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## *A Letter to You from the President*



Dear "TIDINGS" Family:

As this special number of the Voice of Prophecy and Bible Correspondence School goes to press, I desire to add a line to let you know that we in the Division consider this great programme of correspondence school work to be one of the greatest blessings that has ever come to the Southern Asia Division. Its growth has been phenomenal and its influence is much more far-reaching than many of us realize. It has reached out into the very corners of our field and has aroused an interest in the hearts and minds of thinking men and women in every language area of not only the Southern Asia Division but of many adjoining fields.

Letters pour in from week to week from many unentered lands and it causes us to pray that the Lord, through this medium, will bring a knowledge of present truth to those whom the living preacher and teacher will probably

never be able to reach. We read of business men, doctors, nurses, and professional people turning their hearts to the message of the hour because of these lessons and the messages that have come over the radio.

While you read the various reports and articles in this issue of the "TIDINGS" may your heart respond to the challenge of the field and cause you to co-operate with this wonderful programme. Use your influence; go out personally and contact your neighbours, friends, and loved ones far and

near, that they may also enjoy the blessings that these lessons bring into the home, and they in turn, no doubt, will respond to that message and give their hearts to the Lord.

**VOICE OF PROPHECY**

**EVANGELISM DAY**

**October 12, 1957**

As we reach out through these various avenues of service, may we find it in our hearts to co-operate in every way with the Lord through this and other lines appointed in the great programme of evangelism in Southern Asia.—O. O. MATTISON.



## CHURCHES AND SABBATH SCHOOLS ORGANIZED THROUGH VOICE OF PROPHECY

B. NOWRANGI

*Northeast India V. O. P. Secretary*

**T**HERE is a wonderful prophecy found in Isa. 43:19 which reads: "Behold I will do a new thing; . . . I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." When we look at the Northeast India Union territory, we find that it is indeed a spiritual wilderness. The minds of the people have been shrouded in the dense fog of prejudice and bigotry. In such a land, we now see evidences of God's wondrous working power.

The Northeast Union field is one of the hardest fields in the Southern Asia Division. The Voice of Prophecy is undoubtedly one of the instruments God is using in these last days for leading men and women to the heavenly kingdom. I am happy to report to the readers of the "TIDINGS" that, during the last biennial period 173 V. O. P. students were baptized. Altogether, six churches and fourteen Sabbath schools were organized in different parts of this Union through the work of the Voice of Prophecy. And, besides these, we are conducting ten branch Sabbath schools among our graduates who are preparing for baptism.

This wonderful interest was first created through the efforts of our Voice of Prophecy graduates. Now we find many precious souls rejoicing in the third angel's message. At the present moment we have about six thousand V. O. P. graduates who are anxiously calling for more instruction. This affords a wonderful opportunity to our evangelists to go out and gather them in.

To illustrate how these churches came into existence through the V. O. P. work I would like to bring to you the case of our Bhubro church in the Ranchi district. One of our students from the Khunti school gave a Hindi enrolment card to one of his friends who was studying in a Government school. He was the son of a Catholic Catechist. He was

severely reprimanded by his father but after a considerable struggle this man was persuaded to take the V. O. P. Course as well. He studied the Bible lessons and in due time received his certificate from our Poona School. He was so impressed that he repeatedly asked for one of our representatives to visit him. Finally the local church pastor, Brother H. Lakra, and the writer, along with Brother M. C. Kujur, the local V. O. P. secretary, contacted this man several times and to our surprise a wonderful interest was found in and around his village. An effort was planned, and Brother M. C. Kujur succeeded in baptizing eleven precious souls in June, 1957. Of these eleven persons, five were V. O. P. students and the other six were friends or relatives who, through them, were influenced to take the lessons. There are several others getting ready who will be baptized in the near future. One of the newly-baptized members is passing through

severe persecution because of his new-found faith. One day his wife flew into a rage and tore away all his clothes from his person and burnt them. Now she is threatening to leave him and go back to her parents' home. But the young man is undergoing all these persecutions with great patience.

Recently we started our work in the Singhbhum district of the Bihar State through the medium of the Voice of Prophecy. There, in a new territory, among a new tribe, in a new language area, the way is opened for the Lord's work.

On the northeast border of India, the Tripura State is considered to be a "dark" territory as far as Christianity is concerned. But two months ago we had our first baptism of two precious souls and both of them were Bible School students. Besides these two V. O. P. students there are hundreds of others among the graduates who are waiting for someone to go to them and bring them into the fold.

Literally speaking, this Union field is a wilderness and a desert as far as spiritual things are concerned. But I am glad to say that God in His wisdom has in recent years put it into the minds of His people to start the Voice of Prophecy programme in Southern Asia. Things, which were considered impossible ten years ago, have now become possible through

### GOOD NEWS!

The special Voice of Prophecy Day Church Offering on Sabbath, October 12, will be credited to the vernacular Bible School of the specific language area in which the giver lives. For example:

V. O. P. Day offerings on October 12 given by the church members living in the North and South Tamil Missions will be credited to the Tamil Bible School.

V. O. P. Day offerings given in the North and South Telugu Missions will be credited to the Telugu School.

V. O. P. Day offerings given in the Northeast, Northwestern, Western India, Ceylon, and Burma Unions will be credited to the Bengali, Hindi, Marathi, Singhalese, and Rangoon schools respectively.

V. O. P. Day offerings in Pakistan will be divided between the Urdu and Dacca Bengali schools.

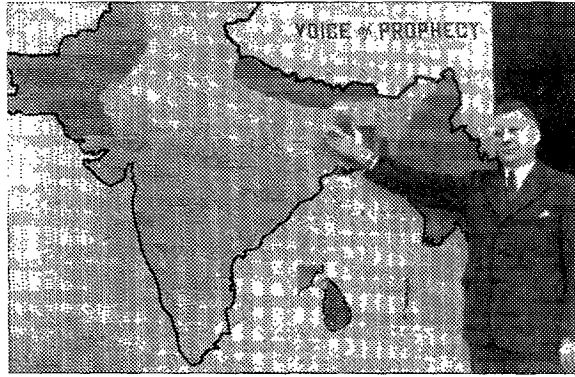
**YOUR OWN VERNACULAR BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BENEFIT  
BY YOUR GIFT!**

this far-reaching medium. Our message is going forward like fire in a field of stubble. Each year, yes, each month, we are entering into new territories and new districts with our message through the Voice of Prophecy. Each year we are starting our work among new tribes in fresh language areas.

Unentered territories like Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, and Tibet cannot now be called "unentered" any more, because in these countries we have scores of V.O.P. graduates who are anxiously waiting for the day when they, too, will be gathered into the fold.

Among the recent victories of the Voice of Prophecy in this Union is a Catholic preacher who has joined our church together with his whole family. He has donated a piece of land worth Rs. 500 for a church building. Also a leading Protestant minister, a B.A., B.D., has been baptized and more than a dozen of his people are getting ready for baptism, and plans are being laid for organizing a church in that area.

Yes, friends, the Voice of Prophecy opens the way for organizing churches, Sabbath schools and branch Sabbath schools where it would be otherwise impossible. The Lord is indeed doing a "new thing" in this territory through the Voice of Prophecy.



A. E. RAWSON  
Radio Secretary  
and  
Bible School Director  
S. A. Division

## INTO EVERY STATE AND LANGUAGE AREA

**T**HE year 1957 is a real landmark in the history of the Voice of Prophecy for it climaxes ten years of almost unprecedented progress in this challenging and rewarding field of endeavour. We humbly give all the glory and praise for what has been accomplished through each successive year to God who has wonderfully blessed and prospered this work of His appointing.

From an apparently insignificant beginning in 1947, the Voice of Prophecy has steadily expanded—each year passing yet another milestone in its victorious onward march—till today our message through this medium has penetrated the remotest corners of this entire Division.

