



*The Remnant Church*

# GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS CHURCH

## The Object of His Supreme Regard

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DEAR BRETHREN OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

I testify to my brethren and sisters that the church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. While He extends to all the world His invitation to come to Him and be saved, He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition, and He comes personally by His Holy Spirit into the midst of His church. "If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His Word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." "Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities."

Ministers and all the church, let this be our language, from hearts

that respond to the great goodness and love of God to us as a people and to us individually, "Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever." "Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant. For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto Himself, and Israel for His peculiar treasure. For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods." Consider, my brethren and sisters, that the Lord has a people, a chosen people,

His church, to be His own, His own fortress, which He holds in a sin-stricken, revolted world; and He intended that no authority should be known in it, no laws be acknowledged by it, but His own.

Satan has a large confederacy, his church. Christ calls them the synagogue of Satan because the members are the children of sin. The members of Satan's church have been constantly working to cast off the divine law, and confuse the distinction between good and evil. Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience, to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty. And at this time the power of his satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven.

### CLEAR, DECIDED DISTINCTIONS

At this time the church is to put on her beautiful garments—"Christ our righteousness." There are clear, decided distinctions to be restored and exemplified to the world in holding aloft the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The beauty

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of holiness is to appear in its native lustre in contrast with the deformity and darkness of the disloyal, those who have revolted from the law of God. Thus we acknowledge God, and recognize His law, the foundation of His government in heaven and throughout His earthly dominions. His authority should be kept distinct and plain before the world; and no laws are to be acknowledged that come in collision with the laws of Jehovah. If in defiance of God's arrangements the world be allowed to influence our decisions or our actions, the purpose of God is defeated. However specious the pretext, if the church waver here, there is written against her in the books of heaven a betrayal of the most sacred trusts, and treachery to the kingdom of Christ. The church is firmly and decidedly to hold her principles before the whole heavenly universe and the kingdoms of the world; steadfast fidelity in maintaining the honour and sacredness of the law of God will attract the notice and admiration of even the world, and many will, by the good works which they shall behold, be led to glorify our Father in heaven. The loyal and true bear the credentials of heaven, not of earthly potentates. All men shall know who are the disciples of Christ, chosen and faithful, and shall know them when crowned and glorified as those who honoured God and whom He has honoured, bringing them into possession of an eternal weight of glory....

The Lord has provided His church with capabilities and blessings, that they may present to the world an image of His own sufficiency, and that His church may be complete in Him, a continual representation of another, even the eternal world, of laws that are higher than earthly laws. His church is to be a temple built after the divine similitude, and the angelic architect has brought His golden measuring rod from heaven, that every stone may be hewed and squared by the divine measurement, and polished to shine as an emblem of heaven, radiating in all directions the bright, clear beams of the Sun of Righteousness. The church is to be fed with manna from heaven, and to be kept under the sole guardianship of His grace. Clad in complete

armour of light and righteousness, she enters upon her final conflict. The dross, the worthless material, will be consumed, and the influence of the truth testifies to the world of its sanctifying, ennobling character....

#### DIVINE EXPERIMENTS

The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is affecting transformation so amazing that Satan, with all his triumphant boasting, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to co-operate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven.

To His church, Christ has given ample facilities, that He may receive a large revenue of glory from His redeemed, purchased possession. The church, being endowed with the righteousness of Christ, is His depository, in which the wealth of His mercy, His love, His grace, is to appear in full and final display. The declaration in His intercessory prayer, that the Father's love is as great toward us as toward Himself, the only-begotten Son, and that we shall be with Him where He is, forever one with Christ and the Father, is a marvel to the heavenly host, and it is their great joy. The gift of His Holy Spirit, rich, full, and abundant, is to be to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. In their untainted purity and spotless perfection, Christ looks upon His people as the reward of all His suffering, His humiliation, and His love, and the supplement of His glory—Christ, the great centre from which radiates all glory. "Blessed are they which are called unto the mar-

riage supper of the Lamb."—*General Conference Bulletin*, 1893, pages 408, 409. Reprinted in *Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 15-19.

## The Church the Property of God

The church is the property of God, and God constantly remembers her as she stands in the world, subject to the temptations of Satan. Christ has never forgotten the days of His humiliation. In passing from the scenes of His humiliation, Jesus has lost none of His humanity. He has the same tender, pitying love, and is ever touched with human woe. He ever bears in mind that He was a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief. He forgets not His representative people who are striving to uphold His down-trodden law. He knows that the world that hated Him, hates them. Although Jesus Christ has passed into the heavens, there is still a living chain binding His believing one to His own heart of infinite love. The most lowly and weak are bound by a chain of sympathy closely to His heart. He never forgets that He is our representative, that He bears our nature.

Jesus sees His true church on the earth, whose greatest ambition is to co-operate with Him in the grand work of saving souls. He hears their prayers, presented in contrition and power, and Omnipotence cannot resist their plea for the salvation of any tried, tempted member of Christ's body. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Jesus ever liveth to make intercession for us. Through our Redeemer what blessings may not the true believer receive? The church, soon to enter upon her most severe conflict, will be the object most dear to God upon earth. The confederacy of evil will be stirred  
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## CONSERVING OUR MEMBERSHIP GAINS

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ONE of the great tragedies confronting the church today is the losses due to apostasy. What are the causes for these losses? Why do people leave the church? We should give attention to this problem and seek to find a better way to conserve our gains. It is not enough to be content merely to bring people into the church. There must be a united attempt to conserve these gains.

Frequently one hears a charge made that losses are sustained because the evangelist does not do a thorough work of instruction before bringing new members into the church. Although we believe this point often is over-emphasized, we do not for a moment defend careless, haphazard, and inefficient evangelistic work. We are told:

"If the interest steadily increases, and the people move understandingly, not from impulse, but from principle, the interest is much more healthy and durable than it is where a great excitement and interest are created suddenly, and the feelings are excited by listening to a debate, a sharp contest on both sides of the question, for and against the truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 218.

We must never forget that "God would be better pleased to have six truly converted to the truth as the result of their labours than to have sixty make a nominal profession and yet not be thoroughly converted. These ministers should devote less time to preaching sermons and reserve a portion of their strength to visit and pray with those who are interested, giving them godly instruction, to the end that they may 'present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.'"—*Ibid.*, Vol. 4, 317.

Although it is true that we suffer losses because people are not thoroughly indoctrinated, it is more likely true that we suffer losses because the people are not thoroughly converted. Many have a theoretical knowledge of the message. It has

reached the mind, but has not touched the heart. That is why we should emphasize the tremendous importance of moving the heart first and bringing about the complete conversion of the individual to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of the doctrines that the Advent message brings to the people are new and startling to them. Because of this, a very real need exists for a second series of studies or meetings at which time the convert can re-study the truths that he has learned.

"When the arguments for present truth are presented for the first time, it is difficult to fasten the points upon the mind. And although some may see sufficiently to decide, yet for all this, there is need of going all over the very same ground again, and giving another course of lectures."—*Evangelism*, p. 334.

This is not an idle suggestion made by the messenger of the Lord. Its importance is emphasized by the following quotations:

"After the first efforts have been made in a place by giving a course of lectures, there is really greater necessity for a second course than for the first. The truth is new and startling, and the people need to have the same presented the second time, to get the points distinct and the ideas fixed in the mind."—*Ibid.*

We now come to a most important phase of holding the interest of the people. The new converts should be integrated as quickly as possible into some of the activities and functions of the church. The instructions on this point are abundant.

"God's Spirit convicts sinners of the truth, and He places them in the arms of the church. The ministers may do their part, but they can never perform the work that the church should do. God requires His church to nurse those who are young in faith and experience, to go to them, not for the purpose of gossiping with them, but to pray, to speak unto them

words that are 'like apples of gold in pictures of silver.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 69.

