



HEAVEN'S BLESSINGS

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TITHE
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HOW often do you and I pause in our busy programme to think about "Heaven's Blessings"? We live our day to day lives in this world of sin but most of us give little time or thought to the real blessings God showers upon us constantly. It is so easy to take these blessings for granted and then to forget the very source from which they come. Our lives and our means all come from God and it is to Him that we are fully responsible. We may disregard that responsibility but not without eternal loss as well as unhappiness and insecurity in this life.

The true principles of love to God and to our fellowmen are expressed by our recognition of God's ownership and care for us. Christian stewardship gives us the privilege of sharing our talents and means so that God's plan may be fulfilled on this earth and the way opened for true enjoyment and happiness in our personal lives.

The Spirit of prophecy tells us that "It is impossible for a man whose heart is full of the grace of God to keep his pocket-book closed. Where

there is no giving, there can be no blessing; for giving is the Christian law of living. . . . 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35. . . . We love to give good gifts to our dear ones. This is simply love's finding normal expression in concrete ways.

"Likewise, material expressions are due the dearest One in the Universe—our Redeemer, Saviour, Friend. The value all centres in the motive. . . . It is the heart of love that God desires and recognizes back of our gifts. The law of tithe has its root in this inborn spiritual sense."—*Stewardship In Its Larger Aspects*, page 32.

Sister White also tells us in another place that "Systematic and liberal giving in accordance with the plan, keeps the channel of the heart open. We place ourselves in connection with God, that He may use us as channels through which His gifts may flow to others."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 412.

God wants to share the blessings of heaven with each one of us, but He expects our love to be so strong and true that we also will share our

blessings with others. When the Lord tells us "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" notice that He asks us to prove or test Him concerning the wonderful promise. He says "Prove Me now herewith" and then adds emphatically, "if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. When Heaven's windows of blessing are opened we may be sure that the supply is bountiful. On the other hand, if our response to this appeal and privilege is such that God cannot open those heavenly windows, then we may be sure of real loss.

Sabbath, February 25, has been set aside as "Tithe Covenant Day" in

all our churches throughout the field. This gives us another opportunity to renew our pledge of love and devotion to God. Your response in returning to God His tithe and your gifts of liberal offerings will indicate your firm faith in God's promise and your true desire for Heaven's blessings. We appeal to all our workers and believers everywhere to consider this privilege once again and to make a new covenant with God in 1956. Every day that passes should impress us with our need for Divine blessing and we do pray that each one will personally make this important decision once again and then remember it all through the year. Thus may heaven's choicest blessings be poured on you as God has promised.

a sin-sick and dying world.

In 1921 the overseas membership exceeded that of the North American Division. At the close of that year the membership was 98,715 in North America and 99,373 overseas. Today 70.8 per cent of the membership is overseas. The Inter-American Division and the Southern African Division have both passed the 100,000 membership mark. Southern Europe will, no doubt, pass this figure before the year is over. God's church has grown to a mighty movement, and will continue to grow until its task is finished.

All through the ages God has raised up persons fully qualified for the great task before them. So with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. We have had strong leaders who were humble men who prayed and planned and organized. The honest heard and responded, first to give their hearts, and then their lives, until today (September 30, 1955) there are 293,190 members in North America and 710,036 members in almost every country of the earth, making a total of 1,003,226.

The following chart shows the membership growth by decades.

ONE MILLION SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

H. W. KLASER

General Conference Statistical Secretary

IN OCTOBER, 1844, a terrible disappointment came to a group of earnest Christians in New England. The hour of God's judgment arrived on time, but they did not understand fully the message that came to them. They were expecting Christ to appear in the heavens. Hours of prayer and study revealed the true interpretation of the 2,300-day prophecy, one of the basic doctrines of the Bible. This study brought light and hope to them. From this little group grew an organization that today circles the earth. Membership and churches are established in countries representing 98.5 per cent of the population of the earth. We are happy to announce that this membership has now passed the million mark.

Membership in 1863 was 3,500, and it was sixty-two years later (1925) before it reached 250,000. The next quarter million in membership was reached in fifteen years (1940—504,752). Another quarter million in membership was reached in ten years (1950—756,712). And now the fourth quarter million has been reached in five years as of September

30, 1955. The church membership stands at 1,003,226.

I have often wondered how the pioneers felt as they began their heroic task—just a handful of people, and a world to warn, having a message that must go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. What faith they had, and how God has abundantly rewarded that faith. It must have thrilled them as they sent their first foreign missionary overseas in 1874, and how happy J. N. Andrews must have felt as he responded to the invitation to go. At that time there were only 6,890 members in North America and 110 members overseas.

Steadily the message grew. Literature was published, and honest people embraced this new-found faith, in Europe, Russia, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the islands of the sea. Schools were founded, sanitariums were built, a medical college was started, health-food factories and health restaurants were established, and a more healthful way of life was emphasized. But all these various facilities were started to help give the message of love and obedience to

	Members in N. America	Members Overseas	World Membership
1863	3,500		3,500
1870	5,390	50	5,440
1880	14,852	718	15,570
1890	26,861	2,850	29,711
1900	61,509	14,258	75,767
1910	63,917	40,609	104,526
1920	95,877	89,573	185,450
1930	120,560	193,693	314,253
1940	185,788	318,964	504,752
1950	250,939	505,773	756,712
1954	285,777	686,294	972,071
Sept. 30, 1955	293,190	710,036	1,003,226*

*Membership increase for third quarter 1955 conservatively estimated. When reports are received from the field there will no doubt be an adjustment upward.

What of the future? We are still impelled by the great commission to bring every honest soul to the Master. And there still are souls to be won. An unfinished task is the only thing that is delaying the coming of Jesus. When will Jesus come? I do not know, but surely "His coming is much nearer than when we first believed."

UPLIFT RALLY DAY

W. L. BARCLAY

IT IS encouraging to know that the workers and laity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern Asia are becoming more Uplift-conscious year by year. We are beginning to realize just how much this yearly campaign means to us. Through the Uplift magazine the business men of India, and the various Government officials are kept informed of the fine humanitarian work being carried on through our hospitals, schools, and Dorcas-Welfare societies.

The year 1955 witnessed the most successful Uplift campaign ever conducted in the Southern Asia Division. Every Union in the Division reached or surpassed its goal. West Pakistan more than doubled its goal. The reports by Unions of the amounts raised are as follows:

Burma	Rs. 50,000
Ceylon	15,000
Northeast	34,604
Northwest	30,000
South India	47,065
W. Pakistan	89,520
Bombay State	30,100
TOTAL	2,96,289

Some Unions have only reported to the treasury department up to the end of November. We hope that by the time the December reports reach us there will be enough to bring the total to Rs. 3,00,000/-. For a wonderful, successful Uplift year we thank our Heavenly Father.

Some of our Unions do not begin Uplift until late in the year, and for that reason we usually plan our Uplift Rally Day for the first of April. This year (1956), however, by Committee action, the dates of the campaign were set for February 4—May 5. It is an inspiration to know that many of our fields decided not to wait for the Uplift Rally Day, February 4, to launch the campaign this year. Four of the fields began on January 1, and

some of them hope to make the Rally Day an Uplift Victory Day and celebrate the Union goal being reached. Good reports are already reaching us from Bombay State, West Pakistan, South India, and Northwest India. The brethren from these fields report that the response to appeals is better than in past years and the people are more willing to give. Perhaps we are beginning to realize that the first months of the

year are the best months in which to do Uplift.

We would like to suggest that all of our churches plan to conduct an early, speedy Uplift campaign. If you have not already begun the campaign now is the time to plan to begin on Rally Day, February 4.

