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Elder E. R. Walde

## VISIT OF ELDER E. R. WALDE TO THE Southern Asia Division

A. E. RAWSON

of Prophecy programmes over Radio Ceylon.

After a very profitable term of service as Associate Speaker, Elder Walde was called by the General Conference to be the Secretary for the Radio and Television Department in which capacity he is rendering very efficient service to the Cause. In spite of the heavy demands on his time, he has kindly consented to pay us a visit of almost seven weeks.

Our Radio listeners will now have an opportunity of seeing Elder Walde in person as he travels over this great Division field. He is due to arrive in Karachi on August 29 and, accompanied by Pastor A. E. Rawson, director and secretary of the Voice of Prophecy for India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon, he will visit some of our large cities and meet our Bible school students and Radio listeners.

During his stay in Southern Asia, Elder Walde will address many thousands of people in this great land at rallies and church meetings.

We anticipate good attendances at these meetings since this will be a unique experience for students and listeners, no less than for Elder Walde himself, who will be extremely happy to make the acquaintance of the peoples of this country.

We pray that the Spirit of God will rest upon those who are responsible for the planning, preparation and leading out in these rallies and meetings, so that, as a result of this tour, all those attending may be brought closer to the Master.

REMEMBER  
BIG  
WEEK

Offering  
Sept. 10, 1955

THE whole of Southern Asia Division is looking forward to the impending visit of Elder E. R. Walde, Secretary of the Radio and Television Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists with headquarters at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

At present, Elder Walde is devoting his time to the promotion of Radio and Television programmes which are released over almost 900 stations throughout the world. He is also Secretary of the International Bible School programme which provides for the study of the Bible lessons in seventy languages. Prior to the office which he now holds, Elder Walde was the associate speaker working with Elder H. M. S. Richards in connection with the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts, and his "Golden Voice" is familiar to all who have been regular listeners-in to the Voice

## ARE WE SUFFICIENT FOR THE TASK?

L. K. DICKSON

THE human race is now passing through the most dangerous days since the flood of waters came upon the earth. This fact, however, is the greatest evidence that the world now stands on the threshold of a new and brighter day.

The times we now face are a mystery until they are exposed to the revelation of God's Holy Word. The brightest and most hopeful signs before us are the very perplexing problems that we are now facing.

When the light of the Inspired Word is shed upon earth's tragedy and trouble, none should be unduly alarmed at the intricate and delicate matters that confront this generation. Although it is true that forces are at work whose unseen hands cause the works of man to move toward a general breakdown of that which is good, yet there are solid reasons to believe that these forces are not to continue on unrestrained to complete world upheaval and ruin.

It is but the unbelieving and faithless who now suffer from a nameless dread and apprehension that is well-nigh paralyzing. How good it is to know that there is solid ground for our feet and certainty for our hearts and minds. But these grounds and this certainty are obtained through living faith in God, unshaken belief in His Word, and a certain experimental knowledge of God.

No casual belief in religion will be adequate for this hour. No superficial experience in faith and prayer will stem the tides that now are rising. There must come into each one of our lives a new-found awareness of the presence and power of God.

Soul-stirring events of great magnitude are arousing the world to the need of hearing the voice of God and listening to His instructions. This voice is His church. This instruction is the message of the Word through the church. How wonderful to know that the very questions upon

which men are thinking and pondering are those with which the third angel's message of Revelation 14 has to do. The Spirit that moved upon the great deep in days of old is moving upon the minds and hearts of men everywhere.

This, then, is our hour, notwithstanding the fact that it is also the hour of Satan's greatest activity. The church needs to sense this. She must now be done with lesser things and mobilize her every facility. She must seek again the sources of her strength and power and go forth conquering and to conquer.



### I ASK FOR FAITH TO SEE

Dorothy E. Walter

O Lord, I only ask for faith to see  
Beyond the mist enshrined upon my  
sight,

To let the chains of mortal anguish free,  
And blessed sunlight lift my soul  
aright.

Oh, take my hand, which trembles long  
today;

The path of man is disillusionment.  
Yet wondrous is to me Thy chosen way,  
'Where only righteousness and peace  
assent.

My Lord, I only ask for faith to gain  
Thy wondrous kindness in my  
wretched heart,

To feel the depths of others' silent pain,  
To know that all in all to them Thou  
art.

But soon our faith will see the end in  
praise,

And know that God has guided all  
the while;

But soon our earthly hopes will e'er be  
raised

Into the height of God's eternal smile.



Those who would go forth in Christ's name, bearing the last warning, and offering to despairing men the only message of salvation, must be spiritually endowed for the task. To lead men to their only hiding place, as they flee from the onrushing storm soon to engulf the whole world, the church must draw close to her

Lord through living faith, and true fellowship.

Nought but the real thing in religion is fit for such an hour as this. There are too many who are "self-deluded by a mild veneer of religious respectability, but unprepared," as one clear thinker has stated it. There is great solemnity in the thought of being a prepared people, fortified by an unshakable confidence that all is well with our souls.

The greatest spiritual achievement in this enigmatic hour is to consciously possess a peace of soul that meets every uncertainty and shock of these times with an unchanging calmness and faith.

Only with such a spirit can we be separated from the worldliness about us and be fully committed to prepare "the way of the Lord" and "to make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isa 40:3.

### FULLNESS OF FAITH

Nothing short of full commitment to God and His service, with full possession of His proffered power, will make us sufficient for the glorious finishing of the task before us. Let us then not be satisfied with gaining more and greater techniques for doing God's work, but rather strive for a deeper, richer, broader, more lasting devotion. Let us aim at a more humble walk of obedience to God's revealed will and a more devout following of the still small voice that calls us to the heights of spiritual realization and achievement. Let us hasten now close beside Him who calls us to utter humility, implicit loyalty, and apostolic seeking after His Spirit of might "in the inner man."

This is God's great hour. It is also the hour chosen by Satan to make his final onslaught against the church of God. Thank God the balance of power is with us. Let us not miss the way to gain the possession of the fullness of that power. The triumph is certain. Is our attainment of it still certain?

Fullness of power is dependent on a living faith. One who is filled with faith is mighty in God. It was said of Stephen that he was "a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." These two are inseparable. This complete

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**NORTHEAST UNION***President: W. F. Storz**Secretary-Treasurer: M. S. Prasada Rao**Office Address: Karmatar P. O., Santal Parganas, E. Rly.***RANCHI HOSPITAL**

W. F. STORZ

**T**HOUGH I have made several visits to the Ranchi hospital, the week of July 24-31 has been my first opportunity to actually be with and work with our people there. The purpose of the visit was for Uplift work but I also had an opportunity to see more of the hospital in operation.

It was interesting to visit the business people of the town and present to them the work in our hospitals and schools. Yes, they all knew our Ranchi hospital! They remembered Dr. Shearer. They were acquainted with the Drs. Buxton. They appreciated the work the hospital was doing for a class of people that were not generally cared for. One comment was, "Dr. Elmira Buxton treats the rich and poor equally well. She is always ready to come even if specially called." It is because of these favourable impressions that our Uplift work was so successful. We worked five days (only such hours as the doctor could get away from his work) and collected Rs. 2,300 in cash with definite signed pledges of about Rs. 600 more to be collected at another time. This week the rest of the hospital staff is out working and we are expecting good results. Brother Peterson has collected almost Rs. 200 without leaving his office chair. Every pharmaceutical salesman that comes around he solicits and gets a contribution.

The hospital has been unusually busy for the portion of the year now finished. Their forty-three beds have been full most of the time. On my visit which was in the planting season and usually a very low season for the hospital, they had only ten empty beds. Most of the year they have not had enough room to put their patients. They very badly need an additional ward.

Though it had been a costly ad-

dition we are happy that the D. V. C. has put their electric line right up to the front gate at no cost to us. Internal wiring, a new pump and water system along with a new well are costing in the neighbourhood of Rs. 13,000. However, the new well seems to be filling the water needs that the hospital has had for many years. The new electric supply is claimed to be most dependable. This large investment should be well repaid by better service in treatments.