New converts should not be given the weightier responsibilities of church leadership until they have been thoroughly trained and have had sufficient time for orientation. This, however, does not exclude their participation in the wide activities of an aggressive congregation. They should be encouraged to enter into the work of the Dorcas society, Temperance society, home missionary projects, youth services, social activities, Society of Missionary Men, and Sabbath school. In all these branches and departments of the church there are many opportunities for service.

The responsibility of the church to those who are new in the faith is a part of the work that must not be overlooked. Every church member has a direct responsibility in caring for the newly won convert. The guardianship plan is a very worthwhile one. Any church board or pastor who will give serious attention to this plan will find great success in its use. The assigning of a new convert to an older member of the church, with the older member serving as the spiritual guardian, will do much to obviate the sense of loneliness and helplessness during the time of adjustment.

"Those who have newly come to the faith should be patiently and tenderly dealt with, and it is the duty of the older members of the church to devise ways and means to provide help and sympathy and instruction for those who have conscientiously withdrawn from other churches for the truth's sake, and thus cut themselves off from the pastoral labour to which they have been accustomed. The church has a special responsibility laid upon her to attend to these souls who have followed the first rays of light they have received; and if the members of the church neglect this duty, they will be unfaithful to the trust that God has given them."—*Evangelism*, p. 351.

If the new member is absent from any of the services of the church, the guardian can immediately call upon him to determine the reason for his absence, and then make appropriate report to the pastor. It is

this part of the follow-up work that is so necessary.

"The kindly interest we manifest in the home circle, the words of sympathy we speak to our brothers and sisters, fit us to work for the members of the Lord's household, with whom, if we remain loyal to Christ, we shall live through eternal ages. 'Be thou faithful unto death,' Christ says, 'and I will give thee a crown of life.' Then how carefully

should the members of the Lord's family guard their brethren and sisters! Make yourself their friend. If they are poor and in need of food and clothing, minister to their temporal as well as their spiritual wants. Thus you will be a double blessing to them."—*Ibid.*, p. 353.

It is by rolling the burden of souls upon the hearts of all of us that we will be able to hold and keep them close to the church and to Christ.—*Review and Herald.*

New Gallery Centre in London, conducts nutrition and food preparation classes each Thursday afternoon and evening. Since by "indulgence of perverted appetite, man loses his power to resist temptation" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 335.), how important then becomes the question of healthful cookery. In the work for the large cities we are to provide for thorough instruction in the science of food preparation.

Dr. Siegfried Kotz, on furlough from Africa, helped to start the first project for a Youth Health Club. This group meets every Sunday afternoon at the Centre. Some time is spent making bandages from bed sheets for the hospital at Malamulo Mission in Africa. A first-aid course was also begun for the youth.

A health information centre will also be a permanent feature of this evangelistic centre. It will consist of exhibits and models on general health, how the body works, and personal hygiene. Posters, slides, films, and free brochures from the Central Council of Health Education, Ministry of Health, and other agencies will be used. It is hoped that soon a small treatment room can be started. The equipment has been donated by Dr. F. C. Shone, who at present is giving two afternoons a week to meeting people who wish medical consultations.

#### MEDICAL PANELS APPRECIATED

At the Sunday evening services a medical panel was held just prior to the sermon, with Victor Cooper acting as moderator. The help of our physicians at the sanitarium and those in private practice made this one of the outstanding medical features of the evangelistic series this past summer and fall.

With just a very few additional items, the present dining facilities could be made available to the public for a noon meal. We trust that this feature can be realized, since "the opening of hygienic restaurants is a work that God would have done in the cities. If wisely conducted, these restaurants will be missionary centres."—*A Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education*, p. 21.

The reading room and library are filled with our good health literature, (Continued on p. 16.)

## HEALTH EVANGLISM IN OUR GREAT CITIES

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A GREAT work is yet to be done in the cities of the earth, a work that is to go forth with great power and to be followed with marvellous results. This work calls for special planning and special workers. It is a work we need to set our hearts and hands to doing now.

"There is no change in the messages that God has sent in the past. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed.

"The medical missionary work is a door through which the truth is to find entrance to many homes in the cities."—*A Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education* (1950 ed.), pp. 14, 15.

Without doubt as our medical missionary workers and ministerial workers unite, "the door through which truth is to find entrance" will be opened. "It is as these lines of work are united that we may expect to gather the most precious fruit for the Lord."—*Medical Ministry*, p. 27.

#### OPPORTUNITIES IN BRITISH ISLES

In London we have had the truth of this and other similar statements from the Spirit of prophecy fulfilled in a very remarkable way. Never have we had such opportunities in medical evangelism in the British Isles as now. The new evangelistic centre on Regent Street in the heart

of London has placed us on the very highway of British life. Coming to the meetings are teachers, businessmen and businesswomen, doctors, executives, and other professional people. Nearly two thousand a week were attending the meetings during the summer and holiday months last year. There were countless more who came to the reading room or stopped long enough to pick up the evangelistic sermons.

The statement heard most frequently from those attending the meetings expressed gratitude for having health of body and health of soul presented together. In the mid-week meetings both a medical and a gospel worker spoke. As the listeners came to understand that physically, mentally, and spiritually man is inter-related, and that he can be happy only by trusting and obeying all the laws of God, they began to change their habits of life. This is the goal for which we are striving. This approach to health makes an ordinary health talk take on much more significance than a mere recital of physiological facts. It links healing of body and soul together.

#### HEALTH TALKS NOT ENOUGH

We are told that we should not only talk to people about health, but also have activities that will be practical in helping them to change their course of living. Health talks are not enough. So Miss Kathleen Mohon, the health instructor at the

# HOW ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD

ON THE mount of transfiguration, Moses was a type of those who shall be raised in the first resurrection. Enoch stood for those who look forward to translation in the last generation. We who live today in expectant hope of Christ's soon coming should have a special interest in one who was taken from this world without seeing death.

The information we have about the life of Enoch is very meagre, but it is enough to suggest the kind of life he lived.

The fifth chapter of Genesis mentions ten patriarchs who lived in the years between the time of Adam and the Flood. Seven of these men lived more than 900 years. One lived to be 895 years of age, and one 777. In contrast to these Enoch's life on earth was cut short, for he was taken from this world at the age of 365 years. Thus, comparatively speaking, we might think of Enoch as a young man who had walked closely with God most of his life.

The only extended comment in this chapter on the antediluvian patriarchs in the line of Seth is not concerning those who live the longest, but of one who lived the shortest here on earth. It says of him:

"And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Gen. 5:21-24.

The outstanding achievement of this man's life was that he "walked with God." Why is this chapter silent concerning what the other men accomplished or even what other things Enoch achieved?

In Genesis 4 we are given a list of certain great men in the line of Cain. Here the achievements of these men are recorded. One was a great cattleman; another, a musician; another, an artisan, and one named Enoch had a city named after him.

The chief lesson for us to learn from the records of these two chapters is that the most important thing in life is not to build cities, acquire wealth, or achieve worldly fame or honour, but to develop a character after the likeness of God. This can only be done by taking time to walk and commune with God.

## "IN ALL THE DUTIES OF HIS DAILY LIFE"

How did Enoch walk with God? Here is the answer.

"Enoch's walk with God was not in a trance or a vision, but in all the duties of His daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had, in the world, a work to do for God. In the family and in his intercourse with men, as a husband and father, a friend, a citizen, he was the steadfast unwavering servant of God.

"His faith waxed stronger, his love became more ardent, with the lapse

of centuries. To him prayer was as the breath of the soul. He lived in the atmosphere of heaven."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, pp. 329, 330.

