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CONFESSION HELPS US FIND

# The Way to Happiness

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**T**O KNOW Christ as leader, to have Him as a living Saviour in our hearts, may be an abiding experience with Christian youth. And this is the way to happiness.

Many conscientious youth are aware that they have sins that should be confessed, and things that ought to be made right. They feel that they should make confession to persons whom they have wronged, and to God. Let me say that if you are thinking this way, you are on the right road. We have the assurance in the Scriptures that "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

Why not make these adjustments at your first opportunity? Even now you can breathe a silent prayer and ask God to forgive you for sinning against Him. If you have offended your brother, go to him and tell him all about it. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." James 5:16.

It is true that the three hardest words in the English language to say

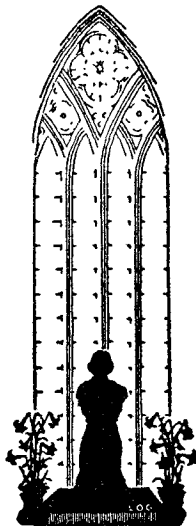
are these, "I was wrong." But the greatest heart thrill that a man can get comes after he has made confession. It may be hard to make confession to those who are close to us—a friend, your wife, your husband, your mother, your father, your teacher, your student, your son, or daughter. But if you have grieved someone, friend or foe, make the confession and make it sincerely. Do not wait for that someone to come to you. Go to him and "between thee and him

alone" tell how sorry you are for what you did. Be kind, be friendly, be sweet about it, and you will bind that one to your heart forever.

Public sins ought to be as publicly confessed. If you have brought dishonour to the church, be man or woman enough to stand up and say so. Ask God and the church to forgive you. If your offence is known only to God, you should never publicly express yourself. This is not necessary. Many terrible mistakes have been made by conscientious young people who have publicly confessed sins that should have been confessed only to God.

Many young people think that they have gone too far in sin. They are worried and troubled with terrible guilt feelings. These should take courage, because if the desire to serve Christ is in their hearts, they have not gone too far. (See 1 John 1:9.)

Confession is necessary to our good. It is not that God arbitrarily requires it of us, but it is a stepping-stone to the development of character. It is the voice of humility and godly sorrow expressing its regret over sins and mistakes. If we would experience to the fullest measure the love of Christ in our lives, we must



[This article is condensed from a chapter in the MV book "Share Your Faith," which was prepared especially for distribution among our non-Adventist friends and neighbours.—Editor.]

learn the blessedness and the sweetness of confession. Alone with God we may tell Him all about ourselves. Not one sin should be covered up. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13. We should not take it for granted that God forgives us merely because we are sorry. We should humbly confess to God the specific sins of which we are guilty and then claim His gracious pardon by faith.

Our confession should be as specific as the sin it covers. We should not try to blame the sin upon circumstances or a weakness that we find difficult to correct. If our words have been unkind, we should confess that we have been unkind. I have heard persons make "confessions" like this:

"Well, I didn't exactly mean it as it sounded. If I hurt your feelings, I am sorry. Of course I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. Anyway, I think you misunderstood me, and if you were more reasonable about it,

you wouldn't get hurt." Do you think that is a confession? I don't think so.

After you have confessed your sins, then the next step is to believe that you have done your duty and that God forgives you. If you confess a specific sin to a friend and he does not forgive you, be sure that God is not like that. He will forgive your sins. If you do not feel that God has forgiven you, believe that He forgives whether you feel it or not. The gift of pardon for confessed and forsaken sin is yours if you will by faith claim the gift. That word *forgive* is made up of two words: f-o-r, for, g-i-v-e, give. For our confession and surrender God gives pardon and cleansing.

If we come to the Lord with confession and faith, He will come to us with pardon and forgiveness; but we must *come*. Will you not make the effort to please God and give Him a chance to demonstrate the power of His transforming grace in your life?—*Review and Herald*.

companies and the transport staff rapidly moved us into battle positions.

Poona citizens succumbed to this friendly personal attack and even assisted the invading forces by purchasing their literature.

This "operation door bell" resulted in the sale of 257 books and magazines, 81 *Story Time*, 47 *Soul of Man*, 92 *Health*, 21 *Epidemics*, 25 *Tested Ways*, valued at Rs. 418/-.

Many interesting contacts and conversations were enjoyed. One enthusiastic young man received a Rs. 20/- cheque for a Rs. 5-4-0 set of books—the extra was just to help our work along.

Several reported, with considerable satisfaction, that they had sold a book for the first time in their lives. What a thrill it is to sell a book for the first time! It is a thrill to keep on selling them. Why not make it your life work and enjoy a thrill every day?

Whatever their success, none complained. All were glad they went out. Some said, "We must take more time next year," others, "Why don't we do more of this?" All felt refreshed and blessed through obedience to their Captain's command.

This is the spirit and purpose of Big Week. This is Big Week in action. It takes courage and energy, but it brings blessing and uplift to the soul and provides means to bring blessing to humanity.

What a wonderful work could be done if every church followed the lead of Salisbury Park, and made an organized Big Week attack on the forces of evil.

## SALISBURY PARK LEADS THE WAY

J. W. NIXON

LET'S make it a really Big "Big Week." So plans were laid. Two committees were formed, one to care for the recruiting and marshalling of forces, the other to organize the ammunition, transport and battle positions. When "B.W." Day arrived all was in readiness—except for the usual last minute minor complications.

A friendly personal contact recruiting campaign had resulted in almost 100 volunteers who were ready to obey their Heavenly General's marching orders—"Go ye . . . and preach the gospel," not by proxy but by personal contact.

All sections of the Division Headquarters responded—the Publishing House, Voice of Prophecy, Division office, and yes, the English and Marathi schools. Only a thin line stayed by the stuff, the rest went out into front line action with the forces of evil.

The weapons of warfare consisted

of truth-filled literature and divinely guided voices. The books used were, *Story Time*, *The Soul of Man*, *Health*, *Tested Ways*, and *Epidemics*. These were the big guns while free copies of the "Signs" and tracts acted as small shot.

Before venturing into battle with such a wily foe all gathered at the church to receive our Captain's final instructions and words of encouragement. Through His messengers, the Captain assured us that His mighty angels would go with us to instruct, protect, guide, and inspire; they would even go before us to prepare the way, and that we need not fear nor tremble, because they that were with us were more than they that were with the enemy. With them was the arm of flesh but with us was the Lord, our God, who would fight for us.

With these inspiring words ringing in our ears we quickly formed into

## ELDER E. R. WALDE OPENS MARATHI BIBLE SCHOOL

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Pastor M. E. Kemmerer then offered prayer for the success of the new school after which we were treated to light refreshments and music which we thoroughly enjoyed.

We are asking our members, friends, and supporters to pray for the success of our new Marathi Bible School, and with their co-operation we are looking forward to a period of sustained growth and expansion of our Bible Correspondence School in Southern Asia.

## ELDER E. R. WALDE OPENS MARATHI BIBLE SCHOOL

A. E. RAWSON

SUNDAY, September 18, 1955 will long linger in our memories because of the eventful occasion it recalls—it was the opening date of the new Marathi Branch Bible School, and the Voice of Prophecy workers together with some of the Division brethren were present to witness it. We were fortunate to have with us Elder E. R. Walde, International Radio Secretary from America, who was in Poona for a few days during his tour of Southern Asia, and his presence at the opening of the new school greatly enhanced the importance of the occasion.

The writer inaugurated the new school by expressing his joy at being able to announce the passing of yet another milestone in the history of the Bible Correspondence School. He gave a brief report of the progress of the school over a period of seven years, and said that with the opening of this Marathi branch we now have a total of thirteen schools in operation throughout the Division. He expressed his faith in the success of the Marathi School which he felt would bring comfort and peace to the Marathi-speaking people in this area; and he further expressed the hope that we might yet witness the opening of more schools to cater to the need of the Gujeratis and Assamese who have so far not been as fortunate as their other Indian brethren in receiving the gospel message.