I must not overlook another point regarding the well which seems nothing short of Providential. There are many wells on the place which combined do not supply the water needs of the hospital. They all end up in hard rock. The new well literally found a hole in the rock. All around the well is hard rock but they continued digging in soft rock. They finally had to stop because they could not get the water out quickly enough to continue, and this was during the dry season.

May God continue to bless the ministrations of the hospital staff as He has prospered them during the first half of this year.

**ANOTHER BAPTISM IN CALCUTTA**

L. R. BURNS

**O**N SABBATH morning July 2, the Calcutta church witnessed yet another baptism when five new believers were added to the Remnant Church. We know that the angels in Heaven were rejoicing as these dear souls witnessed publicly that they had surrendered all to Jesus.

Baptisms are not uncommon these days, for God's Spirit is active and is stirring men's hearts in every corner of this old world. But somehow this baptism appealed to me as something really special. You ask me why? Well, these five souls—a mother, two married daughters, a son, and a son-in-law, were taught the truth by one of our faithful lay members. Brother Adshead studied with these people for many weeks, taking them step by step through the great prophecies, and the conversion subjects. Then one day I was invited along to the home. I was impressed with the sincerity of the people. Of course, I asked many questions and I found that Brother Adshead had instructed them well.

All our church members were thrilled as they saw these new people baptized, but none was happier than the faithful lay member who was amply rewarded for his long hours



The five new church members and their children with Brother Adshead on the extreme left.

of faithful Bible study and prayer.

Just in case you are wondering where the other son-in-law is, I am happy to tell you that he has overcome the obstacle that prevented his being baptized with his wife and is planning to be in the next baptism which we plan to conduct on August 13.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM EAST PAKISTAN

R. S. FERNANDO

ONCE upon a time Barisal was the headquarters of the East Pakistan mission and a church was organized there at that time for the workers. When the headquarters were moved the church was disbanded. Recently an interest has been aroused by the humble efforts of a Voice of Prophecy student and today fourteen are meeting there for Sabbath school. Please continue to pray for this new interest.

Having heard the truth for these last days when he visited his home village a labourer in Khulna town has created an interest and Pastor G. C. Baroya has plans to follow up this interest as a number of Voice of Prophecy students are in this group.

The members of the Birodikuni company in the Mymensingh district carried the message to their relatives in a village about ten miles away and Brother Ibrahim Rema prepared thirty souls for baptism. Pastor J. N. Sircar baptized this group and a church is to be organized in the month of November when the regional meetings are held in that district.

The young people of East Pakistan M. V. Societies are raising Rs. 500/- to help build a church in this new village. Under Brother Jacques' leadership we know that their efforts will be crowned with success.

The Narikeltala church has reached their church member goal in the Uplift campaign even though there is no worker stationed there. We hope that other churches will rally to raise their respective goals during August, the campaign month.

We are happy to announce the organization of new Dorcas Societies at Kalikapur, Chourkuli and Beldanga churches. Good reports are coming

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## "COME YE...APART"

JOE ENGELKEMIER



THE sun shone brightly through the towering pine trees as a hundred or so young people gathered in a quiet mountain retreat for Sabbath school and church service. None of the works of men were visible from where we sat, and we were conscious only of the fresh pure air, the majestic trees, the lofty mountain peaks, and the reverent whisperings of the gentle breeze.

Under the inspiration of the hour, the speaker discarded his prepared notes, and talked to us about the coming of Jesus. As he mentioned the small cloud that would appear in the eastern sky, we instinctively glanced to the east, as though the range of mountains lying in that direction would soon be lightened with the glory of the coming King.

We were deeply impressed as we meditated upon what we had heard and we wondered why we didn't take time more often to come to God's great outdoors for worship, meditation, and prayer.

So often we are like wilted plants. I have walked in the late afternoon through a garden or field that has been scorched by the hot sun all day, and despaired of the plants ever reviving. But then during the night the dew gently falls, and the early dawn reveals a miraculous change. The drooping plants have become as fresh and green as though bathed with April showers. So it is with us. The heat of the battle, the temptations and the struggles, leave us weary and faint. Then we go out under the evening sky, listen to the gentle winds sighing through the leaves, wander through a moon-bathed garden or park, and the great Creator who made all these things revives us again.

Jesus knew the value of retiring to

some quiet place for meditation and prayer. Not only did He often seek physical and spiritual refreshment from nature, but He taught His disciples to do the same. At one time there were so many coming and going that they did not even have time to eat. Tenderly Jesus bade them: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." Mark 6:31. Concerning this incident, we read:

"Near Bethsaida, at the northern end of the lake, was a lonely region now beautiful with the fresh green of spring, that offered a welcome retreat to Jesus and His disciples. For this place they set out going in their boat across the water. Here they would be away from the thoroughfares of travel, and the bustle and agitation of the city. The scenes of nature were in themselves a rest, a change grateful to the senses."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 361.

What a precious experience this must have been for the disciples! In the quiet of the country they could talk uninterruptedly with their Master. It being spring, there probably were desert flowers blooming delicately here and there in the green grass. Picture the Master, resting with bared head there under the open sky, His disciples gathered about Him, all talking together about bringing greater efficiency to the work of God.

Even as a child, Jesus loved to tramp through the fields, climb the mountains, or kneel for prayer in the forest. "His hours of happiness were found when alone with nature and with God. Whenever it was His privilege, He turned aside from the scene of His labour, . . . to hold communion with God on the mountain-side or amid the trees of the forest.



The early morning often found Him in some secluded place, meditating, searching the Scriptures, or in prayer. From these quiet hours He would return to His home to take up His duties again, and to give an example of patient toil."—*Ibid.*, p. 90.

And today, in this rushing, maddening twentieth century the same infinitely wise Saviour intends that we, too, find peace, strength, and joy out among the things of nature. There you find new conceptions of the glory of God. Among the blossoms of spring, the green fields of summer, or the multiple colours of fall there may be found in every state and climate wonderful places to read in unmistakable language God's name "writ large."

"We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us: 'Be still, and know that I am God.' Ps. 46: 10. Here alone can true rest be found. And this is the effectual preparation for all who labour for God. Amid the hurrying throng, and the strain of life's intense activities, the soul that is thus refreshed will be surrounded with an atmosphere of light and peace. The life will breathe out fragrance, and will reveal a divine power that will reach men's hearts."—*Ibid.*, p. 363.—*Review and Herald*.

located, there has been a busy programme of building carried on since the beginning of this year. Pastor E. R. Streeter has been doing a wonderful job in getting the school buildings, teachers' quarters, and other buildings erected. Several of the teachers' quarters are completed, the administration building with the library is also nearing completion. The chapel was completed before the opening of school this year. Since the opening of school, classes have been conducted in the chapel, which has been partitioned into classrooms on each side by temporary partitions. The steelwork for the girls' hostel has been erected and the walls are fast coming up. Soon this building will be finished and will add much to the school in that there will be the new kitchen and dining-room facilities. And none too soon for the old temporary hostel, kitchen, and dining-room have served long past their time for temporary quarters.

## CEYLON UNION

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## PROGRESS IN CEYLON

L. F. HARDIN

IN DECEMBER of last year Pastor B. D. Juriansz started an effort in Nawalapitiya, an important railway centre for the central part of the island. This was a new place where work had not been started before. The new aluminium tabernacle located at the end of the town attracted the attention of all the inhabitants.

From night to night the tabernacle was filled with many interested folk who had never heard the prophecies before. They were very happy that the message of truth could be given to them in their own town. A lively song service was conducted by Brother A. B. Kulasekera, one of the teachers from the Lakpahana Training Institute. Another student played the organ for the meetings. After some time, on a Sabbath afternoon, a Sabbath school was conducted for the young people under the able leadership of Mrs. B. D. Juriansz.

Pastor Juriansz left before the close of the effort to attend the Seminary Extension School held at Spicer Memorial College, so Pastor N. O. Dahlsten continued the meetings until they closed at the end of April. Pastor Juriansz plans to continue the work in Nawalapitiya with

the interests developed there. We are praying for a harvest of souls in this town.

