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THE JOY OF SACRIFICE

FREDERICK LEE

TO THE one who loves there is joy in sacrifice. How readily and willingly parents sacrifice for their children, and husband and wife sacrifice for each other. To see a loved one made happy by something one has done brings one of the greatest joys earth can give.

Of the coming Messiah the prophet declared, "He shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied." Isa. 53:11, R. S. V.

Christ gave up the riches of heaven, the adoration of the angelic host, became poor, forsaken, persecuted, and finally died on the cross for man's redemption. He knew what was before Him, yet He willingly took the way of sacrifice, because of His great love for the lost.

To die for a friend is considered a great deed, but Christ died for a rebellious and unlovable world. Of this the Scripture says: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:7, 8.

Christ did all this because He knew that His sacrifice would bear fruit to the glory of God and the eternal

blessing of mankind. The prophet declared, "When He makes Himself an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring." Isa. 53:10, R. S. V.

The apostle Paul referred to this when he wrote: "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame." Heb. 12:2.

As a prospective mother looking in faith to the birth of her child is willing to suffer for it even before she has seen it, so Christ, even before He had seen the fruitage of His sacrifice, was willing to go through the valley of the shadow of death, because in faith He saw the new creatures

who would be brought to birth in the heavenly kingdom.

THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM

In vision Christ saw those who would come to the kingdom with joy upon their lips, redeemed because of what He had done for them before they loved Him. It was this that steadied His nerve as He awaited the terrible ordeal that was ahead of Him. It was this that made Him determined to pay the price of their redemption when He was struggling in the garden. Even when He went to the cross, He had not yet seen much of the fruit of His labours, but He believed that after He had paid the full price of man's redemption, many would be impressed by such great love, and thus be brought to acknowledge Him as their Saviour. When in the kingdom He shall see the redeemed of the Lord gathered together, then will His joy be complete, and He will be fully satisfied. He will see that all the sorrows and the trials, the humiliation, and the great price He paid for their redemption were not too much.

Some give, hoping to see an immediate result of what they have done, and then become weary in well doing when they see little fruit from



their sacrifices. Never should one withhold his offerings because of this. Only in the kingdom of heaven shall we see the full fruitage of our gifts and labours. There we will see the results of our sacrifices, and we too shall be satisfied.

What should be the range of the Christian's giving? Christ set that range in what He did. He took in the whole world, and He bids us lift up our eyes and look to the fields beyond. Our interest and our sacrifices should take in nothing less than that.

THE CIRCLE OF THE CHRISTIAN'S INTEREST

We open our eyes, and first we see the loved ones in the family circle. Some stop here. But we open them wider, and we see immediate neighbours and friends. Still we must not make this the limit of our vision. Again we look, off to distant horizons, to our national boundaries, but even that is not enough for the followers of One who gave Himself for the whole world. We are to open our eyes as widely as possible and see from every land the arms that are stretching toward us for help. That completes the full circle of our interest and responsibility. Nothing less than this should satisfy a Seventh-day Adventist to whom God has committed a message of hope for every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

Thus as the vision increases, the responsibility increases, and the calls for greater sacrifices press upon us. But to the one who has learned to love as Christ loved, there is no question as to what he should do. For the joy that is set before him, he is willing to go all the way in sacrifice.
—*Review and Herald.*

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AMONG THE SCHOOLS OF THE NORTHEAST

S. JESU DASS

Education Secretary, Northeast Union

IT WAS a real pleasure to have Pastor O. A. Skau, Division Educational secretary, with us during the first three weeks in September 1955. He is not a new comer to the Northeast. Five years ago he was the president of this great Union field and during his term of office two of the finest school units in this Union were put into operation.

KHUNTI BOARDING SCHOOL

On Friday, September 2, early in the morning, the Ranchi Express roared into Muri junction. A couple of hours of bus ride landed us at the Khunti Boarding School. This school is a little "giant" among our elementary boarding schools. We spent the day inspecting classes and looking over the school farm and grounds. It is always a pleasure to visit this school where Brother A. K. Kachchhop, the principal, is doing an excellent job for our boys and girls from Bihar and Orissa. The neat and tidy appearance of the school grounds, and the properly kept-up school roads and footpaths made a good impression on us.

Scholastically this school is doing very acceptable work. The staff is working hard to raise the standard and at the time of our visit there were 102 students enrolled. Of this enrolment ninety-five were boarders. This is splendid. Only very few non-adventist students are accepted. As a result the spiritual atmosphere of the school is good.

A fine farm has been developed in spite of poor soil. The terraced fields were carpeted with healthy green paddy seedlings and it is hoped there will be a good harvest if Mother Nature is kind. Out of the 53 acres of land, 43 acres are under cultiva-

tion. Pastor P. D. Kujur, the present farm manager, has done a great deal of hard work to make the farm as good as it is today. At the time of our visit he and his helpers were working hard on an elevated plot of land newly purchased. It was to be turned into paddy fields. A larger pump, and a bigger power plant would be a boon to this school and more land and better implements of farming would help the school toward self sufficiency in a short time.

We spent a delightful Sabbath there. During the Sabbath service Pastor Skau spoke about "Seeking God." He illustrated the sermon with some of his own experiences and these brought great inspiration to the young people. We left on Sabbath night for Calcutta en route to Falakata.

RAYMOND MEMORIAL TRAINING SCHOOL

This school is nearly two days' journey from Calcutta by the Assam Link railway. But we made it in just under two hours by air. As we flew toward Falakata we were struck by the magnitude of the damage caused by the recent flood. Road bridges and culverts, railway bridges and embankments were missing in scores of places. Brother L. N. Hare, the principal of Raymond Memorial Training School welcomed us at the airport. On the way Pastor Skau recollected memories of the pioneering days of this school. He told us of the memorable trek of jeep and trailer caravan that moved the school from Karmatar to Falakata, a very remarkable achievement. He also paid a glowing tribute to the vision and courage of Pastor and Mrs. M. G. Champion, who actually put the whole scheme into operation. Today we cannot think of Falakata without paying warm tribute to this self-sacrificing and hard-working pair.

What a sight greeted our eyes as our jeep pulled on to the main driveway to the school. Acres and acres of farm land in front of the school

plant, freshly ploughed and made ready to receive millions of mustard seeds which in a few months time will cover the whole landscape with a thick quilt of yellowish-green and flaming gold.

The buildings are substantial and adequate for the present needs. Gone are the days when the staff and students lived in temporary flimsy bamboo and grass huts that groaned and moaned at every joint, and swayed dangerously when the storms came. Gone are the anxious nights when the staff huddled their little ones together in speechless terror as the tiger and the leopard roamed around their huts, often, only inches away, and the days when the teachers and students shivered in the open class room, vainly trying to keep warm and dry.

One hundred and twenty-eight students are enrolled. They come from Orissa, Bihar and Bengal, the Garo Hills, the Naga Hills, and the Khasi Hills of Assam. They also come from the plains of Assam and the tea gardens of Duars and the foothills of the Himalayas. Our hearts rejoiced to see students from the closed countries of Sikkim, Bhutan, and Nepal. We certainly dream of the day when we can build up this school to care for many more students from these remote Himalayan regions and from the forbidden land of Tibet and beyond.

We spent two days here inspecting classes and looking over the school records and the farm.