We are seeing many changes in Southern Asia today. It would be a most thrilling experience to see the Division Uplift Goal reached, and every Union over the top by the time the Division Council convenes, March 9. We believe it can be done; we believe you will do it; we KNOW that God will bless the efforts you put forth to do His work quickly. Let's keep looking up and going forward in Uplift. Let's make 1956 the banner year in Uplift and all other activities for Him.

SUCCESS THROUGH SELF-DENIAL

ERNEST LLOYD

THE practice of self-denial is one of the greatest aids to genuine success. Self-indulgence ruins men and women in every land. It is the Delilah on whose lap many a noble head has been shorn of its power forever. But self-denial is "the angel that leads us upward, over a rough road it may be, but puts at last a crown of everlasting glory on our brows."

Self-indulgence sells man's glorious birthright for a mess of pottage. Self-denial refuses the present gratification and has its reward in more enduring satisfactions. The terror-stricken Belshazzar is a picture of what self-indulgence does for a man.

We do well to study the advantages of self-denial. Our great example in this matter is the Master. In the sixteenth chapter of Matthew are His words: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself." Verse 24. Let him practice self-denial, let him say No to his flesh. Such is the meaning of the text. The Master kept Himself free from all selfish entanglements.

Self-denial must extend not only to what is sinful and unworthy—there should be no self-denial in giving up those things—but to whatever it may be that God and duty call upon us to surrender. This is the spirit that should distinguish those who profess to be the followers of our Lord Jesus. If we tolerate self-indulgence in our lives as professing Christians, we shall lose the keen interest in spiritual things that should characterize us in these momentous days.

It is human to yield to the desires and cravings of the flesh; it is following the divine to practise self-denial, to subdue the inclinations of the natural man, and to keep free from associations not reflecting the Master's standards of living. We must beware of the influence of those who do not love righteousness. Blessed are they who find their highest pleasure, not in pleasing self, but in seeking day by day to please Him who gave Himself for us and who now desires to live His life over again in our lives. —*Review and Herald.*

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“THE world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals.”—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 100. “From our books and papers bright beams of light are to shine forth to enlighten the world in regard to present truth”—*Mrs. E. G. White*. The colporteurs in Bombay State are doing their best to sell religious books along with magazines and health books in harmony with the above statements.

Mrs. D. M. Garton—the colporteur for Bombay is selling the two books, *Toward a Better Day* and *Health and Healing* and is being very successful in her work. Within a few days Mrs. Garton and I sold sixteen *Toward a Better Day*—a full-message book and sixteen *Health and Healing*.

“All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.”—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 109.

While we were selling these books, we came to a young Brahmin Income-tax official. He listened to our sales talk with great interest, and when we came to the prophecies on Daniel 2 he remembered the Voice of Prophecy lectures which he had heard on the radio. He enquired whether the book contained the same type of material. We assured him that it did. He paid the money at once and took the book. There are many other souls like this business man longing for light and who are on the verge of the kingdom ready to be gathered in. It is our solemn responsibility to go out with these message-filled books and help to bring them in.

The greatest need of our field is the need of men and women who will

do this noble work of pointing sinners to the Lamb of God through the reading of these good books. Although there are only a few colporteurs in the Bombay State, we have reached our sales goal of Rs. 30,000/- and realised a gain of Rs. 7,415/- over the goal.

If any of our members reading this report has a burden for this all-important work and would like to share the blessings and experiences of our Bombay colporteurs, please contact the Publishing secretary, 16 Club Road, Byculla, Bombay 8.

M. V. CAMP—NASIK DISTRICT,

O. A. SKAU

FROM January 9 to 14, 1956 a very interesting and profitable

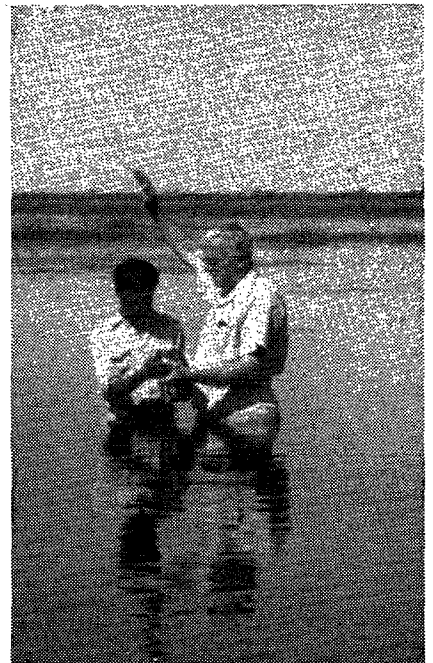
M. V. camp was conducted at Madhmersharwar in the Nasik District, Bombay State. This was a beautiful camp site conducted on the very spacious compound of the Government's Irrigation Inspection Bungalow. It was near the large reservoir with a large irrigation canal running adjacent to the property. This canal offered excellent swimming, something which the young people and leaders enjoyed to the full twice a day. The bungalow housed the thirty-three girls and some of the lady teachers and counsellors. The boys and male leaders lived in ten very nice tents loaned to us by the police department at Nasik. There were eighty-seven campers present.

The group was divided into eight units—four for the boys and four for the girls. Classes in first-aid, star study, insect and spider study, were conducted daily. A wonderful spirit prevailed through the whole camp. The camp had two circles around which we gathered daily. In the morning we met in the circle in front of the bungalow. Here we had our personal inspection, physical exercise, the morning watch and Sabbath school lesson study. This was followed by prayer bands and then breakfast. In the morning the boys and girls had to get up early in order to get the

chapatties ready for the hungry campers. For one breakfast the cooks used 4 lbs. of oil, 38 lbs. of flour, 6 lbs. of water, and about 1/2 lb of salt. The chapatties were served with various kinds of curry and they made a very fine and wholesome breakfast.

The camp site had plenty of grounds for the various games played. Every day we had some very lively baseball games for boys as well as girls. There were also other games such as volley ball, ring tennis, badminton, etc. Every forenoon after inspection, we had exercise and devotion and then class work, recreation and swimming. In the afternoon we had hikes, nature walks, trails, games, and some more swimming. We gathered in the evening in the second circle of the camp for song service, story telling, and the portrayal of experiences under the heading “Their Finest Hour.” This was followed by our devotional hour conducted by the camp pastor. Friday evening we had a very impressive candlelight consecration service. It was an inspiring sight to see our young people go to the front and light his or her candle from the one representing Christ, the Light of the world, thus rededicating and consecrating themselves to the Master and to His service.

On Sabbath morning there was a slight change in our programme. We



Pastor O. A. Skau baptizing one of the students.



Camp leaders and baptismal candidates.

slept just a little bit longer and after our morning devotional we had our breakfast. The Sabbath school programme was interesting and profitable. The lesson was taught in three languages—English, Hindi and Marathi. The morning sermon in English and translated into Hindi, was presented by the camp pastor. In this service he completed his series of studies on “Christ the Central Theme of the Bible.” Immediately following this service we all went to the lake where the camp pastor baptized one boy and four girls. Brother Hivale, one of the teachers at our Lasalgaon High School, had conducted the baptismal class. Brother Christo the principal had examined the candidates and on behalf of the church board presented them for baptism.

After our dinner and a little rest, we gathered again under the large trees for our M. V. Investiture service. Mr. Gladstone Gurubatham, another of the Lasalgaon teachers, presented forty-seven students to be invested. Mr. Gladstone had served as the M. V. class sponsor and had done well in leading these young people.

After sunset worship and supper we gathered for the last time around the big circle for our closing camp fire service. Here we lingered long, reluctant to break up the very good camp. However, we had to break camp, fold up our tents and get our luggage ready for the buses that had been ordered from Lasalgaon, 16 miles away. Thus came the end to our very pleasant, happy, and profitable association in our camp life.

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TEMPERANCE NEWS FROM SOUTH INDIA

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THE following is an excerpt from an article written by the principal of the Kottarakara High School.