In Colombo, in a very fine hall—the Women's International club—a series of evangelistic meetings was conducted by Pastor F. R. Scott and a number of cottage meetings and Bible studies are being conducted from the interests of this effort. We are hoping and praying for a number of baptisms as a result. Brethren Hector Fernando, Shearlin Stanley, and Mrs. E. K. Taylor assisted in the effort visiting programme and the Bible work.

Brother B. Pinghe has a large number of cottage meetings in Jaffna. The interest is very good, and as plans are being laid for an evangelistic effort, we feel that there will be a large number of souls gathered in and baptized in this northern part of the island. As soon as the tabernacle can be moved and erected, the meetings will start.

All over the field our evangelists are preparing for a series of evangelistic efforts for the next few months. The goal for baptisms this year is the largest ever set for Ceylon. We are anticipating the reaching of this goal with the Lord's blessing.

In the midst of the island, where the Lakpahana Training Institute is

The Nugegoda Grade School has come to completion. The whitewashing and painting is being done. After the present vacation is over school will be conducted in the new building. We have waited a long time for this and now we are being rewarded.

Last year in Weerakodaiyanan new work was started by Brother D. E. Wijesinghe and a fine Sabbath school has been organized there. Fifteen members have been baptized, and soon another baptism will bring in another group of believers. Before this year comes to a close we are planning to have this group of believers organized into a church. A fine small building has already been erected for the members to meet and have their services.

During the MV week that was held in July, the Young People received a blessing and victories were won for the Lord.

Soon the Youth Camp will be conducted and large numbers of young people are planning to attend. Pastor J. F. Ashlock will be in attendance. This camp will most surely inspire our young people to greater service for Christ.

Surely the Lord is blessing the work in the Ceylon Union. May it ever continue to go forward in the preparation of many souls who will be gathered into the heavenly kingdom when Jesus comes.

**COLOMBO UPLIFT VICTORY**

FRANCIS R. SCOTT

THE Bethel chapel and Nugegoda churches of Colombo determined to reach their combined Uplift goal of Rs. 6,050 during the eight weeks of April and May set apart for the campaign. The Bethel chapel goal was Rs. 3,400, and the Nugegoda goal, with a smaller membership, was Rs. 2,650.

Goal devices were made for each church which indicated the steady progress of the church, the band, and the individual. Coloured map pins indicated when an individual had raised Rs. 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, and the individual goal, which was set at Rs. 81 for the Bethel chapel members and Rs. 102 for Nugegoda members.

There were sixty-one reporting members who made possible the victory celebration on Uplift Victory Day, May 28. On that day the two churches met in a combined session in the spacious Nugegoda church. Bethel chapel was able to report Rs. 3,691.56, or Rs. 291.56 beyond its goal, while Nugegoda had brought in Rs. 2,736.57, or Rs. 86.57 beyond its goal.

Both churches enjoyed the campaign, and we look forward to bigger and better plans for a more successful campaign next year.

Not only were funds brought in, but many fine experiences came to those engaged in the work. The manager of a well-known firm asked that the pastor come to see him to study the Bible. Another prominent businessman cheerfully gave his Rs. 100 donation, saying that he had lived next to a Seventh-day Adventist church, and continued, "We are Buddhists, and did not go inside the church, but we used to listen to the sermons from next door. They were very interesting." He had only praise for Adventists.

We were also able to contact a former Adventist, for when one businessman was solicited, he exclaimed, "Why, that's my wife's church!" He gave a donation as well as his wife's name and address, and she was contacted and invited to the church services.

The Uplift programme is a triple-action soul-winning device. It brings

in funds for the advancement of God's cause, it brings the church member in contact with interested individuals, and perhaps best of all,

it enlivens the spiritual experiences of those who participate in it.

The Colombo churches look forward to their 1956 campaign.

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O. O. MATTISON

**S**ENSING the great potentialities of a still stronger Voice of Prophecy work throughout the Northwestern India Union, Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Rawson, in close co-operation with the Northwestern India Union committee, planned an intensive workers' meeting for July 26 and 27 in Roorkee. It was my happy privilege to be with them for these two days. A very fine group of workers came in from every section of the union and really got down to constructive work from the very first hour. A well organized programme had been planned and certainly no time was wasted. The response was all that could be expected. All readily saw that they had been allowing many opportunities slip by where they could have reached out into homes and offices for the many who want to know the way but need someone to guide them.

The Northwestern India Union has three schools in operation—English, Hindi, and Urdu. Soon the Marathi school will be ready to go into operation. The workers accepted the challenge put to them and have pledged to enrol 6,000 Urdu students, and an equal amount in the other languages, by the end of 1955. Along with this, they are launching out on a follow-up programme that will make their enrollees personal prospects for baptism of the one who enrolls them.

I am confident this will mark the beginning of a new day throughout the great Northwestern India Union in a soul-saving drive that will bring them undreamed of success. Pastor Inayat Chand and his fellow Voice of Prophecy secretaries have the full co-operation of the entire working force, who will in turn harness the

strength of the constituency in this programme. We know the Lord will bless their united efforts as they go forth in faith. Pray for the Voice of Prophecy work, not only in the Northwestern India Union, but throughout the Southern Asia Division

**GOOD EXPERIENCES HEARD AT ROORKEE**

J. PANDIT

**J**ULY 26 and 27 were days of thrilling interest for the writer and the workers in the Northwestern India Union. During these two days Elder A. E. Rawson held a very inspirational Voice of Prophecy council meeting at Roorkee for the Northwestern Union workers.

It does one good to witness the co-operation and unity existing among the workers and leaders in this union. While at the meeting, the writer had the privilege of listening to some of the interesting experiences of the workers, who have really done a good job in following up Voice of Prophecy interests.

One interesting experience related was about a young couple who had surrendered themselves to Christ. Brother Dal Chand laboured strongly in their behalf. In the early part of 1954 the young man took up the study of our Hindi Voice of Prophecy lessons. The first few lessons held his interest to such an extent that he decided to become a follower of the truth. He wrote several letters to the Hindi Bible school and each time received a prompt reply.

By the end of 1954 the young man had completed the Hindi course and decided to lose no time in being baptized. At first his wife was not willing to join him in his decision and, being grieved, left him. We

prayed earnestly with the young man over the matter and God heard our prayers for shortly afterwards his wife returned to him.

This young man is now baptized and is staying at Roorkee trying to learn more about his new found faith. His wife is with him and is also studying the message.

The parents of this couple have bitterly persecuted them, but through it all the husband has remained unmoved. He has given himself fully to God and will not go back on his decision to love and serve Him. Today one can read happiness and contentment on his face, and he is a loyal follower of the true God.

At Roorkee we also met another young man who has taken his stand for the true God and, although cut off from his relations, he rejoices in the present truth. He is taking further studies at the school and earning his own living.

As we see these young people accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour, undergoing problems and persecutions in life, we can observe how the message for our time has moulded their very lives.

Dear fellow workers and "TIDINGS" readers, please remember these dear souls in your prayers that they may remain dedicated and true to the cause of Truth?

### "BEHOLD THEM THAT COME FROM THE NORTH"

DANIEL M. RAI

**I**N THE Word of God we are admonished to "lift up your eyes and behold them that come from the north." May we, therefore, invite our readers from the south, east, and west to lift up their eyes and behold us and our activities centred around our High School at Roorkee.

Up in the North the month of July is an auspicious month for us, firstly because it is traditionally a **M**o**n**s**o**o**n** month, and secondly, because it is the month when we look forward to seeing our students come home, as it were, after a long summer vacation. The first day of July was the day when the closed doors were opened to welcome 106 boys and girls, yes, old and new students, both boarders and day scholars,

## THE STRAIN OF PRETENCE

Ernest Lloyd

**W**E LIVE in a world in which the majority try to pass themselves off for something greater and better than they are in reality; as being wiser, richer, more attractive, and more learned than they really are. There is much veneer. We see it among church people as well as among worldlings. In our Lord's time on earth religious society was one complicated pretence. And then the real One came!

Just look at Him! Real and genuine to the core as He walks among men in old Galilee. He is at heart what He is on the surface, and we shall never find Him any different. He is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." His acts exactly parallel His words. John says He is full of truth, full of reality, full of sincerity. And His remnant people are to be like Him.

