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# VISITING

## The Key to Success

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**S**O YOU want to succeed, do you? Visiting will help you. Visiting is a divine command. It is plainly the revealed will of God for the finishing of His work.

Remember, when you first heard the Sabbath truth you didn't like it and you didn't want it. But what you liked or didn't like was beside the point—the Sabbath was the truth, it was a divine command, and your personal thinking didn't affect or change God's truth. You had a decision to make; if you were going to be a commandment keeper you would have to be converted, change your thinking and living.

In James 1:27 we read that pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

We have an inspired commentary on this text in *Testimonies*, volume 6, page 296. "Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighbourhood and know their spiritual condition.

If every church member had sought to enlighten others, thousands upon thousands would today

stand with God's commandment-keeping people." It says that *all members* should visit.

Let us look at another commentary on James 1:27 in *Welfare Ministry*, page 97. "How can the great work of the third angel's message be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort, by visiting the people in their homes."

Matthew 7:21 says, "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Luke 6:46 states, "And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" What do you think these texts mean? We need to learn as Paul did to do the will of our Father. Hear Paul cry out in Acts 9:6, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Every time God gives a command, Satan gives a command. It all started in the Garden of Eden.

HOME VISITATION DAY

SABBATH, APRIL 5

God commanded one thing, Satan another. Adam and Eve did their will instead of God's and turned the paradise of God into a wilderness of sin.

It is no sin to dedicate and consecrate vegetables and fruit to the service of God, but when Cain did it in defiance of God's command it destroyed him.

In the wilderness after the spies brought back their conflicting reports, God commanded His people to go forward and possess the land. Satan changed the command and told them to stay. God's people disobeyed God's will and were condemned to die in the wilderness. Then Satan commanded them to go when God said No. Again what the people chose was contrary to God's will, and they destroyed themselves.

Today God commands every member to go visit. Complete obedience to God's will is vital. "Unless the human agent brings his will into harmony with the will of God, unless he forsakes every idol and overcomes every wrong practice, he will not succeed in the warfare, but will be finally overcome."—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, pp. 237, 238. "The lover of self is a transgressor of the law."



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6. Enlarges attendance at evangelistic efforts.
7. Increases baptisms.

—J. E. Edward.



—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 392.

"We are not all asked to serve as Elisha served, nor are we all bidden to sell everything we have; but God asks us to give His service the first place in our lives, to allow no day to pass without doing something to advance His work in the earth."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 221.

We never want to let the good become an enemy of the best. Satan works overtime helping professed Christians to rationalize, to suggest other good ways to avoid the divine command to go visit. God will never say "well done" to a people who have rebelled and refused to do His will even though they rationalize themselves into doing some good thing instead. "Every good soldier is implicit and prompt in the obedience he renders to his captain. The will of the commander is to be the will of the soldier. . . . When Christ commands, His soldiers must obey without hesitation."—*Evangelism*, p. 648.

"Visit your neighbours and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts and will make upon their minds lasting impressions. . . . Tell them of the gladness and joy that there is in the Christian life. Your warm, fervent words will convince them you have found the pearl of great price. . . . This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done,

many will awake as from a dream."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 38.

This is outlined in Luke 9:23: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." So visiting is a trial, a cross. The text says we ought to deny self and take up our cross daily.

"Go visit" is the key to suc-

cess—your key. When you follow this divine command, you walk with Jesus. His disciples went from door to door and filled Jerusalem with their doctrine. Yes, go visit and save souls, and the souls you save may include your own. Let us say with David, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God." Ps 40:8.

For Youth

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

J. F. ASHLOCK

IN THE most wonderful sermon ever heard upon this earth the Prince of preachers said to His followers, "Ye are the light of the world." While the disciples were meditating upon the meaning of this metaphor Jesus followed through with the ringing challenge, "Let your light so shine"! Although spoken nineteen hundred years ago, these words have lost none of their power. Rolling down the centuries to our day, when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people, this divine commission—Let your light shine—applies with even greater force and appropriateness than when first spoken.

