



New Year Greetings

from the

President



Dear Brethren:

It hardly seems possible that we have come up to the closing of accounts for the year 1957 and the opening of the books for 1958. I am sure that as each of us looks back upon the past year we can count our blessings and say that it was a good year. Therefore, we enter into the new year with confidence and with an assurance that God will lead us in paths of righteousness and avenues of service throughout this new year. I want to take this opportunity of wishing each of you a very happy and prosperous new year. May it bring you richer and deeper experiences in the things of God. I pray that the blessings which He bestows upon you may flow out into the lives of others, to enrich them and draw them into sweet fellowship with their Lord and with one another.

Through the united efforts of our workers and laity we have been encouraged by the achievements of the year 1957. It has been a good year in souls won, and in the strengthening of our churches and our schools. I am sure it has also meant a growth in your own



ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

*Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year in leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness,
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."*

*Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier works above;
Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, for heav'n preparing,
Another year for Thee.*

—Frances R. Havergal.



Christian experience. As we look forward with confidence to the new year we see many opportunities of using all of our blessings, our talents, and our lives for the furtherance of the cause of God, which is near and dear to the hearts of each of us.

This year will bring us up to the time of another General Conference when representatives from every part of the world will meet together in Cleveland, Ohio, to plan for the onward march of the gospel. I am sure that our eyes will be focused upon this great gathering, and that we will pray unitedly that the Lord will mightily guide His leaders in wise planning for the finishing of the work. It brings us the opportunity of striving unitedly to reach our Division membership goal of 20,000 by June of the new year. It will give us the opportunity to have an individual part in the great world-wide offering, known as the "Million-Dollar Offering" which will be taken at the time of the General Conference. It brings us the opportunity of putting into operation the wonderful instruction that has come to us this past year

through the able leadership of our departmental men, especially the instruction received from Brethren L. A. Skinner and J. F. Ashlock, and Brethren O. W. Lange and L. L. Moffitt, for the salvation of our youth and the strengthening of our Sabbath schools and our Home Missionary work. Above all let us join in the onward march by our united efforts in evangelism as we reach out beyond the borders of our own individual churches for such as would be saved.

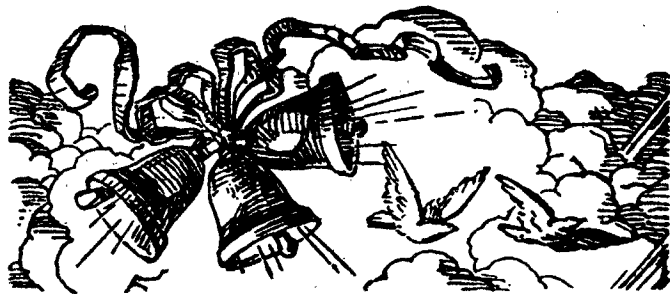
Through this year let us each pledge ourselves to the strengthening of our own faith in this message and the building up of our church membership, so that we may have strong churches made up of men and women who have a deep experience and who are consecrated and dedicated to individually reach out and save someone else. Let us at the beginning of this year resolve to be faithful in Sabbath-keeping, tithing, and in our gifts both for the progress of the work in our churches and in the great mission programme of the church at large. Let us each resolve to have a definite part in the Uplift programme. It is only as the church is united and works together that the work will be finished. May every worker be an inspiration to the laymen to seek ways and means of strengthening the work of God financially, numerically, and spiritually in our churches and the local fields and unions throughout the Division.

Great opportunities lie before us this coming year. We can thank God for the peace that reigns in our land and for the opportunities that are ours to seek and to save the lost. May we join hands with our Master in the unfinished task, so that soon we may have the opportunity of dwelling in the presence of the Father and the angels throughout eternity.

So as you face up to the challenge of the new year, may the Lord give you strength and courage to be to Him and to His cause all that we individually ought to be. Let us pray for one another and encourage each other until the work is finished.

Yours sincerely,

O. O. MATTISON.



The Editors of the Southern Asia Tidings
Wish Every Reader A Happy New Year.
May You Be Abundantly Blessed in the
Days That Lie Ahead.