Our distinguished visitor, Elder Walde, then gave an inspiring address in which he mentioned that the world today had a big headache which it was vainly trying to cure by the use of modern medicines, and he was happy to belong to an organization that could give to the world a much more efficacious remedy for its ills—and that was the gospel of Christ. He said there was no better way of spreading this message than by means of the Radio broadcasts and Bible lessons, and these two

agencies were accomplishing in a very big way what would otherwise have been an impossible task.

He continued by saying that since the inception of the Bible School about thirteen years ago, this agency has grown steadily side by side with the Radio broadcasts.

He complimented us on our Bible School organization by saying that it was the largest, best equipped and well arranged of those he had so far visited. He rejoiced in the fact that this is a forward-moving Division and said that we in Southern Asia are fortunate to have the privilege of being able to carry on our work openly and comparatively undisturbed, whereas in other places listeners are obliged to take the Bible Course direct from America.

Pastor A. R. Appel was our next speaker and he said he could find no

better words to express the work of the Voice of Prophecy than those found in Job 37:1-7. He stated emphatically that there was a very definite need in the Bombay State for these lessons in the Marathi language, and this was something he had long waited, hoped, and prayed for, and he was now glad to witness it come into being. He said he and his co-workers were pledged to give this new school their full support and to promote the work of the Voice of Prophecy in all their evangelistic efforts.

Pastor William Moses, Voice of Prophecy secretary for the Bombay State Section, also gave a speech in which he said that he had been looking forward to this moment for several years, and he was glad that now the forty million Marathi-speaking people of the Bombay State Section need no longer be in ignorance of the great message of salvation that is being preached throughout the world. He was confident that as God had started the work, guided it thus far, and blessed our efforts, He would also bring it to a successful conclusion.

Mr. S. S. Pandit, the recently-appointed director of the new Marathi Bible School, said he along with his fellow-workers was pledged to work hard to ensure the success of the school. He thanked all those who were instrumental in bringing the Marathi School into being, and he informed the gathering that in response to the 1,000 applications for lessons, he would mail 2,000 lessons that very day to mark the event. He further said that they plan to send out 100 lessons every day for several months to come.

It was now time for the formal opening of the new school, and the honour was conferred on our guest speaker, Elder Walde, who stepped forward with these words—"It is exactly 3.39 p.m. September 18, 1955 and I shall now cut the ribbon which binds these mailbags and I hereby declare the Marathi Bible School open." A burst of applause greeted these words as the spectators thrilled to the thought of being responsible to take the message in yet another language to the millions who are thirsting for it.

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### MY GUIDE

Marjorie B. Harrison

Jesus, I give to Thee my care,  
My sorrow, and my woe,  
Knowing that Thou wilt lead me where  
'Tis best my feet should go.

In trial, Lord, I turn to Thee,  
In joy and gladness, too,  
For 'tis Thy love that set me free,  
Thine own sweet will to do.

I know Thy help Thou wilt bestow  
While on the earth I stay,  
Thy free forgiveness o'er me flow,  
My sin to take away.

Thy hand, O Lord, I'm holding fast,  
Unto Thy cross I cling,  
Until I reach heaven's home at last,  
And with the angels sing.

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## NORTH INDIA SECTION CONSTITUENCY MEETING

T. R. TORKELSON

THE North India Section of the Northwestern India Union held its constituency meeting in Phulriwala, near Jullundur, September 21 to 24. Included in this large section are the states of East Punjab, Pepsu, and Himachal Pradesh. There are now five organized churches in the area and 333 believers with the local headquarters at Jullundur.

Everything was in readiness on the evening of September 21 as Pastor W. H. Mattison, president of the field, opened the session with his welcoming address. Delegates from the churches, workers, visitors, and members of the Phulriwala church made up a very fine audience. A spiritual atmosphere prevailed from the very beginning.

Throughout each day there was a full programme of business and devotion. Everyone appreciated the messages presented by Pastor O. O. Mattison, and by the various leaders from the Union office. Also much appreciated was the leadership of Mrs. O. O. Mattison in the women's meetings and Dorcas work.

The reports presented by the leaders of the field showed progress. The educational department has made a fine record in establishing church schools. The tithe from the churches is encouraging as compared with last year. There are prospects for organizing three more churches within a few months. They also had a good report from their lay preachers, several souls having been won by them recently. Before closing the session the delegates set a goal of one hundred baptisms for the next two years.

Sabbath was a day of good things. After a model Sabbath School, under P. E. Howard's direction, Pastor O. O. Mattison presented the morning sermon. Then representatives of the

various churches and companies brought their offerings for evangelism, which totalled Rs. 900. It was also a time of re-dedication of life to the Master's service by the entire congregation.

## UPPER GANGES CONSTITUENCY MEETING

O. O. MATTISON

ON OUR way to the Constituency meeting we stopped at Agra to look in on the Voice of Prophecy rally which was being held there. It was inspiring indeed to see the very fine crowd that had gathered on the mission compound, and to note their close attention to Pastor E. R. Walde's message. Three hundred regular Voice of Prophecy students were in attendance, and at the close of the meeting eighty new names were enrolled.

When we arrived in Delhi the following day we were delighted to see the improvements to the recently acquired mission property, and we believe that when it is finished it will be a very attractive station. We proceeded to Hapur, arriving at the school on the last day of the Evangelistic Workshop being conducted by Pastor S. P. Vitrano for the evangelistic workers of the Upper Ganges Section and some from the north. All were greatly inspired to return to their fields and carry on a more aggressive evangelistic campaign.

The annual meeting was opened by Pastor T. R. Torkelson with a challenge to renewed consecration. Fourteen delegates representing local churches had been selected to attend the business session. The president's report revealed progress in every department over the past two and a half years. This was also true of the reports rendered by the secretary-treasurer and the various departmental secretaries on the following three days. On Friday the committees

brought in their reports, and these were adopted. A baptismal goal of 200 was set for the ensuing two-year period, along with goals for the different departments. Brother P. M. Thomas was asked to take over the treasurer's work of the school along with that of the local mission. Brother S. James, Union Sabbath School and Home Missionary secretary, will also care for these departments in the local field. Brother S. M. Mall, who formerly carried these departments, will be the new Publishing department secretary. He will also continue to foster the Uplift work which he has so commendably carried in the past. Inspiring and timely spiritual messages were given by Pastors W. L. Barclay, S. P. Vitrano, W. G. Jensen, and others, which drew the hearts of all into a close fellowship with the Lord.

Sabbath was a high day of rich spiritual blessings. At the Sabbath school hour Brethren S. James and Sadiq Mall conducted a model Sabbath school, in which the children rendered songs and special numbers. The attendance was not large, but the Sabbath school offering amounted to approximately Rs. 100/-. In the service which followed Rs. 1,150/- was donated to evangelism. Every worker will join in an evangelistic programme that is to commence immediately.

In the afternoon an interesting symposium was conducted by Pastor Chunder Sen, when every worker gave a short synopsis of the progress of the work under his direction during the past biennial period. The Sabbath was brought to a close with a Vesper service conducted by Pastor B. M. Shad. Both workers and believers felt a nearness of the Lord's presence throughout the day.

The catering needs of the constituency were commendably cared for by Pastors B. M. Shad, Chander Sen, and helpers, and we are grateful to the school for the kind hospitality rendered. Certainly we enjoyed the time spent with the workers and members in this section of the field. We invite you to join us in praying for the advancement of God's work in the Upper Ganges section, and that many souls will be won through their evangelistic efforts.

## FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

L. C. SHEPARD

“THE Lord has chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself.” Deut. 14:2. The word peculiar can mean the only one. Among the handiwork of God no exact duplicates are to be found. No two leaves or flowers are exactly alike. Millions of finger-prints have been recorded but no exact duplicates have been found. God would have His people to be separate and distinct from the world—a peculiar people.

