and leadership.

Knowing that humanity would need a lot of love and sympathetic understanding, He blessed her with

was in progress. The speaker had a stirring message for every heart. As he spoke of the wonderful love of Jesus for sinners, and His great sacrifice to save them, Judy's heart was touched, and suddenly all worldly desires grew strangely dim as she turned her eyes upon Jesus. When the call was made, Judy, with others, went to the altar, tears streaming down her cheeks, and prayed earnestly for forgiveness.

Soon after Mother finished her prayer she heard Judy's footsteps. She opened the door and expressed her joy to see her home at that hour.

"Mother dear, God spoke to me tonight, and I prayed for forgiveness and help to turn over a new leaf. From now on I will be at home with you more and will endeavour to choose good company. Please forgive my waywardness."

"Thank God for this wonderful answer to prayer," said Mother tenderly as they stood happily in each other's embrace.

Every mother may have this divine Helper at all times. Her prayers avail much. He will give her grace for every duty of the home and the training of her children. His heart is ever ready to answer and help when mothers prayerfully lay their burdens at His feet. He will send the

Holy Spirit to help fashion the children's hearts. As they learn to obey and trust Father and Mother even when very young, they also learn to trust and obey God. It is at that early age that the good foundation must be laid.

"There is a God above, and the light and glory from His throne rests upon the faithful mother as she tries to educate her children to resist the influence of evil. No other work can equal hers in importance."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 377.

She is God's kindly helper in getting lives ready for Jesus' coming. She stands firmly against elements that would turn her loved ones from the paths of right. She guards their habits. She cultivates in them the joy and satisfaction of honourably carrying burdens in the home. She teaches order and the beauty of simplicity. She shows them the true worth of honesty, courage, and patience.

No human tongue can fully utter
The worth of a godly, tactful mother.
She rocks the cradle of the nation
In her quiet and lowly station.
Hers is the kindly guiding hand
Which builds in us a will to stand.

Heaven's benediction ever rests on
the home of her who lives to elevate,
guide, and bless. She will reap a
rich harvest of loved ones saved.

and the husband becomes a father, he grows even more thoughtful when he sees the burdens and cares that fall upon his companion's shoulders as wife and mother and homemaker. The true husband willingly takes his share of these added responsibilities. When the cares of the day have been unusually trying and things have not gone smoothly at home—perhaps a child has been ill, or worse still, has by disobedience or some wrongdoing nearly broken her heart—he will not utter a harsh word and add to the load she is already carrying, rather, he will seek by every thoughtful help his love can give to lighten the burden and impart peace.

A wife blessed with such a husband always finds in his love a safe and quiet refuge when she is perplexed and tired. She knows he understands. She need never fear repulse or coldness or rebuke when she turns to him for comfort and help. Would to God that every husband were that kind of companion. How many tears would be spared.

Not only does every generous and goodhearted husband and father scatter blessings and happiness in his own home, but his kindly and helpful spirit blesses other lives as well.

"The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearest home," reads a true proverb. The husband and father sharing in the religion of the home is a source of real strength. He imparts joy and gladness as he takes his place beside his wife and children as fellow heirs of the saving grace of God. When their souls blend in spiritual as well as in temporal experiences, peace and satisfaction come. Through their prayer life their souls are linked to heaven.

A desire to protect and a zeal to provide are a true father's second nature. It is his joy and satisfaction. The true father goes forth on life's difficult road and faces it with courage. In the sweat of his brow he works untiringly, that he may provide well for those in his care. Not only does he toil to provide, but upon his brave heart also rests to a great degree their spiritual welfare. He leads out in family worship. He seeks to build in each member of the family a strong faith in God. Often in silence he looks heavenward during his hours of labour and pleads for guidance and wisdom that he may

FATHER'S PART IN HOMEMAKING

IN SUCCESSFUL homemaking each member of the family has a definite part to perform. Its fullest happiness and blessing can be obtained only when each one's part is faithfully carried out. Therefore, the relation of the head of the house is of the greatest importance to the home. The father has a part all his own, which no one else can fill. God in His infinite wisdom planted deep in his heart the sturdy qualities of leadership, valour, bravery, fortitude, and courage. He endowed him with a strong body, steady nerves, and a powerful mind. If these faculties are rightly used, he fulfils God's plan.

In the true husband who realizes

all that marriage involves, selfishness dies at the altar. Thoughts turn from self to the comfort and welfare of the one he has chosen as his life companion. He will seek her highest good and happiness. He realizes the responsibility of taking a gentle, delicate, confiding young life into his keeping, to cherish and to bless. He vows to be faithful and true, and to love his companion as Christ loves the church. That is God's solemn commission to the husband and father of a family. (Eph. 5:25). He will treat his wife kindly. He will be thoughtful and sympathetic in every way.

As children are born into the home

perform well his responsibilities as father and priest of the home.

The word "father" is defined in a dictionary as "one who performs the office of a parent by maintenance, affectionate care, counsel, and faithful guidance."

When children first speak that name they do not know how much it means. They cannot fathom the depth of love that throbs in his heart for them. They only know that Father is big and strong, and when they are held in his arms no harm can come to them.

Often children cannot understand why Father is so firm. He has foresight, and his love is too strong to let self-will in the young lead them astray. He commands, instructs, and rebukes because he sees danger. He knows best when he firmly denies them some desired pleasure. He is firm, yet most understanding, kind, and forgiving. These good qualities stand out beautifully in the life of all earnest fathers who endeavour to build for eternity.

THE FAMILY

“THE family tie is the closest, the most tender and sacred, of any on earth. It is designed to be a blessing to mankind. And it is a blessing wherever the marriage covenant is entered into intelligently, in the fear of God and with due consideration for its responsibilities.”
—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 356, 357.

There is a sacred circle around every family which should be kept unbroken. Within this circle no other person has a right to come.

The husband and the wife should have confidence in each other. The wife should keep no secret from her husband and the husband should keep no secret from his wife. Neither should relate family secrets to others. The heart of the wife should be the grave for the husband's faults, and the heart of the husband should be the grave for his wife's faults.

The most important work in the world is the work of parents. The



HIS MOTHER'S LETTER

A YOUNG man in a large city, who is an influence for much good in the community, took some letters from his pocket, and handing one to his mother said, "That letter will interest you, Mother." He was referring to a letter that he had received about his work. But she soon found that she had opened a very different letter—a yellow rumpled sheet—a note she had written him when he was eight years old, the first time he had separated from her. She had forgotten she had ever written it, but it breathed the same thoughts and prayers that lie in the hearts of all mothers.