In these modern days the strain of pretence has sapped the spiritual life of many church people. We see it in our own ranks. And the non-church-goers living around us easily see through this thin veneer of pretence. How greatly needed is simplicity today! Complexity is too often associated with weakness, but simplicity is associated with strength. I have read that engineers and inventors count a gain in simplicity as a gain in power. So in character. The greatest truths and the greatest characters are the simplest.

The presence and practice of reality and simplicity in our lives would eliminate endless trouble and many worries. In our choices, desires, and purposes we work either for simplicity or against it. Let us be on the side of simplicity. It is the safe side. It is the Lord's side.—  
"Review and Herald."

*Behold* us conducting the M. V. Week of Prayer from July 17-23 with Elder D. S. Johnson, our Division secretary, and acting secretary of the Department of Education leading out. His interesting talks and fitting illustrations have certainly left an indelible impression upon the plastic minds of our children. It brings back memories of that week when we hear the children sing some of the choruses taught by Elder Johnson during that time. The theme for the week was "In Quest of the Best." The "best" was certainly chosen when three of the girls decided to walk in the "newness of life" and be buried in baptism into the Lord's death. This important and sacred ordinance was conducted by Pastor Johnson.

*Behold* us organizing a baptismal class consisting of twenty candidates. This is another proof that the Spirit of the Lord moved upon the hearts of our students during this week of religious emphasis. Under the leadership of the writer this class meets every Sabbath afternoon. We hope to baptize at least fifteen of this number by the end of October.

*Behold*, the Union V. O. P. secretary, Pastor I. M. Chand make his temporary headquarters with us. We are glad that our school could house this important branch of the Lord's work. This has certainly made our students V. O. P. conscious and how it cheers our hearts to hear them sing, "I am V. O. P. minded" to the tune of "I am H-A-P-P-Y!"

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# BIG WEEK

## A BIG IDEA

W. L. BARCLAY

**BIG WEEK!**—Missions Extension! Interesting names, aren't they? And they mean the same thing. When we talk about Big Week the very name enlarges our vision. How can we talk about Big Week without getting big ideas? And those who get big ideas, and put them into practice, see big results.

Now, it is easy for people to get big ideas. Every day dreamer has them. But there is a difference between a day-dreamer and a go-getter. A day-dreamer thinks up big ideas, but does nothing about them. A go-getter thinks up big ideas and immediately puts them into practice. During this Big-Week campaign will you be a day-dreamer or a go-getter?

The big idea is to have every church member bring in an offering on Sabbath, September 10 for Missions Extension. To make this possible the Union Publishing departments have made available to every church member a supply of our small books. During Big Week the members should sell these books to their friends and neighbours. The more books that are sold, the larger the offering will be on September 10.

On Sabbath, September 3, every pastor will present a Big Week message to the church. It should be an inspiring message. Every church member should be inspired to do something during Big Week. The day-dreamer will have big ideas and in his dream he will sell hundreds of books—but actually the week will pass in dreams and he will have done nothing. The go-getter will also have big ideas—and he will go to his pastor and get a supply of books and as soon as Sabbath is over he

will begin to contact his friends and neighbours and persuade them to purchase. Naturally, when the week is over he will have a large offering for Missions Extension. Esteemed reader, which will you be? A day-dreamer or a go-getter?

The big idea in Big Week is twofold. First and foremost it is to provide funds for a specific Mission project, hence the name—Missions Extension. Second, it makes it possible to place many books in the hands of the people. The angels have recorded in the Books of Heaven the names of many, many people who have learned the message of salva-

tion through reading a Big Week book. Brother Day-Dreamer, Brother Go-Getter, who knows but that some soul, or some family, may find the Highway of Eternal Life through the books you sell during this Big Week! It's a thrilling thought, isn't it? It's a big idea, isn't it? That's the reason why we want every church member to unite with the Publishing department in making this Big Week a real Big Week so that we can say at the end of it, when the offering is taken on September 10, *Mission Accomplished*,—Missions Extended—it is a big idea and we have had a real BIG WEEK.

## AN ILLUSTRATION FOR BIG WEEK SERMON

“A DROVER who lived on the Western prairie, went from home to sell some cattle. After disposing of the cattle and making some purchases, it was late, and it might have been more prudent for him to have stayed in town until morning, but he felt anxious to get back.

Night set in before he was a mile from town, and settled down dark as pitch while he was in the midst of the wildest bit of road on the way. Then the storm that had been brewing broke, and the rain fell in torrents, while he was still five or six miles from home. Suddenly he heard a little cry, like a child's voice. He

stopped and listened. He heard it again; he got down and felt about in the grass, called again, and again was answered. Then he began to wonder. He was known to be a drover, and to have money about him. He thought it might be a trap to catch him and rob and murder him. He was half inclined to run away. But once more he heard that piteous cry, and said, “If any man's child is hereabouts, I am not the man to let it lie here and die.”

Then, to tell the story in his own words: “I searched again. At last I thought of a hollow under the hill, and groped that way. Sure enough,

I found a little dripping thing, that moaned and sobbed as I took it in my arms. It seemed tired to death, and soon cried itself to sleep against my bosom. It had slept there some time when I saw my own windows. There were lights in them, and I supposed my wife had lighted them for my sake; but when I got into the yard I saw something was wrong. Neighbours were in the house, and my wife was weeping. When I asked the trouble, one of the neighbours replied: 'Nothing now, I hope. What is that in your arms?' 'A poor lost child,' I said, 'I found it on the road. Take it, will you? I have turned faint.' I lifted the little sleeper, and saw the face of my own child. My little girl had wandered out to meet papa, while her mother was busy, and for her they were lamenting as for one dead.

"It is not much of a story, neighbour; but I think of it often and wonder how I could bear to live now if I had not stopped when I heard the cry for help upon the road."—*Fishers of Men*, pp. 60, 61.

"The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession she makes, not by the names enrolled on her books, but by what she is actually doing for the Master by the number of her persevering faithful workers."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 200.

## THE BOOK IN ARMY TANK

WHILE the brethren of the Austrian Union were assembled in a committee meeting a short time ago an express letter came with this incomplete address: "Advent Mission, Vienna." It contained an urgent request for the visit of a minister, and came from a man living in an out-of-the-way place. One of our ministers was delegated to answer this request. It was a wintry day, and after a rather difficult trip wading through deep snow, he came to a little house in a forest. There he found a man with his wife and daughter anxiously waiting to receive Bible instruction.

The first question our minister asked was, "How did you get in touch with the Adventist message?"

The man went to a shelf and took



## MISSIONS EXTENSION WEEK

W. L. BARCLAY

**M**—any souls are walking  
**I**—n the darkness of  
**S**—in. This week we  
**S**—hould do all we can to  
**I**—nterest them in  
**O**—vercoming thru Christ.  
**N**—ow the plan of  
**S**—alvation found in our

**E**—xcellent books  
**X**—plains how to  
**T**—urn away from the  
**E**—vil temptations of Satan.  
**N**—ullify Satan's efforts.  
**S**—how your personal  
**I**—nterest in helping  
**O**—thers by letting  
**N**—othing keep you from

**W**—orking hard  
**E**—very day, placing our books in  
**E**—very home in your neighbourhood.  
**K**—ing Jesus will bless your efforts.



down a worn book, which he handed to our brother. It was the German edition of Brother Spicer's book *Our Day In The Light Of Prophecy*.

"How did you get hold of this book?" was the next question.

The man answered, "Shortly after the close of the war I was visiting the town a few miles away and happened to be nearby when some boys climbed into an old army tank abandoned by the Germans at the time they left the country. One of the boys came out with a book, which he handed to his mother. The woman didn't seem interested, but as I drew near she handed the book over to me and asked me if I wanted it. I took the book home and have been studying it ever since, together with the Bible. We want to know more about God's message for these last days."

This man and his wife and daughter have been baptized since, and are letting their light shine in this section of the country where before we had no members.