When God finished the work of creating this world and man the record says: “And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.” The earth and man were created for a purpose. God made the earth to be inhabited. “The heavens, are the Lord’s; but the earth hath He given to the children of men.” Ps. 115: 16. When God created the world He created everything that was needed for the comfort and enjoyment of mankind. In Eden He planted a garden and gave it together with the whole earth to man as a gift of love. God loved man and man loved God, because love begets love. Love is manifested in obedience, so, as a test, God reserved to Himself one thing out of the numberless things that He had created. Of one tree He said, “This is Mine.” “You may eat from and use all the other trees as you please,” He said to Adam, “but this tree is Mine. You shall not touch it or eat of it.” But man, loving himself more than he loved God, reached out and took that which God had reserved for Himself and by that act became a sinner. Immediately his relationship to God and to the earth in which he dwelt was changed.

There came into the heart of man a sense of guilt—this was followed by a sense of shame. Then the emotion of fear was experienced. All these were new sensations. Thorns began to grow where they had not been seen before. No longer did the

earth yield to him her products freely. He had to toil and sweat in order to find food for himself and his family. He lost his kingship over the creatures God had created in the world.

God had foreseen the possibility of sin and had also provided a way of escape for man. This way was also the way of obedience. The test was greater and more severe than in Eden; more was required of man than before. God now required man to give one seventh of his time for worship and one tenth of the fruits of his toil for the service of God.

The tithe is holy unto the Lord. “It is God who gives men power to get wealth. As an acknowledgement that all things came from Him, the Lord directed that a portion of His bounty should be returned to Him in gifts and offerings to sustain the ministry.



“The tithe . . . is the Lord’s.’ Here the same form of expression is employed as in the law of the Sabbath. ‘The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord Thy God.’ God reserved to Himself a specified portion of man’s time and of his means and no man could, without guilt, appropriate either for his own interests.”—*Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 525.

The first mention of the payment of tithe in the Bible is found in Genesis 14:18-20. “And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him [Abraham], and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God,

possessor of heaven and earth. And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he [Abraham] gave him tithes of all.”

This passage reveals several things. Tithing at that early period in the history of the world was already an established practice. Secondly, the tithes were paid to the priest and were used for the maintenance of worship, and lastly, Abraham paid tithes on everything that he possessed and not only the spoils of battle for the record is that he did not retain as much as a shoe string for himself.

A few years later when Jacob was fleeing from the wrath of his brother, he vowed a vow at Bethel saying, “Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.”

The Sabbath, the tithe, and the law of vows are closely related one to another. When one accepts baptism and takes the name Seventh-day Adventist and joins the Remnant Church he enters into a solemn covenant to support the church of which he has become a member.

The Bible teaching on vows is very clear and pointed. “If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.” Numbers 30:2. “When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than, that thou shouldst vow and not pay.” Ecc. 5:4, 5.

To take tithe for one’s own use is stealing from God. The message from the Lord is, “Ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.” Mal. 3:8. It is bad enough to steal from men, but how much more wicked it is to steal from God. A blessing is pronounced upon those who pay the tithe faithfully. Says the Lord: “Bring



ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove Me now herewith, . . . if I will not . . . pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Verse 10. In Deut. 28, these blessings are innumerable.—Blessings in the city, blessings in the field, blessings on the body, blessings on the ground, blessings on the cattle, blessings on the food. God promises that those who keep His commandments and obey His word will be the "head and not the tail." Malachi also says that the devourer will be rebuked.

A few months ago the believers at one of our churches in Central Africa were on their way to service on Sabbath morning when the sky was darkened with a cloud of locusts. Fear came into every heart—the people began to beat their gongs to scare the locusts away. Our believers continued on to church. That morning the pastor said no one need fear if he had been faithful in the payment of his tithe. Sabbath school and church were conducted as usual. In the afternoon the believers returned to their homes. As they walked along they saw that the gardens of their neighbours had been eaten clean of all vegetation but not one Seventh-day Adventist's garden had been touched.

Many years ago in Michigan in the United States my home village was threatened by a fire. One house had caught fire and fanned by a strong wind the burning embers were starting new fires everywhere. When they reached the Adventist homes the wind began to blow from the opposite direction and the Adventist homes were saved from destruction. They had faithfully paid their tithe and the devourer was rebuked.

In Assam a sister cleared off a strip of jungle and planted potatoes. The potatoes came up and were growing fine. The weather became dry and a fire swept through the jungle. Hundreds of acres of fine growing potatoes were destroyed but this sister's field survived. She had paid her tithe and her crop was saved.

"If the plan of systematic benevolence [tithing] were adopted by every individual, and fully carried out, there would be a constant supply in the treasury."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 389. "The Lord has made the

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## VOICE OF PROPHECY INSTITUTE

Held in Lahore, West Pakistan from September 4-6, 1955

J. E. ALI BAKSH

THE workers in the West Pakistan Union had the privilege of attending the Voice of Prophecy Institute which started on September 4, 1955 at 2 p.m. with a devotional meeting. Pastor M. G. Champion delivered a thrilling talk at this meeting, reminding all who were present that we need to "Arise and Shine."

Elder A. E. Rawson gave an introductory talk in which he likened the work of the Voice of Prophecy to the message contained in Isaiah 43:19 which says—"Behold I will do a new thing." He went on to say that the Voice of Prophecy Radio broadcasts and the Bible Correspondence Schools represent the "new thing" that the Lord has done for us.

We were thrilled to hear that there are thirteen Bible schools in operation throughout the Southern Asia Division, and that up to the present time 500,000 requests for lessons had been taken care of, while 30,000 people had expressed their faith in Jesus.

### THINK ON THESE

It takes a lot of time to get experience, and once you have it you ought to go on using it.—*Benjamin M. Duggar*.

A young man once asked Bishop Selwyn, "What shall I do for Christ?" And the Bishop replied: "Go where He is not, and take Him with you."—*Selected*.

"Faith," wrote Dean Inge, "is an act of rational choice which makes us act as if certain things were true in the confident expectation that they will prove to be true."—*John Heuss*.

Conductors of great symphony orchestras do not play every musical instrument; yet through leadership the ultimate production is an expressive and unified combination of tones.—*Thomas D. Bailey*.

The Bible is the only Book by which you may know certainly the future. It is the only Book that satisfactorily answers the questions, Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?—*Origin unknown*.

Elder Rawson concluded his remarks by appealing to every worker to redouble his efforts in the cause of God.

Our guest speaker, Elder E. R. Walde, Secretary of the Voice of Prophecy programme for the world, then gave us a stirring talk in which he said that the Voice of Prophecy programme and radio work were there to assist us in finishing the work. He related a few experiences of people taking the Bible course after casually coming across the enrolment cards, as a result of which they rejoice in the Truth today; others who were discouraged had been touched by the Voice of Prophecy messages over the Radio and they, too, rejoice today in the Truth. He ended his talk by reminding us that according to God's clock the hour is indeed late and we should do our best to complete the great work that yet remains to be done.

Our next speaker was Pastor C. H. Hamel who held everyone's attention by his interesting message. He brought to our notice the fact that there are hundreds of villages in West Pakistan whose 35 million people have never heard of Jesus, and yet there was an agency that was taking care of the spread of the message—and that agency was none other than the Voice of Prophecy.

He quoted examples to prove that the Voice of Prophecy is instrumental in assisting the work of all departments and lightening our task by breaking down the walls of prejudice that exist not only in Pakistan but the world over. He concluded his speech by making a strong appeal to the workers to put their best foot forward in furthering the Voice of Prophecy programme.

Our Union Voice of Prophecy secretary, Pastor F. M. Sajid, told of the growth of the Voice of Prophecy in Pakistan. This was followed by a report of the work in the Urdu Branch School. The writer then drew attention to the fact that in four short years more than 35,000 people in

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# Marks of a Christian

ERNEST LLOYD

IT WAS James Anthony Froude, the English historian, who wrote the following paragraph regarding the essence of Christianity as expressed in the lives of humble men and women:

"Christianity has abler advocates than its professed defenders, in those humble men and women who in the light of it and the strength of it live holy, beautiful, and self-denying lives. . . . So long as the fruits of the Spirit of God continue to be visible in charity, in self-sacrifice, in those graces which raise human creatures above themselves, thoughtful persons will remain convinced that with them is the secret of truth."