The young man was embarrassed for a moment when he saw what she held. Then he said: "That is the most priceless possession I have. I am going to carry it in my pocket as long as I live. I have been tempted to do some dispicable things in my life, and just the consciousness that I had that in my pocket, and that it came from your heart, steered me

straight most of the time." Here is that mother's message:

"Get up when called in the morning.

"Wash before dressing.

"Wash your teeth. A clean mouth belongs to a clean heart.

"Be obedient. Remember the world would be crushed to pieces if it did not obey the law of God. And you must suffer if you do not obey.

"Be truthful. Only cowards lie. You are not a coward.

"Be kind. It is the greatest gift in the world. Don't forget that you have promised to do a kind act every day.

"Remember that your father is a gentleman. In his absence it is up to you to prove it. A gentleman is kind and true and clean and quiet.

"Be interested in everything. Have a good time.

"Remember that I love you with my whole heart.

"Each day ask God to keep your heart clean and brave and true, and your body well for.—*Your Mother.*"

foundation of society, the bulwark of the state, the citadel of the church.—*Makers of the Home* by A. W. Spalding.

Christian homes established and conducted in accordance with God's plan are among His most effective agencies for the formation of Christian character and for the achievement of His work.—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 430.

"HOME—A world of strife shut out a world of love shut in."

"HOME—The place where the small are great and the great small."

"HOME—The father's kingdom, the mother's world, the children's paradise."

"HOME—The place where we grumble the most and are treated the best."

"HOME—The place where our stomachs get three square meals a day, and our hearts a thousand."

"HOME—The centre of affection, round which the heart's best wishes twine."

"HOME—The only place on earth where the faults and failures of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity."

"HOME—The golden setting in which the brightest jewel is mother."

"HOME—is the blossom of which heaven is the fruit."

THE HOME—A DEMONSTRATION CENTRE

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it can be a clearinghouse for all the problems of the home. Oh, how I wish time and time again that I could get husbands and wives, children and parents, to pray about their problems. I know full well if they would do this their problems would be solved. God can give grace to help a family.

Surely this is a matter of prime importance with respect to the future of the Church. Public evangelism is important. But home evangelism is to Christianize the Christian and to Christianize the home. It is the great task we face today.

Jesus Christ came into the world to help us make our homes happy, to make them optimistic and hopeful, and to make them a place where He loves to dwell. In such an atmosphere we can again re-echo the message that came concerning the original church: "Not for a single day did they cease to teach and preach the gospel of Jesus the Christ in the temple and at home."—*Review and Herald.*

MY TRIP TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(PART 3)

I. K. MOSES

BEFORE going to the Middle East Division office, I passed by the Union office where I met Brother Hartwell, the president of the Union. From there I went along with Brother Fund to the Division office where arrangements were made for our accommodation. Elder Appel, the Division president, received us very kindly and spared nothing to make our stay comfortable.

The next morning Pastor Appel suggested we try the Lebanon Secretariate with a view to securing a visa to enter Jordan and thus see the Holy Land. Accordingly, we made haste to the Lebanon Secretariate and after satisfying the official about my identity, secured a visa and immediately boarded a plane to Jerusalem. On the way we saw the Sea of Galilee which is in the Israel section of Palestine. The plane landed within two hours and we were able to secure accommodation in the Columbia Hotel where we stayed for a week.

The following morning we hired a guide and went to quite a few of the famous places around Jerusalem with which we are so familiar in our reading of the Bible a few of which were: Jericho, Jacob's well, Samaria, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, and Bethany. On arriving back in Beirut airport we found Brethren Pein Gyi and Akbar along with Elder Appel. We were happy to be together and visited the Middle East College and met the faculty and the student body. We spoke to them and they were very much interested to hear stories about the work in the Southern Asia Division.

Brother Geraty, who is the Educational secretary of the Division and also the principal of the college, took us in his car to Tyre and Sidon. This was a very interesting trip. Tyre and Sidon are now submerged in the sea thus fulfilling prophecy. On the way we went through the village which is said to be the place where once the

prophet Elijah was fed by the widow of Zarephath.

The next morning we embarked on the steam ship "Adana," a Turkish boat, and sailed on the blue Mediterranean. The sea was angry and rough and many became sick. The next morning found us docked in the harbour at Alexandria. We got down from the boat and got in touch with Brother Beach, who was the pastor of the church there. He and Brother Neal Wilson came along to the Tourist Police station where we were waiting. After spending the day with them we went along to Brother Beach's church. There we met our Greek, Armenian and Egyptian brethren and sisters. We were also happy to meet Brother

Anderson who is the brother of Dr. Clifford Anderson, our "Radio Doctor." We spoke to the members there about our work. The next day we resumed our journey and reached Naples on the fourth day. On the way we saw the Island of Sicily. On disembarking we were happily surprised to find Brother and Sister Guild there. We immediately boarded a Tourist bus and went to see the ruins of Pompeii. Mount Vesuvius was sleeping at the time of our visit, but we saw evidences of its destructive power in centuries past on the City of Pompeii. Temples dedicated to Venus, Apollos, Diana, etc. are all in ruins, but the pomp and glory of this ancient city of vanity could be visualized as one looks at the stately pillars which are all that is left of these magnificent edifices. We could not stay long here as we had to hurry back to the railway station to catch our train to Rome.

The trains here are very comfortable. The third class compartment
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WITH OUR COLPORTEURS IN EAST PAKISTAN

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IT WAS my privilege to help five colporteurs during the Jalirpar school vacation months and I am happy to report that one scholarship for Spicer Memorial College and two for Jalirpar school have been won. The other two shall continue to be permanent colporteurs.

The 10th standard student, Brother Gilbert is a new convert from Chittagong where our lay workers, Brother and Sister Reeves, live. Through their humble work, Brother Gilbert and his brothers found a refuge in our Jalirpar school. A number of Muslim friends have taken note of the change in this young man's life. Some have given up smoking and drinking and are now studying our books.

In Dacca city, the students worked all through the summer and met high officials with our literature. Their suc-

cess has brought many applications from young people to join the colporteur ranks. Many officials expressed the desire that more young men in the Government school in East Pakistan would copy the summer work plan of the Seventh-day Adventist young people instead of wasting their time dabbling in politics.

Another young colporteur, Brother Folia, comes from a city in East Pakistan where we have no established work. He accepted the message as a result of V. O. P. follow-up work. Purna Baroi who was a student of the V. O. P. school was won during an effort held in his village and is now proving to be a star canvasser. I have been released from my school duties to continue the promotion of the colporteur work.