Jesus taught plainly that every true disciple, young and old, should not only share his faith but should also glorify the Father in heaven by allowing others to know about His good works. An acceptance of the teachings of the sermon on the mount, along with other supporting Bible and Spirit of prophecy teachings, leads to the inevitable conclusion that God's plan for His church embraces a very complete system of reporting.

Occasionally a cynic is found who says he does not report because he does not want his left hand to know what his right hand does. In *Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 193, the inspired counsel on this point suggests that, "the left hand does not know what the right hand does, for the right hand does nothing worthy of the notice of the left hand," and adds, "I was shown that this scripture does not apply to those who have the cause of God at heart." On page 198 of the

same volume we are informed, "angels keep a faithful record of every man's work." Perhaps it is their faithfulness in their sacred duty that causes church missionary and MV society secretaries at times to be looked upon as angels! God bless them!

Carefully compiled reports of Share Your Faith activities enable Local, Union, Division, and General Conference MV Department secretaries to serve more intelligently and more efficiently. Without a reporting system, which depends largely upon the missionary volunteer society members and secretary, it is impossible for youth leaders to plan wisely and promote successfully the ideals and features which are ordained to save from sin and guide in service the youth under their influence. Moreover, complete and accurate reports contribute to harmony, unity and progress. The well organized, active and reporting MV societies are the happy growing societies. Their example and their influence bring cheer, courage and inspiration to fellow youth around the world and glorify our Father which is in heaven.



## VISITING, NOT SITTING

Visitation, or paying a brief visit to every home near us, is a wonderful way to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. When we refuse to visit, we lose the victory. If you take the "V" for victory out of "Visit," you have left, "I sit."



## A Survey of Budget Meetings in Four Unions

O. O. MATTISON, *President, Southern Asia Division*

SOON after the close of our Division year-end meetings, it was my happy privilege to meet with the Union committees of Pakistan, Northwest India, Northeast India, and Burma, in company with Pastor M. E. Kemmerer. We first made our way to Chuharkana where the officers had planned to hold their first constituency meeting since East Pakistan had been added to the Union. It was a joy to see our delegates from East and West Pakistan planning a united programme for the coming two years. Splendid reports were given from the various local fields and institutions. God has richly blessed throughout the past two years in the Pakistan field. Far-reaching plans were laid for the development of the school at Chuharkana, both in industrial and scholastic lines and for strengthening the work in East Pakistan.

We were especially happy to have Brother Pein Gyi of Burma in attendance. He has recently been appointed the secretary-treasurer of East Pakistan, and at this meeting he was able to become acquainted with the delegates from both fields, as well as with the problems and opportunities that are his as he joins the working force in this union. In addition to the regular evangelistic funds, the Union was able to appropriate an extra Rs. 10,000 for evangelism so that many city and village efforts can be held throughout the field.

We were able to get across the border on Christmas eve and had the privilege of spending Christmas with my son, W. H. Mattison, and his family in Jullundur, and to become acquainted with the latest addition to the Mattison tribe—little Steve Mattison, who is starting life with the frame of a young pugilist. We left here on Christmas evening and arrived in Delhi, ready to begin the budget meeting for the Northwest India Union on the

morning of the 26th. Besides the regular members of the union committee, the heads of our schools and some of our leading evangelists were invited to attend. Here again we found our working force very evangelistically minded. Plans for evangelism for the entire year of 1958 were made and finances provided for the efforts.

Splendid reports were given of the recent efforts held throughout the Northwest Union. The wonderful spirit of comradeship and unity that exists among the workers there will mean much to the strengthening of the existing work, as well as to the reaching out into new areas through evangelism and the Voice of Prophecy.

We went direct from there to Karmatar in the Northeast Union for their budget meeting. Doctor S. Sturges had come out of Nepal, and when we saw him at the station in Patna we invited him into our compartment to travel with us to



### GO TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS

“Go to your neighbours one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray for them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and as you can, gather a few together and open the Word of God to their darkened minds. . . . Do not neglect speaking to your neighbours, and doing them all the kindnesses in your power, that you ‘by all means may save some.’ We need to seek for the spirit that constrained the apostle Paul to go from house to house pleading with tears, and teaching ‘repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.’”—*Christian Service*, p. 116.