"I wish I could impress upon every worker in God's cause the great need of continual, earnest prayer. They cannot be constantly upon their knees, but they can be uplifting their hearts to God. This is the way that Enoch walked with God."—*Ibid.*, Vol. 5, p. 596.

We can develop godlike characters only through meeting the many, and varied, daily experiences that come to us, and not by avoiding them. Sometimes we become weary in well doing. We would like to escape the trials, the difficulties, and the problems presented to us as we go about our daily duties. We long for a place of quiet and peace. But Christ knew that it is only by the buffeting experiences of life that men are fashioned in the divine likeness. Thus He petitioned the Father: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil." John 17:15.—*Review and Herald*.

## THE PRESENCE OF GOD

WITH a stone for his pillow, the earth for his bed, the stars for his coverlet, and the quiet of the desert night for a benediction, heaven opened for Jacob, the lonely fugitive.

Jacob had arrived, weary and worn, at this place on the second day of his flight from home. The sun was about to set, and his heart was sad and fearful. As he lay down to rest he must have felt quite forsaken. How disturbed his thoughts must have been as he went to sleep! Then the heavenly vision burst upon him, and he heard the voice of God saying, "Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." Gen. 28:15.

As Jacob awoke in the night how wonderful was the realization that God was near. With a heart full of longing and gratitude he exclaimed, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. . . . This is the gate of heaven." Verses 16, 17.

The lesson is for everyone. "God is no respecter of persons" Acts 10:34. As Paul declared, He is "not far from every one of us." Acts 17:27. To those who have a special need and an open heart God will reveal Himself in some conscious manner. Any place may be the gate of heaven. Anyone may sense the nearness of God.

Too often God is present to bless and help when we know it not. But all our senses are closed to Him by preoccupation with our troubles or our attempts to solve them. We are out of tune with One who could answer all our needs because we are too much in tune with the world.

How often we lie down with heavy thoughts and wake with heavier ones, and then go forth to meet the world bearing our heavy burdens. What a difference it would make if only we realized that God was near by waiting to carry the load!

Not only to Jacob does God say, but to every troubled soul, "Behold, I am with thee." We cannot drive God's presence from us. He declares: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5. But we can shut our minds and our hearts against Him so that He cannot reveal Himself to us.

Not only is there a sense of comfort in the thought of God's presence, but there should also be a sense of awe. Jacob said, "How dreadful is this place!" Gen. 28:17.

Such a realization will restrain us from doing that which would bring dishonour and grief to the Holy One. It was this sense of God's presence that caused Joseph to exclaim in a time of temptation: "How . . . can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Gen. 39:9. Of this we read:

"Every soul, in going out and

coming in, in all business transactions, at all times and in all places, should act with the consciousness that he is moving under the inspection of God and heavenly angels, and that the Being who will judge every man's work for eternity accompanies him at every step, observing all his actions and scrutinizing all his motives. A consciousness of the presence of God and the peril of violating His precepts would take possession of his entire being. What a change would be seen in man, what a change in society, what evils would be left undone!"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 628.

However, it is not from a sense of fear that we should hesitate to do wrong, but from a feeling of tender love for One who is ever near and ever longing to save us from our sins and prepare us for His eternal kingdom.—*Review and Herald*.

## TRUST IN GOD'S GOODNESS

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I HAVE before me a letter from a broken-hearted father of the Middle West, a man who in facing the tests of life lost his faith. After describing the loss of his son in the war he questions, "We wonder if God cares. The Creator is a long way off, beyond the stars and the nearest one is twenty-five trillion miles away. That's pretty far away for God to be of much help to us as individuals."

Yes, heaven may be far away, we replied, but you have overlooked one fact, Jesus is the ladder let down for us connecting heaven and earth. And as we climb upward there is not one missing rung. All that we suffer He has already suffered, and He has made provision so that through Him we may endure all things. God does not ask us to pass through one trial which He Himself has not experienced. Have we been compelled to separate from friends and leave beautiful homes behind us? Jesus left His home in the heavenly mansions and was born in a manger because there was not room for Him in the inn. Have we lost a dear one? Our Father also lost His Son, looking on while wicked men put Him to

death on a cruel cross. Have friends proved untrue? He was betrayed in the house of His friends, sold for thirty pieces of silver by one who was His disciple. We read:

"As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. . . . Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren, . . . for in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." Heb. 2:14, 16.

Then why need we fear? He is able, He is faithful, He has travelled all the roads before us, and has made provision for everything our soul requires. He never shuts one door but He opens another. The problem lies in our weak faith not in His ability to bless.

### EXPERIENCE OF FOUR SOLDIERS

I was in Australia early in World War II. In those days shortly after

the immediate threat of invasion had passed, the war was moving northward, and Australians were breathing more freely. Troops returning from service in New Guinea and near-by islands were reporting harrowing experiences of escape from jungle warfare. Many had escaped death only by a miracle. One small body of men found themselves one day entirely surrounded by enemy forces. Their experience attracted my attention because one man had opened his Bible to a certain text that they had accepted as the voice of God to them. I pass it on just as it was related to me by one of our brethren.

Four Australian infantrymen were completely cut off from the rest of their company and surrounded by a large enemy force. Escape was impossible, and death or imprisonment seemed almost certain. One man had suffered a bullet wound in the head, another was wounded in the chest, and a third carried an ugly wound in the hand. Hidden within hearing of the enemy, they ate their last rations, destroyed their mail and personal belongings, and prepared for what to them seemed the inevitable.

Then it was that one of the men thought of God and the Bible he always carried with him. Before opening the Book, he sent forth a prayer from the heart. He asked for guidance, and immediately his eyes fell on a text in Acts 16:13—"On the Sabbath we went out of the city by a riverside." He mentioned the matter to the other men. There was a river nearby. Could it be that they ought to try it? They decided to take this verse so divinely sent to them as a message straight from God. They crept out along the river. At times they were almost within arm's reach of enemy troops. Yet they stealthily crept on.

Three days later, with food gone and strength exhausted, they decided they could go on no farther when two of the men had identical dreams. They both saw one of their buddies coming toward them and leading them back to their unit. They awakened with the deep impression that if they kept going a little farther, they would surely meet this man. It gave them fresh courage and in that

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IT WAS a privilege to have Pastor O. O. Mattison with us again for a trip to the Lushai Hills but it was unfortunate that he had to be disappointed in the extent of the trip. The permit to enter the hills came through a month late and when it came it permitted us to visit only Aijal and not Lungleh in the South Lushais.

The 115-mile trip to Aijal is inspiring though not exactly comfortable. Perched on top of the load on a Dodge military lorry for 12 hours gives one the full benefit of the fine scenery but also impresses the memory of the jogs and bumps that lasts for several days. However, most inspiring was the fine group of delegates present in Aijal from the churches of the North Lushai hills. About eighty were present many of whom had to walk for days to get there. Sabbath and Sunday were filled with inspirational meetings. A fine spirit of co-operation was manifested and delegates returned home with a greater determination to serve God faithfully. A similar meeting was called for Lungleh but unfortunately we were not able to attend.

The next leg of our trip took us from Silchar to Imphal over the hump in 20 minutes by plane. We met the Chief Commissioner of Manipur State who is a fine Syrian Christian gentleman from Travancore.

