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DIVINE PRESCRIPTION



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IT WAS the Christmas season in 1928. Snow blanketed the ground two to three feet deep in most places and twenty or thirty feet deep where it had drifted with the force of winter winds. The thermometer dropped to below zero temperature every night. Everyone at our house seemed happier than usual for all eight of my brothers and sisters were home for the vacation and mother and dad had made every effort to provide a plentiful supply of our favourite foods, plenty of fuel for the furnace, and Christmas decorations.

My sister and I had been visiting at a neighbour's half a mile from our home. It was dark when we stepped out of the neighbour's house to return home. A terrifying sight met our eyes. From the top of our house great flames of fire lighted the wintry sky! The glow extended across the white snow to where we stood a half mile away. Our beautiful home made of fine northern hard wood was going up in flames!

What about mother? She was alone in the house at the time for my brothers were doing the chores. What about clothes, food supplies, furniture and our pets? These were

some of the thoughts that raced through our minds as we ran, stumbled and crawled through the snowdrifts to reach our burning home.

By telephone my mother had alerted the neighbourhood and the city fire brigade two miles away. Practically every movable item in the house had been safely carried to the yard by dozens of strong arms and friendly hands before we arrived. Some of that work had been done at the peril of our neighbours' lives. My brothers had risked their lives to gather out precious things that they

knew the family would miss, but the neighbours were there to share in the risk, and restrain them when they might have been injured by being too daring.

As our neighbours turned to leave the large two storey house which had been our home, but now lay in ashes, their first thoughts were of our comfort. Although it was bitterly cold and dark we were as comfortable that night in their homes as we would have been in our own beds. During the weeks that followed we slept in their beds, ate at their tables, and they shared our problem by helping us build a temporary home that would do until summer came again and we could build.

Where that experience might have held many terrors and unhappy memories I look back upon it with some joy—because of our good neighbours.

On Sabbath, October 20, we in Southern Asia will be tested on the question: "Who is my neighbour?" and our relationship to that neighbour. Funds received from our people through the General Conference have assisted our members in East Pakistan, the Punjab, Tamilnad, and Kerala during floods, cyclones,

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and famines. We have deeply appreciated that help from others, but on October 20 we can give to build up *our* Division-wide Famine Relief Fund. The need will arise during the coming months for such a fund.

"Wherever the truth has been proclaimed and people have been awakened and converted, the believers are at once to unite in exercises of charity. Wherever Bible truth has been presented, a work of practical godliness is to be begun."—*Welfare Ministry*, p. 105.

We would agree that we have received much but we have been slow to "unite in exercises of charity." This, the servant of the Lord tells us, we should unite in doing, immediately we receive the truth.

The messenger of the Lord also says that the unfortunate and needy are placed in close Christian relationship to His church to test the character of the members. "If we have the true religion of the Bible, we shall feel that a debt of love, kindness, and interest is due to Christ in behalf of His brethren; and we can do no less than to show our gratitude for His immeasurable love to us while we were sinners unworthy of His grace, by having a deep interest and unselfish love for those who are our brethren and who are less fortunate than ourselves."—*Welfare Ministry*, p. 36.

The 58th chapter of Isaiah is referred to as a "divine prescription." The greatest disease of humanity and the church is selfishness but this divine prescription gives the remedy thus: "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"

Let's not fail God or our brethren. Let us show men and our Maker, by our liberality in bringing a large offering on October 20, that the Good Samaritan walks the roads of Southern Asia in the guise of the Remnant Church.

Empty close; they only live
"Hands that open but to receive
Richly, who can richly give.
Love is sweet in any guise,
But its best is sacrifice."

—Whittier.

WHEN FLOODS COME

O. W. LANGE

BELIEVERS in some areas of Southern Asia have little idea of conditions prevailing in other parts. Some of our dear brethren live on plateaus, high above rising water levels. Others live in areas where sudden heavy rains cause dry river beds to suddenly burst into raging swishing torrents. Individuals in such sections may have their communications cut and paddy fields ruined; even houses and whole villages may be carried away—but there is always higher ground to which they may run to save themselves and on which they may set up new homes.

There are some brethren who live in the delta areas and low lands. They are affected even more critically when unusually high rainfall continues on the plateaus and higher sections, even hundreds of miles away. They depend upon the flood season for their rice, expecting an even, steady flooding of the land for the growth of their crop. Under ordinary circumstances water will begin to rise in the early monsoon and continue to rise gradually from two feet to five or six feet. Usually the water rises slowly enough to allow the rice to grow along with the rise of water, thus affording a bountiful harvest for the

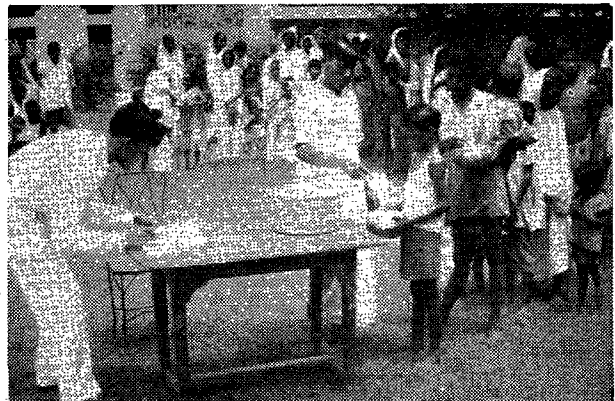
inhabitants of the low areas.

But unusually early heavy rainfall throughout the higher sections causes the flood waters to rise more rapidly than rice can grow and thus the rice plants are drowned and the inhabitants face the dire situation of famine. There can be no second planting. During the past few weeks many low areas have been flooded. Entire districts have been submerged.

Imagine for a few moments that water has come into your home, rising almost imperceptibly higher and higher. There are no high places to which you may go. The water continues to rise during the night. You lift the cot on bricks, pile trunks and boxes on the tables, but the water still rises. Now it is a foot deep all through your house. A day or two passes and it is two feet deep. A week later the water has reached up to the windows. You look out through the window and see the whole country turned into a lake—miles and miles of water in every direction. **THINK WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO YOU!!**

Some of our brothers and sisters are having just such an experience while I write these lines. They are in trouble. We must not let them perish. Prepare to help them on October 20.

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Free milk being distributed to some victims of the floods.



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ARE YOU READY FOR FLOOD EMERGENCIES?

MRS. O. O. MATTISON

DISASTERS and floods have always proved to be a challenge to our Dorcas societies. A wonderful work has been done by these societies as they have brought relief to thousands who have lost everything on such occasions. As Dorcas of old helped the sick and the suffering, the poor and the needy, so our Dorcas sisters of today, through their societies, have the same privilege.

We have been greatly saddened by the many disasters that have hit our field by flood, earthquake, storm, and hurricane during the present year. But we have been happy to learn of the part our people have played in helping the sufferers in many of these places. The Lord will reward each one who has contributed either funds, time, or garments.

If some of our Dorcas sisters are living in the vicinity where such disasters strike, it is a wonderful opportunity for them as well as a privilege and a responsibility, to go to work immediately and bring relief to the families who have lost their homes, food, and clothing. You may feel that your efforts are meagre compared to the great amount of aid rendered, but small as it may be it will bring cheer and help to some who are suffering. Through your self-sacrificing ministrations souls will be won to the Lord who was an example to all of us in healing the sick and bringing comfort, hope, and cheer into homes that were destitute.

We must not wait until the disaster comes. We must plan well ahead so that we will have relief money and clothing on hand for quick distribution when necessary. Clothing should be packed and ready to ship immediately to whatever place is affected by floods or other disasters. Let us never think that these matters are only temporary for we read in the Spirit of prophecy that disasters will increase more and more as the coming of the Lord draws near. Therefore, as Christians who are

preparing for that great event, we should expect these disasters and show our faith in His coming by bringing relief to as many as possible when the need arises.