THE SECRET OF A HAPPY NEW YEAR

F. D. NICHOL

A MOST common phrase at the turn of the year is this: "A Happy New Year!" Generally it is woven into the salutation: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" We are not concerned with Christmas, and besides, it is past. But we are interested in the new year. We all face it, whether we will or no, for the next 365 days. How we approach the new year determines in no small degree what kind of year it will be for us. And how we live through these 365 days may determine our destiny for eternity.

Certainly it is right to plan for a happy new year and to wish the same for others. Happiness is not to be viewed as the enemy of holiness. Those who would confuse piety with a long face are doing Heaven a disservice, to say nothing of cheating themselves out of much wholesome enjoyment of living. Those who go through the pearly gates will not be dour of countenance, grim of expression, or cheerless in mood. Joyous laughter and even a keen sense of humour were not vices acquired from the eating

of the forbidden fruit, rather, they were gifts to man at creation, in order that he might enjoy to the full the life that God has given unto him.

WRONG VIEW OF HAPPINESS

The trouble lies in the fact that the devil has deluded most people into a wrong conception of the nature of happiness and of how to acquire it. There are many who mistakenly think that somebody owes them happiness. If misfortune strikes them, they feel that an unkind fate has cheated them out of the joy of living that rightly should have been theirs. Such persons generally confuse happiness with material possessions. They feel that if they have more physical comfort, they will be more happy; that if their bank account is larger, more cheer will be theirs.

If we view happiness in this way, we are of all men most miserable, for who can be sure that he will always have a good bank account or that no chilling blasts of adversity will ever strike him?

The facts are that happiness is not something that can be measured in dollars or cents or in terms of material gadgets. Happiness is a dividend received on an investment we make in certain kinds of thoughts and deeds; it is an affair of the inner being. It is, first, a state of mind and heart and spirit. But this state reflects a certain view-point on life and a certain programme of living.

To be specific, happiness is a certain state of mind and heart and spirit in relationship to God. This can be shown quickly and effectively by a few negative illustrations.

TRoubLED CONSCIENCE DEBARS HAPPINESS

No one can have happiness who has a troubled conscience. The Good Book tells us that the wicked flee when no man pursueth, and that the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest. No man can know happiness who is under the tension that a troubled conscience can create. True, a man may seek to relieve the tension by deadening his conscience with drink and thus creating for himself an artificial brand of happiness. But the very ring of drunken laughter proves beyond doubt that it is not the genuine thing. Relief from a troubled conscience comes not from pouring liquor down one's throat, but from pouring out one's soul in contrition before God and receiving in return Heaven's forgiveness, which brings calm and quiet to the heart and tunes it to the joyous carols of the angels.

No one knows real happiness who is apprehensive of the future. Apprehension creates its own tensions, real and terrible, that stretch the chords of the heart to the point where they give forth only a high-pitched plaintive note when plucked by the fingers of time. Some seek to relieve apprehension with sedatives; but sleeping pills, though they may produce heavy breathing, do not create light-hearted laughter.

Apprehension of the future can be genuinely relieved, not by falling into a drug-induced sleep, but by awakening to the glorious fact that the future is in the hands of

God, who seeks also to take our hand and guide us through the unknown days that lie ahead. With that view of God in our souls, we fear not, though the night may be dark and the way unknown, for we are confident that with our hand in God's we can walk safely through the darkness into the light we are certain awaits us at the end of the journey.

PROMISED PEACE OF HEAVEN

Christ promised His disciples, not that they would acquire wealth or fame or security against danger, but rather that they would suffer persecution and death. Paradoxically He promised them also that they would be free of apprehension concerning the future: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give

unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. To all men he offered the invitation: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:28, 29.

You cannot be happy if life seems meaningless, with death as the final, frustrating conclusion to pointless living. If life is to signify something for us, we must have firmly fixed in our minds that God lives, that He is omnipotent, that He guides the stars. But we must also believe that we are a definite,

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REPORT OF HIMALAYAN SECTION

ALLEN MABERLY

THE past four years has seen the Himalayan section established on a firm basis with work established in a number of places. The results in baptism have not been large but we feel confident the seed sown will yield a bountiful harvest in the time of refreshing ahead of us.

