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THIS issue of the SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS carries a very special message to YOU, whoever you are, who are reading its pages NOW. This message is an appeal to each of us to make a special effort during MV Week, July 16 to 23, to save the youth within our own church.

We spend great sums of money and put forth gigantic effort to bring the gospel of a soon-coming Saviour to those outside our ranks. We thrill as we see souls won and members added to God's remnant church. This is well and good, but let us beware lest at the same time we neglect the most fruitful and important field of evangelism—one which lies within our own doors—the YOUTH of our own church!

During the coming Missionary Volunteer Week, July 16 to 23, let us look well to our own households, our own churches, our own young people. Are they all saved? Have they truly given their hearts to God? Have you and I done all we possibly could to win them to the Friend of children and youth who holds out His arms to welcome them into His fold? If not, before us is a wonderful



Elder O. O. Mattison, President,
Southern Asia Division, says,

“SAVE
THE
YOUTH!”

opportunity to make up for our neglect.

We should each make most prayerful and thorough preparation for this special Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer. Let us put forth every effort publicly and by personal contact to win to Christ every unconverted young person in our homes, in our churches, in our schools and in our Missionary Volunteer societies. Let us determine to help those who have already surrendered their hearts to Him to renew their covenant and go forth to SHARE THEIR FAITH. Workers and parents will accomplish much more if they will enlist the aid of the young people themselves. The most effective sermon for any youth is the exemplary life of another youth who is anxious and willing to SHARE HIS FAITH by telling what Christ has done for him.

When we all work together for the salvation of the unconverted youth among us our own souls will be watered and refreshed. During each hour of MV Week let our prayers ascend to the Lord; then let us go forth to help answer these prayers.

MV WEEK OF PRAYER—JULY 16-23



R. W. Shorter, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Bombay State Section.

MV WEEK IN EVERY VILLAGE

ROLAND W. SHORTER

TO BE totally effective MV Week must be totally operative. This means that the purpose and the plan of this special week must reach every youth in every village church.

During MV Week the leaders in our village churches should plan special evening meetings enlivened by songs and personal testimonies. The youth should be encouraged to bring to these meetings young non-Adventist friends of high standards. Activities should be planned which will capture the interest of the young people and make this week more effective. A special emphasis on front line evangelism or some other phase of our **SHARE YOUR FAITH** programme might be made. The MV KIT rightly and prayerfully used enables the youth leader to plan with confidence for these meetings. Youth enjoy activity and this activity can be planned and directed to help gain our great objective of this MV Week—the winning of the youth to Christ.

The church school teacher in the village can utilize the morning worship periods of this week in a special way to foster the great aim of true education which is also the aim of MV Week—to know God. In many cases the local pastor in co-operation with the teacher can present the messages of the Week to the children and youth in the school and win their decisions for Christ.

In other cases the teacher must lead out in this programme without help from the local church.

The common objection to a strong village programme—"There are so few Adventist youth in this village,"—may be turned into a great advantage. When one has only a few to instruct and guide it is easier to be more personal and to give more individual attention. It is this personal approach to souls that brings results.

A great opportunity to save the youth comes to the church this MV Week. May its influence be felt in every village where there is a Seventh-day Adventist church or company.



J. F. Ashlock, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Southern Asia Division.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK

J. F. ASHLOCK

THE greatest asset of the church in Southern Asia is her youth. They are her most precious heritage. To them we must look for future leadership in the cause of God. Before us lies no greater task; upon us rests no heavier responsibility than that of turning their feet from the ways of sin into paths of righteousness and leading them from worldly pursuits to noble service for God and their fellowmen. It is a sobering thought, but one we must consider—if the

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Barnabas Peter, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Burma Union.

MV WEEK FOR EVERY CHURCH

BARNABAS PETER

WHY MV Week for Every Church? It is a question which concerns every church officer. The answer to it is simply because a church needs one. MV Week has been provided for us in the Church Calendar for many years; yet very few churches take it seriously. We are thankful that the Division has reminded us of its importance and urges that we devote the week July 16-23, to our young people. Church

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I. K. Moses, Acting Missionary Volunteer Secretary, South India Union.



E. L. Juriensz, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Ceylon Union.

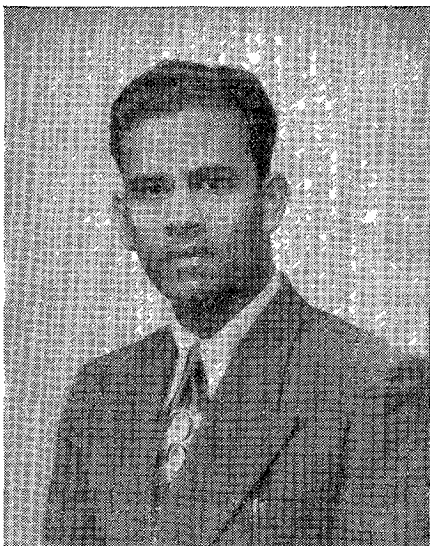
THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

E. L. JURIANSZ

WHENEVER the MV Week of Prayer comes along I am reminded of the message of the Lord as recorded in Jeremiah 18:1-6. "Then I went to the potter's house, and behold he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter and so he made another. . . . Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand so are ye in mine hand."

The potter takes the clay and moulds it according to his will. He

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S. James, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Northwestern India Union.

YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS

S. JAMES

THESE are God's words—His words of promise of what He has in store for the youth of the remnant church. "Your young men shall see visions." Joel 2:28. This promise should thrill the heart of every young Adventist. It should bring great courage and hope to church leaders, for in it is one of God's plans to finish His work.

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S. Jesu Dass, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Northeast Union.

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER

S. JESU DASS

RECENTLY I watched with great fascination and wonder the construction of a firm foundation for a twenty-one-storey building in the city of Calcutta. For weeks hundreds of workmen and huge machines worked to remove immense quantities of dirt and rubble to make room for the laying of the foundation. At every corner and at key points along the deep foundation excavation huge

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M. G. Champion, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, West Pakistan Union.

"THERE IS DANGER"

M. G. CHAMPION

MISSIONARY Volunteer Week is designed to be a feast, a spiritual feast. For many in this Division it will be just that. But there is a big question that needs consideration, and that is, What is to follow the feast? For many there may be a "hang over," a natural reaction to a programme of too much in too short a time, when a steady balanced diet has not been the habit.

I would like to propound this question to every one who is interested in the children, juniors and youth of this Division—What is your programme for these young members of God's family, for the week, the month, and the quarter that follows Missionary Volunteer Week? You plan to stress the Morning Watch, the Bible Year, Outpost Evangelism and the whole programme of "Share Your Faith" activities. You plan to boost the Missionary Volunteer class work. This is certainly all a part of the programme. How successful have you been with all this in the past?

Are your activities a well-rounded, interest-arousing, and sustaining endeavour that begets the friendship of juniors and youth? "Youth can not be made as sedate and grave as old age, the children as solemn as the sire. While sinful amusements are condemned, as they should be, let

parents, teachers and guardians of youth provide in their stead innocent pleasures which will not taint or corrupt morals." *C.T.*, p. 335. "There is danger that both parents and teachers . . . fail to come sufficiently into social relation with their children or scholars. . . . If they would gather the children close to them, and show that they love them, and would manifest an interest in all their efforts and even in their sports, sometimes even being children among them, they would make the children very happy and would win their love and confidence." *C.T.*, pp. 76, 77.

"Give some of your leisure hours to your children. Associate with them in their work and in their sports and win their confidence. Cultivate their friendship." *C.T.*, p. 124.

Here is instruction that is being followed in theory at least, in the well-rounded Missionary Volunteer programme, as mapped out by our General Conference department. Camps, field days, hikes, looking up through nature to nature's God, with parents and children together, are activities that accomplish the fulfilment of this "duty."

How much is being done along this line in your community? If there is a suggestion for a field day in which young and old are joined together, what is your attitude? "There is danger" that we fail to avail ourselves of these privileges where we can come into close contact with and win the confidence of these young people. We say that we are too busy.

Children and youth cannot be expected to find real interest in any programme that is just additional class work and meetings.

In the Southern Asia Division most of our children and youth who are attending school, are expected to follow a programme that is so full that it doesn't recognize that they are children and youth. It finds no place for the recreation indicated in the above quotations. When a suggestion is made that time be taken by those of us who are older, to join with these young people in something that is stated as a "duty," because it is not our idea of evangelism or school programme or self-improvement and soul winning, then we have no time for it. We have no time for these

young people, we fail to win their confidence and friendship—"there is danger."