Our goal is to enter every city and every literate home with our literature. We have stayed too long in villages and the time to enter cities is already too late. Please pray for the colporteurs of our field.

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SECUNDERABAD CHURCH**

N. V. REDDY

MORE than seventy faithful friends and relatives of the candidates for baptism braved the heat and discomfort of the tropical sun and gathered round the beautiful swimming pool at Mareddpally, Secunderabad—Dn., on June 4, 1955 to witness an impressive baptismal service conducted by Pastor D. S. Harris. It was good to watch Sister Raja Rao precede her daughter Usha into the pool to be baptized in "the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." How it thrilled our hearts to see this mother take her stand and lead her daughter in the right direction. Usha is now at Spicer Memorial College preparing to be a worker for God. Another sister was baptized and then Brother Israel Reddi was resurrected from the watery grave to a new life and freedom and the service was closed with fervent prayer. Please remember these souls in your prayers as they tread their way to the home above.

Having successfully completed his campaign Elder Harris is now conducting regular Bible study classes and is studying the prophecies with the faithful and sincere seekers after the truth. There are forty of these seekers among whom are many government employees, teachers, and three doctors. Won't you, dear reader, whisper a prayer that the blessing of God may be showered in an abundant measure on the evangelist as he ministers to these souls and that the Spirit of God will guide those under conviction that they may join the Remnant Church and share the privileges and blessings of God's people?

To the sweet strains of the wedding march Mr. Israel R. Reddi led Miss Lalitha J. Daniel to the altar of our newly acquired church at Secunderabad, in the evening of June 8, 1955. The bride looked demure as she

marched down the aisle, dressed in silver tissue and silver brocade, beside her uncle, Mr. B. Devadas, who gave her away. The chapel was tastefully and very artistically decorated for the occasion. Pastor D. S. Harris performed the ceremony. Mr. R. Thomas, editor of the *Deccan Chronicle*, who proposed the bridal toast concluded by saying, "Make your home a Bethel—only then will true happiness and love be found there." We wish the newly-weds God's choicest blessing for a long and happy married life.

**V. O. P. RALLY AND
INSTITUTE SOUTH TELUGU
MISSION**

O. B. JONATHAN

JUST a few days prior to June 26, the South Telugu mission workers were informed that a Voice of Prophecy institute would be conducted at Chirala on June 23 and 24.

In accordance with the circulars which had been posted weeks in advance, almost all the South Telugu mission workers were gathered in Chirala by the evening of June 22, awaiting Pastor A. E. Rawson, the director of the Voice of Prophecy work for the Southern Asia Division, and Pastor C. Moses, secretary of the Voice of Prophecy in the South India Union.

The Voice of Prophecy institute, which was the first of its kind in Chirala, began on the morning of June 23 with a devotional meeting taken by Pastor B. S. Moses, the president of the mission. Then pastors Rawson and Moses took turns in conducting the institute, giving instruction in connection with the Voice of Prophecy campaign in the South Telugu field. During the two days allotted for the meetings in Chirala, the workers in attendance were kept busy from morning till dusk.

During the various sessions Pastor Rawson spoke on several important

topics, such as "What the Voice of Prophecy should mean to the workers," and "How Workers should launch out on the Voice of Prophecy campaign," and also "How the Voice of Prophecy work should be co-ordinated with the evangelistic programme." And, finally, before the institute came to a close on Friday evening, goals regarding enrolling people in the Telugu Bible Correspondence School were set for each worker and church in the South Telugu mission.

On Friday evening, as the sun was setting, Pastor C. Moses took the vesper service. He spoke both to the workers and the church members in the Chirala church. The next day, Pastor Rawson addressed the congregation during the Sabbath service.

June 26 was a day of rejoicing to our people in Chirala. Handbills, regarding the Voice of Prophecy rally programme which was to be conducted in the Mohan Cinema Hall on Sunday morning at 10:30, were distributed.

As had been announced in the handbills, the programme began on time with three selected songs. People of every caste and creed thronged to the hall in order to listen to the speaker, and to see the pictures. Children below sixteen years of age were not admitted. A count revealed that five hundred adults were present at the meeting. However, unfortunately, right at the last moment the electricity failed, and we were at a loss to know what to do.

We looked questioningly at Pastor Rawson, and he looked back at us, as people continued to come into the hall. Unaware that anything was amiss, the crowd steadily increased until in a short time the hall was full. Pastor Rawson then went right ahead and spoke on the subject, "The Golden Key to True Happiness" which proved of great interest. People listened in rapt attention and not a single person left during the lecture. At the close of his talk, enrolment cards were distributed and 225 students were enrolled.

We felt the Holy Spirit was working on the hearts of the people as they wrote their names and addresses on the enrolment cards. Eternity alone will reveal the number of souls won for Christ through the work of the Voice of Prophecy in our field.

IT CAN BE DONE

N. Y. CHELLIAH

IT WAS my happy privilege to be connected with the effort held in Madras a few months ago. In many respects it was different from all other efforts I have conducted or with which I have had the privilege of being associated. Meetings were held three nights a week—twice in the hall and once in our own Seventh-day Adventist church. People knew that the meetings were conducted by Seventh-day Adventists.

Although the attendance was not unusually large a good class of people came night after night. From the very first night V. O. P. enrolment cards were distributed. If the recipient was already a student he was asked to enrol his relatives and friends. At the beginning eighty per cent of our audience were V. O. P. students. But by the time the effort closed almost every one was a V. O. P. student.

One interesting feature of the effort was the taking of an offering to help maintain a home for the elderly folk, destitute women and children who were under the management of the Salvation Army. When the people heard that the offering was to help non-Adventists they were interested and brought liberal offerings in kind such as bread, biscuits, sugar, rice, ragi, vegetables, and fruits, estimated to the value of about Rs. 80 and also cash amounting to about Rs. 56. Many among the audience expressed their deep appreciation for the unselfish act of Seventh-day Adventists for another organization. And it had its repercussion. Many from other denominations volunteered to sing for us and it helped to break down prejudice.

Thus far twenty-six precious souls have been baptized, nineteen of whom were V. O. P. students. Several more are to be baptized later. May God continue to bless Pastor and Mrs. A. Farthing as they gather souls for His Kingdom.

What has been done in Madras can be done in other places. It should be remembered that Brother Farthing had neither a large budget nor many helpers. He had only two full-time workers. It is my humble but firm belief that by co-ordinating public



Pastor A. Farthing and his helpers in the Madras campaign.

evangelism with that of the Bible Correspondence School work we shall be able to bring more souls into the church than we have done in the past. Sister White says:

"As they go forward, step by step, in the study of the Bible, they will be better prepared to appreciate the beauty and harmony of its precious truths."—*Evangelism*, p. 485.