Scores of men and women of differing castes and creeds have given up wealth and position to join the steadily increasing ranks of Christ's army on this earth. Not a few have connected with our work, either at headquarters or out in the field, making fine, consecrated workers in the cause.

The precious seed of truth sown in prayer and earnest endeavour during the past ten years, is producing a bountiful harvest today. Like ever-widening ripples on the surface of a lake, their influence is constantly reaching out to touch new hearts and lives. Truly, the full extent of what has been, and is still being accomplished through the Voice of Prophecy, will not be known till we reach Eternity.

We believe that this work begun in faith will go on for many years to come garnering in precious souls to

the kingdom, who otherwise would remain in the darkness of unbelief. And, when God's clock strikes the hour, we believe that many of the modern-day Nicodemuses will come forth and join hands with God's people in the finishing of His work. For everywhere, scattered through the remote reaches of this Southern Asia Division, are earnest hearts waiting for God's leading in the days that lie just ahead.

The Voice of Prophecy is still reaching out to embrace even more language areas in Southern Asia. By the early part of 1958 our lessons will be serving eighteen distinct language areas. The truth-filled lessons are moving the hearts of both the lowly and influential as never before. While time yet remains ours is the task to speed the message to the honest in heart throughout this Division field.

Is this not a challenge to us as a people to contribute to the Voice of Prophecy in this hour when so many doors still remain open? *Your* free-will gifts and offerings on October 12 will help us to accomplish the gigantic task which still lies before us.

This is our day of opportunity. Let us work together as a united family accepting God's great challenge to "go . . . [into all Southern Asia], and preach the gospel to every creature." Let us respond with such liberal and sacrificial giving that this might be possible, and that the whole Division may be lightened with the glory of His truth.

### LATEST ON THE AIR

Four "SPOT" announcements are being released every week over Radio Ceylon advertising the Bible School and Publications of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, and other departmental activities.

Two announcements are heard every Sunday evening during the programme titled—"ON WINGS OF SONG"—between 9 and 9:30 p.m. and two further announcements are heard every Wednesday during the programme known as—"THE HOUR OF CHARM"—which is also released between 9 and 9:30 p.m.



## The Fruitage of The Voice of Prophecy

S. THOMAS

*South India Union V. O. P. Secretary*

**M**R. — as a young man joined our high school in order to prepare himself for God's work. Being exceptionally bright, he stood first in his classes. He had one more year to finish his high school. Just at this time he had a strong temptation to spend his holidays in his village. While there he decided to marry a non-Adventist, which naturally resulted in the discontinuance of his studies as well as severing his connection with the Adventist church. When next we heard of him he had joined the police department.

Some time later, his wife, who happened to be a trained teacher, came to know of the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course and became a student of the Bible School. She diligently studied every lesson, answered correctly all the questions and obtained excellent grades, finally receiving her certificate.

Soon she wrote to the Voice of Prophecy requesting that a representative be sent to visit her and teach her more about the truth. Her request was passed on to us. Not long after, the writer, in company with the local Voice of Prophecy secretary went to visit her. She was very happy to see us and welcomed us warmly. We reported this good interest to the nearest worker who is located about fifteen miles away from this village. After several Bible studies, this good sister took her stand for the message and was baptized.

A few months later I had the privilege of visiting her again. What a difference there was. When first we saw her she was fully decked out with jewellery. Now everything was removed! Her smiling face indicated that she had been rejoicing in her new-found faith. And not only that, but she had begun to work for the conversion of her husband also who had apostatized. Mainly through her efforts, he joined the church once again. Then she strongly encouraged

her husband to join the high school again, finish the course, and enter the work of God. At present he is back again in our Narsapur High School with his daughter, preparing himself for the work of God. A father of three children studying in the 10th standard. Just think of it! What a marvellous transformation the Voice

of Prophecy has wrought!

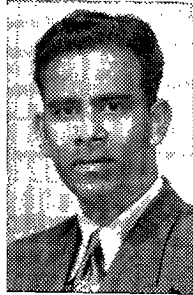
After all these experiences, Mrs. — is now being severely tempted by the devil. The school authorities where she is working have refused to grant her Sabbaths off. But, thank God, she has taken a bold step. She has tendered her resignation with no other help to rely on for the payment of her husband's fees and the support of her family. They need our earnest prayers that they may stand firm for the truth.

Thus, the Voice of Prophecy is seeking out the honest in heart in homes throughout this Division field, and through this marvellous medium our ranks are steadily being strengthened and solidified.

## Progress of V.O.P. in Rajasthan

S. JAMES

*Northwestern India Union V. O. P. Secretary*



**R**ECENTLY, at the close of a Saturday night meeting in the Voice of Prophecy hall in Jodhpur, I was greeting the people when something prompted me to ask one man what his name was. Instantly he replied, "Well, I think I should say 'I was blind but now I see,'" and then he gave me his name. What this friend had been learning from God's book had made such an impact on him that he wanted to re-name himself after his new experience. I think this man spoke for the entire group as much as for himself.

Jodhpur is an important town in the province of Rajasthan, which forms a 123,294 square-mile area in the unentered territory of the Northwestern India Union. Though overpopulation will never be a problem of this state, yet 1,13,71,800 people live there who should hear the last message of mercy. Christian activity through the years has resulted in a church membership of about 17,000 in 21 stations served by about 50 workers. This admittedly is not very much. However, the Seventh-day Adventist mission until recently had no work whatever in Rajasthan, and

did not have any representation in this group.

Eight years ago the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts were released over Radio Ceylon, and our spirit-filled messages and Bible lessons penetrated to the remotest recesses of Southeast Asia, including the vast territory comprising Rajasthan. Almost immediately hundreds of people in this area became active members of the V. O. P. Bible School. It was not long before a vigorous follow-up programme was begun. And this was further strengthened recently by a series of Voice of Prophecy rallies conducted by Pastor N. G. Mookerjee, and attended by many hundreds of people in this fruitful area. Typical of the response of many, one man said, "I do not know about anyone else, but as for me and my family we will follow the truth." At the close of the final meeting, one brother stood up to publicly thank the Voice of Prophecy group for the inspiring messages they had given, and handed over to Pastor Mookerjee a purse of Rs. 103.50 as a token of their appreciation to be used in this good work.



## The Voice of Prophecy Serves

Y. G. THOMAS

*Tamil, V. O. P. Branch School Director*

One Friday morning I travelled down to Jodhpur. All that day and on Sabbath, Brethren E. F. Gardner, Lal Singh, Sunder Dass and I visited and prayed with family after family who had been introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the V. O. P. lessons. We had hardly a moment's respite for they were to be found all over the town and at every turn of the street, or so it seemed to me. That Sabbath evening I had the privilege of speaking to a small but earnest group of over fifty people in our little meeting hall in Jodhpur.

In a letter which has just come to me from Brother E. F. Gardner, our worker in Jodhpur, it states: "I can assure you that in the very near future, by God's grace, we shall have a church of good members organized here in Jodhpur. Eight people have decided for baptism and they are taking Bible lessons regularly, and I hope that before the effort they will be ready for baptism." (A major effort is planned for Jodhpur by Pastor I. M. Chand this winter.)

What I saw at Jodhpur profoundly impressed me. A large number of Voice of Prophecy students are scattered throughout the city. A group of twenty to thirty people join us each week in worship and the study of God's Word. I have returned to join the brethren resolved to impress upon them, even more strongly, that new doors are opening through the Voice of Prophecy programme, and it is our task to foster this important work by every means at our disposal. May God grant us a clearer vision of the "open doors" and help us to enter in and reap a rich harvest.

### VOICE OF PROPHECY DAY PROGRAMME

Opening Hymn: "Lift Up the Trumpet," No. 541 in *Church Hymnal*.

Prayer.

"A Letter from the President"—O. O. Mattison.

"Into Every State and Language Area"—A. E. Rawson.

Other articles as time permits.

A special report to Voice of Prophecy "Shareholders."