We plan sometime to go out with the young folk. We promise them we will go. We even set a time, but when the time comes some urgent work presses in and we excuse ourselves. We tell these young people that something more important has come up. The young people soon learn their relative importance, and "the value" of our promises. While these young people find their own company and amusement we do our "more important work." "*There is danger.*"

If 75 or 50 per cent of all the children of the families of Seventh-day Adventist church members and adherents in this Division, in the last 40 years had been saved to the church and the Kingdom of God through a programme of their salvation being made the most important task we have, what would statistics show today?

Yes, "there is danger". How many of these young people who might "stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice or in royal courts" as witnesses for the kingdom of Christ will not be there because we "have something more important" to do?

The complete Missionary Volunteer programme envisions the opening of both of God's books, and as parents and teachers and guardians, together with their children, through the printed Word and the Book of Nature, finding the God of nature, as they together learn the joy of being co-workers with God in making things with their hands, the danger will be guarded against, for—really—"there is danger."

MV WEEK IN BURMA

C. B. GUILD

THE Burma Union is in earnest about the MV Week of Prayer. It is being promoted enthusiastically in our *Union Herald*. The workers are already adjusting their programmes to take part. The speaker for the Union High School has been appointed. Pastor A. E. Anderson has conducted a special institute for the Delta workers, furnishing materials and suggestions on conducting a successful Week of Prayer. We need your prayers that this may be the greatest forward advance of Burma youth that has ever taken place.

THE STUDENTS' BEST WEEK

R. E. RICE

President, Spicer Memorial College

THE opening of every school year is a time when adjustments are made. Every young person is placed in a new environment when new associations are formed, new classes are begun, new books are bought, new situations are to be met. Away at school or at college the young person suddenly discovers that he is all alone in the world. There is no one at hand to consult before making a decision. Father and Mother, elder brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, Grandpa and Grandma are all far away. Of course, there are the teachers and the students at hand, but they are all so new, how could one open one's heart to these strangers? It is at this very critical juncture when an "elder brother" or "a friend which sticketh closer than a brother" is such a comfort.

This is the time then to launch into a real spiritual "Week of Prayer." This is the time for "the students' best week." A week when the attention of each student should be directed to Christ who is the very centre and core of Christian education. A week filled with opportunities for students to pray together, to pray for one another, to work and visit together, and thus to get better acquainted with one another. As they pray together and work together, and visit together, carrying with them the thoughts and sentiments of the messages and songs used during the week they will be greatly encouraged and strengthened. They will gain a new vision, they will obtain new strength and their hearts will be filled with happiness.

"Man will increase in power as he

follows on to know the Lord. . . . By following on to know the Lord, he is securing never-ending happiness. Day by day the peace of God is his reward, and by faith he sees a home of everlasting sunshine, free from all sorrow and disappointment. God directs his footsteps, and keeps him from falling."—Mrs. E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, February 25, 1902.

What a wonderful experience is described in these words! Aren't these the things that our young people desire? Is this not the reason they have come to our schools? Every Christian young person desires "never-ending happiness, the peace of God, and a home of everlasting sunshine, free from all sorrow and disappointment." But these could only be obtained if they will "follow on to know the Lord." This then is the time to introduce our youth to Jesus Christ, their Saviour and Friend and the moment they "turn their eyes upon Jesus and look full in His wonderful face, the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

A school year which is begun on a keynote of this kind will end without a ripple.

MV WEEK OF PRAYER IN WEST PAKISTAN

C. H. HAMEL

President, West Pakistan Union

THE Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer brings us another wonderful opportunity to win the lambs of the flock for Christ. We spend much time and money to win unbelievers to Christ and many times overlook the fact that one of the best fields we have is the group of young people growing up in our schools and churches. Sometimes we take it for granted that they are all converted and then find too late that it is not true. We should make a determined effort in the 1955 Week of Prayer to plan special meetings for our young people in all of our centres.

We are making plans to have good help in Chuharkana School and our other main centres. I'm sure God will bless every effort put forth to reach and save our young people.

THE VALUE OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER TO THE SCHOOL

M. O. MANLEY

Principal, Vincent Hill School

SEVENTH-DAY Adventist schools, when fulfilling the true purpose of their establishment, provide adequate means for the physical, the mental and the spiritual development of the student. The successful administration of this purpose cannot help but fulfil one of the most important aims of education, namely, to educate for life. However, we believe that such a programme rightly administered and properly directed under the guidance of God will not only educate for this life but it will most certainly prepare for and effectively guide toward the life to come.

Careful thinking upon the true purpose and aim of Seventh-day Adventist schools reveals how closely the spiritual, the mental and the physical components of the student are inter-dependent upon each other. The neglect of one means the weakening of the others. The over-emphasis of one results eventually in a finished product out of harmony with the pattern. Surely arriving at and maintaining the perfect balance among all three is one of the finest arts ever committed into the hands of those that be teachers. Its proper and satisfactory development can come only by continued study of the blueprint of Christian education and above all by a complete consecration on the part of the teacher to maintain the principles of our God-directed educational system.

One of the finest and most effective aids in the development of a deep spiritual atmosphere in a school family is a week of spiritual emphasis, probably better known to most of us as a Week of Prayer. When such is conducted under the prayerful direction of one of God's servants and with the whole-hearted co-operation of every member of the school staff great victories for God will be won by the students who are privileged to be in such an atmosphere. Lives previously hedged in with sin will be surrendered to their Saviour and the hedge of sin

will give way to a saving wall of faith. Souls that have been struggling with disappointment and discouragement will be enlightened and encouraged by the realization that the Son of God saves a boy or a girl when sins are confessed and the heart is opened to His influence and the will yielded with no reserves to His guidance. Hearts and minds of young people who have been sometimes bitterly opposing the voice of the Holy Spirit will be subdued and yielded to the One who alone can bring perfect peace. Problems that have seemed as great barriers across the pathway of a young person's forward progress in a successful Christian experience will be removed.

Nothing will do more for a school family than a God-directed Week of Prayer. It is one of the most powerful influences for good in guiding and maintaining the spiritual development of Seventh-day Adventist youth in Seventh-day Adventist schools. Its ultimate accomplishments are beyond our ability to now compute. We shall never know until eternity how great has been the influence of Weeks of Prayer in the saving of our boys and girls—perhaps *your boy or your girl*.

MV WEEK OF PRAYER IN SOUTH INDIA

E. L. SORENSEN

President, South India Union

THE spiritual development of our young people is one of the greatest responsibilities and privileges that God has given to His church. During the week July 16-23 we are planning to have a season of spiritual devotion in every one of our churches and companies as well as in our high schools and hospitals. It is an inspiration to know that throughout Southern Asia our great family of youth will be praying together for special divine help during these same days. There is strength in united prayer, and surely the Spirit of God is waiting to pour out His blessing in an unusual measure as we unitedly

seek His power. May this Week of Prayer be a milestone in the lives of all of our young people, bringing Jesus closer to the hearts of all the youth in our field.

NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION MV WEEK

T. R. TORKELSON

President, Northwestern India Union

IT IS a fact to be reckoned with by the Church that many of the youth of today have lost their faith in God and feel they have nothing to live for. These recently published words of a 22-year old girl in France give expression to this attitude: "We have seen all of our illusions destroyed, our spirits broken, our hopes deceived. We have given up everything. We believe in nothing. Our only interest is the struggle for our own personal subsistence."

We in the Northwestern India Union want our youth to know that there is something to live for and a glorious eternity with Jesus to prepare for. For this reason we welcome the opportunity that the annual MV Week brings to us to focus the attention of our youth on these higher and nobler purposes of life. Those in attendance at our Adventist schools will be in a position to take full advantage of this opportunity, for during that week special programmes of religious devotion are planned, with Pastor D. S. Johnson in charge at Roorkee, and Pastor M. D. Moses leading out at Hapur.

In the field, too, Brother S. James our Union MV Departmental secretary, will be busy circulating among the churches doing everything in his power to make this week a success. And every church pastor is being asked to make this week a time of special endeavour for youth. It is our united desire that this week shall contribute much to helping our youth to understand what God designs they should and can be through His grace.