Many of you have had the privilege of hearing Elder Esteb give wonderful reports regarding the work the Dorcas societies around the world have been rendering to people in need and in times of emergency. Let us emulate these societies. Everywhere they are taking advantage of the opportunities to do good, and I am sure our societies here in

Southern Asia do not want to come behind. We must ever be ready and alert when the call comes to us for help. Not only does such help cheer the hearts of those who are benefited, but we ourselves will receive great satisfaction and a joy that will brighten our own Christian experience. By being sympathetic and kind to others we will be drawn into a sweeter relationship with our Lord and Master.

Often we try to see how much money we can accumulate in our Dorcas boxes, and it is well to have a surplus there, but let us ever see how much help we can give through funds received. Then we will be astonished to see how much more comes into our treasury.

May the Lord bless each of you as you plan to give a very special Famine Relief Offering on Sabbath, October 20.

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RELIEVING THE DESTITUTE IN EARTHQUAKE AREA

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IN AN isolated corner of the vast Gujerathi-speaking area of North Western India lies the ancient walled city of Anjar. It shows evidence of its antiquity by the massive walls which surround it and the derelict buildings here and there which point back to the days of Moghul occupation.

It was to the quiet and rural atmosphere of this city that tragedy struck one night in July this year. In an old section of the city to the left of the bazaar the people were preparing for bed, some were already there. A few people were still strolling the streets on this particularly still evening.

Then it came! A sudden jolt of the earth beneath them—then another and another. Screaming people ran into the streets now breaking up beneath their feet. Above them in the rooms two or three storeys up the walls were breaking away from the buildings and falling into the streets

burying people beneath the rubble. Those in their beds in these rooms were projected rapidly across the floors of their bedrooms as the foundations gave way and they too were hurled to their death amid a mass of falling buildings in an area covering half a mile across the city.

Simultaneously in the villages for thirty miles around like devastation was being effected by the swift and sudden violence of the earthquake. Houses though supported by poles and covered with straw and clay were not flexible enough to withstand the intensity of the quake and they too came down leaving whole villages without one habitable house. And thousands were completely homeless in a few minutes.

It was to this place that Pastor V. P. Muthiah and the writer made a journey by rail from Surat. Travelling north through the large cities of Ahmedabad and Baroda and on to Palanpur where the line deflects to the left and enters the State of Kutch, we passed into territory where we as a people have no work as yet. Our hearts stirred within us as we saw the

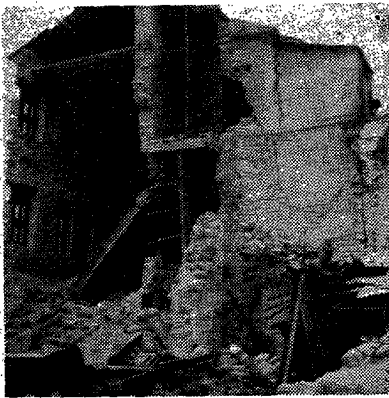
people in the mountains of this area as yet not contacted by us nor in many cases by any other emissary of Christianity.

In the city of Anjar we left two bales of clothing—sarees for the woman and dhoties for the men—with the relief secretary working right on the spot. We paid a visit to the Deputy Collector, the highest local official, and also met the Congress President of Anjar. These fine gentlemen gave us a good reception and told us of the plans for rehabilitating the many homeless in the area.

Our next visit was to Bhuj the capital of Kutch State. Here we met the Chief Secretary who received us very cordially and upon hearing that we were staying in the local Dak bungalow immediately despatched his car to bring us back to the State Guest House. Mr. Khabade introduced us to the Chief Commissioner of the State—the highest Government official. He also gave attentive ear to our remarks as we gave him a cheque for one thousand rupees for his relief fund in the earthquake area.

We told him that we are dispensing relief daily through our many hospitals throughout India. We had a very pleasant visit with him.

Other facets of the journey to this very interesting and needy area included a chance encounter with a Hindu gentleman who took us for a tour of the new Sindhi resettlement



Five people were killed in this house by the earthquake.

programme at the town of Adipur. This is a mushroom in the desert which has been born of the energy and imagination of the refugees from Pakistan and with the help of the Government. Every building in the town is modern and new and as this

gentleman took us around he described the great opportunities the place held for the ones who would come and commence a school and a hospital there.

Later in the evening as we sat in the cool of his verandah and ate the fine food his wife so thoughtfully prepared for us he said, "Why don't you people send someone here and start your work. This is the time of opportunity and land is waiting here.

His words thrilled our hearts because he had felt the brotherly love we had tried to convey to him. His words also came as a challenge because in all the great Gujerat we have only one church and one hospital, but we have seventeen million people upon whose hearts God's Spirit can work.

Other contacts were made and a trip planned as an errand of mercy to Anjar and its earthquake stricken villages became in every aspect a **MISSIONARY JOURNEY.**

Please pray for our work in this area. It is vast and almost untouched according to our reckoning. Who knows how much the Spirit of God has already done? Someday we will know.

I WAS THERE!

B. J. MARTIN

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions faileth not." Lam. 3:22.

I was in Rajkot, the capital city of the State of Saurashtra, when an earthquake shock of moderate intensity occurred in that city. The duration of the earthquake was nine or ten seconds, with its epicentre at Rann, a desert area in the State of Kutch, 130 miles away from Rajkot and 30 miles away from the ill-fated town of Anjar which was swiftly changed into a veritable howling chaos and where many people were killed and hundreds of houses collapsed. But there was no loss of life or property in Rajkot.

On Saturday evening, July 21, 1956, it was warm and sultry. About 9 p.m. I was lying on my bed in the hotel. Suddenly, brightly lit electric lights dimmed. I felt my bed rocking and moving towards the doorway. In a twinkling of an eye a booming sound was heard followed by rattling of the shutters of doors



JESUS' FOOTPRINTS

Ola Thomas Brodine

Do you want to walk where Jesus walked,
And tread the paths He trod,
And follow in the footprints
Of the lowly Son of God?

You need not fly through the heavens
blue,
Nor sail the stormy seas,
Nor travel in the lands afar
In searching after these.

You can find His footsteps leading
To the hovel of the poor,
O'er the threshold to the sickroom,
Even though it's just next door.

He sought out the lame and helpless,
Gave the blind His special care.
If you follow in these footprints,
You will find the Saviour there.

and windows. The walls and ceilings of the massive hotel building seemed to be collapsing. An elderly local radio artiste staying in the hotel cried out, "Earthquake, earthquake! Run for safety, run for safety." Everyone in the hotel, overtaken by fear and terror, ran down the stairways to the lawn outside for safety.

A large crowd collected on the grassy land. Many stood speechless overcome by fear. I could think of nothing but the prophetic statement of the Lord Jesus: "Earthquakes in divers places." As I thought of His words my faith was established, my heart was strengthened and I was made to realize the nearness of the time of His second coming.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." At the time of this earthquake I felt that I was in between God's mercy and the love of His son Jesus Christ.

Brother Martin had been canvassing in Rajkot.

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THE BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE TAMIL AND KANNADA SECTIONS

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THE combined biennial meetings of the North and South Tamil and the Kannada sections were held at the E. D. Thomas Memorial High School, Kudikadu, from August 7 to 11, 1956. About two hundred delegates were in attendance. Christian love, harmony and unity reigned supreme throughout the session. It could be well said of the delegates, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps. 133:1.

The programme of the meetings had been very carefully and thoughtfully prepared by the presidents of the North and South Tamil sections. The accommodation committee chairman Brother I. R. Thomas and his assistants and the catering department supervisor, Pastor N. Vinayagam and his group and the platform and music committee members headed by Brethren G. Gurubatham and M. D. Samuel performed their duties ably, making it possible to have a smooth-running programme.

A very profitable V. O. P. Institute was conducted by Pastor S. Thomas, the Union V. O. P. secretary on the 7th. It was both interesting and instructive and was greatly appreciated by every one.

The first meeting of the session commenced on August 7 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor C. Moses and Pastor D. David welcomed the delegates from the Tamil and Kannada sections, and the distinguished visitors from the General Conference, Southern Asia Division and the South India union. Pastor C. Moses gave a timely message basing his talk on the motto of the meetings "Arise and Shine!" The theme of the entire meetings was "Aflame for God."