“The school has become temperance minded following the visit of Pastor I. K. Moses the Temperance secretary of our Union. He inaugurated a school chapter of the Temperance

Association, after electing the office bearers for the year. Since then the Association has been alive and active. We have already had a lively debate on a Saturday evening in which the students gave eloquent speeches decrying the evils of intemperance and extolling the virtues of temperance. Many members of the community around were present on the occasion. The Executive Council has decided to start a manuscript magazine named the *Temperance Journal* which would

contain articles, stories, poems and jingles written by the students, all centring around temperance. We accept other literary and religious articles both original and those based on research made by the students. Useful articles from temperance magazines and *The Review and Herald* are translated and included for the sake of vernacular readers. The response from the students by way of contribution of articles to the magazine has been found to be wonderful and we anticipate a good future for the journal.

“Besides this, a short play ‘The Prisoner at the Bar’ has been translated into Malayalam so that the students can enact it at the meeting hall where we hold our effort immediately following the talk on ‘Health.’ It will be a high day for us when along with the staging of the play an elocution competition will be held. This competition is open to the students of other high schools in Kottarakara. We hope that by all these means the Temperance cause will march forward.”

Excerpt from a letter from Pastor G. Gurubatham, Temperance secretary, South Tamil Section.

“Last Sabbath I was at Prakasapuram and conducted a Temperance meeting and fifty-six of our church members signed the pledge cards. Then, next day Pastor Selvanayagam and I visited from house to house and prayed with the church members and enrolled thirty-six of them. The fees of these new members will amount to Rs. 58.

“The Lord is really blessing our work. I have visited some of our big churches and enrolled members for the Temperance Association.”

A letter from Pastor C. Moses, V. O. P. secretary of the South India Union states that if all went well they were to have a Temperance Rally with the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Mr. S. Varadarajan, B.A. B.L., presiding over the meeting.

FRIENDSHIP

Abraham Lincoln was once taken to task by an associate for his attitude toward his enemies: “Why do you try to make friends of them? You should try to destroy them.” Lincoln replied gently: “Am I not destroying my enemies when I make them my friends?”

CLEARING THE WAY FOR GOD

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

ALL things are in readiness for the consummation of the grand purposes of God on earth, for the completion of the gospel, for the closing up of the work of human salvation. All things—except God's own people. There remains a work to be done for them—the removal of sin from their lives—not yet accomplished.

The great world developments foretold in the prophecies have been fulfilled, or are in process of fulfilment. The signs of the times are spread before our eyes on every hand. God's message of the return of Jesus—"this gospel of the kingdom"—is being heralded "in all the world." The last signs of the end time of human history are seen all about us. All things are in readiness for the final developments. All but those who herald the message. Something at that point is in the way.

The thing that is in the way, that is blocking progress, defeating plans, thwarting purposes, disarranging God's programme, undermining spirituality, preventing success, defeating efforts, and impoverishing the life of the church, is *sin*.

Not sin in the abstract, not sin in the world, not sin in the church, not sin in others, but sin in *us*—in you and me. Our lives are not right—and we know it. We are conscious of the downward pull of wrong habits, of wrong courses, of wrong indulgences, of rebellious wills, of overwhelming passions, of impure desires, of un conquered tendencies, of lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life.

There is one thing we shall concentrate our attention on in our study together. And there are many things we shall not discuss. Among the many things we shall *not* discuss are plans, methods, agencies, institutes, campaigns, budgets, finance, organizations, administration, conventions,

machinery, workshops, evangelism, education.

It is not in my thought to minimize the importance of any of these things. They all have their place, and are the inevitable corollaries of any growing movement. They just do not fit into the purpose we have in mind in this discussion.

The one thing we shall discuss, and study, and analyze, and, I hope, find a remedy for, is sin.

If you are concerned about this, let me suggest that that concern should manifest itself in your decision to sweep everything else aside that would interfere with your absorption in this one problem of finding the way to the conquest of sin and evil.

Montgomery, Alabama, is about eighty miles from Birmingham, as the crow flies. There was a time when a fire broke out in Montgomery—a terrible fire, a great conflagration, a crisis, a holocaust. It was sweeping



HUMILITY

Siegfried M. V. Sandstorm

O dear God of love and mercy,
Although Thou, the Lord, be high,
Yet Thou wilt respect the lowly,
To the meek Thou wilt be nigh.

Heavenly Father, make me humble,
Take from me all sinful pride;
May the lowly, loving Jesus
Ever be my only Guide.

I would shun self-exaltation,
Overbearing self-esteem;
I would emulate the meekness
Of the gentle Nazarene.

I would not be self-sufficient,
Haughty, arrogant, or vain;
Teach me to be kind and gentle,
Never causing others pain.

May all know I've been with Jesus,
Learning how His life to live;
How to glorify Thee, Father,
And Thy light to others give.



the city. The fire department of Montgomery was not big enough, not manned enough, not manned enough to cope with it. Birmingham was called. The cry went out, "Send help!" The Birmingham fire chief called the chief of police to say, "We are sending our fire department, engines, men, equipment, to Montgomery. Clear the way!" The motorcycle policemen were called in. Under definite orders they began to patrol the highway. Two minutes apart, two men, on motorcycles, on each side of the highway, brushed the heavy traffic apart. There were no favourites. Everyone went to the sides of the road. A lane was cleared and kept clear. In short minutes the mighty engines of Birmingham came thundering down the cement thoroughfare, speeding to the rescue. Montgomery was saved.

We are going to have to do something like that if we are to accomplish what we have to do. Everything else must be put aside and the way cleared for God to work. The fire of God is to come down on us, not to extinguish the fire, but to make a stronger blaze of power in the life.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

What, then, are we to do? We are told what Israel did in an ancient time when spiritual life was about extinguished. Listen:

"And the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord. And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

"And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth [the Baalim, the male gods, and Ashtaroth, the female gods] from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve Him only: and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

"Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only. And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord [in the form of a sacrifice], and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. . . .

"And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that He will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

"And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord: and Samuel cried unto the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on

that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel." 1 Sam. 7:1-10.

We are not likely to get far in our yearning and search for the removal of all sin from our lives unless there is a general hunger, a general concern, a general wanting, a general passion, a general yearning for—God, and His presence in our experience and in our hearts. Tell me, are you not hungry for God? We have all good things else. We have more money than we ever had, more furniture, more clothes, more schools, more churches, more institutions, more organizations, more machinery, more activity, more workers. Now, we need—God! If ever there was a time when we needed God, and God in all His plenitude of power, that time is now. And He is ready to supply that need to the full. Pray, oh, pray, that He may do it NOW.—*Review and Herald.*



GOD'S WORD

Elma P. Lawrence

God's Word is true!
Though all the world be filled with
thoughts impure,
And Satan's falsehoods still to sin allure,
In spite of evil doubts, we may be sure
God's Word is true!

God's Word is sure!
In spite of failing promises of man;
Though Satan and his cohorts ever plan
Fulfillment of the prophecies to ban,
God's Word is sure!

God's Word is life!
Accepting it and walking in its way,
My burdens at my Saviour's feet I lay!
O ye who seek for everlasting day,
God's Word is life!



field, followed by the girls' company and the last to march off the ground was the boys' company.

Sports and P. T. displays formed the programme for the rest of the day. All the track events were run off in the morning. Young Prakasam Dass won the "Marathon" by clocking three miles in 19 mins. 53.5 secs. with Alexander Job and Maung Nyunt coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. The track events were held in the afternoon after a very sumptuous and delicious lunch prepared by the girls under the supervision of Miss Baird, our food matron.

The high school claimed the honours for the first half of the day while the college dominated in the afternoon in sports. Then followed a really good P. T. display both by the girls and the boys. The girls' squad doubled on to the field with the clubs at the ready position and kept the audience spell-bound for a time with their fascinating club-swinging. The boys section then marched on to the field and for the next fifteen minutes exhibited gymnastics of a very good nature, by demonstrating many balancing feats, handstands, stick-displays and, of course, the pyramids. Both sections got a thunderous ovation from the very appreciative audience.

