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## A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
### (Pastor R. Robinson)

*" The Lord hath been mindful of us; He will bless us "*
(Psalm cxv. 12).

" THE coming in of the year " is a fitting time to address a few words to the readers of the HERALD, whom we greet in the name of the Lord. The psalmist exhorts us to " enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise " (Psalm c. 4), and so it behoves us as we step into the New Year.

First, we praise God for every spiritual favour He has shown upon the work of our missionaries in India, for they and we have been cheered by the many who during the past year have been quickened into life through the preaching of the Gospel. It was for this that the Mission was commenced, and it is the sole reason for which it is continued, that God may be pleased " to take out a people for His name," from among the millions of India. It has indeed rejoiced our hearts to hear from month to month that precious souls are being saved.

We are sure that all will continue instant in prayer that these tokens may increase and multiply.

The schools, hostels, medical work, are most interesting and valuable means of contact, and the activities carried on by these institutions are keenly followed by many in the Homeland; yet we know that true success has not been achieved till those who are instructed and healed receive the Word of Life.

Thus we look and pray for the power that " turns to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come " (1 Thess. i. 9-10).

We should like to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to readers of the HERALD for their prayerful and practical support. It is most heartening to our brethren and sisters away in India to know that thousands of believing hearts are thinking of them, trying to visualise their needs and difficulties, and praying for them day by day. Their work in a hot climate, and in a heathen environment, makes greater demands upon their physical, mental and spiritual vigour than perhaps we can

estimate, but God is able to make all grace to abound and to grant them renewal day by day, that they may serve Him in newness of life. God has so purposed and arranged that we may be helpers by *prayer and supplication*.

Particularly may we stress the importance of prayer that they may be preserved in health. Indeed, we know that "our times are in His hand," that the Lord can and does perform His will even through sickness and infirmity, yet He is "Jehovah-Rophi—the Lord our Healer."

It is no news to our friends that the staff in India has been depleted through the long-continued ilness of Miss I. G. Hazel, who has returned to England on early furlough. May it be the Lord's will to restore her, that she may be able to return to the work so dear to her. We are glad to report she is better than she was on her arrival.

Added to this, it has been a great disappointment to Miss Poole that she will not be returning with Mr. and Mrs. Huckett. It is necessary that her furlough should be extended in order to full recovery. We share this disappointment, and sympathise with her as well as with the L.Z.A.

We know, too, that these temporary losses to the staff make it very difficult to maintain the work carried on among the women of India. At their Annual Conference in February, our missionaries will be prayerfully considering how this can be best accomplished with a depleted staff, and will be sending their recommendations to the Council and L.Z.A. Executive.

Pray that all may be Divinely guided and strengthened, that they may be able to "hold the fort," even though they may not be able to advance until reinforcements arrive.

There are those, too, who pass on their MISSION HERALD and Report to others, in the hope of gaining further interest and support. It would be a great encouragement to our Editor, to whom we owe so much, if new subscribers could be obtained.

What an honour all God's people have of being "workers together with Him." He calls us by His grace and into His service, condescends to use us as He directs, and then allows us to share the reward while He makes us partakers of His glory.

For all our readers we pray that the New Year may be one of deeper communion, closer fellowship and more joyous service than any that have preceded, and may many, many others, in all parts of the world, hear the voice of the Son of God and live.

"Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above."

# The Other Side

## MADRAS REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

W. N. H. KUHRT.

IT has been my privilege, as the S. B. M. delegate, to attend this year's sessions of the Madras Representative Christian Council. The meetings of the Council extended over three days, and were a source of inspiration to all who attended them. The chief object of gathering was to discuss various points of business common to all the Christian bodies of South India. Reports were received from numerous standing committees that have been set up by the Council, as, for instance, the Joint Board for Examinations, with which a number of our missionaries and Mr. Watts are connected in various ways. A good deal of interest was aroused, on account of the fact that India and the Madras Presidency are this year to have the honour of entertaining the International Missionary Conference at Tambaram, the new home of the Madras Christian College. To this Conference will assemble delegates from the ends of the earth, but for the first time it will be primarily a gathering of representatives from the younger and Oriental Churches, rather than a gathering of those from the parent Churches of the Occident.

Apart from business, a number of happy hours were spent in devotional periods and lectures. I was particularly impressed with the high quality of the spiritual fare with which we were provided. Each session was opened with devotions led by the Swedish Lutheran Bishop of Tranquebar. Danes and Swedes have a peculiarly noble tradition of missionary service in India, and the present Bishop, Dr. Sandegren, worthily upholds those traditions. Further devotional periods were conducted by an Indian layman—a break away from custom, as it obtains in this country—who is an energetic and progressive Government official. He is Municipal Commissioner of Madura, the town where we were entertained. Till recently, Madura was famous at once for its sanctity and dirt—two things which frequently go together in India. Now, under the guidance of two recent Commissioners, both of whom have been Christians, Madura is shaking itself from the dust and putting on its beautiful garments in such a remarkable way that the Presidency newspapers are holding her up as an example of cleanliness, sanitation and beauty to all other towns, including the metropolis, Madras. The Commissioner gave us a series of earnest and very spiritual addresses. It will be of interest to point out that

the Swedish Bishop and the Indian Commissioner gave their addresses in well-nigh faultless English.

Two lectures were delivered on "The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World," by Dr. Melzer, a German. It was my privilege to stay in the same home with the Doctor, and many were the hours we spent in theological and other discussion. Discussion is hardly the right word. When one meets men of such immense learning as his, the wisest course is, having asked a few questions as intelligently as possible, to listen for the rest of the evening reverently and again as intelligently as possible. His home is a land where persecution is driving men back to the old truths, where trials are purging the Church and forcing men to decisions one way or the other. He is a comparatively young man, a Doctor of Philosophy and Divinity, master of a number of languages and, best of all, a true and an orthodox Christian. He has been very much under the influence of the German giants, Karl Barth and Karl Heim, and when delivering his two lectures, he stood firmly for the faith once delivered to the saints, attacking those syncretic and compromising ideas which have for so long dominated and stultified Christian missionary effort in India. It was a thrilling experience to hear him, and a further proof of the contention that profound learning is not by any means always on the side of infidelity. The Doctor has been for three years in India, and is shortly to take up an appointment as Professor of Theology in the Basel Mission Seminary at Mangalore. He appeals for a return to Biblical Theology and exegesis, using as far as possible the Hebrew and Greek texts, and for a return to expository preaching based on such study.

One more example. One evening, the Madura Christians entertained the delegates to tea, and the Mayor of Madura graced the occasion with his presence. He is a young Hindu, and an active worker for the National Congress Party. When greeting the delegates, he felicitated Christians generally, and then went on to say that if only we would give up proselytising, he had no doubt that Hindus and Christians would be able to live very happily and contentedly together. This is the common cry of Mr. Gandhi and other Nationalist Hindus. Was such a challenge to be left unanswered? Mr. C. J. Lucas, Headmaster of a Mission Training School in Vellore, was called upon to reply on behalf of the delegates, and in his reply he most tactfully, but courageously, accepted the challenge, pointing out that we could only desist from proselytising if we were prepared to betray our Master, Jesus Christ. But such action on the part of Christians need not cause Hindus anxiety, for it was a rule of the Christian faith never to accept any as Christians save those who of their own free will offered themselves for baptism and affiliation with the Christian Church. Christianity

knew nothing of forcible conversion, as practised by Muslims and others. This courageous reply was warmly applauded on the following day, and the man who had made it was unanimously elected President of the Council for the ensuing two years.

"And I, even I only, am left . . . Yet I have left me seven thousand . . . "

## HOME

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

WE English people are inclined to be proud of our English word " home," believing as we do that it is not translatable into other languages. The Tamil word " house " seems a poor substitute for our warmer English word, until one has had opportunities of noticing that the Tamil man does not always refer to the place in which he happens to be living as his " house," or as " the house," unless he owns the building. When he uses the expression " my house," he generally means the building that he has erected in his own village. If he lives in a house, probably one of a row, which he occupies without rent, as part payment for his services, he will often call the place his " shed," even though it may be a far better building than that which he owns in his native town. Possibly he has been away from his village for decades and others have been occupying his house all that time; yet, that is his " house." Surely here we see a reference to "home." When a young man settles down, if he does not inherit his father's dwelling, he is seized with a desire to build one, for he is not fully respected if he is not the owner of a domicile.



SHOPKEEPER AND SHOP AT VAZHAVANTHI
(Kolli Hills)

## Home

One of our young men has been living in the compound at Vazhavanthi with his family for many years, and has apparently been quite comfortable with us, but recently he decided to build a house. It was, evidently, not in order to live in another locality, because he bought a piece of ground adjoining the compound and within about 150 feet of the house he had been occupying for some time. Also his doorway faced the compound, though any Westerner would have put his front door on the other side, facing a broad view, rather than the ten-foot hedge about eight yards away. The Hindu hill people, I understand, by caste custom are compelled to have a thatched roof; this man puts on tiles, which are in some ways better than thatch if a building is not constantly occupied. White ants play havoc with the grass roof of an unoccupied house in a few weeks.

When the building was at last completed, we were all invited to the opening ceremony, and the owner had asked that we might have a short service on the first day of his living in the house. The two rooms were nicely filled when I arrived, the guests sitting round the walls, the men in one room and the ladies in the other. We sang, had a short Scripture reading, and after a few words of good wishes and exhortation, prayer was offered, both by the owner and the missionary. There was a feeling of friendly goodwill in the gathering, and after the service was concluded a meal was served to all who had attended.

## *"GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"*

BEATRICE L. MOWLE.

ON Sunday, August 7th, at about 8.15 a.m., people began filling the benches of the Vepery Chapel, ready for the service. At 8.30 a.m. the worship began. A goodly number of people had gathered. The preacher spoke about three would-be followers of the Lord, as recorded in Luke. After the service, we had the pleasure of hearing the testimony of eight followers of the Lord Jesus. Members of the congregation were allowed to stay to the Church meeting and listen, but they could not vote. Besides those who had acted as visitors to the candidates, other members of the Church were invited to tell anything they knew concerning the life and conduct of those who wished to join the Church. Each of the four men came to the front of the chapel, which was almost full of people.

The experiences of the candidates differed greatly, but each had been delivered from the bonds of heatherism. One man became connected with the Roman Catholics, but found no satisfaction there. We all felt sorry for the last brother; it was many seconds before he could open his mouth to speak, to us it seemed like minutes, and our hearts went up in prayer for him. When he overcame his fear and nervousness, he gave a clear testimony, and was unanimously accepted for baptism. Four women then gave their testimony. They were allowed to remain in the places where they had been sitting. Two of them had received some instruction concerning Christianity while they were children, but it was chiefly through the regular visits of the Biblewomen that they had been brought into the full light of the Gospel of Peace and Love. A third sister, wife of our rickshaw man, had been under the sound of the Gospel for many years, but it was not until the Lord touched her through two severe illnesses that she was led into the light. In her simple way she has tried to witness for the Lord, and her neighbours mockingly call her "the Bible woman." The last was a young woman from the Sewing Class at Kilpauk. Her parents belong to the Lutheran Mission, and she was christened as a baby. Through the daily instruction given, she was led to see her state by nature, and rejoiced in the Lord Jesus as her Saviour, and desired to follow Him in His own appointed way. They were all accepted by the Church, given a few words of encouragement, and told to be ready to receive baptism the following Sunday.

On Sunday, August 14th, at least ten minutes before the service was due to commence, the chapel was full of people, and extra benches had to be brought in. The worship began by singing that beautiful hymn, "Oh come, let us adore Him." As Mr. Watts was spending the week-end in Madras, he took the service and gave us an exhortation on I John v. 6. At the close of the service the eight candidates came forward for baptism, and as each one rose from the water a stanza of "O happy day that fixed my choice" was sung by the congregation. After this service, we gathered to commemorate the Lord's Supper. Before partaking of the emblems of His dying love, our brethren and sisters were given the right hand of fellowship. A few words were spoken to them concerning their responsibilities as members of Christ's Church. The Church was then exhorted to care for these lambs. Mr. Watts reminded us that we were all members of one body. If all the members of the body are in a healthy state, the body is healthy, but as soon as the smallest or most insignificant part becomes unhealthy, the whole body is affected. We know that temptations await these babes in Christ. Please pray for them.

# "THY KINGDOM COME"

GRACE M. MORLING.

"When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised."



BATHING IN THE SACRED RIVER CAUVERY AT MOHANUR.

THIS was the expression of a number of our hearts when early on Sunday morning, 25th September, 1938, about 120 children walked in procession through part of the town with their banners and flags, and then down the road to the Mission House, to take us to the morning service. It was a colourful scene, and all were smartly dressed, for it was our Sunday School Anniversary day. As they came, Christian and Hindu children alike joined in the singing of the lyrics. It was indeed an inspiration, and we just prayed as we made our way to the chapel, that as the name of "Jesus" was exalted in song, so He might reign in each young life. The chapel was daintily decorated (this being the custom of the East for any special occasion), and a large number gathered with us to encourage the children as they entered a new year. The service commenced with a song of praise, followed by prayer, after which the lads and lasses took over charge of the meeting. Special hymns and choruses were sung, and recitations given. It gave us joy as we listened to our Hindu girls lisping the name of Christ, and we just longed for the time when He will be to them not merely a name, but a living, bright reality. The missionary then concluded the service with a short talk to the boys and girls.

The afternoon service was very unconventional, and was held here in the compound. The children again sang, and recited Scripture portions. Selected items were also given on the gramophone. After the benediction had been pronounced, all dispersed to their homes feeling that it had been a day well spent.

The following Tuesday, the S.S. Treat was held, when children and adults came to share the fun and joy which invariably mark such occasions. The sports were organised with enthusiasm by the teachers, and later on the prizes were distributed to the fortunate ones and refreshments well enjoyed by all. By this time the sun had set, reminding us that day was done, so ere we separated we offered unto Him our evening sacrifice of praise, for the many blessings of the day and for all His wondrous love.

As we enter upon another year may our Master again quicken each one of you with renewed zeal to "Go forward" in this joyful service amongst our young folk, that scholars, and teachers, too, may know the real worth of Calvary's sacrifice, and unto Him shall be all the glory—for "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

## *WHAT DO WE COUNT THEM WORTH?*

A. MORLING.

THE Solaiseeramoni Church since its inception has been considered to be one of the most encouraging places on the western side of the Namakal Field. To-day it is the cause of great disappointment and sorrow. Work was commenced in this village in 1930, and on the occasion of 10 of the members of this cheri being immersed a small Church was formed. These Christians appeared more sincere and energetic than the usual, and soon set to work and partly erected a small prayer-house. The site chosen for this building was that where once their Hindu temple had been, in the very centre of the hamlet. The walls were put up by the co-operation of almost every one in the cheri, water for this purpose being brought from the River Cauvery, their only source of supply.

The outcaste section of Solaiseeramoni is on a very low-lying piece of land, and the only approach to it from the village proper is along a path running the whole length of a small channel which in rainy weather holds approximately four feet of water. Owing to strong caste feeling these people are forbidden to pass through the fields on either side, and have either to wade waist deep through this muddy and filthy

deposit or take an extremely circuitous route to the village. For many years they have endeavoured to secure another site for their homes, but all has been without success. After the formation of their little Church, we on several occasions made application on their behalf to Government, but our efforts, too, proved futile. This was chiefly due to the fact that most of the land in that vicinity is in the hands of a very unsympathetic Zemindar, a landowner or feudatory under Government. The unhealthy condition of their quarter can be imagined when one considers that it becomes a small island every time there is a good fall of rain !

Sad news reached us a few weeks ago concerning this Church. We were given to understand that the majority of those in the cheri had signed a petition to the Roman Catholic priest working in that area, asking him to render them financial assistance and procure for them a better site for their little village. When I visited Solaiseeramoni just recently, full enquiries were made, and it appears that two young men had completed arrangements for their marriages. A few days before the weddings were to take place, the Roman Catholic priest who had recently commenced work in the village where the girls lived, approached the parents of the prospective brides and told them that the proposed marriages could not be conducted unless both contracting parties were Roman Catholics. This and the fact that they had often promised the Solaiseeramoni folk a new and better place for their hamlet, and help in constructing their new houses was a great temptation. A day or two ago, Mrs. Brand called in on her way home from camp and informed us that the priest had actually taken over and had forbidden the people to agree to our visiting them. This has called us to further earnestness in intercession, and during last week, when almost all the workers of these two Fields were here in headquarters, a special meeting was held, when this matter was made the subject of much prayer.

Similar opposition is being experienced in two other villages, Elur and Tydimal. In the former, the Roman Catholics have enjoyed a hand to hand fight with Hindus, and peace was only established after a large public meeting had been held. In this the priest from Salem took part, and suffered the shame of hearing his own chauffeur ask the forgiveness of the authorities of the outcaste temple. In Tydimal, a quarrel was immediately commenced between the outcaste and caste people, and now the priest has gone to court on behalf of the former. The catechists and priests who so vigorously oppose us proceed from village to village creating discontent among our people, and if any are persuaded to make the change, money is paid for learning the prayers. When they are accepted into the new faith, clothing, cash, etc., are given.

It is easy to thrust the matter from our minds by saying that only the poorer type of Church member will entertain the idea of making the change. We have to consider all as of equal value, and remember the price of redemption of all members. That which saddens is the fact that when those who have gone over realise their stupidity and sin, they are demoralised to such an extent as to require years of careful attention and supervision to bring them back to their old standard of living. Let us continue in ardent supplication that all who know Christ as Saviour and Friend may be brought to acknowledge Him as King and Lord, the Sovereign who demands utter inner obedience and allegiance.

## *HANDFULS OF PURPOSE*

We find that the brief and general survey of the various fields of the Mission given under this title creates interest at home and abroad, and we are hoping to continue it. One difficulty, however, lies in the fact that the official letters from India do not always arrive in time for this purpose, and it is not always possible to refer to all the fields in the same issue. Nevertheless, we will do our best, and we are sure that we can count upon the understanding of all friends in England and India. Let us also remember that, even after we have told of the work of our missionaries in this article, and also included their own stories of their work, we have but told a very small part of what is going on in India. Our missionaries are busy people, and those of us who are in constant communication with them realise how full their lives must be.

**Sendamangalam and Namakal.**—Mr. A. J. Morling writes encouragingly of the special meetings for young people held recently at Namakal. He also reports that five of the Hostel boys have been baptized, and asks that their confession, witnessed by a large company, may be made a subject of prayer that God will bless it to the encouragement and instruction of others. Dr. Harris is full of praise for the suitability of the new nurse and her husband, and is much encouraged by the way that God has answered prayer. Mrs. Brand has been engaged in camp work, and was able to complete the circle of villages on the Namakal side of the field.

**Kolli Hills.**—At the moment we can give just a little information, gathered from one of Miss Wilkin's letters. Writing on November 14th, she said that she had had a very happy camp at Kurungunardi. Much sickness has been experienced on the Hills. After long delay, a matron has been secured for the Hostel.

**Tinnevelly.**—Miss Green also reports much sickness. Since the Bible-women returned to their stations after the Bible School, she has been on camp. A new matron must be found for the Hostel, owing to the old age of the present one. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt arrived back at Kovilpatti on November 19th, they having in previous weeks spent as much time as possible at Paniadipatti, while Miss Green was busy with the Bible School. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt have been sitting for Tamil examinations.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for manifest tokens of His favour through converts who have been led to confess Him.

**Let** us rejoice again in the way that the Mission has formed a bond of union between Churches and people in the Homeland.

**Let** us pray for Mr. and Mrs. Huckett as they set forth on their return journey to India.

**Let** us remember in prayer Miss A. M. Poole, whose return to India has been delayed.

**Let** us ask the Lord to graciously restore to a yet further measure of health and strength Miss I. G. Hazel.

**Let** us continue to pray earnestly for the L.Z.A. Executive, in view of the special problems created by the illness of various workers.

## LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

**Mrs. D. Morling.**—It was with much pleasure that the L.Z.A. Executive, at their meeting in November, noted the fact that Mrs. D. Morling had completed 30 years of service in India. As Miss O. M. Elliott, Mrs. Morling sailed for Madras on 21st November, 1908, as the first representative of the L.Z.A., and continued as such until her marriage with Mr. D. Morling in July, 1921. Our praise still ascends to God for His goodness in giving Mrs. Morling, and in sustaining her throughout this long period in India. It was agreed that a letter be sent to her conveying our appreciation of her long and devoted service in taking the Gospel to the women and girls of South India and, in later years, of her wider sphere of usefulness in the Lord's work. A similar letter was sent by the Council. May many more years of service lie ahead!

There have been times when our need has specially found expression in the word of our Lord: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." The demands of missionary work abroad require the service of young women of thoroughly healthy constitution, of good education, and who, knowing the power of the Lord in their own lives, through discipline and training, can be numbered among "willing, skilful workers." Such, having received a definite call to serve the Lord in India, may become worthy successors of the one who "blazed the trail" for the L.Z.A.

**Miss A. M. Poole.**—We are very sorry to have to announce that Miss Poole, though much better, has not yet been passed by the doctor as fit to return to India. It is likely that her sailing will now be delayed until the early autumn. We share the disappointment that Miss Poole must feel, but pray that God may overrule all these circumstances, bringing good out of them to the glory of His Name.

Necessarily, illness throws extra work and responsibility on those who are on the Field, and in the coming months we especially bespeak prayer on behalf of all our missionaries. The meeting at West Ham on January 3rd will not therefore be a Farewell to Miss Poole, but it is hoped to arrange a separate meeting later on.

**Miss I. G. Hazel.**—Miss Hazel has made good progress since returning to England, and our prayers for her are that returning strength may come quickly, through the goodness of God.

## GENERAL NOTES

**Good Friday.**—We are asked to point out that as this falls on the first Friday in April, the Council Meeting for that month will be held on **March 31st.** The L.Z.A. Executive Meeting will be held on **March 24th.**

**Bound Volumes.**—We would like more of our friends to know that every year copies of the MISSION HERALD, "Rays from the East," and the Annual Report are bound together in one volume, and sold at the modest price of two shillings, postage extra. Please communicate with our General Secretary.

**United Prayer Meeting.**—The Annual United Prayer Meeting in connection with various branches of our denominational life will be held (D.v.) at Chadwell Street on Friday, January 20th, at 6.30 p.m. We hope that the S.B.M. will be well represented.

**Kundaswami.**—We again acknowledge the receipt of the usual gifts from an anonymous donor for the support of this Indian lad.

**S.B.M. Office.**—The General Secretary (Pastor J. K. Thorpe), hopes to be at the office of the S.B.M., 388, St. John Street, Clerkenwell, E.C.1 (opposite the end of Chadwell Street), on Wednesday, January 4th, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., and on Friday, January 20th, from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. He will be very pleased to see any friends on Mission business.

**Departure.**—Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett and family will be returning to India, God-willing, on the P. & O. S.S. *Maloja*, which is due to leave England on Friday, January 6th, 1939. The special train for Tilbury Dock will leave St. Pancras Station at 2.53 p.m., and it is hoped that many friends will gather to bid our missionaries farewell.

**Lantern Lectures.**—The General Secretary is now able to plan for a certain number of illustrated lectures of the Mission's activities.

The following two new lectures are ready : "Our Mission," and "Sights and Scenes in Sendamangalam," for these the Secretary will provide the necessary apparatus, except the screen.

He will be pleased to receive applications from Local Missionary Secretaries, Young People's Societies, etc.

**Pastor A. E. Brown.**—Our Financial Secretary is improving steadily, and has taken up some of his duties. He asks that contributions should once more be addressed to him after February 1st.

## REPORT OF MEETING

**Walthamstow.**—During Missionary Week, the Women's Gospel Meeting was held on Thursday, November 3rd, when we welcomed Mrs. Stanley Simpson as our speaker. In her address, which was greatly interesting, she gave us an insight into the home life of Indian women. The collection, which realised £1 8s. 0d., was devoted to the Mission.

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1939

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

3rd, Farewell Meeting, West Ham; 15th, Wood Green, Eldon Road; 17th, Croydon, Windmill Road; 22nd, Willingham; 23rd, Sutton, Cambs.; 24th, Cottenham; 29th, Greenwich.

# "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

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## *"THE ODOUR OF THE OINTMENT" (John xii. 3)*

THE poetic gift and nature of the Apostle John were never more evident than when he coined this phrase. He is describing the feast that was held at Bethany after Lazarus had been raised from the dead, and he tells of the different and characteristic ways in which the members of the family showed their love to the Lord. Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus. Martha busied herself with serving the meal, but doubtless without that anxiety and fretfulness which are suggested in Luke's Gospel. Mary was still her own sweet and gentle self, and her act was as fitting as it was beautiful. With her costly ointment she anointed the feet of Jesus, and, John adds, "The house was filled with the odour of the ointment."

These words leaped to my mind as I heard that the beloved Acting-President of the L.Z.A. (Mrs. W. H. Rose) had been called Home. After months of failing strength, but only a short period of serious illness, she fell asleep in Jesus early in the morning of Monday, January 2nd.

Another hand will probably write of her close connection with the Mission, but I feel it a sacred privilege to pay a more general tribute to her memory, a tribute that has behind it eight or nine years of precious and intimate association with her, partly in the public sphere of Church life and service, but still more in the unfettered contacts and conversations of the home circle.

In the course of her busy life Mrs. Rose did and said many things, but perhaps they may all be linked to this phrase of Holy Writ, "The house was filled with the odour of the ointment." Some articles of daily use can be measured with the rule, others can be weighed in the scales, but the fragrance of the flowers can never thus be gauged. Or, to change the figure, we can weigh and measure the box of ointment, but the information thus gained will be almost useless.

Thus it was, and thus it is with our beloved friend. She spoke at many meetings, wrote many letters, attended many committees, but these form little more than the alabaster box which contained the precious ointment. What a fragrance there was about her words and deeds! A meeting was ever happier and brighter and better if her face was seen and her voice was heard. Many of us know that her unusual gift of being able to recite long passages of prose or poetry, doing it in a way peculiarly her own, has cheered many a heart in all

parts of the Metropolis, but especially in the Church at Highbury, where she served so well and so long.

Yet it may be said of Mrs. Rose, with a far greater measure of truth than of most people, that no one ever really knew her who did not meet her in the sacred intimacies of the home. If I may be permitted to say so, I count it an unspeakable privilege that for over eight years she paid an almost weekly visit to our home. Here she displayed a lively interest in the most trivial matters of family life; here she has left behind her an " odour " which will linger through all the years ahead.

Her path had not been an easy one. The road was often very rugged and steep, and those who came into but casual contact with her did not know that that bright smile and cheery word often hid a heart that was weary. We cannot grudge that tired heart the rest of the Master's presence, the sunshine of the Master's smile, the joy of the Master's " Well done."

Of one thing we are sure—in many a home, at many a committee meeting, in many a place of worship, there will linger for a long, long while " the odour of the ointment " which she dispensed, first of all as a loving tribute to her blessed Lord, and then as an act of devoted service to those who were precious for His sake.

L. R. G.

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Miss Bocking, who was Secretary of the ladies' section of the South Indian Strict Baptist Missionary Society, pays tribute to the quiet and faithful work of Mrs. Rose, who was President of Committee through those early years. Monthly prayer meetings were then held at Highbury, and attended also by the ladies from the New Cross Church. These meetings were presided over by Mrs. Rose. From that time until her last attendance at the L.Z.A. Committee Meeting a few weeks ago, Mrs. Rose was closely concerned with the work both at home and abroad.

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The present L.Z.A. Secretary (Miss P. P. Nunn), writes :— Mrs. Rose had a radiant personality, and her memory will be an inspiration for many years. In a very real sense, the joy of the Lord was her strength. Her more immediate connection with the L.Z.A. began in September, 1929, when, on the amalgamation of the two Societies, she became a Vice-President, and from that time was a regular member of the L.Z.A. Executive, unfailing interest and valuable help in the work being graciously given.

Mrs. Rose's willingness to become Acting President of the L.Z.A. from the month of September, 1938 (which service gave her much joy) was a fitting climax to a fruitful life, which we

so little dreamed was near its end. We praise God for permitting her to render the L.Z.A. this last service. Praise was a dominating factor of her life, and thereby God was glorified. A deep understanding of the problems and difficulties of the work was manifested, and these were handled with much sympathy towards those on the Field, as well as towards those with responsibility at home. Her kindly comments will be treasured, and the remembrance of her courage and fidelity will be an impetus to us to continue, though we shall sadly miss her presence. A wider circle expressed appreciation of Mrs. Rose's genial manner in presiding at our recent Annual and Half-Yearly Meetings. One remark made to us by her, after bidding Miss Monica Harris farewell last October, abides, to the effect that it was " a solemn thing " to be sending out a new missionary. May the solemnity, as well as the joy of our service, lead us to a fuller reliance on our Lord, Who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

# The Other Side

## *PASTORS' CONFERENCE, 1938.*

A. MORLING.

ON Wednesday morning, the 7th of September, 1938, the Pastors and Preachers-in-charge of our Mission were arriving at Kilpauk for the Pastoral Conference. Among some there was a feeling of real satisfaction and excitement because the city had been chosen for this year's gathering—this was marked in the Tinnevelly men, most of whom were visiting Madras for the first time. The electric light in the Mission House captured the fancy of two, who were enlightened when informed that the illumination of the bulbs was due to the pressing of the switch! One very humid afternoon our host kindly brought into the room a portable fan—it was almost incredible to our two friends to think that this revolved because it was connected with a plug in the wall! Honesty commands us to add that not only pastors, but missionaries, too, like to visit Madras, where shopping can be done as nowhere else in the south!

" Indianization of Church Services " was the first paper read in the Conference. Pastor Solomon prefaced his remarks by saying that the subject was distasteful to him—this was

easily understood when one observed the mode of his dress! In Madras, more than anywhere else in this part of the country, there seems to be the temptation to ape the European in his dress and habits. The subject of Indianization of our methods of work, etc., is made difficult because there is very little indeed in the country that can guide us in the matter, but this does not mean that we can afford to ignore it. Hindu worship is almost entirely individual. At great festivals there is something approaching congregational, but it differs rather radically from our conception. There was unanimity of opinion regarding the necessity of emphasising in our services the use of lyrics in preference to hymns. The latter are translated into Tamil and sung to English tunes, but very much of the meaning and power is lost in translation. The " hymns " we have in the vernacular have been helpful, but to-day more lyrics are being written and these are unquestionably preferred by the Indian.

The same afternoon Mr. Champion presented to the Conference his carefully prepared " Church Statistics for 1937-38." This showed that the " total increase during the year was 52," being an increase of " 3.38% on last year's figure." The number in our Sunday Schools has decreased, and in consequence we were all urged to pay more attention to this important part of our work. Under the heading " Church Finance," we were informed that the average amount of collection per member for the year was Rs.2—1—11, but if Madras and the town congregations were omitted, " we arrive at the average for our village churches of Rs.0—13—8, or a little over one anna per person per month." (An anna is worth a little more than a penny). This is sufficient evidence of the poverty of the people amongst whom we try to serve the Master.

During the latter part of the afternoon a committee of five, three pastors and two missionaries, was elected to arrange the programme for future Conferences, and to attend to other matters during the interim. Our aim in doing this was further to convince our Indian brethren that they should be prepared to assume more responsibility.

About 7 o'clock the same evening Pastor D. Jesudasan, of Paniadipatti, preached from 2 Kings ii. 9.

On Thursday morning Mr. Thrower spoke to us about " The finding and equipping of leaders." The need was stressed to be constantly looking for men in our Churches who could take part in the services. Speaking of the Namakal area, we must say that there is a distressing lack of men who can undertake responsible work as Church officers, and of men and women who can be appointed as Mission workers.

That afternoon, Pastor A. D. Seenivasaham read his paper on " The economic position of our Church members, and how this can be improved." Our remarks under Church Finance

show clearly what is the economic position of our people in the villages. We have on more than one occasion spoken in Conference regarding the need to raise the financial condition of our Churches, but this is the first time that the above subject has been broached. The thought may come to some that we are being side-tracked and are about to spend our time, money and energy, as some Societies are to-day, in rural reconstruction work! This is impossible, funds in the first place prohibit it! But we can and should advise our people concerning certain methods by which they can improve their economic condition. Our folk on the western side of this field have to find a new occupation when the change in religion is made, for this forbids the continuance of certain age-long practices which if not faithfully followed break their connection with the employer, or caste agriculturist.

This year's Pastoral Conference was marked by a greater interest being evinced by the pastors. Because of the difference in the work in the Mission's three areas, Madras, Namakal and Tinnevelly, it is often difficult to find subjects to which all can contribute and in which all will be readily interested. As Congress assumes power, certain aspects of our work become more complicated, and everywhere we are confronted with a growing indifference and apathy. Every member of the Conference would value the sincere and constant prayerful interest of the reader during the coming year.

## *THE INSPECTRESS.*

MIRIAM E. WILKINS.

A PASTOR in the Homeland is not always preaching sermons; his time and days are taken up with many things which others know nothing about. He is called to do *all* sorts of things which are too numerous to mention here, but are known to most of you. So it is with a missionary: our aim is to preach the Gospel, but that is not all, many of our days have to be spent in the bungalow, and we are called upon to do many things we should not have to do in the Homeland.

While in training, one of our mottoes was "R.F.A.," which you may know stands for "Ready for anything," and truly a missionary must be ready for anything and at any time, and, with the help of the Lord, face all.

If a missionary is in charge of a school, there is much work behind the scenes which is attached to it. Or if one has a Hostel, with this also, there is much work to be done which is not seen by the on-looker.

## The Inspectress

A few weeks ago I received an official-looking letter, and upon opening it, I found I was asked to send the annual Hostel returns within a given date. I suppose few of you know what hostel returns are. We have to apply to Government for hostel grant and school grant, in order to help us run our hostels and schools. So, first of all, if any of our children are destitute or orphans we have a certificate for each one, signed by the village munsif and the Tahsildar of their Taluk. Then we have to write down in triplicate the names of the children, date of birth, and when they were admitted into the hostel, how old they are, and if going to school, etc. Then detail monthwar and datewar statements of food and expenses have to be given; all the food and everything that has been bought during the year, month by month and day by day has to be written out in triplicate, giving the date each was bought and the amount. In addition to this, a receipt for every one of these things has to be sent, so they can see you have really spent so much money. This takes several days, and when it is finished it is with great relief we fold it up carefully and send it off to the required place. A week later, feeling a little more free and perhaps thinking of going out on camp, another official letter comes, and one opens it rather warily, and finds written, " I shall be visiting you on any day eight days before 15th July, or eight days after this date. —Inspectress of Schools." So one has to wait, and wonder what is in store.

The Inspectress arrives, nauseated and tired with riding in a dholie for the first time in her life, wondering, too, if she will get fever, and feels none too pleasant. She inspects the Hostel, etc., and returns to the bungalow, and, owing to the fact that she is a fresh Inspectress, desires the returns done in a different way. From 12.15 to 3.15 p.m. on a Saturday she sits pointing out the way she wants it done. Then she gets up to go—another dholie ride! Before she goes, she says, " These returns must be in by Monday; you must work all day on Sunday doing it! " An utter impossibility! Telling her we do not work on Sundays, she leaves the Compound, and her last word in the dholie is, " Don't delay." Then we set to work again, until 37 pages of foolscap paper are filled, and sent off with a feeling of great relief. Now we have to wait and see what the results will be.

This very moment, on finishing this to you, another official letter arrives, marked " Very Urgent," in which I am asked to furnish further details in triplicate. One more day, and I should have been out on camp. One wonders how many more requests there will be before they really decide to give us the grant. This is only one of the problems which constitute a missionary's life.

# ONCE IN FIVE YEARS

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

ONCE in five years they have heard the Gospel. When will they hear it again. Is it a matter of indifference to us that there are many villages in our South India Fields which are not visited more frequently than this? How many villages have not been visited for ten or more years! What has happened during those years? Children have been born, and grown up in total ignorance of the Good News of salvation. Sin has abounded without the knowledge of the grace which much more abounds. Men and women, boys and girls, have passed out of this earthly scene without ever pronouncing the hallowed name of Jesus Christ. Vague hopes that perhaps the great God of the universe may be merciful, are all that can comfort the soul as it trembles in the body waiting for Yama, the angel of death, to snatch it up and bear it, who knows whither? Villages where no one can read, or where a copy of the Scriptures is never used! Where much sin is unrecognised, though it walks the streets at noon-day unashamed, and with no one to point the finger of rebuke! Where sick people are left outside of the house to die, as they cannot eat their normal food and none knows how to prepare an invalid diet, and none really minds whether they live or leave this vale of tears! Villages where, if a stranger comes, he only comes to make money, or oppress, or deceive the inhabitants! Villages where, in spite of these things, the residents live a quiet life of industry, weeping or laughing as do we all, oblivious of the fact that God cares, and loves them and gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life!

It was in order to visit such villages as these that, recently, we pitched tent in the northern parts of the Kolli Hills and sought out people whom we had not seen since our tour five years ago, to tell them of the love of God which may be seen in Jesus Christ our Lord. Have we ever thought what our lives would be without the knowledge that Christ died for us? Our whole language is salted with Bible teaching, and the most secular of secular books contains its quotations from the Book of books. We are taught from our childhood to believe that it is best to be honest, and that God is good, so that we cannot believe that there are people to whom these simple statements sound strange and unreal; to whom God has always been represented as a libertine, and who think that the only way to get on is to be clever enough to keep on the right side of the oppressor and the knave. Hence we cannot fully realise our responsibility with regard to the preaching of the Gospel among the heathen, neither can we realise the power of that Gospel to change the whole mental and spiritual outlook of people who have long walked in dark-

ness and the shadow of death. May we be enabled to see the urgency of our Lord's command to His people that they go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to all mankind.

## "I GIVE UNTO YOU POWER OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY" (Luke x. 19)

VIOLET D. GREEN.