"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."—"Education," p. 271.



THE PLACE OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT NARSAPUR

W. F. ZILL

Principal, Narsapur High School

THE fundamental purpose of Christian Education is the saving of souls. This is done in two stages. First, the saving of the youth themselves, and secondly, by the training given those students they become workers in God's cause and save others.

Accomplishing this purpose is not a one-sided endeavour. Every aspect of the school's programme should be—and we pray, IS—geared to that



"We have an army of youth who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth."—"General Conference Bulletin," Vol. 5, No. 2, p. 24 (Jan. 29, 30, 1893).



YOUTH PRIZED

A. R. APPEL

President, Bombay State Section

THERE is nothing in the world today that is more prized and sought after than youth. Millions are spent each year by people who want to feel young and look young. Youth is the time of adventure and training for the heaviest responsibilities of life. Youth is the time when wisdom, divine wisdom, must be supplied to match the unlimited vigour and vitality of young manhood and young womanhood. I thank the Lord for our energetic, faithful and consecrated youth in the Advent Message. I also thank the Lord for the Missionary Volunteer societies, which of divine inspiration, help to fill the greatest needs of our youth today. It is our youth, as they catch the vision of the man of Calvary, who are going to finish the work and sweep victoriously in through the gates to the New Jerusalem. God bless our MV societies and each of our devoted, consecrated and inspired youth.

objective. The work programme, the class room instruction, the chapel programmes, the religious services—every phase of school life is essential in the over-all campaign.

While it is true that every part of the school programme should contribute to developing a Christ-like character in the youth, there must be a definite, concentrated effort to aid the Holy Spirit in Its work of bringing about a complete surrender to God and a full, open acceptance of Christ and His principles by the individual youth. There can be no better means of accomplishing this than by the proper use of the two weeks of prayer held each year, and particularly the MV Week of Prayer during the first part of the school year. It is with that purpose in mind and with definite plans to that end that we conduct our Weeks of Prayer at Narsapur.

No programme of such vital importance should go unplanned, and there is much that can be done ahead of time to assure a success in the "decision drive." At Narsapur we have found that the following have been largely instrumental in our Weeks of Prayer being a success:

1. Previous planning by the school administration and the speaker-to-be as to the desired objective, such as, at Narsapur: The formation of a baptismal class at the end of the MV Week of Prayer. (Personal rededications and reconsecrations will automatically follow if new decisions are obtained.)
2. Counselling of speaker and members of the school staff as to the needs and condition of the student body as a whole and individuals in particular.
3. Speaker and staff having their own prayer meetings.
4. Planning at least one Friday vesper and one Sabbath service just prior to the Week of Prayer so as to "set the stage" for the coming programme.
5. Dividing of the student body into small, similar-age prayer bands.
6. Arranging a class and work

schedule which will allow unhurried meetings, prayer bands, etc.

7. Planning a study and work programme which will provide adequate time for personal counselling periods.

8. Providing a "Question Box" for the Week of Prayer meetings, for it is astonishing what serious and helpful questions students will turn in.

9. Arranging for appropriate music, student participation in meetings, etc.

Other points could be listed for circumstances necessitate different plans for each Week of Prayer.

Even though the baptism of a large number of students may appear as the highlight of the years' school programme, a bit of reflection will show that the actual climax took place back on the last day of the MV Week of Prayer when the surrenders were made, decisions taken, and a baptismal class formed.

During the last two years at Narsapur over 40 young people have been added to the church in the above outlined way—and just as surely as there is a July 23 on the 1955 calendar, we at Narsapur know that again on that last day of the MV Week of Prayer another group of young people will stand up for Jesus and begin preparation for baptism.

UPS AND DOWNS

C. H. TIDWELL

Principal, Roorkee High School

"SOMETIMES I'm up; sometimes I'm down," are the words of an old song, but they put forth an idea that has more recently been established as a scientific fact. Almost everything, from the weather to human emotions, has been found to go in cycles. Very few things, including our own Christian experience remain static. Oftentimes after an especially profitable and enjoyable series of meetings or a week of prayer or a youths' camp we hear someone say, "Oh, I wish every week of my life could be like this! It would be so easy to be a good Christian." But every week or even every day cannot and should not find us keyed to the highest pitch. Some few days and experiences of our lives stand out as red-letter days; the

others will be of a more ordinary type. There will be some days when we do not feel as exuberant as at other times.

Walking the Christian way can be likened to climbing an icy slope. It is very difficult to climb without slipping. Some slip to climb again, reaching greater heights than before. Others slip and fall to rise no more, with neither the will nor encouragement to try again. In mountain climbing the climbers tie themselves together for their mutual benefit. It does not insure against slipping and falling, but it does aid in coming back after a temporary setback.

In the Christian way we are not

climbing alone. Not only are we selfish but we are on dangerous ground if we try to go it alone. We must share our energy with others, aiding them, leading them, holding them if they falter, catching them if they fall. This can truly be said to be sharing our faith. By sharing we help others and protect ourselves. Nor must we forget that there is Another who is sharing His faith with us. His strength will aid us in the climb. We are bound to those who are climbing with us by chords of love and fellowship, and with stronger bonds may we be made fast to our Helper who has gone the way before us.

THE BACK BENCH

O. A. SKAU

I WAS deeply interested in an article in the Norwegian church paper "Evangeliets Sendebud." This article was taken from the paper "The Missionary," of Stockholm. For your benefit I have translated this article and I hope its message may help those who habitually seek the back seat.

"I am the last bench. In many places I am not at all popular. At a foot-ball game no one wants me. At the large stadiums I am often overlooked. When two boxers enter the ring, people usually seek to get as far from me as possible.

"But in a church I am always popular. There I am the most important bench in the whole building. I don't amount to much in other places, but believe me, when I come to the church, then I am something! People actually fight over me. I am always more fully occupied than the other benches. The young people love me, and so do the older ones also. I don't look too good. The other benches are often much more attractive when it comes to appearance. There are several unfavourable things about me. The listeners can hear the preacher better, listen to the singers better, and be more blessed when they sit on the other benches. But in spite of all this it does not appear that I lose any of my popularity. It looks as though I am needed more than ever before. Sinners love me, and so do the Christians.

"I am the first bench to be filled. I never stand empty. At times I feel real sorry for the front benches. They look so sad and downcast, as though it were a funeral and they were waiting for the mourners to come in and be seated.

"Some people say they want to be within hearing distance of the gospel. But why don't they then seat themselves within the hearing distance? Why do they always seat themselves on me? Why don't they seat themselves farther forward so that they may be within hearing distance of the preacher?

"I wish I had place for more people than I now have. From time to time I have thought that the audience in the church would be larger if I only had place for more people. Were I to be polite to all, then I would not know what to do. The seating has surely been a problem to me.

"I remember one old sinner that hadn't been here for three months. At last one Sunday evening he decided to go to church. He thought he could quietly slip in to the church and seat himself on me without anyone noticing him. But when he got in, I was fully seated with dear, thoughtless Christians so that there wasn't a place for him. He then turned around and went away again. He has not been back since.

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The Remnant Church

THE REMNANT CHURCH NOT BABYLON*

THE ACCUSER AND HIS WORK

ELLEN G. WHITE

I HAVE been made very sad in reading the pamphlet that has been issued by Brother S. and by those as-

* This section is composed of a series of articles which were published in the *Review and Herald* from August 22 to September 19, 1893.

sociated with him in the work he has been doing. Without my consent, they have made selections from the *Testimonies*, and have inserted them in the pamphlet they have published, to make it appear that my writings sustain and approve the position they advocate. In doing this they have

done that which is not justice or righteousness. Through taking unwarrantable liberties they have presented to the people a theory that is of a character to deceive and destroy. In times past many others have done this same thing, and have made it appear that the *Testimonies* sustained

