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▶ **EVER ONWARD** ◀

AND

*Forward in Faith*

**N**INETEEN-FIFTY-SIX offers the greatest opportunity Seventh-day Adventists have ever had. Never in the history of our work in Southern Asia have the burning rays of the transforming truths of the third angel's message penetrated into the hearts and lives of men and women as at the present time. Today, thousands in Southern Asia are reaching out for the truth that will bind their hearts in Christian fellowship.

The hour is late. Evangelical leaders throughout the world declare that the greatest opportunity facing the Christian church in soul-winning endeavour is right before us.

Let me quote from a Christian leader: "All about us are warnings that our opportunities for evangeliz-

ARCHIE E. RAWSON

ing the unreached areas of the earth are almost over. Statesmen, missionary leaders and students of international affairs tell us that either isms or war, or both, may end our missionary efforts within five years."

Now is the time for every Seventh-day Adventist to preach with passionate eloquence. If ever there was a time for us to speak with a voice of thunder it is now. Nothing but a mighty message flaming forth from souls afire for God will satisfy Heaven in this colossal climax of earth's history. It is our supreme opportunity for service and witnessing

for the Master. It may never come again.

The Voice of Prophecy is doing a work hitherto left undone. The Lord has truly set His hand a second time to gather the remnant of Israel from every walk of life. Since the inception of the Bible School, we have received 510,000 applications for lessons. Out of this number 273,000 have become actual students of the Bible School, and 80,000 have completed the course and received their well-earned certificates.

In the course of our work we send out 105,000 lessons and we correct and grade from 63,000 to 65,000 test-papers each month. About 1,000 men and women complete the Bible Course every month.

**Don't  
Forget**

VOICE OF PROPHECY DAY

FEBRUARY 11

GOAL—Rs. 3,000



## DO YOU KNOW ?

(In Southern Asia)

- That the Voice of Prophecy Radio programme is released twelve times over Radio Ceylon every week?
- That "Your Radio Doctor," a Radio Health programme, is becoming very popular throughout Southern Asia?
- That a unique dramatized programme titled "Your Story Hour" is on the air over Radio Ceylon?
- That we are now broadcasting a Hindustani, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam programme each week?
- That there are twelve Voice of Prophecy Branch Schools in Southern Asia?
- That the Voice of Prophecy opened two more vernacular schools (Telugu and Marathi) during 1955?
- That a Kanarese Branch School will be opened on March 4, 1956?
- That two Bengali Voice of Prophecy Branch Schools will be opened during 1956?
- That two new souvenir books have been translated into several of the vernacular languages?
- That 28,000 students have declared themselves in favour of the seventh-day Sabbath?
- That more than 40,000 non-Christians have expressed their faith and belief in Jesus Christ?
- That thousands of men and women have obtained power to overcome the evil habits of drinking and smoking as a result of studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons?
- That thousands of men and women have become members of our Branch Sabbath Schools after completing our Bible courses?
- That ninety-six new Sabbath Schools have been organized as a result of the work of the Voice of Prophecy?
- That thirty-four companies have been organized and—
- That thirty-two new churches have been organized.
- That during the past 9 years 1,500,000 Voice of Prophecy lessons have been placed in the hands of men and women in Southern Asia. In addition to this millions of tracts and other magazines have been distributed?
- That tens of thousands of souvenir books have found their way into the homes of men and women throughout Southern Asia?
- That your gift be it large or small would help us continue this work of faith. Your contribution will be much appreciated.

all-sufficient Saviour through studying the Voice of Prophecy Bible School lessons.

Nineteen fifty-six will mark a still greater progress in the Voice of Prophecy programme. In addition to our English School, we have Branch Bible Schools in the following languages: Tamil, Hindi, Sinhalese, Urdu, Malayalam, Burmese, Chinese, Telugu, and Marathi—the two latter language schools were opened during 1955. It is hoped that very shortly we will open two more branch schools—Kanarese and Bengali. The Bengali school will be in two sections, one school will be located in Karmatar and will serve students in India, and the other will be conducted from Gopalganj for the benefit of East Pakistan students.

In addition to our Bible School programme, we are broadcasting the third angel's message 12 times each week over Radio Ceylon. These messages are heard throughout the earth and we have received letters of appreciation from radio listeners living in practically every country of the world.

The Voice of Prophecy can be likened to the work of an air force in modern warfare. Today the air force plays an important role in every war. It would be nothing less than suicide for the best equipped army to venture into battle without the help of the air force.

The air force not only serves to reconnoitre the enemy's territory but it also affords protection to the attacking and advancing army. However, no battle is won by the air force alone. The ground forces are also needed. It is their duty to march forward, advance, conquer and occupy.

We, the Voice of Prophecy, earnestly plead with our fellow soldiers of the cross to advance every opportunity and follow up and capitalize on the work being done by the Bible School. Today we ask you to support the Voice of Prophecy not only with your prayers and service, but also with your means.

Thousands of wonderful testimonials are received from Voice of Prophecy students and radio listeners every month. Hearts are being touched, lives are being transformed. The work of the Voice of Prophecy

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Friends, just think what this means. Literally tens of thousands of men and women in Southern Asia are studying the blessed truth daily, and hearts and minds are being filled with the seeds of truth which some day will bring forth fruit unto re-

pentance.

Almost 2,500 Voice of Prophecy students have been baptized in Southern Asia, and many more are awaiting baptism. According to available records more than 40,000 non-Christians have accepted Christ as their

# VOICE OF PROPHECY RADIO BROADCASTS

## "Your Story Hour"

30 minutes  
of  
Dramatized  
Biblical and True-to-Life  
Stories

Heard Over  
**RADIO CEYLON**  
Every Sunday Morning  
at  
9:30 a.m.

Metres	Kcs.	Mcs.
25	11770	11.7
41	7190	7.1
49	6006	6.0
469	640	—

## "VOICE OF PROPHECY"

**TAMIL**  
BROADCAST

Heard Over  
**RADIO CEYLON**  
(Tamil Beam)

Every Sunday Evening  
at  
6:45 p.m.

Metres	Kcs.	Mcs.
41	7190	7.1

## "YOUR RADIO DOCTOR"

Heard Over  
**RADIO CEYLON**  
EVERY  
SATURDAY EVENING

at  
7 p.m.

Metres	Kcs.	Mcs.
31	9520	9.5
49	6006	6.0
61	4870	4.8
469	640	—

## VOICE OF PROPHECY (ENGLISH) BROADCASTS HEARD EVERY SUNDAY OVER RADIO CEYLON

Time	Metres	Kcs.	Mcs.	Services
Morning 9:00 a.m.	25	11770	11.7	India/Pakistan/Burma
	41	7190	7.1	India/Pakistan/Burma
	49	6006	6.0	Ceylon/South India
	469	640	—	Ceylon only
Evening 9:30 p.m.	31	9520	9.5	India/Pakistan/Burma
	49	6006	6.0	India/Pakistan/Burma
	61	4870	4.8	Ceylon/South India
	469	640	—	Ceylon only

INVITE  
YOUR  
FRIENDS  
TO LISTEN  
REGULARLY

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TO YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
BROADCASTS



## "VOICE OF PROPHECY"

**TELUGU**  
BROADCAST

Heard Over  
**RADIO CEYLON**  
(Telugu Beam)

Every Thursday Evening  
at  
6:45 p.m.

Metres	Kcs.	Mcs.
41	7190	7.1

## OUR NEWEST PROGRAMME

IN

**MALAYALAM**

Heard Over

**RADIO CEYLON**

Every  
TUESDAY EVENING  
at  
6:45 p.m.

Metres	Kcs.	Mcs.
41	7190	7.1

## "VOICE OF PROPHECY"

**HINDUSTANI**  
BROADCAST

Heard Over  
**RADIO CEYLON**  
(Hindi Beam)

Every Sunday Morning  
at  
9:45 a.m.