Our next plan was to reach the Assam Training School to be with the faculty and students over the Sabbath but stormy weather prevented our plane from landing in Gauhati, so we were forced to stay over night in Agartala where the storm had pulled off roofs and blown down trees and fences. When we were finally able to reach Gauhati on Friday it was too late to get to Jowai before the Sabbath so we changed our plans and decided to meet with our Rajasimla group in the Garo

Hills for the Sabbath. Though neither one of us knew exactly where to go we uneventfully covered the 60 miles by bus to the Dak bungalow where we planned to stay. On Sabbath morning it was very cloudy and the five mile walk to Rajasimla seemed forbidding. We were not disappointed. We got all we expected and more. After we had walked about three miles the heavens literally opened in a downpour such as is not to be seen everywhere. After about an hour of seeking shelter under trees we decided we might as well continue because we could get no wetter. After we walked a quarter of a mile we found a hut in which a lady was cooking her rice. Though she was rather shocked for a moment at our intrusion she soon caught the spirit of the situation and supplied us with all the firewood we needed for the next hour to dry out our clothes. By that time it stopped raining and we were able to be on our way again. We reached the church just as they were singing the closing song for Sabbath school.

It was an inspiration to meet for the church service with a congregation of about 80 people (all had not come because of the heavy rain). Brother Gayen, their pastor, was

away at the Seminary Extension School and Brother Marak, one of the converts of less than a year was capably leading out.

After the service conducted by Pastor Mattison, we went to inspect the inspiring hill-top site for their new church and school combination. One of the members had donated over two acres of land and the other members were contributing Rs. 5,000 worth of materials and labour. We certainly wish them God's blessing in their building programme. Their faith is well portrayed by their works. Just where Sister Marak was able to get us such a fine meal at such short notice is hard to understand.

The next couple of days were spent at the Assam Training School where they were preparing for the first quarter examinations. All were of good courage and a fine spirit was manifested among teachers and students.

Arriving at the mission headquarters we found that Pastor Burr, the new President of the Assam Section, was out visiting the churches. He seems to be enjoying the cool and even the wet of the Assam hills. He is getting a good grasp of the work and I am sure that God is going to bless mightily the work done there. The Burr family seem happy in their new house, though the children comment that it is cold. We wish them all the blessings of the Spirit of God as they settle into their new home and their new work.

**FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS IN THE NORTHEAST**

Though all has not been accomplished that we would like to see, we feel that God has been blessing in great measure. The following are some of the items:

	<i>First Quarter 1954</i>	<i>First Quarter 1955</i>
Tithe	Rs. 12,185-1-0	Rs. 15,407-9-0
	<i>Quarterly Goal</i>	<i>Achievement. First Quarter</i>
Baptisms	150	116
S. S. Offerings	Rs. 4,400	Rs. 4,437-5-0
Literature sales	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 13,473-10-0
	<i>Goal 1955</i>	<i>End First Quarter</i>
Sabbath school Membership	5,790	5013
No. of Sabbath Schools	140	119

## NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION

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## LITERATURE EVANGELIST INSTITUTE

J. W. NIXON

THE mission headquarters in the great tourist city of Agra, became the centre of special interest for the literature evangelists of the North Western Union from March 27 to April 2.

Almost a whole week was spent in improving the mental, spiritual, social, and to a limited extent, the physical graces which combine to form God's foursquare man.

On stepping from the train on Sunday morning the writer was met by Pastor T. R. Torkelson, the Union president, and guided to a tonga for transport to the mission headquarters about two miles away. This was my first ride in a tonga.

Colporteurs and leaders all lodged at the Mission headquarters, eating, working and, yes, playing together.

What a wonderful spirit of fellowship we enjoyed all through the convention.

Laughter and merriment dominated the meal-time as we all sat around the large table, and did justice to the meals prepared under the able direction of Brother M. C. Lall who was affectionately called "The Manager" and a right good job he did.

Brother L. D. Paul and his two assistants, M. C. Lall and H. M. Simon had all the arrangements well in hand and everything went along without a hitch.

The days work began with a devotional meeting from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. Then after a break for breakfast the morning was devoted to instruction and drill in the art of Christian Salesmanship, until 11:45 a.m. A Bible study was conducted by Pastor Torkelson for the first three days and then by Pastor L. E. Allen, the Union secretary, for the remainder of the time. These were seasons of real spiritual uplift, and were deeply appreciated.

Round table talks, instruction, and drill filled the afternoon till 5:45 p.m. From then till supper a Badminton court provided healthy recreation.

After supper the singing of bright choruses around the table and a short worship conducted in the vernacular by one of the colporteurs, ended the day's activities.

Sabbath was a real high day. Our church members gathered in and after re-dedicating heart and life to the Master, the Communion service seemed especially sweet and hallowed. In the afternoon the colporteurs under the leadership of Brother Paul, gave a thrilling account of God's providential care in their door-to-door evangelism. Many related how God had delivered them from the hands of men who had attempted to hinder their work. All related how answered prayer had turned what looked like defeat into victory.

On Sunday morning we were very privileged to have Elder A. L. White with us and for over two hours he thrilled us with his story of Mrs. E. G. White's experiences as God's prophetic messenger to the Remnant Church. This was a grand climax to a very happy and profitable week, spent in fellowship with one another and with the Lord Jesus through His Holy Spirit.

A very much refreshed and recharged band of workers returned to their scattered fields of labour, feeling better equipped for service and determined to "go on, and on, and on," in the great work of saving souls through sales.

## Trust in God's Goodness

(Continued from p. 6.)

courage they pressed on for eight days more, suffering incredible hardships. But they knew they would make it. On the eighth day they heard chopping strokes nearby in the jungle. They cautiously crawled toward the sound of the chopping and fell exhausted before the feet of the very man both had seen in their dreams. Was this a coincidence? Ask them. They believed it was nothing but the hand of God leading them. Left to themselves they could never have made that journey to freedom.

They discovered that the angels of God drew near when they called and that He was not only the God of the temple and sanctuary, but also the God of the mountains and the jungles of New Guinea.

Faith in God's goodness, faith to believe that things will work out, faith that is determined to hold on to God's promises, that believes every dark cloud has a silver lining somewhere about it—that is the secret of survival in the world we dwell in.—*Review and Herald.*

## THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

L. M. SPEAR

*From East to West, from North to South,  
Men seek eternal youth.  
'Tis found alone in Him who is  
The only Way and Truth.*

*The Fount that makes us white and clean,  
And purifies the heart,  
And takes away all guilty stains  
And bids all sin depart.*



**BURMA UNION***President: C. B. Guild**Secretary: R. Myape**Treasurer: Pein Gyi**Office Address: 68 U Wisara  
Road, Rangoon***WORK IN MAYMYO**

F. A. GERLING

**T**HERE are many Voice of Prophecy students in Maymyo. They are earnestly seeking for truth, and we feel that we are in the time of a religious revival in this place.

Our Sabbath school membership has doubled in the past year. Our offerings too have increased considerably. Church attendance is growing and we have many visitors who come to our services.

On Sunday we conduct a Home Commission meeting with an average attendance of sixteen, and we expect to issue at least ten certificates for regular attendance. We have a branch Sabbath school of twenty-two members and we find the use of flannelgraph and films help to hold the interest.

During the week we give a number of Bible studies and sometimes use films in the giving of our studies in the evening. There are many interests here and the people show a receptive attitude.

After church one Sabbath, one gentleman asked about tithing and other points of doctrine. He is now receiving studies daily. Two have asked for baptism, and two others are in the valley of decision. There is a healthy interest here and we ask you to remember these souls in your prayers.

Our isolated members who cannot be visited very often need to be remembered too. One member, Sam Gaw, who is living on the China border, expresses a desire to have a station opened in that territory.

Pray for our work in this region that the Holy Spirit may be poured out in great measure this year.

**WEDDING BELLS**

A SPICER Memorial College graduate, Kyaw Balay was married to Kerah Han, second daughter of veteran Burma worker Pastor Po Han in a very pretty service at the Rangoon church on May 1. Saya Kyaw Balay held the position of Business Manager of the Burma Union High School at Myaungmya during the past year and will return to the same work. Kerah was a teacher at the Rangoon church school, and will carry on her teaching at Myaungmya during the coming year.