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEVENTH-DAY

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized Churches	Membership Last Reported	Members Added			Members Dropped			Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers		Licensed Ministers		Credentialed Missionaries		Licensed Missionaries		Colporteurs		Other Workers		Total Workers
			By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter Missing		For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	For.	Non For.	
BURMA UNION																						
Central Burma Section	5	240	7	—	—	—	—	246	2	3	—	—	—	—	5	8	—	—	—	3	7	14
Delta Section	14	984	26	—	—	—	1	1,016	1	4	—	—	—	1	1	10	—	—	—	19	2	37
Tenasserim Section	7	473	9	—	—	1	—	481	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	17	—	23
Union & Union Institutions	1	246	1	—	—	—	4	243	2	2	—	—	—	4	3	3	—	—	3	3	9	25
Totals	27	1,943	43	—	—	1	5	1,980	5	11	—	10	3	5	10	28	—	3	—	42	18	99
CEYLON MISSION																						
Totals	11	559	3	—	9	—	9	562	2	5	—	3	—	—	3	7	—	5	—	16	5	36
NORTHEAST UNION																						
Assam Section	15	887	19	—	—	—	—	906	2	—	—	11	—	—	4	13	—	—	—	14	6	38
East India Section	22	1,155	38	—	3	1	7	1,187	4	11	2	6	2	3	8	30	—	12	—	—	16	62
East Pakistan Section	18	791	59	—	—	1	2	847	—	7	—	6	—	—	17	17	—	5	—	4	—	39
Himalayan & Andamans	1	17	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	3	2
Totals	56	2,850	116	—	3	2	3	2,957	7	18	2	23	2	3	14	61	—	18	—	18	25	141
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION																						
Central India Section	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	9
North India Section	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	330	1	1	—	3	—	—	11	11	—	2	—	2	1	19
Upper Ganges Section	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	557	1	4	—	3	—	1	1	11	—	6	—	3	2	34
Kashmir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
Union & Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	1	—	7	6	—	—	—	15	11	24
Totals	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,034	5	9	—	9	1	1	8	32	—	10	—	28	14	89
SOUTH INDIA UNION																						
Kanarese Section	7	440	12	—	—	—	2	450	1	2	—	3	—	—	1	6	—	3	—	5	2	19
Kerala Section	37	1,727	21	2	—	3	3	1,741	—	7	—	14	—	—	9	9	—	12	—	12	—	54
North Tamil Section	13	659	1	—	—	2	2	651	—	6	1	2	—	—	1	4	—	8	—	5	2	25
North Telugu Section	35	2,171	42	—	4	1	1	2,215	—	4	—	10	—	1	—	8	—	6	—	25	—	54
South Tamil Section	33	1,522	16	—	—	1	—	1,537	—	5	—	7	—	—	—	8	—	6	—	11	—	37
South Telugu Section	9	497	33	—	—	—	—	530	1	2	1	2	—	—	3	6	—	9	—	5	5	24
Union & Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	1	—	—	—	8	20	—	—	—	39	20	70
Totals	134	7,016	125	2	4	5	2	7,124	5	30	3	38	8	8	13	61	—	44	—	102	29	283
BOMBAY STATE SECTION																						
Total	16	1,056	17	—	27	—	26	1,074	1	5	1	4	1	2	2	43	—	—	—	9	5	63
WEST PAKISTAN UNION																						
Punjab Section	12	1,064	23	—	—	—	—	1,087	—	3	—	3	—	11	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	25
Union & Union Institutions	4	134	—	—	4	—	11	127	6	5	2	1	5	3	20	29	—	7	—	7	40	45
Totals	16	1,198	23	—	4	—	11	1,214	6	8	2	4	5	14	20	37	—	7	—	7	40	70

RECAPITULATION

Burma Union	27	1,943	43	—	—	1	—	5	—	1,980	5	11	—	10	3	5	10	28	—	3	—	42	18	99
Ceylon Mission	11	559	3	—	9	—	—	9	—	562	2	5	—	3	—	—	3	7	—	5	—	16	5	36
Northeast Union	56	2,850	116	—	3	2	3	7	—	2,957	7	18	2	23	2	3	14	61	—	18	—	18	25	141
Northwestern India Union	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1,034	5	9	—	9	1	1	8	32	—	10	—	28	14	89
South India Union	134	7,016	125	2	4	5	2	8	8	7,124	5	30	3	38	8	8	13	61	—	44	—	102	29	283
Bombay State Section	16	1,056	17	—	27	—	—	26	—	1,074	1	5	1	4	1	2	2	43	—	—	—	9	5	63
West Pakistan Union	16	1,198	23	—	4	—	—	11	—	1,214	6	8	2	4	5	14	20	37	—	7	—	7	40	70
Division and Division Institutions. Workers on Furlough and under Appointment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	2	1	2	13	8	61	7	—	—	—	101	108	120
Division Totals	282	14,622 ^{oo}	327 ^{oo}	2 ^{oo}	47 ^{oo}	8 ^{oo}	5 ^{oo}	56 ^{oo}	8 ^{oo}	15,945	64	88	9	93	33	41	131	276	—	87	—	323	244	901

^{oo}No Report. ^{oo}Not Complete.

NOTE: All financial figures, including those for Pakistan, are in Ind

positions that were untenable and false.

I have had light to the effect that the position taken by Brother S. and his sympathizers is not true, but one of the "lo, heres" and "lo, theres" that will characterize the days in which we are living. As a sample of the way in which Brother S. has compiled this paraphlet, I will give the following incident: I wrote a private letter to one of our ministers, and in kindness, thinking that it might be a help to Brother S., this brother sent a copy of it to him; but instead of regarding it as a matter for his personal help, he prints portions of it in the pamphlet as an

unpublished *Testimony*, to sustain the position he had taken. Is this honourable? There was nothing in the *Testimony* to sustain the position Brother S. holds; but he misapplied it, as many do the Scriptures, to the injury of his own soul and the souls of others. God will judge those who take unwarrantable liberties and make use of dishonourable means in order to give character and influence to what they regard as truth. In the use of a private letter sent to another, Brother S. has abused the kindly efforts of one who desired to help him. The parties publishing the pamphlet on the *Loud Cry*, and the fall of all the churches, give evidence

that the Holy Spirit of God is not working with them. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Those who receive the pamphlets advocating these false positions, will receive the impression that I sustain these positions, and am united with these workers in proclaiming what they term the "new light." I know that their message is mingled with truth, but the truth is misapplied and wrested by its connection with error. I would say to the brother who sent to these men a copy of a letter I had written him, that I have not one thought of censuring you, and no one should cast the least blame upon you concerning the matter. If I should misjudge and censure you, when your motives and intentions were good, I should incur the displeasure of God. If the brother you desired to help has taken liberties, and has betrayed your confidence, do not blame yourself and grieve over the results of his unfaithfulness.