Metres	Kcs.	Mcs.
31	9520	9

## DIVISION PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

J. W. NIXON

FROM December 2—8 the Salisbury Park church, Poona, became the centre of Publishing Department activities. From all parts of the Division, except Burma, Publishing Department secretaries, Book Depot managers, Union presidents, Publishing House personnel, and Division leaders gathered to discuss plans and problems connected with our Division-wide publishing programme.

On Friday evening our Division president, Elder O. O. Mattison delivered the welcome-in-address, and in his very timely and suitable remarks emphasized the aim and motto

of the Council. He said that to him it seemed very appropriate that we should take as our Motto the statement by Sister White, "Let us be hopeful and courageous. Despondency in God's service is sinful and unreasonable."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 481.

And what better Aim could we have than, "Educate, educate, educate, young men to give themselves to the ministry of the word. Educate them to become canvassers."

As the reading of a book stirred a nation in the days of Israel, so today there is great power in the reading of books.

On Sabbath morning Elder D. A. McAdams led out in a re-dedication service, that embraced not only Publishing Department leaders, but all present.

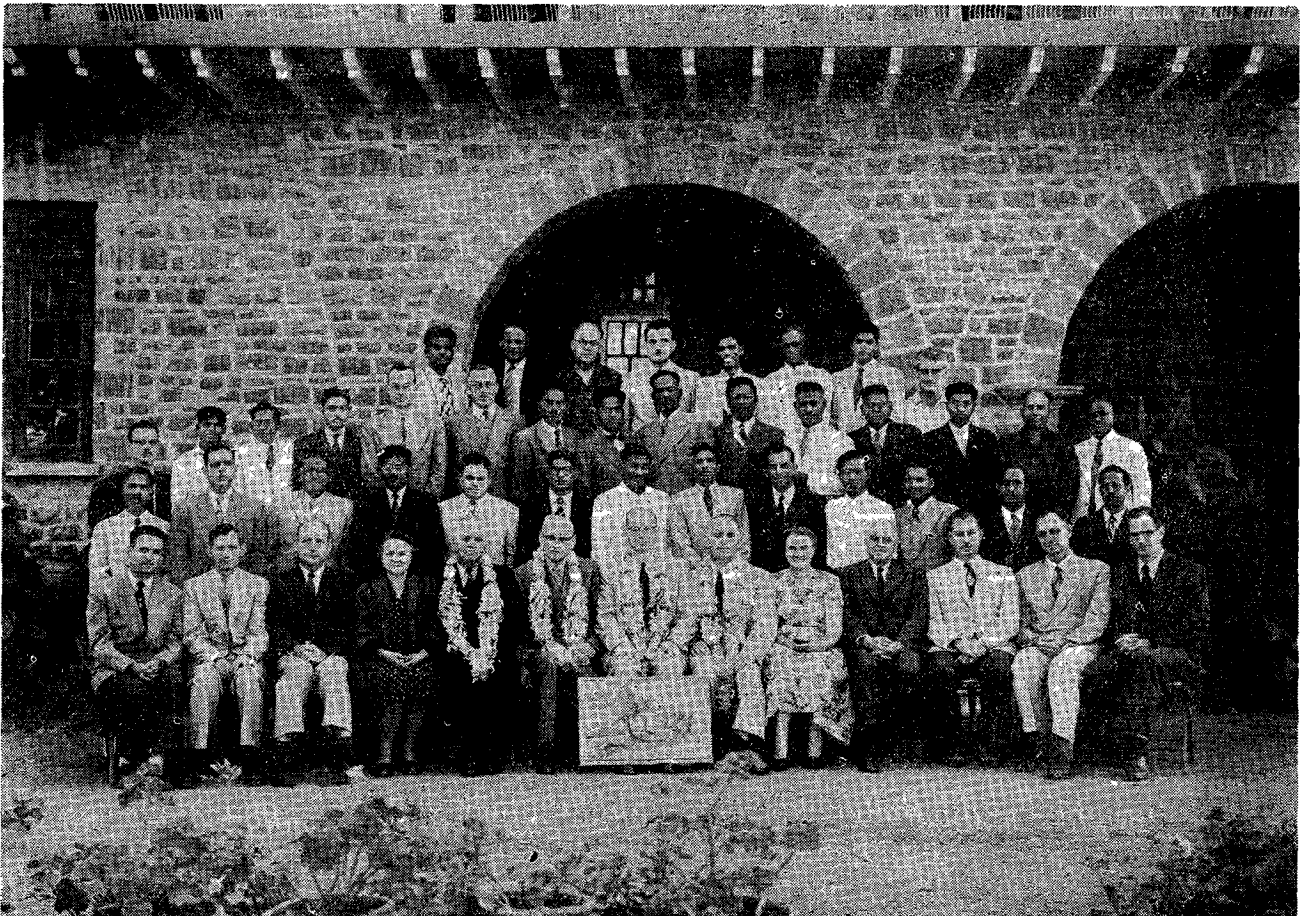
Sabbath afternoon witnessed a large gathering to listen to the Union Publishing secretaries tell thrilling experiences of God's leading in the literature work.

After a challenging devotional study by Elder D. S. Johnson, the Division secretary, and a survey of the place of the publishing work in the finishing of the task, by Elder McAdams, the delegates settled into the routine work of the Council. For the next four and a half days, plans and problems claimed the undivided attention of the delegates.

In harmony with the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy the delegates endeavoured to reach a conclusion on all important matters, rather than procrastinate and give the devil a chance to do his mischievous work.

Some issues of major importance came before the Council for con-

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Delegates to the Division Publishing Department Council.

## THE SCHOOL THAT ATTRACTS MILLIONS

R. R. FIGUHR

A SCHOOL that attracts and holds more than a million and a quarter students must have something worth while to offer. So many would not attend year after year merely from curiosity or without some definite purpose. It is evident that they feel there is something too good to miss. One hundred years ago the school was launched. From its very beginning it has steadily grown. In 1954 alone the enrolment increased by 69,326. This is clear evidence of an educational institution filling a need.

It is not necessary to be told that this is the Sabbath school, with its membership distributed among nearly all nations of the earth. Classes are conducted in 722 languages in some 198 different countries. Five years of faithful attendance and study at this school gives one a good comprehension of the truth and a most useful knowledge of the Bible. Faithful attendance stabilizes and holds church members in the faith. We could not do without Sabbath schools. They usually begin simply and humbly, but once started, how they thrive and grow!

Recently there came to me a copy of the minutes of the very first Sabbath school ever held in the far-flung Australasian Division. The date was July 4, the year, 1885. The report of attendance was ten. The record reads: "Elder Haskell presided. After singing and praying, the lesson was presented in No. 18 of the *Signs of the Times*. The subject was, 'The Saints' Inheritance.' All present united in the recitation of the lesson in one class, which was taught by Elder Haskell." From this first little Sabbath school in Melbourne, Australia, there have spread out over Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the seas, 1,002 schools. There must be something virile about the Sabbath school that leads it to

multiply and flourish thus.

Loyalty to the Sabbath school has been one of the secrets of our growth and prosperity as a people. The Sabbath school has bound us together. It has instructed us in the Word of God. It has kept our eyes on the world field and has kept the gospel commission ringing in our ears. From the day of its founding, God's blessing has been upon it.

As one who has practically grown up in the Sabbath school, I want to bear testimony to its beneficent and

inspiring influence. If for any reason in my travels I am unable to attend a Sabbath school—and the occasions are very rare—I do not feel right. Attendance has become a habit which I have no inclination to break. Even if the school is conducted in a language strange to me, I feel contented to be in it. It seems like the right place to be on Sabbath morning.

If you are not a Sabbath school member, you are missing something. A million and a quarter people cannot all be wrong in believing it to be a school well worth attending every week. More than seventy thousand new members will enrol this year. They too will have tried it and will have learned to appreciate it.

The Sabbath school needs your presence, your help, and your influence. Even more important, you need the encouragement and the inspiration that the Sabbath school offers.—*Review and Herald*.

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### TOUNGOO EFFORT AND BAPTISM

CECIL B. GUILD

WHEN it came time for us to plan our effort in Toungoo we found that there were very few good buildings left owing to the war and the various occupations since, therefore it was easier to find ground on which to pitch a tent than it was to locate suitable living quarters. The tent was finally placed on a large lot belonging to the forestry department about half way between the downtown bazaar and the Karen settlement known as Myogyi.