Meetings for the ladies and children were conducted by Mrs. E. L. Sorensen and Mrs. R. H.

Broderson. These meetings and the instruction given were very much appreciated by the sisters.

The devotional meetings were taken by Pastors E. L. Sorensen, I. Kanagarayan Moses and V. D. Koilpillai. Pastor Sorensen spoke on basic loyalty, unity and co-operation. Pastor Moses' talk stressed lifting up Christ. Pastor Koilpillai in his sermon said the transformed life of a sinner was lifted up by Jesus Christ.

We were fortunate to have Elder A. A. Esteb, Associate Secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, with us during these meetings. He instilled new life into us by deeply spiritual and highly inspirational talks. His sweet voice, attractive smile, and gestures well suited to his words, kept the audience spellbound and wide awake. Although he spoke for more than three hours a day, he showed no sign of fatigue nor were the audience inclined to look at the face of the clock. By his deep Christian experience and inspirational talks, dealing mostly with practical Christianity, he infused the perfume of his

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NUZVID CONSTITUENCY MEETING

O. O. MATTISON

IT WAS my happy privilege to meet with approximately five hundred of our believers and workers of the North and South Telugu sections in Nuzvid for their constituency meeting from August 14-18. Our leaders had made careful plans and everything was well organized. Preceding the meeting, workshops were held for the Voice of Prophecy workers and colporteurs. Pastor J. W. Nixon, Brother J. A. Soule and the local publishing department secretaries gave valuable instruction to the fine group of consecrated colporteurs who were in attendance. Brother Soule continued

this instruction during the meetings for the new colporteurs who have recently joined this noble force of workers.

We were happily surprised to find that Doctor J. B. Oliver had the superstructure of the new auditorium at Nuzvid almost finished. It made an excellent meeting place for the large crowd that attended the meeting. This saved these two fields the expense of erecting a pandal. All were happy to see the beautiful place of worship for the evergrowing membership in Nuzvid. This spacious building will adequately care for close to 2,000 without undue crowding. Doctor Oliver has proved himself to be an expert in erecting large buildings with very little funds.

Pastor I. Subushanam sounded the keynote of the meetings on the opening night when he based his remarks around the command of the Lord to go forward. The following days were packed full of good spiritual instruction. Outstanding indeed were the inspiring messages given by Pastor A. A. Esteb each day, which caused all, both laity and workers, to search their hearts deeply, put away sin, and reconsecrate their all to the unfinished task. Everyone accepted the challenge presented by Pastor Esteb in each meeting. Great will be the results in soul-winning if all present would take the inspiration received back to their own churches and arise and shine. It would bring a mighty forward movement in these very promising sections of the Division field.

Sisters Broderson and Sorensen, together with our Telugu sisters, put on a constructive programme twice daily for the women in home training, Christian standards, and the many opportunities of Christian service that are open to our sisters. These meetings were well attended, and I am confident that the ladies of the Telugu field will do a good work in their future missionary endeavours. In the business sessions, very encouraging reports were rendered by the officers and departmental heads. While we did not have much time to discuss these good reports, I am sure the statistics, achievements, and signs of advance made throughout the past two years will inspire our workers and laity to greater achievements.

On Friday evening all took part in

a most inspiring consecration service by Pastor Esteb. Following a mighty challenge to arise and shine, the lights were turned off for a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony. Pastor Esteb passed his light to the Division leaders, they in turn to the union and local leaders, and then on to the vast constituency. In less than a minute over 500 candles were lit, and what had previously been a dark room was well lit up as each one held high his candle. It was most impressive, and each one dedicated his life to let his light shine wherever he might be and win souls for his Master.

Sabbath was a high day for everyone. Preceding the Sabbath school hour six Christian families brought their little ones for dedication. An excellent Sabbath school was conducted under the leadership of Pastor R. H. Broderson, and the officers of the two local sections presented a challenge to the constituency at large to manifest their devotion to the cause of God by giving liberal offerings to be dedicated to the construction of village churches. We were made very happy to learn that the offering totalled over Rs. 8,000/-. When this is matched by the Union and the Division, it will mean many lovely, little meeting places and churches for our people where the needs are so great. Pastor Esteb's consecration service that followed the giving of this liberal offering will long be remembered, and we are praying that the results will be lasting.

In the afternoon Brother O. B. Jonathan was ordained to the gospel ministry, followed by a baptism of six precious souls in the new church baptistry. Throughout the meeting the Nuzvid church choir rendered much appreciated special music, which greatly added to the spiritual atmosphere of the meeting. As the Sabbath drew to a close and words of farewell and appreciation were spoken by the leaders of the fields and others, all felt that it was the best meeting they had ever attended in the Telugu field. It is our earnest prayer that this will be a new day of advance in this section of the Division where we have over 3,000 members.

On this trip Brother D. S. Johnson and I spent a day in Secunderabad

with Pastor and Mrs. Farthing. We were happy to see the good work they are doing and to learn of their plans for aggressive evangelism. We look forward to a greatly expanded work in Secunderabad and the surrounding district, where we have some very fine church members and a lovely church.

I also visited the Narsapur school and was pleasantly surprised to see many improvements since my last visit. A new press building has been completed and a good printing programme is in operation. They were busily engaged in getting electric wiring into the school and workers' quarters on the main compound. The school is full to overflowing. Some of the classes do not have benches on which to sit, but this did not seem to mar their joy. They are happy to have the privilege of attending a Christian institution. The hostels were bulging with these happy young



"Go! . . . Shine—for Me"



Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow—
'Twas given you by other hands, you know.
I think it started down its pathway bright,
The day the Maker said: "Let there be light."
And He once said, who hung on Calvary's tree—
"Ye are the light of the world." . . .
Go! . . . Shine—for Me.



people, and we had a pleasant chapel service together. The buildings are in a good state of repair and everything on the campus looks lovely, in fact, I have never seen the farm looking better than on this occasion. A well-balanced scholastic programme is being conducted. The Lord is blessing Brother Zill and his staff of

teachers. All appreciate the co-operation given by the workers and laity in sending their children to this fine school where they will be rightly trained for service in the Lord's cause.

"AND THEY WENT EVERY-ONE STRAIGHT FORWARD"

E. L. SORENSEN

AND they went everyone straight forward: whither the Spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went." This inspired description of the divine visitors as recorded in Ezekiel 1:12 has a lesson and a challenge for Seventh-day Adventist believers and workers today. The divine plan is for the church of God to move straight forward under the direction of the Spirit of God. The fields are white, ready for the harvest. From the most remote ends of our fields to the neighbour who lives in the next house calls are coming for the Word of Life. Village after village is sending its cry for help and God is calling upon the members of His Remnant Church to arise and bring the Good News to the hungering multitudes.

In a very special sense God appeals to the lay members in our churches to be light-bearers to the community in which they are living. "Let the churches begin to do the work the Lord has given them—the work of opening the Scriptures to those who are in darkness. . . . There are souls in your neighbourhood who, if they were judiciously laboured for, would be converted."—*Evangelism*, p. 114. Lay members are to unite their efforts with those of the ministers in bringing the light of love to those who sit in darkness. By deeds of love and kindness the hearts of your friends will be turned to Jesus. We must demonstrate to the world that the love of God is in our hearts, and then it will reach out, through us, to others. As workers we must take the laity into our confidence and include them in our plans. By working together in this way, angels of God will join with us and thousands will be led to a life of new joy and happiness in the true service of God.

A call to renewed consecration and selfless service comes from our

heavenly Commander to every one who calls himself a worker in His Cause. Observe these challenging words from the pen of inspiration:

"What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, and who are filled with earnestness and zeal. Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed; men who will not shun trial and responsibility; men who are brave and true; men in whose hearts Christ is formed 'the hope of glory,' and who with lips touched with holy fire will 'preach the word.' For want of such workers the cause of God languishes, and fatal errors, like deadly poison, taint the morals and blight the hopes of a large part of the human race."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 507.

My fellow-worker, whether you be evangelist or pastor, teacher or colporteur, doctor or nurse, office worker or administrator, are you doing the work that God has called you to do in His way? Are we truly self-sacrificing and sanctified in our service for the Master? We do well to ponder deeply this statement, and through His grace bring our life into harmony with God's expectations for us.