STATISTICS FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1955

Time	Non For.		Tithe Per Capita		Foreign Mission Offerings		Sabbath School Offerings		Mission Offerings Per Capita		Contributions for Home Mission Work		Contributions for Local Church Work		No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Retail Book and Periodical Sales
	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.			
	988-8	—	4-0	—	—	—	541-5	—	2-3	—	6-7	369-14	23	1,041			
	1,892-3	—	1-14	—	—	—	886-2	—	0-14	—	—	—	—	—			
	1,066-3	—	2-2	—	—	—	326-6	—	0-11	—	—	—	—	—			
	8,326-0	—	34-4	—	—	—	3,629-14	—	14-15	—	40-10	1,660-12	—	—			
	12,272-14	—	6-3	—	—	—	5,383-11	—	2-11	—	47-1	2,030-10	23°	1,041°	5,294-4		
	8,403-6	—	14-15	—	295-14	—	2,294-1	—	4-10	—	218-1	1,122-5	35	596	6,772-13		
	3,641-5	—	4-1	—	1,583-4	—	928-8	—	2-12	—	48-5	—	30	1,484	1,155-15		
	9,360-3	—	7-15	—	557-6	—	2,740-2	—	2-12	—	234-14	—	57	1,929	4,976-2		
	2,006-11	—	2-6	—	131-0	—	509-14	—	0-12	—	32-7	—	30	1,580	1,493-12		
	399-6	—	28-8	—	—	—	258-13	—	15-3	—	0-7	—	2	20	—		
	15,407-9	—	5-4	—	2,271-10	—	4,437-5	—	2-4	—	316-1	51-2	119	5,013	7,625-13		
	835-2	—	5-12	—	95-4	—	235-6	—	2-5	—	19-12	—	—	—	1,420-12		
	1,230-11	—	3-12	—	1,892-11	—	284-1	—	6-9	—	59-11	—	—	—	1,369-15		
	4,644-9	—	8-5	—	13,300-15	—	1,546-12	—	26-10	—	82-10	—	—	—	4,184-8		
	—	—	—	—	4-0	—	8-0	—	4-0	—	—	—	—	—	1,451-12		
	6,708-6	—	6-8	—	15,292-14	—	2,074-3	—	16-12	—	162-1	—	52	1,638	8,426-15		
	2,793-0	—	6-3	—	8,171-1	—	1,091-3	—	20-9	—	30-15	212-7	8	566	2,988-8		
	2,681-7	—	1-9	—	5,678-15	—	866-9	—	3-12	—	19-13	—	80	3,026	2,140-2		
	2,350-9	—	3-10	—	7,629-13	—	752-8	—	12-14	—	42-14	—	15	714	2,014-6		
	4,612-11	—	2-1	—	7,022-5	—	1,320-15	—	3-12	—	126-12	—	68	3,249	1,734-6		
	3,549-1	—	2-5	—	5,845-6	—	761-11	—	4-5	—	47-14	—	46	1,582	7,071-13		
	1,759-3	—	3-5	—	1,720-4	—	620-3	—	4-7	—	9-5	145-4	23	914	937-12		
	17,745-15	—	2-8	—	36,068-12	—	5,413-1	—	5-13	—	277-9	357-11	240	10,051	16,886-15		
	7,622-5	—	7-1	—	13,246-7	—	3,863-12	—	15-15	—	—	391-5	16	1,477	6,199-1		
	5,081-1	—	4-11	—	6,795-7	—	3,074-5	—	9-1	—	—	—	50	2,482	16,301-6		
	6,310-0	—	49-11	—	80,306-7	—	2,946-0	—	655-8	—	—	288-2	4	179	—		
	11,391-1	—	9-6	—	87,101-14	—	6,020-5	—	76-11	—	—	288-2	54	2,661	16,301-6		
	12,272-14	—	6-3	—	—	—	5,383-11	—	2-11	—	47-1	2,030-10	23°	1,041°	5,294-4		
	8,403-6	—	14-15	—	295-14	—	2,294-1	—	4-10	—	218-1	1,122-5	35	596	6,772-13		
	15,407-9	—	5-4	—	2,271-10	—	4,437-5	—	2-4	—	316-1	51-2	119	5,013	7,625-13		
	6,708-6	—	6-8	—	15,292-14	—	2,074-3	—	16-12	—	162-1	—	52	1,638	8,426-15		
	17,745-15	—	2-8	—	36,068-12	—	5,413-1	—	5-13	—	277-9	357-11	240	10,051	16,886-15		
	7,622-5	—	7-1	—	13,246-7	—	3,863-12	—	15-15	—	—	391-5	16	1,477	6,199-1		
	11,391-1	—	9-6	—	87,101-14	—	6,020-5	—	76-11	—	—	288-2	54	2,661	16,301-6		
	79,551-8	—	5-0	—	154,277-7	—	29,486-6	—	11-8	—	1,020-13	4,241-3	539°	22,477°	67,507-3		

INSTRUCTION TO THE DISCIPLES

There are matters in the *Testimonies* that are written, not for the believing children of God, and it is not appropriate to make instruction, warning, reproof, or counsel of this character public to the world. The world's Redeemer, the Sent of God, the greatest Teacher the children of men ever knew, presented some matters of instruction, not to the world, but to His disciples alone. While He had communications designed for the multitudes that thronged His steps, He also had some special light and instruction to impart to His followers which He did not impart to the great congregation, as it would neither be understood nor appreciated by them. He sent His disciples forth to preach, and when they returned from their first missionary labour and had various experiences to relate concerning their success in preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, He said unto them, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." In a place of seclusion Jesus imparted to His followers such instruction, counsel, cautions, and corrections as He saw were needed in their manner of work; but the instruction He then gave them was

not to be thrown broadcast to the promiscuous company, for His words were designed for His disciples only.

On several occasions when the Lord had wrought works of healing, He charged those whom He had blessed to tell His deed to no one. They ought to have heeded His injunctions and realized that Christ had not lightly required silence on their part, but had a reason for His command, and they should in no wise have disregarded His expressed desire. It ought to have been sufficient for them to know that He desired them to keep their own counsel, and had good reasons for His urgent request. The Lord knew that in healing the sick, in working miracles for the restoring of sight to the blind, and for the cleansing of the leper, He was endangering His own life; for if the priests and rulers would not receive the evidences He gave them of His divine mission, they would misconstrue, falsify, and make charges against Him. It is true that He did many miracles openly, yet in some instances He requested that those whom He had blessed should tell no man what He had done for them. When prejudice was aroused, envy and jealousy cherished, and His way hedged up, He left the cities, and went in search of those who would listen to and appreciate the truth He came to impart.

The Lord Jesus thought it necessary to make many things clear to His disciples which He did not open to the multitudes. He plainly revealed to them the reason of the hatred manifested toward Him by the scribes, Pharisees, and priests, and told them of His suffering, betrayal, and death; but to the world He did not make these matters so plain. He had warnings to give to His followers, and He unfolded to them the sorrowful developments that would take place, and what they were to expect. He gave to His followers precious instruction that even they did not comprehend until after His death, resurrection, and ascension. When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them, all things were brought to their remembrance, whatsoever He had said unto them.

A BETRAYAL OF CONFIDENCE

It was a betrayal of sacred trust to take that which Jesus designed

should be kept secret, and publish it to others, and bring upon the cause of truth reproach and injury. The Lord has given to His people appropriate messages of warning, reproof, counsel, and instruction, but it is not appropriate to take these messages out of their connection and place them where they will seem to give force to messages of error. In the pamphlet published by Brother S. and his associates, he accuses the church of God of being Babylon, and would urge a separation from the church. This is a work that is neither honourable nor righteous. In compiling this work, they have used my name and writings for the support of that which I disapprove and denounce as error. The people to whom this pamphlet will come will charge the responsibility of this false position upon me, when it is utterly contrary to the teachings of my writings and the light which God has given me. I have no hesitancy in saying that those who are urging on this work are greatly deceived.

A FALSE MESSAGE

For years I have borne my testimony to the effect that when any arise claiming to have great light, and yet advocating the tearing down of that which the Lord through His human agents has been building up, they are greatly deceived, and are not working along the lines where Christ is working. Those who assert that the Seventh-day Adventist churches con-

stitute Babylon, or any part of Babylon, might better stay at home. Let them stop and consider what is the message to be proclaimed at this time. In place of working with divine agencies to prepare a people to stand in the day of the Lord, they have taken their stand with him who is an accuser of the brethren, who accuses them before God day and night. Satanic agencies have been moved from beneath, and they have inspired men to unite in a confederacy of evil, that they may perplex, harass, and cause the people of God great distress. The whole world is to be stirred with enmity against Seventh-day Adventists, because they will not yield homage to the papacy, by honouring Sunday, the institution of this anti-christian power. It is the purpose of Satan to cause them to be blotted from the earth, in order that his supremacy of the world may not be disputed.

SATAN'S ACCUSATIONS

The scene of Satan's accusation was presented before the prophet. He says, "He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him." Jesus is our great High Priest in heaven. And what is He doing? He is making intercession and atonement for His people who believe in Him. Through His imputed righteousness, they are accepted of God as those who are
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SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL

IN A previous issue of the SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS a report was given of the large number of students in attendance at the Seminary Extension School of the Southern Asia Division, and of the courses offered.