Brethren Myat Po and Ah Chu each had one of our 8 x 10 MV tents for their living quarters. We put up a 12 x 20 woven bamboo thatch "house" for Mrs. Guild and myself. The ground served as floor for all of us and from that source emanated various visitors, especially ants which were brought under control with liberal applications of Flit and powder.

Brethren Baw Dee, Tay Po, and Elisha Paul who work in that area lived with friends or relatives and

ably assisted us and the work benefited from their acquaintance with a large number of people.

We held five meetings each week. Evening programmes consisted of recorded music, a short song service with Mrs. Guild's accordion as the musical instrument, fifteen minutes of pictures by Pastor Myat Po, opening exercises, and the lecture with Saw Ah Chu translating.

The lecture on radiant health seemed to make a deep impression and from that day a number made definite efforts to discontinue the use of betel and the large Burmese cigars known as cheroots.

At the close of the two months, on December 24, seven were baptized in a clear stream at Kyauktaing, eight miles from Toungoo where we have a village school. A number of others are preparing for baptism early in 1956.

Many in the Toungoo area have been made acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists through the witness borne by Thra Paul and Thra Tha Myaing over a long period of time. Please pray for the new believers in Toungoo.

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## GOD GUIDES CONTINUALLY

S. CHAND

IN 1954, a plan was devised and a considerable budget was sanctioned for an evangelistic effort to be held in Ludhiana, but we failed to execute the plan because of the unfavourable circumstances that arose there. But according to His promise God eventually opened the way for us through the earnest and faithful work of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Singh.

On November 1, 1955, a group of workers gathered in Ludhiana under the vigilant leadership of Pastor I. M. Chand, the Voice of Prophecy secretary for Northwestern India Union. He was made available to us through the kindness of the Voice of Prophecy department and he was the speaker for the duration of the series of lectures. Each member of the team indicated a spirit of love, unity, co-operation, and zeal for the saving of souls for Christ. God's blessing was manifested in our work in a great measure, and we found no difficulty in acquiring permission to hold our effort and in obtaining electric connections, etc.

Pastor Chand, very carefully and prayerfully selected the main heading titled *Voice of Prophecy Lectures. Messages of Hope for a Troubled World*. It was most appropriate owing to the conditions that existed in the Punjab because of destructive and devastating floods and rains.

On November 6, the subject "Why Floods?" was delivered very impressively, and was the means of turning many honest hearts to God in appreciation of His wonderful mercies and blessings. This lecture was attended by about two hundred people. The audience increased every week, and everyone listened with keen interest.

On December 2, the District Magistrate of Ludhiana under section 144Cr. c.p. prohibited processions and public meetings in public places

up to December 20, on account of communal tension and political factions that existed in the city at that time. So we thought we might have to close our meetings. However, we knelt together before the Lord and poured out our hearts in earnest prayer that the Spirit of God would impress the hearts of the authorities that our work was of God and that they would allow us to continue our meetings. Pastor I. M. Chand and Mr. Elwin Singh went to the city inspector and inquired if we were affected by the order which had been imposed. He said: "You are not

affected in the least by this act because your meetings are not political but religious. Therefore you can carry on your meetings as usual."

With deep gratitude in their hearts for this answer to prayer Pastor Chand and Mr. Elwin Singh returned to the tent. God never fails in His promises and we know He is leading out in the Ludhiana effort and He will continue to guide us under all circumstances.

Many are taking a keen interest in the message and we are giving them Bible studies. Some are ready to step over the line. We sincerely hope and pray that the Spirit of God will penetrate the hearts and minds of others that they may know the truth, and accept it before it is too late.

Friends, we solicit your prayers for the Ludhiana effort that God's guiding hand may continue to lead us.

## AN UNDYING INFLUENCE

D. A. DELAFIELD

NO man lives to himself or dies to himself, said the apostle. No one knows how far-reaching will be his acts of good or evil. "A little more than two hundred years ago an old Puritan doctor wrote a book and died without knowing whether his book had done any good. The name of the book was *The Bruised Reed*. Richard Baxter was converted through reading *The Bruised Reed*, and he wrote *A Call to the Unconverted*. Philip Doddridge was converted through reading Baxter's book and wrote *The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul*. William Wilberforce was converted through reading this book, and wrote *A Practical View of Christianity*. Thomas Chalmers read Wilberforce's book, and was converted. A young minister by the name of Leigh Richmond read Chalmers' book and he was inspired to write *The Dairyman's Daughter*, which has been the means of the conversion of tens of thousands.' This true story shows how a book, sermon, poem, or article may

form a link in the golden chain of influence which in God's providence grows longer and longer."—*Herald and Presbyterian*.

Said Mrs. White: "When a man dies, his influence does not die with him; but it lives on, reproducing itself. The influence of the man who was good and pure and holy lives on after his death, like the glow of the descending sun, casting its glories athwart the heavens, lighting up the mountain peaks long after the sun has sunk behind the hill. So will the works of the pure and the holy and the good reflect their light when they no longer live to speak and act themselves. Their works, their words, their example, will forever live. 'The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.'

"But what a contrast to this is the life of those who are earthly, sensual, devilish! The sensual pleasure was indulged. In the light of the judgment, the man appears as he is, stripped of the livery of heaven. He stands before others as he is in the

sight of a holy God. Let every one of us think seriously whether the works following us will be the mellow light of heaven or the shadows of darkness, and whether the legacies we bequeath are those of blessings or curses."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 429.

Which shall it be with us? Not much can be done about the past, but we can change the future by deciding today to live for God and His church and His truth. "Every passing hour of the present is shaping

our future life. These moments spent in carelessness, in self-pleasing, as if of no value, are deciding our everlasting destinies. The words we utter today will go on echoing when time shall be no more. The deeds done today are transferred to the books of heaven, just as the features are transferred by the artist onto the polished plate. They will determine our destiny for eternity, for bliss or eternal loss and agonizing remorse. . . . As though written with an iron pen, they may be found *lead* in the rock forever."—*Ibid.*, pp. 429, 430.

pretty good about our attainments, especially when we compare them with those who appear to have less than we have. Here is where self-deception could be our ruin.

The same danger that faced Israel when God told them to take heed lest they be deceived faces spiritual Israel today, and God again in no uncertain terms sounds His warning in the Laodicean message. Of this message we read:

"What greater deception can come upon human minds than a confidence that they are right when they are all wrong! The message of the True Witness finds the people of God in a sad deception, yet honest in that deception. They know not that their condition is deplorable in the sight of God. While those addressed are flattering themselves that they are in an exalted spiritual condition, the message of the True Witness breaks their security by the startling denunciation of their true condition of spiritual blindness, poverty, and wretchedness. The testimony, so cutting and severe, cannot be a mistake, for it is the True Witness who speaks, and His testimony must be correct.

"I was shown that many are flattering themselves that they are good Christians, who have not a ray of

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## WARNING AGAINST SELF-DECEPTION

FREDERICK LEE

**G**OD warned Israel against self-deception. "Take heed to yourselves," said He, "that your heart be not deceived." Deut. 11:16.

This is one of the greatest dangers facing the Christian. It comes as a result of self-righteous sufficiency, a comparison of ourselves with others, and a sense of well-being. It comes especially when all is going well and we seem to have the situation under control.

The person who never looks in a mirror can be deceived about his own appearance. One who does not spend some time looking in the mirror of God's Word and in self-examination is likely to fall into the trap of self-deception.

It is not so bad to be deceived in some material interests, or even in an estimation of friends, as it is in our spiritual attainments. One is only a temporal loss, but the other may be an eternal one.

To be deceived in a time of crisis when much is at stake may bring about evil consequences of vast importance. To a nation it may mean national disaster. To a person's spiritual life it may mean the end of hope.