Four years ago, the Himalayan section was only a name with only a little work being done through the Voice of Prophecy. Efforts to establish workers in this important border area had met with failure and it seemed that Satan was determined to prevent the work from entering this area. When we came to Kalimpong the only members coming to church were the workers in the district—the Alberts, the Hsuens, and ourselves. Our first year was spent in language study with very little field work being done, but the burden of our Nepali work was heavy on our hearts. The committee called a Nepali convert, who had ac-

cepted the message during Brother Harris' effort in Calcutta, to come and assist in the work here. Brother Rai has worked faithfully and has contributed considerably towards any success there may have been.

The Nepali people move very slowly and spend a long time before they make any decisions to become Christians. Even now, we have one man who has not missed a meeting in two years, but who still has not made any decision for baptism. Some weeks we have had over sixty people present at the meeting and the next week we would find only five or six. Thus all the time we have people coming in and listening but very few making decisions. This caused us much heart searching and we determined to put away everything that might prevent the Holy Spirit from bringing conviction to these people.

In 1955 Brother Albert, our V.O.P. man, went into Nuxsalbari where an interest had been created through the radio work and he conducted a very successful effort. At that time ten people were baptized and a little company was formed

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

I WANT my heart made pure, dear Lord;
I want to know and love Thy Word;
To be all glorious within,
Freed from each spot and stain of sin.

I want some other soul to bring
To Thee, my Saviour and my King.
Thou wilt not, Lord, my prayer deny,
For Thou canst all my wants supply.

I want the New Year's opening days
To fill with love, and prayer, and praise;
Some little thing to do for Thee,
For Thou hast done great things for me.

In Jesus' name our prayer we raise
Whose guiding hand has blessed our days.
And may we, Lord, in godly fear
Serve Thee through all this coming year.

—Author Unknown.

up a very steep path that wound away up into the snow above. The snow had a strange light shining on it as though someone was shining a huge lantern on it. Ahead of me on the path you also were climbing and looking back to see where I was. While you were looking back you came to a great hole in the path that was filled with water and you suddenly fell in. I rushed up to see what had happened but for some time could not see anything. Then I saw you struggling far below in the water calling for help. I immediately jumped in to help you and after a struggle we both got out of the water safely and started up the path once more. Then I awoke. Tell me, what does this mean for I feel sure God has spoken to me?"

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significant, and very important part in His whole plan for the universe. We have taken a long step upward when we think of our God as compassionate, and thus willing to hold our hand and guide us through the darkness to a better world. But we come to the summit of spiritual satisfaction when we conceive of our God as considering us truly import-

in that centre. The work in Nuxsalbari is mostly among Santals and Mundas who came to that district for tea garden work. Brother Paulus Soren, our present worker there, is also a Munda and is able to get quite close to the people and is gradually building up the little company. We now have seventeen baptized members there and over twenty-five regularly attending church services. Another baptism is planned for the near future. The most urgent need is a place of worship for these people as the place they now have is only a village hut that is entirely unsuitable. We hope in the near future that the church can be built on our own property. Property is hard to find but we are not without hope.

In Kalimpong, we have been conducting a medical-evangelistic programme in the surrounding district. In one section, we had a large number coming to the efforts, but we seemed to be getting very few decisions. One lady who lived there said to me, "You are never going to get anything here until you get that man down the hill. He is Ong Tshering Young, the head-man of Tannak 'busty,' and everyone looks to him for guidance." Hearing that I replied, "In that case we will go and see him and by God's grace we will make him our first member in this part of our field."

Well, we did just that, and it was wonderful how God blessed us. It was a long and difficult walk down to his home and a more difficult one up again and we did not find him very interested—in fact rather indifferent. He told us frankly that many had been down to talk religion to him but he was not interested. However, we were not easily discouraged, so we kept visiting him until gradually an interest was born. One day he said to me, "I had a most strange dream last night and I can't get it out of my mind. In this dream I was climbing

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ant in His vast plans. That conception provides a new and invigorating view of life. It gives a tingling to the soul, a spring to the step, and unalloyed happiness to the heart. Even death no longer appalls us. We do not minimize its dread character, but we refuse to believe that it signifies finality to our days. We see ourselves as important in the plans of God, not for a few years of this temporal life, but for an eternity that lies beyond the resurrection.