Karmatar. During the meetings Dr. Sturges gave a thrilling report of the opening in Nepal, which was inspiring indeed. Brother A. R. Appel, the newly appointed secretary-treasurer of the Northeast India Union, had gone ahead and done excellent work in getting everything ready for this his first budget meeting in this Union. We were very happy to see the healthy financial condition of the union, and the well balanced programme of financing the various units was most encouraging. A splendid report from Falakata was rendered, indicating that for 1957 they operated their school without touching their appropriation. They were thus enabled to apply their appropriation to their indebtedness with the union contracted in previous years. I was very happy to see the excellent development of this school, in all its industries and in the building plant. They have added a new dining hall this past year, and are fencing in the entire estate. This will mean a financial saving in the future.

We were glad to be able to provide a substantial amount for the development of the Assam Training School. For some time the buildings there have needed attention. We feel that with the provisions now made, great improvements will take place in the school plant at Jowai during 1958. The committee chose Brother B. J. Williams as the president of the Assam field, and also recommended his ordination, which took place while Elders E. E. Roenfelt and D. S. Johnson were attending the budget meeting for the Assam section. We are glad to see our men developing into capable leaders and taking a spiritual lead in the recent planning for the Northeast in their Union office, the Assam field, and the East India section. This will add great strength to the Union. Pastor H. T. Burr was chosen as the president of the East India Union Mission, and since Pastor W. F. Storz will be going on furlough soon, Pastor R. H. Broderson has been asked to act as chairman of the union committee. This will be in addition to his departmental responsibilities.

We spent a pleasant and profit-

(Continued on p. 4.)

**BURMA UNION***President: C. B. Guild**Secretary-Treasurer: W. L. Murrill**Office Address: 68 U Wisara Road, Rangoon***NURSES RECEIVE  
MIDWIFERY DIPLOMAS**

KEITH R. MUNDT

**F**IVE graduate nurses of the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital School of Nursing received diplomas at the graduation exercises of the hospital School of Midwifery on December 21, 1957 at 7 p.m. The service was held in the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist church.

Graduate nurses, departmental and floor supervisors were guards of honour as the members of the class marched down the two aisles of the church to their seats.

The class of '57-B is the second group of midwives who have completed the six-month course. Six graduate nurses of the class of '57-A received their diplomas in May. These are the first two groups of midwifery graduates who have successfully completed their training since the school of Midwifery was opened in November, 1956.

Robert H. Dunn, M.D., medical director, in his welcome speech introduced the guest speaker: Elder Laurence A. Skinner, world MV Associate Secretary. The Adventist youth leader had recently conducted the MV Leadercraft Training Course in association with Elder J. F. Ashlock, Division MV secretary.

Pastor Skinner, in his address to the class of '57-B, emphasized the qualities and Christian graces of a genuine missionary nurse as she ministers not only to physical but also spiritual maladies.

The members of the class, he declared, must accept the challenge of a consecrated life in selfless missionary endeavour and the call to a wider, dedicated service in numerous villages and scattered towns of restless Burma. Wendy Minus, a graduate of the nursing class of '57, recited a poem entitled "God's Way."

In response to Elder Skinner's

challenge, the class sang in consecration "In His Service." Herschel R. Hendley, Sabbath school superintendent, composed the words to the tune of the gospel song "He Is Mine."

Eliada B. Mann, B.S., R.N., director of the School of Nursing and superintendent of nurses, presented the members of the class to the Director of the School of Midwifery, B. Yvonne Stockhausen, M.B., Ch.B. In her introductory speech, Dr. Stockhausen commended the graduates for very acceptably completing the course despite sleepless nights, class routine, and regular duties. Government and military hospital doctors and sister tutors, she added, who administered part of the oral examinations, were impressed. She said they praised the good results and the excellent training facilities offered by the Rangoon SDA Hospital School of Midwifery.

While Daw Thein May, sister tutor, called each name, Dr. Stockhausen and Mrs. Robert H. Dunn, R.N., sister tutor, presented the diplomas and pins respectively.