We may be church members, but are we really Christians? The Christian is a man of truth, a man of reality and sincerity. Upon his word you may implicitly rely. His promises are faithfully fulfilled. His representations are to be depended upon. There is no pretence about him. And he will stand up for the truth whatever it may cost to do so. He does not hesitate to fight against wrong.

The Christian is an honest man. He would rather wrong himself than his neighbour, rather suffer the wrong than do the wrong. In whatever business he may be engaged, you may be sure that his dealings will be honourable and upright.

The Christian is a kind man. He feels interested in his neighbours, and has ever a pleasant word for all he meets. He strives to promote joy and peace. His generous heart delights in diffusing true happiness. "The law of kindness" is on his tongue.

The Christian is a humble man.

He thinks of his own dependence upon God, regardless of his material possessions and support. He is modest in his speech. He is thankful when admonished. "God . . . giveth grace unto the humble." "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

The Christian is a charitable man. He shows mercy to others. Knowing his own liability to err, he will regard with a charitable heart the failures of others, and will be more ready to reclaim and restore than to censure. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." "Charity suffereth long, and is kind." "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

The Christian is a forgiving man. Wrong does not rankle in his heart.

The forgiving word is ready upon his lips. "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." "Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

The Christian is a benevolent man. He feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, ministers to the sick. Human distresses touch his heart and open his hand. "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his . . . compassion from him [the needy], how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

The Christian is a man of prayer. He lives in touch with God, for only thus can the life of true Christianity be preserved in the soul. "In every thing by prayer . . . let your requests be made known unto God."—*R. & H.*

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## PODANUR EFFORT

J. WILLIAMS

ARS and rumours of war really suggest the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and it is an undeniable fact that the gospel of the kingdom is being spread by the sincere and steadfast efforts of our leaders and believers. The Podanur effort which started about two months ago is one of such efforts and is under the able leadership of Pastor V. D. Edwards.

Podanur is a town situated about five miles from Coimbatore city and is an industrial and busy place for there are some big cotton mills and an Asbestos Sheet Company there besides the big Railway Movement office. The population is mostly Hindu.

God helped us to put our beautiful "Bible Auditorium" shed in the centre of the town. We have a good patron in Podanur, Mr. Naidu, who was so kind as to give us a plot of 15 cents free of rent on which to erect our shed for a period of three months. The efforts of Mr. P. Kanagaraj, our local colporteur, and Mr. Salisbury, our Sabbath School superintendent, in securing the plot of land and making arrangements for the shed were greatly appreciated.

The evangelistic campaign is under the leadership of our church pastor, V. D. Edwards. Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Salisbury and Mr. Rajaratnam are all on the effort staff. Mr. Christudass, our deacon, is our special singer whose songs are greatly appreciated by the audience, and the writer is the song leader. The other members of the church are whole-heartedly helping in the services.

The meetings started on August 7, 1955 and several of the brethren from the Union have visited us since then. We have appreciated their kind visits and participation.

The attendance at our first meeting was estimated to be more than 500. The shed accommodated nearly 250 and benches had to be placed outside for the others. As the days roll on the audience seems to be steady and is becoming more and more interested. Now we are presenting the testing truths. The audience is comprised of both Hindus and Christians.

So with Divine guidance the meetings are going along smoothly and successfully and we do hope and pray for a good harvest of souls from this field before the end of this year. Will you kindly remember our effort in your prayers?

AS WE travel about in the cities and in the villages of South India, we are impressed with the multitudes of people that we see everywhere. Looking at it from the Seventh-day Adventist view-point, we cannot help but be stirred with the tremendous challenge that this presents to us—all of these people need to know about Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we get the idea that, because there are so many and there are so few workers, the work is not progressing and it cannot be finished. But this morning I would like to tell you some of the experiences I have had in recent weeks travelling throughout South India, visiting our work and workers, listening to the appeal that comes to us from various villages and workers and members. And as we see these things, my heart is encouraged and I hope yours will be too. After all, we believe that we are living in the last days. We believe that God is going to see that His world is warned according to the promise of Jesus Christ. We see the evangelists and the laymen working hard. We see them wherever we go. Here in this lovely church in Bangalore, we sometimes overlook the fact that, right now, at this very moment, there are between two and three hundred Sabbath school groups in South India alone, studying the lessons that we are studying, praying together and telling others about the precious love of Jesus. We know that there are laymen who are leading out, helping their fellowmen. We know that the radio is doing a powerful work. Many times, it has been likened to the angel in Revelation 18—this angel that flies in the midst of the air lightening the earth with its glory. Certainly, that is true here. For years we have studied how to ap-



proach the higher classes who are difficult to reach because of their religious background, and principles. But now we find the message of God going directly into their homes through the radio. They listen and then comes the Voice of Prophecy, with its wonderful Bible Correspondence Course. Soon all our major language groups in South India will be receiving the V. O. P. lessons or radio broadcasts—these messengers will be going into the homes and the hearts of the people, even in the remotest parts of our field. I tell you God is working in a powerful way to see that His ends are accomplished.

Along with this, we have our literature-evangelists—those shock-troopers who are going out preparing the way. Brother M. S. Moses is here this morning. He has one of his good friends with him in church, a doctor that he has contacted through the printed page. What a wonderful thing it is to see the work going forward in this avenue of God's service.

In Nuzvid the other day I was thrilled to see the plan that was being outlined there, to reach those who are coming for medical care—to reach them in a spiritual way. Thousands of people are contacted every year. Down at Vellore there are two Seventh-day Adventist doctors and their families. And before this month is over, there will be a third Seventh-day Adventist doctor. Did you know that out of six Seventh-day Adventists that applied for admission to this college last month and who sat for the examinations, five were accepted and taken in as students so that we now have *ten* Seventh-day Adventist young people studying there to be doctors—medical missionaries for God, there at Vellore? God is opening up these ways, one by one. Problems that were unsolvable before now seem to be bright with hope. Yes, I am glad to see the way the great right arm of the message is working. Just last night we had the privilege of visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Calebs out at Dodballapur. Most of you know that they moved out there and that their practice is thriving again under the leadership of God. But during our conversation I was thrilled to hear Sister Calebs say: "Yes, we have a nice place here; we have a nice big room and here we can call

## THE LORD WILL

E. I.

people in and have meetings with them." That is the right spirit for our medical work, isn't it? To not only heal the body, but through the grace of God, to heal the soul. Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." We believe that, don't we, brethren? We believe that God is using these various means to preach the gospel to those who do not know Him.

I think we are living in the last, last days—the time when God is going to finish His work. Let me read you one or two statements from the Spirit of prophecy that helped to bring that conviction into my heart. "All heaven is astir engaged in preparing for the day of God's vengeance, the day of Zion's deliverance. The time of tarrying is almost ended. The pilgrims and strangers who have so long been seeking a better country are almost home." Isn't that thrilling? You and I, brethren and sisters, who have been seeking a better country, are almost home. The day of the deliverance of God's children is here. "We are living in a time when the last message of mercy, the last invitation is sounding to the children of men." In Romans 9:28 we have the promise of God: "For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." God is going to finish this work. Don't forget it. The Lord will finish the work. He will cut it short in righteousness. But He is going to use you and me. That is the only plan that God has for finishing the work in the earth.

The thing that brings courage and

Excerpts from a sermon given by Pastor Sorenson in Bangalore.



## FINISH THE WORK

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hope to my heart this morning is the fact that we are almost home. It is too easy for us to get into the rut of living the same day by day. Today is the same as yesterday. Tomorrow will be the same. We will get up and go through the same routine without realizing that we are one day nearer to the coming of Jesus, that the "golden morning is fast approaching; Jesus soon will come to take His faithful and happy children to their promised home." The day is almost here. The work is nearer being finished than we realize. The hour of Christ's coming is upon us.