SHE sat before me in her tiny home, and I was talking to her of that wonderful miracle which happened at the Pool of Bethesda. A new enquirer was *Muthammal*, and it was my very first visit. Her record is a very sad one. She was born and brought up in a heathen home. Then came marriage with a heathen man, and so one more home and family was added to the countless number steeped in Hinduism and superstition, etc., over which the powers of evil hold sway. It is not easy at any time, either by pen or lip, to describe these things so that they become intelligible or real to reader or hearer. They have to be seen and felt, to know them even a little. To Muthammal a son was born, to whom they gave the name *Muthuvaal*, meaning Pearl. An only child, and that a son, is much set by in any home, and for particular reasons in a *Hindu* home. Then, at the age of eight, a terrible calamity befell the family, for, without warning, Muthuvaal went suddenly blind. No efforts availed to restore sight: visits to shrines, offerings, etc., were of no use, and the poor, heart-broken mother became the victim of hopeless despair. She lost all interest in life, the sight of her blind boy was more than she could bear,



SACRED BATHING
(Notice the man under the waterfall)

and in her abandonment to grief and loss of all self-control, she became an easy prey for the devil. India is a land where demon possession is never questioned, stark facts forbid such incredulity. It is an accepted fact, a horrible, terrifying reality. The personality of the devil, his power and control over men (their bodies, minds, spirits, possessions) is more real in the villages of S. India than is the consciousness of God. I have been in the presence of this evil power several times.

So Muthammal became frequently possessed by an evil spirit, and this has continued for five years, ever since the boy lost his sight. She goes into a stupor, becomes wholly oblivious to all that is about her, her eyes are fast closed, and she has a horrible expression on her face. At these times she starts swaying from side to side, gently at first, but increasing in speed till the swaying becomes quite violent. This is a frequent experience, which may happen at any moment in any place.

There is, not far from us, a school for the blind, where they are educated and taught some trade. A few weeks ago, a lad home on leave from this school came to Muthuvaal's father and mother, and told them of the school, urging them to send their boy along with him. This was welcome news, and with thankful hearts these Hindu parents consented to their lad being received into a *Christian* school, where his name was changed to Isaac. He is now 13 years old.

Now behold the matchless ways of our God. We seem to hear Him ask, " To whom then will ye liken *Me*, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One " (Isaiah xl. 25). Our only answer can be to bow in adoration and worship at His feet—our *incomparable Lord*. These parents began to reflect on the past, that in spite of all their efforts, prayers and tears, *Hinduism* had done *nothing* for their boy. That it was the *Christians* who now held out a helping hand and opened the door of hope to the hopeless. They came to the inescapable conclusion that, since Hinduism had so signally failed in the lesser matters of the physical and material, it could not be trusted to avail in the more important matters relating to the spiritual. Moreover, their boy would now assuredly be a Christian, was one even now, nominally, at least. They could not be a divided household. *So they would place themselves under Christian instruction and they, too, would be Christians. A momentous decision, verily,* the reality of which will assuredly be tested right up to the hilt. In that measure in which they are truly in earnest will they be called upon to pass through the fires. For think of the challenge! So I plead with readers to stand with us, " Ye also helping together by prayer." Pray for these new enquirers, turning their back upon all heathen practices, beliefs, superstitions and bondage. Pray for the experience of *full salvation*,

for the experience of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ over all the power of the enemy. Let us surround these two with believing, prevailing prayer, using the power He has given us, "Behold I give unto you power over all the power of the enemy," and so pray them into the kingdom. Let us pray also for 13 year old Isaac, that his loss of sight may yet issue in the eyes of his understanding being opened, that he with his parents may be able to rejoice in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

## *SHADOWS*

EVELYN C. BRAND.

I HAVE just been standing in the darkness of the night, watching and hearing a meeting which is taking place in the newly-erected Roman Catholic chapel opposite ours, in this little village of Didimal. It is only a few yards away from this S.B.M. building where we held a small meeting this afternoon with the handful of people who have not gone over to the Roman Catholics.

As I stood, I saw the bowed heads of our Christians and heard the voice of the priest teaching them to recite the responses as he read by the light of the lamp which threw the shadow of the crucifix, before which they were kneeling, across the whitewashed wall. I stood in the dark, and it seemed very dark.

One does not blame them too harshly; they are so poor, and the Roman Catholics have come to their aid. They promise them work and food.

I have just come from the village, from a little cottage meeting in one of the Christian's houses; we had all knelt together on the floor, and committed those who had left us to Him, and prayed that the faithful few might be kept true. Two boys had asked for baptism. But the whole impression left was that a great time of sifting had come, and that the Judge of all hearts was winnowing His Church. May be some will return. But there was a boldness and determination about the faces of some who have left us that made one know that for the time they feel they have made a profitable bargain.

Similar things are happening in Solasoramanie and other places. We visit around and pray with those who are facing temptation, while the words ring in our ears, "Whose fan is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor."



CORNER OF OUR SCHOOL AT SOLAISIRAMANI.
NAMAKAL FIELD

## HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

**Madras.**—The Christmas Boxes were making joyous work for Mr. and Mrs. Thrower at the time that the last letter was written. These boxes naturally cause much labour and often anxious thought, but there is abundant compensation in the pleasure of the children and the opportunities afforded for getting into closer contact with them. The lack of rain is causing anxiety to our friends. Miss M. Harris arrived in Madras Harbour at 6 a.m. on Sunday, December 4th. She attended Tamil Service at Vepery Chapel, and Miss Mowle's afternoon Bible Class. Her Tamil studies commenced the next day.

**Sendamangalam and Namakal.**—Office work has taken up a great deal of Mr. A. Morling's time, but, of course, this has to be done. Nevertheless, he managed to get in three camps during the early part of December. Two visits to Selur brought much encouragement, after a long time of waiting for the "signs following." Mr. Orchard is rejoiced by the increased sense of usefulness which comes with increased knowledge of the language of the people. The days are full and the duties varied, and always there are the lights and shadows that are ever associated with missionary service. Dr. Harris tells of a busy month filled with medical work, but also providing opportunities for presenting the Gospel message.

**Kolli Hills.**—A great amount of illness on the Hills has added to the duties and difficulties of Mr. Champion and his helpers. Yet (as always) the letters have their brighter side. A wedding at Puliampatti aroused much local interest, and was used as an opportunity to indicate the difference between Hindu and Christian views of marriage. Miss Wilkins has had her hands full, especially as the expected Matron did not arrive. There are references in the letters to the slow progress of building operations, owing to the shortage of labour and difficulties of transport.

**Tinnevelly.**—The Institute at Kovilpatti is still giving great encouragement to Mr. and Mrs. D. Morling, as well as giving them much work. Both our friends have been unwell, but the latest news is that they have improved in health. Mr. Kuhrt's letter relates to many subjects. He has had to settle disputes amongst people who are always apt to be quarrelsome, and whose tempers have been frayed by the drought and the consequent shortage of work.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for the gracious example and influence of His servant, Mrs. Rose, whom He has now taken to Himself.

**Let** us give thanks for the continued news of conversions and baptisms that reaches us from India.

**Let** us pray for Miss Monica Harris during these early weeks of her life and service in Madras.

**Let** us continue to ask the Lord to guide the L.Z.A. in this time of special difficulties at home and abroad.

**Let** us, without ceasing, ask God to restore fully to health Miss Amy Poole and Miss I. G. Hazel.

## FAREWELL TO MR. AND MRS. H. A. HUCKETT

The Valedictory Services were held as arranged at West Ham Tabernacle, on Tuesday, January 3rd. A number of friends gathered for prayer at 6 p.m., under the chairmanship of Mr. S. W. Anderson, and the number increased as the meeting proceeded. Psalm xci. was as fresh and precious as ever when read by the Chairman, who also reminded us of various subjects for praise and prayer. Happy liberty was given to many brethren in prayer, and the whole time was well spent.

At 7 p.m., Pastor R. Robinson took the Chair, and Pastor J. K. Thorpe read from Eph. iii. Pastor W. S. Baker led in prayer. The President, at the close of his introductory speech, asked us to stand as a mark of sympathy with the L.Z.A. in the loss of their Acting-President, Mrs. Rose, who recently was called to higher service.

Pastor C. B. Morton followed with an address on "My grace is sufficient for thee." He mentioned three ways in which grace operated: pardoning, enabling, and keeping. It was a helpful message to us all.

Mrs. Huckett spoke of special days, the day when He called us by His grace, and the day we are sent on His work to India or elsewhere. Our sister asked for continued prayer help.

Mr. Huckett gave us reasons why they must go back to India. (1) Because of the Lord's command. (2) The need of India's millions. (3) The brevity of time in which to preach the Gospel. This was a most impressive utterance.

Pastor C. J. Welsford delivered the Valedictory Address, taking the text from Isaiah l. iv.: "A word in season to him that is weary."

Pastor Morton commended our missionaries very affectionately to the Lord for protection and help during their new term of service.

Our President then bade them farewell on behalf of us all, especially mentioning the children of our friends.

We sang the Doxology with full hearts.

"We are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."—1 Cor. iii. 9.

## GENERAL NOTES

**Missionary D. A. Thrower.**—Our General Secretary asks us to mention that he will still be pleased to book week-day engagements for Mr. Thrower during his furlough months, May to November, excluding August.

**Mission Office.**—Pastor Thorpe would also be glad if friends would make more use of the Mission Office at 388, St. John Street. He hopes to meet there any who desire further information regarding the Mission, or who can give or receive help in any way. He expects to be there on **Thursday, February 9th, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

**Bound Volumes.**—We again invite others to purchase these for future reference. They contain the MISSION HERALD, "Rays from the East," and the Annual Report for 1938. Price 2s. 3d. post free, from the General Secretary.

**Thanks.**—Mrs. D. Morling, writing from Kovilpatti, asks us to thank friends from Prittlewell, Ilford, Courland Grove, West Ham, Hounslow, Acton, and other places, who have sent packets of picture postcards during the year. These have proved very useful in Sunday Schools and Women's Classes. The written word can enter homes that no missionary or Indian helper can reach.

**Lantern Lectures.**—We call attention to the particulars of these given on the advertisement page this month.

**Pastor A. E. Brown.**—We would repeat the notice given last month. Our friend has sufficiently recovered from his accident to ask that donations to the general work of the Mission should now be sent to him once again. His address is on the back page.

## LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. **Quarterly Prayer Meeting** will (D.v.) be held at Hope Chapel, Stafford Road, E. Ham, on **Tuesday, February 21st, at 7.30 p.m.** We hope that the East London Churches will be well represented, and lady friends from other Churches will also be very welcome to join us as we seek the Throne of Grace for the many needs of the L.Z.A.

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1939

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

1st, Bexleyheath; 4th, Mildmay, F.O.Y.; 5th, Lee Common; 8th, Ilford; 14th, St. John's Wood; 19th and 20th, March; 22nd, Stretham, Cambs.; 23rd, Cambridge, Eden; 26th, Billinghay; 28th, Nuneaton.

**PASTOR G. SMITH.**

26th, St. Neots.

## "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

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A friend who is interested in our work in India, has again offered to help us by the sale of the following plants, the entire proceeds of which will be given to the Mission. Any friends who wish to assist our work in this way will please send their orders to Mrs. C. GREGG, BRANFOLD, STRENSALL, YORK. *When ordering, please mention Strict Baptist Mission.* PLANTS.—Canterbury Bells and Wallflowers, 1s 6d doz.; Raspberry Canes, Aarons Rod, Campanulas London Pride, Polyanthus, 2d each; Perennial Cornflowers, Large Marguerites, Lupins Heleniums, Iris, Phlox, 6d each; Rosemary, Flowering Brooms, Lilacs, Crasselas (lovely scent), Oakleaf Geraniums, Hydrangeas, Fuchsias, Oleanders, Myrtles, 9d each.: Small Sunflowers, Michelmas Daisies and Montbretias, 6d doz.; Thrift and Chrysanthemums, 3d each, postage extra.

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*General Secretary :*
PASTOR J. K. THORPE, 33, Abbotts Park Road, Leyton, E.10.

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# THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

## LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

# ANNUAL GIFT WEEK

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## *"THEY OFFERED WILLINGLY—AND REJOICED WITH GREAT JOY" (I Chron. xxix. 9).*

WHEN David saw his people bringing their gifts with joy to the Lord, he was overcome with the wonder of it—that such unworthy ones should be able to offer so willingly: "For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."

That we may have the opportunity likewise of giving to Him who has given to us, our L.Z.A. Gift Week is arranged from March 12th to 19th.

The gifts thus collected are used in the support of our 46 Biblewomen—a dear devoted band—who give their lives to carrying the Gospel to their dark sisters, that to them they may bring the Light of Life. Year in, year out, they faithfully continue this labour of love.

Also the gifts are used for the Girls' Hostels and Schools, where precious young lives are entrusted to the care of untiring workers, that they may be preserved from the pollutions of heathenism and idolatry while their hearts are yet tender. Here, too, they enjoy the happy home life which is denied to the heathen Indian girl. Who can tell the glorious harvest to be reaped from seed thus early sown in young hearts!

This week we have the opportunity of a share in this work, and do we not feel as David did when he said: "Who am I, what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly?—for of Thine own have we given Thee."

Let us rejoice that we *are* able.

MISS E. L. HARRIS.

We earnestly commend the above message, and the work to which it refers, to the sympathetic notice of our readers. As we have mentioned several times lately, the L.Z.A. has had special difficulties and responsibilities during recent months, and we hope that the Officers will be greatly encouraged by the results of Gift Week. A noble work is being done in India by our lady missionaries and the Biblewomen, and the L.Z.A. Executive wants to be able to give every possible support.

# The Other Side

## *TRAVELLING IN INDIA*

DORIS A. KUHRT.

ONE gets used to it, *but*, to a newcomer it is exciting, thrilling, fascinating, though often, alas, hideous, horrible and nauseating. Sights are amazing and humorous, but often pitiful and pathetic. Sounds are weird and bewitching, but, too, sometimes pitiful and beseeching. Smells are the last word, especially on the railway.

SIGHTS.

Among those that I considered amazing when I first saw them, was the sight of people (mostly men) sleeping on railway stations at all hours of the day or night Whatever time one visits most railway stations in S. India, there are sure to be some folk asleep on the platform, lying on the ground or stretched on the seats, if there are any, oblivious to all the noisy bustle that swirls around them. Another time. I was surprised to see a family taking a meal while waiting for their train. They sat in something like a ring, and before each one was the usual plantain leaf on the ground, and upon each leaf a substantial heap of curry and rice.

Another day, while in a train, I watched a man alight, and wondered what he had in his mouth. When he took it out, I discovered it was a toothbrush. He went gaily down the platform cleaning his teeth! Among the most pathetic sights are the beggars. During the week I was in Madras for exams, my heart was often pained at the sight of the afflicted there. Some are blind, some have lost a limb, or more than one. One man had lost both legs a few inches from the thighs, and was crawling along on the stumps trying to attract attention. Another time I saw a stunted girl with a midget head the shape of an egg, who was pathetically funny. All these things make our hearts heavy, but, as I said earlier, one gets used to it all. The question, "Should we get used to it?" often arises in our minds. Some who read this may want to say, "Yes, but there are things as bad in England or elsewhere." True, but in other lands institutions and other means of help abound.

SOUNDS.

The first time I heard a donkey bray in India, I thought that someone was being at least murdered. It really is a peculiar sound, yet after a while it becomes distinctly humorous, and one remembers with a smile the time when one thought it

was a human cry. Not that India is without its human cry, although, because we are not often right in the village life we rarely hear it. There are times when one wonders how it is that such fierce quarrels between man and wife, and between parents and children occur. Passions easily become inflamed, especially in times of want and famine. This is *India*, and although she is making great headway along the path of civilisation, she cannot be hurried too much.

There is a proverb in Tamil which says that "The elephant comes after, the sound of the bell comes before." Another time, while travelling, I found this to be true. First of all I heard a bell being rung furiously, then I saw a crowd of people jostling one another through the street. Last of all, a large elephant came into view ridden by a showily dressed man wearing a smart turban. This was a procession on its way to the temple. There were many people going to worship, but it seemed evident that they were more interested in the noise, colour and show than in the actual worship of the gods. In fact, often the worshipful atmosphere is conspicuous by its absence. One day Mr. Kuhrt and I stood and watched a scene typical of many. It was an annual festival, and the people were sitting packed tightly on the ground listening to the entertainments of a musician playing a kind of long flute, and also a drummer. In the centre were two palanquins and on each was a god. It seemed to me that there was very little worship of the gods, but a great deal of attention (almost amounting to worship) for the musicians, if they can be called such. The people are apt to keep up their worship to a late hour, and when we are trying to sleep, we do not appreciate the noises of these instruments, and especially of the fireworks which they use on all occasions. It seems that there is always noise and show in the worship of these people, and we would see them enjoy the reverence and beauty of the *One True God*.

SMELLS.

I have already said that smells in India are the last word. I do not think I will write of them too minutely, but when it is remembered that in few places is there any sanitation, and that drains, where there are drains, are quite open for public inspection and public inhalation, there is no need to wonder why there is so much disease and plague. In all fairness, though, one must add that there has been a vast amount of improvement in the cities and towns during the last few decades.



An almost English Scene. Kashmir.

## "ONLY IN THE LORD"

Wilfred H. Kuhrt.

IT was urgently necessary to go to Illaiyarasenendal, in order to try and stop two marriages which we felt would be harmful to the general life of our Church, and particularly to the two young girls—members of ours—who were involved. As so often happens, it was the L.Z.A. lady (Miss Green) who discovered the unpleasant facts and who put us upon the track. Mere man finds out comparatively little of what goes on in the villages and behind the mud walls of our members' houses, and too frequently even the pastors are slow to let us know of the discreditable things.

One young girl was to be married to a Roman Catholic belonging to a distant village named Watrap, where Strict Baptist work was commenced a hundred years ago. Her position is unenviable, as she is the only member of her family who belongs to our communion, which means that we are unable to effect anything through the ordinary channels of Church discipline. The girl herself, as usually is the case in South India, is but a pawn in the hands of brothers and parents, and must marry that man who happens to be in the right relationship according to local marriage customs. When I arrived, I found that I was too late—she had been taken off to Watrap, where she was to learn what my Indian friends ironically referred to as the Roman Catholic mantrams, viz., the Apostles' Creed and the Catechism. I felt unhappy about it, and decided that I would see the local R.C. priest, who is French, or Italian, in an effort to bring the proceedings to a standstill. I had not

much hope that he would be helpful, but it was a straw at which to clutch. On enquiry, it was found that he was away for a week on camp, so even that straw was snatched away.

The other girl is also the only member of her family belonging to our Church; her mother is an adherent, but all the rest of the family is Hindu, and consequently it is a Hindu lad she is bound to marry. Here we have a better case, because such an alliance is not only contrary to the rules of our Church, but also contrary to the law of the land, and so serious warnings can be given along these lines. Not that the act could be very easily implemented! The law, too, is very easily satisfied by an open declaration in some place of worship of a renunciation of Hinduism and of an adherence to Christianity on the part of the Hindu. This makes it legally possible to perform the marriage under the aegis of the Christian Marriage Act. With a view to securing such a declaration from the bridegroom, we called him up and told him plainly what the position was. Either he was to make the declaration, and marry the girl according to Christian rites, or he was to renounce all claim to her hand, allow us to care for her, and subsequently to make the best marriage arrangements for her we could. I did not like the " either . . . or," because, as I said to the pastor and deacons, it would be much better for him to say " No," than to say " Yes " merely for the sake of getting the girl. However, they thought we ought to give the man a chance, so as not to seem to run too violently counter to the customs of the country, and I think they were the more ready to do this as they felt the lad concerned would refuse to make any concessions whatsoever. He appeared to be a truculent youth, and it was only the more judicious and compromising spirit of his father which brought about a postponement of the decision. So the result was that they should have a week in which to think about it, after which they would decide whether or no to link themselves up with the Christian religion. For myself, I am praying fervently that they will stick to their Hinduism, rather than turn Christian for the wedding and back to Hinduism after it. Those who have had the best insight into the mind of the youth think that he will refuse and, with me, hope that he will.

We are constantly up against problems of this sort, for the conscience of the average Tinnevelly Christian is very dull on this point. Neither do we receive from our Church leaders all the help we should expect. On the other hand, one thinks with a mixture of sadness and anger of many English Christians in our Churches, who are at such a low ebb spiritually, as to be willing to gamble their soul's welfare for the sake of some such mesalliance. We do not mince matters here in India —we call that sort of thing by the hard name of *sin*.

## "WITHAL PRAYING ALSO FOR US"

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

THE following notes may be helpful to those who remember us regularly in prayer and praise in their endeavour to present our needs at the Throne of Grace.

(A).—Many years ago a family living in Puliampatti, a village about ten miles from Valavanthinadu, became interested in the message of salvation, and later the father, mother and daughter were baptized. Although the daughter is still a member with us, the parents, some little while after their public profession, returned to their old life and were received back again into caste. The daughter has had a considerable amount of persecution to endure from a husband of peculiar temperament, and temptation from several sources. We would appreciate prayer for the young woman, that she may be kept by the grace of God from evil, and for the parents, that they may be brought back to the feet of the Lord in repentance.



A SHEPHERD SEEKING THE LOST.

(B).—Another family which has returned to caste comprises father, mother, and son. None of these ever joined the Church, but at one time they were members of the Valavanthi congregation. The young man is not a bad youth, as hill lads go, and the chief failing of the father is the weakness of his character. But it would be difficult to find in these parts a woman more widely known for her wickedness than this woman. Our Saviour can break the stoniest hearts, and we pray that He may glorify His name in the conviction and conversion of these three unfortunate hill folk.

(C).—A year or two ago, two young men from Chulavanthi ran away from their homes and came to Valavanthi, and told us that they were convinced of the errors of heathenism, and were also convinced that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of sinners. Before very long, the relatives of these youths came

and persuaded one of them to return home, and later the other was forcefully taken back. However, the first of these two soon left home again, and a year or more later was baptized, and is now a member of the Valavanthi Church. The other lad was of a more timid disposition, and is still living with his family in Chulavanthi. Some report that he is indifferent to his soul's salvation, but others have hopes that he still desires better things than Hinduism can offer. He is a fitting subject for our prayers.

(D).—This young man and his mother left caste four years since, and although we were not convinced that their motives for so doing were entirely or mainly good, we took the opportunities their attendances at our services and their close association with us afforded to explain the way of salvation to them. They soon became discontented. and some time since reverted to caste. The lad is weak and ailing, and he and the mother need our prayers.

(E).—A young man who was ill came to our Valavanthi dispensary, and left cured. Being convinced that Christ had cured him, he, his wife and his mother left the worship of idols and demons, and attended our Puliampatti services. As time went on, he appeared to miss his old associations and practices, with the result that he yielded to the persuasions of relatives, and left us. Two months ago his wife died, and more recently his baby daughter also passed away. I enquired if these two sad happenings had resulted in any change of attitude in him. but was told that, as far as can be judged, they have not. I would be glad if he and his mother can find a place in our prayers.

None of these people but members of the first family above-mentioned was baptized, but they all have had very close associations with us, and have had Christ's message of salvation made plain to them.

## *"IF YE HAVE JUDGED ME TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE LORD, COME INTO MY HOUSE"*

EVELYN C. BRAND.

MANY social customs of the East have a far more beautiful significance than that which attaches to similar customs in the West. Perhaps those connected with visiting come under this designation.

Thus it happens that we get a glad thrill when a Christian brother and sister ask us to come to their house. There are

so many nominal Christians in India in high places, in Government employ, who are moving from place to place. They pass on, and leave no special mark behind them, finding no time to attend the small despised Christian service in the towns where they are stationed. Therefore, to be asked to come to visit their house and to have prayer with the family, is always an encouraging sign.

When I went recently, with two of our workers, to a brother's home outside Mohanur, I realised the significance of their loving welcome. The little quiet time of prayer with them, the feeling of contact on the " best things," made us (the Biblewoman and me) decide to go again, to try to help these absolutely isolated friends to witness for Him. The preacher is already paying visits there, but we have a special part to fulfil among the women.

They are farmers, and we were pleased to be shown around their land. There have been other visits, one in Parametti, where we found the Government people were on Christ's side. It was good to find a Christian household, texts upon the walls, a Testament lying on the office table, and the familiar expressions of faith as we chatted together. It is so rare in the parts where I am visiting, that it is like finding an oasis in the desert.

But the very lovely significance of the words, " Come into my house," can become very sad when there is not the response on the worker's part to enter in and take possession, as it were, of the meaning of Love. It is sadly true, in some places, that the worker shrinks, for caste reasons, from going into the non-caste Christian house. It might mean bearing the sneer, or even persecution from the Hindu living not too far off. But the worker makes up his mind that he can do just as good and effective work by sitting in the village or chapel among the poor Christians about him, than running the risk of offending the better-class Hindu by going inside the non-caste Christian house. Even the man ministered to in this way gets to accept this sort of relationship as inevitable.

Some of us feel that it is just this lack of the touch of love that is the blight on such a worker's life and testimony. The true spirit of friendship and unity is shown in this country by the invitation and its acceptance to the close social contact within the home circle. It must come in the Church community all over India, or the blight, that only love can cure, will kill the spiritual life of the Church.

May this small article inspire some to take up the prayer challenge to ask our Captain that where this blight is working its deadly way " God will reveal even this " unto our Indian workers. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

# HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

**Madras.**—A letter from Mr. Thrower tells of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Huckett and family, after a pleasant and restful voyage. Our friends met at the Central Station, Madras, on Saturday evening, January 28th, and it has been a joy to them all to be together. Now Mr. and Mrs. Thrower have a full programme before them, in view of their leaving for England on Tuesday, March 7th. Mr. Thrower expresses thanks on behalf of the Churches of the Madras area, for the generous gifts for the Christmas boxes. He also reports satisfactory progress in relation to the Sembiam chapel. It is hoped that the new building will be opened on Saturday, February 25th, so that the happy day will be over by the time that most friends read these words.

**Sendamangalam and Namakal.**—Mr. A. Morling's letter tells of both the joys and the difficulties experienced in distributing the Christmas gifts. This year in most places the parents of the scholars were invited to attend, and use was made of the opportunity to present the Gospel message to them. The same letter reminds us of the sad task that sometimes falls to the missionary's lot, of disciplining members of the Church who have fallen into sin. The low moral standard of the people around often has its influence even upon the Christians, as it tends to give them light views of sin. Mr. Orchard tells of the joy that is his in view of success in passing the Tamil examinations. There are steadily increasing opportunities for useful service as he becomes more and more familiar with the life and language of the people. After a short rest in Madras at Christmas time Miss S. Hazel returned to service, and is finding much of light and shadow. One of the Hostel girls passed away after a short illness. Miss Hazel also speaks of the need for another Biblewoman for Sendamangalam and neighbourhood. Dr. Harris also tells of a busy life with a variety of duties. The medical work continues to provide opportunities for the spiritual message to be given.

**Kolli Hills.**—There is a note of sadness in Mr. Champion's letter, though there is also news of encouragement in other directions. The note of sadness lies in the return of the Palappati families to caste. The prevailing poverty seems to be the main cause. Promises of help are made to them if they will return to the old ways. We can realise that this must be a grief to our friends, and we will do well to pray for them and for those who cause the sorrow. On the other hand, encouragement is received in other places. The New Year week-end was spent at Puliampatti, and happy and well-attended services were held.

**Tinnevelly.**—The annual examinations at the Bible Institute are reported in Mr. D. Morling's letter. On the whole the results were very satisfactory, and our friends are greatly cheered. The year closed with ten full-time men, two part-time men, and eight women students. It will be obvious to all readers that as time goes on these workers should become increasingly useful in the various fields to which they belong. The letter from Mr. Kuhrt is particularly cheering. A cheap, but serviceable and comfortable, building has been erected at Thayilpatti, and was opened on December 11th. In addition to this, 14 candidates were baptized. Thus, almost month by month, there comes to us from India news of God's blessing upon the work, sometimes in one field and sometimes in another. Miss Green shared in the joy at Thayilpatti, and helped in examining the candidates. However, just as the sad letters contain joyous news, so the joyful letters contain sad news, and our missionaries find all kinds of experiences mingling with each other as they serve the Lord in India.



" Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you : and ye shall be witnesses unto Me " (Acts i. 8).

# "A GREAT LIGHT"

BEATRICE L. MOWLE.

*"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."*

ONE wet afternoon, when we were visiting in one of the very poor and dirty cheris of Madras, the Biblewoman led me down an alley in which mud and water mixed with rubbish and refuse stood about on every hand. We were on our way to see a young Christian girl who lives there. As we were about to turn into another dingy alley to approach the hovel which constitutes the home of our friend, we were told in a very curt way that the girl was not there. However, we thought it best to make quite sure of the matter. As we went up to the doorway, I was told to go away, and this instruction was repeated two or three times. I knew that this meant that the people were doing something which they did not wish me to see, and I wondered whether the girl we had come to see was involved. I put my head into the doorway, but a woman said that a child was sick, and I was not wanted there. Although the room was dark, I was able to see something of what was going on. The place was heavy with the smell of incense, and in a corner, with a small lamp above his head, sat a poor little boy of about eight years of age, with his arms and legs crossed. He looked ill and weary. In front of him were bananas and coconuts, and on a tray camphor was burning. The relatives were just about to invoke the swami to enter into an elderly woman who was officiating, and through her tell them the cause of the boy's illness, and what they must do to once more gain the favour of the gods. They would not, they could not, go on with this until I had left the place. Afterwards I heard that the swami would not enter the woman while I stood there, and so I should have made the people very angry if I had remained.

Just then the girl appeared from another quarter; someone had told her of our arrival. She was carrying her Bible in her hand, and asked us to follow her quickly to a friend's house where we could read and study the Bible quietly and undisturbed. As we followed her she said to me, "I cannot remain there while my relatives are doing such things." I could not help contrasting the face of this bright little Christian with those whom she called brothers and sisters. I heard the Biblewoman give her a Bible lesson, and also heard the girl read the Bible herself. Then we prayed with her. She has studied in our Mission school. She told me how the Lord had led her to see how wrong it is to worship idols, through the teaching of the school teacher, and that the Lord had taken away all fear of evil spirits from her. This is a great thing in India, for even

after these poor people have sufficient courage to follow their Lord and Saviour in baptism, the fear of devils is often very strong. Only as the truth penetrates still further into their souls do they become less superstitious. Two young girls who also studied in our school joined with us as we sang the Lord's praises. It gave us joy as we heard the girl's testimony concerning what the Lord had done for her soul, and also the testimony of her girl friends to her life and conduct. Pray for this dear young sister. She is about 20 years of age. She lives among a people who are still walking in darkness and the shadow of death.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for the news of 14 baptisms at Thayilpatti, in the Tinnevelly field.

**Let** us praise Him for the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Huckett and family at Madras, and let us pray for them in their life and service there.

**Let** us remember before the Lord our friends on the Kolli Hills, who are saddened by the return of several enquirers to caste and yet encouraged by the pleasing progress of others.

**Let** us pray for the L.Z.A. once again, and ask the Lord that the gift week may bring the money that is so much needed.

**Let** us thank God once more for the improvement in the health of Miss Poole and Miss I. G. Hazel, and let us pray for yet further progress and restoration.

## LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

Consequent on the death of Mrs. Rose, friends will be glad to know that **Mrs. Silvester** has kindly consented to fill the office of L.Z.A. President for the time being.

The **L.Z.A. Gift Week** will be observed from March 12th—19th. 1939. and its proceeds devoted to the support of our Biblewomen and our Girls' Hostels and Schools, for which extra help is required just now. The little envelopes are therefore commended to our friends, and Secretaries are asked to send the contents to Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Wayside," Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey.

**Miss Mowle** expects to leave Madras for furlough on March 8th. by S.S. "Dumana." Applications for **Deputation Meetings** (excluding August) should be made **without delay** to Miss P. P. Nunn, 16, Claremont Close, N.1, so that meetings can be arranged to the best advantage as regards travelling.

## REPORT OF MEETING

**" Faith and Action " Rally at Mildmay Conference Hall.**—Many readers will have heard of this great Rally which was arranged by the Fellowship of Youth, the young people's section of the Metropolitan Association. Many denominational activities were brought to the notice of the large numbers of friends who gathered, and a generous amount of space and time was given to the Strict Baptist Mission. We would express our hearty thanks to the F.O.Y. for thus permitting us to tell of the work that is being done in India.

Lantern Lectures were given by Pastor J. K. Thorpe and Miss P. P. Nunn, and, in a most interesting and instructive manner, Miss A. M. Poole and Miss I. G. Hazel gave us glimpses into Indian homes.

At the evening meeting also Pastor Thorpe had the opportunity to speak of the work, and half the offering (£10 2s. 0d.) was given to the General Fund.

We would add that, from every point of view, the gathering was most inspiring, and we rejoiced to see so many people—especially young people—meeting in the interests of our beloved denomination.

## GENERAL NOTES

**Lost Mail.**—An Imperial Airways' plane which left Southampton on January 4th, crashed in India, and much of the mail was lost. It is just possible that letters posted by friends in England between December 31st and January 3rd may have been involved.

**Bound Volumes.**—It is not too late to call attention once again to the value of these books. We hope that friends of the Mission will get into the habit of securing one year by year, and thus establishing a permanent record of the work and the workers. It is very interesting to dip into the earlier volumes and notice the changes that have taken place. We would just repeat that these books contain the MISSION HERALD, "Rays from the East," and the Annual Report, and can be obtained from the General Secretary, price 2s. 3d., post free.

**Lantern Lectures.**—Just to keep the subject before our readers, we refer to it again. Pastor J. K. Thorpe has some new lectures and accompanying pictures which he would like to bring to the notice of Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, etc.

**Missionary D. A. Thrower.**—In case some have not seen the earlier notice. A few week-days are still available between May and November this year, excluding August. Please write to Pastor Thorpe at once.

**Examinations.**—Encouraging news has come to us from India of the success that has been attained by some of our missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt, Mrs. A. Morling, and Mr. Orchard have all passed. Readers will understand, of course, that they sat for different stages of Tamil study.

**Pastor A. W. Whayman.**—Our friend, who is a member of the Mission Council, has been passing through a period of anxiety, owing to the illness of his wife. She has recently undergone a very serious operation, but the latest news is very encouraging, as it tells of a good recovery thus far. Pastor and Mrs. Whayman wish to express sincere thanks to the many friends who have assured them of their sympathy and supported them with their prayers.

**The Leader.**—The Leader for the March issue is always written in the interests of the L.Z.A. Gift Week, and this time it comes from the pen of Miss E. L. Harris. We hope that there will be a generous response, and we would mention that funds are greatly needed so that this work can be carried on without hindrance.

# ENGAGEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1939

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

1st, Tunbridge Wells; 5th, Bierton; 8th, Yateley; 9th, Leyton; 12th, Tadworth; 14th, Wood Green, Eldon Road; 15th, Brentford; 19th, Croydon, Derby Road; 21st, Croydon, Salem; 24th, Chesham; 26th, Norbiton; 27th, Ilford; 29th, Maidstone; 30th, Chingford.

**FURLOUGH ENGAGEMENTS, 1940.**

Mr. G. F. Champion will, God willing, be home on furlough during 1940, and will be available for deputation work from early in May to the end of November (August excepted). Will Churches desiring his services on a Sunday or week-day please send in their applications before the end of **this month.** So far as possible, the dates applied for will be allotted, though special consideration will be shown to those Churches not receiving the services of the missionary on a Lord's Day this year. Applications should be made to the General Secretary.

**MISSIONARY D. A. THROWER, 1939.**

There are still a few week-days open for the services of our brother this year (May to November, excluding August) and the General Secretary will be pleased to receive early application for these.

**Mission Office.**—Pastor Thorpe would also be glad if friends would make more use of the Mission Office at 388, St. John Street. He hopes to meet there any who desire further information regarding the Mission, or who can give or receive help in any way. He expects to be there on **Thursday, March 16th, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

# "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

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Chairman : Mr. S. W. Anderson (Vice-President)
Missionary Sermon by Pastor L. R. Garrard.

**5 p.m.** Tea at Leysian Hall for 500 Ticket Holders. 6d. each.

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Chairman : Pastor R. Robinson (President)
Speakers : Missionary D. A. Thrower, Miss B. L. Mowle and Miss I. G. Hazel.

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## "I ASKED—I WEPT—I PRAYED" (Nehemiah i.)

THE Book of Nehemiah is scarcely a missionary book, and yet every chapter has its message for missionaries and missionary-minded people. It is a story of rebuilding and restoration, and in addition we are conscious of the presence in every chapter of the strong personality of Nehemiah, a man of prayer and faith and courage. Without being so foolish as to try and find a parallel in every chapter and verse we may perhaps seek and find a message for ourselves, as we think of the work of our missionaries in India.

The first chapter, then, tells us of Nehemiah's thoughts and feelings as news reaches him of the life and work of his friends who are far away. That is just our position here in England. Through the letters of our missionaries, and through the messages of those on furlough, we also learn much of the joys and sorrows of those who are serving the Lord in that distant land.

It was bad news that reached Nehemiah on this particular occasion. It was a story of broken walls and discouraged workers We must never be guilty of exaggeration in either direction, but it may be said that sometimes the news from India is almost like that. We learn of opposition, of ridicule, of backsliding, and within the letters of our missionaries we can sometimes detect a tone of discouragement, even if at the same time there is the sure conviction of God's ultimate triumph.

This is the point we would make, however, that from the human point of view if better and brighter news had reached Nehemiah then this great record of prayer and labour would never have been written. If Hanani and the other brethren from Judah had brought news of prosperity and encouragement then Nehemiah would doubtless have returned to his duties in the palace with no burden of personal responsibility pressing upon him. It was *bad* news that caused him to weep, *bad* news that drove him to prayer, and *bad* news that made him resolve to do all that he could to help those discouraged workers in the far off land.

Is it not for us to follow his example? It would not be good for us to receive from India news of unhindered progress and prosperity. Our missionaries are very honest in their letter-writing and speaking, and many times they have told us of

broken walls and burned gates. Let us in the Homeland receive their news in the spirit of Nehemiah, and let us see to it that the news has the same effect upon us.