Prizes were distributed to the many competitors by the president's wife, Mrs. Rice.

The evening found the "Spicerians" tired but happy for "Republic Day" had been well spent and they went to bed dreaming of a wonderful God's tomorrow.

SPICER MEMORIAL COLLEGE CELEBRATES "REPUBLIC DAY"

CAPTAIN N. V. REDDY

ON Thursday, January 26, 1956 the "Spicerians" celebrated the sixth anniversary of the Dominion of India.

The writer took his position at the flag-mast and manœvered the two companies of boys and girls into position. While the "paraders" stood to attention the "Colour Party" marched in and raised the Tricolour in a very impressive manner. The entire group that was present stood to attention during the National Anthem. As the strains of "Jana Gana Mana" faded out, President Rice was escorted to the saluting base. The boys and girls then marched past the saluting base with the usual "Eyes left" salute.

President Rice, addressing the "Parade," said: "On August 15, 1947 a new era began. It was the beginning of a free and independent India. The Constituent Assembly drew up the new constitution which it passed on November 26, 1949 and which came into force on January 26, 1950. While

the moving spirit in the constituent assembly was Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, it was Dr. Ambedkar who was entrusted with the drafting of the constitution. January 26 marks the day when India became a Sovereign Democratic Republic with Dr. Rajendra Prasad as its first president. Today we celebrate that occasion." Continuing he said, "As citizens of this vast Republic we must each share in this responsibility. We who preach so earnestly the need of men not only to live upto the letter of the law but to its Spirit also, need to be sure that we have a deep sense of responsibility in all our relationships whether in school, in college, or in our life work." His concluding remarks were, "When a man is, indeed, connected with God and is keeping His law in truth, his life will reveal the fact. He will not sell his honour for gain, his motto will be, 'Death before dishonour.'"

Amidst great cheering the "Colour Party" was the first to march off the

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SE

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	Organized Churches	Last Membership Reported	Members Added			Members Dropped				Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers	Non-F.	Credentialed Missionaries	Non-F.	Licensed Ministers	Non-F.	Licensed Missionaries	Non-F.	Licensed Bible Instructors	Non-F.	Elementary School Teachers	Non-F.	Colporteurs	Non-F.	All Other
BOMBAY STATE ORGANIZATION	16	1,095	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,095	15	9	8	15	—	3	20	24	—	1	—	—	—	2	1
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	16	1,095	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,095	15	9	8	15	—	3	20	24	—	1	—	—	—	2	1
BURMA UNION	5	271	—	—	—	1	2	2	—	264	1	3	—	—	—	3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central and Upper Burma Section	14	947	6	2	2	—	6	2	32	919	4	4	—	—	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—
Delta Section	7	487	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	493	2	2	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—
Tenasserim Section	1	245	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	240	3	2	4	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Union and Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	27	1,950	12	2	3	6	9	2	34	1,916	4	11	4	6	—	7	11	35	—	—	—	—	29	—	—
CEYLON UNION	11	570	4	—	5	3	—	—	—	576	3	5	—	—	—	3	3	7	—	—	—	—	10	—	6
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	11	570	4	—	5	3	—	—	—	576	3	5	—	—	—	3	3	7	—	—	—	—	10	—	6
NORTHEAST UNION	16	947	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	957	3	—	1	—	—	11	5	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assam Section	24	1,233	15	—	10	6	4	2	11	1,235	3	11	2	3	2	6	7	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
East India Section	18	865	—	—	6	8	7	11	—	845	—	7	—	—	—	6	2	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
East Pakistan Section	1	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Union	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	59	3,066	25	—	16	14	11	13	11	3,058	7	18	3	3	2	24	16	61	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
NORTHWEST INDIA UNION	3	134	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	1	2	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Central India Section	—	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Jammu—Kashmir Section	6	333	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	333	1	1	—	—	—	3	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
North India Section	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	—	1	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Union & Institution	14	571	9	2	24	17	2	10	—	577	1	4	—	2	—	6	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Upper Ganges Section	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	23	1,041	9	2	26	17	2	10	—	1,049	6	9	1	2	—	11	8	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
SOUTH INDIA UNION	7	482	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	486	1	1	—	—	—	2	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Kannada Section	38	1,703	12	—	—	15	1	1	—	1,708	—	8	—	—	—	14	9	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	9
Kerala Section	13	663	12	—	1	—	—	11	—	665	—	5	—	—	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	8
North Tamil Section	35	2,216	5	8	9	12	9	19	30	2,168	—	4	—	1	—	10	—	10	—	—	—	—	16	—	8
North Telugu Section	33	1,547	29	—	1	2	3	—	12	1,560	—	5	—	—	—	7	—	8	—	—	—	—	5	—	7
South Tamil Section	10	551	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	555	1	2	—	—	—	2	2	6	—	1	—	—	6	—	3
South Telugu Section	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	5	—	5	16	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—
Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	1	2	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Union	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	136	7,162	66	8	11	19	13	31	42	7,142	4	30	8	8	4	37	13	63	—	1	—	—	70	—	38
WEST PAKISTAN UNION	12	854	27	—	7	5	1	—	—	882	—	3	—	11	—	3	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Punjab Section	4	135	2	—	5	3	—	—	—	139	4	5	5	3	1	1	18	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Union	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	16	989	29	—	12	8	1	—	—	1,021	4	8	5	14	1	4	18	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Division Totals	288	15,873	145	12	73	67	36	56	87	15,857	43	90	29	48	7	89	89	249	—	2	—	109	—	77	9