As soon as it is known that plans are on hand to conduct an evangelistic campaign in a certain town or city it would be good to go there three to six months before the commencement of the effort and launch out in an intensive V. O. P. enrolment campaign and try to enrol every literate person above eighteen years in one of the Bible courses, either English or Vernacular. By the time the regular meetings start people will have gone over some of the subjects and will be able to follow the speaker more closely. When the meetings come to a close they will have been well grounded in the truth and some of them will be ready for baptism. There will then be no room for the criticism that the candidate was not well instructed before baptism.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION AT KAKKAMUKAL

K. C. CHACKO

ABOUT a year ago the third angel's message and the fundamental principles of the Seventh-day Adventist church was preached in Kak-

kamukal by brother J. Justus and the worker in charge of the station from the first week in September to the end of November, 1954.

As the result of the effort forty souls were buried with their Lord in baptism in the tank which was specially constructed for the purpose.

Pastors J. V. Jacob, S. N. David, M. Baggen, L. C. Charles and V. D. Koilpillai, and Brother K. G. George, P. S. Johnson and the South India Union president, Pastor E. L. Sorenson, visited the effort during this time and brought encouragement to the workers.

On Sunday May 29 of this year Pastor O. O. Mattison, Mrs. Mattison, and Miss Miller arrived in Kakkamukal. E. L. Sorenson, L. C. Charles and J. V. Jacob also came that day. Brethren S. David and J. Justus and the church members of the Nedumangadu circle were invited to the meeting and soon the hall was filled.

At 10:30 a.m. the meeting was opened by the worker in charge. After the sermon given by Pastor Mattison, the organization ceremony was conducted by Pastor Sorenson and with forty baptized members the new church was organized. Then the church officers were elected by the leaders. Mrs. Mattison gave a good talk regarding Dorcas Society activities and the meeting was brought to a close with praise and gratitude to God for His goodness.



A PLEASANT WAY TO SPEND A VACATION

O. O. MATTISON

ON MAY 19 I left Poona, accompanied by Mrs. Mattison and Miss G. M. Miller, for Bangalore as the first stop on an extended itinerary throughout South India and Ceylon. We missed our train in Guntekal, so spent the day there, and when the next train came in it was six hours late. We arrived in Bangalore just in time for church service on Sabbath morning. There we spent a pleasant day with our believers. There is always such a warm spirit of fellowship among our members in the Bangalore church and it is a real pleasure to be in their midst. That evening we boarded the train for Kodakanal, in company with Brethren I. K. Moses and S. John, and arrived at our destination just in time for lunch the next day. Here we were assembled a large group of our workers from west and south India and Ceylon, filling every cottage at this lovely hill station. The following morning we started a series of workers' meetings, and discussion groups, and a fine spirit prevailed throughout the eight days we met together. The instruction given seemed to be well appreciated. Then our workers began to take leave of the hill and its refreshing atmosphere for their respective responsibilities on the plains, and we, in company with Pastor E. L. Sorensen, were off on a tour of the Kerala and South Tamil fields.

It was a joy to meet with the believers in the new church in Calicut. Brother V. T. Thomas has done a splendid job in the construction of this edifice and in the making of the church furniture. He really got eighteen annas out of every rupee spent, and we trust this church will soon be full to overflowing. Traveling south we visited several churches between Calicut and Kottayam, but were held up at the river for five hours because of ferry difficulties, so

it was midnight when we arrived at Kottayam. Early the next morning we visited our newest medical venture, operated by Brother and Sister A. T. Isaac. He has an ideal location for a dispensary right on the banks of one of the busiest canals of the backwaters' network. Boats can navigate to within a few feet of the dispensary, and already many people are coming for medical attention. Brother and Sister Isaac live in the back portion of their home and the front part is

THE BETTER LAND

Mrs. Lottie D. Quinn

I'm homesick for the better land,
And the many mansions there;
For the streets of gold and the gates of
pearl
So glorious and fair.
I long to eat of the luscious fruit;
Drink from the fount of life;
Walk through the gardens of beautiful
flowers,
Free from all sorrow and strife.
I like to think of the concerts grand
The angel choirs will give;
Of the trips we shall take to worlds afar,
Where sinless beings live.
On Sabbath days what a pleasure 'twill
be
To join the vast moving throng
On the way to God's holy temple,
There to worship in joyful song.
But best of all will it be to meet
Our Saviour face to face,
And hear His voice so gentle and kind
And dwell in His kingdom of grace.
There to us will be revealed
Nature's secrets—long obscure;
And each passing year will bring
Knowledge, wonderful and sure.
Soon we'll reach that better land,
Meet friends and loved ones so dear;
And stand with them on the sea of
glass,
Delivered forever from fear.

used for a clinic and wards. Their influence is already being felt and is appreciated by the many needy in that vicinity where there is no medical help for the large population living there. We feel that great things

are in store for our medical work in this section of the Kerala field, even though its beginning is small.

Pastor L. C. Charles directed our visits with the companies and churches around Kottayam, then we made our way to Kottarakara. Brother and Sister Parobek had just arrived and were already actively engaged in making preparations for the opening of the next school term. The new teachers' quarters and other improvements there enhance the appearance of this very fine looking school campus. We spent a pleasant Sabbath there with the workers, staff and students who had already come in. Early Sunday morning we left for Kakamugal where Brethren Jacob and Chacko have worked hard in their recent effort. Here we had the privilege of organizing forty-two members into a church.

We next visited Adventpuram and we were sorry to see the very fine dispensary there still unoccupied since the death of Dr. K. C. David. That same evening we met with Pastors David, Wessel, and Koilpillai, and the new believers who had come in during the recent effort conducted by Pastor Broderson in Nagercoil. We greatly enjoyed getting acquainted with this fine group who are already manifesting their zeal and love for their new-found faith. A plot of land has been purchased for a church; funds and materials have been collected, and soon we expect to have another monument to the cause of truth in this large city where Pastors Pierson, Wilmott, and others laboured so faithfully in the past. After visiting many of our churches around Nagercoil we drove to Tuticorin, via Palamcottah. We stopped just long enough to meet our workers and their families who are of good courage and actively engaged in the promotion of the work. Pastor Gurubatham is now in charge of our work in Tuticorin and the Lord is blessing him. We held a meeting with the believers and found them of good courage and actively engaged in various lines of work.