Nehemiah was no egotist, and yet his book contains the personal pronoun "I" more times than any other book of the Bible, in proportion to its size.

Perhaps the three phrases used as a title for this article can summarise for us the contents of Chapter 1.

"I asked"—The spirit of interest.
"I wept"—The spirit of sympathy.
"I prayed"—The spirit of intercession.

L.R.G.

# The Other Side

## "NOT TO THE STRONG"

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

IT has been our frequent experience that those from whom we feel we have a right to expect most, are those who prove most disappointing. Time after time we have seen worked out the truth that our heavenly Father takes pleasure in using the "base things of the world" rather than the noble. We now have occasion to write of a young man, despised and unwanted by his own people, yet chosen by God and valuable in His estimation.

About seven years ago, in a village some ten miles from here, a young man had a fit, fell into the fire and was terribly burnt. His relatives brought him to Vaiavanthi, gave him into our hands and returned home. It was expected that he would die, and who cared? But he did not die. For two years his wounds were dressed daily, and gradually he was able to commence work on the compound with the other men. During the time of his illness, God spoke to him, and later he was accepted by the Valavanthi Church for baptism and membership. All the time he was with us he suffered from fits of varying degrees of violence and frequency, and he tried many medicines from different places, hoping to be cured. His disease often made him irritable and stubborn, and sometimes other people living on the compound complained of his annoying and difficult disposition. But as regards his Christian life we had little cause for anxiety. Unlike many people, especially

afflicted persons, he could appreciate a joke against himself and often when he was angry, his furious looks would give way to a broad grin if a humorous turn were given to the conversation.

Two matters for praise concerning him stand out above others. One was his earnestness in prayer. A few days before he left us, he told us sorrowfully that his wife never joined him in prayer in the home, but would sit down near him and make fun of him even when he was praying. He said she was bringing up her son as a heathen and cared nothing for spiritual things. The other thing concerning which we have happy memories was his regularity at the chapel services. His last conscious act was to come to afternoon worship in the Valavanthi chapel. He had been to the morning service, and in the middle of the day had had two fits. In the afternoon he again attended the Chapel worship, but had to be taken home after he had been in the building a few minutes. For four days he lay unconscious and never again spoke to anyone. Just before he passed his face lit up, and three times he made a sound as if answering someone who was calling him, and then entered into His Lord's presence. He was laid to rest in the cemetery in the Valavanthi compound.

## *DEPRESSED AREAS IN TINNEVELLY*

WILFRED H. KUHRT.

THOSE of you who have purchased and studied Mission Atlases may have noticed a place named Tippanuttu some seven miles almost due east of Kovilpatti, and about three miles north of the road. For three years or more, regular Sunday morning services have been conducted there, but despite this, the little group of people that wishes to form itself into a Baptist church has failed to make that progress that would warrant our baptising them. Something more definite in the way of teaching was required, so the Pastor and I devised a plan whereby one of our colporteurs should be sent to work regularly and concentratedly for a period of a month in this village and in the nearby village of Illambuvanam where the church meeting in the house of Deacon Gnaniah has been reduced to one member—the deacon himself.

The colporteur, despite caste differences, made his home there, and carried on for a month. Shortly afterwards, he and I visited the place together in order to find out what progress they had made. We went by road as far as Illambuvanam, and then walked across the scorched fields of cholam and

kambu, and threaded our way through stunted and wilted cotton plants on our way to Tippanuttu.

We both squatted down on the little raised mud platform in the leader's house. It is not a grand one but it has room enough for a dozen or more people to compose themselves comfortably at service time. I had not come to preach, but they seemed to want a little service so I complied with their wish. Then I began to make general enquiries of the leader, and finally asked him why he wished to be baptised. He told me that he had already been baptised by sprinkling, but that if I told him to be baptised again he was quite ready. That was shock number one. I felt that it was not going to be of very much use wasting a great deal of time on this man alone, so I summoned the little group and asked questions from all and sundry about a variety of subjects. They proved to be very vague about some subjects which we deem important, though at least two or three of them, I decided, were believing in a simple way and showed signs of a change of heart and life. So, relinquishing for the time being all thoughts of baptism, I had a couple of hours conversation trying to instruct and encourage them. I asked them whether they had given up or whether they were ready to give up all Hindu customs. They had already done so they said. Just then it became dark, and a man lit a tiny oil lamp. As the little flickering flame cast its wan rays around the home, the man who had been christened put his hands together in the attitude of prayer, and raised them devoutly in the direction of the lamp. That was shock number two. It is a simple little act which takes place in hundreds of thousands of Hindu homes throughout India, but I had never actually seen it before. I remonstrated with the man and he pointed out somewhat perplexedly, " God has given it and we acknowledge its value and beneficence in this way." I showed him that although the light was of great value, yet it was subject to him, produced by him from a match, and extinguished by him at will, and that it was for him to praise not the light but the Giver of light, the one who is the Light of the world. So when I left I felt fairly happy despite the mild shocks, and despite the obvious unfitness of our friends for baptism. We had had a useful and instructive conversation, and I left them, promising to go again soon.

If only it were possible to place a man there who might guide them in daily living, daily worship and daily witnessing. The weekly visits of inefficient local preachers, some of whom are not prepared to stay in the place any longer than they can possibly help has proved insufficient for the sound instruction of these people. There are a number of places like Tippanuttu without a man at all, and some others are without suitable men. These are the depressed areas of our Tinnevelly Field.

## HOW WE GOT OUR PRAYER ROOM

L. S. HAZEL.

THE Compound was full of busy bees running hither and thither, some fetching water, others digging earth, and yet others mixing the earth and water into a nice smooth consistency. For all there was some work to be done. I found on enquiry that the girls were asking for some place where they could get alone for prayer. They had been using the sick-room, but often that was taken for sick girls, and they had no room in which to go.

They had thought of a bright idea. Behind the Hostel is the wood shed, which is never full of firewood, but mostly very untidy and dirty. Here, too, some girls who have stolen food, take it to eat.

They decided that they *must* have a prayer room, so started to spring-clean the wood shed. They themselves first smeared the walls inside and out with mud, whitewashed them, and cleaned the floor with cow-dung—which is the usual method used in India for cleaning floors. After it was all finished, they asked if they might have a dedication service.

On January 23rd, we had a beautiful little service dedicating this room and all who should use it to the Lord. The following text was painted on the inside wall: " Oh Lord, that Thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night to hearken to the prayer which thy servant prayeth."

Unfortunately, the room still has to provide space for the firewood, but although it has no glorious architecture, what was once an untidy, dirty shed has been cleaned by the work of the girls' own hands for His use. Alas, there is only a meagre space of about 3 ft. by 6 ft.; the beauty lies in their desire and efforts.

May all these dear girls who use this room be touched by the Holy Spirit, and meet with their Saviour there in the quietness and go forth in His might to do great things for Him.

## CHRISTMAS AT VALAVANTHINADU & PULIAMPATTI

MIRIAM E. WILKINS.

AS most of you were clothed with a carpet of snow, our thoughts turned to you as no doubt yours did to us, as again the Christmas season came. Here it was quite mild, bright sun on Saturday and Sunday, but Monday turned wet. No doubt on the plains it was hot.

This year, once again, we received splendid things from

you in the Homeland and in Australia, and we must send you a big thank you.

PREPARATIONS.

Several days were spent in unpacking the boxes, sorting the girls' and boys' clothes, etc., and making up the parcels and the sacks which are prepared for the school children at a distance.

SATURDAY.

As Christmas day this year came on a Sunday we divided our distribution and festivities between Saturday and Monday. Saturday morning we started with a treasure hunt for the children. All their parcels were hidden amongst the coffee and banana trees in the garden. There were many leaves lying on the ground, so we were able to bury some in these. It was quite hard work finding some of them, and one parcel seemed lost, but with the help of the missionary, was soon found. The children then put on their new garments, and admired their dolls, toys, etc. By this time boys from Shulavanthi, Valavanthi and Ariyure had arrived. These filed up in their different standards and received a shirt, marbles, sweets, ball, etc. After receiving their gifts, they put their new shirt on top of their other one. said a hearty "Salam," and after close inspection, marched off to their villages in single file The people up here always walk in single file; maybe because the paths are so narrow, with room for one person only.

SUNDAY.

Sunday we were awakened before dawn by the singing of carols in the distance. The singers came nearer and nearer until they reached our windows, and after singing several there, they wished us a happy Christmas in English. Sunday was a fairly quiet day. All our workers were with us. We had the usual morning service, followed by the Lord's Supper. The afternoon service was the Children's Anniversary and prize giving. As Miss Cracknell was with us from St. John's Wood, she spoke to the children on "His Unspeakable Gift," while Mr. Champion translated it. The children took most of the remainder of the service. This year they received prizes only if they had passed their annual scripture examination, and not for attendance as in other years, because they are all compelled to come to school.

MONDAY.

Monday, we all, workers, children and missionaries, sat down to a curry and rice feast on the floor. It is a sight well worth seeing. One wonders sometimes where they can put the heap of rice. After the feast we intended to give presents

to the workers, and have races for the children, but as it turned out wet, this had to be put off until another day.

Practically all Kolli Hill women wear beads, so when the time comes for these, they love to pick out the colour and sort they like.

NEW YEAR.

Towards the end of the week we packed up and made preparations for camp, this time at Puliampatti. We left here on the Saturday, and had our Puliam. Christmas at the New Year. Saturday we finished unpacking; erected our cots and settled in. Sunday we had the services as usual, and Monday we started in real earnest. First the table, chairs, cots. etc., had to be turned out of the school-room. All hands prepared the feast, peeled onions, cut and ground the coconuts, killed the goat and cut this up into small pieces, while others were cooking the rice. We prepared to give the children their presents. The children from Alature, Kuranganadi and Puliampatti arrived. Then we distributed to them. After we had given to these we heard the feast was ready, and we were quite prepared, too, for a good meal; so as many as possible sat in the school and had theirs. As soon as they had finished the remainder sat down for theirs. Then we gave the presents to the workers, and went along to the field above where we had races for the children, and as many of the grown-ups as liked partook in the games. Some of the boys did well, two tables were placed as an obstacle, and they had to jump these. Some of the flat racing, too, was difficult, as the ground was quite recently ploughed, and then, too, they had to jump one or two banks. The happy day closed at dusk when all returned to their villages.

When we saw those Hindu lads, some of them twenty years of age, we longed that they might know Christ Jesus, whose birth we celebrated.

## *VALIUDDIN*

VIOLET D. GREEN.

ABOUT three weeks ago our Pastor came to see me one morning, bringing a friend to introduce, of whom we had heard much, but whose acquaintance we had not until then had the privilege of making. He was Mr. Valiuddin, a young Mohammedan convert. He is a young man of slight build, with only his right arm, the left had been amputated. His whole appearance suggests that he is no stranger to suffering, never-

theless there is a light in his countenance which clearly evinces that he walks in joyous fellowship and communion with his Lord. He stayed a few days with us, and we had the great privilege of hearing his testimony. What a testimony it was, too! How it challenged us, how we praised God for this grand witness. Mr. Valiuddin is not connected with us as a Mission, but I feel sure that readers of the HERALD will be deeply interested in a brief account of his conversion which I append: (1) That friends in the Homeland may realise afresh that it still costs in India to make open public confession of love to the Lord Jesus Christ. (2) That prayer may be stimulated for all who are thus suffering persecution. (3) That Gospel witness among Mohammedans may be specially remembered. (4) That Mr. Valiuddin's testimony may be richly owned and blessed. Since his visit to us, we have been grieved to learn that he has developed consumption, and is ordered to a sanatorium for immediate treatment.



MOHAMMEDANS GATHERING FOR PRAYER

Here is the story of this choice soul—

" I was born in Masulipatam, S. India. My father is a landlord. I am the third son of the family. My father is still a staunch Muslim priest. I passed through all the instructions in prayers, worship, and Koran scriptures, as required by the faith of Islam. My father sent four sons to Madras for English education at the Harris High School. It is a popular belief among

Muslims that they will enjoy themselves in Paradise if only they have had the vision of the Prophet Mohammed. My father went on a pilgrimage to Medina, and fasted 40 days near the tomb of Mohammed, but to no avail. Then he went to Baghdad to the tomb of Abdul Kadar Jilani, the great saint among Mohammedans. There he did the same thing that he did at Medina, and this, too, proved to be a failure. Then my father went to Nagore, to the tomb of Nagpre Meeransahib, who is also a saint. There he did the same, and failed to obtain a vision. He did not obtain peace of mind, but lost hope and tried to commit suicide by jumping into the sea. He did not sink under the water, but was thrown back by the waves to the seashore. When he recovered consciousness, he came home and related to us his failure to see the vision at all these places where he sought peace of mind. When I heard my father's story, I felt suspicious regarding the faith of Islam. I wondered why he should fail to see the vision, when he had performed all the rites according to the Muslim faith. I examined carefully the holy Koran, to see what was the cause of my father's failure to see the vision. I found a verse in the Koran which says that the living and the dead are not the same: " And alike are not the living and the dead." I remembered that both the Koran and the Bible say that Christ is living. So I thought that I should surely get a vision if I sought Christ among the living, and not among the dead, as my father had sought Mohammed among the dead One night I prayed earnestly and went to sleep. In the middle of the night I had a vision of Christ crucified. From that very day onwards I accepted Christ as my Saviour, and the One who was crucified for me and who is alive for ever. After one year, my own brother in the middle of the night cut my abdomen with a razor, the gash being ten inches long. My bowels came out. In agony I cried out, and my father came hurriedly and tied me with his turban. He then took me to the hospital. The doctor attended to me, and I was healed by the mercy of God. When he asked me to give the name of the culprit who cut me, I refused to tell, because I knew that if I did it would mean putting my brother in prison. On account of the love of Christ in me, I refused to put my brother into trouble. So the doctor charged me with attempted suicide, and the magistrate sentenced me at the trial to six months in jail. Actually I spent just one week in jail, after which my father paid Rs.500 and saved me from a longer period in prison. After this I had many persecutions, and at last I went to Hyderabad to receive baptism. After baptism, I began a tour among Mohammedans. During my preaching tour some people assaulted me and broke my left arm into pieces, throwing me into the canal for dead. I was rescued by some kind friends, who took me to the hospital and reported the matter to the police. Again I

refused to reveal the names of the persons who attacked me, knowing that they would only be sentenced to jail, and that I could not win them to Christ because of bitterness. After six months, the doctor had to cut my arm off, because the bones had been broken into small bits and could not be healed. So I am without my left arm. Through the mighty power of Jesus Christ, the same man who led in breaking my arm became a Christian. He is now preaching Christ among Mohammedans. This is the conclusion of my story of persecution and victory, and how I obtained peace in Christ. I can glorify Christ for all He has done for me. My whole aim in life is to bring my fellow Mohammedans to the feet of Jesus Christ, to whom be praise for ever." (Romans viii. 18).

## HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

**Madras.**—As our readers will know, several changes are taking place in this area just now. Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle are expecting to leave for furlough, and Mr. and Mrs. Huckett will take up their work. It is quite a simple matter to record these changes, but they arouse many problems in India, and the present shortage of workers makes it very difficult for the missionaries and the Council to decide what is the best thing to do. Our friends in Madras were greatly cheered on February 25th, on the occasion of the opening of the new building at Sembiam.

**Sendamangalam and Namakkal.**—An interesting letter from Mr. A. J. Morling tells of a visit paid to Vadakarayathur, near Selur. For three years the people here have been making requests to the missionaries for instruction, but many difficulties have been in the way. Mr. Morling was encouraged by his visit, and there appears to be a distinct improvement in the character of the people. These few lines just give a little glimpse into the life and work of our friends. They are constantly moving from one place to another; sometimes staying for a few hours, and sometimes camping for several days. They need and desire our constant prayer.

**Kolli Hills.**—It is no surprise to us that at the moment we have no official letter from this field. The Annual Conference of the missionaries was held at Valavanthi in the middle of February, and this meant for our missionaries a very busy time. The programme was an extra full one, and many special problems had to be faced. Nevertheless, all the missionaries refer to the happy and helpful time they spent together.

**Tinnevelly.**—Mr. Kuhrt tells of the death of one of the teachers, and the serious illness of another. He visited all the 30 schools in this area during the month of January, and was pleased to see a general improvement in most of them. Several times in his letter he refers to disputes among the people, and a missionary has to add the task of peace-making to his other and varied duties. Four Bible Institute students have been of great help camping in different parts of the field. From every quarter come appeals for instruction or baptism, but our missionaries have to proceed very cautiously. Miss Green tells of a very busy time. She has been able to secure a matron for the Hostel who seems likely to prove suitable.



PALMYRA TREES UPROOTED BY FLOODS.
(Kolli Hills in background).

## A SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYER

A LETTER from the Kolli Hills informs us that there has been an outbreak of a serious form of dysentery. There have been cases in the compound itself, and at the time this letter was sent, two little girls and a baby had died. We would ask for special and earnest prayer on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Champion and their helpers in this field.

## THE CHRISTMAS BOXES

A WORD TO CHRISTMAS-BOX WORKERS.

Our missionaries are delighted with the garments sent out for last Christmas. From all Fields we have had warm appreciation of the good material used, and the excellent work put in. But they remind us again of the fact that *Frocks* are only worn *by the tiny girls;* all above the age of 5 or 6 wearing skirts and jackets, so please do not make any larger-sized frocks, as they are really of no use. And remember, that even by the little girls, skirts are worn *to the ankles*, so should never be made really very short.

HOPE V. HARRIS.

**Mount Zion, Chadwell Street.—Missionary Week,** Monday—Saturday, May 15th—20th. Each evening: Lectures, Demonstrations, etc. Please book the dates. Further particulars next month.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for the wonderful spirit of unity and happy fellowship that was experienced by our missionaries at their Annual Conference.

**Let** us rejoice in the continued signs of His blessing seen in every field, as yet further companies of people ask for instruction or baptism.

**Let** us pray for Mrs. Brand, that her visit to Australia may be a means of physical restoration to her own health, and also of encouragement and interest to our Churches in Australia.

**Let** us pray for Mr. & Mrs. Huckett as they take up the very responsible task of superintending the work in the Madras field.

**Let** us, while praying for all our missionaries, think especially of Miss Green, who has to do so much of her work just now without the companionship of an English worker.

## REPORT OF MEETING

The Quarterly Prayer Meeting of the L.Z.A. Branches of the Churches in the Cambs. and E.M. Union was held at Great Gransden on Thursday, February 2nd. The Meeting was presided over by Mrs. Tagg. Representatives came from Warboys, Over, and Ramsey to join with those at Gt. Gransden, and a time of real fellowship and prayer was realised. Miss Rowell gave an address on the conflict realised, and the need for real prayer warfare. After the meeting a happy time of fellowship was spent at the tea table. We parted thanking God for the opportunity of meeting in prayer for the work in India.

## LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The **Half-Yearly Meeting** and Welcome to our furlough missionaries will be held (D.v.) at Chadwell Street Chapel, on **Tuesday May 2nd, at 2 p.m.** The meeting will be addressed by Miss I. G. Hazel, Miss B. L. Mowle, and Mrs. Thrower, and will be open to **all ladies.**

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1939

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

2nd, Poynings; 9th, Hastings, Tabernacle; 16th, Tollington Park; 23rd, Ipswich, Bethesda; 30th, High Wycombe.

**OTHER BRETHREN.**

23rd. Potten End : Mr. W. K. Puttnam.
23rd. Chesham : Pastor W. Chisnall.

# GENERAL NOTES

**Mrs. Grand.**—Mrs. Brand has been allowed extension of holiday period this year, in order to take the voyage to Australia to visit relatives and for the benefit of her health; combining with it deputation visits to the Strict Baptist Churches, as may be arranged.

**Miss A. M. Poole.**—Provisional arrangements have been made for a Farewell Meeting to be held at "Bethesda," Ipswich, on Thursday, September 7th. This arrangement is, of course, subject to alteration, if such should prove necessary, but the date will be confirmed, or otherwise, nearer the time.

**Finance.**—Those who are closely interested in the work of the Mission will know that the deficit on the General Fund is liable to creep up at this time of the year, and then fall rapidly in September, at the end of the financial year. We are most grateful to Churches and individuals who aid us so generously then, but it has been pointed out that it would help the Officers and Council in many ways if contributions could be received by them at a more even rate. For example, if a Church which sends £50 in September could send now £25, or whatever may be in hand from various sources, this would greatly help and cheer those who are responsible for the Mission's finances.

**Kundaswami.**—We once more acknowledge with thanks the kind gift of an anonymous friend for the months January to March.

**Furlough Engagements, 1939.**—Churches desiring a visit from Missionary D. A. Thrower should make early application for the few remaining vacant week-days.

**Missionary Sunday Engagements, 1940.**—The General Secretary will be pleased to hear from the Churches as early as possible re Missionary Sundays during 1940, and he will endeavour to make acceptable arrangements for all Churches that are able to help the Mission by setting apart a Lord's Day in this way. Applications for the services of Missionary G. F. Champion are now being considered. So far as possible, the dates applied for will be allotted, though special consideration will be shown to those Churches not receiving the services of a missionary on a Lord's Day this year.

**Mission Office.**—Pastor Thorpe would also be glad if friends would make more use of the Mission Office at 388, St. John Street. He hopes to meet there any who desire further information regarding the Mission, or who can give or receive help in any way. He expects to be there on **Tuesday, April 25th, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

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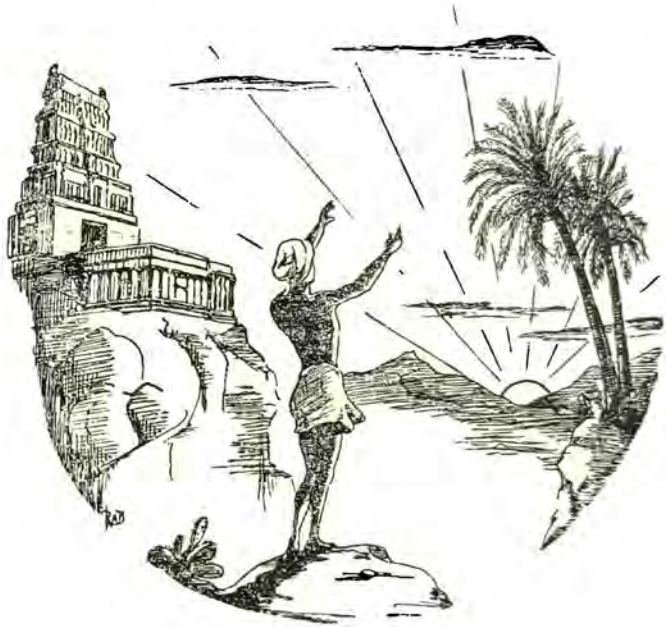
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## "SO I PRAYED TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN, AND I SAID UNTO THE KING" (Nehemiah ii.)

IN our short and simple study of the first chapter of Nehemiah in last month's issue, we saw a man who was saddened by the distressing news that reached him from distant Jerusalem. That news quickened his energies and caused him to resolve to do all in his power to aid his fellow-countrymen in their difficult work. Without, we trust, pressing the idea to ridiculous lengths, we endeavoured to show that the very difficulties and discouragements of our brethren and sisters in India can become to them and to us a means of grace, if we are driven to more earnest prayer and sanctified activity.

Chapter 2 tells of the way in which the immediate hindrances were overcome, and Nehemiah was able to make his way to Jerusalem to encourage and support those who had lost heart and hope. The fact revealed in this chapter is that the very man who might have proved the greatest obstacle, became through prayer the helper of God's people. The first chapter closes with this prayer of Nehemiah: "Prosper, I pray thee, Thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." The second chapter shows the abundant and glorious way in which that prayer was answered. The sadness of the distant Jews had moved the heart of Nehemiah, and now the sadness of Nehemiah moved the heart of the king.

The needs of the Jews were great, but there were those who could meet those needs if they so desired. The trouble was that the wealth and power needed for the work of God were in the wrong hands. Artaxerxes and his subordinates had enough and to spare, while the people of God were in want and distress. Has not this been the problem of the ages, and is it not the problem still? There is plenty of material wealth in the world, but so rarely does it seem to be in the possession of those who would use it for the glory of God and for the advancement of His cause.

Let us remind ourselves again that the needs of Nehemiah and his people were met, not so much by eloquent and earnest pleas to men, but by simple prayer to God. "I prayed to the God of heaven, and I said unto the king," records Nehemiah in this chapter. The prayer of God's servant was answered in that brief moment between the asking of the question and the giving of the answer. We naturally and rightly turn to this chapter when we want an example of ejaculatory prayer.

Yes, but let us remember that this sudden prayer, and the answer thereto, had been preceded by what we may call more leisured supplication on the part of Nehemiah and his people. The prayer of God's people was continuous: the answer of God was instantaneous. Thus it ever has been, thus it ever will be in the experience of the Church. Sudden answers are rarely the result of sudden prayers standing by themselves.

We believe in prayer, we have never denied its power and its effect, but there is need for us to re-affirm to ourselves and to others that the best and quickest way to reach and move the heart of Artaxerxes is via the throne of God.

L. R. G.

# The Other Side

## WELCOME HOME

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

ONE hill man from the Valavanthi compound, our preacher, a neatly built and determined little man with a pleasant face, also a Kolli Hills man and I, walked down the track which leads to the Alathur valley and fades away as it arrives at its destination. The terraced fields drop down, down, to a stream which gently takes away the water which the earth has reluctantly released from the surrounding hills. By the stream is a small village, the home of our "determined little man," whither he is now going for the first time since he left caste about two weeks ago. Left caste! Simple words! What do they mean? We shall never really know, but we were soon to learn a little.

We stepped off the shelving rocks and stood on the topmost field, and as our friend began to tell us that the field, and several like it nearby, were part of his property, an old woman who had seen us coming ran towards us, wailing loudly and pounding her chest with her clenched fists. "Who is this?" we asked. It was the mother of one of his farm labourers, come to mourn the "death" of her master, whom she called with endearing names which I had only before heard over the dead body of a hill woman some years previously. "He's gone! He's left us! Alas! Alas!" cried the woman as she flung herself at his feet and moaned. A girl, less practiced in the art of mourning, ran up, and tears of sorrow burst from her eyes and coursed down her cheeks, as she sobbed with genuine sorrow over the miserable fate of the man who had "gone to the bad."

We left these two lamenting, descended to the village, and had arrived within about 60 yards of the wall when a great shout greeted us from the direction of the houses, and the 20 or 30 inhabitants, who had doubtless been waiting to make an impressive demonstration of affection, came tumbling over the stile and rushing towards us. A middle-aged man came first, and a lad behind him, crying in a most piteous or ludicrous fashion, I do not know which, and hung around our friend's neck, thus bringing our little group to a standstill. Two women followed, one with a baby in her arms. and flung themselves down on the ground and clung to his feet. Other women waited until there was a piece of him to spare and then fastened themselves on it, crying all the while. He gently disengaged himself, wiping the tears from the faces of some with his hands, and walked into the village surrounded by sorrowing relatives. Old women kissed him on the cheek, a thing which they would never do in public in the usual way, I imagine, except to a corpse, and the mass crying continued for a short space. He pointed out to us the house in which he was born, and the house in which he now lives, his granary and various sheds, and then we addressed the assembled company, to explain to them that the Christians had not persuaded the man to part with his property to them, and that the farm labourers would be able to continue working as before without any loss. This appeared to produce a happier spirit in the village, and we continued to show the poor outlook of a group of people who will mourn a man that leaves Hinduism and comes to Christ in order to have his sins pardoned and receive life from the dead and purity of life, but laughs at and with a young man who embarks on a life of vice which will result in his earthly ruin and eternal damnation.

This is how the little hill man returned home and was welcomed by his family. May he soon receive a happier welcome into the Family of God!

## *GOOD NEWS FROM TINNEVELLY*

W. N. H. KUHRT.

THE following are some interesting extracts from the records which we have made while examining candidates for baptism.

THAYAMMAL, of Kovilpatti, and 14 years of age, was educated through the fifth standard at Paniadipatti, and converted through Bible talks conducted by Miss Green. She asked for

baptism some time ago while at school, but was asked to wait on account of her lack of years.

THAVAMONI, also of Kovilpatti, is almost completely blind, and nothing can be done for her. She has, however, had the eyes of her heart enlightened, and for more than 12 months has been eager to join us.

S. ANNATHAI, the 14-year old daughter of our Kovilpatti gardener, was converted last year at our Harvest Meetings by the testimony of a lady—a disciple of the evangelist who conducted our meetings. The item was not according to the programme, and did not at the time appeal to me.

A. THAYAMMAL was brought to the Lord through a series of lessons on the Death of Christ given by Headmistress Ranjitham in our Kovilpatti school.

IRULAI was involved in a firework explosion, and nearly died of her injuries. A Christian relative taught her husband and children to pray in the midst of their deep distress. The Lord heard their prayer, and healed Irulai, though she is terribly scarred. Her husband was baptized last year, and now she herself, converted through a baptism of fire, is to witness to that fact by the baptism of water. How marvellous are Thy ways!

S. BAKKIAM was a wild, uncontrollable girl, belonging to a wild and almost uncontrollable village. She was sobered, and eventually converted after her father had drawn her aside one day and spoken seriously to her of her conduct and future. An unusual testimony this, and all the more welcome for being so.

M. MUTHAMMAL is 25, and the mother of three children, one of whom has just died. Was a Hindu when she married her Christian husband, but now speaks clearly and sincerely, howbeit very simply—for she is ignorant and illiterate—of her faith in the Lord. The good God does graciously overrule sometimes, even when oxen and camels are harnessed together, but we often shudder at the risks our Christians take when contracting such marriages.

S. SELLATHAI remembers most vividly an occasion when Miss Green spoke about the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, and dates her own conversion from that time. She has now completed her fifth standard at Paniadipatti Girls' School and contemplates higher education elsewhere.

G. DANIEL is a young teacher who recalls being impressed deeply by a sermon of Mr. Watts on the necessity for Christians to follow their Lord. G. Daniel decided she must, even though it involved the repudiation of an earlier baptism and submission to immersion.

G. ARULAPPAN, of Gopalapuram, was a Roman Catholic until the R.C. work was discontinued in his village, when he was

on the point of dropping back into Hinduism. Our teacher there, D. Jeyamoni, prevented that happening, and now, four or five years later, he is, though frightfully ignorant, a suitable candidate for baptism.

Please remember these, and many others who with them are shortly to bear witness to their love for the Master.

## *HANDFULS OF PURPOSE*

Owing to various circumstances, we are once more without official letters from some of our missionaries, but we will make the usual survey of our fields as complete as possible. We are glad to learn that the series of articles under the above title does stimulate interest in the work of our friends, and leads to more earnest and sympathetic prayer.

**Madras.**—Many of our readers will have heard that the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Thrower from Madras for their furlough was delayed owing to the illness of their daughter Olive. This event caused anxiety and uncertainty both in England and India, but we are glad to say that our friends were able to leave by another boat about a fortnight later than had been arranged, and we hope that they will have arrived in the Homeland by the time this magazine is issued. We are sorry that this will mean that they will only have a few days for settling down before the Half-Yearly Meetings are held. Miss Mowle was able to leave for England by the earlier boat. We would ask our supporters to remember in prayer Mr. and Mrs. Huckett, who are faced with greater responsibilities and increased duties as they take charge of the work in Madras.

**Sendamangalam and Namakkal.**—News is rather scarce from these two fields just at the moment. The changes in staff and arrangements make this quite understandable. Mr. A. J. Morling's letter tells of a variety of experiences, happy and unhappy. He reports an eight-days' camp at Munshavade, and 24 villages were visited. Each night two lantern lectures were given in different places, and even these few particulars will give a little idea of the busy time our friends have had. Miss Hazel held meetings and did medical work in villages and hamlets, not included in the above figure. Mr. Morling tells of a sad case in the Sendamangalam Church, of a young man whose name has had to be removed from the Church Roll, as he has returned to Hinduism. The work of Dr. Harris has been somewhat interrupted during the past month, as she has had to pay two visits to the Kolli Hills owing to the illness there.

**Kolli Hills.**—We mentioned last month that serious illness had broken out in this area. Several children died, but we learn that the disease now seems to have run its course. It has been a time of great anxiety for our workers there, and we would express our sympathy with them. Naturally, Mr. Champion was unable to leave the compound for camp work during this period.

**Tinnevelly.**—One of the things mentioned in Mr. Kuhrt's letter is the constant loss of male members, who find work in Singapore, Rangoon, Malay, Ceylon, and other places. Thus India has its problems of this character just as we have them in England. Miss Green has been busy as usual, and amidst the discouragements that are ever associated with a missionary's life, there has been real encouragement in some quarters. In one place, for example, five of the elder girls have been accepted for baptism.

# LOST SHEEP

EVELYN C. BRAND.

THEY married her to a Hindu man. Just how it happened I do not know, or how the missionaries tried to prevent it. But they cared enough to let us know. "Look after our lost lamb" came, as it were, across the wires, flashed from loving hearts, from shepherds of another fold.



SHEPHERD AND HIS FLOCK

She was so shy about it; no one else a Christian in that village across the fields, and the husband seemed amused. But she acknowledged her identity, and first Miss Mowle, then later, I, went into her house and talked and prayed with her.

She promised to read and learn parts of St. John's Gospel. We left it with her.

One day another girl was married in that village; she was from Soliapaliam, and she too was a Christian and her husband a Hindu. We struggled to prevent it, knowing how earnestly our sister had striven for her soul. She had been taught to recite many chapters by heart; Miss Mowle loved her as one does when finding lost sheep. But she did not resist her people's wishes; she wanted a home of her own.

Yesterday we prayed that we might find both these girls in the village, that we might help to form a contact. We had had excuses of absence before (perhaps true).

We found Navomonnie and led her to the first girl's house. She, too, was there, and we knew He had answered our prayers as we sat and talked to them both. The difficulties were all too apparent. The people were trying to make fun of them at a little distance, the young husband among them.

It was not easy to get them to read aloud in such an atmosphere, but at last they braved it, and helped each other along. Then we prayed with them and left them in the care of the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep.

It is such a simple story. We tell it that they at home,

who keep watch from a distance, may remember these two before the Lord. Thank God they are together. It will mean so much if they are true, brave and strong, and rise above the people's jeers. God can do wonders in that village. But they are so weak, so afraid. Let us ask Him to do wondrously.

## *"CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS, FOR THOU SHALT FIND IT AFTER MANY DAYS" (Eccl. xi. 1)*

VIOLET D. GREEN.

THIS, in common with all the promises of God, is "a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation." How many glowing testimonies have been forthcoming of the absolute veracity of this word, and how very many more there would be if the whole facts were known.

Two years ago we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Thrower, for our Harvest Festival gatherings. He brought us God's message from the life of Peter: his boast, denial, forgiveness, and subsequent confession of love. They were most solemn and sacred seasons. Very faithfully did God's servant deal with the fact of our own repeated denials, failures, hypocrisies, and under the searchlight of the Holy Spirit our sins were brought to light. Then, assuredly by the Spirit's enabling, the speaker dwelt upon the blessed fact of *forgiveness* for all truly penitent souls. The writer of this brief testimony will long remember that sacred season.

18 months passed, and then one day it was my privilege to be listening to the story of how one of our older girls was brought to the Lord. This girl is the daughter of a preacher, and had been brought up in a good Christian home. She was, however, by no means exemplary in her conduct, having a very difficult admixture of obstinacy, rank disobedience, laziness and stupidity. Certainly she showed no desire for better things. We often discussed her, and were concerned about her. Then the change came, and she was made a new creature in Jesus Christ. It is not an easy matter for a girl to come before one who is in possession of the facts of her past life, and who is in such close touch as to know all the little every-day failures. The constant close observation forbids any attempt at sham. We knew in her case there had been a change, for her life had attested it. She spoke sincerely and feelingly. She referred to her former life of utter carelessness, and then said the Lord had met her in those Harvest Festival meetings through the messages of Mr. Thrower, and had showed her her life of sin,

her need of a Saviour. She was utterly broken down and cried to Him for forgiveness. She said that, as the last message was given, when *Forgiveness* was the subject, the Lord Jesus gave to her the assurance that her sins were forgiven.

So indeed has the promise come true. "*Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days.*" 18 months! *Many* days indeed, but what a sweet return! And we know not how many more such there are. "*And again they said Alleluia.*"

Harvest Festival meetings are again drawing near, and will take place in JUNE or JULY. Will readers join us very specially in prayer that the Holy Spirit may work very powerfully this year also, that many may be similarly blessed. So shall the name of the Lord be magnified.



COOLY WOMEN, SENDAMANGALAM.

## *GLEANINGS BY THE WAYSIDE*

L. S. HAZEL.

IT was the usual type of Indian house, four mud walls whitewashed over, a thatched roof made of leaves from the palmyra tree, no window in the house, just a door with a verandah in front also made of mud, raised to a higher level than the ground and whitewashed.

A cot, just a wooden frame attached to four wooden legs and strung across with string, was standing in the courtyard. On this was placed a mat, on which a baby was lying, kicking its legs and crooning to itself, seemingly quite happy, and oblivous of all that was going on around.

As we approached the house, a group of women were seen sitting talking to each other. Another woman was lying on a cot, resting from the terrible heat of the noon-day sun. A woman, with her son and daughter, who were sitting with her on the verandah, was busily threading flower petals on to string and winding them up into balls.

We were very cordially welcomed to join the group, and a place was quickly swept for us to sit down. On enquiry, we were told that the flowers were for the temple, with which to adorn their swami. When I heard this, great sorrow filled my heart. However, it was an opportunity for us to tell them the folly of worshipping these false gods, who are just made by man, and in some cases in the form of a man, with faculties that have no power at all. We told them something of the love of God, the true Swami, who loved *so much* that He *gave* His Son.