I want to show you just a brief glimpse of some of the things that I have had the privilege to see. I want to share them with you this morning because I believe they are highly encouraging. I think first of all of the experience we had when we were with Elder M. K. Eckenroth up in the village of Theramballi in the Kannada Section. There we came in to a typical village on our way to Mysore. As we were departing, a large group of those villagers came running after us and one of the boys said, "Stop, stop"—he didn't say it in English, but we knew what he meant. So we stopped. Then the headman of the village came over to us and we asked our worker who was with us there to interpret for us. The headman said: "Please send us some one to teach us." Well, we had had a worker there and it seemed as if the interest just wasn't what it ought to be, but when the worker was removed, they realized the blessing they were missing. They said, "Send us a worker. We want to know more about this gospel of Christ." Then we said we would do our best; we would speak to the leaders in charge and encourage them to try to re-open the work there at Theramballi. And as

we were going, the old man thanked us and said: "When can we expect the worker to come? We want him now." The people are asking and longing for this gospel and the doors are open today.

When we went down into the Kerala Section we visited a station where the gospel of Christ hadn't been preached before. It is called Kakamugal. I think that means "crow mountain" or "crow hill." We walked for quite a while through paddy fields on up into this village. Back in December last year, I visited with the worker, Brother K. C. Chacko, and also with Pastor J. V. Jacob who is the circle leader there. They said: "Brother Sorenson, we have a real interest here. It is new work, but we have a good number of people coming. Won't you please come back toward the latter part of December? We want to have a baptism and we are going to baptize thirty people here in this village." "Well," I said, "that sounds good, brethren. But that is a pretty high figure, isn't it?" "No," they said, "we will do it." Well, I didn't get back for the baptism, but I got a letter from Brother Chacko. He told me that they had baptized thirty-five. And when we were down there two or three weeks ago, they were ready to organize a church of more than thirty members. I wish you could have been there and seen the people as they sat there with their faces just beaming, with the jewellery all removed, with the beedies and toddy all out of the picture, cleaned up Seventh-day Adventist Christians waiting for that church—the newest in the Kerala field—to be organized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Brother Chacko said, "There are more coming in." There was a large crowd of people present and they were asking for this message and receiving it.

Then we went on south, almost down to Cape Comerin. There we visited with our people in Nagercoil. Most of you know that Pastor R. H. Broderson held an effort there about

a year ago. During those meetings he had wonderful attendances. The people came night after night. One of the members told us in his welcome speech: "We believe that God sent the workers here at this very time to this very place to do the work that has been done." We have a fine church organized there now. We have bought a plot of land and soon there will be a memorial raised to God in that centre.

Places where the gospel has not been able to penetrate before in its fullest sense are now being opened. We went on to the Tamil field. More than twenty-one churches were visited in little over a week. One of them particularly comes to my mind now. It is Adhinathapuram, about four miles from Prakasapuram, our headquarters for the South Tamil Section. We went there in a most interesting way. We didn't know just what we were in for—Brother and Sister O. O. Mattison, Miss G. Miller, and myself. We drove about four miles; then we were told, "You must leave the car here. We have arranged for the bullock cart." Well, I had travelled in bullock cart before, and I rather enjoyed it. But this time it was just a bit different. We got in the bullock cart and they said, "Now we have to go across the river." I said, "I'd just as soon walk as to ride in the bullock cart; it is a bit easier and at times a little less painful." But I couldn't walk across the river, for it was a little too deep. So we got into the bullock cart. We didn't go across the river, we went right up the stream; we didn't go on the land, one side or the other. We couldn't because there were paddy bunds on both sides. So we went in this bullock cart, jolting right along up the river bed for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. Then we came to our little church.

Now, the church is nothing fancy. Some of you have seen it. It is a very humble, mud-thatched building, but in that little building we found twenty or so Seventh-day

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## UPLIFT IN CHITTAGONG

S. K. BAIRAGI

ON Independence Day Brother M. S. Prasada Rao and I set sail from Gopalganj to Chittagong—the fast growing seaport of East Pakistan—with the hope of doing Uplift even though my home was under water. All along the route our steamer was greeted by other decorated steamers and hundreds of small boats of various types who were celebrating Independence Day. The celebration was marred again this year by flood waters which reached and surpassed the highest level of last year. Many were seen receiving relief given by philanthropists and by government agents. Thousands have lost their homes and other thousands are leaving to find homes in better localities as it looks as though this flooding will be an annual experience.

Due to financial reverses and recent devaluation of the Pakistan rupees many who gave liberally three years ago could not give this year. The status of Chittagong business has changed and only branch offices and clearing agents are now found in the city proper. It was easy for branch offices to refer us to head offices for donations. Door-to-door and street-collection for the flood victims had already started and a vigorous campaign by the government had been launched. Despite these discouraging omens we continued to work for ten days. Every day with prayer we began our work at eight o'clock in the morning and continued till six or seven o'clock at night and the Lord signally blessed our efforts by giving us Rs. 100/- as an average for every day of work. Mr. S. N. Arinda helped us for a couple of days making contacts with a number of firms which supply medicine to our dispensary.

A very influential and prominent

merchant who knows our work in Karachi, expressed his willingness to build and equip a small hospital in his native village which is about eight miles from Chittagong and connected by a cement road. Pastor R. S. Fernando is following up this proposal with the hope of opening a medical launch service from that centre to enter the villages all along the area where the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna enter the bay. It is by some such motor service that we can carry this message to the many islands in this village area.

The Sabbath day was just as busy a day as any other working day. We

had the privilege of visiting a number of people in their homes giving *Signs of the Times* and working in the interest of the Voice of Prophecy. We conducted two Sabbath Schools and met three interested Muslim young men. We believe that the opening of a medical institution in this Muslim centre will greatly help to reach this community for whose salvation we have not yet put forth any direct effort. One day's journey from Chittagong brings us to the fast growing Garo field where there are over five hundred Sabbath School members. Provision has been made to enter Chittagong Hill Tract and a colporteur is being placed there to scatter our literature. We are hoping and praying that the Lord will help us to put our hands quickly to the plough and not look back till the gospel of the soon coming Saviour is preached to the millions through our literature evangelists and medical men in the southern tip of our territory.

FOR OUR YOUTH

## “FOOTPRINTS OF THE FLY”

WARREN N. WITTENBERG

ACCORDING to a well-known scientist modern analytical chemists can do wonderful things in precision weighing. With their “marvellously delicate balances they can weigh the footprints of the fly that walks over their balance-pan; they can weigh a period printed on this page.”

This twentieth century might well be characterized as a precision age. Great modern printing presses, expertly designed farm machinery, efficient six-motored jet planes, and fast automobiles are all precision productions.

But listen, young friends, while precision timing and precision machinery may be a modern trend with twentieth-century scientists and engineers it is certainly nothing new with God. The wonderfully accurate timing of the millions of heavenly bodies, such as stars and planets as they swiftly travel on their orbit without collision, was arranged by God way back in eternity. And, even as we cause disaster and death by trifling with modern precision machinery,

so we meet tragedy if we trifle with the intricate plans of God for us.

As Missionary Volunteers we have an infallible standard of measurement. It is the perfect, beautiful life of Jesus as revealed by His obedience to the Ten Commandments. One deviation from perfect compliance to the laws of God puts us out of harmony with the intricate and accurate machinery of God's universe. In His long-range planning He cannot permit one sin to continue. That is just as fair and reasonable as it is to state that an error of one-one-thousandth of an inch in the construction or operation of a six-motored “H”-bomb-carrying jet plane cannot be tolerated.

We are all familiar with the disastrous end of King Belshazzar, of whom God said, “Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.” Modern scientists can weigh the footprints of an ordinary fly, but God can weigh the thoughts of a man's mind. With unerring accuracy Christ is our example and also our judge. But wonder of wonders, young people,

He is also our Saviour!