Comment on "A Sound Investment."

Comment on "Good News."

Take up offering.

Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal," No. 362 in *Church Hymnal*.

Benediction.

**A**T OUR Union headquarters in South India is located a trio of Voice of Prophecy branch schools which serve the millions of Tamil-, Malayalam-, and Kanarese-speaking people in that area. It can well be said that service is the keynote of the Voice of Prophecy and each worker is there to serve.

Daily we receive scores of letters from our thousands of students, thanking us for the comfort and consolation and the immense spiritual help these lessons have been to them. Some tell us of improved conditions in their homes, while others testify to a definite change in their lives as a result of this unique service.

We, who sit behind an office desk all day long, are greatly cheered to know that this work is accomplishing great things in the lives of others. One year ago, a card reached our South India office from a prisoner in the Central Jail, Salem. His earnest request that we enrol him as a student was immediately complied with. Due to his untiring efforts, the enrolment from the prison soon increased rapidly. Later, one of the jail authorities wrote: "I see a great change in the lives of your students here. Their love, enthusiasm, and co-operation among the group attracted me very much. . . . Please enrol me also."

Of late, our local worker, Brother I. Chelliah, had the privilege of visiting a student graduate in the jail. He saw a badge with the letters "N. W." on it. When asked what it meant, the officer attending said, "It means 'night watchman.' He is promoted to that rank as we have confidence in him." This sort of testimony is true of almost all our students there.

The writer of this article was able to visit our students in this prison and it was an experience not soon to be forgotten. With wonder we beheld the signs of their transformed lives. And it is a great joy to know they

have once and for all decided to live better lives by God's help. At present, we have students there taking the Tamil, English, Kanarese and Telugu courses. Courses in other languages may soon be added to this list.

Surely there are countless Nicodemuses all over the land perhaps awaiting the time of the "latter rain." Friends, is it not our privilege to help this noble cause by earnest prayer, faithful labour and liberal contributions? Your individual offering goes to your language school. Your language school depends upon you to help in its expansion. It needs *your* support. Thank you, friend, for your continued prayer, co-operation, and contributions.

### To Our Voice of Prophecy SHAREHOLDERS

Your **INVESTMENT** in the Bible School programme is helping to give the message of the soon coming of Christ to the peoples of Southern Asia.

Your **DEPOSIT** of funds in the Voice of Prophecy lays up for you "SHARES" secured by the Bank of Heaven which cannot fail.

Your **INTEREST** is compounded through each individual who becomes a new "light" for speeding the day of Christ's return.

Some **DIVIDENDS** are now being received by you in an ever-expanding Bible School programme.

But the **GREATEST DIVIDEND** of all will be yours when you meet those in heaven who have been won to Christ because of your sacrificial investment in the Bible Schools of Southern Asia.



## God's Helpers in Burma

FRANK C. WYMAN

*Burma Union V. O. P. Secretary*

**G**OD has in these closing days of earth's history many ways of assisting in the advancement of His work. Surely one means that has shown itself to be a blessing to many departments of God's work in Burma has been the Bible Correspondence school of the Voice of Prophecy. Working on three fronts—Burmese, English, and Chinese—with Sgaw Karen to be added yet this year, it has moved forward to assist the pastor, the evangelist, the youth, the doctor, and the colporteur.

Wherever the evangelist goes—and many times ahead of him—the lessons of the Voice of Prophecy travel to seek out sin-weary hearts and prepare them to receive the words of the living preacher.

Again we find lessons of the Voice of Prophecy moving on the wings of the mailman into areas where no members of God's Remnant Church are to be found. Are these lessons not assisting the spread of God's last message?

In my files are the names of town after town and village after village in this land where today are to be found graduates and students of the Voice of Prophecy. In some cases they may be upwards of a hundred and fifty miles from the nearest Adventist member. They are the results of God's Holy Spirit working on hearts as they open God-ward.

The printed lessons of the Voice of Prophecy, in their search for hearts burdened with guilt, penetrate prison walls or other man-made barriers to bring the water of life to thirsty souls.

Furthermore, the Voice of Prophecy is a means in this land to present God's people, with a true missionary project which they may share with their friends and relatives, for where God's people are enthusiastically promoting the Voice of Pro-

phesy, there is little space for criticism and back-biting in the church.

In a recent visit to a Delta town where work has only recently been opened, the writer was amazed to find that almost all the interest present was that which had first been generated by the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course.

The pastor can, in many cases, capitalize on this interest to form a

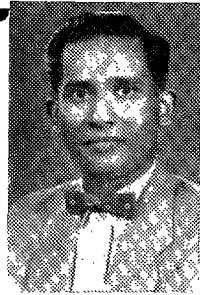
nucleus for his work. In many cases the students and graduates of the Voice of Prophecy are young people in their late teens and in their twenties. Many of these had been very full in their praise of what these lessons have meant to them and have become friends of God's people. This is the group who are breaking away from tradition and are exerting the power of deciding for themselves their allegiance in spiritual things.

So it can be seen that God's people have in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Schools something for which to praise their Heavenly Father—something to be humbly proud of and to support with their *lives, prayers, efforts and offerings* to the end that many who still sit in darkness may welcome our dear Saviour's return.

## THE INFLUENCE OF THE VOICE OF PROPHECY IN THE WESTERN INDIA UNION

WILLIAM M. MOSES

*Western India Union V. O. P. Secretary*



**T**HE vast stretches of unentered territory in the Western India Union have long been a challenge to the Adventist preacher. It has, however, been left to the Voice of Prophecy to register a marked change in this dark appearance.

The Saurashtra (formerly known as Kathiawar), which had for centuries defied Christian missions with stubborn resistance, is fast yielding to the saving message of Christ through the melting influence of the Voice of Prophecy. Today, there are literally hundreds of Bible School graduates scattered over this orthodox region. Such a thing would have been unbelievable just a few years ago. Recently an influential lady doctor accepted the message and was baptized in the city of Dhoraji, as the first fruits of the Voice of Prophecy in Saurashtra. We believe this is only the beginning of a great and bountiful harvest soon to follow.

The doors of opportunity are opening up also in other parts of the Gujarat and Maharashtra through the influence of the Voice of Prophecy.

At present we have our established work only in 12 out of 43 districts of the Bombay State. What a mighty challenge it presents! But with the Voice of Prophecy breaking down barriers and preparing the ground, most of these districts are now ready to receive us.

The opening of the Marathi Branch School in 1956 has filled a definite and long-felt need in our Union. It has thrown open the gospel of Christ to the vast majority of Maharashtrians who can neither read nor understand English. We are now awaiting with keen anticipation the opening of the Gujarati Branch School, which will bring the last warning message within the reach of countless numbers of the non-English-speaking population in the sixteen districts of Gujarat and Saurashtra.

Our workers in this Union have been quick in recognizing the value of linking the Voice of Prophecy interests with their evangelistic endeavours. Most of our large-scale efforts are planned where there is a concentration of Voice of Prophecy

interests. This co-ordination of the Voice of Prophecy with the evangelist has already resulted in greater achievements in soul winning than ever before in this difficult field.

A number of V. O. P. students have already been baptized during the first quarter of 1957. Still others have gone to our boarding schools for learning, where they will be baptized in the course of time. We are an-

icipating even greater results during the remaining months of this year.

I am thankful to the Lord for this mighty medium of the Voice of Prophecy which has meant so much to the cause of evangelism in this field. We ask for your earnest prayers and generous support that this work which has begun might continue to do its appointed task till the end of time.

It is wonderful how some of the people get to know about our Bible School. Sometime ago, a man was telling me that one day, while he was waiting at a bus stand for a bus to his village, a sudden gust of wind blew some papers that were lying on the road across the street. One of these came to rest against his coat, and seemed to stick there. Unconsciously, he removed the piece of paper and glanced at it. It was a Voice of Prophecy enrolment form telling about the Singhalese Bible School. With this unusual introduction, he wrote for the lessons and studied them. Today he is happy that he was able to study the truths contained in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence Course lessons. I believe that the Voice of Prophecy work has been ordained of God in the finishing of His work in these last days.