The prophet says "every one" went straight forward. What a blessing there is in a well organized simultaneous advance! In South India more than one hundred workers and laymen are leading out in efforts throughout the field. Fifteen important towns and cities, such as Kottayam, Tumkur, Coimbatore, Tellicherry, Palamcottah, Secunderabad, Bangalore, and Mayavaram, will hear the good news during the final months of this year. In almost three score villages the light of the Gospel will be presented by our workers in four languages, while laymen will add their God-given messages to another score or more centres. We earnestly request the prayers of all our believers for this concentrated drive as "every one" unites in moving forward with the blessed news of salvation in South India. There is strength in unity and in moving together. Working together in cooperation with God and our fellow-men, we will be successful for Christ.

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WHAT IS A TITHE?

FRANCIS R. SCOTT

I'VE heard people say they hadn't paid "all their tithe." As a matter of fact they hadn't paid a tithe at all. Sometimes we deceive ourselves into thinking that we can return "part of our tithe" to God. But a tithe is either a full one-tenth, or it just isn't tithe. It might be a twentieth, or a fifteenth, or a twenty-fifth, but it isn't a tithe. You either pay a full tithe or you don't pay tithe. You pay something else that doesn't have the blessing of God as its by-product.

Over three thousand years ago, Moses wrote, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." Then as now, a full tithe was required.

The percentage system, upon which the tithing plan is based by God is the fairest system of collection of dues known to man. Every man is required to give proportionate to his income. If his income is small, his tithe will in turn be but a few rupees. If his salary or other incomes are

better say, "Because we don't pay tithe we are so poor." The temptation to withhold the tenth is fully as strong for the poor as for those in better circumstances, and *vice versa*. Sometimes when a man makes a hundred rupees, he finds it easier to pay ten rupees than to pay a hundred rupees when he makes a thousand. Such is the perversity of the human heart.

The servant of the Lord gives us some very prominent counsel regarding tithe paying. She says:

"The majority of professed Christians part with their means with great reluctance. Many of them do not give one-twentieth of their income to God, and many give far less than that, while there is a large class who rob God of the little tithe, and others who will give only the tithe. If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open. The followers of Christ should not wait for thrilling missionary appeals to arouse them to action. If spiritually awake, they would hear in the income of every week, whether much or little, the voice of God and of conscience, with authority demanding the tithes and offerings due the Lord."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 474.

Tithe paying is based on the increase (Deut. 14:22). One who plants crops would deduct the cost of his seed, fertilizer, and any incidental expenses, from the total received as the proceeds from his crop. What is left is the portion on which the tithe is paid.

If one receives wages or a salary, he tithes the entire amount, for it is all profit, an increase which he receives as a result of the expenditure of the forces of his mind or body.



considerable, his tithe will likewise be substantial.

The poor are often as guilty in withholding the tithe as are the rich. They may say, "Because we are poor we don't pay tithe." They might

Gifts are hundred per cent increase, and as such are to be tithed. Those who rent out houses or lands should pay tithe on the rent received, after first deducting legitimate costs of upkeep and repair.

The child should be taught to pay

tithe on his pocket money as soon as he is old enough to receive it. As he grows older, the principles of tithe-paying will become a firmly established tenet of his faith.

Remember, a tithe is the whole tenth, or it isn't a tithe.

effort. However we have done our very best and we may have a bigger harvest than we anticipate.

NEWS FROM THE ASSAM TRAINING SCHOOL

NOT many of us have had the privilege of visiting the Assam Training School at Jowai near Shillong. However, meeting the students who come from the Assam Training School to Spicer Memorial College and talking with our workers who have been serving in that area makes it seem a familiar spot to us all. Recent word from there tells of the good missionary work our students are doing with the *Signs of the Times*. Brother D. S. Poddar writes: "On Sabbath afternoons the students mail an average of 400 copies per week." It costs about Rs. 12/- per week to do this missionary work but this is an excellent outlet for the energies of the young people and a fine way in which to present the truth to those who cannot be contacted by the living preacher. Some of our people in the churches in America have been supplying these copies of the *Signs of the Times* free of cost.

"In addition to the other curricular and extra-curricular activities, vocational training is given emphasis. The class in carpentry makes arm-chairs, chairs, and tables and has helped to build several of the buildings on the campus.

"We can justly be proud of our young people in our schools. They are not only preparing for service as they study but are nobly engaging in missionary work that will lead others to a better life."

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Excerpts taken from letters sent by Pastor D. K. Down to Pastors O. O. Mattison and D. S. Johnson:

CONCERNING our work here in Shillong we had very good attendances and we were looking forward to a good harvest, but I am afraid the people are slow in responding and the type of nominal Christianity which exists here has made it very difficult to break through to these people. However we baptized twenty-two from the last effort and a further baptism is pending which should bring the total up to 25 or 28. Those whom we have baptized are very earnest people and of a very nice class.

We were happy to baptize the acting medical superintendent of the large government Ganesh Das hospital up here. She is a lady doctor of the Angami Nagi people. We also had a Bengali Presbyterian minister accept the message and he is proving to be a very sincere man. But most of the converts came from the younger group—individual young people who took their stand despite the severe opposition which came to them from parents and relatives. This has meant that the Shillong church has not been built up much because many of them have gone to the Assam Training School and one has gone to Spicer Memorial College. However this augurs well for the work as a whole and the working force of our mission here in Assam will ultimately be greatly strengthened by the addition of these enthusiastic young people.

The present campaign has also had its problems. Although we tried many different possibilities we were forced to conduct our effort in a

pandal at the rear of our church in Nongthymmai. . . . Nongthymmai is just a suburb of Shillong and is not only away from the centre of the town but is the opposite end of the town where most of the Khasis live. This was a pity because the effort was planned in Khasi and we are doing everything in the Khasi language. Consequently the number of people who could attend has been greatly limited and our attendances have not been extra large. We are at present in our 11th week and on Sunday night we had 200 people in attendance which is about our average for the past few weeks, for a Sunday night.

Rain has been torrential and abnormal and has caused us no end of trouble as far as our pandal is concerned, but I do not think it has seriously interfered with our attendance of really interested people. They have come despite the rain and it really shows a wonderful spirit and indicates a real interest when they come in such bad weather. We expect to baptize 15 to 20 from the present



Members of the A. T. S. Mailing Band preparing "Signs of the Times" for circulation.

RIGHT LOOKING

R. L. ROWE

(No. 4.)

“OPEN thou mine eyes, that I may behold wonderful things out of Thy law.” Psalm 119:18. “For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God.” Hebrews 11:10. God’s true followers have ever been “strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” Heb. 11:13. They look beyond the present, with its temptations and trials, to the blessed hereafter when God’s heroes of faith shall receive their reward. Their lives are lived in the light of eternity and ever with the thought that some day they must stand before the great God to give an account of their lives.

As a people we have long looked for the coming of Christ “in this generation.” Have we really prepared for the day for which we have so long looked? Or because we know that certain events of prophecy have not yet occurred, are we delaying, waiting until the Sunday law movement or some other event before we begin preparing for that great day? There is danger in delay. We are warned that the time of trouble is coming upon the world and that “Those who delay a preparation for the day of God cannot obtain it in the time of trouble, or at any subsequent time. The case of all such is hopeless.”—*Great Controversy*, p. 620.

We should be profoundly grateful that we have the light given us in the Spirit of prophecy writings. To these we do well to take earnest heed. How important that we prepare now for the satanic delusions which will beset our pathway before Jesus comes. Now if ever is the time to study for ourselves God’s Word and the Spirit of

prophecy, that we may not be deceived. Here are clearly revealed the devices and schemes of the enemy, as well as the right way. Note well the following counsel from the Lord’s messenger that shows us our need to pray and study as never before:

“Satan will work with ‘all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.’ He will employ every device of deception to seduce the souls of men, and ‘if it were possible’ he ‘shall deceive the very elect.’”—*Review and Herald*, May 8, 1888.