As we went around we saw improvements everywhere. Over one hundred acres of the land have been planted with green manure this year,

and the tractor was kept busy night and day ploughing the luscious growth of green manure under in preparation for sowing wheat and mustard. Brother Brock, the farm manager, and his boys are working hard to make the Falakata farm pay. We wish them good success.

ASSAM TRAINING SCHOOL—JOWAI

After the steaming hot plains, we were really happy to breathe the cool air of Shillong. Brother H. D. Erickson, the acting principal, drove us in the school jeep to Jowai a distance of nearly thirty-one miles. As we neared the central control gate a glorious and most magnificent sight greeted us with a welcome to Jowai—the most perfect and evenly brilliant rainbow we had ever seen. As we watched for a few moments the whole segment of the western sky was brilliantly lit by the rioting colours of a multiple rainbow.

We spent three delightful days at the Assam Training School. Brother Erickson and his able staff are carrying a very heavy programme and are preparing 10th standard students for the matriculation examination of the Gauhati University.

It was a pleasure to meet with the school family during Sabbath. As we looked over the fine looking young people our hearts filled with pride. If rightly taught and guided, these young people will be the future pillars of our ever-growing work in Assam. As Pastor Skau began his address to the school family that Sabbath morning, he was rather startled to see four interpreters giving his

message in four languages at the same time. It is really an experience for the non-initiated! We have four major groups here. During the Sabbath service the students from the Khasi, the Naga, the Lushai and the Garo Hill areas sit together in groups. A colourful spectacle to behold!

KELLOG-MOOKERJEE HIGH SCHOOL

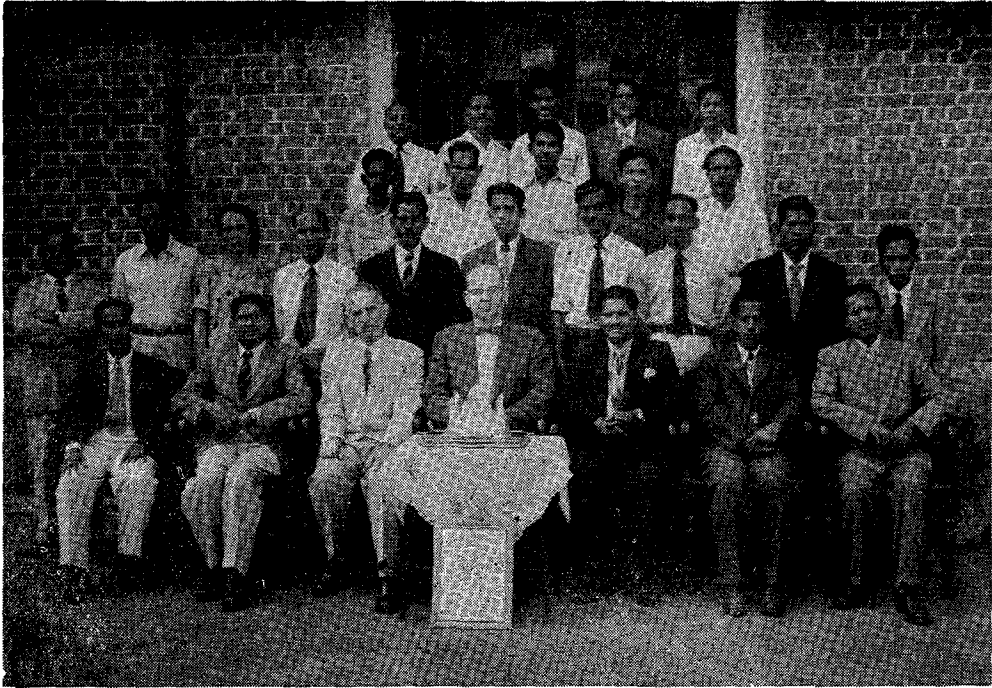
On the morning of September 25 we stepped out from the river steamer right on to our High School at Jalirpar in East Pakistan. By the time we reached the place all the excitement connected with the recent flood was almost over. The flood had left its mark however. The school grounds appeared a vast mud puddle and the buildings were still damp. This school has suffered from the ravages of a flood for the past two years. All the paddy crops have been lost two years in succession.

In spite of the gloomy surroundings we found a cheery group of boys and girls. Brother and Sister B. Jacques and a fine group of teachers are working hard to build up this school. It needs protection from recurring floods. We are happy to know that the rehabilitation of the school is under active consideration.

We spent two delightful days at this fine school. Brother Jacques, the principal, is doing an excellent job and is raising the standard of work done here. I am sure that under his able management the Kellog-Mookerjee High School will become an educational centre worthy of our people in East Pakistan.



A view of the Raymond Memorial Training School, Falakata.



Elders D. A. McAdams and J. W. Nixon with the delegates to the Northeast Union Colporteur Institute.

NORTHEAST COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

J. JAPAGNANAM

THE Calcutta Colporteur Institute convened for the benefit of the Northeast and Burma Unions and began on November 18, 1955. Twenty colporteurs representing ten languages were present for the first meeting. Our Book Depot managers, and local mission Publishing secretaries were invited to the Institute.

We were more than happy to have Elder D. A. McAdams take the leading part in instructing the men on "Gospel Salesmanship." His instruction was greatly appreciated by all. Pastor Nixon helped a great deal in the devotional meetings and at the round table discussions. We were also happy to have the services of Brethren L. R. Burns and D. S. Laursen during these meetings and all enjoyed the help of Brother L. D. Paul, the Publishing Department secretary of the Northwest Union. We were also fortunate in having Pastor L. C. Shepard, the manager of the Publishing House with us. He spoke at the vesper services. On Sabbath the whole church responded to the altar call given by Elder McAdams at the close of his message.

On Sunday we had a special welcome meeting for our guests, on which occasion we presented Pastor McAdams with an address of welcome.

The Lord was with each one of us

during this Institute and we know the men have gone back to their respective fields of labour with renewed strength and courage and determination to do more aggressive work for the Lord.

Homes For The Pilgrims

THOMAS A. DAVIS

*There are homes for the pilgrims of earth,
There are robes for the righteous to wear,
There are crowns of bright glory above,
And palms of glad victory there.*

*All that puzzle us here, and perplex,
All the heartache, the sorrow, the pain,
Which God in His wisdom permits,
Will in His new world be made plain.*

*There the mysteries of grace will unfold,
And where now our poor minds only see
Confusion and pledges unkept,
We shall find beautiful harmony.*

*We shall then see that God's boundless love
Ordered those things which now try us sore;
That He guided them all for our good,
And His name we'll exalt evermore.*

A YEAR OF BLESSING AND PROGRESS IN THE POONA ENGLISH CHURCH

MRS. A. E. RAWSON

IN RENDERING this report, we do so not only in a spirit of humility and gratitude to our Father in heaven from whom all blessings flow, but also in the hope that these figures will be an inspiration to all our people in Southern Asia. May they determine during 1956 to lift a little harder and give a little more so that the work can be finished in the earth.

In the past twelve months we have witnessed record-breaking accomplishments in the Poona English church, and in compiling the figures for the various departments we realize that God has been leading all the way, and has had His hand over all our activities.

The thermometers in each department of the church have been steadily rising during the past few months, and as the old year drew to a close the mercury registered over the maximum level so that each department recorded an overflow in offerings.