## The Voice of Prophecy Knows No Bounds

P. P. DIAS

*Ceylon Union V. O. P. Secretary*



**T**HE Singhalese Bible School was inaugurated in June, 1950, and before long the Voice of Prophecy lessons had begun to penetrate different sections of the island hitherto not visited by evangelists or colporteurs.

The staunch Catholic village of Endaramulla was one of the places into which the Voice of Prophecy lessons entered. Soon several people in this village had completed the Bible lessons and were eager to learn still more of the truths contained in the Bible.

Not long after, an influential man from this village came to the Voice of Prophecy office and requested a worker to come to his village and hold evangelistic meetings and tell the interested people more about the wonderful truths contained in the Voice of Prophecy lessons. Soon a series of meetings were held in this place, and, as a result, we have today a strong organized church there. However, these earnest church members were not content to stop here. They carried this good news to their relatives and friends in a neighbouring village a few miles away. As a result of their enthusiasm, many in this village were enrolled in the Bible School. Soon a worker was sent there to look after the new interest. Today we have in this village also a strong church membership of over twenty-two people, and a small church school.

Gonawela is a small village about twelve miles from Colombo. We have

several Voice of Prophecy graduates in this area. Pastor B. Pinghe, our former Voice of Prophecy secretary, held a series of meetings in this section some time ago, and, as a result, we now have a faithful Sabbath School group there. There are other Voice of Prophecy students in this village who may join us in the years to come.

At the present time, the Voice of Prophecy has entered every districts and towns and many remote villages in the island.

The Voice of Prophecy helps the pastor, and the worker, to organize Sabbath schools, churches, and even church schools. The Bible School has sown the seeds of truth in thousands of hearts, and we can rest on God's assurance, "My word shall not return unto Me void but shall accomplish that for which it was sent."

May I appeal to the "TIDINGS" family to remember the work of the Voice of Prophecy in the island of Ceylon.

### A SOUND INVESTMENT SHARES—Rs. 5 each

How many "SHARES" will you buy?

- Rs. 5 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 1 person
- Rs. 10 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 2 people
- Rs. 15 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 3 people
- Rs. 20 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 4 people
- Rs. 25 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 5 people
- Rs. 50 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 10 people
- Rs. 75 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 15 people
- Rs. 100 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 20 people
- Rs. 200 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 40 people
- Rs. 300 will send a complete set of Bible lessons to 60 people

### YOUR LIBERAL OFFERING ON

**VOICE OF PROPHECY DAY  
SABBATH, OCTOBER 12, 1957**

will buy extra "SHARES" for this great advance.



## A Precious Gift

J. ALI BAKHSISH

*Voice of Prophecy Branch School Director  
Pakistan Union*

**T**HE year 1951 was a year of rejoicing in Lahore and throughout West Pakistan for it was in that year that the Urdu Voice of Prophecy Branch School had its inception. Almost immediately, thousands of people in West Pakistan began to receive the truth-filled lessons in Urdu.

Soon after, our field secretaries, church members and pastors in various cities of West Pakistan, began to make contacts and it was not long before Bible School groups were formed and students started coming to our meetings. In the months that followed, Sabbath schools and branch Sabbath schools came into existence in various sections of the country.

Thousands of homes, where ministers and lay-members and even colporteurs could not do very much by way of evangelistic work, began to be illumined by the light of the truths of God through our Correspondence Course.

To date we are glad to say that more than 120 precious souls have been baptized and brought into the fold of Christ; 2,746 people have finished the course and received their certificates; 120,588 first lessons have been sent out. And a real desire has been created in thousands of hearts to follow the way of God.

We are looking forward to the day when hundreds of thousands, who

have been influenced through the Voice of Prophecy, will take their stand for the truth.

In the short time of the existence of our school in West Pakistan, ten Branch Sabbath Schools have sprung up, six companies have been formed, two churches have been organized, and thousands of people have come to know about the truth. Daily new requests are pouring in for enrolment. The Lord has surely been good in having blessed us with the marvellous gift of the Voice of Prophecy to assist us in finishing the task of winning souls in this country. Glory to His holy name!



## DO YOU KNOW?

(IN SOUTHERN ASIA)

- That there are 16 Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Schools in Southern Asia?
- That two Bengali Schools were opened this year. One in Karmatar and the other in Dacca, East Pakistan?
- That we are now printing our lessons in the Karen language. The Karen school will open during October or November of this year?
- That the translation of the Gujarati lessons is almost complete?
- That the lessons are being translated into the Lushai language?
- That a new souvenir book titled **THE KEY TO PEACE AND HAPPINESS** will be printed before long?
- That more than eighty thousand men and women have expressed their faith and belief in Jesus Christ after studying the Bible School lessons?
- That thousands of men and women have obtained power to overcome the evil habits of drinking and smoking as a result of studying the Bible School lessons?
- That thousands of our students have become members of our Branch Sabbath Schools after completing our Bible Course?
- That 215 new Sabbath Schools have come into existence?
- That 107 companies have been formed and
- That 40 new churches have been organized as a result of the work of the Voice of Prophecy?
- That through the medium of the lessons, the Voice of Prophecy is conducting more than 100,000 systematic Bible studies every month?
- That an average of 1,600 students are completing our Bible Courses every month and receiving their certificates?
- That we are still releasing Your Radio Doctor and Your Story Hour programmes weekly over Radio Ceylon?
- That we are also releasing Your Radio Doctor over Radio Burma and Radio Nepal?
- That Radio Burma has requested a special fifteen-minute Voice of Prophecy religious programme? This will be released monthly over that station.
- That your gift whether it be large or small will help us finish this work? Your contribution will be much appreciated.

**HURRY MY BROTHER**

**THE HOUR IS LATE**

**20,000 SOULS**

**BY JUNE 28**



## SOUTH INDIA BIENNIAL CONSTITUENCY MEETING

O. O. MATTISON

I AM sorry that this report of South India's very inspiring meeting is so late in reaching the "TIDINGS" family, but I do want to give you a brief account of the meeting and the work done. A very well organized programme had been worked out and housing facilities for the delegates had been built just across from the union office. A large pandal was erected, really larger than is usually put up for an evangelistic effort, so as to house all of the male delegates in dormitory style. The lady delegates were cared for on the office-church compound. August 5 was a very busy day indeed when all the delegates arrived from the various institutions and local fields. Everything was in tip-top shape by the time the evening meeting began.

Pastor Sorensen gave a stirring opening address, based upon the motto for the constituency meeting which was, "Be Ye Also Ready." The delegates were seated that evening and on the morning of the sixth everything was ready for business. Committees were appointed, and everything went off like clockwork from the very beginning. There were three excellent devotional meetings each day, and splendid reports came in from the union officers, departmental secretaries, local presidents, and institutional heads. Every report showed marked progress throughout the past four years. The plans committee brought in very practical and far-reaching plans, all of them centring around union-wide evangelism. They outlined 104 efforts for the remainder of 1957 and set very inspiring goals in every branch of their activities.

A few changes were made in leadership in some of the local fields. So that Pastor A. F. Jessen might be able to give his full time to the school and the growing industrial programme at Krishnarajapuram, Brother C. P. Jonas was chosen as the president of the Kanarese field and Brother S. G.