Let us read again and again those wonderful words in Jude 24, "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Through prayer and Bible study, repentance

and confession, and complete submission to Jesus day by day we can become accurate-precision Christians. "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." 2 Peter 1:10.—*Review and Herald.*

## THE NAME OF THE LORD

Let's Not Take It in Vain

R. D. DRAYSON

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Ex. 20:7.

One great secret of the Christian life is to reverence and hold in honour the Christian name by which we are called. This name must not be taken upon ourselves in vain. The third commandment is aimed at one of the basest of all evils—deception and insincerity. No other commandment of the ten strikes so directly at hypocrisy.

Webster tells us that "hypocrite" originally meant an actor—one who played a stage role that represented a character or behaviour other than his own. In time this word "hypocrite" came to describe a man who professed to be something he is not.

In his *Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis imaginatively describes Screwtape, a high official in his satanic majesty's service, as a tutor of Wormwood, another evil spirit who had been assigned to a certain territory of the world. In one of these letters Screwtape encourages Wormwood to exert his efforts on a man who had just become a Christian. Screwtape urges Wormwood to persevere because the man, though professing conversion, had not had a change of heart. All his habits—mental, physical, and spiritual—were on the worldly side. This convert had been baptized, but there had been no death to sin or resurrection to a new life.

Had not the dear Saviour commanded the disciples to baptize converts "into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19, R.V.? But

membership in the heavenly family had meant little to the victim of Wormwood's temptations who was living a lie.

God's name is also taken in vain when, as professing Christians, we are lazy and indifferent to the claims of our religion. Christ died for us—what are we doing for Him? Said Mrs. E. G. White: "Christ is Christianity." Christianity is Christ. To be a Christian is to possess Christ, to have His love and zeal for righteousness and service. We must not take our Christianity for granted. If we do, our profession of faith becomes little more than a social act. Instead of deep convictions, we have floating consciences which adjust to almost any socially approved behaviour.

We take the name of God in vain when we fail to carry responsibilities in God's church, when we are satisfied to be numbered among the church members without concerning ourselves about the achievement and reputation of the church. Standards and goals receive our benediction but not our active support.

When we avoid speaking about our faith in the presence of unbelievers who desire help, or when we evade an inquiry into our church affiliation, we are manifesting insincerity. When we criticize and belittle the deeds of others to bolster our own ego, we are refusing to face the truth.

What does it mean, to keep this commandment? The answer is, to keep this precept and to tell the truth with our lips and with our lives, we are to be true-hearted and sincere. Our hearts must be right with

God. We are to love Jesus and be willing to die to self and live for Him.

There are thousands of amateur athletes who spend long hours in vigorous drill, living dangerously. These young men and women receive no material remuneration for their efforts. If they do win an athletic contest, they receive only a ribbon or a loving cup for their heroic effort. They leave no doubt about their sincerity to develop into efficient athletes and to win laurels for the school they represent. When we as Christians throb with the same spirit of achievement for Christ and His church, we too shall win victories in the races that really count.

Living and speaking the truth is not the endowment of our natural birth, it is the product of a new birth—coming to terms squarely with right and wrong, of sharing the simplicity and sincerity and life of Jesus Christ. The third commandment is a call to inner sincerity that comes as we partake of the divine nature of Jesus.—*Review and Herald.*

## THE LORD WILL FINISH THE WORK

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Adventist members who were very happy to see us out there. They could hardly wait to tell us about how they themselves had built this church. All that the mission had done was supply the door and the woodwork for the roof and windows, I believe. That is about all. They had built it themselves and they were proud of it—and justly so. Then they told us: "Here are four or five lay preachers. These men are preaching this message." And among them was a man that was completely blind, couldn't see a thing. I said: "You mean to tell me that this man is a lay preacher?" "Yes," they said, "he is and he has won several souls to the Lord through his preaching." Completely blind! Think of it! We think we have handicaps, but here was a man who couldn't see, but he was out preaching. Before we left, he said he wanted to sing for us and he sang a lovely song in Tamil. Here the work is going forward. The people are turning their hearts to God and that whole village is alight with the message of Jesus Christ.

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## LOVE'S WAY IS BEST

**L**OVE is the best way out of our problems—social, temporal, or spiritual. And love is that divine principle of life that helps us to choose God's way—the unselfish way.

When a devoted brother's wife was cross with him and scolded in a high-pitched voice, he remembered the text, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." Eph. 5:25. Patient, tender, he discovered that "a soft answer" would turn away wrath. In a few moments his wife was sensible, calm, speaking to him respectfully and with an apologetic tone in her voice.

When Brother Jeffries groaned under the weight of his Ingathering goal, love came to his rescue and lifted the load. "The love of Christ constraineth us," said Paul. "He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:14, 15. Such love constrains us to give up pleasant evenings at home in service for the lost—for His dear sake.

Paul's words, "Let there be no filthiness, nor silly talk, nor levity, which are not fitting; but instead let there be thanksgiving" (Eph. 5:4, R.S.V.), were nothing more or less than words of caution to the Jones family until they read the preceding verses of Paul's letter: "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Eph. 5:1, 2, R.S.V. There are no imitators of God listening to questionable programmes on the Radio. Love for the world and love for Christ do not dwell in the same heart.

Love gained the victory at the church board meeting when the names of Brother and Sister Peterson came up for review. There comes a

time when backsliders must be removed from the church list, but much can be done to prevent this. There were a few who favoured dropping the Petersons. But these texts, expressing God's love for the erring ones, won the day: "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you." Jer. 3:14. "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." Verse 22. "I will love them freely: for Mine anger is turned away from him." Hosea 14:4.

### LOVE WINS

And love was the winner at the school board when movies and entertainments in the college gym came up for discussion. "Love is consistent," someone said. "Can the church with one breath sponsor a worldly entertainment and with the next conduct a Week of Prayer to wean our youth away from worldly pleasures?" "Charity . . . doth not behave itself unseemly, . . . rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth. . . . Charity never faileth." 1 Cor. 13:4, 5, 6, 8. Yes, love is consistent. It not only advocates high standards, but enters heartily into the unalloyed pleasures of the Christ life.

Love raises money for the church, too. The widow's mite has done more for gifts to mission lands than all the wealth of millionaires donated to the Christian cause.

Medicines and drugs may relieve the sick, but love does more. It was love that healed the woman with the issue of blood. "Virtue is gone out of Me," exclaimed Jesus. This virtue was the healing power of love. It was this love that brought

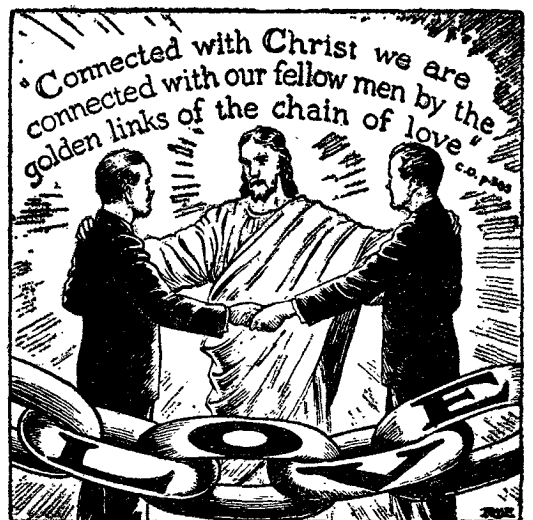
peace to the paralytic let down through the roof at Peter's home. The sense of the pardoning love of God will do more to relieve illness and remove guilt from the soul than all the medicines in the world.

There was a strife among the disciples which of them should be the greatest—Peter, John, James, Andrew, or Judas? That question was never answered fully until the supreme exhibit of unselfish Love went on display at the cross. When Christ washed the feet of the disciples they had a few bright glimmerings of it, but when He took the sinner's place by hanging between earth and sky on a criminal's cross, they began to see more clearly that love was self-abasing, self-denying, self-sacrificing. They understood better the meaning of Jesus' words: "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." And their hearts were broken. They were willing that any of the others should have first place.