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HOLIDAY ADVENTISTS FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total Workers (Col. 6-13)	Non-For.	Total Title Receipts	Total Offerings for Foreign Missions, including Sabbath School	Total Contributions for Home Mission Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	Number of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings for Foreign Missions	Number of Church Buildings	No. of Elementary Schools	Elementary School Enrollment	Number of Young People's M.V. Societies	Young People's M.V. Society Membership	Contributions for Local Y.P.M.V. Society Work	Tithe Per Capita	Foreign Missions Offerings Per Capita	Home Mission and Local Contributions Per Capita	Retail Value of Book and Periodical Sales
192	—	16,824-11 167-2	8,498-15	1,478-13	212-2	27	1,871	6,993-2	10	12	544	21	684	181-1	15-8	7-12	1-8	7,372-8
192	—	16,991-13	8,498-15	1,478-13	212-2	27	1,871	6,993-2	10	12	544	21	684	181-1	15-8	7-12	1-8	7,372-8
10	35	1,101-1 3,400-9	613-13 1,229-0	—	58-4 38-2	22	244 1,171	430-8 1,083-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-10 5-8	2-8 1-4	0-4 0-1	—
23	—	910-14	2,616-1	40-9	—	15	493	1,424-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1-14	5-6	—	—
20	—	11,747-1 426-6	32,040-13 50-0	173-2	1,707-14	1	254	2,760-8 30-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	49-6	134-10	7-14	—
88	—	17,585-15	36,549-11	213-11	1,804-4	46	2,162	5,730-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	9-0	18-12	1-0	4,915-7
31	—	8,721-4 184-11	9,632-2	18-8	794-12	16	589	1,976-2	7	3	80	3	120	12-0	11-11	16-12	1-6	8,574-15
31	—	8,905-15	9,632-2	18-8	794-12	16	589	1,976-2	7	3	80	3	120	12-0	11-11	16-12	1-6	8,574-15
38	62	3,278-10 7,235-11	2,655-13 12,348-2	30-13 46-8	—	39 38	1,525 1,806	1,526-2 2,411-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3-7 5-15	2-12 10-0	0-1 0-1	941-12 8,300-15
34	—	2,967-7	2,256-3	21-10	425-14	36	1,775	658-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	3-8	1-8	0-8	1,123-7
5	—	560-14	2,259-8	—	—	3	25	281-5 0-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	31-3	107-10	—	—
139	—	14,042-10	19,519-10	98-15	425-14	116	5,131	4,877-11	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-10	6-6	0-3	10,366-2
9	3	637-8	585-14 34-3	—	—	10 2	200 44	352-14 34-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-11	4-6 6-13	—	—
18	—	2,237-10	2,029-5	—	—	21	811	812-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	6-14	6-1	—	—
24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
36	—	6,231-2	6,978-1	—	173-0	23	800	3,407-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	10-8	12-1	0-5	—
90	—	9,106-4	9,627-7	—	173-0	56	1,855	4,607-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	8-12	9-4	0-3	10,619-6
17	61	3,635-0 2,988-4	1,334-14 1,320-0	11-3 3-1	619-5 97-4	8 80	556 3,121	1,289-14 904-12	3 29	2 9	50 291	3 14	175 362	87-12 7-6	8-6 1-12	2-9 0-5	0-15	3,583-10 9,424-10
31	—	3,075-14	1,264-1	1-8	—	15	726	1,221-9	3	1	102	13	110	40-7	4-10	0-10	—	5,658-4
67	—	6,241-11	2,067-6	151-13	98-13	61	2,543	1,720-14	22	12	713	20	501	82-1	2-14	1-1	0-1	5,217-6
40	—	4,678-10	816-10	49-5	733-11	48	1,636	774-3	19	3	125	15	453	27-4	3-0	0-9	0-8	9,538-4
23	—	2,591-4	2,186-3	15-14	348-6	24	968	648-15	3	5	260	6	270	46-14	5-1	2-9	0-7	3,308-0
49	—	—	4,151-8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	—	845-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
310	—	24,055-11	13,140-10	232-12	1,897-7	236	9,550	6,560-3	79	32	1,541	71	1,871	291-12	3-6	1-14	0-5	36,730-2
25	50	3,206-14 3,851-11	1,964-3 2,316-11	—	—	50 5	2,821 175	1,903-7 2,250-11	—	—	—	—	—	—	3-10 27-12	2-3 16-10	— 7-1	—
75	—	7,058-9	4,280-14	—	985-3	55	2,996	4,154-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6-14	4-3	0-15	7,727-5
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192	—	16,991-13	8,498-15	1,478-13	212-2	27	1,871	6,993-2	10	12	544	21	684	181-1	15-8	7-12	1-8	7,372-8
88	—	17,585-15	36,549-11	213-11	1,804-4	46	2,162	5,730-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	9-0	18-12	1-0	4,915-7
31	—	8,905-15	9,632-2	18-8	794-12	16	589	1,976-2	7	3	80	3	120	12-0	11-11	16-12	1-6	8,574-15
139	—	14,042-10	19,519-10	98-15	425-14	116	5,131	4,877-11	—	—	—	—	—	—	4-10	6-6	0-3	10,366-2
90	—	9,106-4	9,627-7	—	173-0	56	1,855	4,607-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	8-12	9-4	0-3	10,619-6
310	—	24,055-11	13,140-10	232-12	1,897-7	236	9,550	6,560-3	79	32	1,541	71	1,871	291-12	3-6	1-14	0-5	36,730-2
75	—	7,058-9	4,280-14	—	985-3	55	2,996	4,154-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6-14	4-3	0-15	7,727-5
925	—	97,746-13	101,249-5	2,042-11	6,292-8	552	24,154	34,899-5	96	47	2,165	95	2,675	484-13	6-3	6-6	0-9	86,305-13



"For Our Good Always"

FREDERICK LEE

TOO many look upon the law of God as a burden. They think of the restrictions it puts upon their desires. They do not like to be told, "Thou shalt not."

Youth tell their parents, "Don't keep saying, 'Don't do this; don't do that.'" Grown to adulthood, they complain against the laws of the land that keep their activity in proper bounds, and when they face their responsibility to God they ask, "Why does He make it so hard for us?"

All this reveals the spirit of the unregenerate heart. Rebellious man wants no check put upon him. He wants to do as he pleases. He imbibes the exhilarating wine of the serpent who tells him, "Follow your inclinations. Thou shalt not surely die."

Little does he realize that where such an attitude is manifested on the part of all, there is anarchy and chaos. When one gives rein to his selfish interests and what he calls his liberties, he soon finds himself at cross purposes with the liberties of other people.

Moses said of God's law: "And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day." Deut. 6:24.

Paul declared: "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." Rom. 7:12.

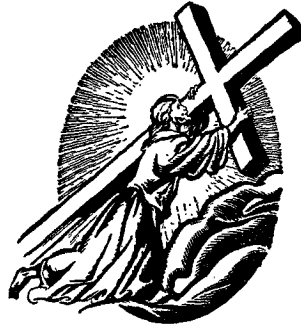
Every command of God is for our good. These commands are not given for the arbitrary satisfaction of the One who rules the universe, but for man's welfare in this world and in the world to come.

Many in times past have looked upon the law as a yoke of bondage, and even today there are Christians,

strange to say, who call it such. However, God's commandments are a yoke only to those who think so.

There are two attitudes that one can take toward law. One is that it is a burden; the other is that it is a blessing. The attitude depends upon the true relationship of the person to the restricting body. Does one belong to it, or is one an outsider? Or we might ask, Is one a citizen or an alien?

The one who loves his parents and feels that he truly belongs to the family circle does not fret under certain restrictions that are made for his good. The true and loyal citizen does not seek to get around the law in order to obtain personal gain, but he thinks how he may be obedient to the law of the land in order that all



THE LIGHT FROM CALVARY

Jennie Starke Fleischhauer

The glorious light from Calvary
Is shining all day long;
The air is filled with beauty
And ever-joyful song.
I hear sweet-strains of music
In accents soft and low;
They whisper, "Come to Jesus,
From whom all blessings flow."

That cross once dark is gleaming light;
It shines around the throne—
The brightest gem by day or night
The world has ever known.
The beaming streams of glory
Shine through the clouds today
With warming rays of cleansing
For souls now gone astray.

I still can see it shining.
The light from Calvary;
It is a silver lining
For clouds that used to be.
His tender voice is pleading,
Come now, with Me abide;
I'll go with you forever
If you'll walk by My side."

Oh, see the light from Calv'ry,
Its rays are never gone.
It guides me onward, homeward,
Till resurrection morn.



THINK ON THESE

Why not try forgetting your grievances instead of nursing them?—*Roy L. Smith.*

No man is so insignificant as to be sure his example can do no hurt.—*Clarendon.*

None live so easily, so pleasantly, as those that live by faith.—*Matthew Henry.*
Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.—*Selected.*

Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.—*Johnson.*

There is a long and wearisome step between admiration and imitation.—*Richter.*

He who envies another admits his own inferiority.—*Selected.*

He hath riches sufficient, who hath enough to be charitable.—*Thomas Browne.*

may equally enjoy its favours. And so it is with the law of God. Does one truly belong to the family, the citizenship, of heaven? To feel that the law places him in bondage is the attitude of an alien and a hireling.

Paul aptly uses this thought when speaking of one's relationship to God's law.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." Rom. 8:14-17.

To those who become the sons of God and joint heirs with Christ the law is no longer a yoke of bondage, but a family bond that makes them one with Christ as an heir of the kingdom.

Thus David cried out, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart" Ps. 40:8. And the converted Paul declared, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." Rom. 7:22.

The apostle John, the one who greatly loved his Lord, wrote: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." (or "a burden," as some translations say.) I John 5:3.