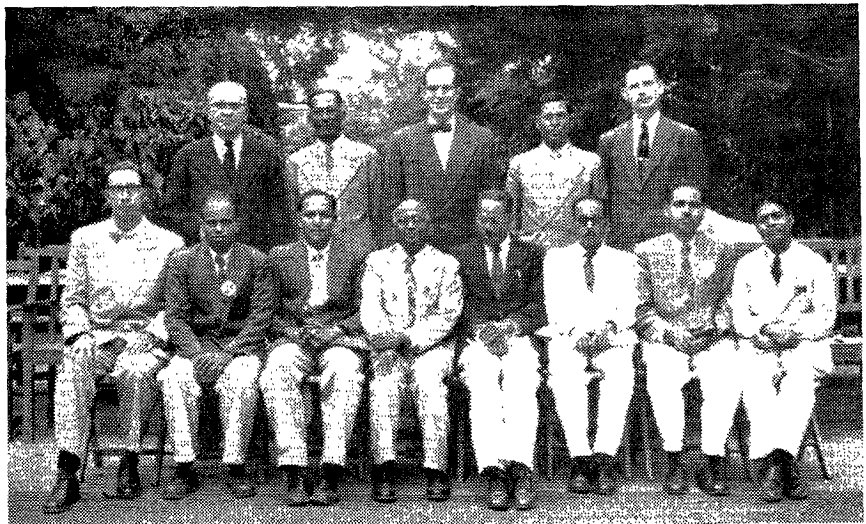
David as the secretary-treasurer. We feel that this move will definitely strengthen the industrial programme, and that Brother Jonas will keep the fine evangelistic programme, that Brother Jessen had going throughout the Kanarese field, operating in a strong way. Brother M. S. Prasada Rao was chosen as president of the North Telugu field, thus releasing Brother I. Subushanam for full-time evangelism, which has been the desire of his heart for some time. Brother Prasada Rao brings many years of experience throughout the Division to the leadership of the North Telugu field, and we are confident that this will also strengthen their evangelistic programme in a marked way. Brother T. Prakasam was asked to take up the secretary-treasurer's work of the South Telugu field. Brother P. M. Abraham was appointed as the secretary-treasurer of the North Kerala field, and Brother Johnson Koilpillai of the North Tamil field. In the South Kerala field, since Brother J. Parobek is away on

furlough, and so that Brother Charles can give his full time to the splendid school programme going in Kottarakara, Brother S. Nathaniel was asked to be the acting president of this field. Brother L. C. Charles will therefore be able to give his full time to the Kottarakara school.

We are confident that these changes will greatly strengthen the work throughout South India. How grateful we are that God has given us so many capable national leaders in this field. Sabbath, the tenth, was a high day for all. Eight of our true and tried leaders and evangelists were set apart by ordination to the gospel ministry. This brings the total number of national ordained men in South India up to forty-three. There is no limit to what God can accomplish with such a fine group of workers as South India has at this time if they are fully endued with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The symposium at the end of the Sabbath programme was most inspiring as the presidents told of the triumphs of the cross. The close of the Sabbath ushered in a new week and a new programme, and the beginnings of another biennial period of work. As the workers returned to their fields of labour, it was with a new determination and a new spirit and a new vision. May the Lord bless them as they faithfully carry on in their various responsibilities.

GROUP ORDAINED IN BANGALORE, AUGUST 10, 1957



Left to right (seated): R. E. Stahlnecker, P. C. Matthew, S. Anbiah, M. S. Prasada Rao, V. T. Thomas, A. Joseph, D. S. David, P. S. Johnson.

Standing in the rear are the Division and Union officers who were present at the time of ordination.

# CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

(PARTS 5, 6)

ABRIDGED BY DR. N. A. BUXTON

## The Message of 1888 Marks a New Era in the Proclamation of the Third Angel's Message

Careful study of the instruction given by the Spirit of Prophecy leads to the deep conviction that the . . . message of Righteousness by Faith initiated a new era in the finishing of the work. The following statement, written just four years after the Minneapolis Conference in 1888, affords basis for this conclusion:

"The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the Righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth."  
—*Review and Herald*, November 22, 1892.

This was declared in 1892. What marked the fresh or new revelation of the Righteousness of Christ and the beginning of the loud cry? As the statement itself points out, it was "the revelation of the Righteousness of Christ" as set forth at the Minneapolis Conference.

This declaration is almost alarming in character. It has a very important bearing on the work which Seventh-day Adventists are carrying forward, and therefore is of the greatest interest to all who are connected with the work of proclaiming the third angel's message.

The events mentioned in the quoted paragraph are the same as those brought to view in Revelation 18:1, 2.

"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power: and the earth was lightened with his glory, and he cried mightily with a strong voice."

The explanation of this scripture, as given in *Early Writings*, p. 277, should be carefully noted:

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfilment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to

his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice. . . . The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message, as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they soon are to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the third angel's message."—*Early Writings*, p. 277.

Inseparably connected with this programme of great events is the visitation of the "latter rain" upon the Remnant Church.

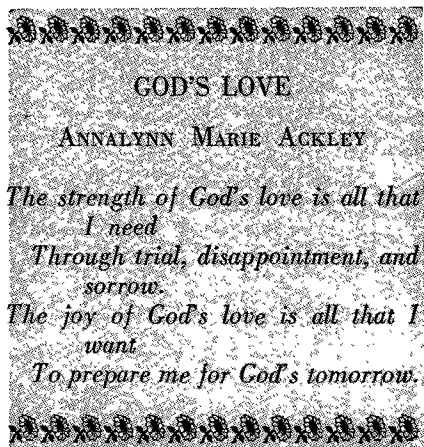
"The 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord will come to give power to the loud voice of the third angel."—*Early Writings*, p. 86.

This places the latter rain visitation with the loud cry, the revelation of the Righteousness of Christ, and the flooding of the earth with the light of the third angel's message.

This is a programme of truly thrilling events. It was outlined by the Spirit of prophecy at the very beginning of our movement.

Now these important manifestations are ordained of God for the finishing of His work in the earth. Placed in their natural order, they stand as follows:

1. The revelation and appropria-



tion by faith of the Righteousness of Christ.

2. The bestowal of the Latter Rain.

3. The loud cry of the third angel's message.

When they began, they marked the starting point for the final closing work. That place, that hour, was reached in 1888.

This is a tremendous conclusion, but what other conclusion can be reached with all the statements before us? Why should this conclusion be thought incredible? We believe the statements to be true. We have looked for their fulfilment. Our waiting for the fulfilment has been anxious and long. The fulfilment will be witnessed by someone. Why may we not see it and be in it?

Should we not seek most seriously and earnestly to know what may be hindering the fulfilment in all its power? And why should we not pray for a yearning desire to co-operate fully with the Lord in hastening His work to its close?

## The Third Angel's Message in Verity

A serious question arose in the minds of some who heard the message of Righteousness by Faith, presented at the Minneapolis Conference, as to the relation that message bore to the third angel's message. In their perplexity, a number wrote to Mrs. E. G. White for an expression of her views on this question. Here is her reply:

"Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of Justification by Faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, 'It is the third angel's message in verity.'"  
—*Review and Herald*, April 1, 1890.

There is more in this statement than a brief, clear, positive answer to a question. It has a deep, vital meaning. It sounds a serious warning, and makes an intelligent, earnest appeal to every believer in the third angel's message. Let us give the statement careful study.

Justification by Faith, it is affirmed, is the "third angel's message in verity." The words "in verity" mean, in fact, in reality, in very truth. That means that the message of Justification by Faith and the third angel's message are the same in purpose, in scope, and in results.

What, then, is the important lesson to be gained from this statement? What is the warning it sounds? Plainly the following:

That all who accept the third angel's message should enter into the experience of justification by faith. They should have Christ revealed to and in them. They should know by personal experience the work of regeneration. They should have the fullest assurance that they have been born anew, from above, and that they have passed from death unto life. They should know by victorious experience that they have laid hold of, and are being kept by, "the faith of Jesus," and that by this faith they are empowered to keep the commandments of God.

To fail to enter into this experience, will be to miss the real, vital, redeeming virtue of the third angel's message. Unless this experience is gained, the believer will have only the theory, the doctrines, the forms and activities, of the message. That will prove a fatal and awful mistake. These cannot save from sin, nor prepare the heart to meet God in judgment.