The following day we returned to Prakasapuram and on the way visited Sawyerapuram, Adayaal Madular, Palaniappapuram, and other groups. The Prakasapuram church is rejoicing over their new ding-dong bell

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NEWS ITEMS OF THE SURAT S. D. A. HOSPITAL

DUNBAR W. SMITH, M.D.

HERE has been a great deal of activity at the Surat Mission Hospital during the past few months. The long awaited upper floor on the front wing of the hospital is under construction. During vacation time, ten students worked on this project, earning money for clothes and school fees. The difficulties encountered in securing permits for concrete and also in obtaining other supplies, such as steel for the trusses and asbestos roofing sheets, have prolonged the work. Within the next week or so, the roof will be on, and the work that remains can be finished during the rains. This new addition adds thirty-two beds to the present capacity of fifty-five. The new addition serves a second purpose in that the problem of the leaking roof, which has caused so much inconvenience in the past is now solved.

Recently the hospital purchased a 100 M.A. X-ray unit with a special rotating anode tube. The tube alone costs over Rs. 6,000/-. This splendid new unit will enable the institution to offer the finest diagnostic X-ray service.

New workers at the hospital are Brother and Sister Solomon Moses, he as accountant and she as staff nurse; Brother and Sister Ronald Hood, he as X-ray technician and as operation theatre nurse-anæsthetist, and Mrs. Hood as staff nurse. Misses Rebecca Rathod and Zenith Chand have also returned to work here. Miss Chand is planning later to take the Midwifery course. Miss Shakuntala Kamble from near Kolhapur has come as nurse-aid. Miss Alice Franks has been loaned to the Surat Hospital by the Karachi Hospital until the replacement for Miss White comes. We appreciate having her here.

In the past few days ten young people from Surat have gone to

Spicer College and a number are leaving shortly for Lasalgaon. Surat Church School has opened with those of the remaining children of the staff attending.

In the June 1955 *Nagpur Diocesan* magazine is the following tribute to Surat Hospital:

"With deep thankfulness to God it should be put on record that the Christian leader of Ghugus, our dear brother Prabhaker Sathe was successfully operated on for a rare kind of abscess of the liver in the Seventh-day Adventist Mission Hospital at Surat towards the end of last year. One is bound to acknowledge the good hand of God in this, when one considers that for over twenty-five years he had consulted various physicians and specialists in many places, who had all declared his case hopeless. He has now completely recovered and is rejoicing in his new found health. To God be all the praise and glory."

Some worker of the church of England many months ago contacted Pastor Kemmerer concerning Mr. Sathe's complaint. Pastor Kemmerer suggested that he write to Surat Mission Hospital. We replied to the letter they sent that we would not know what could be done until we had examined the patient. He came and on examination we suspected that Mr. Sathe was suffering from Echinococcus cyst of the liver. This mass was so large that pressure on the stomach prevented food from passing on to the intestines. The patient was emaciated, vomiting almost everything he tried to eat. He was operated on and almost two quarts of small cysts were removed from the liver cyst. Mr. Sathe was a patient in the hospital for a number of months before healing was complete. After returning to his home, we received a "thank you" gift of over Rs. 100/- from him. He was deeply appreciative of the success of the operation. When he left the hospital for home, he had gained quite a number of pounds.

A PLEASANT WAY TO SPEND A VACATION

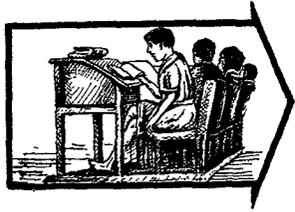
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which has been received recently from the States, also for the electric installation of the town, the line for which goes directly past the church. With electricity in the church, office, and school buildings, it will make this, our oldest mission station in the south, a modern station. We could not linger long here as Pastor David had outlined a very rigid programme for us. Successive meetings were held in our churches in Athinathapuram, Puliamgudy, Sankarankoil, Koilpatty, and Friday night and Sabbath meetings in Madura. By the middle of July Brother A. Farthing will have commenced an effort in this large city of Madura, assisted by Brother and Sister Ambiah, Brother George Thomas, who has just graduated from Spicer College, and Miss Ada Warhurst. Pastor David is giving strong and systematic leadership to the South Tamil field and every phase of the work is moving forward.

Next we spent two days at the school in Tanjore looking over the plant and visiting with the teachers. Brother I. R. Thomas, the newly appointed principal, is laying excellent plans for the development of the school programme for this coming term. Brother Rollins, who leaves this month for the States, moved to the school before the buildings were completed. He has seen the buildings take shape and has built a lovely campus. The farm is well laid out and a progressive industrial programme is under way, also the new rice mill is in operation and is rendering a much needed service both for the school and the surrounding neighbourhood. A new elementary school building has been completed and the bull sheds are under construction at the present time. Our brother can go home with the satisfaction of a task well done. May the Lord richly bless Brother and Sister Rollins and their two boys as they readjust themselves to their homeland.

From Tanjore we took the train to Trichinopoly where we visited Doctor and Mrs. Thomas and saw the hospital which was full. Then in the evening we met with the believers in

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THE SCHOOLS MEET THE NEED

D. S. JOHNSON

THE time was 7 p.m., June 17, 1955. The place was the chapel at Spicer Memorial College. That place has been the scene of many inspiring meetings during past years, and especially in recent months. But those who attended this Friday evening meeting shared in an experience that will not be forgotten.

First of all, we met with Principal Rice who told us something about the admission of students and the interviews he had been having that day. At this special service and to assist with the programme for the whole week-end of special meetings, Pastors E. L. Sorensen and Inayat Chand and Miss De Salvia were present. It was a thrill to look into the faces of the students who crowded the chapel, 225 in number. After warm words of welcome spoken by Principal Rice on behalf of the institution and Pastor George Jensen on behalf of the church, Pastor Inayat Chand brought a thrilling challenge to the student group, inviting them to follow in the footsteps of the Master and prepare for evangelism somewhere in Southern Asia. The following Sabbath morning, Pastor E. L. Sorensen held before the student body their part in the finishing of the Gospel message in this great field as a sacred responsibility. It was good to listen to the witness of these three workers in the Lord's vineyard on Sabbath afternoon in a symposium, as they presented the joy and satisfaction that comes from winning souls for Christ. It was a greater thrill to see the large number of youth who indicated their intention of making direct evangelism their life-work. All joined in a re-dedication to soul-winning work whatever their vocation might be. Certainly we have much to be thankful for in this representative group of young people now busily engaged in preparation for service at the college. More than 230 have already registered, and it would appear that,

before registration closes, close to 250 will be enrolled in the various courses offered this year.