God's ways are mysterious. Who knows the whole story behind this book? It is known that this book left behind by the Germans came from Budapest, Hungary. Probably it was sold somewhere in Germany by one of our faithful colporteurs and the buyer took it with him when he was called into military service.

At least, after a long trip through Hungary it reached the very place in Austria where the Lord saw to it that it came to the hands of an honest, believing soul.

When Jesus comes we shall surely have some wonderful hours learning the marvellous stories of God's providences with the publications sold by our faithful canvassers, and what joy will be theirs to hear these wonderful stories of divine guidance and to see the fruit of their labours.—F. CHARPIOT, *Southern European Division*.

## TWELVE SOULS FROM AN OLD BOOK FOUND IN VACANT HOUSE

MRS. RUSSEL and her family moved into a vacant house in the city of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and when they started cleaning the place and making it ready for living, they found an old dresser with only three legs. They decided to carry it out to the garage to get it out of the way, and when they picked it up they heard something sliding around in one of the drawers. Inside they found a copy of *The Great Controversy* that the previous tenants had left. Mrs. Russell and her family began reading the book, and soon were keeping the Sabbath and looking for a church that taught as the book did. They wrote a letter to the publishers, explaining their discovery, and soon they were put in touch with the pastor of the LaCrosse church. As is the usual custom, they at once began sharing their new faith with their friends and relatives. Already twelve precious souls, members of the same family, are rejoicing in the message from that one book. The Russel family will probably never know who sold that fine book, but God cares for His own.—*Adventuring with Gospel Literature*.

PERSONAL  
FAITH  
THE  
CROWNING  
WITNESS

HOWARD B. WEEKS

ALL Seventh-day Adventists realize the importance of a dedicated personal witness for the faith. But sometimes we can be made to understand more fully just how important that witness is to the salvation of many of Christ's "other sheep" who are earnestly, perhaps desperately, seeking spiritual guidance.

Responding to one of the doctrinal advertisements that the church is placing in newspapers and magazines, a Canadian woman has written a letter to the General Conference Public Relations office in which she pays a remarkable tribute to the personal faith of an Adventist believer.

For nearly two years this woman had been afflicted with an agonizing illness. Physicians had tried to help her, but in vain. Then she met this Seventh-day Adventist sister. But here is the story, in her own words, for the encouragement of those who often may wonder whether their personal influence is truly felt:

"For nearly one month," our correspondent writes, "she came whenever she had any time to spare, with her Bible, her words of faith, and prayer. It is through her example and her words that I learned the meaning and the value of the word 'prayer'—for where doctors and medicine had failed, her faith and her prayers had a miraculous effect. My health has been restored to normal—as normal as it can ever be again.

"I am humbly grateful, for it seems to me that God sent aid in the form of the little kind lady—one of your Seventh-day Adventists. Her faith is boundless; her words, to me, were as pure as I have ever heard mortal tongue utter; her love of God and truth and the Bible were a joy to perceive. Goodness, kindness, and mercy seemed to radiate from her, and I was deeply touched.

"My purpose in having related my story briefly to you is that I, too, would like very much to know more about your work. If I could grasp a fraction of the great faith that was and is embedded in one of your servants of God, and which radiates from her as she speaks of the Bible and from the Bible as a Seventh-day Adventist, I would ask nothing more."

Then she signs her letter by name

as "one who is seeking the truth as seen with your eyes."

We can think of no higher tribute to the power of Christ flowing through the life of one of His believers than the sincere words of this woman who has felt the appealing attraction of that power and is following after.

This letter is a vivid reminder to all of us that individual members are in a vital partnership with evangelists and with those who prepare advertisements or radio programmes that go out to great masses of people. Interest aroused by one can be led to maturity by another.

But always it is the life of the believer, radiating the power of Jesus that confirms the faith in the minds of those who are seeking the truth.—*Review and Herald.*

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**EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS IN NELLORE**

O. B. JONATHAN

A WEEK after I came back to Secunderabad from the Summer Extension School, in Kirkee, I was asked to go to Nellore to assist Pastor G. Isaiah who started an effort in Nellore a month prior to my going to him. He conducts four meetings a week in a pandal which is erected in an open place a furlong from the railway station. On the nights when he does not have meetings he and his wife go to the homes of the people to hold cottage meetings.

During my stay of ten days with him, I took delight in leading out in the song services and in telling stories to the children for whom we conducted a ten-minute service preceding the regular meetings for the seniors. Though most of the children who attended the meetings are non-christian, yet they avail themselves of the opportunity of learning to sing Christian hymns.

Seventy people have been attending the meetings regularly. Pastor Isaiah believes in system and order. He presents the message in such a

dynamic and thrilling way that all are stirred while he lectures. Some take down notes during the service and when the meeting is over many of the people ask for the outline of the sermon.

During the hour of the lecture, none stirred from their seats nor whispered to one another. They were fully engrossed in the speaker and his message.

The Present Truth is being presented in a mighty way to the people in Nellore. God's spirit is working on the hearts of these people and they are responding. Very soon I am sure there will be a rich harvest of souls in this part of the field.

**EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN AVALPOONTHURAI**

V. SUNDARA RAJ

THE message was first brought to the village of Avalpoonthurai in Erode by Mr. V. Jesudas, who is one of the workers in the South Tamil Section. The people were anxious to know about our truth and sent a message to the North Tamil Section office asking them to hold a series of meetings in this village. We are grateful to the committee for grant-

ing the funds to hold meetings here for more than seven weeks.

Soon preparations were made; a shed was put up; and handbills were distributed. The meetings commenced under the leadership of Mr. M. Arputham at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 1955, and continued until July 7 with a regular attendance.

The message presented stirred the hearers. Many have discarded their bad habits and are now walking in the right path. We appreciated the help of Brethren Alhisaya Raj and P. M. Samuel who worked untiringly for these meetings.

On July 13, all the believers of Avalpoonthurai marched to the bank of a big water tank which was not far from the village. After a careful and thorough test, seven souls were buried with the Lord in baptism. Pastor Y. G. Thomas, the president of the North Tamil Section, conducted the baptismal service. More than a dozen visitors manifested their desire to obey the law of God and be baptized. They are now studying and getting ready for the next baptism.

Please pray for these new believers, and for those who are preparing for baptism.

where we met quite a few friends. We came back to the college that night to find that the College orchestra was putting on a musical programme. The orchestra which is about fifty strong, rendered some very exquisite music which we greatly enjoyed. The next morning found us leaving Colledale on our way to California. The highways were very smooth and we sped along the roads at an average speed of seventy miles, covering almost 700 miles every day.

We stopped at Fort Worth, Texas. Brother and Sister Hancock, who are stationed there, gave us a warm welcome. While enjoying their hospitality we were told that their little daughter would entertain us with a "Samil Song." I presumed that this must be some kind of new language I had never heard, but when she sang I found it was none other than a Tamil translation of the chorus "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." I learned that just the previous year a young missionary from India taught the children this Tamil chorus at a camp meeting that was held there, and his name was "Sorensen."

At one stop on the way at a service station we were introduced to the man in charge of the station, as "men from India." We spent just two minutes there and the man told me that I spoke good English. He was surprised that I could speak English so fluently within three weeks of my arrival! His surprise was even greater when he was told that in India there were 300 colleges and 30 Universities and that the medium of instruction, in many schools, was English.

We travelled several hundred miles a day and rested at night in the Motels. At long last, after travelling over 3,000 miles through cities, counties and deserts, we reached Loma Linda, California. At this point our journey by car was over. Pastor Ashlock and his good wife who were such amiable companions were now a little tired after continuous driving for approximately 4,000 miles. We thank them immensely for their care for us all through the journey and for bringing us safely to the West Coast.

I spent four days as the guest of the Medical College and visited a number

## MY TRIP TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(PART 5)

I. K. MOSES

WE LEFT Washington and drove about 700 miles through the beautiful State of Pennsylvania into Michigan. On the way, that evening, we went to the Adelpian Academy for the night. I found here Jonathan, Brother and Sister Wilcott's son, who was a student at this Academy. We spent a very comfortable night there in the guest room. After seeing some of the industries of this institution, which were very interesting, specially the carpentry and the dairy, we went on our way.