It is regarding the danger of making this fatal mistake that we are warned. Formalism—having "the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law," without having a living experience in Christ, is the hidden rock that has wrecked untold thousands of professed followers of Christ. It is against this danger that we are seriously warned.

But there is more than warning in this statement. There is appeal also—an earnest, winsome appeal to enter into fellowship with Christ Jesus our Lord.

O that we had all listened as we should to both warning and appeal as they came to us in that seemingly strange, yet impressive way at the Conference of 1888! What uncertainty would have been removed, what wanderings and defeats and losses would have been prevented! what light and blessing and triumph and progress would have come to us! But thanks be unto Him who loves us with an everlasting love, it is not too late even now to respond with the whole heart to both warning and appeal, and receive the great benefits provided.

(To be continued.)

## DO WE LIVE TO GIVE OR TO GET?

FREDERICK LEE

**T**HERE are only two chief purposes for which men live. One is to give. The other is to get. All the objectives that men have may be reduced to these two simple goals. Once you take away all the embellishments, the oratory, the zeal, the pretension, you come to the real aim of a man's life, and you find that he lives either to bless others or he lives to acquire riches, honour, or blessings for himself.

The natural inclination of the human heart is to live for self. The human race has been inoculated with the spirit of getting. Satan broke into a universe of giving with his dangerous craving for more honour and more power. Always before, the creatures of God's hands had cried, "Unto Thee be honour and glory," but now this disturber of heaven's peace declared, "I will ascend . . . I will exalt

. . . I will sit . . . I will be like the most High." Isa. 14:13, 14.

Adam and Eve stumbled and fell because the tempter suggested that God was holding something back that they should have. It was an acquisitive spirit that led the human race into sin. It no doubt was true very early in the history of the world that a man was counted successful because of the amount of goods or honour he acquired. The wealthy were considered God's own children. The poor had been forsaken of the Lord.

It took a grand demonstration on the part of God Himself to show that man was taking a wrong course in life—a course to which there was no true blessing. God gave. He gave His only-begotten Son. He could not give more than that.

Christ lived to prove to men that the way of sacrifice and giving, that others might be blessed, is life's truest and most glorious purpose.

It is strange how even the disciples early in their experience failed on this point, for when Christ commended those who would leave all, and follow Him, one of the disciples said, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" Matt. 19:27.

The spirit of getting is a dangerous and deceptive one. Once it is permitted to take a large part of a man's or a woman's time and attention, there is no telling to what length it will lead. It is because of this that Christ warned: "Beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15.

Seventh-day Adventists, as no other people, have been called upon to go and to give. That is the purpose for which they exist. When the members of the Remnant Church learn the full joy of giving rather than the satisfaction of possessing, then they will be prepared to fulfill the task that is theirs to perform.—*Review and Herald*.



### HE KNOWS IT ALL

PEARL WAGGONER HOWARD

He knows the stars and planets—  
He knows the comet's way,  
To Him the night is not a mite  
More hidden than the day.

He knows, among all creatures,  
The ones like me, most small;  
He counts each hair—my every care  
God knows, He knows it all.

In the universe He fashioned  
To His eyes naught is dim;  
The mountain tall, the atom small,  
Alike are known to Him.

Men guess, then pass wrong judgment—  
God knows and understands;  
His love so strong imputes not wrong;  
I'm safe within His hands.

He knows the earnest strivings,  
He knows the heart's deep ache;  
He knows my needs, my thought he  
reads—  
He knows the way I take.

So I may trust Him, resting  
In Him whate'er befall,  
Because He knows my joys and woes;  
God knows—He knows them all.



## POPULATION "EXPLOSION"

K. H. WOOD

**T**HE United Nations has just released some interesting figures which make it appear that there will be standing room only in some parts of the earth by the year A.D. 2000.

At present the world's population is increasing at the rate of 5,000 every hour. That figures out to 120,000 a day; 43 million a year. By the end of the century there will be some 5.4 billion people on this old globe compared with the present 2.7 billion. The United States will be a nation of approximately 300 million souls!

Naturally there are many "ifs" in presenting such a picture. A new and fatal disease of some kind might suddenly appear, virtually wiping out whole cities. H-bombs might decimate entire nations. And, "according to pessimists, this population 'explosion' . . . may easily become extreme enough to create a nightmare of global famine. As these observers see the future, mankind . . . will by its vast growth make mass starvation inevitable."—Editorial in *Washington Evening Star*, May 29, 1957. For us the biggest "if" is the second coming of Christ. We fervently hope to be in the kingdom long before A.D. 2000.

It is not our problem to meet the physical needs of the world's fast-multiplying millions; it is our problem to see that they receive the bread of life. If the plans we have been using in the past have been inadequate even for the relatively static population situation that has prevailed, how utterly hopeless they will be in the future! We must face this challenge realistically, and at once. Every possible medium of mass communication should be utilized. We should use radio, TV, magazines, and newspapers. And we should circulate our literature "like the leaves of autumn"—tracts and books by the billions. Every denominational institution should live and breathe the spirit of the Master so that in its truest sense it will be an evangelistic agency. Be-

sides this, every member should live the truth at all times, and talk the truth at every opportunity. "Sow beside all waters."

God expects us to do our part. Yet human plans and energy alone are inadequate to the task of reaching earth's billions with the three angel's messages. A supernatural power must accompany every effort that we make.

This will guarantee success. How reassuring is this comment concerning the vision of Ezekiel: "The bright light going among the living creatures with the swiftness of lightning represents the speed with which this work will finally go forward to completion."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 754.

"With the swiftness of lightning"! Such speed can reach every soul in every land regardless of unprecedented population growths. We can be thankful that "the programme of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church, in His own charge."—*Ibid.*, p. 753.—*Review and Herald*.

## The Missionary Obligation of the Church

H. L. RUDY

**A** GREAT deal is being said these days about the missionary obligation of the church. Ecumenical voices are speaking out strongly on this subject. One has said:

"The ecumenical and missionary movements of our time are converging in the conviction that the whole church is commissioned to bring the whole gospel to the whole world."

Seventh-day Adventists have, throughout their entire missionary history, recognized the obligation to carry the gospel to "them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Rev. 14:6. They have accepted the responsibility of being witnesses "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts. 1:8. For them "the field is the world" (Matt. 13:38), and no part of it is to remain unplanted with the gospel seed.

"This gospel missionary work is to keep reaching out and annexing new territory, enlarging the cultivated portions of the vineyard. The circle is to extend until it belts the world."—*Evangelism*, p. 19.

"We are to follow where God's

providence opens the way; and as we advance, we shall find that Heaven has moved before us, enlarging the field for labour far beyond the proportion of our means and ability to supply. . . . The field for missionary operation is not limited by caste or nationality. The field is the world, and the light of truth is to go to all the dark places of the earth in a much shorter time than many think possible."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 209.

The constant stream of missionary reports coming in from the circle of the earth is unqualified evidence that God's providence is constantly opening the way for His final message of mercy to the world. It is the business of the church to move into these opportunities as rapidly and as far as possible. Our missionary record has also provided ample proof that wherever we have gone forward into unentered territory, with strong faith and courage, the necessary means has been supplied for the accomplishment of the work of God. We are not to question the Master's commission to  
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# Sabbath School Lesson Help

by HARRY W. LOWE

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For Lesson 12, September 21, 1957

## JUSTICE AND EQUITY

**P**AUL has an almost unique statement in Romans 3:24-26, in which he places the death of Christ in direct relationship to the righteousness of God. Other passages relate our Lord's death to the law (Rom. 7:4; Gal. 3:13), but this may be the only passage making "the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" a universal, public declaration of God's "righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

Then Paul states that Christ's redeeming death was "to declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." The righteousness of God takes special cognizance of sin, and, therefore, any need created by sin must be rooted in His justice. If Christ's death harmonizes the justification of the believer with God's justice, then our Lord's death was a necessity for man's salvation, for God cannot be unjust.