The woman laid aside her work for a while and listened; at the close she smiled and said, " Yes, I know these gods have no life and cannot really help us, yet what can we do, we must live, and by selling these garlands to the temple we receive cooly for our food. After distributing a few tracts to those amongst them who could read, we left, offering a silent prayer that the blinded eyes might be opened to the true light.

We moved further on, to another house where also a group of women was gathered. As we commenced singing a lyric, others joined the group, stayed for part of the story and moved on. One woman, I noticed in particular, came and sat down just in front of me. She said not a word, but listened very intently to the end. After we had finished speaking, she began to tell us her story, as I have written here.

" Amma, you spoke to us about the one true Swami, didn't you. I want to tell you what I know about Him. I can't read, but I have a Bible in my house. One day I had a terrible pain in my face, and it swelled up very much. I took my Bible, because I knew in that book we learn about Jesus Christ and the wonderful things He did. I asked Him to remove my pain and swelling, and He did, Amma.

Another time, my daughter was ill, and her body was swollen all over. I had tried many doctors, but none seemed to do her any good. One night I saw a vision of a man dressed in white garments; twice he came, looked at my daughter, spoke not a word and passed on. I remembered how God had healed me, so again I took my Bible, and asked Him to heal my daughter. The next morning some of the swelling had disappeared, and from that time she gradually became quite well.

This woman had learned to put her trust in God in times of sickness; may she trust the Lord Jesus Christ to be her Saviour and Friend.

## SEEN AND HEARD FROM THE BUNGALOW—No. 5

GRACE K. HUCKETT.

ANGAMMAL, the woman who sells us vegetables, etc., arrived breathless one morning on the back verandah. "What is the matter, Amma, you are out of breath?" "Oh, I was frightened, and I ran!" she said. I asked her why. Then she told me that something dreadful had happened out by Teyn Karudu ("Honey Hill"). This is an eminence just on the outskirts of Sendamangalam. We always call it the Camel Hill because it is so like a camel in shape. It is very wild all round there, but there is a path by it which is a short cut to Muttagapatti Shandy, a market which is held on Fridays.

It seems that a caste woman was either going or coming that way, when two men accosted her, and asked for some lime. (This is used for chewing betel, and is often kept in a little brass flask tied in the waist). The woman was putting down her basket to oblige them when one of the men cut her across the back of the neck with a knife, while the other snatched her jewels, and tore them out of her ears. Indian women usually wear many jewels, that is how they keep their wealth. The men then made off. Later, I heard that they were caught. Help must have been at hand, for the poor woman was brought in on a country cot to the Government Hospital nearby. Angammal described the whole thing in a very graphic manner, with many gestures and exclamations. "Well Amma, it isn't safe to have so many jewels on, is it?" I asked. "No," she said, "I leave mine at home and don't wear any except these," pointing to her two gold bangles. She had pieces of wood in the holes in her ears where jewels could be. "Ah, but Amma, thieves could break in and steal them even at home. Isn't it better to have treasure in heaven where there are no thieves and where there are no poochies (insects) to eat up things?"

Thus, we sought to point out to her the heavenly treasure, but alas, she hadn't much interest. She has heard many times, and she agrees with what we say, but gets no further. I have heard that the poor injured woman has since died. Her wealth was her destruction. Pray that we may be helped to instruct our Christian women in the need of possessing the true and lasting ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is well pleasing unto the Lord. Pray also that the thought of their spiritual treasure in Christ may swallow up or drive out the love of jewellery and dress. How much we all need to follow the injunction, "Set your affection on things above; not on things on the earth."

## THE KOLAR TAMIL BAPTIST CHURCH

D. A. THROWER.

A GROUP of Christian people, most of whom are employed as coolies (or in other minor jobs) in the gold mines, were formed into a Baptist Church some time ago. The majority of these friends speak the Telugu language, and they are being shepherded by the American Baptist Telugu Mission. The remainder, about 40 members, are Tamils, and for some time they were endeavouring to get into touch with other Tamil Baptists, for mutual fellowship and encouragement. Missionaries of the American Baptist Mission put us in touch with this Church. The Church was then invited to send one of their number to have fellowship with us at our Annual Pastoral Con-

ference. This was done in the years 1937 and 1938, and at the last meeting of the S.B.M. Reference Committee two representatives of our Mission were asked to pay a visit to the Kolar Tamil Baptist Church, find out as much as possible about its condition, and encourage the members in the ways of the Lord. A few months ago, therefore, Mrs. Thrower, Pastor Y. M. Solomon and myself, paid a brief visit to these friends. In addition to three meetings held in the Mining School hall (which our friends rent for their services), we also conducted two united gatherings which our friends had arranged to enable the members of the other Protestant Churches in the Kolar Gold Field to hear our messages.

Mr. Christopher, a good brother, who holds a responsible position in the mines, and who has taken the oversight of the Church as a piece of honorary Christian service, seemed to be encouraged by our visit.

Our brother is struggling against heavy odds in carrying on the Lord's work in that mercenary place. The mines operate incessantly for 24 hours every day of the year, the employees working in shifts. This makes it impossible to maintain any degree of regularity in the matter of attendance at services. The Church is still in an undeveloped, infant state. It has no Sunday School, nor any other auxiliary activity. However, we trust that, with the Lord's blessing, the little community will grow both in numbers and in spiritual life and become a powerful luminary in a dark, materialistic sphere.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for yet further applications for Christian instruction or baptism.

**Let** us give thanks that our furlough missionaries (Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle) were able to overcome all difficulties and come to England, and let us pray for them as they commence their deputation work.

**Let** us seek God's blessing upon the Half-Yearly Meetings of Tuesday, May 2nd.

**Let** us remember Mrs. Brand, that her visit to Australia will restore her to health, and also be a means of grace to the Churches there.

**Let** us pray that Miss I. G. Hazel and Miss A. M. Poole may be yet further strengthened for future service.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Kindly note our General Secretary's change of address :—**

**Pastor J. K. THORPE,**
**25 Empress Avenue,**
**Wanstead Park, E.12**

## GENERAL NOTES

**Mission Office.**—Pastor J. K. Thorpe hopes to be at the Office, 388, St. John Street, E.C.1, on Friday, May 19th, from 5 to 7 p.m., and it would be a pleasure for him to meet friends there on Mission business.

**Half-Yearly Meetings.**—It is scarcely necessary to call attention to these here, as all particulars are given in the advertisement page, but we would ask for the prayerful and personal support of all who can come to the Leysian Hall on Tuesday, May 2nd.

**General Secretary's Address.**—Some things are apt to be overlooked if no special attention is called to them, so we will just point out that Pastor Thorpe's new address will be found on the front cover, and in other parts of this magazine.

**Finance.**—We would repeat in brief the statement that was made last month. It would greatly help the Officers and Council if friends could see their way clear to send in part of their personal subscriptions or Church contributions now, instead of waiting till the end of the financial year. We are most grateful for the help given us in September, which usually enables us to balance our accounts, or at least reduce the deficit, but a more regular flow of money would be a great encouragement.

**Special Rallies.**—We are hoping to give in this issue a general outline of services to be held at "Bethesda," Ipswich, on May 17th, and also of a Missionary Week at Chadwell Street. Please look out for these particulars, especially if you live within travelling distance of one of these places.

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY, 1939

**MISSIONARY D. A. THROWER.**

2nd, Half-Yearly Meetings; 7th, Courland Grove; 9th, E. London Spring Rally; 11th, Hastings; 14th, Whittlesey; 17th, Ipswich Rally; 20th, Chadwell Street; 21st, Croydon, "Salem"; 24th, Brighton; 28th, Bexleyheath.

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

2nd, Half-Yearly Meetings; 7th, Leicester, "Providence"; 8th, Deeping; 9th, E. London Spring Rally; 14th, Bromley; 16th, Chadwell Street; 17th, Ipswich Rally; 21st, Ramsey; 24th, Brighton; 28th, Leigh-on-Sea.

**OTHER BRETHREN.**

7th, Deeping : Mr. S. E. DENNING.
14th, Irthlingborough : Pastor G. SMITH.
28th, Mayford : Pastor W. CHISNALL.

# L.Z.A DEPUTATION MEETINGS FOR MAY

2nd, Chadwell Street and Leysian Hall; 3rd, Gravesend; 4th, Chesham; 10th, Stratford, Gurney Road; 16th, Horham; 17th, Ipswich, "Bethesda"; 18th, Leigh-on-Sea; 19th, White Lion Street; 20th, Chadwell Street; 23rd, Richmond (Quarterly Prayer Meeting); 23rd, Manor Park; 24th, Brighton; 24th, Tring and Potten End; 31st, Swindon.

ADDRESSES :—

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Miss MOWLE, Thornham Magna, Nr. Diss, Norfolk.
Miss POOLE, 63, Rands Way, Ipswich, Suffolk.

## "MOUNT ZION," CHADWELL STREET.—S.B.M. MISSIONARY WEEK

Monday to Saturday, May 15th—20th, 1939.

**Each Evening.**—Lectures, Demonstrations, Exhibits, Lantern Talks, Brief Addresses, etc.

For the Programme kindly apply to the Secretary of Mission Week, Chadwell Street, E.C.1.

## SUFFOLK MISSIONARY RALLY.

Wednesday, May 17th, at "Bethesda," Ipswich.

WOMEN'S MEETING, 3 till 4 p.m. Address by Miss B. L. MOWLE.
4 p.m.—Sermon by Missionary D. A. THROWER. Local brethren to take part.
5.30 p.m.—Public Tea. Addresses by visiting Ministers.
7.15 p.m.—Evening Meeting.

**Chairman** : Mr. S. W. ANDERSON (Vice-President, S.B.M.).

**Speakers** : Missionaries D. A. THROWER and Miss B. L. MOWLE.

Visiting Ministers and Pastor R. J. FRENCH.

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A friend who is interested in our work in India, has again offered to help us by the sale of the following plants, the entire proceeds of which will be given to the Mission. Any friends who wish to assist our work in this way will please send their orders to Mrs. C. GREGG, BRANFOLD, STRENSALL, YORK. *When ordering, please mention Strict Baptist Mission.* PLANTS.—Canterbury Bells and Wallflowers, 1s 6d doz.; Raspberry Canes, Aarons Rod, Campanulas London Pride, Polyanthus, 2d each; Perennial Cornflowers, Large Marguerites, Lupins Heleniums, Iris, Phlox, 6d each; Rosemary, Flowering Brooms, Lilacs, Crasselas (lovely scent), Oakleaf Geraniums, Hydrangeas, Fuchsias, Oleanders, Myrtles, 9d each.; Small Sunflowers, Michelmas Daisies and Monthretias, 6d doz.; Thrift and Chrysanthemums, 3d each, postage extra.

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Subscriptions and gifts for the general work of the Mission should be sent to the Hon. Financial Secretary, **Pastor A. E. Brown, 303, Bath Road, Hounslow West, Middlesex.**

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# THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

# DEPUTATION MEETINGS

We again urge our friends to remember that our missionaries on furlough can take a few more week-day engagements. Please apply to the General Secretary or the L. Z. A. Secretary.

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We would keep before our readers the value of this bi-monthly magazine. Especially suitable for Sunday School distribution. Obtainable from the General Secretary. Price 3/- per 100, postage extra.

**OUR ATTITUDE**

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable."

**OUR ACTION**

"Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

**OUR ASSURANCE**

"Forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."


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## THE HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS

PASTOR W. CHISNALL.

TUESDAY, 2nd May, 1939, dawned very favourably for the gathering of dear friends from far and near to enjoy the fellowship and spiritual worship which is always so much appreciated at these Half-Yearly and Annual Meetings of the Strict Baptist Mission held in the Leysian Mission.

It provides the opportunity for helpful Christian intercourse as we meet so many old friends, as well as new ones who may be coming for the first time to these gatherings.

The Leysian Mission is most suitable for these occasions, as the vestibule is an excellent place where social conversations can be held before the meetings commence. The Book Stall is visited, and the literature, etc., of the Mission can be inspected and obtained.

The Afternoon Meeting commenced at 3.30 p.m., the Vice-President, Mr. S. W. Anderson, occupying the Chair, when a helpful Devotional Service was enjoyed. After singing the opening hymn, " Head of the Church and Lord of all," Pastor H. R. Moss, of Borough Green, read from the Word of God (Acts xi.), and Pastor S. Wilkins, of Deeping St. James, led us in prayer.

The Chairman then gave a hearty welcome to all the friends gathered and said a few choice words to emphasise this official welcome. He referred to the solemn times in which we were living as an indication that the last days were drawing near, but rejoiced our hearts by reminding us that the Lord was coming again—" even so come, Lord Jesus."

Prayers were offered by Pastor G. Smith and Mr. M. Derham, giving thanks to our gracious God for the safe arrival of our missionaries and praying for His blessing to rest upon the Meetings, especially upon our dear brother, Pastor L. R. Garrard, the Editor of the Strict Baptist Mission HERALD, the preacher at this service.

Pastor Garrard then gave us the Lord's message, his text being taken from Acts xiii. 1-2, and he cheered all our hearts with a most suitable message which was helpful to the home workers and subscribers, and encouraging to our missionaries now safely home on furlough.

The five names recorded in the text were dealt with in a most touching and tender manner. " Simeon who was called Niger," of whom very little was known. How like many of

the Lord's dear people, unknown by many, yet secret disciples and well known to the Lord. And the loving, tender Barnabas, so forgiving and gracious, and Saul, still zealous and untiring in his activities for exalting the Lord Jesus and His marvellous salvation. We should much like to see this sermon more fully reported, but the briefest account only can be given in this article.

The thankoffering was then taken. The closing hymn, "Thou whose almighty Word," was sung, and the Benediction by the General Secretary, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, brought a profitable service to a close.

Tea followed, to which a large number of friends sat down.

At the Evening Meeting the President, Pastor R. Robinson, presided. Pastor R. C. Smith, of Courland Grove, Clapham, read Isaiah lii., and Pastor W. Beecher, of Prittlewell, led us in prayer. The President then, in his usual genial way extended a warm welcome to all the friends, thanking them for their presence and for their continued help and prayerful sympathy and support of the work, and made special reference to the boys and girls whom he was pleased to see had come to the meetings, and very heartily thanked them and trusted the Lord would bless them and make them His own, so that they could take the place of the older friends when the Lord gathered home those who had finished their course.

Tender reference was made by him to the loss sustained by the Home-call of Mrs. W. H. Rose, the late President of the L.Z.A., and he expressed deep sympathy with her family and also the L.Z.A. Committee. He thanked Mrs. Silvester for resuming the position of President for the time being, so that the work might still go on unhindered.

As a Mission, we had our encouragements and discouragements. Another disappointment was in regard to our dear sister, Miss Grace Hazel, who had to take early furlough on account of ill-health, and who had not been able to be present at any welcome gathering before, and although very much better, yet the doctor was unable to pass her for further work in India. Our President, in shaking hands with her, extended in the name of this great gathering their prayerful sympathy, coupled with his own, and trusted the Lord would undertake for and comfort her in this heavy trial and disappointment.

Mr. Robinson called attention to the great need for another L.Z.A. missionary. He then gave a warm welcome to Miss Mowle and Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, thanking God for their safe arrival once again in the Homeland.

The General Secretary, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, in prayerful thanksgiving commended them each to our gracious God and to His protection during their stay in this land. After singing the hymn, "Lord of the living harvest," the President asked

Miss Mowle to speak to us in the name of the Lord and to tell us of the work she had been able to do during this term of service.

She began by saying this term of service had been spent four years in Namakal and one year in Madras. From Monday to Friday in most weeks she visited the various villages, and as the women converts were so illiterate that they could not read the Bible, she and the Biblewoman had taught them to learn by heart portions of Scripture.

In this district there was much opposition from the Roman Catholics, which caused great sadness of heart, yet she could say the Lord had proved " My strength is made perfect in weakness."

She then appealed to the young members of the congregation that if the Lord was constraining them to consider the work of a missionary, He might enable them to say, " Here am I, send me."

MR. D. A. THROWER

Then followed, and said: " I greet you all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks for the many prayers for us, and for your continued gifts and labour of love."

He took for his text Acts i. 3, and went on to describe the " many infallible proofs " by which the living Lord Jesus had manifested Himself in their private domestic concerns, as well as in the work of the Mission.

He reported that although the year 1938 had been a year of severe trial through illness, yet it had been a year of great blessing, as 30 converts were baptized and added to the Church. He told a touching story of visiting a convert from heathenism, who testified to his faith and his readiness to go on the long journey. He was buried the next day.

Then followed a brief account of the work in Vepery, the severe trial that the Church had experienced, but now was enjoying a great calm, another of the " many infallible proofs." Much blessing was also realised by the Churches in Ayanapuram, Sembiam, Mannur and Poonamallee, which had a total membership of 392.

Prayer was specially asked for a caste convert who had been cruelly persecuted by his relatives and whose whereabouts was not known, although efforts were being made to get into touch with him.

So Jesus goes on, conquering and to conquer. He concluded his address by saying, " Let us go on proving. He is still able to give many infallible proofs."

The President then made a closing appeal to the young people present, if they had not obeyed the loving command of the Lord Jesus, the " many infallible proofs " we have been

hearing might lead them to honour the Lord Jesus by being baptized and added to the Church where they usually worshipped.

The meeting closed by singing, " Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," and the Benediction by the President.

The offerings amounted to £216 0s. 7d., L.Z.A., £40 10s. 1d. Total: £256 10s. 8d.

## LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY.

MRS. E. F. KEVAN.

A good company of ladies gathered for the L.Z.A. Meeting at Chadwell Street. Mrs. Silvester presided, and expressed the feelings of all present as she spoke of Mrs. Rose, who had passed away since our Annual Meeting, and whom we all so much missed. We also regretted that Mrs. S. W. Anderson was not with us, on account of illness.

Miss Poole conducted the opening devotions, after which Mrs. Silvester welcomed Miss Mowle and Mrs. Thrower, and explained that, owing to an adverse doctor's report, Miss I. G. Hazel would not be speaking at the meetings.

Miss Nunn gave particulars of the missionaries' locations for this year. The need for increased financial help was emphasised in view of the further responsibilities, amounting to over £86 per annum, to which the L.Z.A. is committed.

Mrs. Silvester then called on Miss Mowle to give her message.

After expressing her joy at being home again, Miss Mowle spoke of her work among the Biblewomen, both at Namakkal and Madras. She sought our prayers for them, for so often they have many difficulties, not the least of which is the loneliness which is theirs.

Mrs. Thrower then spoke to us. Drawing an analogy from the hawkers who gather around every boat in an Eastern port, she spoke of the price which a missionary pays in seeking to win a soul, and of what they receive—joy unspeakable as these souls are brought to know the Lord.

After Mrs. Robinson had closed with prayer, we came away feeling there was something for each one to do in prayer, praise and giving.

**Mrs. S. W. Anderson.**—Many readers will have heard with regret of Mrs. Anderson's illness. She was unable to be present at the Half-Yearly Meetings. On doctor's advice, the Garden Meeting which Mr. and Mrs. Anderson so kindly arrange at " Wayside," during the month of June has been cancelled.

We would express our sincere sympathy, and our hopes for a full recovery.

# The Other Side



THE NEW CHAPEL AT SEMBIAM.

## CELEBRATIONS AT SEMBIAM

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—Mr. Thrower and Mr. Huckett both sent accounts of the opening of this new chapel. We have ventured to use parts of each article in this combined description of the Church and its history].

IN the year 1927 a number of the members of the Ayanapuram Church who were living in or near Sembiam, by amicable arrangement with the other members, seceded and formed a separate Church. For more than ten years this Church met for worship in the Sembiam school building, but as both Church and congregation grew the small school became quite inadequate for the demands made upon it. The school, on the other hand, was so popular among the villagers that by the year 1937 it was the largest school in the Madras village circle. Many of the children had to be accommodated in a palm leaf shed adjacent to the school. For many years past the building has given us trouble, expense and anxiety. All its walls have shown ominous cracks and, in spite of every effort to buttress them, they have been steadily sinking into the ground. The soil of the place is particularly treacherous to buildings, and our school is by no means the only structure which has threatened to collapse.

## Celebrations at Sembiam

At the beginning of 1938 the above facts compelled us to direct our attention to the subject of a new building for Sembiam. A generous grant of money from the Mission Council made the project possible, and the work of rebuilding was commenced in July last. The school and the headmaster's house adjacent to it were demolished, the well (which was in the centre of the site) was filled with earth, and a new well dug in a more suitable position. Footings were dug and foundations laid. Owing to the notoriously bad nature of the subsoil, we were specially careful to see that the foundation was "well and truly laid." The work was then stopped, in order to give the foundations time to settle under the effects of the autumn monsoon rains. The monsoon failed to materialise at Madras last year, but we were glad that several heavy showers of rain fell on our foundations soon after they had been put in. Waiting till the end of the usual monsoon period, we recommenced the work of construction at the beginning of December. By the end of that month the walls had been erected, and in January the iron trusses were hoisted into position, roofing woodwork completed, and tiles put on. February saw the plastering of the walls, hanging of doors and windows, cementing of the baptistery, and laying of the floor. The woodwork was painted, and other finishing touches were attended to.

It was a great day at Sembiam when the new chapel was opened on 25th February, 1939. Much prayer and preparation had preceded the Dedication Service, and it was encouraging to see a goodly company gathered outside the sanctuary for the preliminary meeting. This was conducted by Mr. Thrower. After the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by Mr. Christopher, who is in charge of the Tamil Baptist Church at Kolar Goldfields, and who had specially come to take part on this auspicious occasion. After Mr. Huckett had said a few words on the purpose of our coming together, the Chairman called upon Mrs. Huckett (who was deputising for Mrs. Thrower) to open the building to the glory of God and for the use of His people. The chapel was duly opened, and we were very glad to get inside, out of the hot sun.

After Mr. Thrower had offered prayer and said a few words appropriate to the occasion, we gathered together for a group photograph in a shady spot nearby. After the photo had been taken, we assembled in the new chapel for the Dedication Service. Addresses were given by Mr. Christopher, Mr. Thrower and Pastor Y. M. Solomon, and at the close the Christmas gifts held in reserve for this historic occasion were distributed by Miss Mowle and Miss Harris. Farewell and Welcome Addresses were presented to the missionaries, who were also garlanded. Last of all we were entertained to a

sumptuous repast of curry and rice, together with Indian friends from other S.B.M. Churches who had come to rejoice with their brethren at Sembiam.

On the following Lord's Day Mr. Thrower conducted the morning service, and preached an inspiring sermon from the words: "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts" (Hag. ii. 9). At the close, Pastor Solomon led seven friends through the waters of baptism, after which we met around the Lord's Table to remember His death and to dedicate ourselves afresh to Him. Mr. Christopher conducted the evening service, while the missionaries were engaged elsewhere. Thus ended a happy week-end of service for the Master at Sembiam.

Those of you who have read "The Growth of a Church" will know that, right from the start, it has been up-hill work at Sembiam. There are indications that a determined campaign of opposition is being carried on against the Christians there. Your earnest prayers are asked for, that Pastor Solomon and his flock may be kept stedfast and undiscouraged, and that they may triumph over their opponents in the spirit of Christ, and by their life, walk and conversation be the means of leading even their enemies to the Saviour.

## *THE BAPTIST VOLUNTEER FELLOWSHIP (Part I)*

MRS. D. A. THROWER.

THE B.V.F. consists of a number of young people who seek to further the Kingdom of God in the outlying villages on the N.W. of Madras.

The centre of their work is the village of MANNUR. In this place they have a building which is used solely for the purpose of worship. Sunday morning and evening services are held regularly, and a prayer meeting during the week. A women's meeting is also conducted. The building is a very unpretentious one, built of mud and roofed with country tiles rather long and narrow in shape. The furniture comprises a table, a chair, a detachable reading desk and a few grass mats. One or two texts adorn the walls, from one of which is suspended a notice stating who is to preach and conduct the services during the month. The missionary is usually expected on the fourth Sunday of each month, when the usual service is followed by the Lord's Supper. The other services are conducted by young men who cycle out from Madras, or by the teacher who lives in the neighbouring village of Korattur. The congregation sits on the floor for worship, the men on one side of the building and the women on the other. A number of school

children occupy the front mats, and the rest of the building is usually comfortably filled with adults. Just recently the congregation has increased somewhat, so that the members feel that the time will soon arrive when they will outgrow their building and need a larger one. One sister was baptized recently whose testimony gave us special pleasure. Her husband had been a member of the Church, but owing to difficulties that arose from his having married a non-Christian, he fell into temptation, and his Christian life received a setback. Now that the woman has been brought to the Lord, they will be able to encourage each other in the ways of God. There are others asking for baptism.

MOGAPPER is a village situated across the fields, about one and a half miles to the south of Mannur. There the Fellowship owns a small thatched shed, and when one visits the village for a meeting it will be filled to capacity with young men. They hear the message gladly, and one of them is hoping to receive baptism shortly. The difficulty in this place lies in the fact that the villagers refuse to come to Mannur for Sunday services. A Sunday evening service is held regularly in their village, but we should be glad to see them keen enough to meet other Christians in united worship in the morning of the Lord's Day.

AMBATTUR lies just off the main road. The Fellowship has a shed there also, which is used every Sunday by the Sunday school. Up to the present, we do not know of any definite fruit from the seed sown there. Upon one of my visits, I came across a woman named Mary, and it transpired that her mother had belonged to a Christian community some years ago. The young woman had no knowledge of Christ or Christianity at all, nor any desire to know. It is very sad indeed to find a woman bearing that name, in that ignorant condition.

ATTEPEDU is somewhat more distant from Mannur (about two miles). We have a family there, several members of which are in communion with the Church. They are dhobies by occupation, and find it a strong temptation to do their work on Sundays. It is also a long way for the young people to carry their babies into Mannur for the services. The shed for the use of the Sunday school and the prayer meeting is erected on their land. We believe that others in this village are seeking the path of life.

*(To be continued).*

## *HANDFULS OF PURPOSE*

This month we have received interesting letters from all our missionaries, and we now give the usual extracts so that friends in the Homeland can keep in touch with their work.

**Madras.**—Mr. Huckett has been fully occupied, getting into touch with all the phases of work in this field. On the Sundays he has conducted preaching and communion services at Vepery, Ayanapuram, Poonamallee, and Mannur. He has also visited all the schools in the district. On Good Friday an Open-Air Rally was held in the Mission Compound at Kilpauk. Workers from the different Churches took part, and about 200 people were present. One sentence of Mr. Huckett's letter is: "Our big need is **labourers.**" Miss M. Harris has been making contact with the older girls in the Sewing Class, and continuing with her Tamil studies.

**Sendamangalam and Namakkal.**—Mr. A. J. Morling's letter gives an interesting side-light upon one of the many differences between English and Indian life. One Sunday morning, accompanied by Mr. Orchard, he went to one of the villages, but arrived just in time to pronounce the Benediction. The explanation was that the morning bus, which was evidently also the village clock, had arrived early on that particular occasion. Examinations and other matters have kept our friend busy during the month. A well-attended Covenanters' Rally was held at the Namakkal Chapel. Mr. Orchard is making continued progress in Tamil study, and has been able to render Mr. Morling valuable help by conducting services in various places. Please pray for our brother as he proceeds with the more advanced studies. Letters from Dr. Harris and Miss S. Hazel tell of their many and varied duties, and indicate the great need for prayer and patience and perseverance in missionary service.

**Kolli Hills.**—The attack of dysentery which caused so much difficulty in the Mission Compound and elsewhere seems now to have abated, and our friends are very much relieved. They, with all our missionaries, have been busy making preparations for their annual journeys to the hills, where the month of May is usually spent. Miss Wilkins tells of long journeys over the rain-soaked ground, and camping in various places. It will give another indication of the emergencies for which our workers have to be prepared, when it is mentioned that, in the absence of the doctor, Miss Wilkins had to put 11 stitches into the wound of a man who had been tossed by a bull.

**Tinnevelly.**—Mr. and Mrs. D. Morling have, of course, been occupied mainly with the work of the Bible Institute. They have had the maximum number of students, and the daily lectures and other tasks give them very little spare time. This work has been very encouraging, and real progress has been made. There is an increasing demand from the various Churches for the services of the students. Nearly every Sunday, Mr. Morling takes some of them to the surrounding villages, and rejoices in the help they are able to render. Needless to say, it is the prayer and aim of the Principal that these students may occupy positions of responsibility in our Indian Churches in days to come. A reminder of the change that is taking place gradually in India is seen in the references to the coming of electricity into the Tinnevelly area. Mr. Kuhrt's letter is full of interesting news. In view of the isolated position of Miss Green, Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt spend as much time as possible at Paniadipatti, and 15 days were spent there during the month of March. The opening sentence of Mr. Kuhrt's letter says: "The last month has been a very heavy round of Anniversary Services, Church Meetings, Baptismal Services, and so on, with the usual crop of difficulties thrown in to keep us humble." The rest of the letter illustrates the truth of this. Very real encouragement has come through baptisms in several places, but difficulties have arisen through the illness of some workers, and through other causes. Just as an example of the happier side of affairs, we would mention that on the first Sunday in April 14 were baptized at Paniadipatti. Miss Green also writes of the great joy that has come to her through the baptism of several of the senior girls.



CASTE BOYS' CLASS, SENDAMANGALAM.

## *AS THEY GROW OLDER*

RUTH M. HARRIS.

NOT one of us doubts, I am sure, the value of Sunday School work, and the joys and problems of this work are very much the same whether over here in India, or over there in England. So when you pray for your own Sunday School, send up a prayer for us too.

Our caste boys' class here in Sendamangalam has grown somewhat in dimensions, having 126 names on the register, with an average attendance of 60. We would be better pleased if these two figures approximated more, but then it is a great thing to have one's name on the register! It also means much to us, for it is a point of contact for later days.

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We had been for a walk, the sun had set, and it was dark by the time we reached home. So it was that he had come and, not finding us in, had gone, and then returned again, this lad of Chetty caste. His attendance at Sunday School was always most erratic, but of late he has been calling in of an evening, usually on a Wednesday or a Thursday, for a talk. He is now about 17 years of age, and so is too old for Sunday School.

On this particular evening he made a request he had not made before: "I thought we might pray," he said. So we prayed.

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It is sunset time, and we are sitting on a rock by the edge of our village tank, a beautiful lake, chatting to the women-

folk as they fill their pots with water. Who is this young man standing by, dressed in Ghandi cloth? Is he critical of our conversations? Why, yes, surely, so it is, N——, almost unrecognisable as the boy who used to come to Sunday school. He draws near to talk. What is he doing?

He has just returned from a town some 30 miles away, where he went to study. He has passed the Indian equivalent of Matriculation, and is earning a good salary as a private tutor; but what cheers us most is that he has read his Bible through, and still reads it. So we talk of many topics, above all of the power of the Lord to keep a young man in the time of temptation.

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Standing at the doorway, a small boy with a Bible in his hand.

"What do you want, little brother?" I asked. He responded by handing me the Bible. In the Bible was a note written by his older brother, now about 19 years of age, and the note ran somewhat as follows: "Please send me a daily text calendar, and here is my Bible to show that I still read it. Please mark some passages in it." That Bible was once found on a rock by the roadside, and was in my possession for some time until the owner came and claimed it back. (A letter from England, by the following mail, showed that friends in England were faithfully praying for him by name).

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for the many baptisms reported, especially from the Tinnevelly field.

**Let** us continue to give thanks for the energy and enthusiasm which our missionaries put into all their service.

**Let** us pray very earnestly for the L.Z.A., in view of the special needs of the present time.

**Let** us remember sympathetically before the Lord our friend, Miss I. G. Hazel, that the Lord may graciously comfort her at this time and show to her what is His will for her life.

**Let** us follow with our prayers our missionaries on furlough, that God may greatly and graciously use them as they visit our Churches.

**Let** us think of and pray for Mr. and Mrs. Booth in this time of continued trial.

# GENERAL NOTES

**Miss I. G. Hazel.**—It was with sincere regret that we learned that the doctors cannot recommend the return of our friend to missionary service in India. She has been under careful medical examination since coming home to England. Her general health has improved, but, as all friends will understand, the climate and conditions in India impose a special strain that must be taken into consideration. This decision must be a painful one to Miss Hazel, and we are sure that the sympathy of our readers will go out to her and their prayers will ascend for her. May God abundantly bless Miss Hazel and reveal to her His will and purpose in this strange dispensation. We would ask also for the continued prayers desired by the L.Z.A. Executive, as they are faced once again with a great mystery and problem in their important work.

**Mr. E. A. Booth.**—We have not referred to our beloved friend for the last month or two, the sole reason being that there was really no fresh news to give. We are in the same position now, but we want to keep his name before the eyes of all who read this magazine. It is nearly 2½ years since he was taken ill, and there has been no substantial change in his condition ever since. Please remember him and his loved ones at the Throne of Grace.

**Mission Office.**—We would again remind the missionary workers in our Churches that the Mission has an office at 388, St. John Street, E.C.1, near Chadwell Street Chapel, and it may sometimes prove a useful point at which to meet the General Secretary. He hopes to be there on Friday, June 16th, from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Telephone Number.**—Last month we gave Pastor Thorpe's new address. Now we give his new 'phone number : WANstead 2387.

### LEICESTER AND DISTRICT MISSIONARY RALLY

will be held, God willing, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD, 1939

at " Providence " Chapel, Newarke Street (by kind permission).

Tea in School Hall at 4.45 p.m. **Public Meeting** in the Chapel at 6.30 p.m.

**Chairman** : Mr. H. HADDOW.

**Speakers** : Missionary D. A. THROWER, Pastor H. G. DANN and the General Secretary.

It is prayerfully hoped that all friends possible will unite in this Rally in the interests of the Lord's work in India.

# REPORT OF MEETING

### Cambs. and East Midlands L.Z.A.

The Quarterly Prayer Meeting of the L.Z.A. Branches of the Cambs. and East Midlands Union was held at " Eden," Cambridge, on Thursday, April 13th. There were friends from Warboys, Over and Ramsey to join with those at Cambridge. We were all delighted that Mrs. Whayman was able to preside, this she did in a very gracious and helpful way. A real spirit of prayer was manifested, and many needs laid before the Lord. Miss Rowell gave a short address on prayer and its privileges. A happy time of fellowship was enjoyed at the tea table, and thanks given to our friends at " Eden," for their gracious hospitality.

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1939

**MISSIONARY D. A. THROWER.**

3rd, Leicester Rally; 6th, Erith; 7th and 8th, Suffolk and Norfolk Meetings; 11th, Royton; 12th, Bury, Lancs.; 14th, Gravesend; 15th, Stratford; 18th, Great Gransden; 20th, St. Neots; 21st, Hartley Wintney; 25th, Manor Park; 26th, Tunbridge Wells; 27th, Potten End; 28th, Fulham. Address: 37, Sandmere Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

3rd, Leicester Rally; 4th, Hinckley; 7th and 8th, Suffolk and Norfolk Meetings; 11th, Chadwell Street; 18th, Richmond; 25th, West Ham.

**OTHER BRETHREN.**

4th.—Pemberton: PASTOR W. CHISNALL.
18th.—Bradfield St. George: MR. W. K. PUTTNAM.

## L.Z.A. DEPUTATION MEETINGS

**MISS MOWLE.**

June 1, Bradenstoke; 5th. Ipswich ("Mt. Zion"); 7th, Horham (S. & N. Association); 10th, at 18, Coleraine Road, Blackheath; 13th, Watford; 15th, Bury (Hunts.) Garden Meeting; 20th, Richmond; 22nd, Courland Grove; 27th, St. John's Wood; 28th, Prittlewell; 29th, West Ham.
Address: Thornham Magna, Nr. Diss, Norfolk.

**MRS. THROWER.**

June 6th, Erith; 8th, Leyton; 22nd, Courland Grove; 28th, Woolwich.
Address: 37, Sandmere Road, S.W.4.

**MISS POOLE.**

June 6th, Leiston.
Address: 63, Rands Way, Ipswich.

## "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

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**FOR SALE ON BEHALF OF THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION**

A friend who is interested in our work in India, has again offered to help us by the sale of the following plants, the entire proceeds of which will be given to the Mission. Any friends who wish to assist our work in this way will please send their orders to Mrs. C. GREGG, BRANFOLD, STRENSALL, YORK. *When ordering, please mention Strict Baptist Mission.* PLANTS.—Canterbury Bells and Wallflowers, 1s 6d doz.; Raspberry Canes, Aarons Rod, Campanulas London Pride, Polyanthus, 2d each; Perennial Cornflowers, Large Marguerites, Lupins, Heleniums, Iris, Phlox, 6d each; Rosemary, Flowering Brooms, Lilacs, Crasselas (lovely scent), Oakleaf Geraniums, Hydrangeas, Fuchsias, Oleanders, Myrtles, 9d each.; Small Sunflowers, Michelmas Daisies and Montbretias, 6d doz.; Thrift and Chrysanthemums, 3d each, postage extra.

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## "BUILDERS OF THE WALL" (Nehemiah iii)

CONTINUING our simple studies in the Book of Nehemiah, with the hope of gaining from these chapters instruction and encouragement for missionary activity at home and abroad, we come now to a chapter which contains little more than a list of the men who rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem. However, our knowledge of God's Word tells us that no part of it is without its meaning and message; nay, rather, we have discovered some of its greatest treasures hidden away in some unlikely spot.

Let us try and picture these men engaged in this difficult and important work. The picture will be suggestive of duties and privileges that fall to our lot. We, too, are wall-builders, but our wall is greater in its extent and more permanent in its character; it encircles the earth, and our brethren and sisters in India are but engaged on another section of the same great task.

We shall consider:—

I.—THE GREATNESS OF THE WORK.

A verse borrowed from the next chapter will bring that fact before us: "The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another." How truly those words describe the work of the Strict Baptist Mission! Are there not times when it seems almost ridiculous to attack the forces of evil with the limited resources at our disposal? The mockery of Sanballat and his companions finds its echo in our own faithless hearts in times of doubt and despondency. It is well, sometimes, to separate these Bible stories from the glamour associated with them. When we do so with this story we find we have a condition of things not unlike that which prevails to-day—we have a little company of God's people sadly conscious of their own weakness and poverty, and very deeply impressed with the might and wealth of their adversaries.