We now have come to the crisis of the ages. It is the time of the end when all men are to stand before the

Judge of the universe. Who would dare to be so self-deceived as was the man who went to the wedding feast without the proper garment, as depicted in Christ's parable of the wedding supper? We are astonished at this man. He had no excuse when he was asked why he came to the supper without a wedding garment. What had he been thinking about to be so heedless? He probably had thought, "My garments are as good as those of the other guests. I have put much effort upon them. They are as clean as I can make them." The trouble was that the garments were his own and not the ones that the master had prepared for every guest to wear to the supper. His self-deception dishonoured his lord and thereby made him unfit to be his guest.

### A RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER

Christ has prepared a garment for all who will be guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb. That garment typifies the character that He will accord to all who, giving up their own robes of self-righteousness, will come to Him and ask for it.

Many of us, however, are hard at work making our own garments of righteousness, and at times we feel

### TEACH US TO KNOW

MARGARET LOCKE

Teach us to know how frail we are—

How weak in thought, in word, in deed;

Teach us to look to Thee for strength  
In every pressing time of need.

Teach us to know that Thou art God,  
Mighty in power—omnipotent;

Teach us to put our trust in Thee,  
Follow Thy ways, and be content.

We are but creatures of the dust,  
Yet for our sakes the Son of God  
Left all the joys of Paradise  
And Calvary's rugged pathway  
trod.

May we more fully comprehend  
Salvation's cost—teach us to know  
Just how to do Thy blessed will  
While on life's journey here below.



## UNPREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED

J. E. EDWARDS

WE MAY find some things to commend in the five foolish virgins, but that doesn't make up for their folly. They will be outside the heavenly kingdom. And so it may be with us. We may miss the kingdom of heaven in spite of many commendable traits of character.

Let us look at our own lives and ponder the need for a full consecration. Think of the invitations we have spurned to surrender our hearts to Jesus, to submit our wills to Him, to allow Him to manage our lives. Meditate a moment upon the opportunities for service that we have failed to grasp. Remember those rationalizations that we advanced.

The parable of the ten virgins has a direct application today. "Christ . . . told His disciples the story of the ten virgins, by their experience illustrating the experience of the church that shall live just before His second coming."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 406. "The ten virgins are watching in the evening of this earth's history."—*Ibid.*, p. 412.

Why were they rejected? Why was the door shut? Why did Jesus say, "I know you not"? Because they were unprepared for the unexpected. They did not prepare for emergencies and build spiritual stockpiles. They had no reserves for the soul. The five foolish virgins might have been prepared if the bridegroom had come at the time expected. If everything had happened as they thought it would, they probably would have been ready, but when his coming was unexpected, they were unprepared.

How do we meet the unexpected? What happens when we face trials and emergencies? How do we handle things when we are taken by surprise? When vexations and irritations try us, how do we react? Are we building characters that will stand true when assailed by the sudden blasts of trial and temptation? Any-

one who is unprepared for the unexpected, as were the five foolish virgins, is taking the fool's part. Though he may profess to be a friend of Christ and go forth to meet Him; though he may be with the right company, be stationed at the right place, and arrive ahead of time, he still may find himself unready.

Some time ago, in walking down a city street, I passed a department store with a curved mirror. When I looked into the mirror, my whole body appeared to be distorted. A few moments later a little boy about four years of age was attracted to the mirror. He became quite excited, and yelled to his mother, who was window-shopping nearby, "Come here! I want to show you something!" When



### APPOINTMENTS WITH JESUS

Elma P. Lawrence

*I had an appointment with Jesus,  
Alone, at the dawn of the day;  
I felt the sweet peace of His presence,  
As I quickly knelt to pray.*

*I had an appointment with Jesus  
At His temple on prayer meeting  
night.  
He came, and His sweet benediction  
Made my care-burdened heart seem  
light.*

*Another appointment with Jesus  
Was to be on the Sabbath His  
guest,  
And there in His house, by His Spirit,  
My turbulent soul was blessed!*

*O heart with a hidden longing,  
O soul with a secret quest,  
Only keep your appointments with  
Jesus,  
And His presence will bring you  
rest!*



she hurried over, he enthusiastically pointed to himself in the distorted mirror and said, "See how big I look?"

I thought, "There are many people saying today, 'See how big I look,' but they are not really *being big*."

### DEMONSTRATING BIGNESS OF CHARACTER

We must never be satisfied just to look big; we must actually be what we seem to be. How many opportunities to be big have we grasped? Today we will have the chance to demonstrate our bigness of character and how well we are stockpiling spiritual graces. Will we forget insults, ignore spites, overlook affronts, forgive mistakes, eliminate friction, end feuds, and make wrongs right? We may not have any opportunity to look big. No special honours may be conferred upon us. There may be no publicity focused upon us. Probably there will be no prominent position given us, but we will have many opportunities to be big for Christ and His message.

The five foolish virgins are well characterized—they *looked* good, but they were not good; they had a *call*, a *name*, a *lamp*, a *profession*, but they were content with a superficial work in their hearts. (*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 411, 412.) Their folly may be summarized in four words—*unprepared for the unexpected*. Only the wise virgins were prepared.

"Both parties were taken un-awares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation. So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace."—*Ibid.*, p. 412.

*And emergencies come!*—A child of ours in seemingly perfect health is suddenly stricken with infantile paralysis; we may have a temptation to take a moral holiday; a friend that we trusted with life's intimate secrets proves unworthy and untrue; securities that we banked upon prove worthless and leave us financially embarrassed; the death of a loved one descends like a bolt from the blue—such experiences may test our preparedness. In these desperate moments, so sudden and unexpected, we



need unusual help. No ordinary word of hope will suffice, because an emergency has struck.

After we had presented our In-gathering canvass to a businessman he inquired, "Haven't you found those heathen people getting along pretty well without Christianity?" How else could we answer but, "We have never found anyone, anywhere, getting along pretty well without Christ." A real experience in Christ is based upon close communion with Him. It is a necessity during ordinary days; but when a real test comes, when some unexpected experience strikes, then how supremely important to have a vital experience. When tragedy befalls, wreckage will result unless we are provided with a faith that can carry us through the emergency.

In a recent letter a friend sorrowfully writes: "I lost my dear husband. He died very suddenly. His last act was one of kindness to a neighbour. He ran over to their home to help put out a blaze in their garage. He was gone just a few minutes, came back and asked for a heart stimulant, which I gave to him, and then phoned the doctor. The doctor was here in a few minutes, and gave him a hypo, with instructions to keep him in bed for a few days. Just a few minutes after the doctor left, his face stiffened, his eyes rolled up, and he was gone.

"It has been a terrible shock. I feel my loss more and more keenly as the days go by. My husband was building our new house, which is not completed. I am planning to stay here, and at the present time have a niece staying with me. I am looking forward to the resurrection day, when we can meet our Saviour and be reunited with our loved ones again."

Then she adds significantly, "No matter what the outlook, the uplook is always good, for there is no sorrow that heaven does not feel."

In this letter we find no questioning of God's purpose, no fault-finding, no criticism, no complaining because of the unexpected sorrow and new hardship. The spiritual reserves of this wife had been built upon family worship, upon a living connection with God each day, upon confidence in God's promises and a trust that

all things work together for good to them that love God. To her the resurrection of the righteous was not a philosophy to which she gave assent. It was a firm belief in God's Word, which was a reality. It was not only a teaching that was plausible, but it

was a conviction that anchored her soul. Truly she was ready for life's worst, for she had been preparing for the emergency. We build spiritual reinforcements for the unexpected, and stockpile inner reserves of character, by preparing every day.

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### REPORTS OF BAPTISMS IN CEYLON

L. F. HARDIN

**O**N December 3 one precious soul was buried in baptism at Divulapitiya by Pastor L. F. Hardin. Church members and friends gathered at a small stream about a mile from the church and sang praises to God during the baptism. A short service was held in the church before the baptism.

In Kandy on December 10 the Mailapitiya and Kandy churches held a combined service. At this time five were baptized from the school by Pastor E. L. Juriansz. It is a great joy to see the work of soul-saving being actively carried on in our schools. May God bless this work.