RIGHT RELATION TO FELLOWMAN

Yes, happiness is to be discovered first of all in a certain attitude and relationship to our God. But happiness also is a dividend we receive from a certain relationship we bear to our fellowman. If our thoughts are wholly on ourselves, happiness is impossible. A hermit is not happy. How could he possibly be, having only himself to think about, or even to look at? The Good Book declares that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. Here is one of those paradoxes of Scripture whose truth is evident to anyone who has practised the heavenly art of giving rather than receiving. Even when we do no more than speak kind words to others, we find that we as well as they are made happy. The more we seek to solve the troubles of others, the more we find a solution to our own. The climax to this whole heavenly business of seeking to help others is reached when we seek to help them toward the kingdom, when we pour out our lives in a diligent, unremitting endeavour to save them. To bring to them the joy of the Lord is to provide for ourselves a happiness of which the world knows nothing.

Yes, we wish for all our readers a happy new year—in the setting of what we have here written.—*Review and Herald.*

I have always been a quarter of an hour before my time, and it has made a man of me.—*Lord Nelson.*

Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.—*Franklin.*

THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

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CEYLON UNION*President:* L. F. Hardin*Secretary-Treasurer:* M. M. McHenry*Office Address:* 15/2 Alfred House Gardens, Colpetty, Colombo**THE OIL OF JOY FOR MOURNING**

B. PINGHE

In the falling dusk he cycled along. His thoughts were far away—thinking of his beloved wife. It was an hour of joy and yet of pain. Perhaps before he reached home, in all probability, the little one would be born.

Yet another seventeen miles from home; he fought hard against the weariness that was overtaking him. He must reach home early and be helpful in this hour of need. Then . . . with the suddenness of lightening . . . crash! The eerie sound of twisting metal . . . the dull thud of the lifeless body falling on the ground and Brother Fernando lay still. Medical attention proved futile. A reckless driver had taken another victim upon the highway.

That tragic night the baby was born. Dull pain, bitter anguish, intense sorrow possessed the mother's heart. No more would she find the security afforded by her good, loving, and thoughtful husband.

The struggle through the years was hard. Lack of the very essentials of food, clothing and shelter, was the story of each day. But the mother's confidence and trust upon her Jesus was strong. With unwavering fidelity and consistent courage she clung to her Saviour.

She gathered her children around her. Little lips began to read the Holy Word; infant knees knelt beside a mother in prayer. Innocent ears listened to the sweet story of Jesus and His love.

The swift passing of the years ease a mother's heartaches . . . and now a new scene opens.

The young lady so devout in her daily tasks, so reliable, rendering such faithful and efficient service at the Union Voice of Prophecy School—who could this be? And the kind and much loved young lady at Spicer Memorial College who has so perseveringly maintained good grades and is now

awaiting the thrill of graduation—whence is she? And yet another younger sister who is now walking in the halls of the High School at Spicer—who is her mother?—Yes, she is the mother who was left—so

tragically alone years before.

Ardent faith, hard toil, patient endeavour, heroic confidence are now bringing in rich dividends.

The oil of joy is now flowing. Soon the cups will be full to overflowing!

Mother, we salute you! And all other mothers who are faithful to their sacred trust and bring up their children in the fear of the Lord and to be workers in His service.

WILL WE BE READY ?

O. A. SKAU

As I write these lines it is only two weeks till Christmas. And it is more than thirty weeks since we said good-bye to you all. This means we are thirty weeks nearer heaven. Time is rushing on and before we realize it Jesus will be here. Will we be ready? To be ready requires constant preparation. God's appeal to us is "Be ye also ready." This suggests to me that only some will be ready. I think of the two women spoken of by Jesus who were grinding at the mill—one was taken, the other was left. Why did not both go? The answer is only one was ready. These two were no doubt neighbours—close friends and yet only one was ready. Am I ready, is the all important question with me. Is my influence such as to lead my associates to be ready?

As I think back on my thirty-four years or more sojourn in your midst and of the hundreds of students, workers, and fellow church members that I have associated with, I wonder did I exert the right influence on them or did I say or do something that caused their feet to slip and falter? I sincerely hope not, and pray that if I have been responsible for anyone slipping that God will forgive me my mistake and somehow or other counteract my influence and save the individual.