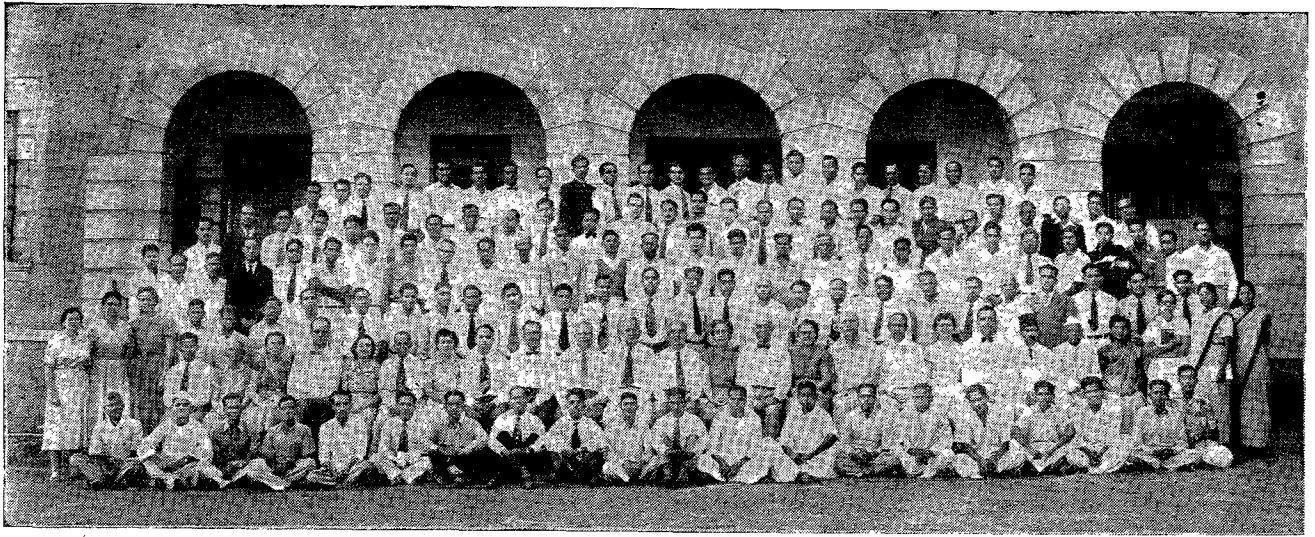
The school has now closed, and it can be said that it was a success, under the blessing of God. Day after day the presence of the Spirit of God was evident. The close attention and the fraternal spirit continued to increase rather than diminish as the session neared its close.

The chapel lectures were given by the instructors, Pastors M. K. Ecken-

roth, A. L. White and F. H. Yost. The chapel addresses of Pastors O. O. Mattison, H. H. Mattison, D. S. Johnson, A. E. Rawson, E. L. Sorensen and Dr. D. W. Smith were deeply appreciated. The prayer bands which followed the chapel period were always well attended.

The Round Table discussions under the leadership of Pastors J. F. Ashlock, H. H. Mattison and M. K. Eckenroth were very practical, bringing reports of methods fitted to conditions in India and of actual experiences in the work of God.

A feature of real significance to the school was the Symposium, conducted



The Staff and the Students at the Southern Asia Seminary Extension School, Held at Spicer Memorial College, March 21-May 14, 1955

each Sabbath afternoon at the vesper hour and supervised by a committee with Pastor J. F. Ashlock as chairman, with Pastors A. M. Akbar, I. Subushanani, B. M. Shad and R. S. Fernando serving with him. The review of experiences in evangelism presented by the workers of the Southern Asia Division as they had engaged in the work of God, was inspiring, setting an example to all of both method and earnest endeavour.

A high point in the life of the School came at the chapel period of Sunday, May 8, when Pastor Eckenroth, in a touching appeal asked for a consecration. The response was earnest, sincere and unanimous. The whole student body hastened to make an altar dedication. As it was evident that a large number wished to express their consecration, the class appointments were suspended, and one after another the workers of the Southern Asia Division filed past the microphone to tell their associates in the work of their love for Christ. There were tears, confessions and open-hearted pledges of faithfulness in the days to come, recognized as days of labour and tribulation. The service did not close till 1 o'clock.

Examinations were given on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 10th to 12th of May. The students did well. On Friday the 13th, the officers and available departmental secretaries of the Division met with the student body. Here the School motto, "Conquering with Christ," was made practical when goals of soul

winning were adopted by the representatives of the various union fields. The following table shows the baptisms in each union in 1954, and the goal set for 1955:

	Baptisms 1954	Goal 1955
Burma	130	300
Ceylon	34	100
Northeast	480	600
Northwestern	158	225
South India	845	1250
West Pakistan	110	225
Bombay State	—	150

There need be no doubt that the pastors, evangelists and teachers of Southern Asia Division, imbued with the Holy Spirit and on fire for Christ, will not only meet, but better, the goal of baptisms set for 1955.

Pastor Torkelson of the Northwestern Union conducted the Consecration Service in the Friday evening, showing with deep spiritual earnestness what it means to receive the righteousness of Christ, and to manifest it in godly living and service. Pastor O. O. Mattison's sermon Sabbath morning touched the hearts of all. Sabbath afternoon Pastor Johnson introduced the communion service with the theme that the gospel works, and the spiritual sweetness of the service which followed illustrated the point he made.

Saturday night the gift of the Seminary Extension School students to the parent Seminary was made. It is a beautiful alabaster model of the

Taj Mahal, illuminated. In his presentation remarks Pastor M. D. Moses emphasized the motto, "Conquering with Christ" and set forth the gift as expressing the spirit of India, sent to the Seminary at the denominational headquarters. In accepting the gift for the home school, Pastor Eckenroth saw in the Taj Mahal a symbol of love expressive of the love of all which binds us to Christ, and to one another. In the closing address, Pastor Yost emphasized the bond of unity which holds us all together and appealed to the workers of Southern Asia to win to Christ persons of influence, who would glorify the Saviour's name and help in "Conquering for Christ."

As the certificates were presented to the students, one by one, it was noted that Brother W. H. Egan had completed his work with distinction, receiving an A in each of the five courses offered. As each student filed past on the platform he shook the hands of Pastors Yost, Eckenroth, White, O. O. Mattison, Johnson, Rice and Torkelson.

The school is over. Now it is our task to bring in the results, as we conquer with Christ. We thank God for the opportunity of the Seminary Extension School, and for the loyal support of the Division administration. We thank God for Jesus Christ our Saviour!

—FRANK H. YOST
MELVIN K. ECKENROTH
ARTHUR L. WHITE

THE REMNANT CHURCH NOT BABYLON

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manifesting to the world that they acknowledge allegiance to God, keeping all His commandments. Satan is full of malignant hatred against them, and manifests to them the same spirit that he manifested to Jesus Christ when He was upon earth. When Jesus was before Pilate, the Roman ruler sought to release Him, and desired that the people should choose to release Jesus from the ordeal through which He was about to pass. He presented before the clamouring multitude the Son of God and the criminal Barabbas, and inquired, "Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?" "They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let Him be crucified."

The world was stirred by the enmity of Satan, and when asked to choose between the Son of God and the criminal Barabbas, they chose a robber rather than Jesus. The ignorant multitudes were led, by the deceptive reasonings of those in high position, to reject the Son of God, and choose a robber and murderer in His stead. Let us all remember that we are still in a world where Jesus, the Son of God, was rejected and crucified, where the guilt of despising Christ and preferring a robber rather than the spotless Lamb of God still rests. Unless we individually repent toward God because of transgression of His law, and exercise faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, whom the world has rejected, we shall lie under the full condemnation that the action of choosing Barabbas instead of Christ merited. The whole world stands charged today with the deliberate rejection and murder of the Son of God. The Word bears record that Jews and Gentiles, kings, governors, ministers, priests and people—all classes and sects who reveal the same spirit of envy, hatred, prejudice and unbelief manifested by those who put to death the Son of God—would act the same part, were the opportunity granted, as did the Jews and people of the time of Christ. They would be partakers of

the same spirit that demanded the death of the Son of God.

In the scene representing the work of Christ for us, and the determined accusation of Satan against us, Joshua stands as the high priest, and makes request in behalf of God's commandment-keeping people. At the same time Satan represents the people of God as great sinners, and presents before God the list of sins he has tempted them to commit through their lifetime, and urges that because of their transgressions, they be given into his hands to destroy.



He urges that they should not be protected by ministering angels against the confederacy of evil. He is full of anger because he cannot bind the people of God into bundles with the world, to render to him complete allegiance. Kings and rulers and governors have placed upon themselves the brand of antichrist, and are represented as the dragon who goes to make war with the saints—with those who keep the commandments of God and who have the faith of Jesus. In their enmity against the people of God, they show themselves guilty also of the choice of Barabbas instead of Christ.