The fact that the Sabbath School members gave Rs. 11,611 during the year is evidence that our members are anxious to see the gospel enter new fields and thus hasten the return of our Lord.

During the past year, each department of the Sabbath School has shown a keen interest in the Investment project. The children took a special interest in this activity and as a result Rs. 1,798 was realized for the Investment programme.

The desire to see our medical and educational centres throughout Southern Asia strengthened and enlarged was evinced when our Uplift goal of Rs. 3,300 was reached almost in one day—and exceeded a few days later.

Our people believe wholeheartedly in the admonition of the Lord to

“bring all the tithes into the storehouse” and prove His goodness; and that the “labourer is worthy of his hire.” We are happy to report that our indigenous workers on the compound had an active part in supporting the ministry during 1955 by their faithful tithing which amounted to Rs. 18,719.

1955 was also a good year for the Dorcas society. Two sales were conducted and a total of Rs. 1,700 realized. Each year a substantial

portion of Dorcas funds provides Christian education for worthy students who enter our schools.

Bearing in mind the needs of other sections of the field, members of the Poona church donated Rs. 894/- towards special offerings throughout the year.

The Week of Prayer held during November 1955 was very successful. Victories over evil habits were won and a united church reconsecrated itself to the completion of the work in Southern Asia.

The Week of Sacrifice offerings given by church members as the outward expression of their gratitude to God, totalled Rs. 3,377/-. This shows that the spirit of sacrifice is still in evidence among our people.

It is a well known fact that sacrifice is the kernel of any movement, and the people of God possess this trait to a marked degree which is why they are ever willing to support His cause and thus hasten His coming.

WHAT IS GOD'S LOVE?

AL COSSETTA

MUCH is written about God's love. We frequently compare God's love with that of the prodigal's father or with that of a mother for her child. These are good illustrations. It is natural for a mother to sacrifice and love her own children. But God loves us—and we are but adopted children. Yet He loves us as His own.

Yes, God loves us and adopts us into His family and calls us His sons. Therefore, we must manifest the same attitude toward our fellowmen. To comprehend what love really means is beyond human thought. It goes further and deeper than merely laying down one's life for someone.

It was Christ's profound love for the people that attracted the people to Him. It was His unfathomable love that tore down prejudice, hatred, and envy. It was His inexpressible love that changed the people's attitude and their misconception of His mission. It was this marvellous and predominating element called love

that inspired our Lord to die on the cross that we might have hope.

Love is the very essence and nature of God. It was the ruling principle when God gave His Son to pay the penalty for sinful man. His Son demonstrated this ruling principle when He was nailed to the cross. The disciples demonstrated it by giving their lives as martyrs and by preaching, teaching, and helping their fellowmen. Genuine Christians love with the same unselfish and devoted fervour with which Christ loves.

When we are willing to face the fiery trials that make Christians, willing to love one another as Christ loved us, willing to forgive and forget when our feelings are hurt because someone said something about us, then we shall have a true conception and a profound understanding of the significance and full meaning of the verse that says, “Love one another.”
—*Review and Herald.*

BURMA UNION*President: C. B. Guild**Secretary-Treasurer: Pein Gyi**Office Address: 68 U Wisara Road, Rangoon***"IT SHALL BE FOR EVER"**

THARA PETER

SUN RAY had been a baptized member of another church group in the Delta for forty-four years. He seldom attended church, but upon moving to a new location was appointed leader of his church. There the people respected him and he did his best not only to carry on the church work, but he was active in opposing Seventh-day Adventists over a period of twelve years.

Pastor Tha Myaing used to visit him, and talk about the Truth, but he was indifferent to what was said. Several times the writer talked with him also, and conducted a series of meetings there, but he was still unresponsive. However seeds of truth were planted in his heart.

Not long ago he saw his own church pastor and they talked about the tithe. The pastor said, "The tithe is God's own. If we do not pay tithe we are thieves and robbers," and he proved his point by showing him several other texts. Sun Ray believed him and gave his tithe to his church.

After that his mind was unsettled. He searched the Scriptures here and there till he found that the Sabbath belongs to God also. So he said to himself, "If we have to obey God by paying our tithe, we ought to obey God by keeping the Sabbath, too."

Then he went to the pastor and asked him several questions about the ten commandments. The pastor asked him to wait until they had a meeting when all the preachers would be there, and they would answer his questions.

After some days the meeting was held and Sun Ray was invited. In that meeting he said, "I am not quite satisfied by the message which we have heard. If we obey God's command to pay our tithe, why do we not keep the Seventh-day Sabbath as the Lord said and which He claims as His own?" One of the preachers stood up and said, "Paul said the

old commandment is all wiped away. Read Galatians and you will see it clearly."

"But if that is so why do we have to pay our tithe. It is in the Old Testament, too," Sun Ray replied.

"John the Revelator says, 'I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,'" said the preacher, "Let us look in the Bible commentary and see what it says about this." The Commentary said: "It may be the Sunday on which our Lord was resurrected."

But Sun Ray replied, "I am not satisfied with the word 'maybe.' Ecclesiastes 3:14 says, 'I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor

anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him.'"

Those preachers said to him, "If you have more understanding and more experience than us, have your own way and do as your brain leads you."

He came to the church and said, "Now I will take off my old skin and put on a new one." This brother and his family stepped into the watery grave last Sabbath, and now they have put on "new skins" and walk in newness of life with their Lord. After the baptismal service, the old father brought fifty-five kyats and thirty pyas saying, "This is our tithe which we have stored up, since we have been keeping the true Sabbath."

This brings to my mind Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." We can only plant and water, but the growing belongs to God. It is God's share.

WHY IS COMMON COURTESY SO UNCOMMON?

MRS. K. C. BEEM

ONE of the most valuable and priceless commodities on the market is becoming increasingly rare among our children. It has been enjoyed for generations by the rich and the poor alike, but we hear lamenting on every hand today because of its scarcity. It is the sparkling jewel of common courtesy.

OLD-FASHIONED COURTESY

If memory can be exercised, older ones of us can recollect the old-fashioned courtesy phrases used generously under practically every circumstance when two or more persons came together. Feeling was used with them, and there were smiles and bows. These made everyone seem important, as indeed all men are in God's sight. Who are we to treat people otherwise? Instances of discourtesy need not be reviewed here, as they could fill too many volumes. We might start looking for the

courteous smiles and words about us instead—just for morale's sake.

Our children are victims of today's restless trend, and many are being overpowered by its force. Where the home is not strong enough to hold back the tide, there is sure to be a break in the child's value of the other person, his ideas, and his property.

Regardless of circumstances, one whose heart is filled with Jesus and His love will be courteous and kind. So, parents and teachers, if we become discouraged about our children's conduct in their relationship one with another and with their elders, there is no doubt that less important topics are consuming the time that should be spent in filling their very souls with Jesus and the lovely things of this life. Let us lead them by example in courtesy ourselves, then without a doubt common courtesy will become more common.

—*Review and Herald.*

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS—WISE IN MANY WAYS

J. E. EDWARDS

THE sun has set on the small group seated on the mountain-side. The Teacher points to a brightly illuminated house in the valley below. He draws their attention to an expectant company waiting to join the marriage procession. For some time the wise Instructor has been answering the questions: "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Now the Master turns from His description of the omens that herald the world's greatest event to the importance of preparation.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise and five were foolish." Matt. 25:1, 2.