December 10 was also a day of joy for the members of the Nugegoda church when three precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism by Pastor F. R. Scott. The next Sabbath, the 17th, two more souls were baptized at Bethel Chapel. Surely God's spirit is working steadily and gathering in souls for His kingdom.

Two souls were baptized at Avissawella by Pastor Hardin on December 23. These were the results of the effort by Pastor Jesudason and Brother E. D. Wijesinghe.

From Enderamulla six souls were buried with their Lord in baptism by Pastor Hardin on December 24. Brother J. M. Fernando had worked faithfully to prepare these precious souls for baptism and this service was held in Bethel Chapel as no suitable place could be found in Endermulla.

On Sabbath, December 31, another baptism was conducted by Pastor Hardin at Weerakodiyana.

Brother D. E. Wijesinghe worked faithfully to prepare these candidates. Three were baptized and added to the Weerakodiyana church.

Pastor A. R. Pieris baptized three precious souls at Moratuwa in the month of December. Two of these were the results of the effort at Weedagama.

May God's blessing be upon each one of the new members as they go forward in service for their Lord.

### EVER ONWARD . . .

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is helping to finish God's work in this generation.

If ever there was a time when there was an imperative need to give our message to the world, it is now. The sands of time are fast running out. Eternity's day will soon dawn. We, the Remnant Church, must not fail at this time of crisis. The task is ours. May God help us to see the tremendous possibilities wrapped up in the Voice of Prophecy programme.

February 11 is Voice of Prophecy Day on which a special offering will be taken up to help finance this gigantic task. Your investment in the Voice of Prophecy will pay unlimited dividends. Remember friends, your investment will mean souls for God's Kingdom.

May we give more liberally this year than we have done in the past to help the Voice of Prophecy launch out in a Division-wide English and Vernacular Bible School and Radio programme. Now is our day of opportunity; now is the time to multiply our contributions to the Voice of Prophecy to enable us to go—**EVER ONWARD AND FORWARD IN FAITH!**



FOR THE YOUTH

## TIME OF SOWING

THOMAS A. DAVIS

A VERY famous poet once declared that "The child is father of the man." And most people agree that he is right.

Now you know what he meant, don't you? He was telling us that what Jimmy Brown, and Mary Brown too, will be when they are forty, depends upon what Jimmy Brown and Mary Brown are when they are fifteen and eighteen years old. For, you see, a man is just a youth grown up, and a woman is just a teen-age girl matured and readied for life.

This past summer I was at camp meeting when a man came up to me and said, "Do you remember me?" I looked at him, and began to stir my memory vigorously in order to recall his name, but it just wouldn't come. There were things about him that were familiar, but I just couldn't think of his name. At last I had to confess failure. So he said, "I'm Freddy Green [that isn't really the name he mentioned]. We attended the same church school together." At once I remembered him, but I saw him as a small boy in perhaps the second grade when I was several grades further along. Now his hair was a little thin. He wore glasses. He was quite a number of years older. But behind all the changes was the same face. But, more than that, I could now recognize something of the character of the boy I knew so many years ago.

Have you ever learned these lines? If not, here is a good chance to do so, for they are well worth remembering.

"Sow a thought; reap an action.  
Sow an action; reap a habit.  
Sow a habit; reap a character.  
Sow a character; reap a destiny."  
Young people, today you are in the springtime of life, the time when the sowing is done. You are sowing thoughts and actions that are already developing into habits that will become part of you. And they will decide what your characters will be as men and women. And the characters you are now developing will at last decide forever what eternity will be for you. That is a very serious thought, isn't it?

David sowed in his boyhood the seeds that made him a great king. Samuel sowed that which made him one of the greatest and most respected leaders of Israel, and John the Baptist sowed that which inspired Christ to say that "there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist." And Cain, Esau, and Judas also sowed, but their sowing was unto eternal death.

Even Jesus sowed in His youth. And of His development we read that He "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

Ask yourselves some questions right now, just to check up. What kind of a "father" or "mother" am I being to that growing man or woman in me? Am I being careful to see that the man or woman I will be several years from now will be a good man or woman? Will I be honest, kind, co-operative? Will I love and serve Jesus? Will I really

be a mature Christian without all the childish whims and fancies?

Perhaps you have never before realized what a great responsibility you have as a "parent" in training that man or woman you will be tomorrow. But there is something much, much more important to realize, and that is that "we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," to give an account of the way we have trained ourselves. So let us today ask Jesus to give us wisdom and strength to be sure that each of us succeeds in building that life into the stature of a full-grown man or woman in Christ Jesus.

### A BOY'S PLEDGE

GEORGE HAWKINS

*Three things there are I'll never do:  
I'll never drink, nor smoke, nor chew.  
I'll never form an appetite  
For whisky, beer, cigars, or pipe.  
No alcohol or nicotine  
Around my person shall be seen.*

*And three things more I will beware:  
I'll never lie, nor steal, nor swear.  
I'll speak the truth to every one.  
What is not mine, I'll let alone.  
My lips, I pledge, shall ever be  
From naughty oaths and bywords  
free.*

*Now these six things I will forbear:  
I'll never drink,  
Nor smoke,  
Nor chew,  
Nor lie,  
Nor steal,  
Nor swear.*

### LAZY IDEALS

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need to be maladjusted enough to make a few changes.

And it wouldn't hurt to memorize these words from the servant of the Lord:

"Those who receive the seal of the living God, and are protected in the time of trouble, must reflect the image of Jesus fully."—*Early Writings*, p. 71.

The judgment is going on. The shaking time is upon us. Those with *lazy ideals* will surely fall through the sieve. Will you?—*Review and Herald*.

## LAZY IDEALS

MARJORIE LEWIS LLOYD.

LET'S throw on the screen a few pictures of people I have met. Some of them you know. And I think this might be the best way to explain what I mean by *lazy ideals*.

This first one—a very successful man whose name appears in *Who's Who in America*. But he wrote to his son taking the medical course, "Study hard enough to get by."

Jim—Jim has a tape recorder. He likes to record sermons and music for shut-ins. A good work—more people ought to be doing it. But one thing about Jim, he's not too particular about the quality of his recording. Maybe the microphone is too far away. Maybe the tape has been copied till it only faintly resembles the original. But folks won't care—they'll like it anyway. And a lot of folks do like it. But Jim wonders why his musician friends seem a little hesitant lately, when he asks them to record.

Oh, and this one is a church member. Not too careful about some things. But she knows that God is a God of love. And she says, "I don't think God will send me to hell because I do this."

This one, a professional man. He has definite ideas about religion. He thinks religion makes people perfectionists. And he thinks perfectionists are perpetually unhappy because they do not reach their ideal. His remedy for unhappiness—no religion.

Another one of your friends. She's been cooking for twenty-five years. A good cook too. But she can't be bothered with serving it attractively. What difference does the dish make? Why fuss with the salad? Just get the food on the table. It will taste just as good.

One more picture. This is Gladys, we'll call her. The minute she stepped off the train I knew that something was wrong. She didn't dress the same, didn't look the same. I hoped she would tell me the reason. And eventually she did.

She recounted the changes she had made as we studied together, how as she came into the church she had determined to be all for God. Then I had gone. She had looked about in the church. She had wondered. I had taught her certain standards. Others in the church did not live up to them. Were they God's standards? Were they the standards of the church? Or were they just *my* standards?

She asked, and found there are only a very few things for which a Seventh-day Adventist may be disfellowshipped. A number of things that I have encouraged her to give up, and that she had given up, were not on the list. She could do them and stay in the church. She summed it all up by saying, "I decided to do everything the church would let me do." Safe enough—it seemed to Gladys.

### WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE?

Enough of pictures. I think you know what I mean. We haven't been looking at *lazy people*. These are some of the hardest working people I know. But we've been looking at people with *lazy ideals, lazy standards*.

"Good enough"—"Get by"—"Everything the church will let me do!"

*Good* is a good word. So is *enough*. But combine the two into *good enough* and you have a dangerous and habit-forming spiritual sedative. And right now, with the judgment going on, is no time to be under the influence of a sedative.