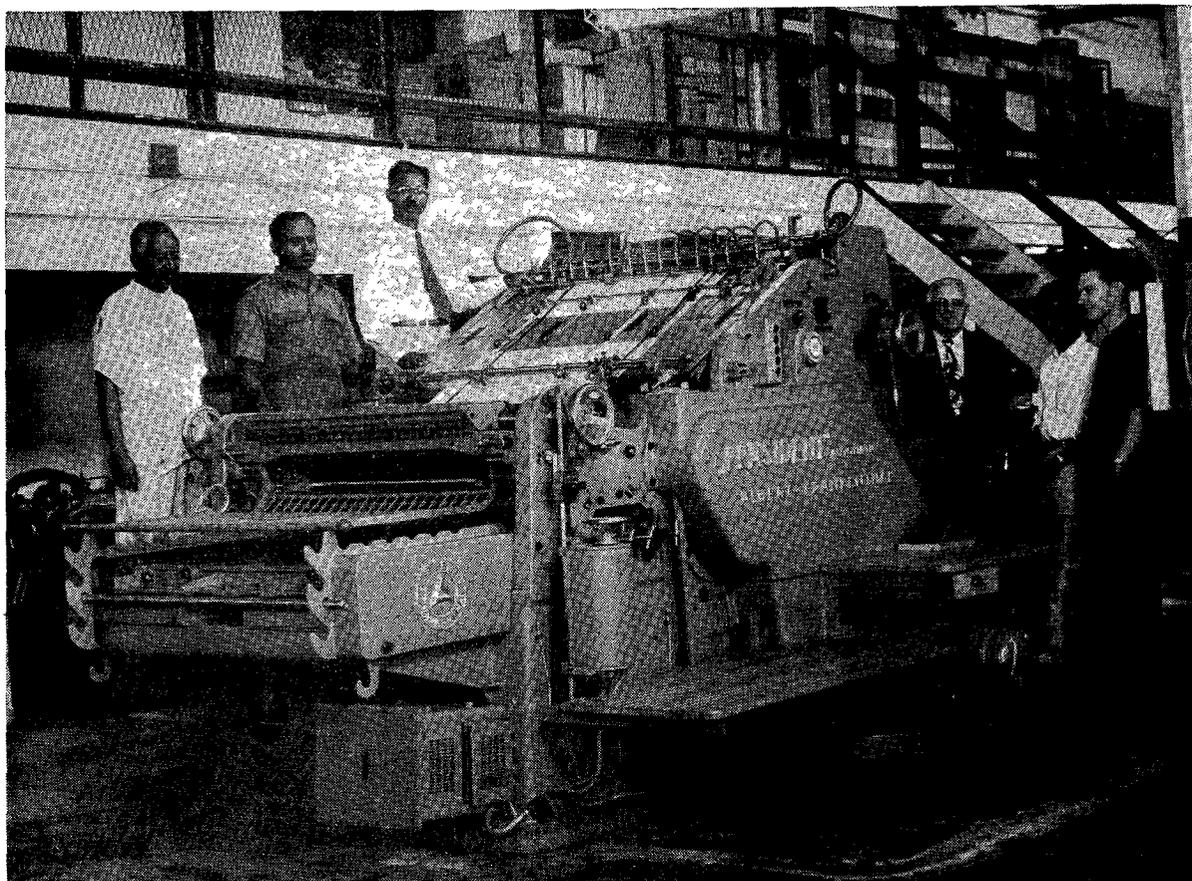
Eventually we reached Battle Creek where we were guests of Pastor and Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Lee, who is the daughter of Elder D. W. Hunter, was greatly interested in us and treated us very kindly. While there we saw the graves of Elder and Mrs. White, Elder Uriah Smith, and other pioneers of our movement. We also saw the home of Mrs. White where she wrote the book *Great Controversy*.

In the evening we spoke of India and our work here to two groups of people in two churches in Battle Creek. Brother Akbar and I spent the night in the home of Brother and Sister Nielsen who spared nothing to make us comfortable. We left Battle Creek and wended our way toward the South. We passed through the State of Ohio and while doing so we visited Brother and Sister Pohlman.

We spent an hour here and then went on our way through Kentucky, enjoying the scenes of the country which were quite different from what we see in India. We saw many barns with cottages where the farmers lived alongside their great fields.

Tennessee was our next State in which is Southern Missionary College where we stopped for two days including a Sabbath. We spoke to different groups here in the Sabbath school and also at the main Tabernacle where 1,500 people attended the service. Here we met Brother Jessen Jr., Mrs. Gardner and her daughter Gwendoline, Brother Fuller, Senior. Brother Detamore's daughter who is in charge of the girls took us around and showed us the various industries. We were greatly impressed by the scientific methods employed at the furniture workshop, dairy, farm, and the broom shop. Elder Pierson's brother, who is in charge of the farm, took us around the estate.

On Sabbath, a lay member, by name Brother Pons, who had visited Calcutta when he was in the Army, invited us to his home in Georgia and we had our lunch there. In the evening we saw the Loola Falls and the mountain train which goes almost vertically up a hill. In the evening we visited the Wildwood Sanitarium



The picture above shows the latest arrival in the Oriental Watchman Publishing House—The President Automatic Albert-Frankenthal Printing Press—and the men who set it up. The press supplies a long-felt need. It takes paper  $27\frac{1}{2}'' \times 37\frac{3}{4}''$  in size and can operate at a speed of 3,000 impressions per hour. The net weight of this well-built press is nearly eight tons. It is very compact, is fully automatic, has many new features, and is easy to operate.

We are grateful for this fine piece of equipment through which we are running 20,000 "Health and Longevity" at the present time. The Lord has been good to us and we thank Him for His blessings.

—O. A. Skau.

of families. Brother Akbar went along with Elder Ashlock visiting several churches. In Loma Linda I met Elder and Mrs. J. S. James who enquired about their friends in India. Elder and Mrs. Carter (parents of Mrs. R. S. Lowry) were happy to see me and helped me to make many acquaintances. I also met Elder and Mrs. I. F. Blue who are spending their well-earned retirement in this place. They are happy and well. I spent many evenings with my good friends Brother and Sister Winston Janes and their children who spared nothing to make me feel at home. Brother and Sister Dickinson, who had spent a few years in Ceylon, were also there. Brother Dickinson is the pastor of the church. On Sabbath I spoke in the children's division.

The Medical College and Sanitarium are two very fine institutions and very interesting. I also met in Loma Linda, Brother and Sister M. S. Prasada Rao who had just arrived and were staying with Elder and Mrs. James. Brother Winston Janes helped us much in taking us around. We went to La Sierra and visited the College and the Loma Linda Food factory. It was wonderful to see the work done there. Dr. Eden Smith is practising in a little town about twenty-five miles from Loma Linda. He was happy to see us.

I moved along towards San Francisco, but on the way stopped at the White Memorial Hospital. Here I met Brother H. A. Walls who is the Registrar. He wished me to stay in his home for the three days I was there and I must say this was a

real pleasant visit. In the hospital I met several friends—Charles Thomas, John Tarr, Dessie Negassa (who had just arrived here for the Conference) and others. The new addition to the White Memorial Hospital was under construction and it looked to me to be a very gigantic addition having been estimated as a two million dollar project. I went through the hospital and was much impressed with the set-up and the modern conveniences both for the patients and workers.

While there I went to Glendale and visited the Sanitarium and the Voice of Prophecy set-up. It was very interesting to see the way the work was carried on. It was a pleasure to meet the King's Herald and Beth Thurber (the organist). The radio  
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## NEWS FROM

## THE WORLD FIELD

## ANOTHER OPEN DOOR

F. G. CLIFFORD

WHILE doors for missionary service have closed in some lands it is cheering to know that other doors that have long been closed are now opening to the third angel's message. One such door has recently opened in the Ellice Islands of the South Pacific.

A number of years ago an ordinance was passed in these islands to prevent any mission body, apart from the one already established, from teaching or carrying on work in the islands. This gave a privileged position to the one society that had been established for almost one hundred years. The natives had been taught to refuse to entertain any other teaching or to associate with any other mission body. In passing this unusual restrictive ordinance, the government had been guided by the sentiment and wishes of the islanders.