As Mrs. Guild played the wedding and bridal march the groom entered and was soon joined by the bride daintily dressed in Burmese style. After all had arrived, a Karen choir sang a vernacular selection especially

suited to the occasion, and the marriage vows were taken.

Bride and groom were accompanied by Orlando Po and Kathryn Chit and two of Saya San Chee's little daughters, one of whom scattered rose petals in the path of the bride and showered the couple with the same in Burmese style at the recessional.

A lively reception was held with Miss Lockie Gifford as mistress of ceremonies, but some of the speeches were rather of a serious nature. A large group enjoyed the refreshments to the sound of electrical orchestra music and various other numbers.

All rejoice at the founding of a Christian home with a good Seventh-day Adventist background, and wish the couple much joy.

—CECIL B. GUILD.

**"COME, FOLLOW ME"**

PAUL H. ELDRIDGE

**"Come, follow Me!"**

I heard the Master's voice, and turned to see  
For whom this invitation had been given;  
"Whose heart so pure," I thought, "whose life so fine,  
To merit thus the Master's gracious call?"

No one was there. I turned again, and saw  
That it was I to whom the Master spoke:  
"Thy sins I will forgive, thy doubts dispel,  
Thy weakness strengthen, and thy faith reward.  
Come thou, and follow Me!"

**"Come, follow Me!"**

The Master stands and beckons as He calls.  
I see ahead the path where duty lies;  
The way is rough, the task demands more skill,  
More wisdom, more great courage than I know.

"Not this road, Lord!" I pray, "and not this task!"  
The Master answers, "Fear thou not to come—  
My feet shall try the trail; thy burden's weight  
Is measured by the strength I will bestow.  
Come thou, and follow Me!"

**"Come, follow Me!"**

The voice is sweet, yet like an organ's tone  
It sweeps across the shining crystal sea  
Where stand in solemn joy the saints of God  
Before the glory gates of Paradise.

The Master calls each name, and every cross  
Becomes a victor's golden crown. Then as  
His nail-pierced hand lays hold of heaven's gate  
And swings it open wide, the Master says,  
"Come thou, and follow Me!"

## NEWS FROM

## THE WORLD FIELD

LITERATURE RECORDS  
BROKEN IN INDONESIA

B. E. WAGNER

A MOST refreshing report of progress has come to us in a letter just received from E. A. Brodeur, publishing department secretary for the Indonesia Union Mission. We quote:

"God has marvellously blessed the work of our faithful colporteurs during 1954. These consecrated men and women have carried our truth-filled literature to every part of Indonesia. Scores of souls have been won to the truth, and many churches have been raised up as a result of their untiring efforts.

"It was my privilege recently to baptize four people during a camp meeting in the North Celebes. These four people were in a group of eighteen who were won to the truth by colporteurs. Our colporteurs are doing something that a few years ago was thought impossible. They are selling books to many of the non-Christians of Indonesia, and bringing them into the truth.

"In addition to making progress in soul winning, our colporteurs are making excellent gains in literature sales. In 1954 our sales were double what they were two years ago. We cannot help feeling that God is preparing to do great and wonderful things for His people in Indonesia. We look to the future fully confident that He will continue to bless the literature ministry in this vast island field.

NINETY-SIX-YEAR-OLD  
SOUL WINNER

B. M. PRESTON

WHILE itinerating among the churches in Montana, the district pastor and I arrived in Hot Springs. He suggested that he would like to have me meet a dear old sister ninety-six years of age, by the name of Mrs. Lillian B. Snavely, who is still an active and zealous soul winner although she is no longer physically able to attend meetings in the church. Her eye-sight has failed, so she can no longer read the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy writings which she loves dearly. But in spite of these

## PROVIDENCES ON OKINAWA

RAYMOND S. MOORE

FROM Okinawa there is a story to tell. There, as in Japan, young people are required to go to school six days a week. Anyone who attends church on Sabbath is interfering with the operation of the public schools. And the Okinawans believe that anybody who interferes with the education of their children is committing treason against their nation.

Up in the northern part of Okinawa, at Okuma, Hentona, and Kijoka, some high school students began attending our Sabbath school. They were very severely criticized by their teachers and principals for leaving school on Sabbath. When their parents heard it, they began to persecute them severely. Some of the parents beat their children; others chained them to trees to keep them from going to Sabbath school. Two of them threatened to kill their children, and one of these threats was published in the newspaper.

The problem of this "strange, treasonous Adventist sect" became widely known, not only in the three northern towns, but over all Okinawa. The superintendent of the schools of northern Okinawa used the principal newspapers of the island to spread the news.

Soon it became so serious that the American occupational authorities offered to step in and forcibly quiet the press of the local town and the school officials. But we didn't want this sort of thing. We made it very clear to our friends in the American civil government that we wanted everything to be done in an atmosphere of freedom, and that we felt it was best to leave things to God. We tried to explain as best we could to the newspapers, and some of them quieted down. Others intensified their activities.

Persecution of the young people

continued. What made matters even worse was that nearly all the children who were stepping out from school to go to Sabbath school were honour students of their schools. So their teachers added to their persecution by recalling the honours that had been given to them. Still they were faithful.

We claimed the promises of God in prayer, pointing out to Him that we were trying to maintain His standards of religious liberty even though we could have used the authority of the American occupation to quell the opposition. We reminded Him, too, that we knew that His power was greater than any other.

## THE ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS

Then again things began to happen. Mr. Miyagi's daughter, who happened to be in Tokyo, went to Japan Missionary College to visit an old friend, Mrs. Ire. She was deeply impressed, and began to study. She wrote home to her parents of her findings. She told them of our welfare work, of our educational work in Japan, and of the Voice of Prophecy. Her mother became interested.

Mrs. Miyagi, who is head of all the women's clubs in northern Okinawa, began to pass the word around to her friends. They became interested. Mrs. Miyagi began to take Bible studies. She is active and forceful, and soon her husband joined her in these Bible studies. As I write this article they are enthusiastically taking Bible lessons.

And now, under the leadership of the Miyagis, the whole attitude of the people is changing in northern Okinawa. We have no more attacks from the newspapers. We have been given license to start a new school at Shuri, Okinawa, to accommodate junior high school children. And this is but the beginning, for God's promises never fail—if we follow His plan.

handicaps, this faithful sister is determined to keep right on winning souls.

She had a real burden to see a near neighbour of hers accept this precious truth. About a year ago she asked this neighbour if she would like to earn a little money. She explained that her eyesight had failed to the point where she no longer was able to read her Bible and study her Sabbath school lesson. She told this neighbour that she would pay her so much an hour for reading to her each day. The neighbour accepted the proposition. She read the Sabbath school lesson to Sister Snavelly. She read chapters from *The Desire of Ages*, *The Great Controversy*, and other writings of the Spirit of prophecy that our sister requested. The result was that Mrs. Pearl Stevens, the neighbour woman, after reading to our faithful sister for an hour or so each day, took her stand for this message. She was recently baptized by H. A. Schultz, and is now a faithful member of the Hot Springs church.

If this dear o'd lady, ninety-six years of age, can find a way to win a soul for Christ, what about those of us in the full vigour of health, with our eye-sight, and ability to go out and visit our neighbours and friends?

### BAPTISM IN GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

F. C. PETTY

Pastor, Guayaquil Central Church

THE gospel of Jesus Christ is still the power of God unto salvation. This was brought forcefully to our attention recently in our Guayaquil, Ecuador, church when thirteen people followed their Lord in baptism. The number was not large, but there were many manifestations of the wonderful workings of the Spirit of God in this service. We could call the roll of the converts and listen to an outstanding testimony from almost everyone. I must mention a few cases.