“Most trying times are before us; and Satan, clad in angel robes [2 Cor. 11:14], will come to souls with his temptations as he came to Christ in the wilderness. He will quote Scripture; and unless our life is hid with Christ in God, he will surely bind our souls in unbelief.”—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 573.

“Satan is striving to gain every advantage. He desires to secure, not only students, but teachers. He has his plans laid. Disguised as an angel of light, he will walk the earth as a wonder-worker. In beautiful language he will present lofty sentiments. Good words will be spoken by him and good deeds performed, Christ will be personified, but on one point there will be a marked distinction. Satan will turn the people from the law of God. Notwithstanding this, so well will he counterfeit righteousness, that if possible, he would deceive the very elect. Crowned heads, presidents, rulers in high places, will bow to his false theories.”—*Review and Herald*, Aug. 17, 1897.

“Unless we are intelligent in the Scriptures, may we not, when this mighty miracle-working power of Satan is manifested in our world, be deceived, and call it the workings of God? . . . Unless we are rooted and grounded in the truth, we shall be swept away by Satan’s delusive snares.”—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 18, 1888.

“At every revival of God’s work, the prince of evil is aroused to more intense activity; he is now putting forth his utmost efforts for a final struggle against Christ and His followers. The last great delusion is soon to open before us. Antichrist is to perform his marvellous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit

resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures.”—*Great Controversy*, p. 593.

“Every soul that is not fully surrendered to God, and kept by divine power, will form an alliance with Satan against heaven and join in battle against the Ruler of the universe.”—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 465.

“Those who are watching unto prayer and are searching the Scriptures daily with an earnest desire to know and do the will of God, will not be led astray by any of the deceptions of Satan. They alone will discern the pretext which cunning men adopt to beguile and ensnare.”—*Review and Herald*, August 25, 1885.

“As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. . . . In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed.”

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A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Lillie K. E. Joiner

O when our lifework is ended
And we cross the swelling tide,
We will see our Saviour coming,
And in Him we will confide.

He will take us home to heaven,
Where the streets of gold are made,
And each gate is of a great pearl,
And the flowers will never fade.

Then a little child shall lead them—
The wolf, the lion, and the bear—
And in all His holy mountain
There is no heartache or care.

NORTHWESTERN UNION*President:* T. R. Torkelson*Secretary-Treasurer:* L. E. Allen*Office Address:* 27 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi**"PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE US"**

I. M. CHAND

FOR many years it has been our earnest desire to hold a VOP Rally in Jodhpur—a famous city of the Maharajas. The renowned palace, Amid Bhawan, is a monument to the genius of the Maharajas. Every visitor is anxious to see this old palace when he visits Jodhpur.

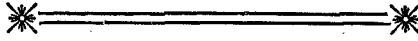
We were anxious to see our hundreds of V. O. P. students in Jodhpur who have been studying the truth-filled lessons for years. Time and time again they had written asking us to visit them. So several visits were made by Brother Dass and the writer. In the month of August, 1955 I promised them that the next year we would hold a series of lectures and thus try to satisfy their longing hearts. Finally, early in 1956, we planned four Rallies in the Northwestern India Union, but due to other important plans we could only finalize on two major ones—one in Jodhpur and the other in Ambala.

Pastor N. G. Mookerjee, field secretary of the V. O. P. in the Southern Asia Division, was invited to lead out in these Rallies. The dates for the Jodhpur Rally were August 12-15. Notices were sent to all the students there. Pastor T. R. Torkelson, our Union president, was there on Friday. Forty people attended the first Sabbath service which was held in the home of one of the interested members. They were thrilled as they heard the message of that hour.

On Sunday six or seven people spent most of their time helping us to arrange and decorate the hall given to us by a fine Headmaster. His servants were busy arranging seats and lights. Nearly three hundred people were present the first night. We felt the presence of God in our midst as we conducted that first meeting. Elder Mookerjee gave an inspiring message on "God's Eternal Purpose for Mankind." The next night when some of the out-

standing prophecies of the Bible were presented, the crowd was much more than on the first night. The Holy Spirit was working in the hearts of the people.

The last two meetings were taken by the writer. "Search God with All Your Hearts," and "The Love of God for Sinners" were presented on the 14th and 15th of August. Since it was a holiday several groups came to us to ask questions and to discuss subjects of vital interest. Many of them confessed that they were convinced of the message and were willing to follow. Some definite decisions were made. One man said, "I do not know about any one else but for me and my family we will follow the truth." There are at least a dozen

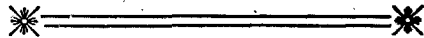
**AS SHINING LIGHTS**

Ernest Lloyd

DURING a heavy snowstorm a physician was called to go about eight miles into the country to see a very sick child. It was evening. The snow fell so rapidly that it soon blotted out the road, and the doctor was in danger of losing his way. The darkness was also a handicap. Reaching a farm house he telephoned to the next one beyond requesting the folks to kindly hang out a lantern. They did so, and telephoned the message on to the next neighbour. And so the doctor was able to drive forward through the storm, making his way from light to light until he reached the farmhouse where he was greatly needed.

Is not that a good picture of the Christian witness? We can each throw a light along that part of the road going by our door to make sure that no one will miss the way.

May our light "so shine" that others will see the good path of light and life, and walk therein.—*Review and Herald.*



families who have made up their minds to join the people of God. They witnessed to their decision in the closing meeting as an appeal was made to stand up for the Master.

At the close of the last meeting one brother stood up to thank the V. O. P. group for the messages they had brought. He handed over to the acting-director a purse which to our

surprise contained Rs. 103-8-0. It was a special offering and a token of their appreciation. Besides this we had already taken Rs. 50/- as offerings in the three night collections.

Dear people, only a changed heart has the spirit of giving. This money had come from many of the V. O. P. students working in hospitals and other government institutions. God helped them to realize that it is His work and they must respond to it. We thank Him for His wonder-working power which influences the hearts of those students not only to give their money but also their hearts.

As the meeting ended they all helped us pack our things as quickly as possible and about fifty of them came to the station to say good-bye to us. Once again they showed their love by garlanding us. Tears of joy were in their eyes. They were standing there on the platform, and as the train began to move they all in unison said earnestly, "Please do not leave us." These words were similar to the words Ruth spoke to her mother-in-law—"Intreat me not to leave thee." In other words she meant, "please do not leave me." These words were a sign of conversion. Like Ruth they were determined to follow the people of God. They had tasted the blessings of God by our short stay with them. And now they said, "Please do not leave us."

God knows where His people are and how anxious they are to come back to Him and to be obedient to Him. They cry out to His messengers as they listen to His voice through them, "Please do not leave us. Take care of us, stay with us, teach us and lead us to the heavenly home."

Soon we will have a worker in Jodhpur as they have requested. We ask you to please remember these people in your daily prayers as they step out to join the ever-increasing throng of the remnant people.

Not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult is to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.—*Selected.*

I know no such thing as genius; it is nothing but labour and diligence.—*Hogarth.*

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.—*Goldsmith.*

Sabbath School Lesson Help

by HARRY W. LOWE

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THE GOD OF COMFORT

Lesson 5 for Sabbath, November 3, 1956

GOD's regard for His people is illustrated by various forms of love—that of a father, a mother, and a bridegroom. The idea of a god's being married to a nation was a common figure anciently, accompanied among the heathen by revolting rituals. The prophets of God, by contrast, sought to elevate marriage as a symbol of God's relation to Israel. In no other scripture is it more beautifully depicted than in Isaiah 54.

Desolate and barren, God's people are to "sing, . . . for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife." Verse 1. Israel is commanded: "Enlarge the place of thy tent," etc., to receive the Gentiles. This anticipates restoration, enlargement, breaking "forth on the right hand and on the left," inheriting the earth, or evangelizing the world, and is applied to the church today in *Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 9.

"God desired to bring all peoples under His merciful rule. He desired that the earth should be filled with joy and peace."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 290.

"Fear not," God commanded, "for thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is His name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall He be called." Verses 4, 5.