It is good to see the young people of the church reaching out for Christian education. In so many ways these institutions of learning fulfil the words of Jesus, "Ye are the light of the world." An experience that comes to us from Mailapitiya, where our new school in Ceylon is located, illustrates this so well.

It was necessary for Brother and Sister E. L. Juriansz and a group of fourteen students to go from Mailapitiya to Kandy. They were proceeding from the school along the dusty, rugged roads. As they rounded a hazardous turn, a large truck travelling on the wrong side of the road faced them. To avoid hitting the truck, Brother Juriansz turned the pick-up truck he was driving quickly toward the ditch. There was no time for him to evaluate the situation, for had he not turned out they would have crashed headlong into the heavy truck. The ditch turned out to be a deep ravine; and down, down their light pick-up truck crashed with its precious load of fourteen students and Brother and Sister Juriansz and their little baby. The jungle was thick, and finally after 150 or 200 feet the truck came to a halt. The little group could hardly believe they were unhurt. As they met this terrible situation on the road above the little baby in Mrs. Juriansz's arms was nursing from the bottle; when they reached the bottom the baby was still nursing and was unharmed. All the fourteen students were preserved from what might have been a disaster, but for the providence of God. The pick-up truck could not be brought straight up the hill for it was far too steep; so a pathway was hacked through the jungle permitting them to pull up the pick-up truck along the ravine until they could find a place where the ascent was gradual enough so they could return the truck to the

road. A careful inspection of the vehicle indicated there was little damage and the motor ran perfectly. The group went on about their business as though nothing had happened. But the men and women who passed up and down the road that day, and who saw what had happened were convinced that a wonder-working God had preserved the lives of Brother Juriansz and his wife and the students.

The story went out in the area of the school. There had been some prejudice in the community against the location of the school at Mailapitiya, but as people heard of this experience, they began to say, "We know now that the true God is worshipped by these teachers and students and that He preserved them through this experience."

It was good to receive the opening report from Mailapitiya and find they have just enrolled 71 students for this new year. Their fine estate of 172 acres of agricultural land is being developed as rapidly as labour and available funds will permit. The new buildings are proving a great blessing to the teachers and students who have lived under handicaps and hindrances for many months.

The school at Myaungmya in



Burma has opened her doors for another year. Good word from Brother Chit Maung reveals that there are 189 students enrolled already. Out of this number 142 are baptized members of the church or are children of our own church members. Our people will rejoice to learn that 39 of the students admitted this year are from the Tennasserim region of

Burma. Nearly one hundred boys are crowded into the boys' hostel. Thirty-eight are studying for the Matriculation Examination. This news from the school and the young people in the Delta region of Burma leads us to believe that the 1955-56 school year will be an outstanding one in the history of our work there.

Brother John Parobek sent in a preliminary report on the enrolment and the prospects at the Kottarakara High School. Eighty-five students are enrolled in the high school and 30 students in the elementary section. Brother Parobek writes, "The challenge is great, and we are happy for it." Many of our fine leaders and workers in the field have come from the Kottarakara High School. Through the years considerable work has been done in various industrial lines, and this has proved to be a fine thing for the school. Truly the Lord has blessed the efforts that have been put forth there at Kottarakara, and it should be one of our shining lighthouses during this new school year.

Reports from Chuharkana in the Punjab, Falakata, Tanjore, Lowry Memorial, Roorkee, and many other school centres in Southern Asia indicate an increasing support for the programme of Christian education. Certainly this is as it ought to be. Our excellent church schools have proved to be, through the years, our first line of defence in the struggle against the evils of the world. Under the instruction of the Spirit of prophecy and the blessing of God, the educational facilities of the church have expanded with the growth of the church.

In 1872 Seventh-day Adventists operated but one denominationally-owned school at Battle Creek with three teachers and an enrolment of 90. The number of elementary schools operated by the church is now over 4,500; and over 275 academies and colleges provide "cities of refuge" for the youth who desire to prepare themselves for service in the cause of God today. Think of it, nearly 250,000 boys and girls, young men and young women under training to serve God somewhere in the world field! Some can become workers and others will fill their places in the churches as laymen; but all supporting the work of God with their tithes

A Farewell Message from Pastor W. H. McHenry who worked for the people of India for so many years.

Dear Tidings Family:

As you may imagine, it has not been easy to sever the tie that for almost forty years bound us to the workers and believers in India. It will be a long time before America will seem like home to us. Our hearts will be with you though our bodies are here.

We love India and her peoples. We have sought to understand them. We have done, we hope, a little toward exalting Christ before them. We are conscious of much weakness and many failures, but in spite of it all, the Lord has been so good to us and blessed so abundantly.

We are glad we have been able to

dedicate our sons to the work in Southern Asia and pray that they may ever walk worthy of their calling, and make up to some degree what we have failed to do.

Dear Fellow-believers, now is the golden opportunity to work for Jesus in India. Soon the night may come when no one can work. May you all, forsaking the love and ease of sin, and clothed in the righteousness of the Saviour, go forth in a more consecrated, aggressive, and fruitful ministry. We shall remember you in prayer and we would ask an interest in your prayers as we work in the School of Bible Prophecy here in Atlanta.

In Christian love,
The McHenrys (Sr.)

and offerings and labouring for the salvation of souls.

The great objective of all of this educational activity is to develop in each youth an understanding of his relationship to God, to aid him in the formation of character, to prepare him to set up a representative Christian home, to develop a citizen with respect and loyalty for authority, to develop in the youth a spirit of service with a sympathetic understanding of the world and its needs and a desire to help meet these needs, to develop a healthy body and mind and to develop skill and intellect that will make him proficient in his vocation and economically independent. It is the business of the church to provide this kind of education, and every Seventh-day Adventist youth can claim this as his birthright. How important it is that this be the programme of the church.

These school years are the age of decision for the young people of the church. A statistical study of thousands of our younger church members indicated that 56.6 per cent of the younger generation who became church members were baptized between the ages of 11 and 14 years. Another statistical study indicated that in one area of the world 64 per cent of the young people marry other Adventists when they are educated in a Seventh-day Adventist school and both parents are Seventh-day Ad-

ventists. But even though both parents are Seventh-day Adventists and the young person is educated in a non-Adventist school, only 50 per cent marry a Seventh-day Adventist companion. The same study also revealed that even if the young people came from a divided home where perhaps the mother was an Adventist and the father was not and Christian education was provided in a Seventh-day Adventist school, 61 per cent of the young people from such homes still found Seventh-day Adventist mates. As compared to these figures, 42 per cent married other non-Adventists when they came from divided homes and were not educated in a Seventh-day Adventist school. These figures compiled from a study of young people in one section of the world field would probably hold true in this area.