THE WORLD CALLED TO ACCOUNT

God has a controversy with the world. When the judgment shall sit, and the books shall be opened, He has an awful account to settle, which would now make the world fear and tremble were men not blinded and bewitched by satanic delusions and deceptions. God will call the world to account for the death of His only-begotten Son, whom to all intents and

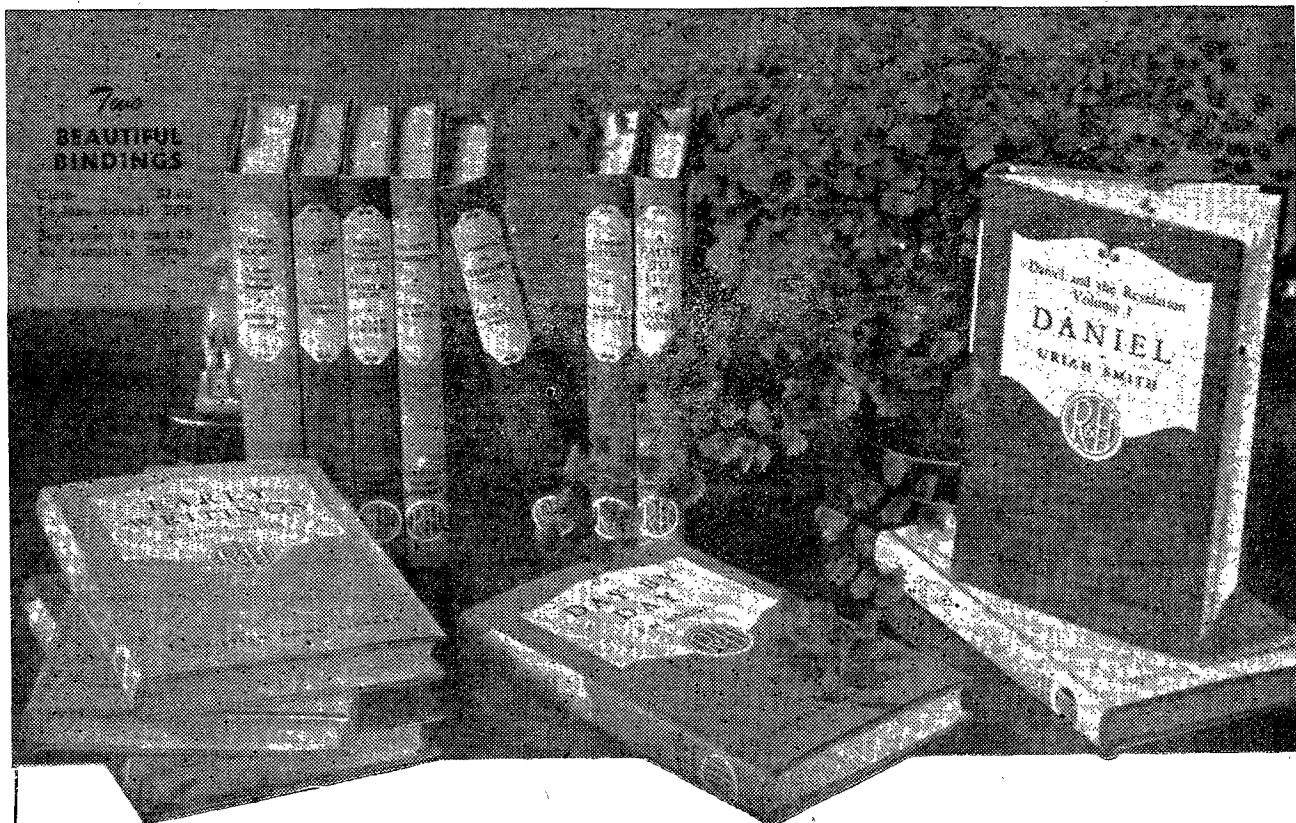
purposes the world has crucified afresh, and put to open shame in the persecution of His people. The world has rejected Christ in the person of His saints, has refused His messages in the refusal of the messages of prophets, apostles and messengers. They have rejected those who have been co-labourers with Christ, and for this they will have to render an account.

THE ACCUSER REBUKED

Satan stands at the head of all the accusers of the brethren; but when he presents the sins of the people of God, what does the Lord answer? He says, "The Lord rebuke [not Joshua, who is a representative of the tried and chosen people of God, but] 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." Satan had represented the chosen and loyal people of God as being full of defilement and sin. He could depict the particular sins of which they had been guilty. Had he not set the whole confederacy of evil at work to lead them, through his seductive arts, into these very sins? But they had repented, they had accepted the righteousness of Christ. They were therefore standing before God clothed with the garments of Christ's righteousness, 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." Every sin of which they had been guilty was forgiven, and they stood before God as chosen and true, as innocent, as perfect, as though they had never sinned.

THE ENCOURAGING WORD

"And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they [the angels of God] set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the Angel of the Lord stood by [Jesus their Redeemer]. And the Angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in



"DIVINE GUIDANCE"

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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." I

wish that all who claim to believe present truth would think seriously of the wonderful things presented in this chapter. However weak and compassed with infirmity the people

of God may be, those who turn from disloyalty to God in this wicked and perverse generation, and come back to their allegiance, standing to vindicate the holy law of God, making

up the breach made by the man of sin under the direction of Satan, will be accounted the children of God, and through the righteousness of Christ will stand perfect before God. Truth will not always lie in the dust to be trampled underfoot of men. It will be magnified and made honourable; it will yet arise and shine forth in all its natural lustre, and will stand fast forever and ever.—*Review and Herald*, Aug. 22, 29, 1893. Reprinted in *Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 32-41.

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER

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steel pipes were driven by giant pile drivers scores of feet down into the earth to hold the foundation strong and immovable. Every bit of steel and concrete used in the making of the foundation was pre-tested to find out whether the foundation could safely withstand the mighty stresses and strains that might play upon the structure. The engineers worked with precision and exactness in following the blueprint. They did not leave even the minutest detail of the construction process to chance. For the stability and endurance of the structure together with the safety of many lives depended upon the foundation they were constructing.

As I watched the construction work in progress, I reflected upon the nature of the character temples that we parents, educators, ministers and MV workers are helping to construct in the lives of our boys and girls—the greatest treasure of our church today. How tragic was the fall of the building in that beautiful parable that Jesus told—the building that was built by the foolish man on the superficial foundation of sinking, shifting sand! What type of foundation are we helping to lay in the soul temples of our children? Will this foundation stand firm and secure against the storms of life? When the rains descend and the floods of life come, and the fierce storms of evil beat relentlessly against the character temples of our children and youth, will their foundations hold firm?

As we cast our eyes over the various parts of the Lord's vineyard we are made very sad to see here

and there the tragic wrecks of young lives whose foundations cracked as the storms of life raged against them. The foundations of these tragic lives were laid on superficial foundations of faulty human reasoning and devising. May these tragic wrecks be a stern warning to those of us who are engaged in the noble task of guiding the inexperienced steps of our children and youth to the city of their God.

Let us all endeavour to lay a solid and safe foundation on which to build all our youth training programmes. No surer foundation can we use in leading our boys and girls to the feet of Jesus than the "Week of Prayer" foundation. Let all our youth training activities and MV programmes be based on this safe anchorage. Whether starting a successful school year or commencing a period of intensive MV training programme, if it is built on this foundation it is sure to succeed.

It is really a wonderful plan to begin and close a school year or a period of concentrated MV training with a Week of Prayer. Where this programme has been faithfully and joyfully followed, our young people have been greatly blessed and many spiritual victories won for Jesus. Many stubborn, rebellious young hearts were softened and won for Christ as the melting love of Jesus was presented during this Week of Prayer. We cannot afford to forego the blessings and the spiritual power that accompanies these blessed seasons of prayer. As educators and leaders in the Advent youth movement let us plan so as to have successful Week of Prayer experiences in all of our MV societies. Let us use the Week of Prayer as a mighty tool to bind the hearts of our young people firmly to the Cross of Jesus and to this movement.

As youth leaders let us resolve during this MV WEEK to put forth a special and determined effort to win our children and youth for Jesus. Let us endeavour, more than ever, to hold the young among us to our church by making all MV activities attractive and instructive. To do this, hard work and systematic planning is required. In every MV society we should aim to conduct a well-thought-out weekly meeting with well-planned and well-presented programmes. This

is a MUST. Splendid programme materials are provided in the *MV Kit* and in the supplies periodically sent out from the Division and Union MV departments. With slight modification let us use these aids to enliven our society meetings. May the Lord Jesus help us to visualize the importance and urgency of the task and humbly take up the challenge Jesus placed before Peter when He said, "Feed my lambs."

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK

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youth are saved the church is safe; if the youth are lost the church is doomed. It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of any worth-while effort in their behalf.