Here is the young man who, upon graduating from high school, chooses to leave the world and take his place in the cause of Christ, even though his parents have no interest in the church.

There is a young lady who in her childhood attended Sabbath school, but who for many years was swallowed up in the world and its pleasures. One Sabbath morning, sick and discouraged, she was on her way to the hospital when there came over her a conviction that she should go immediately to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She did not know



#### A DREAM OF THE END

George MacKenzie

I dreamed I saw upon the sky  
A sign so great and clear;  
It proved to be the Saviour's sign,  
Whose coming is so near.

I knew the time must be fulfilled  
For our dear Lord to come  
In pow'r and glory from on high  
To take His people home.

I thought, "Oh, Saviour, What of me?  
Have I been true to Thee?  
Have I in every time and place  
Been what I ought to be?"

But then, I knew that my dear Lord  
Had pardoned all my sin,  
And made it very possible  
That I go home with Him.

On waking, it occurred to me  
This was a dream from heav'n  
To point me to a purer life  
With all my sins forgiv'n.

And now I pray that His great love  
May in my heart abide,  
So that I may deny Him not,  
Whatever may betide.

My sins forgiv'n, my heart made  
pure,  
I'll walk with Him in white,  
And spend eternity with Him  
In mansions of delight.



where to find our temple, for she had been accustomed years before to attend services in rented quarters, but she searched for us and found our people in the new church building. Weeping, she briefly explained her story to one of our sisters. Our sister at once sent a note to the pastor asking for special prayer. Soon this young woman made her decision, and descended into the waters of baptism.

Another candidate, an old gentleman with gray hair and paralyzed hands, came to the Lord after a quarter of a century of procrastination.

And who is this crippled old man who is carried into the pool by two

ministers? He is eighty-two. He lost his leg half a century ago in the battle of Cuenca, fighting for Eloy Alfaro. But would you believe it? He had been a giant in his time, and at eighty-two he is still probably one of the strongest men in Ecuador. His little finger can lift a hundredweight. He stands like an oak, and his muscles are as iron. Quite a testimony in favour of health reform, this old soldier, as for decades he has been a sworn enemy of tobacco, alcohol, tea, coffee, and even soft drinks, and for years he has been a vegetarian.

But we must not pass by the man with the soft speech and pleasant smile. Now over fifty, he is one who has sailed the seven seas. His conduct has not been above reproach, whether he was in New York or Hamburg. The prison band found him last year in the municipal penitentiary. As soon as he was free he came to the temple, and for months he has not missed a meeting. He tells not only of a work of grace in his heart but of the healing, by the Lord, of many maladies. His faith is simple and genuine.

Pray for the work in Guayaquil, where the Lord is manifesting His power in the saving of the lost.

### EVANGELISM IN DUNDEE, SCOTLAND

DAVID J. DABSON

ON SUNDAY, October 31, 1954, we began a campaign scheduled for six Sundays in the largest theatre in Dundee. We did not have sufficient funds to book the theatre for a longer period. This campaign began as the result of several answers to prayer. We were fortunate in securing this beautiful theatre for a sum that was one quarter of what is usually charged. This place was the only hall available on Sunday evening in Dundee.

We did not have the money to advertise in the usual way. There were no handbills, no posters, and only a very small advertisement in the week-end paper. Would the people come? The church here in Dundee devoted Sabbath, October 30, to prayer. The results were amazing! Seven hundred people came the first

night, eight hundred the second night, and from then on the attendance has grown.

We have preached the fundamentals of salvation, the glorious Second Advent hope, the importance of baptism, and the other great truths we love. On Sunday, February 6, the last night in the theatre, more than one thousand people flocked to the hall. All our services have been advertised as sponsored by "Your friends, the Adventists." When we asked the great crowd of Scots whether they would like the Adventists to sponsor another series in Dundee next winter, it was thrilling to hear those one thousand voices respond in a loud affirmative! Grateful people pressed coins into the hands of the stewards and murmured thanks "for the work of the Adventists."

Surely this Macedonian call must not go unanswered, for this land is thirsty for the Word of God. Recently members of the Dundee Presbytery of the Church of Scotland have been asking, "How can such a small church sponsor such a large work?" Our youth service, which was held at the same time as the evangelistic service, had a regular attendance of one hundred young people. The experiment in this field of evangelism shows great possibilities if a long term policy were adopted.

And what happened after the fifteenth week? By force of circumstances we had to transfer the people to our suburban church, seating only one hundred people. There was no other hall available. We did this by holding four identical services and packed 450 people into that little church on the sixteenth Sunday. Our problems have not been so much, How to get a crowd, but rather, What to do with the crowd that has come!

We have had our full share of opposition from the press and the other denominations. However, we are pleased to report that the press has recently shown a more friendly attitude and published a few lines regarding our work in Dundee and at the New Gallery in Regent Street, London.

Every Sunday we held a ten-minute season of special prayer after the close of our service and rarely did as many as a dozen people leave. The people often expressed their apprecia-

tion for this part of the meeting. One person said, "These meetings must not stop, for they just keep me going all week!" She has a terrible life with her husband who is a drunkard. Once she thought suicide would be a way out, but since attending the services she has learned of God's wonderful way. People of all classes have been attending and still are coming to our church where we are explaining step by step the full meaning of the plan of salvation.

On Sabbath, February 19, we were happy to have the first of a series of baptisms. At that time, four believers—"the firstfruits"—were added to the church. Our conference president, Bernard F. Kinman, was with us for this service. Since we began our ministry in Dundee, after having worked in the London campaign with Elder Vandeman, we have accepted the goal of doubling the church membership in two years. When we entered Dundee it stood at forty, and as we write it stands at fifty-six. We hope to achieve our purpose by June 30.—*Review and Herald*.

## SOWING AND REAPING

ADRIAN L. HEADLEY

YEARS ago a young woman in the city of Battle Creek, Michigan, almost became a Seventh-day Adventist. Some of her friends and neighbours joined the church, and gave her books and tracts to read. The message they contained was very convincing, but she was not yet ready to make any change in her religious life. She later married, and raised her family in a popular church. After that she almost forgot the message of truth she had heard and read in Battle Creek.

God works in mysterious ways, and although this woman did not know it, the Lord was working in her behalf. She moved to the little village of Walden, New York. During this time she heard nothing of Seventh-day Adventists until in 1952 the Walden *Citizen-Herald* carried a short article stating that a church had been organized in the village.

This brought back memories, and she considered attending, but because she did not know any Seventh-day Adventists she did not go. From time to time she found pieces of their

literature at her door. Finally she became convinced that they were right in their beliefs, but still she hesitated to attend the church.

This woman operated a boarding house, but because of ill-health she decided to sell the property. The Walden church group was looking for a building site, and interviewed her about the property she had for sale, but the price was more than this little group could pay. The pastor, Jamile Jacobs, invited her to the church meetings, but she refused.

About two months ago she sold her property, and moved to a different section of the village to live. As she looked from her window one Sabbath she noticed her next door neighbour come up the path and slip a piece of literature under the door. It was Mrs. James Joy, on her way home from church, leaving tracts at the door of her neighbours. As the woman read the tract she recognized it as Seventh-day Adventist literature. Rushing to the telephone, she called Mrs. Joy and surprised her by asking if she could attend church with her.

It was a proud Mrs. Joy who escorted Mrs. Sanders, for that was this woman's name, to church the next week.

Mrs. Sanders now regularly attends the church and is preparing for baptism. One of her first decisions was to pay tithe on the property she had sold.