As we look to the future it can be with a spirit of confidence that God has directed in the past in the development of this system and that He will continue to direct and guide as we follow His appointed plan. Certainly the church needs strong leaders today. It needs strong laymen from whom it can derive support. If the Gospel message is to find its way into every corner of this great Division field the educational institutions of the field must be strong. Much progress has been made; but 1955-56 should be the best year ever.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF PRAYER

RAYMOND S. MOORE

WE SHOULD frequently review the correct procedure for coming before so majestic a King as our great God. The Bible and the Spirit of prophecy tell us how to have a prayer life that will please God and satisfy our own souls.

1. Feel our need of Him, lifting our hearts to Him in praise. (*Steps to Christ*, pp. 98, 99, 107-109.)

2. Confess and make right our wrongs and go forward in obedience. (1 John 1:9; James 5:16; *Steps to Christ*, p. 100.)

3. Have faith in God—no doubts; claim the covering righteousness of Jesus, for it belongs to you. (James 1:6; 1 Tim. 2:8; *Steps to Christ*, pp. 100, 101, 67.)

4. Forgive others, be long-suffering, uncritical. (Matt. 6:12; 7:12; *Steps to Christ*, p. 100.)

5. Persevere, be always intensive, diligent in prayer. No one likes a

half-hearted routine appeal, not even God. (Luke 18:1; Col. 4:2; *Steps to Christ*, pp. 101, 102.)

6. Spend much time in secret in the audience chamber with God. No one likes to have someone interrupt his conversation, not even God. (Matt. 6:6; *Steps to Christ*, p. 102; *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 188.)

7. Associate often with others in prayer. There is strength in unity. (Matt. 18:19, 20; *Steps to Christ*, p. 106.)

8. Pray always in the name of Jesus. We can come to the Father only through Him. (John 15:16; *Steps to Christ*, p. 105.)

9. Present the Bible before Him, His Book of books, as a reminder of His promises that it contains. (Read Ezra's and Daniel's prayers.)

10. Pray first for others, interceding, as royal priests, for our friends. (1 Peter 1:9.)—*Review and Herald*.

the English school here adequately care for the needs in this section, and the assembly hall under construction will relieve the congestion that has existed heretofore. Brother Eric Holroyd is the new preceptor. We look forward with satisfaction to marked progress in the development of this school.

A short visit to Krishnarajapuram revealed many improvements to the buildings. They now have a new water system, tank, and tower, and the mulberry grove looks very good indeed. I have never seen the farm in better shape nor the crops looking better. It is clearly evident that Brother David Skau is putting forth much effort into the planning and operation of this school.

En route to Madras we stopped at Vellore to see our doctors and their families, and medical students in training at the Christian Medical College. There was much excitement there for all our five candidates had been accepted for the new class. The teachers of the college have expressed their appreciation for the fine class of students there representing our denomination, and of course we are proud of them too. Our next and last Sabbath was spent with the believers at Vizagapatnam where their new church was dedicated. It is a representative building and the members are especially happy to have a church of their own in which to worship. The day was fittingly brought to a close when Brother D. S. Harris conducted the ordinances of the Lord's house.

Returning to Poona we stopped in for a day at Nuzvid. The new nursing students for the 1955 class were just arriving. Miss E. M. Stoneburner reported that twenty-two students had been accepted, although many had to be refused for lack of space. The hospital is full, with a heavy outpatient clinic, and all the workers were of good courage. We next spent a day in Guntur, attending the ceremony for the official installation of the new X-ray in the clinic which is being conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel. This occasion was a high day for them as they have worked hard and sacrificed much for the welfare of the TB patients. Many of the leading citizens of the town attended the ceremony.

A PLEASANT WAY TO SPEND A VACATION

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their commodious church. The next morning we enplaned for Ceylon in a fifty-mile-an-hour gale. Much to our surprise on arrival in Colombo we found we had left the heat behind in South India for it rained almost constantly during our six-day visit to this beautiful island. Mrs. Mattison and Mrs. Hardin held Dorcas and Home Commission meetings in Colombo and Kandy for the ladies. Pastor L. F. Hardin, Miss Miller, and I took that lovely 100-mile trip down the coastline to Matara for a visit with the believers. It was a delightful drive along the palm-riden coastline of the Indian Ocean, and everywhere the vegetation was lush and green because of the heavy rains in Ceylon this year. Negotiations are under way for a piece of property on which to build a church in Matara. In this group there are eleven baptized Voice of Prophecy students. At the present

time they are worshipping on the veranda of the pastor's home, so they are eagerly looking forward to the erection of a church to which to invite their friends.

On Sabbath morning we met at 9:30 for a service in the Bethel chapel and at 10:30 conducted a service at the Nugegoda church. At 3 p.m. we arrived in Divulapitiya for a service with the thirty believers there. On Sunday we drove to Mailapitiya to see the new school plant, and what a change greeted our eyes since our last visit just six months ago. All the buildings and homes were nearing completion, having been built simultaneously. Brother Streeter is to be commended for the fine building programme carried on there. Also under construction is a church school just back of the Nugegoda church in Colombo which will give ample accommodation to the children there.

On our return to India we travelled via Bangalore where a day was spent in school board and union committee work. The spacious new buildings for

At Bezvada we had an evening meeting with our workers and believers, many of whom have been baptized recently from the effort held by Pastor I. Subushanam. Our last stop was at Secunderabad, and how happy we were to see the improvements in the new property which was purchased recently. They have a church school there which is being conducted by Sister Harris and her fellow-teachers. Over fifty students are enrolled, and they have had to turn many away for lack of space. The present new location is ideal for all our members, both in Secunderabad and in Hyderabad. Follow-up work continues to go on in a strong way and plans are being laid for another effort there this fall.

Pastors Sorensen and Hardin are to be commended for the strong programme they are carrying forward in their respective fields. Much emphasis is being given to every department and all the workers are being harnessed into a strong soul-saving programme. The workers are loyal and are working shoulder to shoulder for the saving of souls in their fields. May the Lord richly bless the efforts of each individual and the united efforts of all, not only in these two unions, but throughout every union in this great Southern Asia Division.

It was a good vacation!