Have you ever considered the many things that could be set down to the credit of the foolish virgins? Have you reflected on the many reasons for which these virgins could be commended? Think of the many things that we can approve about these five foolish virgins.

First, they were *friends of the bridegroom*. They were not among those who had no interest in religion or whose interest was shallow or hypocritical. No, they were friends of Christ. They were Christians who professed a pure faith. They were waiting for the coming of the bridegroom.

Another thing that we should place to their credit is that they "*went forth to meet the bridegroom*." We are not told in the Scriptures how far they had to walk, or how long it took them, or to what inconvenience they were placed in order to meet the bridegroom. But they were not altogether casual friends. They were interested in the bridegroom. They wanted to meet him and to extend a welcome to him and to add a little more joy to his already brimming

cup of happiness. Here were good intentions, high aspirations, glowing ideals. They made an effort in the right direction.

Remember, too, they "*took their lamps*." A mere welcome was not enough. It must be a worthy welcome. Too many people are little concerned about how they get into the heavenly kingdom—just so they make it. They do not consider the dishonour of a late repentance, of giving God the ashes of a burned-out life.

Those foolish virgins were also in *the right company*. They associated themselves with the right group. Having a regard for the truth and advocating the message, they were attracted to those who believed the truth.

ALONG THE PATH OF OBEDIENCE

They were still more to be commended because they went to the *right place*. There were many paths over which the bridegroom could have travelled that night, and what folly it would have been to have waited beside just any one of these; but they knew which path the bridegroom would travel, and they were at the *right place* to greet him. Oft times we sing, "Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry, while on others Thou art

calling, do not pass me by." By implication we place ourselves along the path by which Christ is accustomed to pass. But have we? Do we seek to meet Christ in His Word? Do we place ourselves along the path of obedience. Do we await the Master along the road of earnest prayer?

Then we think of another point in favour of these five foolish virgins. They *arrived ahead of time*. They were not procrastinators. Some will fail to get into God's kingdom because they have put off their decision too long, but not these five. They were waiting long before the bridegroom came.

Finally, the seventh commendation of these virgins is that *they had patience*—"while the bridegroom tarried." In the last chapter of *Christ's Object Lessons*, we are told that "hour after hour passes." While they waited, they did not complain, they did not find fault, they did not criticize, they did not go home in a huff.

God's promises are sure, though sometimes slow. Many times, people begin to serve God and then because of difficulties they do not persevere. Truly he that *endures* to the end, the same shall be saved.

The five foolish virgins were disappointed, the door was shut, they were outside, but it wasn't because of their impatience. Neither was it because of their indifference, nor their ignorance, nor their procrastination, nor their faint-heartedness. These are the usual causes that explain why people miss the kingdom.

(Next time we will learn what it was that led Jesus Christ to call them foolish, to shut the door in their faces, and to leave them outside.)—*Review and Herald*.



SOUTH INDIA UNION*President: E. L. Sorensen**Secretary: I. K. Moses**Treasurer: S. John (Acting)**Office Address: 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore***THE BANGALORE S. D. A.
MIDDLE SCHOOL***MRS. GRACE SCOTT, Registrar***HIGHLIGHTS IN BANGALORE
BOARDING SCHOOL DURING
1955***E. R. STAHLNECKER, Principal***ADDITIONS TO SCHOOL PLANT**

SPACIOUS well ventilated classrooms and a beautiful auditorium with a seating capacity of 400 were the main additions to our school plant during this year. One year ago we had almost nothing to make our school appear as a boarding institution. Today we have a fine, efficiently operating plant of which each one in our Division can be justly proud. Every effort has been made by the staff and school board to see that adequate facilities are available for the needs of our students.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

The educational programme offered by the Bangalore Middle School has always been excellent but this year we feel it has hit a new high. With a staff of exceptionally well qualified, consecrated teachers every effort has been made to give your children the best available. Our school has a very high standing with the Mysore Educational Department. It is interesting to note the qualifications of our teachers. We have one M.A., three B.A.'s, three Inter-Science and three with Junior College certificates. You can be certain that your children will be receiving the best education available when they attend the Bangalore Middle School.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

October 15 was the highlight of the social activity programme when our school social and banquet was held. Practically every student in school was present and all joined in the games, ate the fine food, and enjoyed the interesting programme which was planned. Other activities during the year consisted of picnics, games,

boating, a staff programme, and concerts.

Two piano recitals and two band concerts were the highlights in our music department during this year. Probably no instruction ever introduced has received a greater welcome from parents and students alike than our programme of piano and instrumental tuition. We sincerely believe that music has a place in every educational programme and it is our endeavour to give it its proper place.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

Two weeks of prayer with a total of twenty-six students baptized during the year constitute the high points of the spiritual activities for 1955. The first Week of Prayer was conducted by Pastor R. H. Broderson and the second by Brother R. L. Watts and both times our students received a real spiritual feast. Regular religious activities consisted of Sabbath services, Vesper hours, Missionary Volunteer programmes, and Prayer bands in which each student had an opportunity to take part. There is no better place for your children than in the hands of well qualified, consecrated teachers who are endeavouring to give the students a well rounded Christian education and who believe with all their hearts that, "True education is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers."—*E. G. White.*

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The 1956 school year for the Bangalore Middle School begins on January 30 and applications are now being accepted. As available accommodation is limited it is urged that all desiring to attend get their applications in at the earliest possible date. Address all correspondence to: The Principal, 14-A Spencer Road, Bangalore.

THIS is one of the finest schools in the area. The missionary organization is running the school with commendable zeal and enthusiasm. The teachers are working earnestly and with a missionary's enthusiasm and zeal. The Headmaster has given his careful attention for maintaining a high standard in both curricular and extra-curricular activities of the institution.

"The school is becoming popular and the strength is increasing."

These words, written a few years ago by the Inspector of Schools, concerning the S. D. A. Middle School, might truly be said of the school in 1955, especially. The Bangalore Middle School has seen many changes in the past year. Founded in 1941 by Miss Dyer and Pastor Peak, the school has increased from strength to strength till the little handful of twenty-five students has grown into a body of a hundred and thirty, thirty-one of whom are boarders. The buildings have expanded to take the growing enrolment, and it is with pleasure that old students and teachers see no makeshift classrooms but large, airy, well-ventilated ones, which could easily be the envy of many a larger Bangalore school.

The school has been recognized by the Government since 1942 and Inspectors of the Mysore Educational Department visit it regularly. This has helped us to maintain a high educational standard as evidenced by the words of the above-mentioned inspector, and also by the results of the Middle School Examinations through the years. We have had one hundred per cent passes every year, except during 1950, and last year the results showed an all-time high, when one student, David Thomas, obtained one hundred per cent in his Maths papers, and three other distinctions.

The Bangalore S. D. A. School is indeed one of which the Division, the South India Union, and every S. D. A. can justly be proud. The staff are a consecrated group of trained and experienced teachers, and the children are in good hands when they enter the portals of 14-A Spencer



TO BE GOD'S CHILD

ELEANOR E. HOWE

*Dear Lord and Father, what is this
That I, Thy child, may be?
Can I in errant wantonness
Cast this rare gift from me?*

*O Father, no, there's nought of earth
With this gift can compare!
Earth's richest treasures have no
worth
Beside Thy love and care.*



do and after a diligent study, he had made up his mind to follow Jesus in keeping the true Sabbath day and he hoped to influence others to do the same. We are sure that a strong church will be established here in the very near future.