1957 is nearly gone and will be in the past by the time you read this. 1958 is before us. Will it be a year of preparation for the great day of the Lord? That day is not very far in the future. With Isaiah I want to ask this question: "What will ye do in the day of visitation,

NOTICE

At the Division meetings in December it was decided to decrease the size of the "Southern Asia Tidings." Our Division paper had been enlarged to 16 pages in 1954 in order to provide denominational material for those who could not buy our general church paper—*The Review and Herald*. As this magazine has now been brought within the financial reach of almost everyone, there is no need for a 16-page Division paper. So from January 1, 1958 the "Southern Asia Tidings" will revert to its original size of 8 pages and 12 pages for specials.

Note: The Sabbath School Lesson Helps will be discontinued from that date as they will be found in the *Review*.

—Editor.

and in the desolation which shall come from far?" Isaiah 10:3. Will you then be taken and I left? Will I be taken and you left? God forbid, but such will be the case if we are not ready. As we step into 1958 may we do so with our lives fully dedicated to God and to His serv-

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

January 4-March 1	Uplift Campaign
January 4	Uplift Campaign, H. M. Offering
January 25	Religious Liberty Offering
February 1	Uplift Rally, H. M. Offering
February 15	Famine and Flood Relief Offering
March 1	Uplift Victory Day, H.M. Offering
March 8	General Conference "Million Dollar" Offering
March 15	Tithe Covenant Day
April 5	Home Visitation Day, H.M. Offering
April 19	Christian Education and Offering
April 26	"Southern Asia Tidings" Offering
May 3	Christian Home and Family Altar Day, H.M. Offering
May 17	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June 7	Dorcas Welfare and Evangelism & Dorcas Offering
June 21	Christian Health Day
July 5	Medical Missionary Day, H.M. Offering
July 12	Mid-Summer Offering
July 19-26	MV Week of Prayer
August 2	Home Missionary Day and Offering
August 16	Sabbath School Rally Day
August 23	Bible Society Offering
September 6	Home Missionary Day and Offering
September 20	Tithe Covenant Day
October 4	Home Missionary Day and Offering
October 4-11	"Review and Herald" Campaign
October 18	Colporteur Rally Day
October 25	Temperance Day and Offering
November 1	Lay Witnessing Day, H.M. Offering
November 8	Voice of Prophecy Evangelism Day and Offering
November 22-29	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
November 29	Week of Sacrifice Offering
December 6	Home Missionary Day and Offering



THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

March 29	Southern European Division
June 28	Australasian Division
September 27	Inter-American Division
December 27	South American Division

AT REST

WALE—Many members of the Southern Asia Division will be saddened to hear of the death of Miss Jessie Wale. She had been ill for some months and passed to her rest in the Crieff Sanatorium, Scotland, on December 5, 1957. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor B. Kinman, President of the Scottish Mission.

Miss Wale accepted the message in Calcutta while she was working for one of the Government officials there. She entered denominational service in 1931 and gave 23 years of service to the Cause. During that time she served as office secretary in the South India Union Office, the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, and the Division MV and Educational departments.

Miss Wale retired from denominational service in July 1954 and went to make her home in England where she was very happy until this fatal illness overtook her. We know she died in the hope of the soon-coming of Jesus when there will be no more pain or sickness or death.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends who mourn the passing of Miss Wale.—J. I. W.

ice. Meditation and prayer will be our shield and buckler. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans 13:12. "Let us walk honestly." Romans 13:13. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Rom. 14:5. "Be ye also ready." Matt. 24:44.

INTERESTING NEWS

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seeking to destroy."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 164. Men are being raised up everywhere to proclaim the message, and the reports of advances should cheer us into greater efforts to hasten the completion of the task.

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A STANDING vote of gratitude to God, and thanks to our people around the world and to the General Conference closed the presentation of the budget for 1958. A prayer was offered then—not for more funds, but for more power to witness for the truth. With the blessing of God, 1958 should be the best in the history of our field.