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which we boarded was much better than the first class in our trains here. Within a few hours we were in the beautiful and spacious station of Rome. We straightway drove to the Union office and met Elder Beer, the president. He was very kind and arranged for Brother Ferroni to take us around. We stayed in Rome for two days and saw many interesting places.

The first place we went to was St. Peter's Cathedral. This imposing building is considered to be the largest Cathedral in the world. Its stately dome, the massive doors, the artistic decorations and original paintings by famous painters such as Michelangelo, the realistic statues in



THINK ON THESE THINGS

None so blind as those that will not see.—MATTHEW HENRY.

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.—DANIEL WEBSTER.

Trust that man in nothing who has not a conscience in everything.—LAURENCE STERNE.

The people never give up their liberties but under some delusion.—EDMUND BURKE.

Labour to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire—conscience.—GEORGE WASHINGTON.

When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property.—THOMAS JEFFERSON.

Sometimes a clear conscience can be nothing more than a short memory.—*Sunshine Magazine*.

Gratitude is a fruit of great cultivation; you do not find it among gross people.—SAMUEL JOHNSON.



marble, the ceiling in gold, all are of great interest to visitors.

The great altar, said to have been used by Constantine, is in the centre with its emblems of the sun in gold. The statue of Peter is also placed in a very prominent place.

The Vatican City is adjoining the Cathedral. At the time of our visit to Rome the Pope was ill and so we could not see him. However, the room where he resided in the second storey of the palace was shown to us. We next visited the Vatican Museum. I cannot find words to express the enormity of this great palatial building and the priceless collection of antiques that were stored there. Antiques of various countries, paintings of famous artists, were housed in countless large rooms. There were paintings on the ceilings in each room depicting the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We saw many other famous churches equally artistic. In one of them we saw the holy stairs and people were climbing them on their knees for the remission of sins. We also saw the prison where

Paul was kept. Then we went to the Sebastian Catacombs. Going through these catacombs we realized something of the trials and patience of the martyrs of those olden days who gave their lives for the truth.

We left Rome, the city of art and moved on to Genoa a place which is no less important as far as build-ings and business are concerned. It was here we saw television for the first time. From there we went to Milan which we reached on Friday evening. When we located the church and knocked at the door it was opened by some brethren who greeted us warmly. They were preparing for the Sabbath Communion service. One church elder, after shaking hands, came near my ear and I thought he was going to whisper something. To my surprise I found that he kissed me on my right cheek and then on the left. It was only then I realized the meaning of the salutation spoken of by the Apostle Paul in his epistles where he asks the brethren to salute each other with an holy kiss. The

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Miscellany

● Elder H. W. Barrows from the General Conference is at present auditing the books in the Division office.

● WE extend a cordial welcome to Doctor and Mrs. B. D. Briggs, of Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A., who have connected with the Vellore Christian Medical College on a Fulbright scholarship.

● PASTOR O. W. Lange baptized five people in Calcutta on July 2 as a direct result of laymen's efforts through Bible studies given to individual families.

● THE Khunti school opened on June 9 under the leadership of Brother A. K. Kachchhap with the largest enrolment in the history of the school.

● ON July 14 Brother and Sister C. R. Holford and three children, and Mrs. T. R. Torkelson and Sharon arrived in Bombay. The Holford family will remain in Bombay. Mrs. Torkelson and Sharon have gone on to Delhi and Mussoorie.

● ON July 16 a baptism was held in Bongaon when four souls were baptized by Pastor G. C. Arinda. Eleven more are in the baptismal class and many more in this refugee section are showing an interest.

● PASTOR W. L. Barclay has just returned from doing Uplift work in Ceylon. To date Rs. 12,500/- has been raised there and when Rs. 2,500/- more is collected they will have reached their goal.

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students have enrolled at the Lakpaha Training Institute in Ceylon. They are occupying the very lovely new buildings just being completed on their campus.

● THE sad news has reached us that on July 19 Sister Pat Keane of Vizagapatnam passed away after undergoing surgery at the Giffard Mission Hospital. A complete obituary will appear later.

● PASTOR G. Gurubatham has



MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR L. F. HARDIN graduated from Walla Walla College in Washington, U. S. A. in 1939. He was engaged in evangelistic work in the Northwestern part of the U. S. A. until 1947. During the last three years of this time, he was superintendent of a district of five churches and held an evangelistic series of meetings in each one of the major cities of that area.

In 1947 he accepted a call to labour in the island of Ceylon. Most of his time has been spent in evangelistic work although some language study has also been done. Brother Hardin was with the Lord's help, successful in raising up and organizing a church in Kandy where we had no work up to that time. The new church was completed and dedicated just one week before he went home on furlough in 1952. While on furlough he attended the Seminary in Washington and worked on his M. A., and also visited Camp meetings in the North Pacific Union. Pastor Hardin and family arrived back in Southern Asia in 1953 and became Pastor of the Colombo churches and acting president of the Union. In July, 1954, he was asked to take over as president of the Ceylon Union. He is also carrying the Sabbath School and Home Missionary departments for that field.



begun his effort in Tuticorin and reports large crowds attending. Brother A. H. Farthing will open his effort on July 24 in the large and important centre of Madura. Others in the South Tamil section who will be starting efforts immediately are Brethren G. A. Yesudian, N. Vinayagam, G. Mathew, M. Thavosmony, H. C. Clive, D. P. Thomas, and S. M. Pandian. Kindly pray for these brethren. Our united prayers will mean success in our soul-winning programme.—G. M. M.

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whole of the Sabbath was fully occupied and we went to bed that night at 12:30. Elder Bongini and the assistant pastor, Brother Visigalli and his wife were very hospitable and entertained us with all Christian love.

Our next stopping place was Berne, Switzerland. On the way to Switzerland we had officials of both the countries come into the train and check our papers and currency. The men were very courteous. The journey was very picturesque; the country looked beautiful with its snow-capped mountains and beautiful trees, etc. At the station, when we alighted from the train, we were happy to see Brother and Sister L. J. Larson and their two children who were on their way to the U. S. A.

We found Berne to be a very peaceful and quiet place and the people very friendly and courteous. After seeing the important places there we moved on to Paris where we spent two days. Paris is a beautiful city with all the vanity and pomp for which it is noted. The first morning we joined a touring group and went in the bus and saw the historical Paris. The evenings there are very bright and gay and crowds of smartly dressed people throng the streets.

Our Voice of Prophecy Radio department in the Union office is said to be the best in Europe among our own radio stations. The church in Paris is a large one and holds 500 people.

We continued our journey and came to Calais where we got into a ship to cross the English Channel.

(To be continued.)