Pastor B. S. Moses, the evangelist, has had to meet much opposition but by God's grace he has overcome and the prejudice and antagonism which he had in the beginning has disappeared to a large extent, and he has made friends who are now looking forward to meeting Jesus when He appears the second time in all His glory, in the clouds of heaven.

ENTERING NEW TERRITORY

MRS. GRACE ARPUTHAM

DHARAPURAM is one of the taluk centres in the Coimbatore District and a new place of labour for us. Literature evangelism has been carried on for some time but no efforts of any kind were conducted in this town.

Brother M. Arputham accepted the call to work in Dharapuram and moved there with his family on September 10, 1955. The first week he was there he contacted some of the V. O. P. students and called them together and organized the first Sabbath school in that place with a membership of fourteen.

Plans were made to conduct a city effort. We hoped to put up a thatched shed in the centre of the town. No place was available in the beginning

but after much earnest prayer we secured a nice compound in the middle of the town. Our first meeting commenced on Sunday, October 31, 1955, at 6:30 p.m. under the guidance of Pastor Y. G. Thomas, the president of the North Tamil Mission. More than 600 people were present and we were not able to provide seats for all who came. We appreciate the services of the North Tamil Mission secretary, Brother Isaiah, the literature evangelist, and also Brother R. Edward Daniel, the V. O. P. student who rendered daily musical performances with his violin, flute, bul-bul-dhar and mouth organ.

The people seem to appreciate the lectures and are attending the meetings regularly. They marvel at the messages they are hearing and are accepting Jesus and are discarding all their bad habits. We trust that soon some of these people will take their stand for the truth. The meetings are continuing and we request you to remember us in your prayers that we may have a rich harvest of souls for the Master's Kingdom from this new place.

MIRACLES AT ARUPPUKOTTAI

G. S. WILLIAM KORE

ARUPPUKOTTAI is a small town in Ramnad district with a population of sixty thousand people. The South Tamil section committee asked Brother Muller Isaac, the local Voice of Prophecy secretary, to head up the work there. A shed was erected, benches were made and everything was in order. George C. Thomas, G. Rajamony and the writer were assigned to help Brother Muller Isaac.

The opening meeting was held on October 23, 1955. Brother Muller Isaac spoke on the subject—"Is There a God for Modern Men to Worship?" About 350 people attended the meeting in spite of rain. The people are very much interested. Many declared they had never heard such messages before. One said: "This is the message that we need for this time." When the temperance message was presented many determined to give up alcohol. Three noted smokers quit their smoking and chewing. One

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Road, Bangalore, for not only is the scholastic side emphasized, but much attention is given to the spiritual aspect during the Sabbath and M. V. services in the beautiful auditorium, and during the Weeks of Prayer, and weekly prayer bands; to the recreational aspect at organized games, twice a week, and social activities every Saturday night, and in the interesting handymen and sewing classes; to the æsthetic sense in the splendid seventeen-piece band and the piano classes; and to physical development in the well conducted and supervised work programme. Verily our school heeds the instruction of Mrs. White found on page 15 of *Fundamentals of Christian Education*—"The physical, mental, moral, and religious education of children must have attention." "The greatest care should be taken in the education of youth to so vary the manner of instruction as to call forth the high and noble powers of the mind."

ONGOLE EFFORT NEWS

JOSEPH K. PRASAD

OUR effort in Ongole is being blessed abundantly and the Lord is marvellously guiding us and many are responding to the last call to join the true church. The Sabbath question has been presented in response to many requests that came to us and as a result many have expressed their conviction that the seventh day is the true Sabbath. At present thirty have joined the baptismal class and all are carefully studying the various points of doctrine in the Bible to their satisfaction. Fifteen have decided to follow Jesus and will be baptized on December 31. Several others who are in the class hope to be baptized later.

Besides the people from Ongole who are attending our meetings several others from near-by villages have been coming and they are requesting that similar meetings be conducted in their villages also. The Spirit of the Lord is working in their hearts and many have promised to keep the Sabbath in spite of troubles which they may have to face. An influential man came to us this morning and said that he could not go against what the Spirit told him to

WONDER OF WONDERS

C. E. MOSELEY, JR.



EVERY warm-hearted Christian cherishes the hope of successfully entering the kingdom of God. This is the Lord's plan for all of us. He has plainly indicated the way to the kingdom, and has cautioned us of the many dangers that might hinder us.

The way to the kingdom Christians know, but because of the peculiar nature of certain dangers along the way, comes this timely warning: "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24.

Among the greatest dangers are *deceptions*—deceptions arising from the teachings of false prophets and concealed in certain signs and *wonders*. These deceptions are all about us, and often they appear in the most unsuspecting places.

At a junction, passengers were changing trains. From among them approached a young person with a familiar face. Presently she extended her hand in greeting. Then I remembered; this was Miss—, a former pupil whom I had taught only a few years before. But how she had changed! The eyes sparkled from the cheerful face, but the colourful tint on the cheek and lips was new, as were also the heavy jewels in the ears and suspended from the neck.

This young woman was now teaching in a small college, after earning an advanced degree from an Eastern university. Besides, she was soon to be married to the young chaplain at the college, who had convinced her that since all churches have much in common she had not been remiss in leaving the Adventist Church to join his! To her the future was perfectly wonderful!

The wonder of wonders is how this

once-promising student-teacher, ideal Christian young woman that she was, and daughter of an active worker, could become so sadly beguiled with the deception of the world.

The dangers of *deception* confront old and young alike. And concerning the *worst of these deceptions*, the following needs constantly to be set before us.

Addressing the Galatians, Paul observes that "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. 5:17. Certain cravings of the human heart



INTERVENING HAND

C. M. FRENCH

*There is an Intervening Hand
That beckons toward the better land
With urgent pleadings, long and kind.
It pleads with men to seek and find.*

That Hand gives light when light is low,

*Assures us when we see its glow,
Makes plain the path we walk apace
To view the beauties of the place.*

*That better land where is no night
Will be the home of saints in light,
Where is no sickness, death, or pain,
And there with Christ we'll ever reign.*



that are contrary to the will of the Spirit of God must surely have striven in the heart of this young woman; and the resultant decision wrecked her faith. How could it have been otherwise? For, indeed, "Man is doing the greatest injury and injustice to his own soul when he

thinks and acts contrary to the will of God."—*Steps to Christ* (Army and Navy ed.), p. 46. Contrary thinking and acting when God's will is involved is but one deceptive wonder.

Look at another. This young woman had to choose between the convincing and persuasive opinions of the young minister and the Lord's claims upon her heart. She faced the question that Elijah asked the ancients on Mount Carmel: "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him." 1 Kings 18:21. And she failed her God! What tragic deception! "The sin that is most nearly hopeless and incurable is pride of opinion, self-conceit."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, pp. 199, 200. "There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 154. This deceptive wonder has other companions, which are equally dangerous.

Step by step this once-chosen child of God had been lured by the ways of a "false prophet," who became her suitor. Enviously she contrasted her feelings of insecurity with his stout opinions and promises of a secure future, and she fell an easy prey to her captor. "Who is able to stand before envy?" "The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy." Prov. 27:4, James 4:5.