From time to time attempts were made to carry the message to these people, but bitter persecution and restrictions have made the attempts difficult, hazardous and spasmodic. However, a few persons accepted the message. For some four years it has not been possible to care for these people, and they have been as sheep without a shepherd. The privilege of residence was denied to our workers. Upon a number of occasions the attention of the government was called to this restrictive ordinance as being a denial of the principles of religious liberty usually upheld and maintained in enlightened communities. Now victory has come. Last year the restrictive ordinance was repealed, and two of our regular workers have now established themselves in the Ellice Islands group. God has blessed their labours. Reports just received tell us that we have a company of

twenty believers in Funafuti, the capital, and smaller groups in two other islands of the same territory.

Our hearts rejoice at the opening of this area, for it is but another token that the coming of Jesus is very near, since He wills that the message shall be sounded to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.—*Review and Herald*.

## SAVED FROM THE FLAMES

W. M. R. SCRAGG

BROTHER Wanke, of South Australia, was a lay preacher of a certain Protestant body for many years. He came in contact with the message through the Voice of Prophecy. A worker studied with him on his farm, and he accepted the Sabbath truth. Fearing that his farm was too much for him to manage, he appointed a day to sell all his movable property. The day was, of course, an important one to him. Previous to this he had been burned out twice by grass fires. The day of the sale was in the hot season, and bush fires were raging around. He was afraid he would be burned out before the sale took place. When he saw that the flames were spreading close to the back of his property, he took his little boy seven years of age and went down to the shed and knelt in prayer. He promised God that if He would save his farm from the fire, he surely would return to Him the tenth of his income.

Leaving his little boy there to pray, he drove in a water cart to the place where the fire was coming close to his property. The wind had swept the fire to his grassland, but suddenly for no reason at all, as it appeared, the wind turned and blew in the opposite direction, away from his place, and his property was saved. After the sale he telephoned to ask

me to come and receive his tithe.

Later, when this man bought another property, he had quite a large number of cows. At that time there was much concern among the dairy farmers over pernicious abortion, which would leave the cows calfless. He had purchased ten good heifers from one of these farmers, and a neighbour of his suggested that he send some tests from his cows to the Agricultural Department to see whether the disease was in his herd. He refused to do so. He said he was faithful and returned his tithe to God and kept the Sabbath and loved the Lord. He said he did not believe the Lord would allow his cows to be stricken with it. The neighbour replied, "Why, I have it in my herd, and my cows lick yours through the fence. They certainly must have it." Brother Wanke did not distrust the Lord, but he said: "If you want to take a test you can." So the neighbour took a test from each of the ten heifers that had come from the herd where the disease was rife. I was at Brother Wanke's home when the tests came back, and they were negative in every instance.

Brother Wanke sold his property again and moved to a place called Dublin. At the very hottest time of the summer a bush fire was raging in the distance. It had burned down other property and was sweeping on toward his. The grocer of the town telephoned him to say that the fire was rushing on to his property. Brother Wanke went into his office with his boy again, who was now nine years old, and they both knelt and prayed that the Lord would save his place from the flames.

Then leaving the boy still praying, he rode to the back of his property to see what he could do to stop the fire. Again the wind turned and blew the fire away from his property.

These experiences are all true in every detail and constitute the most consistent reward for faithfulness in tithe paying of which I have ever heard. It was a wonderful thing for a man to come out of the—church, keep the Sabbath, and return the Lord's tithe in such a faithful way. God has richly blessed our brother in the things of this world, but more so in his spiritual life.—*Review and Herald*.

## ARE WE SUFFICIENT FOR THE TASK

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infilling of faith empowers all religious activities; it gives effectiveness to our words as we witness for Christ; it gives us power to draw men nearer to God.

But there are conditions of heart that make fullness of faith impossible. An unforgiving and impenitent heart, a wilful heart, or an unconsecrated heart is incapable of the exercise of full faith. Therefore there are very definite heart conditions that lead to faith. These must be kept constant in the life if we would walk the way of faith. As it was with Dr. Adam Clarke, that great Bible commentator, our souls must become "so agonizingly conscious of sin and so painfully desirous for deliverance from it," that we must believe, and find salvation and complete deliverance in Christ.

Nothing is so needful in our lives today as effectual faith—faith that brings things to pass. Followers of Christ in the past have possessed such faith. What they possessed we may have now. Let us seek for it with all our hearts. To be sufficient for the task set before us, we must possess the fullness of this active, living faith. —*Review and Herald.*

## NEWS ITEMS FROM EAST PAKISTAN

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from these churches. One church is raising funds to support the children of a widow at the Jalirpar school. Another society has volunteered to support two girls at the Jalirpar school. And still another society raised funds to provide a boat to the Narikeltala church in the Sunderbans.

The interest re-created by our Buruabari and Betkachia members under the leadership of Pastor Baroya was followed up by a full effort and we are happy to report a baptism of nineteen souls. We are now ready to build a church with funds raised at the Constituency meeting. The Sabbath School membership is fifty-seven in this village.

## TO OUR TIDINGS FAMILY

For the past two and a half years it has been my happy privilege to serve as manager of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House and there I had a small part in getting our Division paper, the "Southern Asia Tidings," to you. These have been busy years, but happy ones in my association with the large Publishing House family.

Today, as I leave this office to serve in the Division Educational Department office, I want to thank all, both producers and readers of the "Tidings" for their fellowship and co-operation. My future address will be Post Box 15, Poona 1. Kindly note that Pastor L. C. Shepard who has served this great Division for the past thirty-six years in the publishing work is once again back as general manager. Please write to Pastor Shepard on items pertaining to the Publishing House and should you have any educational queries then kindly refer them to me addressed: Educational Secretary, Box 15, Poona 1.

—O. A. Skau.

A ministerial institute was conducted at Gopalganj for thirty-three days to which all evangelists who could not attend the Poona Seminary Extension School were invited. Pastor B. Nowrangi and Brother S. Jesudass from the Union and the writer and his wife served as instructors. Besides searching of the Scriptures to re-cast sermons which would harmonize with the blueprint much time was spent in spiritual self-examination.

The spiritual and moral influence of the worker on the rural community depends not on the intellectual or social impact he makes but on the Christian graces that are seen in his life; in his character and conduct; in his family life. At the close of the institute the workers pledged to win 215 souls between now and the end of the year. Six efforts will be in full swing in various parts of the field. Let us remember these workers in our prayers.

## "BEHOLD THEM THAT COME FROM THE NORTH"

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*Behold*, most of the workers from the union come to our school for a very profitable two day session of the V. O. P. To hear Elders O. O. Mattison, A. E. Rawson, and Mrs. A. E. Rawson boost the V. O. P. does certainly make one happy to be connected with the V. O. P. work.

*Behold*, an experienced worker's wife as the assistant matron this year. We are grateful to the Union for the loan of Mrs. Phoebe Chand's services in the above capacity.

*Behold* the entire school family "investment" conscious. Different devices are being planned to earn funds for this branch of the Sabbath school work. A goal of Rs. 60/- for the third quarter has been set aside and we are glad to say that within the first month of this quarter more than half has already been brought into the Lord's treasury.

*Behold* Mr. Salik, along with his enthusiastic team, launching out into an effort. We plan to generate our own "bijli" and are grateful for the loan of Mr. W. H. Mattison's generator.

Now that you have beheld us, may we have an interest in your prayers?

## MY TRIP TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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and the other equipment are the best that could be had. On the Sabbath I spoke to the members of the Temple City church and there I met the two sisters of Dr. Hiscox. They were happy to know I came from the country where their sister laboured.

The Sabbath prior to the Conference we were taken by Brother Hamel to the Pacific Union College, where the graduation exercises were being conducted. After the service we visited Brother Cyril Dean, who is one of the professors there. He has a lovely family who entertained us very kindly. In the afternoon we went by the St. Helena Sanitarium and then "Elmshaven" where we saw the rooms where Sister White had lived and the furniture she used while there.