II.—THE SUCCESS OF THE WORK.

Despite the fewness and poverty of the workers this great task was successfully accomplished. Again borrowing a statement from a later chapter, we read: "So the wall was finished." That declaration can ever be predicated concerning work to which the Lord has called us. Despite delays and apparent defeats, every wall will be built if God has ordered its construc-

tion. Our self-appointed tasks may fail, our schemes may be brought to nought, but God's work must succeed.

It is interesting to note the human explanation of the success of the work. Over 30 times in the course of this chapter there occur such phrases as: "Next unto him repaired . . .," "After him repaired," etc. That is to say, each man worked in conjunction with his neighbour, and did faithfully the work that was before him. There is described to us in this chapter the circle of the wall, beginning and ending with the sheep gate. No man could see the work or the workers on the other side of the city, but he could unite in fellowship of service with those labouring on either side of him.

The lessons are obvious. To each one of us is given a small part of the wall to build; and we too can work in happy fellowship with our neighbours, rejoicing also that in distant places God has other men and women engaged in the same glorious task.

III.—THE CHARACTER OF THE WORKERS.

There are many expressions used in this chapter which come to us with rebuke or encouragement. We feel that they are descriptive of ourselves. Every name, every relationship, every trade, is significant and suggestive. Perhaps it will whet our appetites to copy out a few of them here, without commenting upon them. "Their nobles put not their necks to the work of the Lord . . . Next unto him repaired Shallum and his daughters . . . Baruch earnestly repaired the other piece . . . From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house."

Thus we are taught that in the service of the Lord there is a place and a work for each, but our enthusiasm, or lack of it, varies just as much as in the days of Nehemiah.

L. R. G.

# The Other Side

## *A LAD'S CONFESSION*

GRACE M. MORLING.

IT is always a joy when young people wish to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism. Some time ago, a number of our Hostel boys came to us saying that they wanted in this way to show their love for and their faith in

Christ Jesus. We always feel that this is one of the most important and responsible tasks that a missionary has to do, so this year we thought we would ask these lads first of all to give us a written account of the reasons why they wished to acknowledge Christ by immersion. The lads were called to the office and, to their surprise, each given two foolscap sheets of paper and asked to write the story of their conversion. The following is rather a close translation of what one lad wrote.

*Why I want to be baptized.*

(*a*) Since believing in Jesus Christ I have been walking as His child. So for the love which Jesus showed to me and for His saving me, I am trying to live a clean life, and desire to witness publicly before all. Another reason is because Jesus Swami has said: "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father."

(*b*) When I was a Hindu I lay dead in my sins, now, however, I have died to sin with Jesus, together with Him I was buried, and as He rose on the third day, so I also in order to live a clean life, rose with Him. Now, by my baptism, I am showing it is not I, but Christ who lives in me.

(*c*) I have been completely washed by the blood of Jesus. That is to say, by my baptism I am showing that I believe all my sins have been forgiven by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The relationship there is between me and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

(*a*) Because He redeemed me from the bondage of Satan, He is my Redeemer and I am His slave.

(*b*) Because He has bestowed so much love on me as to bear my sins and iniquities on the Cross, He is my Father and I am His son.

(*c*) Because He feeds me spiritually and temporally and gives me all I need, He is my King and I am His subject.

(*d*) Because on the Day of Judgment He is coming to judge all men, He is my righteous Judge.

(*e*) Because at all times when I am faint or tired He comforts me, and when I am tempted He delivers me from temptation, He is my Comforter.

(*f*) Because He is advocating for me with the Heavenly Father, He is all in all to me.

*How I was saved.*

The first one to speak to me about Jesus Christ was my uncle. When I came to my village from Pennag, the Senior Dorai—Mr. D. Morling—spoke about the love of Jesus. Another day the teacher spoke about our sins and the wages of sin. Hearing these things and reading about them in God's Word, I felt the reality of sin in my heart. But I was not

willing to yield all to the Lord Jesus Christ. Although I had come to this point, I was not completely forgiven.

One night, when I was alone reading a portion in Matthew's Gospel, the true realisation of sin came to me. The next day, when I opened the Word of God at Isaiah 53 and read it, I had the mind to yield completely to Jesus. That day tears came to me unknowingly and afterwards I verily hated sin, but again and again, when I was playing, I told lies, lost my temper and became angry. Then in May last, when I was in my village, I went to the field alone; I prayed, and without hiding anything from the Lord Jesus Christ I confessed all my sins. But in the interim sin would be felt in me like a small thorn. Although I fail at times, yet how many times has the Lord Jesus given me grace to overcome temptation! For all my failings I have asked forgiveness, and I believe the Lord Jesus has truly forgiven them all. I am praying to the Lord that He will again help me to overcome the temptations that will come in the future.

You may be rather surprised at some of the lad's expressions, but I would say, that he is only 14, and has been brought up in a Hindu home. The divisions indicate that he is systematic, and we can attest to the boy's testimony agreeing with his life and conduct. In the Hostel he is a steadying influence, and as he leaves us to-morrow for the summer vacation, we are hoping that his witness may be richly blessed in his home and village. Please note the source by which he first heard of the love of the Lord Jesus Christ!

## *ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!*

VIOLET D. GREEN.

APRIL 2nd was a day which will hold happy memories for those who were privileged to participate in its pleasures. It was the occasion of the *Paniadipatti Church Anniversary*, and for some days previously plans were discussed and arranged. Our Eastern friends are very fond of bright colours, and on all festive occasions they give expression to their joy by decorating their church building with coloured paper streamers and foliage. This was no exception to that custom. Then each member of the Church and congregation had been presented with an envelope in which was to be placed a special thank-offering.

All was ready when the day arrived, and Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt came over for the week-end. The service commenced at

8.30 a.m., and was well attended, our chapel, which is not a small one, being comfortably filled. Our highly esteemed veteran Pastor Jesudason officiated. Occasions such as these always stir him deeply, and as he reviewed the mercy and goodness of the Lord he was much affected. (He is ageing fast, and it is with very real sadness we face the fact that he cannot have many more years to serve). Mr. Kuhrt gave us a very solemn message from Hebrews x. 26: " For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." At the conclusion of this service the special thankoffering was taken. Then the children walked in procession to the bungalow compound (about 15 minutes' walk) waving flags as they went. The rest of the congregation followed and all assembled at the baptistery. Here a most impressive service was conducted, for 14 had gathered that day to make a public confession of their faith in and love to the Lord Jesus. Mr. Kuhrt, who conducted this service, asked some to tell there before the assembled friends how the Lord had brought them to a knowledge of their sinful state and need of a Saviour. What a happy day that was, particularly to me, for among those candidates were eight of our own dear elder girls of the Boarding School. Then, also, there was the mother of another of our girls, who until recently was a Hindu but has been brought to the Lord through the combined witness of the teacher and Bible-woman. My heart was very glad.

The baptising service over, we gathered together for the observance of the Lord's Supper, those who had just confessed Him joining with us for the first time. That was a particularly blessed hour, there was a holy hush upon our spirits, and while indeed our service emphasised the *bodily absence* of our Lord, yet we felt He was verily present with us *in Spirit*.

In the afternoon the children contributed to the day's programme. The girls sang very creditably the *Tamil* translation of an *English* hymn to a *Welsh* tune ! The boys very ably recited the story of Zacchaeus.

Thus closed the day's proceedings. Another milestone has been passed, and our language surely must be, " *The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.*"

" All hail the power of Jesus' Name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him *Lord of all.*"



WAYSIDE PULPIT AT SENDAMANGALAM.

## "CAN ANY MAN FORBID WATER . . . ?"

E. ORCHARD.

WE were sitting in the Chapel here in Namakkal. A group of people far removed from one another in many ways, differing considerably in our approach toward the problems of life, and yet in more ways than one we were united in the very closest of bonds. We all belonged to that great brotherhood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we were one in praise and worship that afternoon because five boys were ready to give their testimony to the saving power of our glorious Lord.

The ordinary business of the Church Meeting having been completed, the Chairman introduced the important business of the afternoon, and the first candidate came in. He was told briefly the reasons for which we asked for his testimony, and then in a subdued but clear voice he hold us how the Lord had revealed Himself to him (see " A Lad's Confession " in this issue). One by one the boys came and each gave clear evidence of a changed life. Several members of the Church asked for reasons and urged the boys to a steady witness for their new Lord and Master. After the boys were formally accepted by the unanimous vote of the Church, the meeting broke up.

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The crowd had gathered early in the afternoon, and were seated in ordered rows under what little shade the trees afforded. In the front rows were the children, and in the very centre an open pool. In the pleasant quietness of that afternoon there

was anticipation and real joy. In the opening notes of the first hymn we praised God for the grace given to these boys, which enabled them to witness for Him in this way. The missionary conducted the service, and each part was taken up in a reverent way by the congregation. It seemed as though each one fully realised that God was there, "and that to bless us." The reading of God's Word and the talk given immediately afterwards led us up to "the outward symbol of an inward change." The five boys one by one went down into the water, and with those familiar words ringing in our ears—"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"—they each received a new name. So in this two-fold way they made known to the world that they who were sometimes far off were made nigh by the blood of Christ. We went away from that service with a mind in which memories and actualities were strangely mingled. Memories of our own time of public profession; of the joy of a Christian father, who had prayed and then had seen the fruit of his prayer. So many memories which still linger and remind, and will remain. Actualities of the present; of boys who have become the only Christians in their families—a heavy responsibility of witnessing without the strengthening joy of like-minded parents, or brothers, or sisters. Actualities of the enervating, darkening power of a heathen village environment. Out of this strangely mingled state two great facts appeared. The first was, the God who had called these boys is greater than all the powers of darkness; and the second was, He is able to keep, and to teach, and to make them real ambassadors for Himself.

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The service was ended. The Benediction, quietly spoken, had finished the first part of our worship on that Sabbath morning. Some were leaving the chapel, and others were taking their places for the second service of remembrance. The five boys were once again there. The rules of the Church were read, and a short talk on the responsibilities and privileges of Church membership followed. Then the boys were received by the right hand of fellowship into the Church. So we remembered Him whose sacrifice at Calvary is still the potent means of eternal life unto all those who sincerely believe in Him. Our glorious Master once said: "Father, . . . I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil." He still prays; therefore we can be happy. We know that although these boys may often come into contact with "the evil," yet they are "kept by the power of God."

## "FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"

MIRIAM E. WILKINS.

THE end of February and the month of March was a very anxious time for us all. The day after our Missionary Conference ended we found a case of dysentery on the compound, soon afterwards another, and another, until practically every house in the compound had someone ill within its walls.



ARALDAS, WHEN 2½ YEARS OLD.

The bungalow kitchen was turned out, and all food for the invalids was made there. Feeds such as arrowroot, albumin water, lime and sago, were given every two hours, medicine following. We found going round the compound to so many different houses so frequently was getting too much, so we turned the boys out of the Boys' Hostel and put all our invalids, except the Pastor's two children, in the Boys' Hostel. The Pastor's house is quite near, so we let them stay in their own home, and their parents were very good looking after them. In this way we were able to give them better attention.

Over 30 on the compound had the dysentery; Lydia's little girl was only ill two days, and she died. It was very virulent during the first two or three weeks. We lost four children at the time and one previously. We believe she was a Hostel child, the other four were children of our Christians. We fought very hard with the little ones, as it went much harder with them than the grown-ups, but it was impossible, some of the best treatment failed.

Araldas was one we lost from the Hostel, a little boy of three and a half years, Servant of Grace. He was brought to us from the plains at two weeks old, said to be the son of a

priest. He was a lovely child, so promising, and loved by all. Just before he was taken ill he learned a little hymn and sang it. It runs like this:—

"I am going the heavenly journey,
Jesus is coming with me,
Jesus, Jesus is coming with me;
I may fearless go, for Jesus is going with me,
Jesus is coming with me, Jesus is coming with me.
I am going to sleep, Jesus is going with me,
Jesus is coming with me, Jesus is coming with me."

Little did we realise he would soon be going the heavenly journey. The last time he spoke, he called each one of the Hostel girls by name and said good-night to them. After that he did not speak, although he lasted several days almost unconscious.

The Hostel children loved him, and it seems impossible that we shall never hear his little voice again outside the bungalow. But now he is among the number who surround the throne, and hears the voice of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Do please pray that there may be blessing out of all this sickness and sorrow. Too, ask the Lord to send us other children to our Hostel. We have lost several lately due to various causes. Just in the last few months, two have gone back to caste with their parents, one has been married, and this little one; so we long for others to fill their places and learn while with us to love the Saviour of the children.

## *THE BAPTIST VOLUNTEER FELLOWSHIP (Part 2)*

Mrs. D. A. THROWER.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—This article continues the story of the splendid work which is being done by a band of Indian young people. Mr. H. A. Huckett (now in charge of the Madras Field) writes very encouragingly about the same work and workers. It is a joy to know of the splendid service which is being rendered by Indian as well as by English Christians].

AYAPAKKAM is almost off the map for us, as it is a very inaccessible place. The Roman Catholics have some influence there. A large number of children gather for the Sunday school in a building which belongs to the Labour Department of Government and is used as a day school during the week. It is a matter for encouragement that this Sunday school is conducted by a cripple lad who studied and learned to know the Lord Jesus in our Poonamallee school, and who is now a member of the Church there. Notwithstanding his crippled state, he tramps (with the aid of a crutch) the mile from his home

to Ayapakkam and back again each Sunday. Moreover the children under his care and instruction have a commendable knowledge of Scripture passages.

KOLADI boasts of its own shed, which is somewhat larger than some. Sunday morning services are conducted there, except on the 3rd Sunday of each month, when the congregation goes to Poonamallee for public worship and communion. On this Sunday they have an evening service at Koladi. A Sunday school is also conducted. A number of boys attend the Poonamallee school from this place. Three of the villagers are Church members. There are a number of enquirers, some of whom are unable or unwilling to conform to Christian standards of living.

At RAGUNATHAPURAM, a small Sunday school for boys is held in the house of one of our Poonamallee day school scholars. It amazes me that the parents of this lad let us have the use of their home in this way. The mother is a bigoted Hindu, but the elder boy has passed through our school and become a Christian. He is now working in the city of Madras.

PADI cannot boast even a shed, but the Sunday school is conducted by one of our Biblewomen on the verandah of a house.

The work described above is all voluntarily done. Some of it is conducted by paid workers of the Mission in their spare time, some by young people who are wanting to witness for the Master although they are still at the learners' stage of the Christian life themselves. A great deal is done by men who work in the city in commercial posts, and use their spare time in this service. The members of the Fellowship themselves provide and control the funds necessary for the maintenance of their work. Four of the villages have their centre in Mannur, and three in Poonamallee. Occasionally, when there is a general holiday, 20-30 young men go camping, divide into several groups, and so reach a number of places in one effort. Apart from these activities and the visits of the Biblewomen, there is no other Protestant witness whatever in these villages.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God once again for the spiritual unity and happy fellowship which mark our work and our workers at home and abroad.

**Let** us give thanks for the blessing that has attended the work of the Indian Bible Institute, and for the use God is making of the students.

## "Helping together by Prayer"

**Let** us continue to bring before the Lord the financial needs of the Mission, at a time when many Churches and individuals are unable to give the same help as in former years.

**Let** us pray for the Baptist Volunteer Fellowship, to which Mrs. Thrower refers in this and last month's issues.

**Let** us ask that God's grace may be given to Pastor Solomon and his co-workers at Sembiam in this time of severe trial and persecution.

## *ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY, 1939*

**MISSIONARY D. A. THROWER.**

2nd, Walsall; 4th, March; 6th, Bedford; 10th, Stamford; 11th, Billinghay; 16th, St. John's Wood; 23rd, New Cross; 24th, Crawley; 26th, Wimbledon; 27th, Richmond; 30th, Guildford.
Address: 37, Sandmere Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

2nd, Wattisham and Naughton; 3rd, New Cross; 16th, Aylesbury; 19th, West Ham; 20th, C. & E.M. Union Meetings, Cottenham; 23rd and 24th, Middlesbrough; 25th, West Hartlepool; 26th, Newcastle; 27th, Sunderland; 30th, Yarmouth.

**OTHER BRETHREN.**

9th, Smarden: Mr. W. K. PUTTNAM.
23rd, Woolwich: Mr. S. E. DENNING.

**MISS MOWLE.**

3rd, Ipswich ("Zoar"); 4th, March; 6th, Stoke Ash; 11th, Bromley; 12th, Hastings; 13th, Potton; 18th, Epsom; 19th, Yateley; 20th. Park Ridings; 25th, Ponders End; 26th, Bexleyheath; 27th, Ramsgate.

**MRS. THROWER.**

4th, Greenwich; 6th, Bedford; 11th, Tollington Park; 12th, Hastings; 26th, Wimbledon.

**MISS POOLE** will be speaking at Dorking on July 4th, and **MISS PUTNAM** at Warboys on July 6th.

## *LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY*

Secretaries and friends are reminded that the contents of L.Z.A. BOXES should be sent in DURING JULY to Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Wayside," Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey. It is important that EVERY BOX should be opened, and it is hoped that all that is needed for the support of the work will be received.

## *GENERAL NOTES*

**Missionary E. A. Booth.**—At the time of writing these notes, we learn that our brother has been taken back to the Nursing Home in which he spent a long period at the beginning of his illness. We do indeed sympathise with the family in their continued anxieties.

**Pastor G. Smith.**—We regret to report that our brother, who was a member of the Mission Council, was called Home on Wednesday, June 7th. The regret is associated with our sense of loss; with him the call means eternal gain.

## General Notes

**Annual Meetings.**—This is just a little note to ask our readers to keep the date free. It is Tuesday, October 24th. Full particulars will, of course, be given later.

**Deficit.**—This is always an unpleasant word to use, and we wish that we did not have to refer to it. As we have explained before, there is always a deficit at this period of the year, which is largely wiped out when the annual contributions are received from the Churches. Through the generosity of our people a better state of affairs can usually be reported at the end of the financial year. We must add, however, that our expenses seem to increase, despite the care which is exercised at home and abroad, and our income does not always keep pace with them. Without going into details, we can say that there is a tendency for the receipts from Churches to diminish, and we have also lost through death several generous supporters. We bring these facts to the notice of our people, and ask them to continue and, if possible, increase the financial help which they have given.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thrower.**—Our friends are busy getting about amongst the Churches. Our reason for referring to them here is that we understand that they are making arrangements to leave their three children in England when they return to India. They have provisionally booked a return passage (together with Miss Mowle) and expect to leave on January 13th, 1940.

**Mrs. Brand.**—Friends will remember that Mrs. Brand has been to Australia for the benefit of her health and has also been visiting our Churches there. By the time this magazine is in print she will be back in India. She writes very happily of the reception with which she met in Australia. Our Churches are small, but their support of the Mission is most enthusiastic and generous.

**Mission Office.**—The General Secretary hopes to be at the Office, 388, St. John Street, on Friday, July 21st, from 5 to 7 p.m.

## THE CHRISTMAS BOXES

THIS time last year, all contributors to the Christmas Boxes were asked to co-operate in the carrying out of a new scheme in the sending out of our gifts.

In consequence of the increasing weight of our Boxes, the cost of carriage, freightage and Customs was becoming heavier each year, and it was proposed that we should send out only garments, needle-books, etc., made in our Sewing Classes, and dressed dolls, but no other toys, (balls, marbles, tops, whistles, etc.), beads, necklaces, needles and cottons, or stationery of any kind. Friends were asked to send along what money they had for these things, that it might be sent out for the purchase of them in India.

Through the hearty co-operation and generosity of contributors, the scheme was a great success. The amount sent on was over £100, and was so ably laid out by Mr. Thrower in Madras, that after Christmas the encouraging news came to us that each Field had had sufficient for its requirements, the supply having been even more adequate than in former years. Also our object concerning the reduction of transit expenses was realised, there being only 19, instead of 24, boxes to be paid for, and these lighter in weight because of the absence of toys, etc.

So, with such success in its first year of trial, the new method is to be adopted (D.v.) in the future, and the "Christmas Gift Fund," now comprising contributions for Medical, Dress-material, Toys and Stationery, is an established thing. (The cost of duty, freight and cartage charges of the boxes will be met also out of this Fund).

Will friends kindly remember that, as last year, contributions towards the Fund should be sent to Miss H. V. Harris, 7, Carlton Hill, St. John's Wood, N.W.8.

All parcels of garments, and dolls, should be addressed to :—
Miss H. V. Harris,
c/o Messrs. Sutton & Co., Ltd.,
Golden Lane, London, E.C.1.

Messrs. Sutton & Co. will collect in the London area on receipt of instructions. Parcels must be sent in between September 4th and 14th.

This notice will be repeated, with fuller details added, nearer the time of sending in.

And "speaking of dolls," please remember that small ones (about 10 inches), with soft bodies and home-dressed, are the most suitable, and best for packing.

# REPORTS OF MEETINGS

### Suffolk and Norfolk Rally.

Once again, through the kindness of the friends at "Bethesda," Ipswich, the Annual S.B.M. Rally was held there on Wednesday, May 17th.

Miss B. L. Mowle addressed a well attended ladies' meeting at 3 p.m., kindly presided over by Mrs. R. French.

Pastor J. W. Randall took the chair at the afternoon service at 4 p.m. At this meeting Missionary D. A. Thrower preached an inspiring sermon, leading us to think of the privileges of the believer and the sad need of the multitudes of S. India.

A happy season of fellowship followed at tea, at which Pastor French, as genial host, called upon a number of visiting ministers to speak.

Then followed the large evening gathering, with Mr. S. W. Anderson in in the Chair, and at which Missionary Thrower, Miss Mowle, Pastor French and the General Secretary spoke.

A considerable number of the Churches were represented, and in many ways the meetings were most encouraging. We are, however, hoping that next year friends in all the Suffolk and Norfolk Churches will endeavour to be present. The date will, God willing, be May 22nd, 1940.

### Leicester and District Meeting.

This first meeting of its character in Leicester was held at "Providence" Chapel, by kind permission, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1939, and proved to be a season of happy and spiritual fellowship in the interests of the Lord's work in India.

An encouraging number of friends assembled from the various S.B. Causes in the city and neighbourhood. Tea was kindly provided by the ladies of "Providence," and both before and after this social fellowship friends displayed keen interest in a small Missionary Exhibition, Missionary Thrower being present to explain the various articles shown.

At the evening meeting, Mr. H. Haddow, from "Zion" Chapel, was in the Chair, and after Scripture reading and prayer by Mr. D. Savage, addresses were given by Missionary D. A. Thrower, Mr. H. G. Dann and the General Secretary.

There were many expressions of appreciation of the meeting, and it is hoped, God willing, to arrange for a similar gathering next year.

### Brentford.

Missionary Sunday (May 21st) was a very happy one. Our Pastor was helped at each service. In the morning he was led to speak from John vi. 5. The God of Purpose, the God of Performance. The evening discourse was based on Luke v. 10 and 11, "They forsook all and followed Him."

We trust that Missionary Sunday will be crowned by some at Brentford being called from nature's darkness into the glorious light and liberty of the Gospel, to the praise and glory of God. The collections amounted to £10 4s. 8d.

# "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

## Gifts received during May, 1939

### General Fund.

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**FOR SALE ON BEHALF OF THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION**

A friend who is interested in our work in India, has again offered to help us by the sale of the following plants, the entire proceeds of which will be given to the Mission. Any friends who wish to assist our work in this way will please send their orders to Mrs. C. GREGG, BRANFOLD, STRENSALL, YORK. *When ordering, please mention Strict Baptist Mission.* PLANTS.—Canterbury Bells and Wallflowers, 1s 6d doz.; Raspberry Canes, Aarons Rod, Campanulas London Pride, Polyanthus, 2d each; Perennial Cornflowers, Large Marguerites, Lupins, Heleniums, Iris, Phlox, 6d each; Rosemary, Flowering Brooms, Lilacs, Crasselas (lovely scent), Oakleaf Geraniums, Hydrangeas, Fuchsias, Oleanders, Myrtles, 9d each.; Small Sunflowers, Michelmas Daisies and Montbretias, 6d doz.; Thrift and Chrysanthemums, 3d each, postage extra.

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"The people which sat in darkness saw great light."

*General Secretary:*
Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, E.12

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# THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

## Lantern Lectures

Some entirely new Lantern Lectures have been prepared by our General Secretary, and Churches, Young People's Societies, Schools, etc., are invited to apply to him.

Please arrange now for the autumn and winter sessions.

## Annual Meetings

The ANNUAL MEETINGS will be held (D.V.) at the **Leysian Mission, City Road,** on **Tuesday, October 24th.** Full particulars next month.

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## REVIVING THE RUBBISH (Nehemiah iv.)

THE word "rubbish" is used in this chapter both by the people of God and by their enemies. "Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish?" asked the enemies in tones of mockery. "There is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall," said the people of Judah in tones of discouragement. Rubbish was the material upon which they worked; rubbish was the hindrance in all their endeavours; rubbish was the subject of Sanballat's derision.

It was an expressive term then, and it is an expressive term now. What is rubbish? It is material that was once useful, but has fallen into decay and disuse. The particular rubbish to which Nehemiah refers consisted of the ruined walls of Jerusalem, which had once been the pride and glory of an earlier generation. From these unpromising heaps God's people were called to make once more a city of habitation.

Are we not all of us workers amidst rubbish? The sad feature of rubbish is that it was once noble and useful. It mocks us and distresses us by its hints of former glory. The heaps of rubbish which were once Jerusalem were a blot on the landscape. They aroused such questions as we find in the Book of Lamentations: "Is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?"

Yes, we are workers amidst rubbish and upon rubbish. We may not use this exact term to describe fallen man, but the Word of God and our own experience unite to tell us that man in his present state is just rubbish, but rubbish containing hints of earlier nobility. Thank God, the transformation of Nehemiah's day is being repeated. The new Jerusalem is being built out of the heaps of rubbish, and saved men and women are the once blackened stones, now cleansed and fitly framed together. The glory and grace of God are magnified in the fact that He uses in His work such unpromising material.

I.—*The Rubbish was the Subject of the Mockery.*

"Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish?" We have heard similar expressions in connection with missionary service. Sanballat's descendants have not changed their tone or their criticism in one single detail. In their view every penny spent on missions is a penny wasted, and every life devoted to this great work is a life thrown away. From a spiritual point of view the people of other lands are just rubbish,

upon whom it is useless to work. Our missionaries, doubtless, could tell of the mingled tones of mockery and pity in which opponents of missions have spoken to them concerning their work.

II.—*The Rubbish was the Cause of the Discouragement.*

" There is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall." How often we have heard such expressions from the lips of God's people! How often we have used them ourselves! After months of almost ceaseless effort, the missionary says: " There is much rubbish." After teaching the Sunday School Class for many Sundays, the discouraged teacher says: " There is much rubbish."

Is there not an indirect comfort in realising that other people have been discouraged before us? The people of Judah spoke thus over two thousand years ago, and there has never been a time when the servants of the Lord have not been faced with this difficulty.

Perhaps some who read these words may be feeling like this now. They are saying concerning their work: " I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nought." Let such men and women understand that they are entering into a sad but sacred fellowship with the saints of God of all generations.

III.—*The Rubbish was the Material of the new City.*

The walls, the houses, the temple which rejoiced the hearts of God's people were very largely made out of the rubbish of the former city. That has ever been the greatest triumph in the work of man, and it is the greatest triumph in the work of the Lord.

If we face our work in the spirit of Nehemiah we shall assuredly see the walls of God's fair city rising above the ruin that sin has made, and some of the fairest stones in those walls will be men and women whom we described as " rubbish."

L. R. G.

# The Other Side

## COTTAGE MEETING

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

NIGHT has settled down on the village, and we have had our evening meal. It is not a moonlight night, so the only sounds which greet our ears as we enter the north-eastern division of Puliampatti are the occasional bark of a

dog and the slap-slap of the preacher's sandal as it springs up and strikes his heel each time he raises his foot. We had decided earlier in the evening which of our Christians' houses we should visit, and the little family is ready for us when we arrive at the cottage. Before entering, I look over the village wall and see on the plains some ten miles away a cluster of bright lights, like a conjunction of planets in an otherwise unilluminated sky. "What village is that?" I ask, and the preacher immediately tells me its name.

We turn to the cottage, and the household dog, which flatters itself that it is guarding its owner's property, is driven, in spite of angry protestations, from the small verandah, and we, bent double, pass under the thatch which is about three feet from the ground, and, still stooping, enter through the doorway, which is about four feet six inches high. We are now in the only room of the house, and the door through which we have come is the only opening in its walls. "Keep stooping, sir, or you will damage your head on the planks which are placed across the beams, and which make an attic under the thatch where baskets and sacks and other property are stored." The hurricane lantern which we have brought with us is placed in the centre of the floor, and affords our only light except for a flicker from the fire. The light from the embers is quite enough for the family, and oil would be an unnecessary expense. I sit cross-legged by the lantern and lean back against two fairly large sacks of grain. This grain has just been reaped, and must feed the family until the next harvest. "Don't the rats come to the grain?" I ask. "They would if we did not keep an eye on them. Also, we have a cat," retorts the householder. While I wonder how he guards the precious grain all night, his wife is seized with a violent fit of coughing and goes outside until it is passed. This woman is probably suffering from tubercular trouble, and we have frequently treated her at our Valavanthi Dispensary, and have given her cod liver oil and malt on several occasions. It is only an attack of influenza that makes her cough like this, her husband tells us. We enquire if any of the children have fever, and he says that they have, and indicates particularly a little boy who is laying down beside him. I have not noticed the boy before, as he is almost entirely covered up by the blanket which his father has thrown round himself and allowed to fall over the child. The little boy is sleeping, as also is another child at the other end of the little room, which is about 13 feet long and 10 feet broad. Two girls are seated with us, so the meeting consists of three men, the mother and two little girls; the two younger children being asleep. Round the walls are piled pots, sacks, wooden implements and other household necessities. We sing,

then read from Genesis vii, and I ask questions, and comment as we read. Quite intelligent answers are given by the father and one of the girls. After various lessons have been drawn from the passage, the householder is asked to pray, and our meeting comes to a close.

## WEEK-END MUSINGS

DORIS A. KUHRT.

DURING the past week-end we have been camping in a village, about six miles from Kovilpatti, which is called Ilaiyarasenendal. When traversing some of its streets, I was amazed to see so many shrines and images. I am told that sometimes a man on his return from a foreign country, or some other far away place, will build a shrine in gratitude to his gods who have, he supposes, preserved him and prospered him. We saw some of the well-known gods, such as Ganesh, the elephant-headed god of foresight and prudence, and Hanuman, the monkey god.

At the present time the villagers are suffering through lack of rain. Many of these people will be worshipping and giving all they can spare to the god Indra, or to lesser local deities who are said to preside over rain, clouds, seasons and crops, and are worshipped, especially at the times of sowing and reaping. How we long for more to know the God of love, who gives abundantly, and most of all for them to come and buy and eat that which is without money and without price, even the gift of God.

Another sad sight in India is the Brahmin widow, who upon becoming a widow is often shunned and cruelly treated by the "in-laws." Her hair is shaven, and she has to divest herself of any ornaments, and exchange her bright sari for a coarse white one. Thus she is known wherever she goes as cursed of the gods, who have taken her husband. People will not like to have her in their presence while dealing in business matters, for she brings "ill-luck." The touch or even the shadow of a widow means pollution to an orthodox Brahmin. She is afraid that the gods will never forgive her, and often bears all these things with dull and fatalistic fortitude. Please pray for these people who worship gods of wood or stone, which neither hear nor answer prayer. Especially pray for India's widows.

During this past week-end we were also amazed to see the carcases of no fewer than three cows brought to the chuklia quarter, which happens to be right opposite the chapel in which we were camping. This chuklia caste is the very lowest, and consequently the only one whose members will touch dead animals. Many of you will know that the cow is treated as a

sacred animal. Arayans used to call it Aghrya = " not to be killed." Because of the many benefits which it bestows, it was, and is still, looked upon as an auspicious creature. So a cow, however old or ill, will not be killed. When it dies, its owner calls some of the Chuklias to take it away. Thus we saw these three animals in the process of being skinned and cut up. The matter of caste will for long be a problem, even among Christians. Please pray that God will cause all men to realise that He looks upon the heart, and is no respecter of persons.

## HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

With the return of our missionaries from their Hill holidays, we can begin to report again upon the activities of the various fields. The following extracts will give some idea of what is going on, but, of course, it takes some time for normal work to be resumed, and several days must be spent in getting things into working order again.

**Madras.**—Mr. H. A. Huckett arrived back in Madras on Wednesday, June 12th, and found plenty to do cleaning up the Mission house after several weeks' absence. White ants had been busy, as usual, while he was away. His letter mentions such things as school correspondence, interviews with workers, week-end camps, marriage problems, study classes, visits to government officials, etc. We cannot give all the details in the magazine, but we insert this brief sketch just to keep before our readers the variety of duties that our missionary friends perform. There seems to be a welcome decrease in the persecution experienced at Sembiam, and mid-week services have been resumed. Mr. Huckett wrote on June 27th, and was expecting Mrs. Huckett, Joyce and John to arrive next day.

**Namakkal.**—Mr. A. J. Morling is back in this place and writes concerning the resumption of work. The school inspector was causing him a good deal of trouble as he wrote. The school accounts, etc., in this and other fields, take up a great deal of time and thought. We shall probably be able to give fuller details next month of the work at Namakkal and Sendamangalam. We have received news that Mr. Orchard has passed his second examination, and would offer him our hearty congratulations. Various circumstances beyond his control have caused alterations from the usual procedure in these matters.

**Kolli Hills.**—A brief letter from Mr. G. F. Champion tells of his return to work in this field. The building of the L.Z.A. rooms continues steadily, and work of a more spiritual character is also going on in the same way. As we have probably said before, work on the hills is very slow in comparison with other fields, and there is not always the same amount of evidence of spiritual results. The workers here need special grace to continue with their service for the Lord.

**Tinnevelly.**—We have no fresh news from this area. Mr. W. H. Kuhrt wrote on the eve of returning from holiday, and told of various anniversary services, etc., that had been held before the holiday commenced. This letter brings before us once again the multiplicity of joys and sorrows, victories and defeats that make up a missionary's life. It is a great joy and help to our brethren and sisters when they can feel that they are upheld by our prayers.



SOUTH INDIAN BEGGARS

## AN APOLOGY

D. MORLING.

A CONVERSATION which I had the other day with a returned S.B.M. missionary brought home to me rather forcibly a remissness of mine. The missionary now returned was talking in England with an old supporter of the S.B.M., when the latter expressed sorrow at the loss the Mission had sustained by Mr. D. Morling's taking up work in the Bible Institute! Well, if there is lack of information in the Home Churches about the Bible Institute, then I am largely responsible. In assuring friends in England that Mr. and Mrs. D. Morling are still in the Strict Baptist Mission, allow me to apologise for neglecting both my English correspondence and the MISSION HERALD.

The Bible Institute is supplying a long-felt need. Though the want had been realised for many years, both in India and in England, it was only about four years ago that the matter was brought to a head through a letter from the Council in London. The chief outcome of long discussions and much prayer on the matter was the opening of the Bible Institute in March, 1938.

It is evident that the Apostle Paul realised the need for the training of Gospel workers, for in his epistles there are many references to the necessity of passing on the Good News to those quite able to teach it to others. In this matter of the training of Pastors and Evangelists, Paul found wherever he went that the Holy Spirit had wonderfully prepared the way

for him. When Paul entered a new city to preach the Gospel, he went straight to the synagogue, and that for two reasons: (1) He felt it his duty to pass on the Evangel first of all to his own countrymen; (2) he knew that if he could win even ever so small a group of the regular synagogue worshippers, whether they were pure Jews or proselytes, he would thereby secure an excellent nucleus for the establishing of a Christian Church. This small group of Jews and proselytes was well acquainted with the Old Testament, with Jehovah worship as seen in regular and well-appointed meetings, and with the wonderful story of God's dealings with His people Israel. This was a liberal, religious education. When such people, taught by the Holy Spirit, found Christ the Messiah of the Old Testament prophecies and the complete fulfilment of the Levitical order, a wonderful light fell on the ancient Scriptures, and they were ready to assist in building up the little home Church, or to go forth into town and hamlet as they did " in Macedonia and Achaia." Add to this the highly significant fact that every Jew sent his son to the synagogue school, and the fact that the aim of Jewish education was the knowledge of God and His law, and you will see that in the dispersion of the Jews we have one of the most wonderful series of providences to be seen in the whole Apostolic Age.

But in S. India, what do we find? We have here, say, a Christian young man who has passed his 8th standard and taken Government training as a teacher. Let us go to his village and converse with his father. The parent is unable to read, and before he became a Christian he knew nothing of Adam, Moses, David or Paul. He has made a superhuman effort to educate his boy, but he himself is ignorant of nearly all the fine Christian traditions in which you and I have been reared. Look at the lad's " home." There is only one room, and the walls are of unplastered mud, hence not whitewashed. As you peep inside, unless you are careful to stand away from the doorway, you will be unable to discover anything. But look round more closely. True, the lad has taken his 8th standard, but most probably you will find no little library, not even an old deal shelf, unless he has been engaged as a mission worker. Goats roam in and out of this one room, in which all domestic duties must be performed!

Ah! the blessing of a Christian *home* (not hut)! Oh, the sanctity, the blessing of a Christian home where the Good Book is brought out and read to mother and child, where morning and evening prayers are offered for the family and the Church, where there are at least two or three little books of spiritual meditation—yes, and a dictionary and perhaps a weekly newspaper and some intelligent, uplifting, spiritual conversation.

## An Apology

Do you reply that our Christians should not be, and need not be, living in such hovels as I have indicated? But think of their abject, gnawing, grinding poverty. The old man made immense sacrifices for his boy to pass the 8th standard.