### THE MELTING SUNLIGHT OF LOVE

Worldliness, strife for supremacy, selfishness, covetousness, impurity, and every sin melts away under the warm sunlight of love—God's love revealed in the cross of Christ. This love, this goodness of God, leads us to repentance. Said Mrs. E. G. White:

"The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In giving up His Son, He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift. . . . O let us contemplate the amazing sacrifice that has been made for us! Let us try to appreciate



the labour and energy that Heaven is expending to reclaim the lost, and bring them back to the Father's house. Motives stronger, and agencies more powerful, could never be brought into operation; the exceeding rewards for right-doing, the enjoyment of heaven, the society of the angels, the communion and love of God and His Son, the elevation and extension of all our powers throughout eternal ages—are these not mighty incentives and encouragements to urge us to give the heart's loving service to our Creator and Redeemer. . . .

"Shall we not regard the mercy of God? What more could He do? Let

us place ourselves in right relation to Him who has loved us with amazing love."—*Steps to Christ*, pp. 23, 25.

Yes, love is the answer. And God is love (1 John 4:8). Paul said, "Shew I unto you a more excellent way." 1 Cor. 12:31. God's way! O brethren and sisters, let there be more love in our hearts, in our homes, in our churches and schools. Let this divine principle guide us. With prayerful hearts kneel now and read and memorize 1 Corinthians 13. This powerful chapter will do more in half an hour to help you solve your problems than you can do for yourself or for others in a lifetime.

—*Review and Herald*.

I am wondering if those who are whole and have good eyesight and many other luxuries of life are as faithful as this old man in the winning of souls. This story is passed along to you in the hope that it will help you to understand the faithfulness of many of our brethren in other fields. Let us today thank God for all His manifold blessings to us, and show our faithfulness to Him by giving liberally of our means to advance the cause of God in lands afar.—*Australasian Record*.

## NEW CONVERTS IN INDONESIA

A. J. ANDER

I HAD been selling books in several villages of Indonesia when I discovered quite a feeling against us on the part of certain people. One evening we were invited to a wedding, and after the ceremony a discussion took place with other church leaders who were unfriendly regarding the Sabbath question and other doctrines. Many people heard our discussion that night. We went home very late.

The next day I went out to deliver books. When I came home, there were seven people waiting for me in the house where I was staying. When they saw me their faces lighted up. At first I did not understand what their purpose was in coming to see me. I laid my brief case aside and sat down. They said to me: "Sir, the seven of us here listened carefully to the discussion last night. We know that you are right. Our minds have been busy thinking of the truth you presented. We decided to come to you this evening to hear more about the message so that we may know more clearly of its certainty."

We had a visit from seven o'clock in the evening until two o'clock in the morning. The word "sir" was soon changed to the word "brother." They said, "Brother Ander, we understand the truth now, and we will keep the Sabbath from now on, but we regret that you are leaving us. Who is going to give us further instruction until we are ready for baptism?" That remark was like a dagger thrust into my heart. I could only say, "God will help you, and as you study your Bible the Holy Spirit will teach you. We have no worker

## NEWS FROM

# THE WORLD FIELD

## AN UNUSUAL WITNESS

KATHLEEN LOWE

OVER in Sierra Leone, West Africa, a country largely comprising Mohammedans, one of our missionaries was travelling to attend the ordination of two African evangelists. In connection with one of these ordinations he had to travel a few miles into the bush to a village where more than fifty of the houses had been burned out some time previously. Only nine houses and the Seventh-day Adventist church remained.

A few years ago, when we were preparing to build the Adventist church in that place, another sect, who had been in that area for some 50-100 years, rushed in at the last moment and put up a place of worship in order to say that they had been in that village first. In the providence of God that place was burned down and the Adventist church remained.

A very old Adventist man, elder of the local church, and blind, had also lost his home in this village fire. It seems that the fire had been started by thieves in order to pillage the various houses. This old man, a

staunch pillar in the church in that place, even though blind, led out in the work of the church. For some sixteen years he had been suffering from leprosy and had lost the fingers from both hands as well as the toes from his feet. One ear is entirely missing. He does not sound a very pleasing sight, and certainly it is not pleasant to look at such a piece of humanity. Nevertheless the sweet influence that goes out from this old black man is worthy of mention.

He can only hobble about, but when it comes time to harvest his rice and groundnuts, he takes his old walking-cane and hobbles his painful way to the field where his workmen are tying the rice in bundles. He cannot see, of course, but when the men are counting the bundles they start with one, two, three, and so on, and he motions to the place where each bundle has to go. When he comes to the tenth bundle he motions with his cane to another pile where his tithe is being collected. Never in all these years has this old faithful man wavered from this programme of faithfulness to the church. Even with his leprosy and blindness he has raised up several small churches in his area.

to send to you, but we will continue to pray for you."

These seven people were soon baptized, and have remained faithful and have won others to the Advent faith.—*Review and Herald.*

### A LIGHT SHINES IN THE JUNGLES OF BRAZIL

N. W. DUNN

ROBERT F. CORREIA and his wife are engaged in missionary work on the Amazon River. In a recent letter he tells of his trips into the jungle and of the great heart satisfaction he and his wife feel because of the privilege they have of working in the interior.

Our brother is unable to spend many evenings with his family during the week. Because of the many cases of influenza that are prevalent during the rainy season, he is kept busy every night giving treatments.

The following experience concerned a woman by the name of Raimunda Sena, who was led to a knowledge of the truth in a most unusual way. "One day while she was working on her small plantation, she was overwhelmed by a brilliant light, which temporarily blinded her. Then a soft, musical voice spoke to her, warning her that the end was near and that soon Jesus would come. She was admonished to prepare for His coming, and to pray more and read the Bible, giving special attention to the Book of Revelation. She was told to remove all pride from her heart and carefully observe the Ten Commandments, including the Sabbath Day. Immediately the law of God appeared to her in beautiful jeweled letters. Soon the light disappeared and her strength returned."

Brother Correia states in his letter that soon this woman and her husband are to be baptized and become church members.—*Review and Herald.*

### VOICE OF PROPHECY INSTITUTE

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that orthodox Muslim area have received the first two lessons, and over 10,000 have been enrolled as regular students. 250,000 lessons have been sent out and 145,000 test-papers have been graded. He also



### THE GLORY LAND

ROBERT HARE

Come whisper to me of that blessed land  
Where sorrow and grief are unknown,  
Where hope on its cloud steps forever ascends,  
And love bows before the great throne.

More real than earth scenes that now hasten by,  
And brighter than visions below,  
Supreme in its beauty, it waits over there  
Where joy its sweet fullness shall know.

No frost-laden tempest can darken its sky,  
And never a death wind can fall;  
Sweet life smiles eternal in glorious delight,  
While love finds its all and in all.

O hasten, glad day, to storm clouds unknown,  
When death fears shall vanish away.  
When bright smiles of morn, with their perfumed  
breath,  
Shall perfect the gloaming of day.

O Saviour Divine, my heart longs to share  
That home where the golden streets shine;  
There stand in the presence of Love that redeemed,  
And know that sweet homeland is mine.

mentioned that the graduates number 2,400.

We noted with interest that several hundred people had requested baptism and of these already sixty have been baptized.

At the conclusion of each meeting, we had very interesting and profitable Round Table discussions which were of great benefit to all those who took part in them.

In the evening Elder Rawson showed religious pictures to a full church.

The second day of the Institute was equally interesting. We had a busy time and listened to many inspirational and helpful talks, Round Table discussions and practical demonstrations on how to report interests, follow-up interests, promote the Bible School and Radio work, and how to co-ordinate the work of the Voice of Prophecy with that of our evangelists.

In bringing these excellent meetings to a close, Elder Rawson thanked all those present for their attention, keen interest and co-operation in helping to make the Institute a real success.