The time for the beginning of the pre-sessions of the General Conference was drawing nigh and therefore I made haste to San Francisco. I took the train "Starlight" and said goodbye to the Walls family at the great railway station at Los Angeles. The train was very comfortable being air conditioned. Early morning we came to San Jose and then to Frisco. I hired a taxi and went straight to the Roosevelt Hotel where I found a room for both of us—Brother Pein Gyi and myself. The arrangements in this hotel were excellent.

I shall not take time and space to tell you all about the General Conference and the pre-session meetings which preceded the Conference but would like to mention a few other things. The booths that were allotted to the various Divisions were some of the attractive spots at the Conference. The Southern Asia booth was the one I was most interested in. The general supervision was under the care of Mrs. J. F. Ashlock who was assisted by Mrs. O. W. Lang and Miss C. Kruger. There were several others who also had important parts to help make it a place of attraction. Brother Pein Gyi and the Guilds were given the first day. They took hold of the opportunity and made the best of it by making it completely Burmese? South India was represented by Mrs. Prasada Rao, Robinson Koilpillai, Miss Kruger and myself. Those who signed the Visitor's Book were all presented with a souvenir which was a product of Travancore. It was a piece of art much admired by everyone.

I visited the post office every day and was happy to receive several letters from India. At the check rooms, where we left our coats and bags, we received very pleasant attention from the members of the King's Heralds quartette who gave their services there. Pastor and Mrs. Willmott who were also attending the Conference invited some of the South Indians one Sabbath for a Tamil meal. It was surely curry and rice, cooked by Mrs. Willmott herself!

The music contributions were given by choirs from various colleges, famous quartettes and soloists—instrumental and vocal—and a mass choir.

Soon the Conference came to an  
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## AT REST

**KEANE**—Iris Margaret Jackson Keane was born in Nagpur on April 8, 1916, and died at Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid at 2 p.m. on July 19, 1955. She accepted the present truth under the personal labours of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lamb and was among the first fruits of the Nagpur effort conducted by Pastor D. S. Harris.

The Keans moved to Waltair in 1949, and were contacted by the North Telugu brethren and plans were laid to re-open the work in Vizagapatnam. Mrs. Keane's desire was to see her husband accept the message and a church built in Vizagapatnam. During the 1951 effort conducted by Pastor E. L. Sorensen, Mr. Keane was baptized and in 1953 during the effort held by Pastor D. S. Harris, plans were finalized for the construction of a church and the Keans shouldered the burden of building. Mrs. Keane had the pleasure of seeing the church dedicated on June 25 this year.

On July 14 our Sister suddenly developed an internal obstruction and at her request was removed to the Giffard Memorial Hospital where she arrived on the morning of the 19th unconscious. Immediately Dr. McWilliams attended to her and after a little while she regained consciousness and felt happy to be in the hands of our doctors. But it was too late for any surgery to be done and about two hours after admittance to the hospital she passed peacefully to her rest. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord henceforth."

The funeral service was conducted by the writer assisted by Pastors N. V. Jesudas and R. E. Colthurst. Miss Stoneburner led out in a trio "Beautiful Valley of Eden." Mrs. Iris Keane was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery behind the church at Nuzvid, till the breaking of the day, when the Lord shall call forth the righteous at His second appearing.

She leaves to mourn her husband, two children and a host of relatives and friends in the Advent hope. May the Lord console the bereaved and draw them close to Him at this time.—I. SUBUSHANAM.

end and the last day witnessed folks greeting and bidding each other goodbye. One night in company with Brother and Sister R. J. Ritchie and Brother and Sister Winston Janes and children I drove through the high roads which span the city of San Francisco, and went over the Golden Gate Bridge and visited the fisherman's yard. The last day in San Francisco, after the Conference I visited the Civic Auditorium to get some money and found that it was almost empty for everything had been removed the very night after the last meeting. All that remained to be moved was a little over a hundred typewriters which were used at the temporary offices at the Civic Auditorium and which were also used during the meetings. I was very happy to be told there, by our Division secretary, Brother D. S. Johnson, that I was to attend the Nutrition Convention at La Sierra for a week and after that the Institute for the Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism at Loma Linda for another week.

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## Miscellany

● THE mid-year Division committee opened in Poona on August 16. Each Union had at least two representatives present for the meetings. By dint of steady effort, they were able to complete their work a few hours ahead of schedule, and several of the delegates left for home on August 22. The remaining committee members collected books, Sabbath school materials and individual parcels, and left for home on the 23rd.

● PASTOR E. R. Streeter, who came from Ceylon for the meetings, had an emergency appendectomy on August 15, the night he arrived. Although the appendix had ruptured, Pastor Streeter has made a good recovery, and was down in the Division office during the last two days of the meeting. Fortunately for Brother Streeter, Dr. J. Johannes, and Dr. Dunbar Smith were on the same train from Bombay to Poona. Surely the Lord watches over us and arranges for our needs when we least expect it.

● A FOUR-HUNDRED-FOOT tube well is being drilled in Calcutta in order to overcome the water shortage which has been plaguing the residents of 36 Park Street.

● FROM the Northeast word also comes that the Ranchi Hospital has gone over its Uplift goal. Dr. N. Buxton and Pastor W. F. Storz worked hard to make this possible.

● AT THE close of the Khunti school Week of Prayer twenty-five young people were enrolled in the baptismal class. We hope there are many such classes all around the Division.

● COMMITTEE meetings sometimes mean changes, and a few have been made at this session. Pastor R. S. Lowry, Educational secretary for the Division, will probably be away from the field more than a year. In view of this it was felt that some strong arrangement should be made to care for the Educational department. Pastor O. A. Skau who has been serving as manager of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House has been asked to carry the responsibility

of acting Educational secretary. It is fortunate that one with Pastor Skau's experience could be available to fill this need.

● PASTOR L. C. Shepard has had long experience in the Publishing work, and he has been called back to the Press to his old job of manager. During the past year Pastor Shepard

has devoted himself untiringly to the work in the Treasury department.

● BROTHER F. L. Fuller was appointed assistant treasurer of the Division. As Pastor M. E. Kemmerer assumes his duties again as treasurer, his burdens will be lightened by Brother Fuller's able assistance.—  
D. S. J.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Independence Day, August 15, was celebrated at Spicer Memorial College with squadron marching by both boys and girls under the direction of Captain N. V. Reddy. Three students, carrying the national ensign, marched to the flag pole and ceremoniously raised the flag to the top of the flagmast. Mr. R. E. Rice, the principal of the college gave the following address:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,

Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own my native land."

"WE ARE gathered here this morning to celebrate the eighth birthday of New India. This is not ancient India or mediæval India, but in reality a new India. It is not the India of Buddha, or Ashoka, of Akbar or Aurangzeb, of Queen Victoria or of William Bentick. We are living in a land that is striving to improve the condition of the common man, that desires to give equal opportunity to every individual, that hopes to increase the standard of living of its people.

"As citizens of this vast republic, as students of this college, as the intelligentsia of a nation that is looking forward to the spread of education, art, and culture for all of its citizens, it is our responsibility—yours and mine—to realize that liberty without law will become licence, that independence without a strong government will mean disaster, that freedom without discipline will mean death.

"Realizing this fact, it behooves us to defend liberty, support our government and discipline ourselves. Good citizenship should begin right here in college. Then as you leave the gates of this institution, go and loyally represent your alma mater, be loyal citizens of your country.

"The status of a man no longer depends on his caste, but on his character, not on his material resources, but on his moral qualities. India has had a splendid past. Her future is bound to be equally brilliant. Let us, who represent the present work harmoniously, but unsparingly, for the glory and greatness that every true child wishes for the motherland.

"Jai Hind!"

Many visitors and relatives of the students attended the celebrations at the close of which a tree-planting ceremony took place. Three trees were planted in front of the boys' new hostel by Pastor O. O. Mattison, president of the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, D. S. Johnson, secretary, and M. E. Kemmerer, treasurer.

### GRATITUDE

I desire to thank my many friends through the pages of the "TIDINGS," who have been praying for my recovery for the past three months. God has answered your prayers and I thank you for them and Him for answering them.

MARTHA KHUSHI.