No, it is not only the schooling, the passing of examinations, that is needed. We want and need sorely the Christian *home*, the home that means something of Christian tradition, Scripture exposition and culture.

We have not here in S. Indian villages the wonderful training ground found before in the synagogue of the Dispersion; nevertheless, we must commit the blessed Gospel to "faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." Only so can we build up a truly Indian Church.

Next month I hope to say something of what we teach in the Mission Bible Institute.



MADRAS: YOUNG MEN'S HOSTEL AND READING ROOM

## *A VISIT TO A GOLD MINE (I)*

D. A. THROWER.

THE Mysore Gold Mining Company is the largest of its kind in India. The mine is situated at the Kolar Gold Field, some 40 miles from the city of Bangalore. It is said that the Company's monthly turnover is about £40,000, every ounce of the gold produced being bought by the Government of India. The mine has eleven main shafts piercing the earth to a depth of about a mile. From this level a number of auxiliary shafts, some vertical and others sloping, descend some three-quarters of

a mile further, so that the deepest parts of the immense subterranean works are 9,300 feet below the surface. At various depths (or " levels ") there are landing stages, and tunnels running in every direction, tapping the resources of mother earth.

A short time ago Mrs. Thrower and I had the privilege of visiting this mine. We spent several hours admiring the wonderful machinery and the amazing skill with which man endeavours to extract the uttermost grain of the precious metal from the gigantic rock seams in which it lies buried. A full hour was occupied by a visit to the galleries, works and shafts at a depth of 5,100 feet. Among the many interesting things which we saw while we were a mile below the surface of the earth was a telephone exchange making connection with all parts of this and of neighbouring mines.

We much desired to secure a souvenir; several times we angled for a piece of rock, but we were told that there was " nothing doing " in that matter, not a particle of rock, or any other substance from " underground " being allowed off the premises ! However, I brought away an excellent memento in the shape of a queer basket hat such as are worn by the men down the mine to protect their heads from falling pieces of rock.

We were shown the various processes by which the gold is obtained. First the rock is blasted, and the resulting pieces, large and small, are loaded into trucks and hauled to the surface. At the shaft-head the trucks are coupled to an engine and taken to the mill. On arrival at the mill each truck-load is weighed The largest pieces of rock are then removed until they have been reduced to a manageable size. The remainder is hoisted to the top of the building and then passed through a crusher something like a nut-cracker. This reduces the gold-bearing quartz to pieces the size of large pebbles. The pebbles next pass under the stamps. Each stamp (and there are 30 or more of them) is a steel pillar 11 feet long and six inches in diameter, and weighs half a ton. The stamps crush the quartz until it will pass through a wire mesh with nine holes to a square inch. The noise inside the mill is so great that the workers have to protect their ears with wads of cotton wool. The powdered quartz is then mixed with water and again crushed, until it will pass through a sieve with 64 holes to the inch. After that, the many devices used for extracting the gold dust from the muddy liquid are all dictated by the simple fact that gold is the heaviest metal passing through the machines. The labour and expense that are put into this work are enormous, but the gold is so valuable that it yields a rich reward to those who extract it in its pure state. " The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold."

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for the very real interest that is being stirred in the Mission by the deputation visits of our friends on furlough.

**Let** us give thanks for the willingness and earnestness with which our missionaries in India have returned to their arduous labours after the necessary and welcome respite of the holiday season.

**Let** us pray for the L.Z.A. Secretary and Committee in the new problems that seem to be rising so frequently in their work.

**Let** us ask the Lord to raise up others to fill the gaps in the ranks.

**Let** us pray for Miss M. L. Peters (after reading the news in this magazine) that the Lord may make the way very clear before her feet.

**Let** us pray to the God of Elijah that as the brooks of some sources of financial supply dry up He may show to us the next place of provision.

## THE CHRISTMAS BOXES

*(Reprinted from July issue).*

THIS time last year, all contributors to the Christmas Boxes were asked to co-operate in the carrying out of a new scheme in the sending out of our gifts.

In consequence of the increasing weight of our Boxes, the cost of carriage, freightage and Customs was becoming heavier each year, and it was proposed that we should send out only garments, needle-books, etc., made in our Sewing Classes, and dressed dolls, but no other toys, (balls, marbles, tops, whistles, etc.), beads, necklaces, needles and cottons, or stationery of any kind. Friends were asked to send along what money they had for these things, that it might be sent out for the purchase of them in India.

Through the hearty co-operation and generosity of contributors, the scheme was a great success. The amount sent on was over £100, and was so ably laid out by Mr. Thrower in Madras, that after Christmas the encouraging news came to us that each Field had had sufficient for its requirements.

So, with such success in its first year of trial, the new method is to be adopted (D.v.) in the future, and the "Christmas Gift Fund," now comprising contributions for Medical, Dress-material, Toys and Stationery, is an established thing. (The cost of duty, freight and cartage charges of the boxes will be met also out of this Fund).

Will friends kindly remember that, as last year, contributions towards the Fund should be sent to Miss H. V. Harris, 7, Carlton Hill, St. John's Wood, N.W.8.

All parcels of garments, and dolls, should be addressed to :—

Miss H. V. Harris,
c/o Messrs. Sutton & Co., Ltd.,
Golden Lane, London, E.C.1.

Messrs. Sutton & Co. will collect in the London area on receipt of instructions. Parcels must be sent in between September 4th and 14th.

And "speaking of dolls," please remember that small ones (about 10 inches), with soft bodies and home-dressed, are the most suitable, and best for packing.

# "THESE DWELT WITH THE KING FOR HIS WORK."

MRS. E. C. BRAND.

JUST back from a wonderful tour among our sister Churches in Australia one feels one should at once try to record impressions received and friendships formed in that hospitable country. That group of patient friends who waited and waited on the cheerless harbour side for the landing of the passengers at Melbourne; then when they had greeted us on board and given the heartiest of welcomes, the little circle we formed on deck, sitting and discussing the programme they had arranged. It included lovely drives into the surrounding country—the beauty of those extensive hilly landscapes is still vividly with me. It included also happy gatherings at our friends' houses. The first evening at Mr. and Mrs. Flitton's home, where we were able to introduce the subject of our work by means of photo snaps handed round and commented upon in friendly fashion.

' The generosity of the entertainments and the fellowship in each of the homes we visited warmed our hearts indeed, and helped us to realise the real interest that all are taking in the work of the Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Burgdorf and Mr. Seeger gave us similar opportunities of discovering how our dear Australian friends can entertain and welcome one as part of the family.

Pastor Seeger presided at the first public meeting at Ebenezer Chapel, Collingwood, expressing on behalf of all kind words of welcome. Eager attention was given while I tried to tell what the Lord is doing by us in India.

At Hope Chapel, Prahan, the next day, our brother Adams took charge of the meeting. Here, too, much interest was shown, and one felt at home among God's praying people. Both the Churches have fine and well-equipped chapels.

One would have loved to have met the Geelong friends, but at the present time they, being without a pastor, felt themselves unable to arrange a suitable meeting.

My sister, who had come down to Melbourne to meet me, and who had accompanied me to all the meetings, took me on to Sydney, where we were entertained in Mr. and Mrs. Miller's hospitable home. Pastor Murgatroyd, late of Haworth, came to welcome us that evening and talk over the programme they, too, had planned.

On Sunday Mrs. Miller drove us to the beautiful Belvoir Chapel, where we spent the whole day among the loving and kind brothers and sisters of the Church. Pastor Murgatroyd opened the service with an appropriate message—the last words of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world," etc. I, following on, tried to show how we in India were attempting, with His help, to carry out this great commission.

That afternoon my sister and I had the privilege of addressing the Sunday School children, she, too, having seen the work on the Kolli Hills when she came to me in India. In the evening another opportunity was given to me to speak of God's dealings with us in answered prayer, and in calling out His people on those Hills.

It was a very happy day, with time for mutual and individual communion with each other at the homely mid-day meal, a walk with the young people in the park, and, to complete the picture, a quiet gathering around the Lord's Table at night.

Next day we gathered at Mr. and Miss Grice's home for a social meal with other friends, who were interested in our photo snaps, and then later we all went off to a ladies' meeting at Mrs. H. Grice's, where, a good company having arrived, a letter from Miss Green was read, and I was able to point out the important prayer subjects, which later we brought before the Lord. We had a lovely helpful time, and then talked over things while tea was being served.

From here we went on to Mr. and Mrs. O. Evans' home, where we were once more made sure of the true friendliness existing between us. Later on they conducted us to their Ryde Chapel. A warm, hearty welcome and a

happy meeting, with eager young faces among our older friends, has left glad memories in our hearts.

(*To be continued*).

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1939

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

27th, Bradenstoke; 31st, Streatham.

**PASTOR W. CHISNALL.**

13th, Swindon.

## LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

THE L.Z.A. QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING will (D.v.) be held in the Lower Classroom behind Chadwell Street Chapel (entrance in Arlington Way), on TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH, at 7.30 P.M., when MRS. SILVESTER will preside and Miss Poole will give a short address. Athough many may be on holiday, yet it is hoped that a large number of lady friends will be present to seek the Throne of Grace for the many needs of the L.Z.A. Please make a special effort.

## GENERAL NOTES

**"Pray ye therefore."**—Other pages in this magazine will tell of the mysteries of Providence in connection with some of the L.Z.A. workers. Ill-health has caused the retirement from the Mission of Miss I. G. Hazel and Miss Putnam and has delayed the return of Miss Poole. Now we have news in this issue concerning Miss M. L. Peters, who had applied for missionary service. There is a great need for fresh workers, and we appeal to all our readers to make this a matter of prayer.

**Miss Putnam.**—Friends will be interested to hear that Miss Putnam is expecting shortly to return to India to work on the Nilgiri Hills in conjunction with Mr. and Mrs. Watts, who are serving the Sunday School Union there. It is believed that she will be able to work in the cooler atmosphere of the hills, and we would wish her God's richest blessing in her new sphere of service.

**Mr. E. A. Booth.**—We can only say once again that our dear friend is very seriously ill in the nursing home. He is quite helpless, and we believe also that he is unable to speak. The mental strain upon his dear ones must be very great, and again we ask our readers to remember them in prayer.

**Miss A. M. Poole.**—Various circumstances make it impossible for us to give definite news concerning Miss Poole's return to India. Provisional arrangements have been made for a Farewell Meeting to be held at "Bethesda," Ipswich, on Thursday, September 7th, and for her to return to India a few days later, and we hope it will be possible for this plan to be carried out, but at the moment the doctor's final decision has not been given. We hope to write more definitely in the September issue.

**September Issue.**—The Editor would be most grateful if the material for this magazine could be sent as soon as possible, so as to relieve the holiday of unnecessary labour. Proofs have to be corrected on holiday, but it is a great help if printer's copy can be sent in beforehand.

**Miss Monica Harris.**—We would just keep the name of this friend before our people. She is engaged in language study at Madras, and expects to sit for her first Tamil examination in November. Please pray for her.

## MISS M. L. PETERS

We very much regret to announce that after Miss Peters was accepted as a prospective L.Z.A. missionary by the S.B.M. Council, it became necessary again to consult the Mission doctor, who has now advised against Miss Peters' living and working on the *plains* of India. This inevitably precludes her from participating in the work of the Strict Baptist Mission, and we earnestly pray that the Lord may reveal whom He will send to fill up the two vacancies in the L.Z.A. Staff. " Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

" Lord, I know a work is waiting
For each ransomed child of Thine,
Lo, I come in faith beseeching,
Show me mine.

Whatsoever Thou appointest,
Be the service great or small,
Give me grace to rise and do it,
At Thy call."

The L.Z.A. Secretary, 16, Claremont Close, London, N.1, will be glad to hear from any sister who has the necessary qualifications and who feels compelled by the Holy Spirit to offer herself for service in South India.

## REPORT OF MEETING

**L.Z.A. District Meeting.**

Through the goodness of God and the kindness of Miss A. E. Rowell, with her willing helpers, a very pleasant and profitable Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary Missionary Garden Party was held at "The Home Close," Bury, Huntingdon, on June 15th, 1939, when very many of the surrounding Churches were represented.

Though the weather was not quite suitable for holding the tea and meeting in the beautiful gardens, accommodation was willingly made in the home. After a liberal tea, Miss Rowell, whose keen devotion to the S.B.M. is always manifest, presided over the evening meeting, at which over 100 friends listened with deep interest as Miss B. L. Mowle graphically described some of the work the Lord was enabling our missionaries to accomplish in India, thus forcefully and wonderfully illustrating the text : " Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts " (Zech. iv. 6), and, " For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world," etc. (Eph. vi. 12).

Mrs. Benstead presided at the organ, and Pastors S. Wilkins, B. Mutimer, G. W. Bourne and C. B. Morton, also took part. The meeting closed with deep enthusiastic feeling as the friends joined in the glorious old hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun." The proceeds, for the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary, amounted to £7 13s. 0d.

## "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

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A friend who is interested in our work in India, has again offered to help us by the sale of the following plants, the entire proceeds of which will be given to the Mission. Any friends who wish to assist our work in this way will please send their orders to Mrs. C. GREGG, BRANFOLD, STRENSALL, YORK. *When ordering, please mention Strict Baptist Mission.* PLANTS.—Canterbury Bells and Wallflowers, 1s 6d doz.; Raspberry Canes, Aarons Rod, Campanulas London Pride, Polyanthus, 2d each; Perennial Cornflowers, Large Marguerites, Lupins, Heleniums, Iris, Phlox, 6d each; Rosemary, Flowering Brooms, Lilacs, Crasselas (lovely scent), Oakleaf Geraniums, Hydrangeas, Fuchsias, Oleanders, Myrtles, 9d each.: Small Sunflowers, Michelmas Daisies and Montbretias, 6d doz.; Thrift and Chrysanthemums, 3d each, postage extra.

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# THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

# "RAYS FROM THE EAST"

## ANNUAL MEETING

**on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, at 3.30 p.m.**

**Mount Zion Chapel, St. John's Wood Road, N.W.**

Chairman: - - - Pastor T. Reynolds
Speakers: Missionaries D. A. Thrower & Miss B. Mowle

All children are welcome. We hope that you will bring a party from your Sunday School.

## S.E. LONDON UNITED MISSIONARY RALLY

at

**ZION CHAPEL, NEW CROSS ROAD, S.E.**

**on Tuesday, September 19th, at 7.0. p.m.**

Chairman: Pastor R. Robinson (President S.B.M.)
Speakers: Missionary D. A. Thrower, Mrs. Thrower and Pastor S. G. Purkiss.

## THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

will (D.V.) be held at

**THE LEYSIAN MISSION, CITY ROAD,**

**on Tuesday, October 24th.**

Service at 3.30—Preacher: Pastor C. B. Morton.
Evening Meeting 6.15—Speakers: Missionary D. A. Thrower and Pastor E. F. Kevan, B.D.

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## *"SO DID NOT I" (Nehemiah v. 15)*

A TRUE child of God is manifested by negative as well as by positive signs. There are certain things that he will refuse to do, as well as certain things that he will determine to do. In fact, each negative implies a positive, and each positive a negative. By our refusal to do one thing we hint at our resolve to do another, and by our determination to do one thing we suggest our refusal to do another.

As a rule, the negative aspect of our life is not so impressive as the positive, but it is equally important in the building up of character and the witnessing to His glory. "Blessed is the man that walketh *not*" is given as one of the evidences of a godly life.

Nehemiah, surely one of the most transparently honest men who ever lived, gives in his inimitable way this indication of his great determination to do what was right: "So did not I." That is to say, there were certain things that he refused to do, so that by negative as well as by positive means he might live to the glory of God. The things that he refused to do were not altogether wrong, but they might have caused misunderstanding and criticism. He was governed by the principle afterwards enunciated by the Apostle Paul: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient."

It would not be right, neither is it necessary, to leave this chapter out of our series of brief studies in this book, and it may even be needful for us to ask ourselves whether there are ways in which we ought to follow more closely the example of Nehemiah. By his refusal to do and accept certain things, he removed all possible grounds of criticism from those who would fain have discovered some flaw in his character.

"So did not I." What were the things that Nehemiah refused to do? In brief, he refused to claim the full rights and privileges of his position as governor of Jerusalem. It is interesting to note that previous governors had received them, and Nehemiah does not condemn them for so doing. Those former governors had taken from the people bread and wine and forty pieces of silver, all doubtless their legal right. With such a condition of poverty and distress around him, however, Nehemiah refuses to receive his due, and his refusal is recorded in this expressive phrase: "So did not I."

Now it would be foolish, or rather impossible, to make any

detailed application of this principle in this message. Each servant of God must decide the question for himself or herself. Nevertheless, are there not times when to insist upon our rights would be to do harm to the cause of God? How much damage has been done in the Church by those who have never learned the sweetness and value of this beautiful self-renunciation!

Even as the writer was preparing this simple message, an illustration of this was conveyed to him by the repetition of a conversation which had just taken place. Two persons had been discussing a little point of legal responsibility on a certain household matter, when one said: "There is a law on the subject, but the best law is the law of friendship." If that is true of the relationships between men and women in daily life, surely it is true in the service of the Lord.

"Sweetly may we all agree,
Touched with softest sympathy;
There is neither bond nor free,
Great nor servile, Lord, in Thee."

L. R. G.

# The Other Side

## VILLAGES

AMY M. POOLE.

INDIA to-day has a population of 352,000,000, the great majority of the people living in small villages that number about 670,000. I propose writing a little about one of these villages only, but it may be taken as fairly typical of many.

Paniadipatti (the village at the foot of the palmyra tree) is in the Ramnad district, about seven miles from the railway station of Sattur, three miles from a post office, 350 miles from Madras and 205 miles from Namakkal. It is known as the "Mother Village" to other yet smaller villages, but even so, no Government official lives in it. The Government official lives in the next village. There are no proper roads for some distance, but just cart tracks, suitable only for travel in the bullock-cart. Although we are only seven miles from the station, the journey takes us about 3—3½ hours by the bandy, and almost as long by bus, because first of all part of the way must be accomplished either by walking or in the bandy.

There is one main street, and several others of more or less importance. The houses are of different shapes and sizes,

varying from a mud hut with a thatched roof, of only one room, to a well-built house of stone and mud or cement, with several rooms. Few, if any, of these houses boast a garden, but some of the better houses have a court-yard. Ventilation is not thought much of, for in a great number of houses there are no windows and the doorways are very low. Cooking is done on a mud oven, and as there is no chimney by which smoke may escape, the smokiness and stuffiness produces an atmosphere that is not exhilarating. Apart from cooking utensils, plates and drinking vessels, furniture is practically nil, except for an occasional chair, bed or table seen in some of the better houses. When visiting in these houses, we mostly sit on the floor on a sack or straw mat.

In the main street of Paniadipatti is our chapel building, the school and teacher's house; opposite to the chapel is an oil-press whose monotonous squeak often disturbs the services. The pastor's house is also in the main street. Of shops there are but few, and one can only get sugar or matches in these, so that for our own stores we send to Madras, Bombay, Bangalore and Kotagiri. Of course, grains, curry stuffs, and most things needed by an Indian household, can be purchased even in these very small shops, but a great number of the people go to the " Post Office Village " for their supplies.

Our own compound is about three-quarters of a mile from the actual village, and here there are quite a number of buildings, including the bungalow, hostel and dispensary, and a row of workers' houses. Climate is dry and supposed to be very healthy, with a temperature ranging from 86—106 in the " hottest " season and down to 74 during the " hot " rainy season. From June to the end of August there are hot, scorching winds, then comes the dreadful month of September, hotter, dry and still, like a great calm before the rains commence, usually in October, about the 15th of the month.

The inhabitants are of Naidu, Nada, Shepherd, Maravar and Adidravida castes. All are very friendly toward us, though often quarrelsome among themselves, as frequent fires, uprooting of crops, and thefts reveal. Their chief occupation is agricultural. The soil is sandy, or of the black, cotton-growing type. The people plant cotton, tobacco, ground nuts, various Indian grain, such as kumbu, cholam, ragi, vegetables, and the different curry stuffs, *i.e.*, dhall, garlic, onions, chillies, etc. Rice itself is grown farther afield where there is more water. Cattle is cared for by the Shepherd caste.

The chief water supply is from wells. There is a large tank, but this is mostly dry after the rainy season is over. There is another small tank just outside the village at the foot of a small, rocky hill. At the summit of this hill stands a temple to

Perumal. This hill is a favourite spot with us, for from it can be seen the most glorious sunsets I have ever seen—one of the compensations for living in what has been termed " the back of beyond."

(NOTE BY EDITOR.—The foregoing article was kindly written by Miss Poole at a time when, owing to various circumstances, there was a temporary shortage of material from our missionaries in India. We have left her article just as she wrote it, but would explain that at the time of writing she was on extended furlough from India. In view of the fact stated in this issue that, for health reasons, Miss Poole will be unable to return to India, we feel that this message from her pen is of peculiar, and almost pathetic interest).



A ROADSIDE " BAZAAR."

## *A VISIT TO A GOLD MINE (2)*

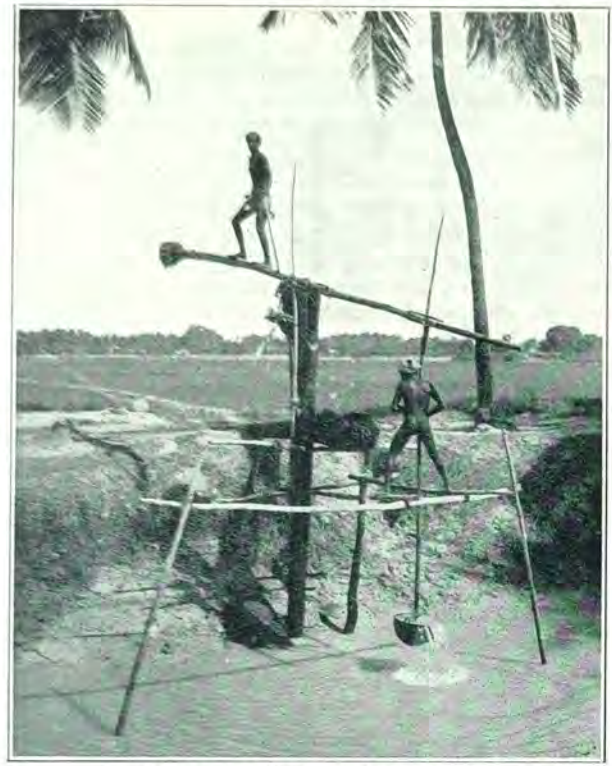
D. A. THROWER.

GOLD-MINING is a dangerous and difficult undertaking. The mine is a most complicated affair, and the surface works are many and varied in nature. Of the enormous sums expended in connection with a mine, much the largest charge is that incurred on account of *ventilation*.

A large machine known as a compressor, draws in the outside air, compresses it, and forces it into the circulatory system of the underground works. The tunnels, which aggregate many miles in length, and extend to a depth of one and three-quarter miles below the surface, are all ventilated by this compressed air. The latter also provides the driving power for the " jumpers " or drills that are used in blasting operations.

Next in importance, and in expense, to the provision of ventilation come the many *safety appliances* and devices. A large room filled with models and drawings is devoted to the instruction of the workers in matters of safety and first-aid. Yet, in spite of all the care taken, accidents still occur. The most prolific cause of fatalities is the carelessness with which men step into and out of the cages, so that frequently a man falls down a shaft. Needless to say, in such a case, the man is dead long ere he reaches the bottom of the mine. Elaborate precautions are taken against *fire*, and many men are employed looking for any materials lying about that would be easily ignited. In the event of fire breaking out, the warning is conveyed throughout the mine in the following novel manner. The person who discovers the fire telephones to the watchman at the pit-head. He at once breaks a bottle of eucalyptus oil and pours its contents into the air pipes. The fumes go down to the first level of workings, where one of the men picks up the scent and pours a second bottleful of eucalyptus oil into the pipes. This is repeated at each level, until the smell of eucalyptus fills the mine. Every man " below " knows that as soon as he smells eucalyptus he is to make for the shaft and ring for a cage! In a well-managed mine fires rarely occur, but a terrible danger, which may show itself at any moment, is that of *air blasts*. Unfortunately, it is not possible to tell when or where an air blast may happen, and therefore nothing can be done to prevent or to deal with them satisfactorily. The cause also is unknown. But this mysterious and sudden danger is a most serious one. At some part of the mine—and it seems that air blasts occur most frequently where the gold is found in the largest quantities—a terrific explosion occurs, wrecks the tunnels, and kills any men who happen to be working at the spot at the time. Careless laying of mines for blasting the rock occasionally leads to a fatal *backfire*. There is also the danger that arises from falling pieces of rock, but this is minimised by making the workers wear strong cane basket-hats.

These few notes indicate some of the cost which makes gold so precious.



PRIMITIVE FORM OF IRRIGATION.

## BIBLE INSTITUTE SUBJECTS

### BIBLE INTRODUCTION.

D. MORLING.

WE have said on a previous occasion that when the Strict Baptist Mission decided to establish an Institute for the training of workers, they determined that it must be in very deed a *Bible* Institute. One of the chief studies that goes for the understanding of the Scriptures is a good Introduction to the Bible.

How we got the Bible has always been a fascinating subject; far more interesting than how Mohammedans got the Koran. There is neither sense nor credibility in the story that Mohammed received it straight from heaven, already written and bound! That the Word is the Word of *God* is evidenced

on every page, but we do well to remember that the Bible was not only written for man; it was written by man.

We have here 66 books written by no fewer than 44 writers. One author writes his portion 1500 years before Christ, and another about 90 years after Christ. If a book written in the time of Henry VIII. is hardly understandable to the ordinary reader to-day, then with what care and prayerfulness we should study books written over a period of 1600 years! Then, again, in this great library one writer is a shepherd, another a king; one is a herdsman, another a Prime Minister; one a Jew, another a Gentile; one a scholar, another a fisherman. This man wrote in the wilds of the desert, that man in the palace of a king; one was in a Roman dungeon, while another was in the free open spaces of Judea. In interpreting any one book, we do well to study its author, his aim and his circumstances.

The different forms in which these books are written demand attention. One is in prose, another poetry. We have biography, history, laws, letters. Again, the *language* compels close study, for this library abounds with thousands of metaphors, similes and parables, which allude to the manners and customs of time and place. " Shade " in England will indicate sorrow and trouble, but to the man writing from the Sinaitic desert it will mean comfort and relief from oppression, as it does in India. The delightful metaphor used in Prov. xxi. 1, about turning the king's heart, cannot be understood by those unacquainted with the details of irrigation. It is plain to Egypt, but enigmatical to England and Arabia. Before the division of the Israelitish kingdom, " going to Bethel " meant going to the place of communion with Jehovah; after the treachery of Jeroboam it indicated religious whoredom.

In recent months we have heard much of the modern Jew. Do Christians to-day remember the incalculable debt we all owe to the ancient Jewish people? The Holy Spirit made them the keepers of the Old Testament: "unto them were committed the oracles of God," and it is no exaggeration to say that no race was ever so scrupulously faithful in carrying out a divinely appointed task as was the Jew in transmitting to following generations the sacred text of God's Word. I shall not easily forget the thrill I experienced when I first read the details of the splendid work of the Copying Guilds in Tiberias and Babylon —of their bathing before writing the sacred name, of their hundred devices for checking the exactness of their copying, and of their publicly and reverently burying the old rolls which could no longer safely be used. Add to this the fact that for long centuries Jews, Samaritans, Christians and Mohammedans have all been watching each other with jealous eye in the guarding of the most controverted part of the Bible—the Penta-

teuch—and it certainly would not seem that there has been much room for the introduction of spurious writings! In the fascinating story of the transmission of the sacred text, we have a striking revelation of Divine providence.

What can we say of the many other subjects under "Introduction"—Canon, Apocrypha, Plenary Inspiration, Rules of Interpretation? Unfortunately, we have nothing in Tamil available on this important study, so we have been obliged to prepare long series of lectures, in which, I am glad to say, our students have shown much interest.

## *HERE AND THERE*

D. MORLING.

TEN days ago one of the Bible Institute students was suddenly taken ill during morning lectures. We were very glad to see him back in his old place this morning, and pray earnestly there will be no return of the trouble.

In the Tinnevelly Field we generally suffer from constant and boisterous winds from June to September, but this year they are exceptionally severe. For three days last week they were accompanied by dense clouds of red dust which completely covered the floors, much of the furniture, and found its way into every cranny and cupboard of the bungalow.

For the third year in succession we are suffering from great scarcity of rain. Just over the top of the long range of mountains on our west the S.W. monsoon is in full action, pouring down several inches of rain in as many hours, destroying crops with the heavy floods. Immediately on the lea side of those heights we here suffer drought and dust-storms. Our sympathy goes out to many of our Church members who have left the neighbourhood through farming coming to a standstill.

We have not seen Mrs. Brand since her return from Australia, but we hear she is much benefited from the change. We are sure that in the Churches she has visited mission interest has been revived.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the L.Z.A. Committee in the severe losses they have suffered through various lady missionaries being unable to return as missionaries to India. Two and a half years ago Miss Putnam was prevented; then Miss I. G. Hazel; now we hear that Miss Peters is unable to come. May the Lord raise up others to take the place of those who, through ill-health, have been obliged to leave much-loved tasks, and may He grant guidance and comfort to those who have been disappointed through doctors' decisions.

(NOTE BY EDITOR.—Perhaps it will be as well to explain that this article was written in July).

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for our President, who this month completes twenty-one years of service at Chadwell Street.

**Let** us offer praise and prayer for many other workers in the Homeland, who on the Council or L.Z.A. Executive, or in other ways, render such invaluable service.

**Let** us, in these closing weeks of the financial year, ask the Lord to supply our material needs.

**Let** us continue to pray very earnestly that special guidance may be given to the L.Z.A. Executive, and that the needed workers may be thrust forth by the Lord.

**Let** us still endeavour to pray for our missionary brethren and sisters by name, and thus increase our personal interest in their joys and sorrows.

## GENERAL NOTES

**Mission Office.**—The Secretary hopes to be at the Office of the S.B.M. (388, St. John Street) on Friday, September 29th, from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**Financial Year.**—We would remind our readers that the Financial Year closes on September 20th, and we would be grateful if all moneys could be sent in before that date.

**Miss A. M. Poole.**—All our readers will be very sorry to learn from the announcement made in this issue that, for health reasons, Miss Poole will be unable to return to India. We commend her and the L.Z.A. Executive to the grace of God. It will be understood, therefore, that the provisional arrangements for a farewell service at "Bethesda," Ipswich, will now be cancelled. Let all these strange and sorrowful events drive us to more earnest prayer.

**Araldas.**—The July issue contained a photograph of this Kolli Hill child, and an account of the illness and death of several other children during the March epidemic. A last-minute change in the photograph seems to have caused one line of type to have been omitted, and the sentence is therefore rather vague. In case any interested friends were puzzled by it, we will give it as it should have read: "We lost four children at the time, and one previously. We believe she was one of the first cases, but at the time not diagnosed. Out of the five children the Lord took from our midst only one was a Hostel child (Araldas), the other four were children of our Christians."

## REPORTS OF MEETINGS

**Cambs. and East Midlands Union.**

The Quarterly L.Z.A. Prayer Meeting of the Branches in the Cambs. and East Midlands Union was held at Warboys on Thursday, July 6th. Representatives from Over and Chatteris met with those at Warboys, and a very helpful time was spent. Mrs. Bourne presided. After a season of prayer on behalf of the work in India, we were privileged to listen to an

address by Miss Putnam. Her subject was "Vision," and our need of it for effective witness and warfare. It was a searching message, which went home to the hearts of those who heard it. A happy time of fellowship followed at the tea-table, and an expression of thanks was passed to our Warboys friends for their cordial welcome and hospitality.

**March.**—A Garden Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Green kindly lent their garden for this purpose. The Chair was taken by Mrs. Kimber, and Mr. Thrower and Miss Mowle were the speakers. Tea was served on the lawn, after which useful articles were sold from the stall. Outdoor games were also enjoyed. The amount raised was £4 7s. 4d., sent to Mrs. Anderson for the L.Z.A. work, and £4 7s. 0d., sent to Mr. Thorpe for the General Fund. We had a fine day.

**Crawley.**—A most interesting meeting was held on behalf of the Strict Baptist Mission on Monday, July 24th, at "Bethel" Chapel, Crawley, when Mr. J. T. Walder, of Haywards Heath, presided over a well-attended gathering. In introducing Mr. D. A. Thrower, he referred to the fact that he had experienced 17 years in India, thus paving the way for close attention to the missionary's address. Mr. Thrower based his opening remarks on the impressions made and lessons learned through visiting a gold mine at Kolar, India, to which reference is made in the August issue of the MISSION HERALD. Among other things worthy of note, Mr. Thrower stressed the need of relying on God's promises, giving examples of special instances of His faithfulness, thereby encouraging his hearers to trust God's Word. We were also asked to remember in prayer one who feels unable to break off heathen traditions to follow the Lord.

> "Can we, whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high;
> Can we to men benighted the Lamp of Life deny?"

The collection taken for the Mission was £2 2s. 3½d.—A.M.

## S.B.M. MISSIONARIES AND THEIR STATIONS

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MR. & MRS. D. A. THROWER. MISS B. L. MOWLE.
On Furlough—1939.

## THE CHRISTMAS BOXES

Contributors will have read in the July and August HERALDS information concerning the adoption of the new method, tried last year, in the sending out of our gifts.

It only remains to give a few details with regard to the parcels, etc., to be sent in for packing. Please note that :—

1.—All parcels should be sent to Miss H. V. Harris, c/o Messrs. Sutton & Co., Ltd., Golden Lane, London, E.C.1.

2.—Messrs. Sutton & Co. will collect in the London area on receipt of instructions.

3.—Each parcel should be carriage paid, and a stamped and addressed P.C. (for acknowledgment of receipt) should be enclosed; also a card bearing the name of contributing Church, School, Working Band or individual, for the HERALD list.

4.—All contributions towards the Christmas Gift Fund should be posted to Miss H. V. Harris, 7, Carlton Hill, St. John's Wood, N.W.8.

HOPE V. HARRIS.

## MISS A. M. POOLE

It is with very great regret that we have to announce another vacancy on the L.Z.A. Staff, due to the resignation of Miss A. M. Poole. Miss Poole has bravely faced the trying climatic conditions of South India during two terms of service, and, as friends know, during her furlough has had periods of ill-health, which now make her feel unequal to the strain of returning to her work at Paniadipatti. The Mission Doctor's opinion confirms this view. The loss to the L.Z.A. will be keenly felt, for Miss Poole's work at Paniadipatti, especially among the Hostel girls, was greatly valued. We extend to her our heartfelt sympathy, thanking her for her past services, which God has greatly blessed. We pray that her health may be fully restored, that God's grace and comfort may abound at the present time to us all, and that Miss Poole may be guided in the days that are to come. Will our friends continue to make these recent losses a matter of particular and urgent prayer, that God may raise up others to follow and carry on His work, and that through these trials He may be the more glorified in us?

## "THESE DWELT WITH THE KING FOR HIS WORK" (continued)

MRS. E. C. BRAND.

Next day, after a profitable afternoon by the sea with our friends, Mr. Murgatroyd and family, and kind entertainment in their home, Mrs. Murgatroyd took me to a Dorcas Meeting at Belvoir St. Chapel, where we were able to see for ourselves the beautiful work our sisters are doing for the Christmas parcels.

It was a joy to be able to meet Mrs. D. Morling's brother in Sydney. He came to our Sunday service, and later in the week he and his family entertained me at his home in Neutral Bay, driving me back to the last meeting, where friends had gathered in good numbers to see the lantern slides illustrating Mission activities in India.

From here, my brother-in-law, Mr. Sankey Fraser, drove us by easy stages to Brisbane, showing me many beautiful places en route, among these being the Blue Mountains. In Brisbane, a crowd of dear friends gathered to hear us recount our experiences in India. This drawing-room meeting in my sister's house spread on to the verandah and into side rooms. A greater number

than expected gave a very sympathetic hearing to our message. It was good to hear of the work in which they are engaged, and to find a place in their prayers. Truly the fellowship of saints is sweet.

After a few more happy days with my sister and her people, and with pleasant trips to see others and other places of interest, I had a good send-off from Brisbane station, and came once more to Sydney.

At Melbourne dear sisters met me and helped me take my things to the boat, and then, leaving my luggage on board, I had the pleasure of spending the day with our dear friends, the Misses Rumens, who gave me rest and refreshment in their home, and later, when Mr. Seeger arrived, we were able to talk over our plans, for the boat being in port two days, we had time for another small programme. At Hope Chapel, a Farewell Meeting had been arranged.

Mrs. Burgdorf (Miss Green's sister) once more carried me off to her sweet home, where I stayed enjoying walks and talks with the children and their parents. My nephew, Raymond Frazer, and his wife, took me to their home and for a lovely drive on Saturday afternoon.

That evening, Mr. Seeger brought over a lantern, so that, with a small group of interested friends, we were able to show views of mission activities in India. Our sister's house was well adapted for this, with two rooms opening out of one another. We all enjoyed the evening, with no formalities necessary in a chapel.

On Sunday I had the privilege of being a listener, first to Brother Seeger's sermon in " Ebenezer," and then to Brother Adams in the evening at " Hope " Chapel. At the former place, after the morning service, we met to commemorate our Lord's death, and later had a communal lunch with plenty of interchange of thoughts and refreshment for mind and body. Here, also, I addressed the children in their Sunday School. It rained hard that day, but with the kind help of our friends, Mr. Flitton and Mr. Adams, who drove me in their cars, I took no harm and was enabled to visit our brother's house, and at last, with a group of friends who insisted on seeing me off, we boarded the boat at night and had the last farewell in the cabin. Here Brother Flitton committed me to the Lord. So we bade each other farewell, full with the blessing of the Lord and the love of each other in Him.