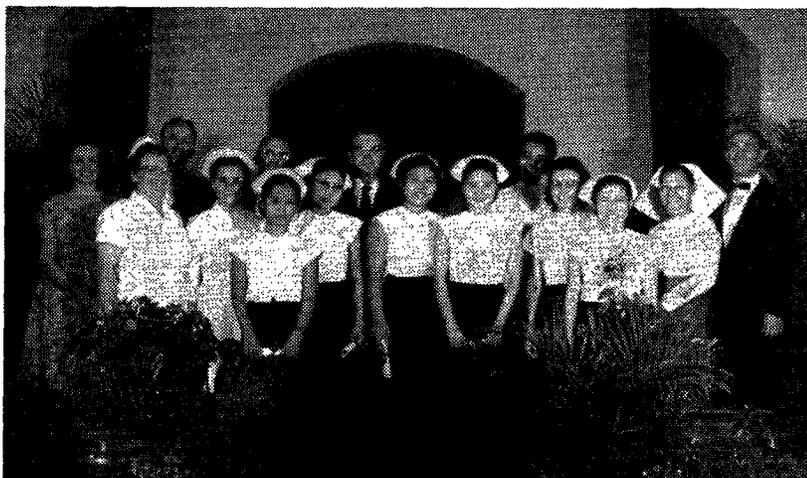
One member of the class who has already served as a missionary nurse in her village has gone back

not only to demonstrate the qualities of a skilful, Christian nurse but also to share her faith in unselfish service for her own people.

**SURVEY OF BUDGET  
MEETINGS***(Continued from p. 3.)*

able weekend in Calcutta, and were happy to meet with our people in communion service there. The Ranchi Hospital board met after Sabbath, and a splendid report was given of the progress of the hospital during the past year. Doctor Johannes and Brother Peterson report healthy financial returns in the hospital throughout the year, and at the present time they have a very full house.

On Monday, January 6, we took to the air headed for Rangoon where we found our union committee already in session. I might say, however, that before leaving the Northeast Union, very detailed planning was given to the evangelistic programme for 1958, as had been done in Pakistan and the Northwest. It was a joy to see all our workers, foreign and indigenous, becoming more and more evangelistic and Voice of Prophecy conscious, co-ordinating these two great avenues of service to bring the inquirers of truth into the Remnant Church. We found the same spirit existing in Burma. We were much cheered to hear the report of steady



Front row: Kaw Po (the nurse who has returned to her village) and Ma Law.  
Middle row: Miss E. B. Mann, Mrs. R. H. Dunn, June Ba Ahn, Jennie Pya, Joy Maurice, Mrs. C. B. Guild, and Daw Thein May.  
Back row: Mrs. E. C. Beck, Pastor E. C. Beck, Dr. R. H. Dunn, Elder L. A. Skinner, Dr. B. Y. Stockhausen, and Pastor J. F. Ashlock.

development in every phase of the work in Burma. Just before the budget meeting, the graduating exercises took place for the 1957 class of nurses. It was our privilege to be at the capping exercise and to take part in its programme for the class of 1960. The class consists of seventeen—nine girls and eight boys, who had finished their probationary period and were entering into their further training for the Lord's service and for humanity.

We were pleased to see the completed quarters for the hospital staff in which fourteen families are comfortably housed. We surveyed the newly purchased property on Park Lane, where it is planned eventually to construct six homes for our workers. We went through the newly completed building at 67 U Wisara Road, which contains three stories and will give ample room for the church school, Voice of Prophecy and three living quarters, as well as an enclosed large play area for the church school children. This building is indeed very attractive and will serve a multiple purpose and long-standing need in Rangoon.

At the close of the budget meeting, Brother M. E. Kemmerer and I accompanied Brother Murrill out to the Kyauktaing school and spent the weekend with our young people and the school staff. Much could be written of the rapid development of this school, which is the youngest boarding school in this Division. On our arrival we found a bulldozer being used to level off the land. During the past year very attractive administrative buildings, hostels, and staff quarters have been constructed along the beautiful stream that flows through their property. They have every kind of vegetable growing to supply the needs of the school. They have a fine banana plantation, and about a thousand pineapple plants which promise a good crop in the near future. Much land has been cleared already, and the property facing the highway which runs right in front of the school has been fenced. There is a great deal to be done yet, which will give a super-abundance of labour to the students. This school is already attracting our