Get by. We may *get by* our own sleepy ideals; we may get by examining boards whose standards are hardly those of the angels. But to get by every temptation of a clever enemy and safely into the kingdom is a goal far different—a goal that the get-by folks will never reach.

Everything the church will let me do! Why not?

It's all right, friend, provided God will let you. But never forget that

God legislates in many areas where the church cannot. The church has standards it believes are God's standards. That's why it teaches them. But the church has no secret police. And neither does God, but He *knows*.

### HIGHER THAN WE THINK

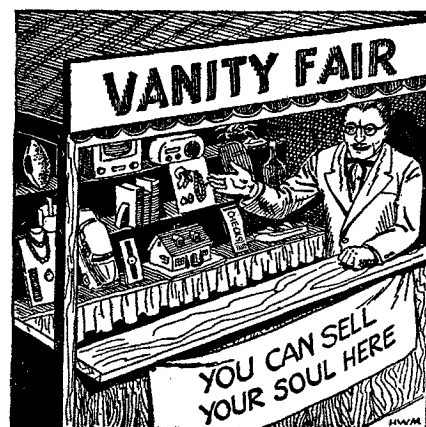
Wouldn't it be too bad, friend, to come up to the day when time has ended and find that God's standards are higher than you thought? God has angels with super-accurate, high-fidelity "recording" equipment. These "microphones" are sensitive enough to pick up even our thoughts. And not one of us, when the record is played back, will say "before the angel, that it was an error." Eccl. 5:6.

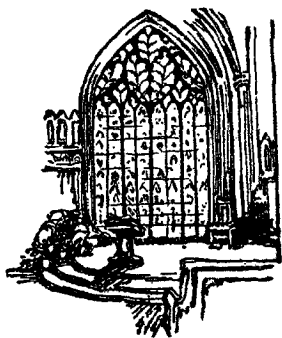
"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness—godlikeness—is the goal to be reached."—*Education*, p. 18.

Look about you any day at the results of lazy ideals. Contrast them with the lives of those content only to reach for God's standard. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

It was Paul who said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11. Good counsel, in its intended place. But Paul never meant those words to be taken as a sleeping pill. He said in the same letter, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14.

It's a good thing not to be too content, too happy with things as they are, too well adjusted to life as we find it. We need to be discontented at times. We need to be unhappy with the progress we have made. We  
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## THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST AND HIS CHURCH

MAE CARBERRY BRADLEY

**J**ESUS "as His custom was, . . . went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." Luke 4:16.

The true Seventh-day Adventist loves his church. He has a habit of church attendance that does not depend on inclination or weather. His Sabbath plans *always* include attendance at Sabbath school and church, and he attends as many other meetings of the church as possible. He is never among those who are missed from the church week after week until Satan presents other attractions and the well-meaning church member drifts with the world. Indifference to church attendance is a dangerous symptom.

Abraham commanded his household after him, and so must we. Children can develop the habit of church attendance or, if allowed to do so, they can learn to seek excuses for being absent. Usually they are following parents' example. Sometimes they are merely revealing parents' lack of discipline.

"It is a serious mistake to neglect the public worship of God. The privileges of divine service should not be lightly regarded."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 511.

It is a beautiful sight to see the entire family seated together in the house of God, reverently listening as the minister breaks the bread of life. Fortunate and prosperous is the church that has its pews filled with such families.

A sad sight seen in many of our churches is one or more back pews filled with neglected children whispering, playing, and sometimes even eating candy and throwing paper wads.

"The moral taste of the worshippers in God's holy sanctuary must be elevated, refined, sanctified. This matter has been sadly neglected. Its

importance has been overlooked, and as the result disorder and irreverence have become prevalent, and God has been dishonoured. When the leaders in the church, ministers and people, fathers and mothers, have not had elevated views of this matter, what could be expected of the inexperienced children? They are too often found in groups, away from the parents, who should have charge of them. Notwithstanding they are in the presence of God, and His eye is looking upon them; they are light and trifling; they whisper and laugh, are careless, irreverent, and inattentive."—*Child Guidance*, p. 542. Please read the entire chapter.

"God is dishonoured by the loose way in which parents manage their children while at church."—*Ibid.*, p. 544.

"Practise reverence until it becomes a part of yourself." *Ibid.*, p. 547.

Our attitude toward our fellow church members is important also. Although we will not find any church

a group of perfect beings all ready for translation, we will find in every church a fine group of people striving for that necessary perfection. Some may miss perfection a long way. Some may seem to us entirely unfit for church membership. However, if they are still striving to gain the victory, our responsibility is not to push them farther down, but to do all we can to lift them up.

We shudder with horror when we hear of cruel cannibalism, but do we read often the description given in *Education*, page 235, and see how cruel criticism is, compared to this horrible practice? We may think we know all about a person, and so are capable of judging him. Remember, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jer. 17:9. It may be the smudge in our own life that makes our brother's life seem so dark. If we can get a true vision of the life and love of Jesus, we will be able to love our brethren enough to view their imperfections in the same way we would like them to view ours. Chances are good that we have as many faults as our brother.

The true Seventh-day Adventist represents his church on Sabbath afternoon, when he is at leisure, as well as on Sabbath morning, when he attends church services. Jesus said, "It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days." This gives us a responsibility to decide for ourselves, to some extent, but we have further guidance in the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White to help us choose suitable pastimes for this sacred day. We can make the Sabbath a delight and still uphold the standards of our church.

Our appearance represents our loyalty to our church also. The followers of Jesus will not be con-

### POSSESSION

Weldon Taylor Hammond

Profession is nothing, possession  
is all;  
I may profess Jesus, yet constantly fall.  
But if I possess Him, His glorious  
might  
Will keep me from evil by day  
and by night.  
Possess me, dear Saviour, each  
part of my frame,  
That I may do honour to Thy  
worthy name.  
Thy purchased possession, O Mas-  
ter, take charge,  
My soul to refine, and my heart  
to enlarge!

spicuous because of outward adornment. They will not be careless in regard to neatness, cleanliness, or economy. Their clothing will be becoming but modest. It may be in fashion but not extreme. The hair will be clean and neatly arranged. We do not have to follow any particular style arrangement or cut, but we should not try to keep up with the latest extremes that are followed by the world about us. In all respects the dress should be healthful.

"There is no need to make the dress question the main point of your religion. There is something richer to talk of. Talk of Christ; and when the heart is converted, everything that is out of harmony with the Word of God will drop off."—*Child Guidance*, pp. 428, 429.

This is wonderful instruction. Instead of looking at our neighbour to criticize his attire, let us look in our own mirror, and if we see things that should be dropped off, ask the Saviour to cleanse our own hearts.

Our purses or billfolds should join the church when we do. Treasurers sometimes reveal the fact that not all members of the church pay tithe. A few people think they cannot afford to tithe, but it is much more true that they cannot afford not to.

Surely every Seventh-day Adventist believes God's Word, and all must have read Malachi 3:8-11. For those who believe these precious words it is a wonderful privilege to accept the promise and give God His rightful share of what is entrusted to us.

Our offerings are for us to decide. These we are to give to God. The tithe is not ours to begin with. There are the Sabbath school mission offerings, special campaign offerings from time to time, and various local expenses, such as church and church school expense. These very likely will make up a second tithe. With our hearts filled with the love of God and of our fellowmen we will delight to give. In return, the great heart of God is so filled with love for us that He will delight to shower us with blessings, "that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

If in our giving we put possibly two tenths into the bank of heaven, can we draw out necessary funds when a time of crisis comes? I believe that we can, for we have hundreds of promises to that effect. "Our

heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us of which we know nothing."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 481.

The Lord wants His people to be comfortable and happy, yet we are always to keep in mind the fact that Jesus will soon return. We will not want to live in luxury while the work of God languishes. The way we spend even our eight or nine tenths is telling the world whether we really

believe that the Lord is coming. Remember that we will take none of this world's goods with us when we leave this earth, we will purchase only those things that will help us physically, mentally, or spiritually to prepare for heaven. We will have no desire to pile up fortunes here, for this world is not our home. We are Seventh-day Adventists. We expect our Lord to come soon to take us to heaven to live with Him.—*Review and Herald*.