THE PERSISTENT LOVE OF GOD

Verses 7 and 8 remind Israel "that her rejection was but a brief withdrawal of Jehovah's favour from her; her restoration now is final, resting on a covenant as unchangeable as the oath to Noah, or the everlasting mountains (verses 7-10)."—*The Cambridge Bible*.

These two verses are remarkable in revealing God's changeless love. "Wonderful as is His love for His covenant-people, His steady persistence in it is more wonderful still. The most important of all the distinctive

ideas of the Old Testament is God's steady and extraordinary persistence in continuing to love wayward Israel in spite of Israel's insistent waywardness."—Norman H. Snaith, *The Distinctive Ideas of the Old Testament*, p. 102.

"Through the chosen nation, God had purposed to bring blessing to all mankind. . . . But ancient Israel did not fulfil God's purpose" (*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 17, 19), and her failure to allow God to establish her in righteousness (verse 14) caused His covenant purpose to pass from this people to the seed of "the promised Messiah." (See *Prophets and Kings*, p. 373.)

The beautiful language of Isaiah 54:12-17 describing Zion's radiance and the gathering of the nations is amplified by John. "Only when the salvation wrought out by the Mediator of the Covenant hereafter takes visible shape will the fulfilment surpass the description here given, on which account it appears in Rev. 21:9 ff. in enlarged form."—Orelli, *Prophecies of Isaiah*, p. 299.

Chapter 55:1 ("Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, . . . come ye, buy, and eat") reminds us of the cry of an Eastern water seller, but this text offers a divine and satisfying banquet free of charge. "Free" is a word of God's grace. There is an echo of these words in John 4:10: "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water." Like Israel, this woman was spending "money for that which is not bread." Isa. 55:2.

Verses 3-5 sum up the promise of the "everlasting covenant," even the sure mercies of David," centred in Him whom God has given as "a leader and commander to the people."

All this was "pure gospel and clear music" to a people nauseated "from

all that sordid, barren, human strife in the markets of Babylon."—*The Expositor's Bible* on Isa. 55:3. As they marvelled at such gracious assurance, God led them out, so to speak, to look at the boundless heavens, and said, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways." Verse 9.

God's gracious invitations are always urgent with a peremptory NOW: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord." Verses 6, 7.

"What assurance here (Isa. 55:7), of God's willingness to receive the repenting sinner! Have you, reader, chosen your own way? Have you wandered far from God? Have you sought to feast upon the fruits of transgression, only to find them turn to ashes upon your lips? . . . Return to your Father's house. He invites you, saying, 'Return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee.' Isa. 44:22."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 205.

When we look at God's remnant in a hostile world, we may feel like the Israelites who cried: "Oh that Thou wouldest rend the heavens, that Thou wouldest come down." Isa. 64:1. But God's assurance is: "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, . . . that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:10, 11.

GOD'S IMMUTABLE WILL

We may sometimes feel that in a complex world the things of higher worth are submerged, and that all is not well. Yet, like Israel, we must remember that God is always working things out according to the purposes of His own immutable will. "His eternal purpose for the house of Israel will finally be fulfilled."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 22.

The sovereign will of God is embodied in His covenant to restore the kingdom through His Servant, and to people it with the subjects of

divine grace. "When this is implanted in the heart, it will cast out the evil passions that cause strife and dissension. 'Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;' and life's desert 'shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.' Isa. 55:13; 35:1."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 305.

"It shall be to the Lord for a name." What God does in a redeemed people and in a re-created world is a

manifestation of His character, and therefore sets His name indelibly in His universe. Compare 2 Samuel 7:23, where David speaks touchingly of God's name in His redeemed people: "And what one nation in the earth is like Thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to Himself, and to make Him a name, and to do for You great things and terrible, for Thy land, before Thy people?"

they not only fail as reformers but receive the judgments they refuse to proclaim.

SABBATH REFORM A UNIVERSAL BLESSING

God's "warm and welcoming word for foreigners" is but part of a larger reform for "the son of the stranger," and "the eunuchs" are included in Isaiah 56, verse 2: "Blessed is the man . . . that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." The keeping of justice and the doing of righteousness (verse 1), are applicable to Jew and Gentile believers, and they centre in a due regard for God's holy day.

On Sinai the Sabbath was set forth as the sign between God and Israel throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant (Ex. 31:13, 17).

"Its importance is now insisted upon by the evangelical prophet (cp. 58:13). The reason is evident.

The Sabbath was a memorial of the six days of *creation* (Exod. 20:11, 31:17); of the redemption out of Egypt (Deut. 5:15); of God's continual *sanctification* of His people (Exod. 31:13): so that, by its means, they dwelt in the presence of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier."—*The Bible Commentary*, edited by F. C. Cook, Isaiah, pp. 276, 277.

In *The Great Controversy*, page 451, Isaiah 56:1, 2, 6-8, is applied to Sabbath reform in the last days, followed by this comment: "These words apply in the Christian age, as shown by the context: 'The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him.' Verse 8. Here is foreshadowed the gathering in of the Gentiles by the gospel. And upon those who then honour the Sabbath, a blessing is pronounced. Thus the obligation of the fourth commandment extends past the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, to the time when His servants should preach to all nations the message of glad tidings."

"Israel had been an exclusive nation and church."—Orelli, *Prophecies of Isaiah*, p. 303. God's church today is also subject to the temptation of spiritual exclusiveness. We

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Sabbath School Lesson Help

SABBATH-KEEPING A BLESSING TO ALL

Lesson 6, for Sabbath, November 10, 1956

IN Isaiah 55 we saw that God required only faith in His gracious covenant of redemption. This week, in chapter 56:1-8, we hear the Lord's demand that the returning exiles shall keep holy the law and extend their blessing upon the outcast. Verses 9-12 form a scathing denunciation of unworthy leadership for times of reform.

The dispersions of the Jews, though tragic, had begun to work out a missionary purpose. Proselytes to Judaism in foreign lands were apt to feel ostracized, especially if overzealous Jews inclined to extend to them the specific prohibitions of Deuteronomy 23:3-8 against the Ammonites and Moabites.

It seems from Psalm 87 that proselytes were not a few, apart from foreign exile. (This psalm, of course, also anticipates the new covenant ingathering of all races. See *Prophets and Kings*, page 730.) Good kings, like Hezekiah, offered them special protection, but men like Manasseh would treat them as aliens. Some became servants (like Ebed-melech, the Ethiopian rescuer of Jeremiah) in the king's home, and therefore eunuchs (see Jer. 38:7-11). No doubt many Hebrew captives who became servants to foreign kings were made eunuchs, according to universal custom. Although eunuchs occupied honoured positions, they were despised by other men, and the stigma of childlessness was very real in the ancient world.


Against this background we have the Lord's exhortation that Israel must open its heart and, as one way

of observing righteousness (Isa. 56:1), these outcasts were to be welcomed to God's church. Note the phrase: "the stranger (foreign proselyte, not necessarily a eunuch) that hath *joined himself to the Lord*" (verse 3). How dare God's people treat such earnest men as to make them say, "The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people." Nor should the eunuch be made to feel like "a dry tree."

Before considering even larger aspects of reform, let us note the sad hindrances thereto in verses 9-12. While the "beasts of the field" (the heathen enemies of Israel) devour the flock, God's "watchmen are blind," "ignorant," "dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber." (Compare Israel's condition in Zechariah 11.)

Leaders who are absorbed in other things become both ignorant of, and blind to, the enemy's work. They are like watchdogs that do not bark, watchmen who fall asleep; or like revellers (verse 12) who end one day's carousal by wishing for another like it, as when one of Napoleon's inebriated cronies is reported to have stammered, "Mirth again tomorrow!"

In *Testimonies*, volume 5, page 211, this passage in Isaiah is applied to conditions under the last sealing work of God. Here is one descriptive and thought-provoking sentence: "These dumb dogs that would not bark are the ones who feel the just vengeance of an offended God." When leaders are bereft of divine vitality, and will not lift up the voice to preach God-given admonitions,



THE WHITE LINE

D. A. DELAFIELD

NOT long ago I was driving south from Reading, Pennsylvania, to my home in Washington, D. C. It had rained all day, and at nightfall a thick fog settled over the countryside. I was forced to slow down to less than half my normal speed.