This incident reminds us of the text that says, "Sow thy seed, . . . for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that."—*Review and Herald*.

## OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER

I. A. CRANE

MANY today repeat the Lord's Prayer with little thought of what it means. They never think of what "Our Father" might represent. The light, trifling way this prayer is sometimes repeated is really taking God's name in vain.

What a meaning there is to that command, "Honour thy father and thy mother." Parents cannot expect their children to honour and respect them when they are not living lives that inspire such honour. What happy homes there would be if all

parents lived humble, godly lives, thus leading their children to honour them as God intends.

### THE FATHER'S TENDER CARE

Most parents have a tender regard for their children. In later years, when separated from them, how they are burdened if they hear that one of them is sick or passing through a hard trial. In their sympathy they bear the trial with them. May we grasp the thought that this is just how our heavenly Father feels toward us. He cares for us and enters into all our trials just as we enter into those of our dear children.

Jesus taught us to pray to Him who is indeed our Father. Do we realize that He cares for us just as we do for our own children, and watches over us? But how can we know that we are indeed the children of God? The Lord has plainly revealed to us how we can know this. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14. As obedient children have we surrendered ourselves to be led by the Spirit of God. How may we be sure of this experience? "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Verse 16. In other words, when the Spirit and the Word of God indicate what we ought to do, then we give up our own way, choosing only to be led by Him. If this is so then we can know that we are indeed children of God and that the great God, the Ruler of the universe, is indeed our loving heavenly Father. We can know that He will watch over us in all our trials.

O what love is bestowed upon us poor unworthy creatures! Not only are we counted children of God, but God's own Son, our Saviour, is not ashamed to call us brethren. (Heb. 2:11.) Nor is this all. If you are a child of God, *you are an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ* to the heavenly inheritance! O may we appreciate what it means to repeat the words, "Our Father"! These words expressing such a close relationship between us and our Father in heaven should never be spoken lightly or in vain.

"If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." Rom. 8:17.—*Review and Herald.*

## SPICER SERVES SOUTHERN ASIA

R. E. RICE

*President, Spicer Memorial College*

SPICER Memorial College is a Christian college, and yet it is unique in that it is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian college. As such it follows the "blue-print" for Christian education, as it has been given to us by the Spirit of prophecy. Christian education which is "true education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers."—*Education*, p. 13.

Through the years the college has endeavoured to maintain this balance. This year we again dedicate ourselves to the task of further implementing this programme of the "harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers."

The physical aspect includes a study of the body temple, its physical development, the living of a temperate life, choosing a balanced diet, learning a vocation, and above all gaining a most valuable training in self-help. The work programme not only helps a young person to learn the practical side of life, but also teaches lessons of economy, industry, self-denial, practical business management, and steadfastness of purpose, all of which would prove a most important part of their equipment for the battle of life.

The spiritual phase of our programme with chapel periods, worship, Bible classes, studies in evangelism, Dorcas and Missionary Volunteer work, direct the mind to high and holy ideals. "The Bible contains all the principles that men need to understand in order to be fitted either for this life or for the life to come."

In the development of the mind we are exhorted "to train the youth to

be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thoughts." The youth who graduate from Spicer Memorial College must be strong to think and to act; they should be masters and not slaves of circumstances; they should possess breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions. "Such an education provides more than mental discipline; it provides more than physical training. It strengthens the character, so that truth and uprightness are not sacrificed to selfish desire or worldly ambition. It fortifies the mind against evil. . . . What education can be higher than this? What can equal it in value?"

Spicer Memorial College will begin its new school year on June 16, 1955. With a spacious boys' dormitory, a new cafeteria, a new and separate elementary and secondary school building, with some additional industries, but above all, with qualified and consecrated teachers, we look forward to having a banner year.

We look to our churches for the right type of material to fill our college. We want boys and girls, young men and young women, who have given their hearts to Jesus, and whose aim and purpose is to prepare their lives for higher, broader and further service in His cause. We need young people who have decided that they want Jesus alone to be the Pilot of their lives. Then, because of this decision, they will be prepared to co-operate with the faculty in every phase of college life.

We want our college to be an ideal college, a place which is a carefully designed educational environment in which young people of high purpose and fervent zeal come together voluntarily and joyfully to seek the effective help of devoted, dedicated, inspired Christian teachers while they prepare themselves and help to prepare each other for a life of self-effacing Christian service throughout Southern Asia.

## REMOVING A MOUNTAINS—OF WHAT?

CECIL B. GUILD

HAVING been born and raised in Michigan and Wisconsin with their low rolling hills, the fact that my grandmother had a railway pass, had been "Out West" and had seen the mountains, always fascinated me, and I considered her one of the heroes of the family. For that reason, perhaps the much-quoted text of Matthew 17:20 has intrigued me through the years:

"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief; for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

Christ used this and similar expressions on three different occasions. At the time above a lunatic boy's father had brought his mad son to the staff of the Great Physician. As he suspected, they could do nothing for him. On another occasion Jesus had cursed the fig tree and it had withered away. Jesus answered:

"Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that, those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:22, 23.

In the Luke 17 record, Jesus had been instructing the disciples in the importance of forgiving their brethren. His formula far outstripped any of theirs—seventy times seven, and seven times in a day. The disciples asked for spiritual surgery: "Lord increase our faith."

"And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamore tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." Luke 17:6.

There may have been physical mountains within sight, but in my humble opinion Jesus was looking at his disciples close by. He didn't mention the difficulty of curing

mental diseases, but spoke of their lack of faith. Likewise at the fig tree, Jesus spoke of faith, belief, prayer, and forgiveness—not of the difficulty of killing a tree.

In Luke 17 the disciples asked for faith to overcome their hardness of disposition. Jesus granted their request as He will do for any who may feel the need for a forgiving spirit.

"He will have compassion upon us: he will subdue our iniquities; and

thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Micah 7:19.

Modern bull-dozers, and hoists, and atom bombs may suffice to remove trees and even mountains, but it takes the old-fashioned grace of God to take the unforgiving spirit out of our hearts. That is the heart of Christian living.

"It is the spirit cherished which gives colouring to all our actions. A man at peace with God and his fellow-men cannot be made miserable. Envy will not be in his heart; evil surmising will find no room there; hatred cannot exist. The heart in harmony with God is lifted above the annoyances and trials of this life."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V. p. 488.

## DO WE EMBARRASS GOD?

MRS. A. P. PETERSEN

THERE is a great need in the church for expressing more reverence toward God, for demonstrating true respect for His sanctuary and for inspiring each member with the spirit of Christian courtesy.

For a recent Sabbath the pastor of our Battle Creek Tabernacle prepared a special sermon entitled "Do We Embarrass God?" This service will not soon be forgotten.

As the members entered the vestibule of the Tabernacle they were confronted with a striking poster bearing these words, "The Master Is Here!" Before the doors into the sanctuary stood these impressive placards, "God's House Is the Gate to Heaven."

Pondering these thoughts, the members stepped inside the auditorium to behold an unusual sight. At the altar letters of black forming the words "Reverence My Sanctuary" arrested their attention. Above the entrance to the minister's room was this solemn warning, "Be Still, and Know That I Am God"; over an exit was, "Thou God Seest Me"; and by the newly-decorated baptistry was seen, "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple." Another poster admonished all to "Be Silent, a Whisper Is Heard!" The primary, junior, and youth divisions also displayed these

silent reminders, and the hallways and stairs were posted with cards requesting each one to "Tread Softly!"