## NEWS FROM

# THE WORLD FIELD

## FAITHFULNESS IN SABBATH SCHOOL WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA

MARIO RASI

*Sabbath School secretary, South American Division*

**S**TIMULATING experiences have come to us in different parts of our division that illustrate the faithfulness of our Sabbath schools in this great continent of opportunity.

Our zealous lay-worker, Victor Mestanza, had been travelling afoot several hours from Bambamarca, in the Inca Union, to visit our branch Sabbath schools, when, through the mist his ear caught the strains of Isaac Watt's beautiful hymn, "Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear my voice ascending high." When he could see clearly he recognized two boys as the possessors of the melodious voices. The layman made inquiry as to where they had learned that hymn.

"Our father is an Adventist," they said, "and he has taught us this precious hymn. What's more," they continued, "we are taking a break in our trip to rest here today in observance of the holy Sabbath and to study the Sabbath school lesson."

"But where did you get your *Quarterly*?" asked Brother Mestanza.

To his great joy and surprise, the boys took several cactus leaves out of their knapsack. Line upon line, written with a needle from the plant, were the questions and verses from the Sabbath school lesson. The cac-

tus plant "paper" kept the lessons safe in the heavy rains of that region.

Here we observe the ingenuity of the boys and their fervent desire to study the Sabbath school lessons every day. Overcoming the disadvantages of rains and distances which impede the mail service, these consecrated youth found a way to read and study.

We have a church caretaker in Paranaiba, Piaui, Brazil, who is well known as a faithful Sabbath observer. When he came into the truth three years ago he was very poor, and his wife's health was in bad condition; he barely earned enough to maintain a livelihood. Now he has a good paintshop alongside the church, where he employs three people to take care of all the work. He is financially well situated, and his wife is well and considers herself the happiest of all mortals.

One Friday afternoon one of our brother's customers came to get his jeep. It was one of those models used for hire—a sort of long-distance taxi service. The chauffeur, not an Adventist, had made arrangements with a customer for a long journey on the following afternoon, the Sabbath day, but before starting out he realized that he had not brought the spare tire with him from our brother's shop. Nevertheless the cab driver did not have the courage to go and ask for it, because he knew that our brother would not attend to this matter on the Sabbath. He waited, therefore, un-

til midnight (thinking that the Adventists compute time as Sunday-keepers do, from midnight to midnight). Then he ventured forth to ask for the spare tire to fulfil his contracted journey.

The chauffeur came to the door of the shop and awakened our faithful brother with these words, which he repeated several times: "Elias, Elias, the rooster is already crowing, the clock has struck twelve, and I think you can now give me my tire because the Sabbath has ended."

#### FISH IN THE NET

In Rio Novo, Maronon, Brazil, it is the custom to fish by means of wire-enclosed fish-ponds placed in certain zones along the shore where the tide, when high, completely covers them. When the tide is low the water covers a little more than a foot and a half of the sandy beach. The cages are fourteen feet square and have an easy entrance for the fish, but a very difficult exit.

We have a faithful family there who were strongly tried by the Lord. The father is now an elder of the church, but when the trial took place they had known the gospel of salvation only a short time.

During two long months no fish had entered this brother's cage, although fourteen other fishermen of the village had prospered. This adventist family had nothing in the house to eat, and their debts in the nearby city of Paranaiba had mounted to 20,000 cruzeiros (about \$270).

When it seemed almost impossible to hold out any longer, our brother found a fish in his trap that weighed more than 220 pounds. There was great happiness in his family at the prospect of selling this fish and paying their debts. Before taking the prize from the wire enclosure, they knelt on the shore and gave thanks to God. Friday morning they found three fish of the same size as the first one. They returned to give thanks for this wonderful blessing.

At sunset that Friday, six more fish entered the trap pond, but our faithful believers did not put forth any effort to take them out, because the Sabbath had already begun. The other fishermen offered to do the work for our friends, since they themselves were not interested in ob-



### A PRAYER OF FAITH

MARY E. HYATT

Give me, dear Lord, for just one hour,  
A faith to sense Thy keeping power;  
Bid every doubt and fear depart,  
Let Thy sweet peace dwell in my heart—

That heaven-born peace sent from above,

A priceless gift from the heart of love.  
And may the sick, the poor, the sad,  
Share in that peace and be made glad.

Another hour of faith, I pray,  
Give me the added strength to say,  
"Thy will be done, dear Lord, not mine;

Make me a humble child of Thine";  
And may that faith so childlike be  
That I must trust alone in Thee  
To give me grace and strength and light

To walk by faith and not by sight.

So hour by hour, and day by day,  
Teach me to walk in Thine own way;

May love to God and love to man  
Be in my waking thoughts and plans.  
And help me, Lord, to daily be  
A living sacrifice for Thee;  
Then may I be among that throng  
Who sing at last the victors' song.



erving this as a day of rest. In spite of the threats of the other fishermen, the family remained true and did not give them permission to take the fish out.

Once the Sabbath had ended, the family got ready for work, and instead of finding six, they found twenty-two large fish! Besides that they found a large quantity of small fish weighing a total of 440 pounds. It seemed almost unbelievable that they had before them some 4,800 pounds of fish. They worked all night by lantern light. But the most extraordinary thing of all was that there was not a single fish in the other fourteen cages.

This family is now in good financial circumstances, they have their own home, and they donated nearly half of the cost of a new chapel erected at this place. Their faithfulness resulted in the winning of another fisher family to Christ.

#### CHAPEL WITH A SIGNIFICANT TITLE

"Sabbath School Chapel" is what people can read in front of an interesting yet simple edifice that a pharmacist, Brother Teonesto Miranda, constructed without help of the church organization in the district of Mantena, Espirito Santo, Brazil.

Since he wins souls chiefly by means of the Sabbath school, he did not put the title Adventist Church, or Adventist Chapel on this building that he had donated to the cause of God, but Sabbath School Chapel. What do you think of that? Possibly this is the only meeting place that bears this unusual name.

The people met in this place of divine worship, along with a number of children, who had increased in numbers, making Brother Miranda think about the need for a primary school. To build another centre he needed more land. He was presented with the opportunity to buy the land alongside the little chapel, and in order not to lose this opportunity, he sold his only mule, which he had used as a means of transportation. Having bought the necessary lot, he is now awaiting the help of the Espirito Santo Conference to build a primary school there.

Teonesto Miranda, with a great missionary spirit and much love for the work of God, has won forty-five persons to the truth during the past three years.—*Review and Herald*.

#### COLPORTEUR BOAT IN NORWAY

ALF LOHNE

**I**N AND out between the thousands of islands along Norway's rugged coast line the colporteur boat *Rana* carries its two colporteurs to places where people never before have heard of the Adventists.

Harald Hansen and H. Pettersen can do this kind of work only in the short summer period.

During the past few summers they have visited hundreds of islands where the families of isolated fishermen live. Most of the homes welcome the colporteurs, and ninety per cent of those visited buy some of our literature.

On one island Brother Hansen saw a little farmhouse high up among

the mountains. No road led up to the house, only a small path nearly overgrown with grass and bushes. Brother Hansen never passes by any home in these outposts, so he started climbing toward the house. When he arrived there everything looked desolate and empty. It was one of the many farms left by people who emigrate to the United States or who find better places to live in Norway.

Just to be sure, Brother Hansen went through the open doors to have a look at the place. To his great surprise he found a young man inside. He was an Eskimo from Greenland hired by the Norwegian Government to look after flocks of sheep in the mountains. In the rainy weather he had sought cover in the deserted farmhouse. He was hungry for spiritual food, and the literature evangelist sold him several papers and two message books.

In many places *Rana* passes through dangerous waters. Several times the situation has been critical for the boat and the crew of two seaman-colporteurs. So far God's protecting hand has kept them from serious accidents. Faithfully the two brethren carry on their good work on the thousands of islands along the arctic coast of Norway.—*Review and Herald*.

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sideration and a very lively interest in them was revealed by the many fine speeches that were made on both sides of the questions involved.