If God is so just that only a plan so costly as the gift of His Son could redeem mankind (*Steps to Christ*, p. 14; *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 63), it is clear that justice and equity must be indelibly impressed upon all those who look to Christ for salvation.

Among the statutes in the speeches of Moses for the governance of Israel in Canaan was this: "That which is altogether just shalt thou follow." The Septuagint reads: "Thou shalt justly pursue justice," and Fenton translates: "You shall follow perfect justice." The word "just" in the King James Version is from the Hebrew word so often rendered "righteousness" (see Ps. 7:17: "Praise the Lord according to his righteousness").

There are almost innumerable references, direct and indirect, in the Old Testament to the necessity for justice and righteousness in God's people. They were scrupulously to

remember the poor; they were not to steal, to deal falsely, or to lie; they were to deal kindly with the deaf and the blind, to name but a few—all summarized in the statement: "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: . . . but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour." Lev. 19:9-15.

Amos, in the eighth century B.C., made sweeping charges of general injustice ("Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth." Amos 5:7). He roundly condemns Israel for the oppression of the poor by the rich (chs. 2:6-8; 3:9, 10), and he deprecates their whole worship because of such glaring injustices (ch. 5:22, 23). He records Jehovah's call to the church in all ages: "But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." Amos 5:24.

### DIVINE ATTRIBUTES AND HUMAN CONDUCT

Righteousness, justice, equity, are, of course, God-centred attributes. Whenever we Christians think about God we think of His personal attributes such as love, holiness, purity, righteousness, truth, justice, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence. Certain things are incumbent upon us because of these conceptions of God.

Our God abhors dishonesty (Prov. 11:1; Jer. 22:13), so we should do all our business with rectitude before Him. He sees all things (Prov. 15:3), so we should live and act as in His sacred presence. We cannot hate, if God is love (1 John 4:8), and we cannot reveal God's grace and love in our hearts unless we keep His commandments (1 John 5:3). No man who believes that God is "the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8, 4:8) can wilfully sin, for "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Heb. 10:31.

Every specific instance of injustice, dishonesty, and unrighteousness in the Bible is set in a picture of the most pitiful consequences. When in the hour of Israel's triumph one man dared to disobey God (Joshua 7:20, 21), there came ignominious defeat in battle, the disgrace of publicly discovered sin in the tribe of Judah, in the family of the Zarahites, in the house of Zabdi, in the heart of Achan. And the whole family, with the stolen treasures, was stoned and burned in "the valley of Achor ["trouble"]" (v. 26).

When Ananias and Sapphira pretended to fulfil a pledge to devote all the proceeds of a real-estate sale to the church, and connived to contribute only a part, dramatic death ensued, "and great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things." Acts 5:11. The God of justice and equity does not like covetousness and double-dealing, whether in the individual, the family, the home, the church, the community, or the nation; and His retribution is sure to come upon such evils.

"Achan's sin brought disaster upon the whole nation. For one man's sin, the displeasure of God will rest upon His church till the transgression is searched out and put away. The influence most to be feared by the church is not that of open opposers, infidels, and blasphemers, but of inconsistent professors of Christ. These are the ones that keep back the blessing of the God of Israel, and bring weakness upon His people."—*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 497.

The Old Testament is frank in its



### RESPOND TO THE TWIN NEEDS

**These twin needs—a hospital in New Delhi and a school in Jalirpar—are vital to the growth of our work in caring for the sick, and in training the youth to take the message of a soon-coming Saviour to the large un-entered sections of East Pakistan. We are confident that you will respond to these present needs in our own Division with a sacrificial offering this thirteenth Sabbath, October 26.**

—O. O. Mattison.



descriptions of just and upright men. They are law abiding, they are morally upright, they oppress no one, they are ready to forgive their debtors, they use no violence, they feed the hungry and clothe the destitute, they eschew all forms of iniquity, they deal truly and keep God's statutes.

The New Testament declares that Christians are not to repay grudges, they are to "provide things honest in the sight of all men." Rom. 12:17-19. They are to pay their legal taxes, pay respect and honour where due, owe nothing to any man, love their neighbours in a manner that comprehends obedience to all God's commandments (Rom. 13:7-9). Contention and exacting litigation are to be avoided (Matt. 5:38-42; 1 Cor. 6:1).

The world's disinclination to follow God's way of justice and equity is responsible for the lamentable conditions of the last days. In James 5:1-6 the love of money, which is "the root of all evil" (1 Tim. 6:10), is shown to have produced such awful conditions of avaricious repression that only the coming of the Lord in righteous judgment can restore justice and equity.

"His justice will finally be acknowledged by the whole world, though the acknowledgment will be made too late to save the rebellious. . . . When the prince of this world shall be judged, and all who have united with him shall share his fate, the whole universe as witnesses to the sentence will declare, 'Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.'"—*Ibid.*, p. 79.—*Review and Herald*.

teach men and women to build on a true foundation, to plant their feet on a plain "Thus saith the Lord."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 316.

We must not allow the presence of false zeal to cool our ardour into a frigid, unenthusiastic inaction. We must not say, "There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest," when Jesus says, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

It was people who had "a mind to work" and who "bare burdens," that brought the reformation under Nehemiah to fruition (Neh. 4:6, 17-23). It was the earnest effort of the woman who left Jacob's well to tell the people of the city about Jesus, and of many of those who "left their employment to come to the Stranger at Jacob's well" (*Gospel Workers*, p. 195), which led to their own salvation and to the great gospel fruitage in Samaria in Philip's time (John 4:9-31; *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 106, 107). All such illustrations, whether we use the words *enthusiasm*, *energy*, or *work*, show zeal inspired by the Lord. This is produced by His grace, working in the soul of man.

## Sabbath School Lesson Help

For Lesson 13, September 28, 1957

### ZEAL AND SOUL SAVING

**O**F SOME twenty-six uses of the words, *zeal*, *zealous*, *zealously*, in our King James Version of the Bible, perhaps none is more significant than Psalm 69:9 as applied to Jesus by the disciples after His dramatic purging of the Temple in John 2:17: "And His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten Me up."

Moffatt, the Revised Standard Version, and others take the correct view that the objective genitive requires "Zeal for Thy house," making Jesus the possessor, and God's work the object, of zeal. Goodspeed renders the prophecy: "My zeal for Your house will consume Me."

The zeal that surged through the life of Jesus was based on fundamental truth, and was a constant, undeviating, dynamic force that carried through to the end of His life. In both of these characteristics He was the opposite of the zealous religious leaders who opposed Him, and of the religious fanatics who have disgraced truth throughout the ages.

"Simon called Zelotes" (Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13), that is, a zealot, introduces us to the word "zealous." Simon belonged to a sect of uncom-

promising partisans, extreme Pharisees, who nurtured inveterate hatred of Rome. Josephus called them "the fourth sect of Jewish philosophy." Their zeal was based largely on error, from which Jesus saved Peter.

The other two sects were the Sadducees and the Essenes. The Sadducees were aristocratic materialists who at times joined forces with the Pharisees in attempts to suppress Jesus, who spearheaded the attempt to liquidate the Pentecostal church (Acts 4:1; 5:17) and who denied the resurrection, angels, and spirits. The Essenes were religious ascetics with monastic tendencies.

These all had zeal, but it was the mistaken, fanatical zeal based upon a mixture of truth and error. The priests of Baal had this zeal (1 Kings 18:28), so did Saul of Tarsus when "he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison." Acts 8:3.

The zealous fanatic has always plagued the church, but appears more than ever in the last days. "As the end draws near, the enemy will work with all his power to bring in fanaticism among us. . . . Our work is to

### COMMENTS ON TRUE ZEAL

Here are some worth-while comments on true zeal: "Christian zeal is controlled by principle, and is not spasmodic. It is earnest, deep, and strong, engaging the whole soul and arousing to exercise the moral sensibilities. . . . What object is there that calls for greater earnestness than the salvation of souls and the glory of God? . . . Christian zeal will not exhaust itself in talk, but will feel and act with vigour and efficiency."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 2, pp. 232, 233.