I was able to keep on my side of the road only because of the white line down the centre. The edge of the road was hard to see. And for a time the white line disappeared entirely. Then I was in trouble, especially when cars approached from the opposite direction. They did not seem to know just where the middle of the road was (and neither did I!). I had to travel even slower than I had been driving. I really had trouble during those seven or eight miles.

For about fifteen minutes the fog lifted partially. I tried to make up time by following a new Plymouth with a Delaware license. He opened up the wall of fog, and I just followed in his trail, keeping my eyes on his tail lights.

But then I got to thinking, "Shall I follow this car or shall I keep my eyes on the white line? Which is the safer of the two?" I concluded that I would watch the white line *first* and the car *second*. The driver might lose sight of the white line himself and pile up on the side of the road, and if I followed him I would land in the ditch. I might even go off an embankment and lose my life. It was good to watch him closely, but I decided to watch the white line first of all.

FOLLOW CHRIST

I arrived home safely about eleven fifteen. I had had some opportunity

to think, and the words of Paul came to my mind: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." I Cor. 11:1. "That is a good text for a junior sermon," I said. Young people may be disappointed when they follow a mere man, who might fail them, but they will never be disappointed if they keep their eyes on Jesus Christ.

It is not safe to follow any man—no matter who he is—who does not follow Jesus. Even our dearest loved ones may disappoint us in their actions, but Jesus will never fail.

Youth who follow Jesus closely have joy and happiness. "Those who travel in the narrow way are talking of the joy and happiness they will have at the end of the journey. Their countenances are often sad, yet often beam with holy, sacred joy. They do not dress like the company in the broad road, or talk like them, or act like them. A Pattern has been given them. A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief opened that road for them, and travelled it Himself. His followers see His footsteps and are comforted and cheered. He went through safely; so can they, if they follow His footsteps."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 126.

I had two things to guide me that foggy night. I had the white line in the middle of the narrow road and I had the car ahead of me. I kept my eyes on both, but the white line was the safe guide. I followed that closely, and I got home safely. You see what I mean? Follow others only as they follow Jesus. Follow Jesus' example, and you will never fail.—*Review and Herald*.



MISTREATED?

K. H. WOOD

Do other people sometimes treat you unfairly? Are there days when your feelings are hurt repeatedly, when sharp words wound your sensitive nature? At times does it appear that you are intentionally slighted?

What do you do about it? Some

immediately dismiss all such incidents from the mind. Others keep thinking about them.

But "we cannot afford to let our spirits chafe over any real or supposed wrong done to ourselves. . . . We should not allow our feelings to be easily wounded. We are to live, not to guard our feelings or our reputation, but to save souls. As we become interested in the salvation of souls we cease to mind the little differences that so often rise in our association with one another. . . . Do not retaliate. . . . Do all that lies in your power, without the sacrifice of principle, to conciliate others. . . . If impatient words are spoken to you, never reply in the same spirit. . . .

"We need not keep our own record of trials and difficulties, griefs, and sorrows. All these things are written in the books and heaven will take care of them."—*The Ministry of Healing*, pp. 485-487.

How wonderful it is to know that God will take care of all these things! So, instead of spending time and thought on them, let us look at the bright pictures in our lives, the encouraging incidents. And above all, let us continually dwell on God's goodness and love as daily manifested toward us.—*Review and Herald*.

"And They Went . . . Straight Forward"

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The Holy Spirit of God is in this movement and it is He who is leading His people on to greater and greater achievements. God leads us to all classes, whether rich or poor, high or low, educated or uneducated. In kindness such as was seen in the life of Jesus will be our power with men. We must not only be good, but we must do good as well. This is true evangelism. Search out those who need the help which your loving hand can minister, and behold, how the door of the heart will open to you!

Obstacles will come in the way. The adversary will see to that. But through Jesus all will be conquerors. We cannot afford to let the enemy discourage us in any way. Press forward where God has called you to labour, leaning on the strong arm of God for your support, and true success will crown your efforts.

NEWS FROM

THE WORLD FIELD

GROWTH IN JAMAICA

R. R. FIGUER

THE members of Spanish Town, Jamaica, have built a larger church. The former one was outgrown. This is not uncommon for Jamaica, where our growing work frequently compels us to build larger.

To witness the dedication of this new church, according to the newspapers, five thousand people attended, about a thousand of whom crowded into the new building intended for not more than half that number, filling every seat, aisle, and corner. The rest overflowed into the yard outside.

His excellency, the governor of Jamaica, graciously attended and spoke briefly, expressing appreciation for the work of Seventh-day Adventists, particularly for their medical activities. The interest of the people generally was demonstrated by their attendance and close attention during the service. Adventists are well thought of here.

Jamaica is a fruitful field. Our work has grown remarkably, and the Adventist influence has spread over the entire land. It is evident that God's Spirit is at work. Evangelism and soul-winning are strongly stressed, and the yearly report of baptisms is growing.

There are frequent incidents showing how God's Spirit is seeking out the sincere ones. To a certain elderly couple living back in the mountains, a man appeared in dreams to call their attention to a number of basic teachings of the Bible. Five different times he appeared, pointing out that the Sabbath was God's Holy day, that the tithe was the Lord's portion, and that the pork they relished was unclean. Our worker first came in touch with this couple when the wife descended from the mountains to bring the accumulated tithe to the church that they had observed worshipping on the Sabbath day. This

couple is now preparing for baptism.

Thirty years ago word went out, we are told, that the work of proclaiming the third angel's message in Jamaica was just about finished. There was very little more left to do. But how mistaken we can be in our human calculations. God saw that the work had only begun thirty years ago. We had in all Jamaica at that time but 2,604 members. Now the membership has grown to nearly 25,000 and there is earnest talk of 50,000 within the very near future. We believe that this goal will soon be attained.

Our Jamaica people love the Lord and the truth. They are earnest, loyal, and active members, doing what they can to forward God's cause, not only in their own beloved land, but in other lands as well.—*Review and Herald*.

FROM JAIL TO JESUS

E. V. HERMANSON

WE FOUND him in jail in Luanda, Angola. His jail-mates were rough, uncultured men, and Joe was very discouraged. He had been reared in a Christian home, but an indiscreet action while in service had placed him in this unfortunate situation. His parents were unaware of his imprisonment, and in his letters to them in faraway Portugal he was careful not to divulge that which would cause them heartache and sorrow.

But four years in prison for an offence is a long time, and Joe not only was discouraged but had become completely indifferent to everything around him, including hope for his own freedom. His conclusion that there was no God left him bitter, resentful, and uncommunicative.

We visited him faithfully every week, often having only a few minutes alone. Gifts of fruit, small books,

magazines, and tracts became a regular part of the programme. Then we gave him a Bible, lent him *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *The Great Controversy*, and several other books. By remembering him in a special way at Christmas time, we tried to remind him of God's gift to mankind.

Hope slowly returned to Joe's heart. He began to look forward to our visits, and instead of bitterness and discouragement we detected the first faint signs of hope and eagerness. Seldom were we allowed to be alone for a heart-to-heart talk, but God's Spirit was working. The Bible and the books were preaching daily sermons, and he was slowly but surely finding a new way.

Joe's interest continued and increased until one Sunday afternoon as we were leaving he confided his desire to pay tithe on his meagre income. A few weeks later he decided to keep the Sabbath and began to study ways and means to make this possible.

His work was to make out the long, tedious weekly reports, which had to be turned in every Sunday morning. But the officials had noticed the gradual change in the boy's attitude, so when he approached them concerning Sabbath observance they were willing to make reasonable concessions, provided the reports were in on time. His observance of the Sabbath necessitated his working from sunset Saturday night until the following morning. God answered our many earnest petitions in his behalf, honouring his sincerity and faithfulness. The reports were turned in on time, and Sabbath observance was granted.

Joe was anxious to attend Sabbath school and church service, and expressed this desire to his superiors. They granted special permission for him to attend regularly, provided he could get a corporal to accompany him. Never once did he fail to persuade one of these men to attend the services, and they were always the first to arrive!