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Interesting News From the 1957 Year-End Committee Meetings

D. S. JOHNSON, *Division Secretary*

THE Southern Asia Division year-end committee meetings were held at Poona from December 5-14. The presidents of the Union fields gave their reports during the Friday evening evangelistic symposiums, under the leadership of J. F. Ashlock.

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SOUTH India reports over four hundred baptisms by the end of the third quarter, 1957. The report from the Northeast Union indicates they will reach up toward the three hundred mark in baptisms for 1957. The total for the Division up to the present time is just under 1,000 baptisms. By the end of 1957 the church membership should reach 19,000. With continued effort our church membership should reach 20,000 by May 31, 1958.

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THE presence of Elder E. E. Roenfelt, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, at these meetings, greatly strengthened the planning. Elder O. A. Blake, Under-treasurer of the General Conference, gave valuable counsel. Elders L. L. Moffitt and L. A. Skinner came in from their tours of the field to bring inspiration and help.

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IT WAS a great pleasure to have Elder S. A. Wellman, veteran missionary and leader, with us during the session. His refreshing experiences and friendly counsel were much appreciated. He plans to visit several centres in the Northwestern area of the Division during the coming weeks.

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EXTENSIVE plans were developed for 1958. The Missions Extension offering will be used for a medical launch to operate on the rivers of East Pakistan. Thousands will be

reached and helped each year through this work.

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THE Himalayan Medical Mission in Nepal will receive a jeep for a mobile clinic, a house for our workers, and funds for medicines and supplies. Rs. 45,000.00 were allocated to the Northeast Union for this work. The clinic is now in operation and is filling a real need.

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A DIVISION-wide Publishing Council is scheduled in Poona from February 19-25, 1958 and this is to be followed by an India-wide Colporteur Institute. J. W. Nixon reports that a sales goal of Rs. 550,000.00 was set for the new year. The literature evangelists are sure to reach that goal.

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THE General Conference session will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 19-28, 1958. Delegates were selected to represent Southern Asia at this world meeting and among these will be M. Amirtham of Spicer College, M. D. Moses of Western India and Kalee Paw of Burma. These brethren are also scheduled for camp meeting work and visitation in the churches in the U.S.A. A world-wide million dollar offering is to be received on June 28 during these meetings, and Southern Asia has taken as a goal Rs. 67,800.00. All our churches and institutions are being called upon to share in the blessings of this united effort which will be used for evangelism and missions advance.

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ADJUSTMENTS in field leadership made it necessary to appoint a new secretary-treasurer for the Northeast Union, and A. R. Appel of Western India was called to this heavy responsibility. Brother Appel has had years of experience in

field leadership and evangelism and his presence in the Northeast Union will be a great blessing to the work. Pastor F. E. Spiess, well-known in Western India for his labours in past years, has again been appointed president of this field. We welcome him back to this area and to Southern Asia. Pastor George R. Jenson has been called to replace his brother Gordon Jenson who will soon be going on furlough. An effort is planned for March to May in New Delhi under the leadership of these brethren.

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PASTOR R. E. Rice, president of Spicer Memorial College, gave an excellent report of progress during the past year. One hundred and eighty-two students are enrolled from 27 different language groups including Badaga and Toda. There are 101 students in the High School section and 115 in the Elementary School. Funds were provided at these meetings to purchase library books, and science equipment. A dispensary with quarters for a nurse is soon to be built. Twenty-one graduates of Spicer College were assigned to the various unions and institutions.

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TOTAL tithe received from laymen and workers for the first three quarters of 1957 is Rs. 321,304.00. The total for all four quarters of 1956 was Rs. 414,901.00. During the last quarter of 1957 a total of Rs. 93,597.00 must come in to reach the level for 1956. Sabbath School offerings for the first three quarters of 1957 were Rs. 116,482.00. This is far ahead of 1956, and we pray that the spirit of sacrifice will grow in the hearts of our people throughout the Division.

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AN AMOUNT of Rs. 300,000.00 was earmarked for evangelism, and other funds for evangelistic literature were provided. This is the objective of Christian living and service, and must come first in our planning for 1958. "Christian motives demand that we work with a steady purpose, an undying interest, an ever-increasing impurity, for the souls whom Satan is
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