So the one who truly loves God believes, as did Moses, that God's laws, commandments, and statutes were given "for our good always."—*Review and Herald.*

FOR THE YOUTH

YOUR FEET

TAYLOR G. BUNCH

I WANT to talk to you today about your feet. These wonderful bodies of ours need only one head and heart and nose and mouth, but we can be glad that the Lord gave us two eyes and two ears and two hands and two feet, for it would be hard to get along with only one. We could not walk or move about with only one foot, and it would be hard even to stand still. Your feet must be very important, for they are mentioned at least 350 times in the Bible. Our feet take us where we *want* to go, but not always where we *should* go.

I want all of my teen-age friends to notice what the Lord tells you to do with your feet. He says, "Make straight paths for your feet." Heb. 12:13. Don't walk crooked. Know where you are going and then go straight. He also says, "Ponder the path of thy feet. . . . Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." Prov. 4:26, 27. "Ponder" means to think and meditate how you shall walk, or how you should live.

The Lord also says: "walk not thou in the way with" the wicked, and "refrain thy foot from their path," because "their feet run to evil." Prov. 1:15, 16. In fact, we are told that some persons have "feet that be swift in running to mischief." Prov. 6:18. They not only walk into evil ways but run, and even run swiftly, to mischief. Their feet are always getting them into trouble, and therefore they are told not to walk with or associate with young people whose feet take them where they ought not to go. This is the reason we have our own schools, so that young people can study and have fun the Christian way with those who make straight paths for their feet.

Of those who walk and even run into mischief, the Lord says, "Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the

Lord doth not accept them." Jer. 14:10. Those who cannot control their feet do not even belong to Jesus. He refuses to accept them as His children, because they continually do things they should not.

But none of us can control our own feet without help from the Lord. We are told that "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Ps. 37:23, and that "He will keep the feet of His saints." 1 Sam. 2:9. Do you want to be "a good man" and a "saint"? Then let the Lord guide your footsteps. "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Jer. 10:23. You cannot handle your own feet all by yourself. You need the help of the Lord, and "then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble." Prov. 3:23. How we all stumbled when we were first learning to walk, and we all stumble in our walk whenever we do wrong.

Here are three prayers we should pray when we first get up in the morning or at family worship. First, "Order my steps in Thy Word." Ps. 119:133. We will be safe and our walk will be right if we live in harmony with God's Word. Second, "Set my feet upon a rock, and

establish my goings." Ps. 40:2. If our feet are planted on the solid foundation of God's Word instead of in the mud or the sinking sand of sin, we will be established. The third prayer is: "Wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?" Ps. 56:13. If the Lord controls your footsteps, we can then say, "I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Thy Word," and therefore "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:101, 105.

In Bible times people fastened little lamps on their sandals so they could see where to step on a dark night. If our feet are "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," it can be said of us: "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace." Isa. 52:7. The Lord says that those who preach the gospel and carry good news instead of bad have beautiful feet. Every part of a real Christian should and can be beautiful, even their feet.

The Lord also says to everyone, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil." Eccl. 5:1. This means to be quiet and reverent in Sabbath school and church and listen to what is said. Control your feet, and don't walk around during the service, and don't let your feet bring you late to the service or take you out before it is over. Be quiet and careful and reverent in God's house.—*Review and Herald*.

PROCRASTINATION

Beware of procrastination. Do not put off the work of forsaking your sins, and seeking purity of heart through Jesus. Here is where thousands upon thousands have erred, to their eternal loss. I will not here dwell upon the shortness and uncertainty of life; but there is a terrible danger—a danger not sufficiently understood—in delaying to yield to the pleading voice of God's Holy Spirit, in choosing to live in sin; for such this delay really is. Sin, however small it may be esteemed, can be indulged in only at the peril of infinite loss. What we do not overcome, will overcome us, and work out our destruction.—Steps to Christ, pp. 32, 33.



SENSITIVE PLATES

MAUDE G. WOOD

THE Christmas rush was on, and the post office was full as I turned from the window with my postage. A four-year-old was just scrambling out from under one of the writing desks with a long strip of bright stamps that some shopper had evidently dropped in his haste. He was beaming happily over his find when his grandmother—I judged her to be—snatched them from him, and after asking whether anyone there would claim them, put them in her purse. The small boy was furious. "They are mine," he cried. "They are mine—I found them." But with scoldings about being such a naughty boy, he was hurried out into the street, still crying, "But I found them—they are mine."

We shared the back porch of a large apartment house in Chicago with a family of four. From the first we liked Jimmy and resented the way his parents shouted their commands and constant reprimands. This particular morning he had just returned with groceries, and as he handed his mother the change, she said in a loud voice, "Where's the rest of the change, young man." Jimmy insisted that was all. "No, this isn't all I should have. But you don't need to worry. I'll ask Mr. Brown how much change he gave you." And I shall never forget the tone of Jimmy's voice as he said, "Why, Mother, don't you believe me?"

Two small children were staying with me while Mother went shopping. Big sister of five was saying very quietly, "But, Brother, I'm not interested now; I'm busy," as he insisted on her attention. "As soon as I finish I'll help you." I began to question such courtesy between the

youngsters, and then I stopped wondering why. I could see their little mother calling them to her and quietly dealing with every situation. I have yet to hear her raise her voice in irritation. And here it all was reflected in her children's association.

I can see the boy in the post office growing up with little regard for others' property, and his parents wondering why *their* son would take anything not belonging to him. And the back-porch boy really dishonest about money dealings as he grows older. If his Mom didn't believe him anyway, why not try keeping things and see how it works?

Sensitive plates these children are, and more than we realize, reflect the attitudes of us grownups.—*Review and Herald.*

CHASE WRONG WITH A SONG

WARREN N. WITTENBERG

DOWN underneath the crowded streets, the large buildings, and the throngs of busy people in the great city of Philadelphia a drama took place a few weeks ago. It all happened at one of Philadelphia's subway stops, many feet below the surface of the ground. A group of academy students and several faculty members from Mount Vernon Academy had taken a long ride on the subway train for the high enjoyment of several students who had never been in a subway before. They were standing on the platform "Down Under" waiting for the return train when someone suggested that the Mount Vernonairens sing a song or two. This splendid vocal quartet of happy academy young men did not need to be urged, for they delight to sing.

Something very moving took place as they began to sing. There were only two or three other people near-

by at the time, but as the sweet harmony and the words of Negro spirituals and gospel songs wafted their way around the pillars and echoed forth into the dark recesses of that subway cavern, shadowy forms began to appear from nowhere. At first people moved rather slowly and cautiously, then like a stream of water being sucked over a cataract, they pressed in around our academy group and the boys who were singing.

The picture did not last long because soon the thundering rumble in the darkness indicated the train was coming. Rounding a turn came the bright lights of the train. With whining brakes and the clang of metal, and with ringing bells and buzzers it came to a stop beside this huddle of fascinated people.

The picture was a brief one, but it will not soon be forgotten. We cannot but recall the time when Paul and Silas sang down in the Philippian jail. That was a night of nights! Blessed by the power of God, that midnight singing of Paul and Silas resulted in an earthquake that threw open those well-locked prison doors and set men free. And how wonderfully the story ends! Sin's darkness and chains were broken too, for that very night the prison keeper and his family all accepted the message of salvation and were baptized. And it all started with that singing in the darkness.

A lovely young lady who had been very much absorbed in the pleasures and ways of the world gave her heart to Christ a few years ago at one of our camp meetings. Those who were present will never forget the day she came to the altar. She fell to her knees before God with all her make-up and her jewellery. She had been engaged to a successful young man of the world. She had a great love for dancing, but she rose to her feet a changed person.

The months that followed were difficult ones, but she rose above the trials in the strength of God, with a song on her lips—yes, a particular song. When she was tempted to go to forbidden places, sing worldly songs, and listen to those objectionable dramas on the radio, she always met the temptation by singing "I'm a child of the King." This song seemed to be the theme that

reminded her of the new, joyous privilege of kinship with Jesus. It helped to keep her on the high, though narrow, way of beautiful and noble Christian living. She learned to chase wrong with a song!