We then heard Pastor C. H. Hamel announce his appreciation of what Elder Walde and Elder and Mrs. Rawson had done. He thanked them for their hard work and the love they had shown in travelling all the way to Pakistan to assist in the soul-winning programme.

There was a short talk by Elder Walde followed by a few remarks by Pastor M. R. Justin, our local Punjab Mission president, who thanked the visitors and expressed his appreciation not only for their presence there but also for extending to the workers the privilege of attending such a wonderfully helpful Voice of Prophecy Institute.

The writer then said a few words of appreciation, and with tears in their eyes several of the workers thanked the visitors as they bade them farewell.

It was the opinion of all present that this was one of the most successful, helpful, and soul-inspiring Institutes ever held in West Pakistan, and all the workers returned to their respective places of work filled with new vigour and greater enthusiasm for the finishing of the work.



## FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

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proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labours and the voluntary gifts of all His people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 246. "If all, rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the storehouse, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment."

In the above statements there are two qualifying words—"if" and "all." It is not the amount of tithe that one pays that counts in God's sight, but the faithfulness with which it is paid. In the days of Jesus commendation was given not to the rich men who put large amounts into the offering box but to the poor widow who gave two mites. The commendation was for her faithfulness.

The tithe income in Southern Asia varies from one part of the field to another. Lay tithe payments vary from Rs. 7-1-0 per year in one field, to Rs. 19-1-0 in another. These figures would indicate that the annual earnings of our people range between Rs. 71/- and Rs. 191/- per year. How can this be? These days even a coolie will earn about Rs. 500/- a year. Although our membership is growing the per capita tithe payment is decreasing. As a result the work of God cannot advance to new places. When the calls come and new interests spring up there is no means to support workers to follow up the interests. There is still another result. It is not possible for workers to develop in service if they are unfaithful in tithe-paying. Their families also suffer for lack of means because what they have is not blessed.

When the tithe is retained for one's own use it reveals there is more love of self than love of God. The apostle Paul writing to Timothy says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves." The greatest sin that now exists in the church is covetousness.

In the days of Asa, king of Israel, the Israelites entered into a solemn covenant to seek the Lord with all their heart and as a result the nation was greatly blessed. The people around them brought presents and the people of God were greatly prospered. The promises of God are

## ANOTHER PIONEER SLEEPS

BESRA—After six years of prolonged illness Pastor James Besra peacefully passed away in his little home at Chhota Solbandha, Sahibganj, District Santhal Parganas, on Friday August 19. He was one of the three earliest Santhal workers who worked with the late Brother W. A. Barlow at Babumohal. Brother and Sister Besra were baptized into the truth by Elder W. R. French at Karmatar in the year 1911. In the early days he worked with Brother R. H. Leech and helped buy the site where our present Northeast Union office is located at Karmatar. He and Brother Leech worked hard in erecting the first bungalow here at Karmatar, "the father of Seventh-day Adventist Mission stations in India." He also was the language teacher (Santhali language) of Brethren Leech, Cleverly, and Borrowdale. In the pioneering days he taught school and did much translation work. Later on he was engaged in evangelistic work, and in the thirties when Elder A. W. Cormack was the Division president, he, with some others, was ordained to the ministry of the gospel at one of the Biennial Division Sessions in Poona. Many a time we heard through his lips such names as Miss Della Burroway, Miss Georgia Burrus, Elder J. L. Shaw, L. J. Burgess, S. A. Wellman and many others familiar to the people of this denomination. He served the cause for thirty years and died at the age of seventy. He died in the hope of seeing the Redeemer on that glad day when "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

On Sabbath afternoon at four o'clock he was buried in the village of his retirement. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. Most of his relatives, the church members, and many friends from the village attended the service. He leaves to mourn his wife, three sons, one daughter, eighteen grandchildren and a host of friends. Please remember the bereaved in your prayers.

—BHIMA TUDU.

sure. The promise is "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Let us search our hearts and examine ourselves to see if we have qualified to receive the blessing that God has in store for us.

The tithe and the Sabbath are the peculiarities that distinguish the people of God from the people of the world and make the Remnant Church to be His peculiar treasure.

## THINK ON THESE

Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.—*Supervision*.

He who dedicates his life to a great ideal, himself becomes great.—*Gill R. Wilson*.

Vacations are for recreation, but more than that, for re-creation.—*Marguerite DeVore*.

Choice, not chance, will determine our eternal destiny.—*Signs of the Times*.

Regardless of circumstances, each man lives in a world of his own making.—*Joseph M. Emms*.

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## Miscellany

● MRS. Gordon Hadley and daughter Patty of Vellore visited Poona from September 16-21. She accompanied the students from the Christian Medical College, Vellore, who came home for the two weeks' vacation which they are granted at the end of the first quarter. After spending a few days in Bombay, Mrs. Hadley returned to Vellore with the students on the 27th of September.

● ON September 23, Elder and Mrs. A. F. Jessen, and Mrs. L. J. Larson, Elizabeth Ann and Karl landed in Bombay. Brother Larson was in Bombay to meet his family after their many months of separation.

● ON Sabbath, September 24, 1955, the Poona church reached its goal of Rs. 2,700 receiving a total offering for the quarter of Rs. 2,786. Of this amount Rs. 402 was brought in by the Investment workers who reached their goal of Rs. 400 for the quarter. The Kindergarten was able to bring in Rs. 93; the Primary children Rs. 102; the Juniors Rs. 100; the Senior Youth Rs. 2; the Senior Sabbath School Rs. 105.

● DR. and Mrs. Stanley Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Henrickson, Miss Emma Binder, Miss Laurice Kafrouni, and Dr. Verna Robson of the Karachi Hospital are spending their hill leave in Hunza as the guests of the Wali of Hunza.

● BROTHER and Sister N. R. Fouts and their daughters are in Karachi where Brother Fouts is relieving Brother Henrickson while he is on hill leave.

● PASTOR K. S. BROWN and Brother N. L. Sherwin made a recent tour in the Abbottabad District visiting members and interested persons in Mansehra, Dadar, and Abbottabad. Brother Sherwin is getting acquainted with his new work and has also started his language study.

● BROTHER R. A. Ditta has just completed a series of meetings in Sialkot, W. Pakistan. In spite of heavy rains the meetings held in a "shamiyana" were well attended. Many

nights there were 500-600 people present.

● BROTHER A. Farthing has baptized fourteen in Madura, and many are studying.

● PASTOR D. K. Down had 2,500 people attend his opening meeting in four sessions, admitted by ticket only.

● J. B. Oliver, M.D. has now received the degree of Associate Fellow of the International College of Surgeons.

● PASTOR J. F. Ashlock is making good progress following surgery at Nuzvid. Mrs. T. M. Ashlock has also been at Nuzvid for medical care.

● Miss Gloria Thomas and the S. S. secretary of Bombay State Section are spending six week-ends conducting Sabbath School rallies in Bombay State. They conducted the first meetings at Lasalgaon on the 16th and 17th of September, followed by

meetings at Hatkanagle, Bombay, Surat, Spicer Memorial College, and Poona.

● PASTOR and Mrs. E. R. Streeter arrived in Poona on Tuesday, September 27 from Ceylon where Brother Streeter had been supervising the new buildings of the Mailapitiya school. We welcome them into our Salisbury Park family and hope they will be able to stay with us for a long time.—S. J.

In youth we learn... in age we understand.—*Lake Mills Graphic.*

Ideas must work through the brains and the arms of good and brave men, or they are no better than dreams.—*Emerson.*

Life is like a bank account. You get back only what you put in. Experience is the interest.—*Reformatory Pillar.*

There is no better way to take the irk out of work than by putting love into it.—*York Trade Compositor.*

# JUST OUT

## A HELP FOR PREACHERS

A new book has just come off the press entitled "Nature Nuggets" by Harold W. Clark. In this volume Dr. Clark draws lessons from nature including animals, insects, birds, bacteria; the hand, ear, eye, and skin, etc.

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