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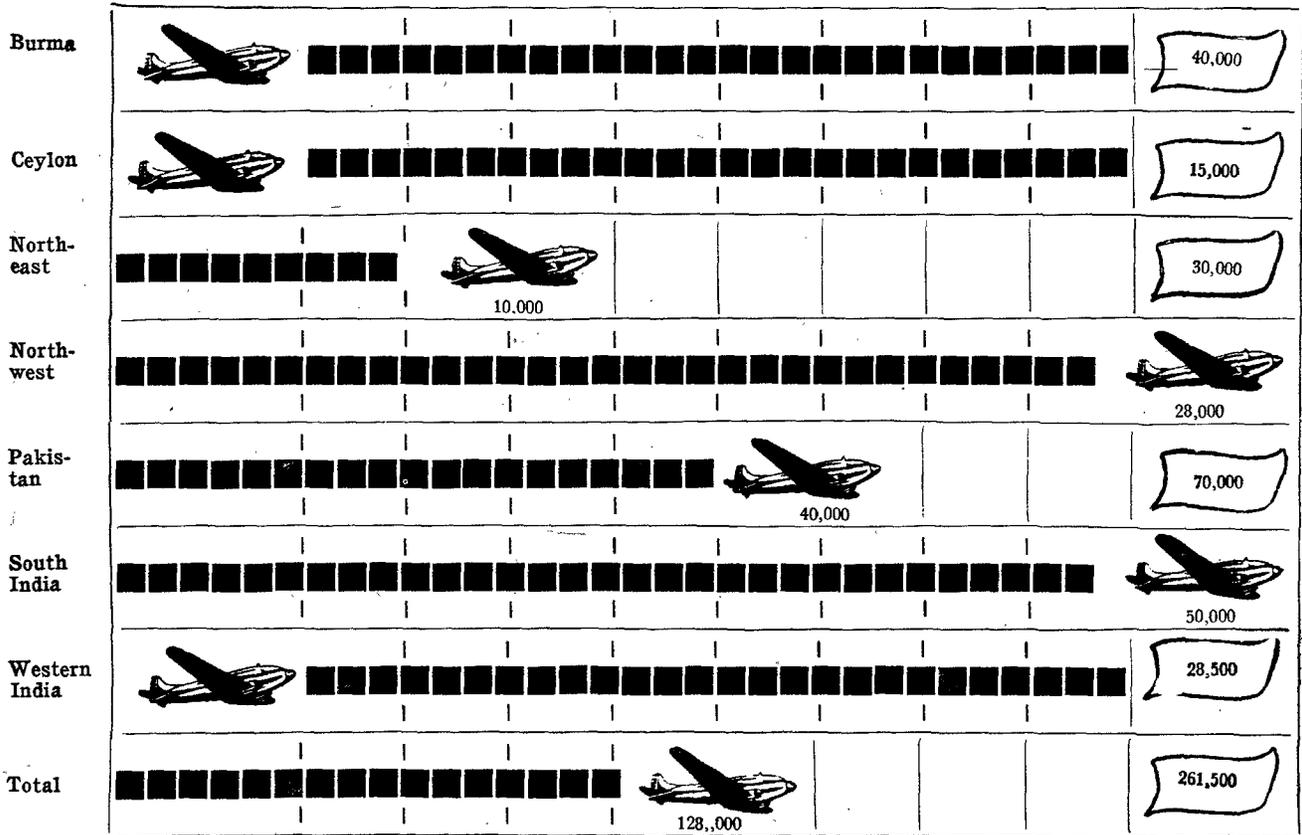
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Survey of Budget Meetings

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high school students from every part of Burma, including the newly opened territory around Tiddim from which several students have come. The Sabbath spent there was very enjoyable and the music rendered by the students was superb. It was with reluctance that we headed back toward Rangoon the morning of the 12th.

Brother Kemmerer and I parted company in Rangoon, he to return to his responsibilities in Poona, and I to visit the Delta area with Brethren C. B. Guild and W. L. Murrill for some of the local committee meetings. That evening we took the river boat to Myaungmya. The floor of the deck was softened with air mattresses, which made resting somewhat possible, but the constant chattering of the packed deck passengers and the blowing of the whistle through the night was not conducive to very sound sleep. Early in the morning we were held up for several hours by fog, but we

arrived in Myaungmya just before noon. We found Brother Ba Nyein and the committee members of the Delta Region gathered together for their budget meeting.