By this time it was nearly two years since the first ray of hope had found entrance into the dark dungeon of Joe's heart. He was already sharing his faith with other prisoners, some of whom listened with rapt attention. Joe was eager, radiant. He asked for baptism, and at last the day came for

his public testimony. His words will long be remembered in the Luanda church, for there was scarcely a dry eye in the audience. His baptism was truly the beginning of a new life.

A year later Joe obtained his freedom and almost immediate employment with Sabbath privileges. Today he is an active member of the Luanda church, happy to testify that he was led from jail to Jesus.—*Review and Herald*.

BIENNIAL MEETINGS

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Christian life into us and kindled a fire in the hearts that shall keep us aflame for God through the vicissitudes of life.

Pastor D. S. Johnson who was present spoke on Thursday evening and the seed thought of his sermon was "Forget the past, advance, share your faith."

As a fitting close to these good and inspiring meetings, there was an impressive ordination service on the Sabbath afternoon of August 11, when Brethren G. A. Yesudian, W. Muller Isaac from the South Tamil Section and Brother N. Y. Chelliah from the North Tamil Section were ordained and set apart for the Gospel Ministry.

A special offering was taken at the church service for church building projects. The church delegates and workers gave very liberally for this and the total offering of the North Tamil amounted to Rs. 1,600 and the South Tamil offering amounted to more than Rs. 1,800. May God bless this offering and the ones who with a willing heart gave so freely.

As the time drew nigh for us to part, every one was inclined to say like Peter, "It is good for us to be here." But part we had to as there was a battle to fight and victory to win for Christ in our respective fields. We were refreshed in soul and body and with renewed vigour, pep and zeal went forth "aflame for God."

RIGHT LOOKING

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sed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. . . . The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him. . . . His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious heavenly truths

which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion."

"Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His Word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life, and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief."—*Great Controversy*, pp. 624, 626.

Brethren and sisters in the great work of God, we can see evidences that the final scenes of the conflict must be near at hand. Should we not then study and pray as never before, that we may not be deceived and overcome? May God keep His children in that fearful hour.

SABBATH KEEPING A BLESSING

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must remember that we were all aliens, "dead in trespasses and sins," but redeeming grace made us "no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Eph. 2:1, 19.

The solution of human alienations is in Isa. 56:6 based on certain noteworthy things: "The sons of the stranger, that *join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the*

name of the Lord." In Numbers 18:2 two of these verbs are used of the Levites in relation to the priests: "that they may be *joined* unto Thee, and *minister* unto Thee." "To *love the name . . . to be His servants*"—that is Heaven's estimate of men. Compare Exodus 21:5, 6, where a servant said first, "I love my master," then, after certain public ceremonies, God said, "he shall serve him for ever."

Jesus quoted part of Isaiah 56:7 (Matt. 21:13) in His condemnation of Jewish profanation of the Temple. He drove out those described in Isaiah 56:11, men whose attitude toward religion was like that of many to the whole of life today—What do I get out of it? Note that Isaiah connects the temple worship with the great revival: "Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." That is what the church universal is to be. (See 1 Tim. 2:1; 3:15.) God said through Isaiah: "Yet will I gather others." Jesus said: "Other sheep I have . . . : them also I must bring." John 10:16.

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Miscellany

● PASTOR PINCHE began an evangelistic effort in Jaffna on August 12. The meetings are being conducted in a hall in the business section of the town. Pastor Pinghe reports that a very good crowd was in attendance on the opening night. The second night a much larger number came for the meeting. Each night since then the attendance has been steady and there is a very good interest. Pastor V. D. Koilpillai from South India spent a week in Jaffna helping with the evangelistic meetings. He also held special meetings for our church members.

● SEPTEMBER 2 was the opening night of the evangelistic effort in Matara by Pastor B. D. Juriansz and Brother Kurunathan. An aluminium tabernacle was erected on the esplanade for these meetings. The tabernacle was filled to capacity and about 100 stood at the back and down the aisle. There were about two hundred on the outside who could not get in and many of them stayed to the end of the meeting.

● OUR hospital in Rangoon now employs 120 persons plus thirty students taking the Nurses' Training Course, making a total of 150 in all. The following graduates of the training school are now regular members of the staff:

Absolom	Say Paw Bwint
Ruth Myaing	Jenny Pya
Nellie Shwe	Kathleen Willes
Lucy Aye	Kathryn Chit
Joy Maurice	Tin Tin Shein
Maw Law	June Ba Ahn

● ORLANDO PO who has completed his laboratory training at Vellore has returned to the Rangoon Hospital.

● ON August 11 there were twenty babies in the Nursery of the Rangoon Hospital and the in-patient list went to 115 in July. Since January 1, 1956 there has been a steady increase in the number of in-patients cared for.

● THE workers from the North-western India Union report a very inspirational time at Dasna where their camp was held. Following the

camp Elders A. A. Esteb and O. W. Lange met with the workers and the laymen who had been invited in. The meetings were an inspiration to all who attended.

● MONOMOINI BAROYA and Shanti Baroi from East Pakistan are two of the first girls to enrol for the Nurses' Training Course at the Karachi Hospital. Rani Haldar from Spicer Memorial College plans to join them very shortly.

● ON A recent trip by motor boat to a large village centre, Brother S. N. Arinda of the Gopalganj dispensary and his helpers saw nearly three hundred patients during the hours from 10:30 a.m till 8 p.m. This type of work is much appreciated in East Pakistan where the needs are so great and medical help so difficult to obtain. At the present time the price of rice in this area is Rs. 50-0 to Rs. 60-0 per maund.

● PLANS have been laid to open the East Pakistan Branch of the Bengali Voice of Prophecy School in Dacca during November. Supplies for this school have already been shipped from Poona. Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Rawson plan to be present for this opening soon after they return from their furlough.

● KARACHI Hospital reports the largest number of in-patients since its opening. Beds have been moved



THINK ON THESE

There is a noble forgetfulness—that which does not remember injuries.—*C. Simmons.*

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All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.—*Emerson.*

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Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength.—*Francis de Sales.*

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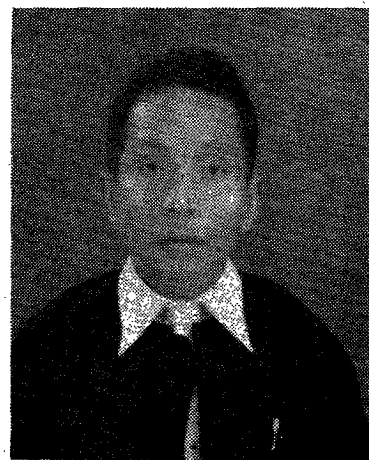
That friendship will not continue to the end which is begun for an end.—*Quarles.*

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Live near to God, and so all things will appear to you little in comparison with eternal realities.—*R. M. McCheyne.*



MEET OUR WORKERS



U E. MAUNG graduated from the Meiktila High School in 1930. He entered the denominational work when he was called to join the staff of the Kamaung Ohn Daw school in 1931. He served there for two years and then laboured in four different sections of Burma as teacher-evangelist.

From 1943 until the present time U E. Maung has been a faithful circle leader in at least six sections throughout the country. He was ordained to the Ministry in 1950 at Myaungmya.

Brother E. Maung is able to use six different languages. This talent must have helped him greatly in his evangelistic and teaching work. We know the Lord has blessed E. Maung and we trust our brother will see many souls in the kingdom as a result of his labours for the Master.



out on to the verandahs and wards are crowded to make room for emergencies. The staff has been carrying a very heavy surgical programme and in addition to this have been getting the Nursing School under way. Let us uphold them in our prayers as they launch out by faith on this important step.

● ON September 16, Pastor J. A. Crews opened his meetings in Lahore with a good attendance. These meetings will be held in the Burt Institute on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 6 p.m.

● VILLAGE efforts in Shamsha and Kaeyal have been planned to open on the first of October. Pastor A. M. Akbar also reports that twelve more persons are ready for baptism in the village of Ballagan.—D. S. J.