There still remains to be recorded the kindness received in Adelaide and Fremantle, both on the outward and return journeys. As, when we saw Mr. Flitton in Adelaide, he was unwell and had not been able to plan any meetings, we left it till our return, when he had invited Church members to meet me at his house. A company of sisters had availed themselves of this opportunity to hear about the work and to see my photo snaps. We had a happy time together, and Mr. and Mrs. Flitton also kindly came with me in the train to see me off on the boat as I left for India the next day.

Mrs. Hamilton, my brother-in-law's sister, entertained me and made my time enjoyable by taking me around in her car. So I was able also to visit the Halls (friends of the Kovilpatti missionaries) who were pleased to get news of those with whom they had stayed when in India.

Fremantle was the first and the last port visited. Here our dear friends (once of our Mission), Mr. and Mrs. Strickson, gave me the first hearty welcome and entertained me the whole of the day, showing me round Perth and Fremantle. On the return journey I stayed at their house, as it was Sunday and the boat did not leave till the following day. It was a good end-up to my tour, both at the chapel and with congenial friends whom I met there. We had a nice time on the beach, talking over Mission memories. A drive around and a hearty send-off. So ended a wonderful tour with many precious memories to cherish.

One would say a hearty " Thank you " to all who made it possible, and so very happy

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1939

**MISSIONARY D. A. THROWER.**

3rd, Laxfield; 5th, Courland Grove; 6th, Halstead; 7th, Brentford; 10th, Bexleyheath; 11th, Ilford; 13th, High Wycombe; 14th, Leyton; 19th, S.E. District Rally; 20th, Poynings; 21st, Belvedere; 23rd, "Rays" Annual; 24th, Cambridge ("Eden"); 26th, Deeping; 27th, Prittlewell.

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

3rd, Rushden; 7th, Brentford; 10th, Preston; 11th, Slaithwaite; 13th, Accrington; 16th and 17th, Haworth; 18th, Rotherham; 19th, Clayton West; 23rd, "Rays" Annual; 24th, East Ham; 27th, Prittlewell.

**OTHER BRETHREN.**

10th, Walton-on-the-Naze: PASTOR W. CHISNALL.
10th, St. Albans: MR. W. J. SHIPTON.
24th, Lynton Road: PASTOR W. H. CLARKE.
24th, Prittlewell: PASTOR W. CHISNALL.
24th, Elthorne Road: MR. W. J. SHIPTON.

## L.Z.A. DEPUTATION LIST FOR SEPTEMBER

**MISS MOWLE.**

5th, Stowmarket; 6th, Chelmsford; 11th, Belvedere; 12th, Tottenham; 13th, Wandsworth; 16th, Croydon ("Salem"); 20th, Tring; 21st, Guildford; 23rd, "Rays" Meeting, St. John's Wood; 26th. Ilford; 27th, Fulham.
Address: Thorham Magna, Nr. Diss, Norfolk.

**MRS. THROWER** will be speaking at the S.E. Auxiliary Rally at New Cross, on September 19th, and at Belvedere on the afternoon of September 21st.

## "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."
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# THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

Owing to the conditions prevailing, with deep regret we have to announce the

## CANCELLATION OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

due to be held at the LEYSIAN MISSION on OCTOBER 24th.

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Readers will realise all that this means to the Mission, and the Officers hope that, wherever possible, interested friends will send a special gift to the Financial Secretary, or hand to the local Missionary Secretary, for the support of the Lord's Work in India.

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We also appeal for earnest prayer that the work of the Mission may not suffer in these sad and difficult days.

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## A VISIT TO A GOLD MINE (3)

D. A. THROWER.

IN the gold mines of South India the metal is found in minute particles distributed more or less sparsely in the seams of quartz. Here and there one sees a tell-tale line of golden specks in a piece of rock, but most of the gold lies buried deep in the quartz. Great is the ingenuity used in the work of extracting these precious atoms.

After being crushed to powder by the stamps in the mill, the quartz is mixed with water, and it then goes through a variety of processes. The thick, grey liquid is carried by a series of pipes to all parts of a large room, where it passes through dozens of machines in succession. In each of these it flows over a canvas "blanket." To all appearance the liquid is nothing more than muddy water, but on examination it will be found that it has left a vast number of tiny particles of glistening gold on the blankets. Every half hour the blankets are washed to remove the gold from them, and when they become too worn for further use, and have been washed and re-washed until apparently no gold remains in them, they are finally burned and the minute residue of precious metal is recovered from the ashes!

Similar thoroughness characterises the treatment of everything which comes from "underground." Pieces of wood and other rubbish all go through the machines; I believe that gold is found in almost any article which has been in the workings for a long period, for large quantities of dust from blasting operations settle on everything, and the dust contains gold. Indeed, an officer of the mining company told us that, even if they had to stop all underground activities, there would still be plenty to do for a considerable time, sweeping up all the dust and rubbish in the yard at the pit-head and extracting the gold which it contains.

Throughout the mining area are to be seen heaps of slag, or useless mud, which has been thrown out of the machines. One of these mounds, a furlong or more in length, and probably 20 or even 30 feet in height, indicates the site of a shaft. Needless to say, nothing is disposed of at the mines until it is felt that not a particle of gold more can be obtained from it. Yet, in some places, tests have shown that this waste material still contains sufficient gold to make it worth while to work it over

again. Consequently companies have been formed, slag heaps purchased, and work started with this object in view.

The gold dust caught by the blankets is refined in order to eliminate the small quantities of iron and other metals which are mixed with it. It is then about 85% pure, and passes to the office, where it is weighed. We were shown the carefully guarded receptacle which contained the proceeds of 24 hours' work in the mine. The vessel was unlocked, its contents were poured into a bowl, and we were invited to lift the same from the table. We were amazed at the weight of such a small quantity of metal, and still more so at its value when we were told that the gold which we had held in our hands was worth some £1,500.

Later the gold is removed to the smelting foundry, where it is melted down into " buttons " weighing several pounds each. The crucibles, or furnaces (made at Morgan's Crucible Works, Battersea), are fed with crude oil burning in compressed air, and they raise the gold to a temperature of thousands of degrees! It gave one a thrill to see one of these crucibles working with the lid off. The heat required for this work is so great that it is extremely difficult to obtain a crucible which will not itself melt before melting the gold which it contains.

Such is the diligence with which men seek for gold—material wealth. Does it not behove us the more diligently and zealously to dig for the hidden treasure and seek for the true riches, the gold of the Kingdom of Heaven?

## HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

**Madras.**—Mr. Huckett's letter deals with a variety of subjects. The preparation of school time-tables to conform to Government standards is a big task. Permission has been given for the Sun-Ray League School at Tathankuppam to be shifted to higher ground. Three friends were baptised at Vepery in August. Two at Ayanapuram were accepted for baptism. With regard to Sembiam, Poonamallee and Mannur, there is the usual list of encouragements and discouragements, but the full details cannot be given here. At the time of writing (August 23rd) the great heat was affecting the health of Mrs. Huckett and the children.

**Sendamangalam and Namakkal.**—Mr. A. Morling, in his official letter to the General Secretary, refers to many things and many places, but perhaps they are not of that general interest which calls for mention in this magazine. As we have stated before, these letters impress us with the many and varied tasks which confront our brethren and sisters in India. Amongst the places he mentions is Periasolaipalaiyam. Perhaps the children would like to spell it and pronounce it. Mr. A. Morling was hoping to baptise two men connected with the Sendamangalam Church.

**Kolli Hills.**—Our friends here had a busy and happy week's camp at Koilur during the time of the big festival, when people from the plains as well as the hills gathered together. Many Gospels and other booklets were sold, and full use was made of the opportunity for passing on the message of life. The settling

of quarrels between families is another task to which Mr. Champion has had to devote his time and talent.

**Tinnevelly.**—Mr. D. Morling is very much taken up with the work of the Indian Bible Institute, and the students have made a good start for this term. Mr. Kuhrt tells of pleasure given through the visit of Mr. and Mrs. A. Morling to conduct Harvest Services. In some places the attendance was poor, and famine conditions had forced the people to move, but at Kovilpatti the attendance and the spirit of the services was most encouraging. Mr. Kuhrt's letter is very interesting, as it described the conditions prevailing. Dust storms have caused great inconvenience. Nevertheless, the closing and dominant note is one of praise to God for spiritual and even financial blessings. Miss Green tells of a helpful conference of one hundred and fifty-three women from Paniadipatti and the surrounding villages.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us worship God for what He is in Himself; eternal, unchangeable, almighty.

**Let** us praise Him for that sure conviction in our hearts that His purposes are never frustrated.

**Let** us remember daily before God the Council and L.Z.A. Executive, with all their pressing problems.

**Let** us remember prayerfully and practically the new questions of finance.

**Let** us pray for our missionaries on furlongh, whose return to India will, doubtless, be affected by war conditions.

## THE CHRISTMAS BOXES

ALL contributors to the Christmas Boxes please note that there is no alteration on account of present war conditions in the arrangements for sending in parcels, Sutton's having kindly consented to hold all packages on their premises until such time as shipment will be possible. This will, of course, necessitate a rather long delay in the acknowledgment of parcels, as at present it will be impossible to open them. We mention this so that friends may not be unduly anxious or disappointed.

Also please remember that money sent in to the Christmas Gift Fund, *will* (D.v.) be sent out as usual, so that, if our friends in India have to be disappointed not to receive the garments by Christmas, they may anyway be able to purchase toys, dress material and medical stuff. HOPE V. HARRIS.

# SPECIAL NOTICE

Although the **Annual Meetings** are cancelled the **Annual Delegates' Meeting** will (D.v.) be held on **Tuesday, October 24th**, at

**CHADWELL STREET, E.C.1**

Kindly note the following particulars:

**2.30 p.m. Delegates' Meeting**

**2.30 p.m. L.Z.A. Meeting open to ALL Ladies**

**3.15 to 4.0 p.m. PUBLIC UNITED PRAYER MEETING**

Delegates will be receiving as soon as possible an Agenda and a copy of the Report. It is earnestly hoped that all delegates will do their best to be present.

## *L.Z.A. DEPUTATION ARRANGEMENTS*

OWING to all the difficult circumstances created by the present war conditions, it has been deemed advisable for all L.Z.A. Deputation Meetings to be cancelled. We very much regret this has to be, and would ask our friends still to pray for the work and to remember its financial needs. For the matter of interest, the following meetings had been arranged for October:

3rd, Hadleigh; 4th, Otley; 7th, Haworth; 9th, Bradford; 10th, Bury; 10th, Aylesbury; 11th, Royton; 12th, Warrington; 18th, Over; 19th, Warboys; 25th, Hounslow; 25th, Brighton.

## GENERAL NOTES

It is too early as yet to estimate to the full the effect of the war upon our Mission, but all friends will realise that many new and grave problems have to be faced. We ask for the earnest prayers of our readers that the Council and L.Z.A. Executive may be guided aright.

MISS ETHEL LAMPARD.—Many friends will know that Miss Lampard was due to sail for India on November 4th, as the bride of Mr. E. Orchard. We fear that in present circumstances this will be impossible, and we would express our sympathy with both of them. May a sense of the rightness of God's way strengthen their hearts.

THE CALENDAR.—The Council has to make arrangements for a new Calendar almost as soon as the previous one has been published. Unless something quite unforeseen occurs, there will be no S.B.M. Calendar for 1940.

POSTAGE.—We feel that we ought to remind our readers that the price of air-mail for India has been increased to 1s. 3d. per half-ounce. All ordinary letters will now go by surface route. Please make sure that you stamp your letters correctly, as some of our missionaries have had to pay out considerable sums of money through the failure of correspondents in England to pay heed to this.

REPORTS.—It is hoped that the Annual Reports will be ready in October. In view of the special circumstances, we hope that all readers will obtain a copy. For purposes of economy, they will be reduced in size. Copies will be obtainable through your Church, or 2½d. post free from the General Secretary.

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1939

**MISSIONARY D. A. THROWER.**

3rd, Tadworth; 4th, Yateley; 5th, Chadwell Street; 8th, Highbury; 10th, Kings Langley; 11th, Ilford; 12th, Woolwich; 15th, North Finchley; 16th, Horley; 17th, Richmond; 18th, Watford; 20th, Chesham; 22nd, Wellingborough; 25th, Mayford; 26th, Reigate; 27th, S.B.B.I.; 29th, Tring; 31st, Stratford.

Address: 37, Sandmere Road, Clapham, London, S.W.4.

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

1st, Staines; 3rd, Tadworth; 4th, Wood Green, Park Ridings; 8th, Leicester, Providence; 12th, Lee Common; 15th, Ipswich, Zoar; 16th, Tunstal; 17th, Rattlesden; 18th, Watford; 22nd, Chatteris; 25th, Brighton; 29th, Notting Hill Gate; 31st, Greenwich.

Wherever possible we are prayerfully hoping to fulfil these engagements, but if local conditions prevent week-evening meetings please communicate with either Mr. Thrower or Mr. Thorpe as soon as possible.

**OTHER BRETHREN.**

1st, Yateley—Mr. G. H. FROMOW.
8th, Ramsgate—Pastor W. CHISNALL.

# "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

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## MADURA: ANCIENT AND MODERN

DAVID MORLING.

MADURA, a city of nearly 200,000 souls, has been called "the Athens of S. India." For centuries it was the capital of a kingdom which boasted a dynasty longer than any other in the world. The palace of King Tirumainaick, saved just in time from vandalistic destruction by a Viceroy's visit, is a joy and wonder to all intelligent visitors.



MEENAKSHI TEMPLE.

But in architecture, Madura is best known for its world-famed Meenakshi temple. Each of the four gateways is crowned by a lofty *gopuram*, or tower, covered from top to bottom with mythological carvings. All four towers I have seen with the naked eye from mountains 50 miles away. Soon after the writer's taking the accompanying photo, the famous Chitral festival was held, when the temple was visited by vast crowds of pilgrims, 120,000 of whom travelled by rail, apart from the multitudes that went by road.

Madura is a large city of industry, having mills fitted with most modern machinery for jinning, spinning and weaving.

Since our taking this photo, Madura temple has won to itself new fame through the temple-entry dispute which is now agitating S. India, to which reference has been made in other issues of the MISSION HERALD.

# *UPS AND DOWNS*

RUTH M. HARRIS.

IT was on a Sunday evening, as we came from the home of Simpson, our driver, where a baby girl had just been born, that we saw them standing by the dispensary, the two of them. He was tall and strongly built, unshaven, and with a bushy head of hair, a cast in one of his eyes; and she, his mother, I believe, was a lean and toothless old lady. His wife had high fever; " Would we come and see her? " he asked. They had come a day or two back, only to find that we were on camp. So we set off to visit this home.

When we arrived, we found, as we so often do, that the house consisted of a single window-less room, in which the family was accustomed to cook, eat and sleep.

The woman we had come to see lay on her back on a country string cot, her eyelids swollen and half-closed, breathing with great difficulty. Her one-day-old baby lay at her side, sublimely unconscious as to how near death its young mother lay. She raised up her two hands, beseeching us in a husky voice to save her. Her mouth and tongue were parched and dry, for water had been withheld for three or four days, and her temperature was 105°. She pleaded for medicine to quench her thirst.

The patient was suffering from double-pneumonia, and although we would feign have had her in the dispensary, the danger of moving her out-weighed the advantages of having her there. So we left careful instructions with her mother, a sensible woman, and medicine, which included a vessel full of water to which " coloured " medicine had been impressively added, drop by drop. Strict injunctions were given that this medicine-water was to be finished up by the next morning.

Very conscious, both of our own need and of the patient's need, we offered up an earnest prayer that the Lord would enter into that home for the salvation, not only of body, but of soul. The Lord has laid His healing hand on the woman. Continue to pray with us that the salvation of the Lord may enter into that home. They have promised to come to chapel to give thanks in a few weeks time, when the woman has regained strength.

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In marked contrast to the above was our first midwifery case in Jedarpalayam. I record it so that you may share with us our ups and downs.

Quite soon after our arrival in the village for the day's work, an agitated husband came to us, begging us to see his wife. We went along to his house nearby, and found the woman in a desperate state. We did our best to save her, but she died. The women folk, they blame us—" You touched her and she

died," or " If you had not touched her, she might have lived longer."

Remember us in prayer as we come up against difficulties which are the result of ignorance and superstition.

## "GOD . . . GIVETH THE INCREASE."

A. MORLING.

EVERY year we try to hold a special series of meetings for the workers of these two fields. Last year, despite all our efforts, we were unsuccessful, our failure being chiefly due to the illness of a man who has in the past proved himself to be a faithful messenger of the Cross. During the middle of last week, all the workers of the Namakkal and Sendamangalam Fields had the pleasure of gathering here in headquarters for our Annual Convention.

One of the aims that we diligently attempt to fulfil in arranging for these meetings is the securing of the services of an Indian minister. Few Europeans have sufficient knowledge of the vernacular to enable them to do this responsible task, which demands an exceedingly intimate acquaintance with the language and a real understanding of the mind and ways of the people. The speaker this year was an elderly man, on the eve of retirement, and holding an important position in a well-known Mission. Owing to devolution, he was conducting work once attended to by Europeans, supervising and controlling schools, and was Chairman of a Mission local council.

Prayer meetings were held each evening during the week before the Convention in order to ask for God's blessing upon all who should gather to hear the Word of Life, and solicit His help for the speaker as he prepared himself and his addresses. The first meeting was held on Tuesday evening, and on each of the following two days we assembled in the chapel three times—morning, afternoon and evening.

The introductory message was very suitable, the speaker urging all to reflect and realise their failures, and to appropriate the prayer of the Psalmist, when he cried, " Make me to understand." " The Vision of the Cross," " The Scars of Christ," and" Seeing the Invisible," were subjects treated on the following day—the various points being driven home with suitable illustrations, most of which were drawn from the preacher's own experience. Thursday was the last day, the afternoon service being devoted to the children. The utter necessity of obedience, not only during school days, but through the whole of our lives, was the message to the young folk, some of whom took part in the service.

At all the morning and evening services the Chapel was very crowded, the bigger boys being packed on the rostrum and in the vestry, and adults occupying the porch. Christians in the town, most of whom are Government officials, attended well. The importance and need of these meetings is evident. when we consider the lonely lives most of our workers have to lead in their village stations. During those days of worship and praise, we were often reminded that the Holy Spirit only could use the words spoken, and now it is to *Him* that we look for blessing and encouragement as the work is resumed in churches, schools, hostels and open air.

## *A TOUR OF THE TINNEVELLY FIELD (Part I)*

W. H. KUHRT.

(Readers are earnestly requested to keep a copy of the Mission Atlas open before them).

NORTH TINNEVELLY AREA.—With the exceptions of Virhudanagar, Reddiyapatti, Umattampatti and Tulukkankuruchi, all the stations shown on this map belong to Pastor Jesudason's jurisdiction. The two in the extreme north were included in the Kovilpatti pastorate because they are on the railway, and so far more accessible from Kovilpatti than from Paniadipatti. Neither place properly belongs to our area. Both Churches owe their origin to the emigration of some of our members from their native places.

In VIRHUDANAGAR work began more than 30 years ago, when a piece of land was gifted to the Mission and a small building erected. The place has grown rapidly into an important manufacturing, market and junction town, with a large population of people noted for their political consciousness and nationalistic fervour. 30 years ago the site on which our chapel is built was doubtless salubrious and pleasant. It is now surrounded by narrow, dirty streets swarming with life, while just in front of the door the Corporation has installed a pump. Even if the pump were noiseless, we should still have to compete with the Babel created by the women who come to draw. For several years we have been thinking of purchasing a new site, but difficulties of various kinds have arisen, so that at the moment there seems no immediate prospect of our hopes being realised. For years the little congregation has had no regular care over and above that exercised by the Pastor on his monthly visit, and the itinerant preachers on their weekly visits. At the beginning of the year a young man of Secondary School Leaving Certificate standard was placed there in order that he might give regular teaching to the members of our congregation,

conduct a Sunday School, preach in the surrounding villages and sell literature. There are 16 members, while three girls and one young man are awaiting baptism. One school teacher and one maistry (building contractor or overseer), with their women folk, form the literate and " well-to-do " group. The rest are poor and ill-educated.

*(To be continued).*

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for the way in which the consciousness of His sovereign power has sustained our faith during these trying days.

**Let** us rejoice in the assurances given us in His Word, that He takes hold of man's rebellion and wrath, and causes these evil forces to accomplish His eternal purposes.

**Let** us pray as never before that the Council and L.Z.A. Executive may be guided aright in their important decisions.

**Let** us remember also that upon Mr. D. Morling and the Reference Committee in India there rests a very great responsibility just now. Decisions have to be made in India as well as in England.

**Let** us pray that our missionaries may be delivered from any unsettlement of mind and heart at this time. It is not easy to continue with the routine work of a mission field, when from far and near there comes news of great national movements.

## L.Z.A. DEPUTATION ARRANGEMENTS

As reported last month, many of the proposed L.Z.A. Meetings have to be cancelled owing to war conditions. The following is a list of those which had been arranged, and possibly one or two afternoon meetings may be carried out, but enquiry should be made.

2nd, Walthamstow; 7th, Kesgrave; 8th, Blakenham; 13th, Walsall; 14th, Wellingborough; 21st, Dorking; 22nd, Cambridge; 23rd, Little Downham; 29th, Tunbridge Wells; December 5th, Cottenham; also December 5th, Quarterly Prayer Meeting, Walthamstow, 2.30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND

The Christmas Gift Fund will be closed at the beginning of NOVEMBER, so that the money can be remitted to India.

We trust that friends will allow any amounts received subsequently to be allocated to the General Fund of the Mission.

We would thank most heartily those who have already contributed so generously. Their kindly help will be much appreciated in India.

## GENERAL NOTES

**Calendar.**—We would repeat the notice given last month, that owing to the difficulties and uncertainties of the present situation there will be no S.B.M. Calendar for 1940.

**Handfuls of Purpose.**—As most friends will know, a brief article under this title has been inserted month by month, giving little extracts from the official monthly letters of the missionaries. These letters, however, which for a long time have been coming by air-mail, are now sent by surface route, and even then are taking longer to reach this country than in normal times. We mention this to explain the absence of the usual monthly article, and also to remind our readers that their own private letters to or from the missionaries will be subject to the same delay.

**Finance.**—We feel that it will do no harm, and possibly may do good, to refer to a suggestion that several friends have made. It is to the effect that friends who would have attended the Annual Meetings if they had been held might find it possible to hand to a missionary representative in their own Church the offering they would have given at the Meetings. Many friends doubtless feel that their own small gift is not worth sending separately. Even though this feeling may be mistaken, it is quite understandable, and we hope that the suggestion here made will be adopted in many Churches. For this we must rely on our Pastors and Church Secretaries to take the initiative.

**Annual Reports.**—These Reports are now ready, and we do hope that all interested friends will secure a copy. If you cannot obtain one in your own Church, please write to our General Secretary, enclosing 2½d.

**Mr. E. A. Booth.**—At the time of our last enquiry there was, once again, no real change in our brother's condition. He is still quite helpless, and we can realise to some extent what a constant strain this must be on his loved ones. Nevertheless, we are sure they will be strengthened and supported by the knowledge that there are many in our Churches who remember them constantly in prayer.

## REPORT OF MEETING

**Brentford.**—The Annual Meeting of the local branch was held on September 7th, 1939. Our Pastor, Mr. H. W. Caten, presided, and read Matt. xxviii. 16-20, and despite the cloud of war, and having to meet at 6 o'clock, a good number attended. Mr. Thrower gave us a word of encouragement from Isa. xxxiii. 1, and said that the world mission will not be stopped and that there is a great future for the Mission. He also told us of encouragements at Sembiam—seven were baptized at the opening services. He spoke also of the trouble in our nation to-day, but exhorted us to remember "the God of the Bible is still the same." May our God arise and give peace, so that His work may not be hindered, either at home or abroad. The free-will offerings amounted to £1 16s. 2d.—A. M. J.

## ENGAGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1939

**MISSIONARY D. A. THROWER.**

2nd, East Ham; 4th, E. London Rally; 5th, Leyton; 7th, Croydon; 8th, Hounslow; 12th and 13th, Horham; 14th, Grundisburgh; 15th, Charsfield; 16th, Wetherden; 19th, Over; 22nd, Dorking; 26th and 27th, Boro' Green; 29th, Wood Green, Eldon Road; Dec. 2nd, Leicester, "Zion." Address: 37, Sandmere Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

1st, Staines; 7th, Croydon; 9th, Tottenham, 12th, Watford, Tabernacle; 13th, Ryarsh; 15th, Clifton; 19th, Chelmsford; 22nd, Dorking; 26th, Halstead; 28th, King's Langley; 30th, Manor Park.

**OTHER BRETHREN.**

12th, Walthamstow; PASTOR W. S. BAKER.

## "THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

## Gifts received from Sept. 1st to Sept 20th, 1939

### GENERAL FUND

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### L.Z.A.

Gifts to Sept. 20th.

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*General Secretary :*
Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, E.12

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# THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

### S. B. M. CALENDAR

We regret that owing to war conditions we are unable to publish a Calendar for 1940.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ENVELOPE APPEAL

In each copy of the MISSION HERALD an envelope will be found.

Please use it in the interests of the Lord's work in India.

### VALEDICTORY SERVICE

The uncertainty of sailings makes it impossible for us to advertise a Service to bid farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle.

Arrangements will (D.V.) be made nearer to the time of their departure, and will, if possible, be communicated to the Churches.

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## THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

THE Officers of the Mission were wise in cancelling the arrangements which had been made to hold the Annual Meetings as usual, at the Leysian Mission, on Tuesday, October 24th. Their decision had to be made in the early days of September, and we all know the uncertainty that then prevailed

The Officers, we feel, were equally wise in deciding to substitute business meetings and a united prayer meeting for the larger assemblies. Their faith was fully justified in the good attendance and the fine spirit there revealed.

Through the kindness of the friends at Chadwell Street, we were able to meet there once again. While the ladies were gathered in one room, the male delegates assembled in another, and the numbers were most encouraging. We were glad to notice that a goodly proportion of the delegates came from our country Churches. The business was largely and necessarily routine in its character, but it was good to meet in the name of the Lord and in the interests of the Mission.

At 3.15 p.m. men and women met in the Chapel for praise and prayer, and under the Chairmanship of the President (Pastor R. Robinson) a helpful

time was spent. The prayers of the few expressed the desires of the many, as they committed our nation, our Mission, our Churches, unto the Lord.

The offering, though naturally not so large as would have been received in the usual way, was nevertheless most gratifying, and we were glad to hear that many absent friends had in various ways remembered the financial needs of the work.

Doubtless the future will have its difficulties and its disappointments, but we came away from Chadwell Street cheered by the representative attendance and the hopeful and united spirit that the meetings had revealed.

We learn that the total amount received for our General Fund, either given at the meetings or sent by friends unable to come, was £220. This is indeed a splendid response. We know that some friends sent not only the amount that they would have given to the offering, but also the sum they would have spent in fares.

### THE L.Z.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It was cheering to see the Chadwell Street upper class-room packed to capacity for the L.Z.A. Annual General Meeting. Mrs. Robinson presided, and Mrs. French, of Ipswich, opened with prayer, remembering especially our President and others who were prevented from attending, many having sent letters and gifts. Mrs. Thrower read the Scriptures, and also engaged in prayer.

The Secretary's Report was presented, and was followed by that of the Financial Secretary, thankfulness being expressed for the past provision, and emphasis laid on the need to wait upon God in regard to the future of the work in all its aspects, both in India and at home.

A happy note was struck by Miss Hope Harris, as she told of the provision made for packing the Christmas boxes, 12 cases having left that day for Madras. Prayer was asked that these might have safe transit.

Miss Mowle's presence was a joy to all, and her message was listened to with keen appreciation as, speaking of momentous times in our lives as individuals, as a nation, and as a Mission, she stressed the words of Ps. lxii. 5 : " Wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him," and Prov. xxiv. 14 : " Thy expectation shall not be cut off."

The offering for the L.Z.A. amounted to £63 5s. 4d.

H. W. R.

# The Other Side

## "SOWING BESIDE ALL WATERS"

MIRIAM E. WILKINS.

IT may interest you to know something about our Biblewomen here on the Kolli Hills. One left us some time ago to go to the Bible Institute with her husband, so at present we have six. These women are baptized and members of the Church, daily making known the Word of God in the villages. During the past year they have visited many villages, and have given the message of salvation to 10,182 people. No doubt they have spoken to many more also of whom we have no record. These women are living in isolated parts of the hills.

## "Sowing Beside all Waters"

In some places the Biblewoman and her husband are the only Christians for many miles, surrounded by Hindu people. Their children are often away from them, as they have to go to the plains to study, so a Biblewoman on these hills really has to sacrifice.



TWO KOLLI HILL BIBLEWOMEN

Where there are Christian women in the village, the Biblewoman has, in many cases, first taught the women the ten commandments. Now she teaches the women one Bible story a month and one verse of Scripture. In some cases, where the woman can read, she is learning several verses of Scripture. At the end of the month the woman has to be able to tell the Bible story and verse, or verses, of Scripture to the missionary.

Our women are *not* allowed to enter the homes of the Hindu people, so every day, as they go out in all weathers (on the Kollis), they have to sit on the low verandah, made of mud, and gather the women together as much as possible. It is not an easy task; often the people are very busy in the fields, and the Biblewomen meet with a poor reception. If they go late in the evening, when the women have returned from their labour in the fields, they find them busy cooking or pounding the rice. So often, when the Biblewomen are speaking, the women are busy preparing the food, and one cannot help but think of the words: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful." If only these hill women could realise "One thing *is* needful." There are many who have chosen "that good part," for which we praise the Lord, and ask that still more may swell the numbers.

Every month our Biblewomen have to study the Bible Lesson for themselves. At the present time they are studying very thoroughly the Life of Christ in the Gospels. These lessons have been prepared in Tamil and must be studied by them. On

a fixed date they all come in to Valavanthi (or I go to them in their villages), and we study the given lesson. This takes one to two days, as there are many portions to read, questions to ask, and answers to be written in note-books. Before breaking up we seek to have a time of prayer, all our special needs are brought forward, and we lay these before the Lord in prayer. Then they all return to their homes with a new lesson to study for the next month. This goes on right through the year. At the end of the year they bring their notes and answers to the questions for my inspection. Afterwards, these are given back and the lessons are revised. Then, once a year, they have to take an examination on the given lessons. This usually takes place at the beginning of April. This year Mrs. D. Morling set the examination questions and marked the papers. Six women took the exam. here; one obtained a prize (over 80%), another one gained a certificate (over 60%). Four passed in all (50%), and two failed (under 50%). This year we are hoping they will all pass. It is not easy for some of these women to pass an exam.; some are not young in years and not used to examinations. Others are not good in expressing on paper what they know so well in their hearts.

Sowing the seed in India is no easier than in England. Many are indifferent, or many will nod their heads in agreement to all you say, just to give you a little encouragement! They will often say, "Yes, we worship God." Many a Biblewoman must be faint at heart when day after day she goes, and still there is nothing. May the Lord keep them from fainting, and give unto them the joy (shouting) of coming again, bringing their sheaves with them, because of their faithfulness in sowing beside *all* waters.

## *A TOUR OF THE TINNEVELLY FIELD (Part II.)*

W. H. KUHRT.

(Readers are earnestly requested to keep a copy of the Mission Atlas open before them.)

REDDIYAPATTI.—This work was started only some five or so years ago, and then rather against the will of the missionary, for two Churches already existed in the village. However, we felt bound to follow up our Christians, and so a house was rented and a small school started. Three years ago a plain but good commodious chapel was erected, to the expense of which the villagers contributed liberally. Our present teacher is not a great success, but the little Church, consisting of 12 members, is going ahead.

Now we come to a group of five villages just to the north of the Vaippar River. Their position has led to a measure of

neglect. If the river is in flood, it cannot be crossed at all, and when dry its wide sandy bed is trying for the bulls, if you are travelling by cart, and still more trying for the cyclist. To get to THAYILPATTI from Kovilpatti one may go by car or bus via Sattur to Minampatti, a journey of about 20 miles, and then the remaining four miles by bullock cart or cycle. The Thayilpatti Church has proved to be thriving and healthy, one with a good band of young men and a large number of women. Only last December 14 were baptized, and the total church membership is now more than 30. Owing to extreme poverty, many of the people go off to other districts in search of work. Last December was notable in the Church's history, for in that month a new building was dedicated to the Lord's service. It forms a pleasing contrast to the disgraceful huddle of buildings that used to serve as school and house. It is hoped that before long this flourishing little Church may become the centre of a new pastorate, the area of which should include this little group of villages north of the river. A small group of Maravar caste people is seeking membership with us. The school is not quite as good as it ought to be, but as we have recently installed a properly qualified teacher we are hoping for better things. A Biblewoman is stationed here.

KOTHANACHIAPURAM has been a disappointing place in almost every respect. Four years ago the school was closed because the villagers displayed so little interest and so much intransigence. Last year we made repairs to the Mission house and the chapel, and placed a preacher there who did good work for six months, after which he was sent to Thayilpatti as teacher. This action was taken partly owing to a temporary lack of properly qualified teachers, and partly owing to financial stringency. So Kothanachiapuram is once more without a resident worker, though it is visited frequently by the Thayilpatti teacher and Biblewoman. There are supposed to be 20 members.

SALVARPATTI is also a disappointing station. The Christians there, who number 18, belong to the Chackli community and are desperately poor and degraded. Some of them receive "toddy" as part of their wages. We have a little Church building there which is sufficient for present needs, and a Mission house. It is impossible to run a day school there, but recently a Sunday school was started with the idea of gathering the children of our Christians for a little Christian instruction. I am afraid the effort has not hitherto been conspicuously successful. The worker resident here is responsible for the conduct of the school nearby.

ERAVARPATTI.—This is a caste village whose people are of a wild, backward community known as Maravar or Thevar. We have about six male Christians here, and there is said to be a group, including some women, enquiring. A successful school

was run here some time ago, but closed as a protest against the treatment meted out by the people to our non-caste teacher. Last year I re-opened the school at the same time as three men were baptized. It is a good school—Government has just granted us recognition—housed in a poor building.

GOPALAPURAM.—A poor school was conducted here for many years, but discontinued two years ago when new educational rules decreed it uneconomic. For some time the place remained without a worker, until last year, when a young man, a matriculate of great promise, took up his abode in the Mission house there and began to work as preacher-colporteur in this and surrounding villages. There are ten members, including two baptized last April, while two or three others are said to be enquiring. One old lady belonging to this Church is most devout, but it must be said of the majority that they are conspicuous neither for their devotion or their knowledge.

Now we must cross the river. It is very wide, even here, 40 miles from the sea, but during most part of the year dry save for a tiny stream of half stagnant water lazing along the deepest channel. Washermen take possession of all the pools, and the air resounds with the monotonous " plash " of cloth upon stone and the not less monotonous cries with which the dhobies accompany their work. Sometimes I have crossed when all has been quiet, and then, with the sun blazing down from above and reflected back from the glaring sand below, it has been almost unbelievably still, as though Nature dreaded to stir a leaf lest the effort exhaust her. With what eagerness have I pushed my cycle forward towards the inviting stretch of water, and with what disgust have I found it to be not cool and refreshing, as it looked, but almost too hot to touch and possessed besides of an intolerable stench.

*(To be continued).*

## "ASKED OF GOD"

A. MORLING.

THE last Sunday in August was a happy day for the Sendamangalam Church. That morning, after a lapse of nearly two years, a baptizing service was held, when two men confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This was a source of real encouragement to all, because the Church had been obliged on several occasions to take severe action against defaulting members.

One of the two men who were immersed was Velu, who is about 27 years of age. Velu joined our Sendamangalam cheri night school when it was started, in September, 1936, having forgotten all he had learned in his early days in the lower classes of the Mission school. His past life has been as stained

with sin as any in his locality, yet he appeared a very devout Hindu, taking active part in all ceremonies and religious observances. On one occasion he is reported to have pierced his body with needles as a mark of his devotion to the goddess Mariamman, and to have danced before its image.

From the very commencement he displayed a keen interest in the secular lessons, having a real determination to improve himself. The chief part of night school work is the Bible lesson and prayer, and Velu soon found that the Gospel messages grasped his attention and finally convicted him of sin. Later, he evinced considerable interest in Christ and His salvation, and when an opportunity to pray was given him he gladly embraced it, and expressed his desires feelingly and sincerely. Despite all the efforts of his employer to hinder him, he has been a very regular student, and shows a great willingness to extend his knowledge.

He relates how his faith was sorely tested when he developed " night blindness," and his master urged him to worship and take a vow to a Hindu deity. But he refused to do so, and retorted, " I am going to trust the true God." Stories of the Lord healing sickness, he says, made him trust Christ for his cure, and consequently he prayed very definitely for the complete restoration of his sight. That evening, he alleges, and his assertion has been corroborated, he was entirely healed, and as a result he began to witness to others of the living reality of his Saviour.

Since his conversion, he has been very anxious regarding his wife's salvation, and is daily praying with her, that she too may experience his new-found joy. His father was a great enemy of Christianity, and threatened to cast him from the family if he openly professed his faith in Christ, but recently we hear that a change in his life and attitude to the Christian " Way " has been seen.

## *HANDFULS OF PURPOSE*

Letters have been received from several of our missionaries, and we are glad to give extracts from them. Our readers will understand, however, that owing to a number of circumstances the post in either direction is uncertain. Especially in these early months, letters to or from India have been crossing each other, and that has meant further delay in straightening things out.

**Madras.**—Mr. Huckett's letter expresses a gracious spirit of confidence in God, with the conviction that He is overruling and controlling all that is happening in the world. The work of the Madras area is going on steadily, with much encouragement in some branches of it. When the letter was written —September 21st—a very welcome rain had begun to fall. In his letter, Mr. Huckett quotes a text which had been a help to him, and has often been a help to some of us : " Howbeit, our God turned the curse into a blessing." Miss M. Harris was expecting to sit for her first Tamil examinations on November 7th and 14th.