After the congregation quietly took their seats and opened the bulletin for the day, these words from the pen of Ellen G. White demanded rapt attention:

"When they enter the Lord's house it should be with hearts that are softened and subdued by such thoughts as these, 'God is here; this is His house. . . . I must have no pride, envy, jealousy, evil surmising, hatred, or deception in my heart, for I am coming into the presence of the holy God. This is the place where God meets with and blesses His people. The high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity looks upon me, searches my heart and reads the most secret thoughts and acts of my life.'"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 494.

After the choral anthem "Be Still, and Know that I Am God," the pastor read Psalms 90:1-7 and Hebrews 2:20 as the texts for his sermon. "Do We Embarrass God?" He stated that reverence is a feeling of profound respect often mingled with awe and affection, and that true reverence for God is inspired by a sense of His infinite greatness and presence.

At the close of this impressive

service we left, an unusually quiet church. How quickly God's children respond to a forceful reminder! O that we may each one learn the lesson of courtesy and reverence toward our dear Lord and Master! If we are truly reverent in our hearts, we will be reverent outwardly, and no longer will we embarrass God by our disorderly actions in His sanctuary.—*Review and Herald.*

## GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS CHURCH

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with power from beneath, and Satan will cast all the reproach possible upon the chosen ones whom he cannot deceive and delude with his satanic inventions and falsehoods. But exalted "to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins," will Christ, our representative and head, close His heart, or withdraw His hand, or falsify His promise? No; never, never.

### IDENTIFIED WITH HIS CHURCH

God has a church, a chosen people, and could all see as I have seen how closely Christ identifies Himself with His people, no such message would be heard as the one that denounces the church as Babylon. God has a people who are labourers together with Him, and they have gone straight forward, having His glory in view. Listen to the prayer of our Representative in heaven: "Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory." Oh, how the divine Head longed to have His church with Him! They had fellowship with Him in His suffering and humiliation, and it is His highest joy to have them with Him to be partakers of His glory. Christ claims the privilege of having His church with Him. "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." To have them with Him is according to covenant promise and agreement with His Father. He reverently presents at the mercy seat His finished redemption for His people. The bow of promise encircles our Substitute and Surety as He pours out His petition of love, "Fa-

ther, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory." We shall behold the King in His beauty, and the church will be glorified.

Like David, we may now pray, "It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law." Men have gone on in disobedience to God's law until they have reached a point of insolence that is unparalleled. Men are training in disobedience, and are fast approaching the limit of God's forbearance and love, and God will surely interfere. He will surely vindicate His honour, and repress the prevailing iniquity. Will God's commandment-keeping people be carried away with the prevailing iniquity? Will they be tempted, because universal scorn is placed upon the law of God, to think less of that law which is the foundation of His government both in heaven and in earth. No. To His church His law becomes more precious, holy, honourable, as men cast upon it scorn and contempt. Like David, they can say, "They have made void Thy law. Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way."

The church militant is not now the church triumphant; but God loves His church, and describes through the prophet how He opposes and resists Satan, who is clothing the children of God in the blackest and most defiled garments, and pleading for the privilege of destroying them. The angels of God were protecting them from the assaults of the enemy. The prophet says:

"And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the Angel. And He answered and spake unto those that stood before Him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold,

I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the Angel of the Lord stood by. And the Angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by."

### TEACHERS TO BE SHUNNED

When men arise, claiming to have a message from God, but instead of warring against principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world, they form a hollow square, and turn the weapons of

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## Southern Asia Tidings

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## Miscellany

● ON Saturday night, May 14, 142 students at the Seminary Extension School received their certificates after 8 weeks of intensive study. As the students return to their various fields they go with a vision and a determination strengthened by their association with the instructors and fellow workers at the school.

● EVERYONE was sorry to bid farewell to Dr. F. H. Yost and Elder M. K. Eckenroth who left on May 15, flying to the Holy Land and then on to the United States. Elder A. L. White left the same day, returning directly to the States with only a brief stop in Switzerland to counsel with the brethren there on some of the White publication work. May the Lord watch over them as they travel and resume their labours.

● PASTOR V. D. Koilpillai and Pastor S. N. David have spent approximately a month on the estate at Poona, doing intensive reading work in connection with the proposed compilation from Mrs. White's works to be published for our church members. This task rests heavily on the hearts of these brethren as well as the others who have been reading. As this phase of our literature work goes forward, surely the Lord will bless and strengthen the work in our field. It is hoped to publish approximately 500 pages of material from the Testimonies, in 12 vernaculars by the end of 1957.

● PASTOR T. R. Torkelson visited Spicer Memorial College and Poona over the week-end of May 14. He gave an inspiring consecration sermon at the Extension School on Friday evening.

● ALTHOUGH we do not like to say good-bye, we have had to do it many times this month. Dr. and Mrs. George A. Nelson left for their furlough on May 6, and on May 11 the Dr. R. M. Shrewsbury and family also left from Karachi. Both Drs. are hoping to carry on an active programme of study during their time in the States and return to the work here in Southern Asia.

● ON May 15, 3 families sailed

from Bombay for Great Britain and Canada. Brother N. O. Matthews with his wife Sheila Lamb Matthews and 2 small daughters, Brother O. S. Matthews and his family, and Brother R. L. Jurianz and his wife. As their boat stops in Karachi the D. H. Hunter family will join them. As these four families settle in a new country we wish them much of the Lord's blessing.

● AT ONE a.m. April 14 at the Mingaladon airport Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murrill, and family were welcomed back to the Rangoon hospital by many of their friends.

● PASTOR and Mrs. D. J. Donesky and their two children arrived in Bombay at 3:00 a.m. May 16, and were welcomed to Poona that evening.

● ELDER E. E. Roenfelt stopped in Calcutta and Karachi on his return from leave in Australia enroute back to Washington.

● MR. and Mrs. D. C. Hunter and their five children visited at Spicer College and Poona over the week-end of May 14th. They have been on long leave visiting Mrs. Hunter's father in Madras.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Recently one of our Missionaries who returned to India brought with him a Malary Microphone Jack, and a Shave Master Resist Model S. A.

The person bringing the items does not know for whom they are intended, and we do not have any record of any such orders in our office.

If any Missionary reading this note is the one who has placed this order, please communicate with the Treasury department at the Division and we will send the items on to you.

—L. C. SHEPARD



### God's Love for His Church

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warfare against the church militant, be afraid of them. They do not bear the divine credentials. God has not given them any such burden of labour. They would tear down that

which God would restore by the Laodicean message. He wounds only that He may heal, not cause to perish. The Lord lays upon no man a message that will discourage and dishearten the church. He reproves, He rebukes, He chastens; but it is only that He may restore and approve at last. How glad my heart was made by the report from the General Conference that many hearts were softened and subdued, that many made humble confessions, and cleared away from the door of the heart the rubbish that was keeping the Saviour out. How glad I was to know that many welcomed Jesus in as an abiding guest. How is it that these pamphlets denouncing the Seventh-day Adventist Church as Babylon were scattered abroad everywhere; at the very time when that church was receiving the outpouring of the Spirit of God? How is it that men can be so deceived as to imagine that the loud cry consists in calling the people of God out from the fellowship of a church that is enjoying a season of refreshing? Oh, may these deceived souls come into the current, and receive the blessing, and be endued with power from on high.—*Review and Herald*, Oct. 17, 1893. Reprinted in *Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 19-23.

### HEALTH EVANGELISM

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and the most widely read journals are *Life and Health* and *Good Health*. Another feature that is growing rapidly is the health correspondence course of fifteen lessons, used with the *Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course*, and offered each week night.

More than three hundred souls have been won by the combined ministry of gospel and medical missionary work in London. Truly, it is time that we study, pray, and lay plans to unite all our medical and ministerial talent in a great soul-saving campaign that will be worldwide. The work in the cities, when done as God would have it done, will set in operation a movement that is long overdue.—*Review and Herald*.