CHANGED FOR THE WORSE

Robbed of her allegiance and faith in the Saviour and blinded by the allurements of a false sense of security, the captive seeks dubious pleasures under a new master. Gone is the innocence of life, the genuineness and beauty of the Christian countenance. Then appeared the rouge and lipstick, the cheap ornaments of the ear, the neck, the wrist, and all the rest. And the wanton heart becomes drunken with the wine of the ways of sin. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are?" Rom. 6:16.

"Fashion is deteriorating the intellect and eating out the spirituality of our people. Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches and is doing more than any other power to separate our
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OUR DIVINE DIRECTION-FINDER

ERNEST LLOYD

THERE is an old picture of a dark, stormy night, and a traveller on horseback standing up in the stirrups at a crossing of the road, trying to read the directions on the guidepost. His face is full of eagerness. You can see him holding the lighted match carefully in his hand lest the wind blow it out before he has read the directions. It was a good thing for him that there were directions, and it is a good thing that we have them too. Where are our directions? They are in the Book that is too often neglected in these days.

A Bible colporteur called at a home and asked the lady if she had a Bible. "Do you think I am a heathen? Of course I have a Bible," she replied. Then she sent her daughter to bring the Bible. After some searching it was brought. On opening the Book, the woman of the house said, "Well, I am glad you called. Here are my glasses, which I lost several months ago and never could find." How sad it is that in millions of homes the Bible, though it may be found, is seldom opened.

"And in their home there is a Book
With pages seldom turned,
Whose messages of truth and hope
Are still by them unlearned—
The Book that tells of Him who came
To earth that we might know
The beauty of a sinless life,
Lived here so long ago.

"'Tis sad they do not really know
This Man of Galilee,
Who healed the lame, the blind, the
deaf,
Beside the sapphire sea!
And still they read and laugh and cry
O'er stories of the hour,
And let the Book, dust covered, lie
Unopened in its power."

Blessed is the man, the woman, who keeps close to the Bible. We are living in perilous days, in days of lawlessness, perplexity, and fear. We have long been forewarned of them by the prophetic pages of the Book, particularly certain pages of the New Testament. Can any thoughtful man or woman help feeling serious now? Little that is human will abide the coming ordeal. How thankful we should be for the living and abiding Word of God! Let us consult it often and treasure its guiding counsel, and thus prepare ourselves for all eventualities, and for the glorious things promised the faithful children of God.



STOLEN

T O O L S

D. A. DELAFIELD

ONE evening one of our ministers conducted a cottage meeting in the home of one of the church members. It was a solemn service. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and everyone felt sober and near to God.

When the guests departed, the minister was about to say good-bye to his kind host, but he was urged to stay and visit for a few moments.

"I have something that I want to counsel with you about, Pastor," he said, "but first let's go up into the attic." So together they climbed the stairs into the dark room above. There a light was switched on, and the pastor found himself gazing on a large and complete assortment of tools.

"I work in a machine shop," said the man. "I have worked there for years. Night after night I would slip one of these expensive tools into my pocket or my lunch box and walk away. No one suspected me.

"Now," he said, "I have been

convinced right along that I have been doing wrong. I want to make things right. I have thought of returning these tools to the owner, but I do not have the courage to do that. So I plan to sell these tools and give the money to the church."

The pastor looked at him with a kindly expression on his face. "No, Brother Curtis," he said plainly, "You must take these tools back to the machine shop. They belong to the owner of the shop—not to the church. God does not need your money that much. Besides, you cannot buy your way into heaven. Take the tools back where they belong in the machine shop." The pastor's words were spoken softly, but with such conviction that the poor man could say nothing except to agree that that was his duty.

So the next day he gathered the tools together, loaded them into his truck, and drove down to the plant. Every mechanic in the shop who saw him unload the tools was impressed, and many questions were asked. They were surprised at what they learned, but they all respected Mr. Curtis for his courageous confession and for making things right. Even the boss understood and forgave him freely. Did he lose his job? No, not only did he keep his work but he found a peace in his heart he hadn't enjoyed for years. He wondered ever afterward why he had yielded to the temptation to steal.

He who robs gains temporarily that which he has stolen, but he loses peace of mind and a good conscience. He may think that he has more, but he has less, for he exchanges his self-respect and honour and his good name for a few paltry possessions.

With Mr. Curtis it was a question of the tools or God. He knew he couldn't have both. So he gave up the tools and chose God. One of the lessons we ought to learn when we are young is that we cannot serve God and Mammon, as Jesus said. We will either hold to God and despise Mammon, or hold to Mammon and despise God. Let's get it straight. To be a Christian means to be honest. If we have been dishonest, make it right. Then God will forgive us, and all will be well once more and we will have peace in our hearts.—*Review and Herald.*

FOR THE YOUTH

Company of the Chosen

A Call to Noble Tasks

THEODORE LUCAS

THE newspaper story was a classic of love. The principal character in the drama was a young mother waiting for the first cry of her newborn child. Terror seized her as she watched the faces of the hustling, white-robed hospital figures around her. Hours later her husband stood by her bedside and told her their son had been born with his right jawbone missing, his right eye undeveloped, and his right ear imperfect. People walking by could hear the two young parents weeping. Days later at the hospital the doctor smiled down at the mother as she cradled her baby son.

"There's something I must ask you," said the doctor. "Are you completely willing to keep this child?"

"O Doctor, you must be joking," replied the mother. "This is my little boy. I love him. Of course I want to keep him."

It could be that someone might ask Jesus whether He really wanted to keep a people so imperfect. His loving reply would be, "They are bought with a price. I love them though they have faults. They are mine forever."

As the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth seeking those whose hearts are inclined toward Him, they light again and again on the fine, stalwart young men and keen, thoughtful young women of our day. He longs that you will give yourselves unreservedly to Him. He has great tasks for you to perform, tasks calling for the highest courage, the steadiest nerve, the greatest endurance. To you He looks for witnesses who will remain loyal

to Him. Among your ranks He sees His strongest champions, who will maintain the honour of His name though the heavens fall. "He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which result from this unselfish ministry."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 84.

To you He commits the task of taking to all mankind the last warning and saving message. It is for you, with all the power of your being, by voice and by pen, by missionary service and printed page, to arouse young men and young women everywhere to a realization of the full significance of this solemn time. By loving ministry to the poor, the sick, and the needy, God would have you reveal His love for men and win them from their evil ways to serve Him with all their hearts.

God's invitation to young people today is indeed a call to noble tasks. All who yield themselves to Him and throw themselves wholeheartedly on His side, determined to champion His cause against all opponents and at all costs to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, will find that He will honour their faith and courage. He will not disappoint them.

When the rich young ruler came to our Lord and talked with Him about the way of life, we are told that "Jesus beholding him loved him."

The young man wanted to do right. He was keeping the commandments to the best of his knowledge. Jesus was drawn to this fine, strong, upright young man, and rejoiced in his pure, beautiful life. Few of such rare promise had come to Him. What rich possibilities were here! In this

splendid youth was the making of a mighty champion of righteousness. To turn his life into richer, deeper channels, Jesus suggested an act of sacrifice. He wanted the young man to realize that the keeping of the commandments, though very commendable and necessary, was not sufficient of itself.