In the same context it is indicated that the zeal of Christ does not express itself noisily; it produces in the family circle gentleness and love, benevolence and compassion, and in the personal life a prayerful humility. It is never ostentatious, and never aimless. "It is earnest Christian zeal that is wanted—a zeal that will be manifested by doing something."—*Ibid.*, p. 233.

In days when persecution and hate were rife, Archbishop Leighton resigned because his gentle soul was nauseated by the furious fanaticism that he could not control. Later he

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### Opening Exercises

ORDINARILY those seated on the rostrum will be the superintendent (or the assistant if he is leading out), the secretary, one to offer prayer and the one who will lead the mission exercise. These individuals should be informed well in advance and be at the Sabbath school early for last minute preparations and instruction.

Begin promptly. "The first fifteen minutes give the mould, the spirit, the impulse, to the entire session. The opening exercises may kindle the fires of enthusiasm, awaken the intellect, arouse the conscience, and bring to every soul a keen sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Or the effect may be exactly the opposite, and the formal, dragging, lifeless opening may overshadow and make more ineffective each exercise that follows."

### Worship in Song

Constant carefulness will ensure that all songs sung in the Sabbath school are free from doctrinal errors and spiritual in sentiment. The songs used should be selected beforehand and the numbers written upon slips of paper and supplied to the organist and chorister (if any). Hymns expressive of missionary activity are nearly always appropriate in Sabbath school. The opening hymn of praise should be inspiring and dignified. The music should be familiar to all, such as will lead the school into the reverent attitude and will invite the angels and the spirit of God.

wrote: "Whatever noble fire is in our hearts will burn also in our works." It was noble fire, born of divine zeal, that Jesus sought to kindle in the hearts of the twelve when He sent them forth preaching. "The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:7-9.

Zeal and soul saving are largely contained in personal witness for Christ. Sometimes this witness meant suffering and martyrdom: "One after another the foremost of the builders [of the church] fell by the hand of the enemy. Stephen was stoned; James was slain by the sword; Paul was beheaded; Peter was crucified; John was exiled. Yet the church grew."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 597; compare 2 Cor. 6:4-10.

Through the years the Adventist Church has grown by the same process of personal witness, in the zeal of the Lord of hosts. To one and all in this noble army of witnesses the Master's

promise still stands: "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." Luke 12:8.

In brief we may say this of zeal and soul winning: (1) Zeal is like fire; it needs both feeding and watching. It must be fed on truth, which is God's Word (John 17:17; compare 14:6), and controlled by the Holy Spirit, by whom it is planted in our hearts (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 409); (2) Zeal is essential in soul winning, for God gives no results where there is no burden. Observe God's promise to increase His flock if the house of Israel had the burden to pray for it (Eze. 36:37, 38), and note this: "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 525; (3) Zeal in labour, as in doctrine and belief, is to be tempered by sanctified reason (*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 298); (4) Zeal should be a balanced combination of

thought, devotion and activity (*Ibid.*, Vol. 3, p. 217); (5) Zeal can be chilled by formality, worldly ambition, pride, selfishness (*Ibid.*, Vol. 9, p. 155); (6) Zeal is being "wrapped up" in Christ's work.—*Review and Herald*.

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go into all the world, nor are we to hesitate to go where and when His providence goes before us and opens the way. This is God's work, His gracious gift from heaven for the salvation of men. He is making it possible for His church to share with Him by going forth as His witnesses in loving and faithful obedience, helping Him to gather in the glorious harvest of precious souls.

How fully do we sense this obligation? It is not enough that we have an interest in missions. Nor should mission stories merely be interesting and thrilling to us. They should arouse God's people to a universal devotion to the great cause of mis-

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## Miscellany

● PASTOR A. Maberly, of Kalimpong, has recently spent a very profitable and successful time in Nepal. We thank the Lord for the way He has blessed him on this mission, and at a later date we will give a full report of his experiences.

● PASTORS D. S. Johnson, M. E. Kemmerer, and Doctor J. Oliver spent a very profitable and pleasant week-end in Vellore attending the Vellore council and meeting with our doctors and student body there.

● THE workers of Western India have enjoyed a very pleasant retreat during the past ten days in Lonavla studying field problems and making plans for the remainder of the year. Pastor J. F. Ashlock reports a very inspiring symposium on Sabbath afternoon of August 31. He and Pastor A. E. Rawson have given splendid help to the programme there, as also have Pastors P. Heubach and D. S. Johnson.

● PASTOR O. W. Lange spent ten days recently with the Narsapur school staff in special Uplift solicitation, and we are sure they have met with good success.

● PASTOR J. W. Nixon reports a profitable trip throughout Ceylon and South India in the interests of our Publishing work. Good institutes were held.

● PASTOR M. S. Prasada Rao has just returned to the Division office after completing his auditing work throughout South India, and getting hold of his new work in the North Telugu field. He reports very inspiring contacts with our church members and workers wherever he has been on this strenuous tour. Brother S. John accompanied him throughout.

● PASTORS C. B. Israel and I. K. Moses, following the Bangalore constituency meeting, also visited many of our centres in South India in the interests of the Temperance work.

● WORD has reached us from Burma that Doctor John Ford and his wife, from San Diego, California, have recently spent a week in the Rangoon Hospital, studying its needs and possibilities. They look forward to the time when they will join the staff there.

● ELDER Paul Heubach of Walla Walla College has been touring in our Division field since August 19. He reached Spicer Memorial College on September 4, and we have received reports of the wonderful messages he has passed on to our people wherever he has stopped in the Northwestern and Pakistan unions. We are very happy to have Elder Heubach in our midst and we trust the Lord will continue to bless him as he continues his tour to some of our centres in South India, Ceylon, Northeast, and Burma.

● WE have received very encouraging reports from Pastor D. J. Donevsky, of Imphal, telling of the progress of the work throughout that very interesting territory. He has had another good baptism, and many more are preparing for this rite in the near future.

● BROTHER B. J. Williams at present is caring for our work in Assam during the absence of Pastor H. T. Burr, and he is doing the secretary-treasurer's work from Karmatar by remote control.

● PASTOR N. G. Mookerjee has just completed a trip around Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, and Jalna encouraging our church members to get behind the programme of Voice of Prophecy enrolment. The response was good and we hope the results will be an increased number of enrolments in our Voice of Prophecy Bible School.

—O. O. MATTISON.

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sions that will burst out in a flame of glory around the world.

Devotion, we are told, is "simply a spiritual activity and liveliness by means of which divine love works in us, and causes us to work briskly and lovingly."

Devotion is a spiritual flame. A man of God has well pointed out that "the difference between love and devotion is just that which exists between fire and flame; love being a spiritual fire which becomes devotion when it is fanned into a flame; and what devotion adds to the fire of love is that flame which makes it eager, energetic and diligent, not merely in obeying God's commandments, but in fulfilling His divine counsels and inspirations."

W E L C O M E !

Pastor Skinner



To celebrate the Golden Anniversary of Missionary Volunteering, Pastor L. A. Skinner of the Young People's MV Department of the General Conference has been invited to Southern Asia! For three full months this world leader of Missionary Volunteers, in company with the Division MV secretary, will attend rallies, institutes, camps, and conventions in India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon. In every union Pastor Skinner will emphasize the importance and urgency of youth evangelism and will instruct youth workers and MV society leaders in the new MV Leadercraft Course.

To Pastor Skinner we extend a very sincere and hearty welcome and pray that his ministry to the youth will result in a successful Division-wide SHARE YOUR FAITH movement.

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That is the kind of love God had for the sinner. "God so loved . . . that He gave." His love was demonstrated by mighty action. That is the kind of love that will enable the church to meet its great missionary obligation in these last days.—*Review and Herald.*