Adventist youth, let us rally to the glorious challenge of faith sharing. With a song in our hearts let us

penetrate the dark, sinful chasms of men's lives with the clean, pure rays of gospel truth. In His famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus still speaks to youth today, saying, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

mistaken too. Once we saw a telegram to the government of this colony, coming from the central government of London, which was addressed: "Mauritius Island, West Indies"!

We have nearly a thousand baptized members. Better than statistics, here are some facts: Our Bible workers are preaching in the open air and all speak at least three languages. English is their official language; French, their cultural language; and Creole is everybody's language, or nearly so!

Last year we hired the theatre in the metropolis of the island, Port Louis. More than a thousand people crowded together. If only you could have heard the choir!

One of our newly baptized sisters was thrown out of her home by her parents. Later on, her husband also rejected her. With patience and kindness she waited for God to work. She already has won to the truth her sister, her brother-in-law, her brother, and two cousins. Her mother is listening to the truth and her husband is better disposed now than ever.

I have just come back from the island of Reunion, where I spent three weeks prior to the arrival of their new mission director. One of our candidates for baptism came on Sabbath morning with a wide-open wound on his scalp. One of his relatives dealt him a blow on the head with a log. So before he was baptized we had to attend to our new brother. This relative is now preparing to be baptized.

On a spot famous for political flurries we began a new effort. To begin with, we had some disturbance when a few more-or-less inebriated men wanted to hinder us. A few minutes later about three hundred men with stern faces listened with felt hats drawn down over their ears. They were very attentive. Finally I told them that we usually closed such meetings with prayer, but I would not do so if anyone objected to it. Silence followed, then I asked the question, "Do you all agree that I should pray?" Then someone exclaimed "O.K." and off went all the hats!

When we returned with pictures we found still more people. Three policemen of the French Republic were nearby inviting the passers-by

NEWS FROM

THE WORLD FIELD

THE CONVERSION OF ANGEL TABARES

G. C. FAASS

ON SABBATH, January 1, 1955, the church of Hasenkamp in Entre Rios, Argentina, witnessed a solemn baptismal service. Among those who were eager to enter into this holy rite, was Angel Tabares. He is an earnest, honest, and truth-loving person who grasped the gospel message intelligently and rapidly. Brother Angel's decision to be baptized was the result of radio correspondence only. After the completion of his third course, he sent a letter to our central office telling the brethren that he was in complete harmony with the Bible doctrines, and that he wished to prepare for baptism.

About six years ago he came in contact with our church for the first time. Two years prior to his baptism he visited Sabbath meetings in our church at Hasenkamp. For a year and a half he faithfully observed the Lord's day. He always considered smoking a health-destroying habit.

This young man, now eighteen, has been reared and educated in another church. His father, who is the commissioner of the police force, is a zealous member of his church. It is therefore understandable that Angel had a difficult time with his own family. In various ways he was tempted to abandon his new-found faith. Often, when still hungry, he had to leave the dinner table because pork was served. He was mocked,

despised, and treated in a humiliating manner by his father. He was told that if he should decide to become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he could stay no longer in the house of his father. And so it was. Immediately after baptism, Angel had to leave his home, not, however, as a prodigal son, but as a happy, living witness for Christ. The temptations and bad treatment he bore with great patience, steadfastness, and kindness. His behaviour in his own family showed signs that he was a converted child of God. The commissioner has since acknowledged that his son Angel is very different from all the rest of his children.

As a result of Angel's loyalty and obedience to God, the father is becoming friendly to the church.

In the meantime our dear brother Angel Tabares has become a zealous employee in our publishing house in Buenos Aires.—*Review and Herald*.

ADVENTURE FOR GOD ON MAURITIUS

R. J. BUYCK

DO YOU know the land from whence this news comes?

Before we left France someone asked us if Mauritius was in Belgium! A few days later in Belgium an innkeeper asked me if it was in France! And where do you think it is? Do not blush if you did not know that the island of Mauritius is somewhere to the east of Madagascar! And Madagascar is off the south-east coast of Africa. Many others have been

to attend the "free-of-cost moving pictures"!

One dear sister was knocked unconscious for three hours. She had been beaten by a group led by a religious opponent. Some others must struggle for Christ but they stand firm in their decision to follow the Saviour.

In two weeks' time we shall launch the greatest effort that has ever been held on Mauritius. It is a miracle that we have been allowed to hire the largest theatre of the island. Faith alone can understand it! Our church members are all enthusiastic. The choirs have been trained, and we are preparing our hearts by God's grace.
—*Review and Herald.*

HUNTING FOR SOULS IN THE MIGHTY FORESTS OF BRAZIL

EDWARD KANNA

"PAPA, are you going to catch some animals and birds in these big forests?" asked my little girl Kiki while looking through the window of the train as we neared the city of Colatina. This place was to be the centre of our new field of missionary effort. Here I was destined to learn the meaning of the prophet Jeremiah's words when he said, "Behold, I will send . . . for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer. 16:16. It was really the work of a hunter to get these troubled people and lead them to accept Christ as their Saviour.

It is true that I have become acquainted with many gorgeous butterflies and birds, numerous interesting animals, and dangerous serpents, but it is the kind and lovable people living in these valleys and mountains and forests that we are after.

Ten to fifteen years ago almost the whole district was uninhabited by white men. In some places only a few Aimore Indians lived. There were no roads. Only the path of the wild jaguar marked the jungles, and there the fierce beast awaited the unwary.

In many places our members from the South were among the first to enter the new settlements. Two or three Adventist families settled here.

It was impossible to get medical help in cases of malaria and other diseases. It was a tremendous task for our ministers to visit these isolated members. Years ago one of our ministers started to use a jeep for this purpose. In many cases he gathered the people together to build the roads.

Today the situation has changed. Everywhere these big forests are inhabited by descendants of Portuguese, Italians, Germans, and other European people, who are daily cutting their way through the forests.

The work of God has grown fast. Now there are about one thousand members in this district of Colatina, in thirty-seven churches and groups. Almost every month I receive information of new groups in new places. The members are very zealous in winning others to Christ. Many of them have left their relatives and have gone out to the unentered jungles as missionaries and started new Sabbath schools. At first they meet in the home of one of the members. There they study the Bible in the Sabbath school and then conduct a baptismal class and a young people's meeting. When the candidates are prepared for baptism, they seek the help of a minister. In some such groups I have baptized as many as sixteen persons at my first visit, while others had to remain for the next baptism.



LOVE BEHIND THE CLOUDS

Robert Hare

Anxious art, since clouds hang darkly,
Sunsets kiss the West,
While forgetting that Jehovah
Rules—His will is best.
Clouds unseen may veil the brightness,
Doubts bring hurried fears.
Joys forgotten, sad reminders
Flood life's path with tears.

Brightest prospects dim with shadows,
Weary spirits sigh.
Love and faith grow weak and fearful,
Hope's fair visions die.
Yet the dark, unseen tomorrow,
Faith need never dread.
Love divine reads all the future;
Angels guard thy bed.

Look above—the stars in beauty,
Fearless gild the night.
Faith that looks beyond the shadows
Makes the darkness bright.
Clouds cannot destroy the radiance
Shining from above;
They may soften burning sunlight,
Whispering of love.

Many years ago a good brother and his wife disappeared from the church. Nobody knew where they had gone until an Adventist businessman went to view a newly bought piece of land far off from all limits of civilization. While he was there, it started to rain, and he had to stay for the Sabbath. Early in the morning one of his workers asked him to go with him to Sabbath school, about two hours' ride from that place. He accepted the invitation, and arriving there he found to his amazement a Sabbath school with thirty persons present. They did not have any *Sabbath School Quarterlies*, but they studied the old lessons and our good books. In charge was the brother who had disappeared some years before. He had settled in that far-off place and had preached the gospel to the people. The result was a zealous group of new believers. On my visit to these people I baptized and accepted into church fellowship sixteen persons.