Free discussion, and the spirit of co-operation, in spite of differences of opinion, made the atmosphere of the Council very pleasant, and greatly assisted in its effectiveness.

Some decisions of general interest may well be mentioned in this report.

It was decided after much discussion to publish our English and National magazines as health journals, eliminating strictly doctrinal articles, and use them to propagate the message through medical lines, and thus eliminate unfavourable criticism of our methods of propagating our message.

In order to give more much-needed



## THINK ON THESE

Prayer is the voice of faith.—*Horne*.

Happy is the man who does all the good he talks of.—*Selected*.

Chide a friend in private and praise him in public.—*Solon*.

Faith is the pencil of the soil that pictures heavenly things.—*Burbridge*.

Men find it more easy to flatter than to praise.—*Richter*.

The goal of yesterday will be the starting point of tomorrow.—*Carlyle*.

Friends are much better tried in bad fortune than in good.—*Aristotle*.



financial help to the Publishing House it was decided to accept a slightly lower rate of commission for literature evangelists and Book Depots on magazine subscriptions.

The Council recommended the operation of the magazine "Route Plan" in at least one large city of each Union field, with a view to its extension if it proved successful. This plan offers a very effective form of missionary activity for our lay members, and we hope to see it grow.

A "Big Week" sales contest for literature evangelists introduced a new idea into this Division, and met with a very favourable response from the Publishing secretaries. This has no connection with the present Big Week.

Another new idea was the decision to recommend that an annual survey of the Publishing work and operation of the Book Depot be conducted once every year in the local mission, or union as the case may be.

In its work the Council was greatly assisted by the presence and able counsel of Elder D. A. McAdams, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department. His wide experience in Publishing Department matters made his contribution to the Council of great value and his helpfulness in so many ways was deeply appreciated by all.

The council closed on a note of courage and confidence in the Lord, and each delegate left determined to do his part to the utmost of his God-given ability, to hasten the finishing of the work through the Literature Ministry.

## WARNING AGAINST SELF-DECEPTION

(Continued from p. 7.)

light from Jesus. They have not a living experience for themselves in the divine life. They need a deep and thorough work of self-abasement before God before they will feel their true need of earnest, persevering effort to secure the precious graces of the Spirit."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, pp. 252, 253.

The antidote for the evil of self-deception is found in the words "Take heed." This means that we must give some time every day to meditation and prayer. We must be awake to this danger, setting a guard upon the thoughts of our minds and the emotions of our hearts. We must pray: "Lead us not into this temptation, but deliver us from this evil. Make us humble, contrite, and submissive to Thy will." "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23, 24.—*Review and Herald*.

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# Miscellany

- AFTER arriving in Bombay on the 11th of January, the L. P. Tolhursts spent several days in Poona, before they shipped their goods to Dehra Dun. They plan to stop temporarily in New Delhi before settling into their work at Dehra Dun.
- Miss Joan Dallaway is well settled at her desk in the Treasury department. We welcome her to the Salisbury Park family, and hope that she will enjoy her years with us.
- PASTOR E. P. Wolfe has spent some time in Calcutta clearing his goods which were shipped direct to that port. They will settle in the near future in Bombay State.
- DR. Joelle Rentfro and Miss Alice Franks from the Surat Hospital visited Poona and Spicer Memorial College over the week-end of the 14th. While in Poona they performed several tonsilectomies at Spicer Memorial College, and checked the students there.
- PASTORS V. P. Muthiah and Wm. Moses have just returned from a three week trip in the southern part of Bombay State. They report sixteen baptisms in the churches which they have visited.
- THE Division committee has approved the purchase of a property on U Wisara Road near the mission office location for a church school in Rangoon.
- A FLOOD Relief Offering of \$250,000.00 is being taken up throughout the world field in February, 1956 to replenish reserves which have been heavily drained to meet recent needs.
- THE various fields have determined to meet the new year with a good Uplift programme. At the end of the first two weeks of work in New Delhi, they report having reached half of their goal of 10,000 rupees. Karachi has not sent in any figures to date, but they began their campaign early, and in the usual strong way. In South India the whole field is participating and Rs. 5,378-0-0 has been raised towards their goal of Rs. 51,000. It would be wonderful if

all goals could be reached before the Council in March:

- PLANS for the Institute for Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism are well under way. Speakers from the various countries of Southern Asia have been arranged for and a number of our Union fields have selected delegates to attend the Institute—the first ever held in Southern Asia.
- FROM January 9 to 15 the Lasalgaon Seventh-day Adventist High School held its M. V. Camp at Madhmershwari, not far from Lasalgaon. There were 87 in attendance; 33 girls, 37 boys, and 17 teachers and counsellors. A very enjoyable and profitable camp is reported.
- PASTOR O. K. Anderson of Australia and Aden visited Salisbury Park from January 13-15. During the Sabbath service he told some of his interesting experiences in Aden in his temperance ministry.
- RUTH and Glenn Nixon left Poona on January 17 for Madras and Colombo. From Colombo they will sail on the same boat with Pastor Anderson. They are returning to Australia for school work. We will miss them here, but hope they have a pleasant trip and wish them the Lord's blessing as they prepare for service.—D. S. JOHNSON.



## END OF DAY

Faith V. Perry

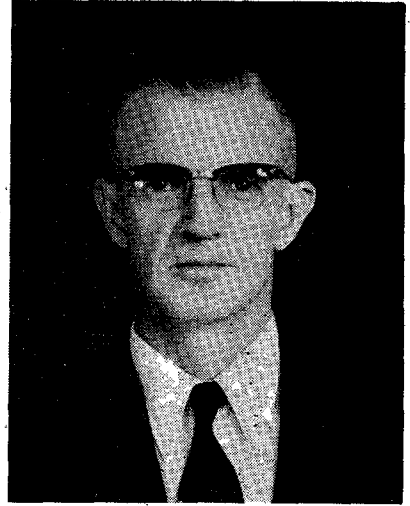
Not how much pleasure we had,  
 But how much pleasure we gave;  
 Not how much we were served,  
 But how much service we paid;  
 Not the success we achieved,  
 But how much of sacrifice;  
 Will judge our life's effort at last—  
 Will decide the ultimate price.

Not that we were happy will count,  
 But that we were helpful instead;  
 Not that we feasted on viands so choice,  
 But that we divided our bread;  
 Not of ambitions fulfilled—  
 Desires that we gratified.  
 Better the fruits of our love  
 Than all the fruits of our pride.

When we come to the end of the road  
 These questions alone will they ask  
 Who judge of the wealth of our lives,  
 Who measure results of our task.  
 All life shall be judged by its love,  
 All love shall be judged by its fruit;  
 If the fruit proves holy and sweet,  
 Pure then and holy its root.



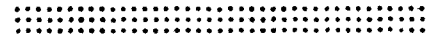
## MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR C. B. GUILD graduated from the Ministerial course at Emmanuel Missionary College and interned in the Michigan Conference. When he was in the midst of a country effort with a good interest the call came for him to go to Yunnan, China. While studying Chinese in this place he and Mrs. Guild had to stay in a house in which two of our missionaries had been murdered! Later Brother Guild served consecutively as Yunnan Mission treasurer, business manager of the West China Training Institute, and director of East and West Szechwan missions.

During the war he was director of the Honan mission while the Japanese lines were only a hundred miles away to the north, east, and south. In 1944 when the Japanese took Honan the Guilds spent three months evacuating by horse cart, truck, railway, and Chinese junk to Chungking where Brother Guild did evangelistic work, was treasurer of West China Union mission and later its superintendent.

In 1949 Pastor Guild directed the Voice of Prophecy school when the Communists came to Shanghai. Four months later he and Mrs. Guild were evacuated with others and came to Southern Asia where he served as president of the Western India Union for two years. In 1952 he was called to be president of the Burma Union where he is still labouring and being blessed by the Lord.



The greatest truths are the simplest: so are the greatest men.—Selected.

The diminutive chains of habit are seldom heavy enough to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.—Johnson.

Purchase not friends with gifts; when thou ceasest to give, such will cease to love.—Fuller.