It is always a joy to visit Myaungmya and to see the fine group of students in attendance at the school there. The reports rendered showed progress in the work throughout that area. Brother Ba Nyein has some very consecrated circle leaders, and when we all met together in committee, plans were made for every worker, including all school teachers, to conduct at least one effort, and some two, during 1958. These are to be held largely in cities and school houses. It is a pleasure to work with these brethren and to become acquainted with the problems that confront them in these unsettled areas of Burma. Their fine reports revealed the manifold deliverances that the Lord is bringing to His people there from day to day. We would have liked to go back into the interior to visit our believers in their churches, but we had to content

ourselves with listening to the workers' reports, which were most encouraging.

After two days spent in Myaungmya we returned to Rangoon, then took the plane to Moulmein where we spent the Sabbath with our believers and workers. Brother Kalee Paw had things very well organized for his committee, and most of the work was finished before Sabbath came on. The church in Moulmein is very attractive, and people throughout the city speak highly of its location for it faces one of the central parks in the city. It is modern in design, and we were very happy to see so many attending church who are not yet regular members of our faith. The pastor of the church had arranged programmes for Friday evening and Sabbath, and the presence of the local committee members with a report of their experiences, added much to the spiritual inspiration of the services.

After the committee work was completed we took the river boat up the beautiful Salween river to

Paan and spent two days at our school. Many of you will remember that this school was moved just a few months ago, from the place where it was raided and several of our staff members and students were kidnapped, to Paan for safety. At present it is being housed in very temporary buildings, but I do not think I have met a happier and nicer group of students than we had the privilege of meeting here. How they can pack 250 students

SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

**Calendar of  
Special Days and  
Offerings  
1958**

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



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March 29	Southern European Division
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into such a small space is a marvel to me. The boarding arrangements are very simple. Each student pays Rs. 12 per month toward supplies and Rs. 1 toward the hiring of a cook. In this way the boarding arrangements cause no difficulty for the administration. It is operated very cheaply, yet with a wholesome balanced diet for the students at their own expense. I was happy to see that this large school, even though it has suffered reverses during the past year, has been able to completely finance its programme, including the boarding, school expenses, and salaries of the staff, without any burden whatsoever to the local section. I think this speaks wonderfully well for the Tenasserim area where they have had so many trying experiences during recent months.

While here we visited the good site that has been chosen for the development of their new school, and I do not feel that a more beautiful site could have been found anywhere. Land has been granted on the brow of the hill for the school buildings. Just at the foot of the hill a piece of property has been purchased, at a very reasonable price, for cultivation purposes.

The future of the Tenasserim Region looks bright under the able leadership of Brother Kalee Paw, and the secretary-treasurer, Brother Pein Yee. Here again, just as in the other sections of the union, detailed study was given to a wide evangelistic programme for 1958 which includes every worker. Ef-

orts will be held in about three large cities under the leadership of some of the more capable speakers. It is also planned to hold many village efforts where we have school houses to use and also cottage meetings where possible.

It was with reluctance that we left on the morning of the 21st,  
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## Miscellany

● **REPORTS** from the various Unions throughout Southern Asia indicate that the Uplift campaign this year will be shorter in duration and more successful financially than ever before. The South India, and Northwestern India Unions have already surpassed the super goals set by those respective fields. The other Unions will soon be completing the Uplift work. The workers are to be commended for this excellent response.