The Spirit of God is marvellously working on the hearts of our dear members, leading them to work for their fellowmen who are still in spiritual darkness. Last year sixty-two new converts were baptized in this district. This year we organized the members into working groups. In

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Miscellany

● ON January 10, Miss E. Feltus and Mrs. E. D. Thomas left from the Santa Cruz airport in Bombay for New York and Los Angeles. They report a very pleasant trip. Mrs. Thomas is now visiting with her son Charlie in Los Angeles, and will spend time with Judson in Fresno, California, a little later. Miss Feltus is taking treatments under the supervision of Dr. Fred Moore at the White Memorial Hospital.

● THE C. W. Stout family left for their first furlough on January 11, 1956. Brother Stout will begin his advanced laboratory work at the White Memorial Hospital in April, and hopes to be able to complete his work in a little over a year, and return to one of our mission hospitals in Southern Asia.

● CONGRATULATIONS to West Pakistan! They reached their Uplift Goal by the end of January, 1956. First again.

● THE E. P. Wolfe family visited Poona on Tuesday, January 31, 1956 for several hours. We hope they stay longer next time.

● PASTOR J. F. Ashlock reports a very successful Week of Prayer at Kottarakara school. The entire staff and student body joined in the final consecration service, and eighteen young men and eight young women have joined the baptismal class.

● THE Missionary Volunteer effort which has been conducted by the staff and students at Kottarakara School continues to be well attended. A first Sabbath morning service was held for those interested; 40 adults and 80 children were in attendance at this service.

● FROM January 3-8 a good camp was held at Chirala for the Nuzvid students. On January 21, an Investiture service was held at Nuzvid and seventeen Master Guides were invested, as well as 50 from the lower classes of the M.V. groups who received their pins. There are now over 50 Master Guides at the Nuzvid Hospital. This is an outstanding number for an institution of this size.

● BUNDLES of relief clothing were recently received in Gopalganj, East Pakistan, and were speedily distributed to the many needy who had lost all during the summer floods.

● PASTOR Chad B. Israel left Poona on February 6 for Delhi and Kashmir in the interests of the Temperance and Public Relations department.

REWARD

God has offered a reward to all who are faithful to Him. That reward is a place in His eternal kingdom, where there will be no more floods, or famines, or disasters. To earn that reward we must do His will in ALL things. Now He is giving us an opportunity to subscribe to a fund of

Rs. 10,000

This fund is a part of a world-wide fund being raised in all Seventh-day Adventist churches throughout the world on

March 10

To all of us God has entrusted His goods. We are His stewards. Now He is asking us to return a part of that which He has entrusted to us, to be used to help those who have suffered through famine and floods. We MUST NOT FAIL HIM. Let's plan to give as He gave. Let's plan to go beyond the goal.

—W. L. Barclay.

● BOMBAY STATE reports 26 baptisms so far this winter.

● LOUISA DAWSON who has been visiting with her parents since completing her work at the Nuzvid Hospital School of Nursing left Poona on February 1 to take up work at The Ranchi Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.—D. S. J.

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eight months of this year I have been able to baptize 115 souls as a result of the work of lay preachers who

labour in sparsely populated districts.

As district leader I am kept busy going from place to place, assisting the lay preachers, instructing and encouraging them, and helping the people to make their decisions when the lay preachers have not been able to convince them. Almost every Sabbath I have the privilege of celebrating a baptism and the Lord's Supper in new places. It is thrilling to see how rapidly the gospel spreads when the lay members arouse to work actively and take the responsibility of saving souls for Christ.

New church buildings are being erected and church schools are being established. In many villages more than ninety per cent of the population are Adventists. The young people are organized into bands to go out to neighbouring villages at regular intervals and hold public meetings. In some places more than one thousand persons attend night after night, listening to the beautiful music and the wonderful story of salvation. Many hardened persons are changed by the gospel and become humble servants of Christ.

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A WORLD-WIDE RELIEF PLAN

O. O. Mattison

ON March 10 a special Disaster and Famine Relief offering will be taken throughout the world. Each of you is aware of the floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other forms of devastation that have swept over the world during recent months and years. The news of these catastrophes quickly reaches us through the medium of the press and radio, and by word of mouth, leaving none of us in ignorance concerning these disasters. We in the Southern Asia Division have been made especially cognizant of the calamities that have taken place in our own area. We thank God that none of our people have lost their lives, but many have lost part or all of their possessions. Through the generosity of the General Conference we have been able to render some help to our own people and others in the devastated areas.

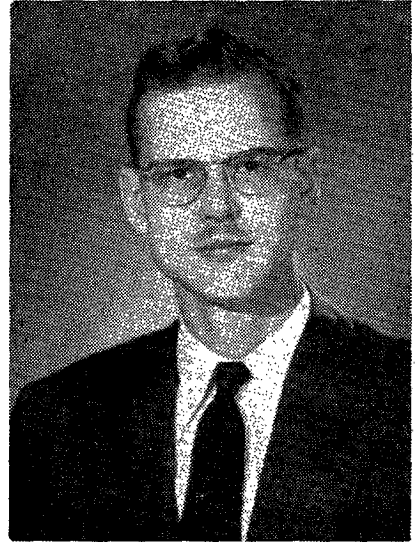
In recent months other divisions have suffered to a greater extent than our own. Because of repeated calls for help, the General Conference has set aside March 10 when a special offering will be taken throughout the world field to raise funds to meet present and future needs. In a letter from Pastor J. E. Edwards of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, he states:

"You are well acquainted with the Spirit of prophecy statement that disasters will increase until the end. Increasing needs demand larger sacrifices to help alleviate suffering and calamities. Whenever disasters struck, the General Conference Committee and the Disaster and Famine Relief Committee readily aided with shipments of clothing and food and financial appropriations, and now their Famine and Disaster Relief finances are almost depleted. If we are to continue sharing we must earnestly appeal to our members to sacrifice."

This is a very earnest appeal and I know each one will respond to it wholeheartedly. This appeal is to the members of our churches and Dorcas societies, and to those in our institutions in every section of the field. We have benefited in the past by the generosity of our fellow-believers around the circle of the world, and at this time we want to join hands with them in raising a large Famine and Disaster Relief offering. Take time to count your blessings, not in the amount of help received, but in the countless ways God has kept you and your loved ones from harm and danger. Let your heart go out in love and sympathy to the thousands who are affected by such calamities, and give a liberal offering on March 10. Only in this way will a fund be built up to meet emergencies whenever and wherever they occur. May the Lord bless your liberal gift to bring succour to others in need.



MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR A. R. APPEL began his work in the denomination as a colporteur in the Nevada-Utah Conference, U. S. A. He entered the ministry in 1944 in the Central California Conference, where he served as pastor-evangelist until he left for China in 1947. His first work in China was in the capacity of Home Missionary, Sabbath School, and Radio Commission secretary for the Northwest China Union. Next he served as president of the Shensi Mission and then the same position in Kiangsi Mission. When the work on the mainland closed the Appels went to Formosa and were one of the first overseas families on the island. While there Brother Appel served as secretary-treasurer of the Mission and did part-time evangelism. With the temporary evacuation of Formosa he connected with Elder Detamore as associate evangelist in efforts in Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Colombo. He continued in the latter place as pastor of the Colombo churches until he went on furlough in 1953. During his furlough he took his Master of Arts in Religion at the Theological Seminary and at the same time assisted Elder Eckenroth as associate evangelist in Baltimore. At the recent General Conference he accepted the invitation to come to Western India where he is at present serving as president of the Bombay State Section.



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And so in this way the gospel is spreading in the jungles of Brazil, and the people are being prepared for the coming of Christ.—*Review and Herald.*