Thirty-five years ago a group of consecrated Missionary Volunteer leaders gave earnest and prayerful study to ways and means of providing for the spiritual needs of the youth. Their deliberations led to a plan to set apart a full week in the interests of the young people in one Union. This experiment resulted in the conversion of a large number of youth. Other Unions took up the plan and thus MV Week came into being. Today MV Week is observed in all the world where Seventh-day Adventist churches are found. In 1954 during MV Week, more than six thousand youth accepted Christ and dedicated their lives to His service. Eternity alone will reveal all the benefits and blessings which have come to our young people and to the church as a result of this annual week of spiritual emphasis.

Our youth do not want to be lost; they desire to be saved. They do not want to use their talents in worldly pursuits and professions; they desire to serve their Saviour and work for their fellowmen. Because of their inexperience they must have spiritual guidance. Even among those who seem wayward there is often a longing for purity, for peace, for spiritual security, but they need help and encouragement. "They make good resolutions, but unless their principles are strengthened by religion, and their lives influenced by the renewing grace of God, they will fail to come up to the mark."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 399.

To meet the needs of all our young people in these last days and to help them at this critical period of their lives, MV Week is being observed July 16 to 23. The success of MV Week depends largely upon the co-operation, the planning and the prayers of the leaders in every church and company in the Division. Let all look upon MV Week as a privilege and as an opportunity. Let us first renew our consecration to the Lord. Then let us pray for grace and power that our efforts during MV Week will result in a great harvest of dedicated youth. Great will be the joy of the youth and great will be our reward. We are promised: "In heaven we shall see the youth whom we helped."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 348. May the Lord grant to each church leader this blessed experience as a result of his whole-hearted participation in MV Week.

YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS

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"Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions" inferreth that young men are admitted nearer to God than old, because a vision is a clearer revelation than a dream." So, it's God's plan to give to the youth of the Advent Church a clearer revelation of His love, His power, His wisdom, His work and the possibility of quickly finishing that work.

But the youth must be helped to obtain a spiritual experience that will enable God to fulfil His promise. The church must do this in the interest of the youth themselves and also in the interest of finishing the work. No better time to do this important work is afforded us than the Missionary Volunteer Week, July 16 to 23. Experience has convinced us that God meets with His people in a very special way during a Week of Prayer. So in all our churches let careful plans for the Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer be laid prayerfully and the plans carried out prayerfully. Let youth be inspired to pray for themselves while the older ones send up earnest prayers on behalf of the youth of the church. What cannot a week of earnest, "youthful" prayer accomplish! There is nothing greater any man can do for God or for other men than to

pray. Prayer has accomplished mighty things in the past. It will? O, no, it MUST!

Make an individual effort in behalf of every unconverted and backslidden youth of the church. Let not one be thought to be beyond repentance and reformation. Strangely, capacity for believing lies more in the youth than in the advanced in years. Rodney Smith asserts, "You save an old man and you save a unit; but save a boy and you save a multiplication table." So, let the church make a personal, practical and prayerful effort to win and strengthen its youth.

MV WEEK FOR EVERY CHURCH

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leaders, let us make use of this opportunity and work for our young people as we have never worked before.

If we can keep our young people, we keep the cream of our church. Not long ago one church leader told us that 70 to 80 per cent of our church members who were baptized old, left the church sooner or later; but only 30 to 40 per cent of those baptized young, left. This is no guess work. Experience shows us that this statement is true. There are some who were baptized old, two or three years ago but who are no more with us today.

But at the same time we find that the majority of our faithful members are those who were brought up in Adventist families or those who came into contact with the truth while they were still very young. That is why they are the cream.

In view of this, it is still more regrettable that some of the church

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THE POTTER AND THE CLAY

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kneads and works it. He tears it apart and presses it together. He wets it and then dries it. He lets it lie for a while without touching it. When it is perfectly pliable, he continues the work of making it into a vessel. He shapes it and on the wheel trims it and polishes it. He dries it in the sun and bakes it in the oven. Thus it becomes a vessel fit for use."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 471, 472.

This is the beautiful portrayal of God's love and patience and forbearance in dealing with the stubborn clay in the human soul. Hosea 11:8 says, "How can I give thee up. . .?" And this is so revealed when the Week of Prayer comes along. Some of the vessels that have somehow been marred through various experiences are broken and re-made. Prodigals they are, who cry out, "Make me"—not "give me"—"Make me a vessel of honour and glory to Thy name." Strangers to the love of God become acquainted with the Man of Galilee. For them a new life begins. The unstable as water take the shape of the containing vessel. The Peters are humbled. Impulsive, dictatorial, ready to correct others, rash, self-confident, self-willed, speaking unadvisedly, forward and the other Peter characteristics are changed. Everything is changed and the world looks brighter and God is nearer. Oh, that every week were an MV Week of Prayer!

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Miscellany

● BROTHER M. E. Cherian has been booked from Bombay to Basra on the S.S. *Daressa* leaving Bombay July 7. From Basra he will sail on the S.S. *Enotria* to Naples, and proceed overland through Europe, then cross to London and the U.S. He has been voted a year of study at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary to complete his work for his Master's degree.

● BROTHER Chad Israel flew from Bombay on June 17, 1955 to attend the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism held in Loma Linda, California, U. S. A. Following this institute he will attend the Institute in Geneva, Switzerland, before returning to Southern Asia. He plans to be away from the office for two months.

● PASTOR M. O. Manley and family with Ruth Storz, Arloene and Irvella Jean Alexander and Ronnie Rothe left Delhi on June 15. Ronnie joined his family in Karachi and proceeded on to the States with them. The girls and the Manleys will travel together through the Middle East and Europe, arriving in New York about August 10.

● PASTOR and Mrs. O. W. Lange arrived in Bombay on June 13. Miss Marion Miller who travelled with them on the S.S. *Canton*, also spent one day in Poona before proceeding on to Nuzvid Hospital.

● DR. J. Johannes passed through Bombay on June 9. On June 11 he landed in Karachi to relieve Dr. Geo. A. Nelson as director of the Karachi Hospital.

● DR. Carrie J. A. Robbins, who has been relieving Dr. McWilliams at Nuzvid has also returned to Karachi. She spent the week-end of June 11 in Poona with her daughter Marion.

● MRS. A. E. Geschke and Wilfred arrived in Rangoon to join Dr. Geschke on June 15. Wilfred has arrived just in time to go on to Mussoorie for the opening of the new term at Vincent Hill.

● JANET Russel from Heliopolis, Egypt also flew to Delhi on the 16th of June, on her way to Vincent Hill



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PLEDGE

Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the Gospel in all the world.



to enter school. On June 13 the three Nixon children left Poona with Pastor Nixon. They have gone to Mussoorie, and Pastor Nixon travelled on to Calcutta to meet with the colporteurs and workers there.

● THE Southern Asia Division Sabbath School Department has been boosting for a 13th Sabbath Overflow offering of \$70,000 or Rs. 340,000. The Far Eastern Division received an overflow of \$66,000 for the first quarter of 1955. This was the largest 13th Sabbath overflow ever received in the history of our work. Let us hope that Southern Asia may receive an even larger offering now when it is so much needed.

● FIVE of the students who completed their Inter-science at Wadia College this year have been called to Vellore for interview at the Christian Medical College.

● ON June 9 Pastor T. R. Torkelson signed the papers consummating the purchase of 9 acres in Delhi for the new Delhi Hospital project. The site is in an excellent location, and with 9 acres available it will be possible to have an institution that will be representative of our Medical work in Southern Asia.

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leaders direct their attention and labour only to the older folks and leave out the younger ones entirely.

Let us not cease to work for the older ones, and, at the same time, work more for the young people. These young ones have tender and receptive as well as retentive minds. Once they learn something they can hardly forget when they grow old.

July 16-23 is the week of opportunity for you to begin working for these young ones, if you have never done so before. If you have worked for them before work more during this week. God bless you as you labour for these precious possessions of ours.

THE BACK BENCH

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"I do not understand why so many people prefer me. What is it that causes them to thrive so well at my place? Maybe, if I dare to say it, they choose me as a place to sit because—no, I shall not say it openly here, because it won't be good for everybody to know why persons choose regularly to sit on me. Or, what do you think? It may be a good excuse, but it doesn't look good in print.

"I remember I heard a preacher say one time: There won't any back benches be found in heaven. I wondered what he meant by that!"

Do you have back bench problems in your church? Are we as ministers responsible for empty pews in the front and crowded benches in the back? I wonder.