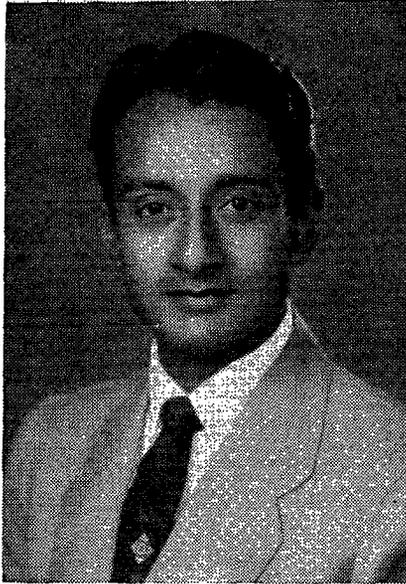
● **DR. Stanley Sturges**, who has been using the first floor of a building in Banepa, Nepal, for the clinic which operates three days weekly, reports that the alterations to the ground floor of the building have nearly been completed and the clinic will be operating in the new quarters soon. A clinic is also being conducted at the village of Dhulikel one day weekly and it is expected that another clinic will be operated approximately five miles from Banepa in another village where a building is being provided by the local headman.

● **PASTOR F. E. Spiess**, recently appointed president of the Western India Union, arrived in Bombay on February 6. After a brief visit to Poona on the 9th of February Brother Spiess left for appointments in Bombay and a tour of the field.

● **MR. and Mrs. Fred Nash** of Western Australia sailed from Sydney on the "Strathaird" on February 1. They are coming directly to Bombay and will then proceed to the Assam Training School which is to be the field of their labour.

● **ELDER S. A. Wellman**, retired veteran missionary and friend of so many in Southern Asia, has completed a tour of institutions, churches and interesting centres throughout Southern Asia and will be leaving Bombay on February 17. His visit here has been much appreciated and his optimistic attitude and fresh counsel based on years of experience has greatly strengthened the faith of our workers.—D. S. J.

## MEET OUR WORKERS



Gerald J. Christo began his work for the Lord as a stenographer in the Oriental Watchman Publishing House in 1943. The following year he was called to assist in evangelistic work in Lahore and later to teach at Hapur.

In 1948 he joined Spicer Memorial College as Secretarial teacher and Dean of Men, and continued teaching there until 1952 when he was transferred to our Hapur school as principal. Two years later Brother Christo accepted the principalship of the Lasalgaon school.

At the biennial session held in Spicer in 1956, Brother Christo was ordained to the gospel ministry and at the close of the school year moved with his family to Bombay where he served as pastor of the Bombay church.

In February of last year Pastor Christo was called to Jabalpur where he is at present engaged in evangelistic work.

## Survey of Budget Meetings

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returning down the river to catch our plane to Rangoon on the 22nd, then the afternoon plane for Calcutta and on to Ranchi that night by train. I was happy to meet Brother D. S. Johnson in Ranchi, and we went over with Dr. Johannes the plans for the future development of the hospital. The workers here are of good courage and are doing an intensive and extensive medical work, the influence of which is felt throughout the East India field.

As I think back over the opportunities that have been mine of visiting these four unions, meeting with their capable and consecrated

leaders, and note the wise planning that they have put into their programme, my heart is cheered with the hope that 1958 will be one of the finest years ever throughout this Division field. Let us pray daily for all our union leaders, for our evangelists and our school men and hospital workers, that a united drive, inspired and led by the Holy Spirit, may take possession of each one and enable them to do their utmost until the work is finished. May the Lord bless throughout every section and every church in this Division.

## A CLOSE RACE!

On Friday afternoon, January 24, two telegrams were received at the Division office. One was from the Northwest Union stating that they had received their Uplift goal for the union, and they were still going strong. This one was sent at 9:50 a.m. on the morning of the 24th, and received in Poona at 1:55 p.m.

The other telegram was received from South India, stating they had gone over their Victory Goal of Rs. 50,000 by Rs. 600. Their telegram was sent at 11:40 a.m. on the 24th and received here at 2 p.m. Both telegrams were delivered by the same telegraph boy.

That is what I call a very close race between two unions in their endeavour to reach their Uplift goals in record time. We rejoice with these two fields for the victories won and for what they have achieved in just about three weeks. A short time ago this task would have taken three or more months to accomplish. I am sure this victory brings rejoicing to the workers and the members in these unions.

We know that Pakistan is labouring earnestly to reach its goal this month, and I am sure that the other unions are pressing right on to their goals.

May the Lord bless everyone with abundant success in his earnest efforts in the Uplift campaign. Congratulation to the two fields who have reached their goal in such record time.

—O. O. Mattison, President