In such a day as this God calls our young people to make Christ supreme in their lives. To make that discovery is a transforming experience that changes our whole outlook, especially as we turn from ourselves and face Him with the sincerity and earnestness of youth, seeking the lasting things of life.

Jesus did far more than set up a discipline of spiritual exercises that would give us the mechanical answers in any given situation. He set Christian standards and patterns through His attitude and His spirit. Through our efforts to learn the mind of Christ we seek to follow the way of life He lived. His spirit and teaching are as up-to-date as the headlines of your newspaper. They are as realistic as any philosophy of life to which some may adhere; they deal with life right where we live right now.

GOD IS SPEAKING TODAY

By His Holy Spirit, God is speaking to the youth of today. Beholding

GOD CARES

Sylvia Lund

When things go wrong and shadows fall,
The way does not seem clear at all.
Which way to turn? On whom to call?
God cares.

Just why some things should happen so
May not be given us to know.
But God regards us here below.
He knows.

The pain our aching hearts conceal
For loved ones, human hands can't heal;
Each disappointment we reveal,
God shares.

Our prayers, our faith, He understands.
As we beseech His healing hands,
All heaven waits at His commands.
God hears.

He healed the throngs by Galilee.
Though the manner we may not foresee,
He'll hear and answer every plea,
Our prayers.

[Elder Lucas is the youth leader of the denomination. In this specially written spiritual appeal he sounds a note of challenge to our Missionary Volunteers around the globe.—Ed.]

them, He loves them. To every young man He is saying, "My son, give Me thine heart." With every young woman He is pleading, "Come unto Me . . . Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me." Money or position makes no difference with Him. He found David with the sheep, Gideon at the wine press, and Paul on the Damascus road. He found Amos as a herdsman, a gatherer of sycamore fruit, the poorest of the poor; yet the Lord took him as he followed the flock, and said, "Go, prophecy unto My people Israel." It is not place or social standing that matters in His sight, but willingness to listen and obey.

Youth of today, you have heard the call of the Lord. This is your moment of supreme opportunity. Listen with all care. Tell Him that you want to do His will, that you desire His help, and as He asks you to be His champion in this mighty hour, accept His commission. Say to Him as Isaiah said in his youth, "Here am I; send me." Such an act of surrender will bring you immediately into the company of His chosen ones and open the widest possibilities of rich and joyous fellowship and service with Him. You will become something far greater than you could ever have been without Him.—*Review and Herald*.

in his life. The results, then, are in God's hands. Our part is to be entirely yielded. We must give ourselves to the missionary task. Then it will not make any difference where we live or under what circumstances we struggle; it will not matter what our numbers, or the indifference or ignorance of people so far as spiritual truth is concerned. "If I am lifted up in your life," Christ said, "I will draw all men unto Me."

"Arise, shine," is God's great command in this dark hour. We must burst the bands of our too "precise indoor service" for the Master and let our light shine forth. Every one must hear and know and decide now.

LIGHT TO EXTEND TO EVERY SOUL

"But not one is made to suffer the wrath of God until the truth has been brought home to his mind and conscience, and has been rejected. . . . Everyone is to have sufficient light to make his decision intelligently."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 605.

Again we read: "As the rays of the sun penetrate to the remotest corners of the globe, so God designs that the light of the Gospel shall extend to every soul upon the earth. If the church of Christ were fulfilling the purpose of our Lord, light would be shed upon all that sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death."—*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 68.

Never was it so clear as now that it will take the whole church to complete the whole task. There needs now to be a new awakening to the fact that every true Christian is a soul-saver. We read: "Every soul that accepts Jesus as his personal Saviour, will pant for the privilege of serving God, and will eagerly seize the opportunity to signalize his gratitude by devoting his abilities to God's service. He will long to show his love for Jesus and for His purchased possession. He will covet toil, hardship, sacrifice. He will think it a privilege to deny self, lift the cross, and follow in Christ's footsteps, thus showing his loyalty and love. His holy and beneficent works will testify to his conversion, and will give to the world the evidence that he is not a spurious . . . Christian."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 394.

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OUR NEED OF WITNESSING POWER

LOUIS K. DICKSON

CHRIST'S promise of power to His disciples was to enable them to witness. The power that God has promised to His church in this hour is given to help finish His work.

Latter-rain power will be given only to those who are being used by this power, now at their disposal, to win souls to Christ. God does not place a premium upon complacency and unfaithfulness by giving the fullness of His Spirit to those who are doing less than their best in His work with the facilities He has already bestowed.

Facts such as these should cause us all to ponder well our consecration to the service of Christ. They should cause us to form some very definite conclusions as to what our life's programme must be.

Before we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to fall upon us, let us consider our sacrificial service for Christ in the light of Him who is our great example.

ARE WE READY FOR THE POWER?

All of our leaders should consider whether their endeavours are as self-

less and sacrificial as they ought to be. Our ministry should seek to discover their true motivating aims. Our laity need to measure what they are rendering in service to God in relationship to what they now render to self. We need, all of us, to look at what God has asked us to do for Him that we have thus far never attempted to do, before we presume to call upon Him for the gift of His Spirit.

Has not God already given us instruments that are rusting at our sides? It is time for us to take up that which He has put into our hands for the finishing of the work and with all our lives and all our strength go forward, praying that He will cover us with His power for the quick completion of the task.

And how shall it be accomplished? Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." That touches the problem at its very heart. The drawing of "all men" is what is baffling the church today.

Jesus is pointing out that there is no limit to the possibilities of the expansive work one can accomplish if Christ is truly lifted up and seen

A BACKWARD GLANCE

J. W. NIXON



Elder D. A. McAdams

several treasured reminders of a very happy, interesting and profitable itinerary through Southern Asia, the beneficial results of which will be fully realized in an expanding literature programme throughout the year 1956.

MIRACLES AT ARUPPUKOTTAI

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man who had smoked for thirty-five years stopped the habit although it caused him much suffering. He is still standing by his decision.

We visited the family of one of the Christians who were attending our meetings and found the man's elder daughter, aged thirteen, sick in bed where she had been for more than a month. She was very thin, and had not been able to speak for some days. We gave a Bible study and prayed earnestly for her recovery. After two days we went to see the girl again. The father and mother said joyfully: "After your prayer our daughter spoke." Within a week she was able to walk, and at our next visit we saw her working. That family is so happy to see this miracle of God. They are interested in the truth, and the father will be the first man to take baptism here. He has kept the past three Sabbaths and is persuading his wife to follow his example.

One atheist who has read the books of Ingersol accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. Now he is reading the Bible and praying every day. He was first influenced by the book *God Speaks*. He is bringing his wife to our meetings. He kept the past two Sabbaths, and wants to be baptized

after studying some more of the truth.

Another lady was possessed of the devil. Satan led the whole family astray through her and through dreams. Because of this she was weak and unhealthy. We studied the Bible, prayed and fasted with this family for many days. Now they are free from the devil. The woman is very weak but has had no more fainting spells, and they are happy in Jesus. We thank God that He has heard our prayers. The family is attending our meetings regularly.

Dear Readers, will you please pray for these families and other interested ones that their faith may grow stronger in God and that they may take their stand fully for Jesus? We need your prayers for our new work in this town.

PRAYER'S GREATEST RESULTS

D. A. DELAFIELD

PEOPLE pray for signs or miracles to indicate God's will in a given situation. Isn't it better to pray that *God will guide our minds*? Certainly God is able to reveal His will by signs, but is He not able also to bring conviction to our hearts and light to our minds. The Word of God and the Spirit of prophecy enunciate right principles. These we should understand. His Spirit also speaks to our hearts. The voice of Providence may be heard and nature may testify to His will if our ears are sensitive to the thunderings and whisperings of God in the things that He has made. But the principal thing is a yielded heart, a mind that is active and alert, searching for evidence of the Lord speaking.

The purposes of redemption are to revitalize all the faculties of man, to restore us to our true selfhood—a righteous man communing with God. This does not mean developing some innate goodness. It means making us into what we might have been had not sin defiled us. This is how prayer brings its greatest results in the realm of human nature.—*Review and Herald*.

THE old Book says "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof."

So we have waited till the end of Pastor D. A. McAdam's visit to this field to send out this write-up for the TIDINGS readers.

Landing in Karachi on the evening of October 26, Elder McAdams travelled throughout Pakistan and India for two months and left Karachi for the States on the night of December 26.

His friendliness and sincerity was greatly appreciated by all who had the pleasure of his company.

During his stay he attended three Union Literature-Evangelist Institutes and one Division Publishing Department Council. Each of these meetings occupied a period of six and a half days, except for one which closed half a day early.

Between these meetings visits were made to many of our churches and evening meetings were conducted. These were much appreciated by our church members. Besides sponsoring the literature work Elder McAdams took a keen interest in every phase of mission work.

His helpful lectures on "Successful Salesmanship" delivered at the various Institutes were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the sales staff.

"Confidence," Pastor McAdams emphasized, "is the basis of Christian Salesmanship." The colporteur does not sell to his enemies, but by being friendly wins their confidence and then sells to his friends.

Many concert tokens of goodwill, appreciation, and friendship were given by the Literature Evangelists and Pastor McAdams went home with



Intimation has just been received from the Review and Herald Publishing Association regarding the price of periodicals during 1956. "Review and Herald" to Southern Asia now comes at \$6.25, the "Big Four" at \$9.65, "The Family Group" at \$16.70, "The Youth's Instructor" at \$5.75, "Life and Health" at \$3.85, "Education" at \$1.75, "Go" at \$1.75, "Junior Guide" at \$4.60, "The Ministry" at \$3.10, "Liberty" at \$1.75, "The Sabbath School Worker" at \$3.25, "Child's Home Colour Set" \$0.50 per annum.

If renewals reach our office not later than January 31, 1956, they will be renewed at the old rate as follows:

"The Review & Herald"	\$5.40
"The Big Four"	8.65
"The Family Group"	14.85
"The Youth's Instructor"	5.25
"Junior Guide"	4.10
"Life and Health"	3.10
"Liberty"	1.00
"Go"	1.45
"The Sabbath School Worker"	2.85
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people from God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 647. "Our words, our actions, and our dress are daily, living preachers, gathering with Christ, or scattering abroad. This is no trivial matter, to be passed off with a jest. The subject of dress demands serious reflection and much prayer."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 600.

Our Lord has cautioned, "Thou shalt not covet." Ex. 20:17. Yet who doubts that "the greatest sin which now exists in the church is covetousness. God frowns upon His professed people for their selfishness."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 194. "There is nothing more offensive to God than this narrow self-caring spirit. He cannot work with any who manifest these attributes. They are insensible to the working of His spirit."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 400.

These sins represent the various areas of life in which deceptive evil

may degrade the soul. As signs and wonders among Christians these sins "each excels the other" in the fields of operation. The wonder of wonders is that the "elect" of God should be ensnared by them.

Thank God, it is not necessary to be deceived by these, nor is deception possible for God's "elect" as long as they are linked with the Saviour. For "when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against Him." Isa. 59:19. By this divine power He "hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." 2 Peter 1:3.

OUR NEED OF WITNESSING POWER

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If there is no hunger and thirst in my heart for seeking and finding the lost, I must examine my consecration to Christ and my acceptance of Him. If you do not find such a craving in your soul, be afraid, and fear for the

welfare of your own soul. Many are strangers to this experience and should look again at the reality of their conversion.

A MORE PERFECT CONSECRATION

A great revival is called for within the ranks of the believers of our faith. There are so many today within the church who are perfectly willing to accept all the church can give them—all the blessings God has made possible through His great sacrifice—but who are so indifferent to anything that God asks them to do for others' salvation.

The accomplishment of the great task for God that we now face calls for flaming love and unprecedented power made possible through a more perfect consecration. May not those flames that rested upon the heads of the disciples at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was given be symbolic? May not those flaming tongues of fire have been symbols of flaming tongues in their mouths as witnesses for God?

Oh, do we not need to seek God until we are aflame with evangelistic zeal?—*Review and Herald*.

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Miscellany

- PASTOR O. O. Mattison attended a meeting of the South India Union Committee which opened on January 2. He also attended the Northwestern India Union Committee which was held on December 28 and 29.
- Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Williams, returning from furlough in the U. S. A. arrived in Bombay on December 31. They spent a couple of days in Poona before proceeding to their home in Karmatar. Brother Williams will take up his work as secretary-treasurer of the Northeast Union
- Dr. Verna Robson spent the week-end of the 31st in Poona en route to Vellore from Karachi. She will spend three months assisting and observing the anæsthesiology department at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, where Dr. Bernard Briggs is heading up the anæsthesiology work.
- SEASONS greetings to all the workers throughout the Southern Asia



DO YOU WISH TO TRAIN AS A NURSE?

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Special Notice

We have recently received intimation from the American Publishing House that the prices of books are increased from January 1, 1956. The increase is not uniform; it varies from 20% to 50%. A few prices are listed below for your information:

	Rs. As.
Homemaker's Cookbook	52- 8
Modern Medical Counsellor	67- 8
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Children's Hour, per volume	25- 0
Bedtime Stories, colour volume	22- 0
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crisis books will in future sell for 3- 6 per copy	
Bedtime Stories set, paper	67- 8
S. D. A. Bible Commentary,	
per volume	60- 0
God Speaks to Modern Man	12- 8

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We still have a few copies of "God Speaks to Modern Man" which we can sell at the old rate of Rs. 5/- per copy as long as stock lasts. Evangelists and other workers will do well to get their orders in early as the future price will be Rs. 12/8/- per copy.

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Division were received from Pastor R. H. Pierson and family. Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Pierson's health is somewhat improved, and that they now have two grand-daughters. Bobby is a ministerial student at Southern Missionary College.

● MEETINGS of the Surat Hospital Trust Association and Board of Management were held in Surat on Wednesday, December 28. Pastor M. E. Kemmerer visited the Lasalgaon School en route to Surat. At the same time Pastor O. A. Skau and R. W. Shorter conducted an inspection of this school.

● WORKERS in Burma report forty-eight baptisms from various villages

during the month of December.

● PASTOR S. P. Vitrano and Pastor C. A. Boykin give very encouraging reports of the meetings being held in Dehra Dun. In spite of the very cold weather the attendance has held steady.

● THE Sabbath School offering received during the 4th quarter of 1955 is the largest ever received by the Salisbury Park church—a total of Rs. 3,196/-

● PASTOR and Mrs. E. P. Wolfe and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Tolhurst, and Miss Joan Dallaway arrived in Bombay on January 11 instead of January 3 as expected.

—D. S. J.