**Namakkal and Sendamangalam.**—Mr. A. Morling deals with some of the problems of missionary work, in particular with the constant efforts that have to be made in connection with the Government grants for schools. Our missionaries often refer to the time that has to be spent filling in forms or seeking interviews with school officials. On the last Sunday in August Mr. Morling had the joy of baptizing two men at Sendamangalam, and he is hoping that their witness will be of great value in a town where the work is very hard. He had also examined three women and one young man at Kunnamalai, with a view to baptism. Several camps have been held in various parts of the field. At about 9 p.m. on Sunday, September 3rd, Mr. Chamberlain's broadcast was heard in Namakkal as he announced that Britain was at war. Our missionaries are further away than we are from the actual scene of conflict, but their letters reveal the concern that they feel on our behalf, and assure us of their constant prayers.

**Tinnevelly.**—Mr. Kuhrt's interesting letter shows the reactions of missionaries and Indians to the present condition of war. There is a natural desire on the part of the missionaries themselves to do something to help the Empire, though opportunities are not large. The Indian people are asking many and intelligent questions, which our friends are doing their best to answer. The letter goes on to tell of long journeys to places with long names, with which we need not trouble our readers. Encouragement and disappointment alternate in all missionary experience, and both these things are mentioned once again.

It may be well to remind ourselves again that much of the work of our missionaries does not lend itself to lengthy and detailed report. In our home Churches we would find it difficult to report fresh incidents month by month. Much of our service is routine in its character. In a sense it is gratifying to remember that this is also true in India. Month by month the regular work of our stations goes on.

# Work at Home

## "HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

**Let** us praise God for the loyalty and co-operation of our missionaries in these disturbing days.

**Let** us rejoice in the news of further baptisms and many enquirers in the different fields.

**Let** us remember in prayer Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle, as they wait for the way to be opened for them to return to India.

**Let** us pray that our missionaries may be kept calm in spirit at this time. Their very distance from Europe must create for them a special form of unsettlement.

**Let** us remember the Officers in the Homeland, who have to make the first decisions and bear the first burdens in relation to the great problems caused by the war.

# ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

## 21st SEPTEMBER, 1938, to 20th SEPTEMBER, 1939

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| **Aberewmboi—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 11 | 7 |
| **Abingdon—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| **Accrington, "Ebenezer"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Accrington, "Zion"—** | | | |
| General ... | 5 | 16 | 6 |
| **Acton Friends—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| **Aldringham—** | | | |
| General ... | | 16 | 0 |
| **Aston Clinton—** | | | |
| General ... | | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | | 14 | 0 |
| **Aylesbury—** | | | |
| General | 12 | 11 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 18 | 0 |
| **Baguley—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| **Baildon St. Mission—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Bath, "Bethel"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 22 | 12 | 1 |
| **Bath, "Providence"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 17 | 1 |
| **Beccles—** | | | |
| General | 6 | 18 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| **Bedford—** | | | |
| General | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 1 | 1½ |
| **Bedmond—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 15 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 0 | 4½ |
| **Bedworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 17 | 4 |
| **Belvoir St., N.S.W.—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 9 | 11 | 3 |
| **Bermondsey—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 16 | 11 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 46 | 11 | 2 |
| **Bethersden—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 4 | 6 |
| **Bexleyheath—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 19 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 15 | 1 |
| **Bierton—** | | | |
| General | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| **Billinghay—** | | | |
| General | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| **Billericay—** | | | |
| General | | 4 | 3 |
| **Bilston—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Blakenham—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 7 | 5 |
| **Borough Green—** | | | |
| General ... | 21 | 14 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 10 | 4 |
| **Bradenstoke—** | | | |
| General | 15 | 12 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| **Bradford—** | | | |
| L.Z.A | 34 | 1 | 8 |
| **Bradfield St. George—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 4 | 6 |
| **Brentford—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 41 | 16 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 44 | 16 | 1 |
| **Brighton Branch—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 31 | 0 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 20 | 0 | 4 |
| **Brighton Tabernacle—** | | | |
| General .. ... | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| **Brisbane, Aus.—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Brixton—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| **Broadstairs—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 5 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| **Brockley, Suffolk—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| **Bromley—** | | | |
| General ... | 11 | 1 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 12 | 15 | 9 |
| **Bury, Lancs.—** | | | |
| General .. ... | 5 | 13 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 9 | 11 | 1 |
| **Cambridge, "Eden"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 35 | 13 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cambridge, Tenison Rd.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| **Carlton—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| **Chadwell St.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 210 | 9 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 99 | 1 | 9 |
| **Charsfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 19 | 1 |
| **Chatteris—** | | | |
| General ... | 25 | 15 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 11 | 8 |
| **Chelmsford—** | | | |
| General ... | 12 | 5 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 4 | 19 | 0 |
| **Cheltenham—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 9 | 6 |
| **Chesham—** | | | |
| General ... | 23 | 6 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 6 | 4½ |
| **Chingford—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| **Chorley—** | | | |
| General ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| **Clacton-on-Sea—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 13 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| **Clapham, Courland Grove—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 47 | 3 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 12 | 13 | 6 |
| **Clapham Junction—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 5 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 18 | 6½ |
| **Clayton West—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 17 | 1 |
| **Collingwood, Aus.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 13 | 7 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| **Cottenham—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 19 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cransford—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. | 4 | 13 | 10½ |
| **Crawley—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| **Crowborough—** | | | |
| General ... | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| **Crowfield—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 12 | 1 |
| **Croydon, Derby Rd.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 22 | 14 | 0½ |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 24 | 15 | 3 |
| **Croydon, "Salem"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 24 | 3 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 18 | 2 |
| **Croydon, Tamworth Rd.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 12 | 6 |
| **Datchet—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Deeping—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| **Devizes—** | | | |
| General | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. | 4 | 12 | 6 |
| **Dorking—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 66 | 19 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 24 | 3 | 2½ |
| **Dunstable—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 18 | 2 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| **Eastbourne—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 19 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 2 | 2½ |
| **East Ham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 2 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 14 | 12 | 1 |
| **East London Aux.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 7 | 13 | 6 |
| **Ely—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 16 | 1 |
| **Epsom—** | | | |
| General ... | 12 | 17 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 53 | 7 | 4 |
| **Erith—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| **Eylwyswow, Pem.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 2 | 6 |
| **Fellowship of Youth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Finchley—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 18 | 5 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 14 | 4 |
| **Fishguard—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 9 | 17 | 8 |
| **Fremantle, Aus.—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Fressingfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| **Fulham—** | | | |
| General | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 9 | 11 | 0 |
| **Furnace—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| **Gestingthorpe—** | | | |
| General ... | | 6 | 6 |
| **Glemsford—** | | | |
| General | | 14 | 1 |

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| **Goodrich, Pem.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| **Gravesend—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 15 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| **Grays—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 18 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 14 | 3 |
| **Great Gransden—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| **Greenwich—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 4 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| **Grundisburgh—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 3 | 2½ |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| **Guildford—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 36 | 3 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 24 | 18 | 10 |
| **Hadleigh—** | | | |
| General ... | | 11 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| **Hailsham—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 18 | 4 |
| **Halstead—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| **Handcross—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 14 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 1 | 0 |
| **Hartley Wintney—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 12 | 14 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| **Harwich—** | | | |
| General ... | | 7 | 6 |
| **Haslemere—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 20 | 0 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 15 | 5 |
| **Hastings Auxiliary—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 50 | 10 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 19 | 18 | 10 |
| **Haworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 21 | 0 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| **Hebden Bridge—** | | | |
| General ... | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| **Hedge End—** | | | |
| General ... | | 8 | 6 |
| **Highbury—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 65 | 18 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 22 | 4 | 2 |
| **Highgate Road—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Hinckley—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| **High Wycombe—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| **Hitchin, "Bethel"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 19 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| **Hitchin, "Mt. Zion"—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| **Holloway,** Elthorne Rd.— | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| **Homerton Row—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| **Horham—** | | | |
| General | 60 | 15 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 11 | 4 | 1 |
| **Horley—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| **Horsham—** | | | |
| General | 13 | 8 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. | 10 | 4 | 0 |

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| **Hounslow—** | | | |
| General | 23 | 0 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. | 12 | 1 | 6 |
| **Hoxne—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 16 | 9 |
| **Ilford—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 10 | 6 |
| **Ipswich, "Bethesda"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 44 | 0 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 41 | 14 | 7½ |
| **Ipswich Rally—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 11 | 7 |
| **Ipswich, "Mt. Zion"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| **Ipswich, "Zoar"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 12 | 2 | 6 |
| **Irthlingborough—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| **Ivinghoe—** | | | |
| General ... | | 9 | 0 |
| **Kenninghall—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| **Kesgrave—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kilburn—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| **King's Langley—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 13 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 16 | 0 |
| **Kingston-on-Thames—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 19 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| **Laxfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 15 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| **Leatherhead—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 15 | 3 |
| **Lee Common—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 3 | 13 | 9 |
| **Leicester District—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 2 | 3½ |
| **Leicester,** "Providence"— | | | |
| General ... ... | 32 | 10 | 2½ |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| **Leicester, Wigston Magna—** | | | |
| General .. ... | | 12 | 6 |
| **Leicester, "Zion"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 19 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| **Leigh-on-Sea—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 17 | 0 |
| **Leiston—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| **Lessness Heath—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| **Lewisham—** | | | |
| General | 6 | 19 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. | 4 | 18 | 0 |
| **Leyton—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 18 | 9 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| **Little Downham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| **Lockwood—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| **Lode—** | | | |
| General ... | | 18 | 0 |
| **Long Marston—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 13 | 0 |

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| **Maidstone—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| **Manor Park—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 16 | 0 |
| **Manchester District—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| **March—** | | | |
| General | 11 | 19 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| **Margate—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 16 | 4 |
| **Market Deeping—** | | | |
| General ... | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| **Mayford—** | | | |
| General | 8 | 18 | 6 |
| **Meopham—** | | | |
| General ... | | 14 | 0 |
| **Middlesbrough—** | | | |
| General ... | 5 | 12 | 2 |
| **Morley—** | | | |
| General ... | | 14 | 0 |
| **Needingworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Newcastle-on-Tyne—** | | | |
| General ... | 8 | 12 | 6 |
| **New Cross—** | | | |
| General ... | 84 | 19 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 19 | 6 | 5 |
| **Newick—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| **Newquay—** | | | |
| General | | 8 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| **Norbiton—** | | | |
| General ... | | 17 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| **Northampton—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Norwich—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 3 | 19 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Notting Hill Gate—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Nuneaton—** | | | |
| General | 9 | 14 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Nunhead—** | | | |
| General ... | 19 | 8 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| **Occold—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 11 | 10 | 4 |
| **Old Hill, Staffs.—** | | | |
| General ... | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| **Otley—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| **Oundle—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| **Over—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 12 | 3 | 4 |
| **Pemberton—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 10 | 0 |
| **Ponders End—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 8 | 16 | 1 |
| **Pontygwaithe—** | | | |
| General ... | | 8 | 0 |
| **Potten End—** | | | |
| General | 17 | 16 | 0 |
| L.Z.A | 16 | 6 | 4½ |
| **Potton—** | | | |
| General | 7 | 1 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 17 | 9 |
| **Poynings—** | | | |
| General | 9 | 6 | 6 |

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| **Prahran, Australia—** | | | |
| General ... | | 10 | 6 |
| **Preston—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| **Prittlewell—** | | | |
| General | 21 | 18 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. | 25 | 17 | 0 |
| **Ramsey—** | | | |
| General | 4 | 8 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| **Ramsgate—** | | | |
| General | 4 | 17 | 2½ |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| **Rattlesden—** | | | |
| General | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| **Raunds—** | | | |
| General | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Reading—** | | | |
| General | 13 | 5 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Redbourne—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 13 | 8 |
| **Reigate—** | | | |
| General | 8 | 18 | 11 |
| **Richmond—** | | | |
| General | 42 | 2 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| **Rishangles—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 12 | 8½ |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 6 | 1 |
| **Rotherham—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 13 | 0 |
| **Royton—** | | | |
| General | 10 | 11 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. | | 6 | 6 |
| **Rushden—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 17 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| **Saffron Walden—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 12 | 6 |
| **Scleddy, Pem.—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| **Sheerness—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. | | 10 | 0 |
| **Siddal—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 16 | 0 |
| **Slaithwaite—** | | | |
| General ... | | 14 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| **Sleaford—** | | | |
| General | | 7 | 6 |
| **Smarden—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 13 | 0 |
| **Somersham—** | | | |
| General ... | | 17 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. .. | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| **South Chard—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 10 | 0 |
| **South Woodham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 2 | 13 | 3 |
| **S.E. District—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 13 | 0 |
| **Staines—** | | | |
| General | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| **Stamford—** | | | |
| General ... | 16 | 5 | 6 |
| **Stevenage—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 19 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 17 | 5 |
| **Stockley Mission—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 12 | 6 |
| **Stoke Ash—** | | | |
| General | 4 | 14 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. | 14 | 11 | 0 |
| **Stoke Goldings—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Stowmarket—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 13 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 13 | 2 |
| **Stratford—** | | | |
| General ... | 17 | 17 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 35 | 13 | 1 |
| **Streatham—** | | | |
| General ... | 15 | 15 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 14 | 6 |
| **Stretham, Cambs.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| **St. Albans—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **St. Clears—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 7 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| **St. John's Wood—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 54 | 17 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 68 | 8 | 7 |
| **St. Neots—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| **Sudbourne—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 14 | 7 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| **Sudbury, Suff.—** | | | |
| General ... | | 15 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 4 | 6 |
| **Sunderland—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| **Sutton-at-Hone—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 8 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 7 | 9 |
| **Sutton, Cambs.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 10 | 0 |
| **Swindon—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 16 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 8 | 7 | 8½ |
| **Tadworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 24 | 12 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Tenterden—** | | | |
| General ... | | 13 | 0 |
| **Thame—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 10 | 6½ |
| **Tollington Park—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 18 | 1 |
| **Tonbridge—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| **Tottenham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 6 | 0 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| **Tring,** Akeman St.— | | | |
| General ... ... | 121 | 4 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 120 | 16 | 6 |
| **Tring,** " Ebenezer "— | | | |
| General ... ... | | 9 | 6 |
| **Trowbridge—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 15 | 3 |
| **Tunbridge Wells—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 14 | 8 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 10 | 6 |
| **Tunstall—** | | | |
| General ... | | 18 | 0 |
| **Two Waters—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 11 | 7 |
| **Wakes Colne—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| **Waldringfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 0 | 8 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 2 | 6 |
| **Walsall—** | | | |
| General ... | 14 | 10 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 19 | 6 |
| **Walthamstow—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 18 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 30 | 16 | 1 |
| **Walton-on-Naze—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| **Wandsworth, West Hill—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| **Warboys—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| **Warrington—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 6 | 12 | 4 |
| **Watford,** " Beulah "— | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 13 | 6 |
| **Watford Tabernacle—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 27 | 4 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 29 | 2 | 6 |
| **Wattisham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 9 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 17 | 6 |
| **Wellingborough—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 33 | 14 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| **West Ham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 61 | 6 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 9 | 15 | 0 |
| **West Hartlepool—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 9 | 5 | 0 |
| **Wetherden—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| **Whittlesey—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 22 | 9 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| **Willingham—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| **Wimbledon—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 13 | 8 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 4 | 2 |
| **Wooburn Green—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| **Wood Green,** Eldon Rd.— | | | |
| General ... ... | 6 | 12 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 8 | 1½ |
| **Wood Green,** Park Ridings— | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 16 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 15 | 0 |
| **Woolwich—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 0 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| **Yarmouth—** | | | |
| General | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Yateley—** | | | |
| General ... | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| **Ynysybwl—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 10 | 7 |

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| **PERSONAL—** | | | |
| General ... | 1335 | 1 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 754 | 12 | 10 |
| **LEGACIES—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1678 | 5 | 8 |
| **MISCELLANEOUS—** | | | |
| Special Collections, Refund of Income Tax, Literature, &c. | | | |
| General ... ... | 616 | 18 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 101 | 9 | 10 |
| **CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND** ... ... | 101 | 0 | 0 |
| **PUBLICATIONS—** | | | |
| " Heralds," " Rays," Reports ... | 264 | 8 | 9 |
| **EXTENSION FUND** | 68 | 12 | 4 |
| **SUSTENTATION ,,** | 227 | 7 | 6 |
| **PENSION FUND** | 528 | 15 | 2 |

## GENERAL NOTES

**Tamil Texts.**—Several friends have asked whether the authorities will accept these for dispatch to India under present conditions. We would make it clear that they are still being accepted, and we ask those who have engaged in this good work to continue it. These texts, pasted on the backs of picture postcards are of real service to our missionaries. Further supplies can be obtained from our General Secretary for 1s. per 100, post free.

**Reports.**—We hope that by this time all interested friends will have obtained a copy. If not, please secure one through the missionary representative in your own Church, or from the General Secretary. Price 2½d., post free.

**Miss Putnam.**—In earlier issues of this magazine we have reported that Miss Putnam hoped to return to India to engage in Christian service on the hills in conjunction with Mr. and Mrs. Watts, who are serving the Sunday School Union there. Her departure has been delayed by the cancellation of boat-sailings, but she was hoping to leave about the middle of November. She started her voyage on Saturday, November 18th.

**Mr. E. A. Booth.**—Yet once more the only thing that we can report is that our beloved friend is still seriously ill. As we have often said, the mental strain upon his dear ones must be very great. May they find the supporting grace of God all-sufficient in their time of need.

## MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The following brethren (in addition to the Officers) have been elected to serve on the Council for twelve months :—

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## ENGAGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1939

**PASTOR J. K. THORPE.**

3rd and 4th, Beccles; 5th, Stowmarket; 6th, Crowfield; 10th and 11th, Warboys; 12th, Ramsey; 13th, Great Gransden; 17th. Sudbourne; 18th, Leiston; 31st, Ilford.

**PASTOR W. CHISNALL.**

10th, Margate.

## L.Z.A. AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING will be held (D.v.) on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, at 2.30 p.m., at Church Hill, Walthamstow. Mrs. Reeves will preside, and Mrs. Thrower will give a short address. We shall hope to welcome as many lady friends as possible for prayer on this occasion.

# REPORTS OF MEETINGS

**E. London Missionary Week.**—It was not found practicable this year, owing to war conditions, to arrange the usual series of services in our Churches in East London. Perseverance asserted itself, however, and in some places the ladies held missionary meetings, and the F.O.Y. gatherings took a missionary character. Mr. Thrower showed his films at Gurney Road and East Ham.

A great meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, November 4th, at West Ham Tabernacle. Usually the Saturday afternoon gathering is a Children's Rally, but the children, for the most part, have been evacuated. The Adult Rally, usually held in the evening, was arranged for the afternoon. A large and representative company met under the Chairmanship of Pastor W. S. Baker, Chairman of the East London Auxiliary of the Mission. Mrs. Thrower gave the first address, her subject being, " Why seek ye the living among the dead? " and she told of interesting cases of conversion in South India. Mr. Thrower's word was on " Reconciliation," and Pastor R. Robinson, President of the Mission, followed with a message on " Faith in God, in His Promises, in His Purposes, and in His Power." There was a fine spiritual atmosphere and good singing. The offering was £6 10s.

**Walthamstow.**—Mrs. Thrower, by the grace of God, was enabled to address the Women's Meeting at Church Hill, on November 2nd. It was very refreshing to our memories to hear once again of the splendid work our L.Z.A. missionaries are doing in India. Although we have reports through the missionary letters each month, it is always a great joy to hear facts through the lips of the missionaries themselves, of the work of grace being wrought in the hearts of the Indian women and girls. Mrs. Thrower's address was very much appreciated, and listened to with great interest. A collection for the Mission realised £1.—G. R.

# THE CHRISTMAS BOXES, 1939

LIST OF CHURCHES contributing to the Christmas Boxes and Christmas Gift Fund :— ACCRINGTON, per Mrs. Whittaker; AYLESBURY, per Mrs. B. Tutt; ATTLEBORO', per Mrs. Randall; BROMLEY, per Mrs. G. Smith; BRADFORD, per Mrs. Ing; BRADENSTOKE, per Miss E. Skull; BURY, per Miss W. Nightingale; BRENTFORD, per Miss Fromow; BEDFORD, per Mrs. Orton and Mr. Sibthorpe; BROCKLEY, per Miss Ward; BERKHAMSTED, per Miss Hodsden; BATH, per Mrs. Grivell; COURLAND GROVE, per Miss V. Watts; CHELMSFORD, per Mrs. Wybrow; CHATTERIS, per Miss J. Dyson; CHADWELL STREET, per Mrs. E. Dinham; CAMBRIDGE, per Miss M. Songer; CROWBOROUGH, FOREST FOLD, per Miss Eade; CROYDON, " SALEM." per Misses Smither and Piggott; CROYDON, DERBY ROAD, per Miss A. May; CHORLEY, per Miss B. Critchley; CLAYTON WEST, per Mr. F. Bedford; CRAWLEY, per Miss I. Cook; CHESHAM, per Miss Franklin; DEVIZES, per Miss Mockford; EPSOM, per Mrs. J. Humphrey; FULHAM, per Mrs. Purkiss; FOLKESTONE, per Miss E. Button; GT. YARMOUTH, per Mrs. M. Smith; GRUNDISBURGH, per Miss A. Brown; GREENWICH, per Miss L. E. Syms; GRAVESEND, per Miss Crowhurst; GRAYS, per Miss Thorogood; HADLEIGH, per Mrs. T. Hopkins; HOUNSLOW, per Miss M. Elliott; HALSTEAD, per Miss G. Laver; HIGH WYCOMBE, per Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Simmons; HAWORTH, per Miss M. Kane; HOMERTON ROW, per Mrs. Crispin and Miss E. Boulter; HORLEY, per Mrs. A. G. Cook and Miss Cook; HIGHBURY, per Mrs. Puttnam; HORSHAM, per Mrs. Boxall; IPSWICH, " BETHESDA," per Miss D. Smith; IPSWICH, " ZION," per Mrs. E. Gardner; ILFORD, " EBENEZER," per Miss Kilbey; ILFORD, per Miss Preston; KESGRAVE, per Mrs. Staddon; LEYTON, per Miss F. Church; LEIGH-ON-SEA, per Mrs. Spratt; LESSNESS HEATH, per Mrs. Gibbs; MIDDLESBORO', per Miss Taylor; NORWICH, per Miss H. N. Cook and Mr. Church; NORBITON, per Miss Shrimpton; NOTTING HILL GATE, per Mrs. Hewitt; OTLEY, per Miss Davey; PRITTLEWELL, per Mrs. Jeffs; PONDERS END, per Miss H. Taylor; PRESTON, per Miss A. Brown; RATTLESDEN, per Miss M. Bragg; RAMSGATE, per Miss G. Nugent; RICHMOND, per Mrs. Leaver and Mrs. Molden; READING, per Mrs. Woodham; STREATHAM, per Miss Parker; STOKE ASH, per Miss Hitchcock; SOMERSHAM, per Miss Reader; SWINDON, per Mrs. Lane; STRATFORD, GURNEY ROAD, per Miss A. Webb; SIDDAL, HALIFAX, per Mr. R. Bretton; SUDBOURNE, per Mrs. J. Cordle; ST. JOHN'S WOOD, per Miss N. Verdon; TOLLINGTON PARK, per Mrs. Mitson; TUNSTALL, per Miss A. Layte; TOTTENHAM, per Miss A. Reed and Miss L. Bray; TUNBRIDGE WELLS, per Misses Pool; TROWBRIDGE, Mrs. D. Cook; TRING, per Misses Butcher; WAKES' COLNE, per Misses Patten; WETHERDEN, per Mrs. Rushbrook; WATFORD, per Miss Ball and Miss Richardson; WALDRINGFIELD, per Mrs. Staddon; WANDSWORTH, per Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Coleman; WELLINGBORO', per Miss Collis; WOOD GREEN, ELDON ROAD, per Mrs. Kyte; WOOD GREEN, PARK RIDINGS, Mrs. Sayers; WEST HAM, per Mrs. Clark; WIMBLEDON, per Mrs. Askew, Miss Gibbons and Mrs. Broughton; WARBOYS, per Miss R. See; WALTHAMSTOW, per Mrs. E. Gillam; WALTON-ON-NAZE, per Mrs. Deeley; YATELEY, per Miss Newman.

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NOTES.

If by accident the name of any contributor has been omitted from the above lists, kindly send information of the omission to me, that the name may be entered in next month's HERALD.

Our hearty thanks are again due to the kind friend who is bearing the big cost of the carriage of our gifts to India, and also to Mr. A. Vine, who supplies us with the fine packing cases year by year.

It is very wonderful that, in spite of war conditions, we have been able to pack 12 cases, containing 3,120 garments and 780 dolls, and that these are now on their way to India in the S.S. *Ben Macdhui*.

There have been so many answers to prayer, right from the beginning, when, war proclaimed, it looked impossible that anything could be sent out this Christmas, to the time when news came through that the boxes were actually on the water, that we can only say, "What hath God wrought?" and to Him be all the praise. And because He hath done so much, let us be encouraged to pray that under His special care and "convoy" our gifts may arrive unharmed, in time for Christmas.

The garments are really beautiful this year—good material and good work—and the dolls suitable and well dressed. Friends have also sent liberally to the Christmas Gift Fund, so that over £80 has been contributed. We would heartily thank all friends for kind co-operation in this happy service.

Some of our workers have been asking what to do about the future. Our advice is—purchase material as soon as possible, before prices rise, and carry on with the work as usual, in hope that next year's Boxes may be sent out as a thankoffering for Peace!

Many of our Sewing Classes will be greatly reduced in numbers at present, but better meet in twos and threes than not at all, and better make only few garments than none. Let us go forward in full confidence, and He will supply all our needs.

Friends are reminded that it is important to watch the HERALDS month by month for any further notices or advice concerning the requirements for next year's contributions. Information and patterns will be sent (D.v.) to any Church or individual wishing to start Sewing Meetings, or to take any part in this branch of the work. (Write to Miss H. V. Harris, "Nethania," 7, Carlton Hill, N.W.8.)

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## *"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."*

## *Gifts received from Sept. 21st to Oct. 31st, 1939*

### GENERAL FUND

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| 41 | 38 | 9 | 10 |
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**EXTENSION FUND**

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| 53 | £12 | 13 | 9 |

**SUSTENTATION FUND**

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| 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 36 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 37 | 2 | 13 | 0 |
| | £148 | 7 | 1 |

# NOTICES

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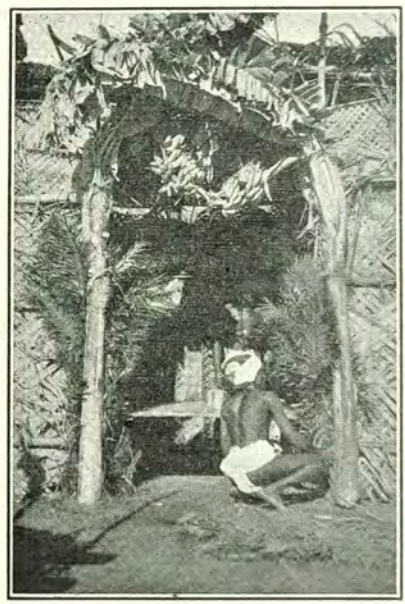
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# FROM THE RAYS EAST

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## SCENES ALONGSIDE THE ROADSIDE AND THE RAILWAY-TRACK.

*by Doris A. Kuhrt, Kovilpatti.*

WHEN I first travelled through Indian streets and on Indian railway tracks, I thought that I should never get so used to seeing things, funny or otherwise, so as to be able to settle down in the carriage to read or talk. I wanted to be able to stretch my neck as far as it would go in order to see as much as possible of men, women, children, animals, bandy carts, etc. Friends said to me, "Oh, you will get used to all that and get over it soon." I have been out here a year and I have not got over it yet. I love to travel because there is so much to see that is interesting. During our recent journey to Madras for exams., Mr. Kuhrt and I had to spend 16 hours in the train and that meant a night. I can tell you that I had not much sleep because I wanted to look out at every station at which we stopped. It didn't matter what time it was; all through the night there was much activity on nearly every station platform. There was always a boy with English and Tamil newspapers and magazines. There was usually another with "carppee" (coffee) and buns. Then, there were always many people asleep on the platforms. What a wonderful thing it is that our Indian friends can curl up so easily and go to sleep! They seem to need no pillows and sheets. What an economical way of living!

### Child Beggars.

Quite a different scene is that presented by begging children. It is so pitiful when a child comes to your carriage window and pleads starvation, although many are not to be believed. One must use one's discretion and one's eyes, for many are indeed on starvation diet and this is their only means of getting food. Others doubtless are sent to beg by parents and probably have to take a certain amount home. This "child-begging" is being stopped here and there, but it will take a long time to stop it altogether. On our way to Madras, Mr. Kuhrt and I heard a terrible cry as the train left a certain station and we thought that one of these children, who were lining up along the railway track begging, had been caught in a wheel. But, on looking out of the window, I discovered that a woman had put a small baby into a carriage to beg, and that the train, having started, was carrying her babe off. An occupant of the carriage had literally to throw the child from the doorway, and a young boy who was running alongside caught the child and handed it over to the mother. So there is sometimes physical danger in this business besides the harm that is done to the children morally. Please pray for the CHILDREN of India.

## LETTER FROM UNCLE ARTHUR.

Aboard S.S. "Maloja," Marseilles."
January 13th, 1939.

**Dear Sun-Rays,**

A week ago to-day, we got into the boat-train at St. Pancras, and arrived at Tilbury Dock, where we boarded the S.S. "Maloja" for India. You will be glad to know that we did not have rough weather in the Bay of Biscay. Some people were ill, but we have kept very fit up till now. We stopped at Tangier and Gibraltar, and now we have reached Marseilles. We expect to sail from here at 4 o'clock to-morrow morning.

There are several hundred people on this boat, and every passenger has a certain amount of baggage. Oh what piles of luggage we saw lying about on the decks and in the gangways on the day we came aboard, but soon it was all sorted out and stowed away in various parts of the ship. People who travel are given labels before they start the voyage, and these labels are stuck on to their trunks and suit-cases where they are to be stowed on the boat.

There are three kinds of labels: Class 1, "Cabin"—for packages required in the cabin all the time. Class 2, "Wanted on Voyage"—for cases one wishes to go to occasionally en route. Class 3, "Not wanted on voyage"—for baggage not required at all until the end of the trip. It is very important to put the right labels on every package, for baggage in Class 2 goes into the baggage room and is locked up, and Class 3 goes into the hold of the ship, and cannot be seen until the end of the voyage.

This little talk about baggage reminds me of that important question, "What think ye of Christ?" I wonder how you regard the Lord Jesus. Is HE your "Cabin Companion," with you all the time, the One Who shares your joys as well as your sorrows, One Who is with you on the p'aying-field as well as in chapel—your SAVIOUR and your BEST FRIEND?

Or do you think of Him merely as One Who is "wanted on voyage," One to Whom you can turn in trouble and perplexity, but not otherwise? Oh, how many people treat God like that! But what is far worse, there are some who have labelled Him, "Not wanted on voyage." They are trying to evade Christ and His claims, and to live without Him. But we shall all have to meet Him at the end of the voyage of life—either as our Saviour or our Judge.

Now I must run ashore with this and post it in time to catch the air-mail for Croydon which leaves early in the morning. I hope that you will all have a very successful year at school, and do well in your examinations.

With love from
**UNCLE ARTHUR.**

## A LETTER FROM THE RED SEA.

*from Monica E. Harris.*

On board S.S. Mashobra.
November 29th, 1938.

Dear Boys and Girls,

When I first started to write to you we were in the Red Sea; that very same sea which, you will remember, the children of Israel passed through after they had escaped out of Egypt. That was many hundreds of years ago. When we were going through the Red Sea there was a very strong wind blowing which was beating up the waves and making the ship rock to and fro. It reminded me of that strong east wind which God sent to divide the

waters so that Moses and the children of Israel could go safely across on dry land. Is it not wonderful to know that the very same God who took care of the children of Israel, all those hundreds of years ago, is our God too, who still watches over and cares for His people?

On this ship there are several boys and girls. Some are quite big and have been to India before; one little girl has been all round the world with her mother and father. But some are very small and are going to India for the first time. On Sunday afternoons, we have been having a service for these children. We collected all the chairs in the children's "nursery" and arranged them in a circle. Then, sitting round together, we sang some verses of the hymns we all knew, and then had some prayer. Then we took it in turn to tell them stories. Some of these have been Bible stories, and sometimes they have been true missionary stories. The children have enjoyed them very much, and sometimes they have asked questions. We have had some very happy Sunday afternoons together like this.

I am quite sure that one or two of those children do not know very much about the Lord Jesus, especially that little girl who has been all round the world. So it has been a very good opportunity to tell them that Jesus loves little children, and how very happy He makes us when we come to Him, and then how He also helps us to make other people happy too.

When you read this letter I expect I shall be in India with the Indian boys and girls. So I want to remind you when you kneel down to pray to the Lord Jesus, to pray for the Indian boys and girls, and especially for those who have never heard of God and His love.

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## LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I have got to push myself into a corner, like the celebrated Jack Horner, and have room for two things only. I want to thank those friends and Sunday Schools who responded so heartily to the Christmas and New Year's Thankoffering. Some have also sent to me for the Sun-Ray League School at Tathankuppam. Here are the names of the schools: Billinghay, per Mrs. Burns, Dunstable; Epsom Sewing Class, per Miss I. Humphrey, Fulham, Greenwich, Leyton, Over, Richmond, Walthamstow, also the following personal contributions: Audrey, Betty and John Balchin, Miss E. Huckett, Mary Johnson, A. Parks and Gwenneth and Muriel Stannard.

Then I want to acknowledge these letters: Albert Chapman (thank you for Christmas cards), Muriel Culliford (we shall miss you, Muriel), Malcolm Endersby, Dorothy Geall, Edith Girling (how many stars, Edith?), Leonard Goddard, Olive Grimwood, Roy Howlett, Mary Johnson, Herbert Newland, Victor, Palmer thank you for Christmas card), Dorothy Williams, Margaret Dorsey and Joyce Gotobe.

Wishing you each every blessing during this year.

Your loving,

UNCLE PETER.

## OUR PICTURE PAGE.

*by Wilfred H. Kuhrt, Kovilpatti.*

This was taken in a village called Reddiyapatti where we have a new chapel building. One morning while standing inside the chapel and looking out of the window I caught sight of this delightful scene just by the side of the chapel walls. So I seized my camera and got the picture through the bars of the window. I dare not try to get anything better because I knew the woman and the little girl would immediately cease their interesting occupations. The woman is gathering cow dung with which to make cakes for fuel while the little girl is busy stroking the back of the great lazy buffalo. There are probably not many little girls of that size in London who would care to be so near to a buffalo as she is. There are two goats tied to a post on the left, while in the background you can easily see some typical Indian village houses.



### HANDS DOWN!

Have you ever thought of the wonder of your hands and their wonderful design? They are like two ever willing slaves who immediately do all that your head commands. John Bunyan wrote:

"Thus I set pen to paper with delight
And quickly had my thoughts in black and white."

In this way the hands of a man were used to bring his thoughts before millions of other men. Our hands can do wondrous good. They can also work evil, and day by day our hands are earning for us God's blessing or God's displeasure. Let us ask God to "satisfy us early with Thy mercy . . . . and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

Place one of your hands palm downwards on a piece of paper. Now take a pencil and draw right round your hand from one side of the wrist to the other. Then along each finger and the thumb put, first the number of the question; then the book, chapter and verse where these words are found—one reference on each.

1. The fingers of a man's hand.
2. Thy right hand.
3. His left hand.
4. One of his hands.
5. Mine own hand

The answers will be found in Daniel 5; Isaiah 41; Genesis 48; Nehemiah 4; 2 Thessalonians 3. In the centre write out in full the verse in John 10 where "my Father's hand" is mentioned. Extra marks will be awarded in both groups if you can find the word "hand" or "hands" more than once in any of the chapters named. Make a list of the extra references.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

You have to draw two hands. Fill in the references as above, and then search for these words and fill them in in the same way.

6. Our own hands.
7. My two hands.
8. The right hands of fellowship.
9. Their left hands.
10. Clean hands.

They will be found in 1 Corinthians 4; Deuteronomy 9; Galatians 2; Judges 7; Psalm 24. Then write out in full the verse in Isaiah 49 where the words "the palms of my hands" are found.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prize winners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until June, 1939, although they are welcome to compete, and their entries will be marked and listed with others. Put your name, age, address and Sunday School on your paper and post in a ½d. envelope (unsealed) to UNCLE PETER, 1, ARLINGTON COTTAGES, CHISWICK, LONDON, W.4 If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 1½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, FEBRUARY 28th, 1939.

**SUN RAY LEAGUE —If you would like to know all about the Sun Ray League, ask for particulars when you send in your paper.**

## RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

Quite a good number of entries were sent in for this Searcher; but many scholars lost marks through not writing out **in full** the verses where the missing sentences were found. Others gave an answer from the Gospel instead of the 1st Epistle of John. We welcome 41 new searchers and one new school at Sutton-at-Hone. Here are the names in order of merit.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Kathleen Braddy, aged 13, "Providence" S.S., Highbury.

2, Harold Abbott, aged 12, March S.S.

**Special Mention:** Elsie Dungey, Marian Parker, Hazel Seaman, Mary Clover, Florence Seaman, Ruth Sayers, Doris Crowhurst, Violet Culliford, Norman Ing, Elizabeth Cole, Dorothy Orris, Therza Walford.

**Highly Commended:** Violet Frost, Albert Driver, Gordon Farmer, Dorothy Steward, Muriel Dungey, Joyce Hodson, Ruby Davidson, Sheila Walshaw, Rene Vaughan, Olive Kill, May Tratt, Olive Grimwood, Iris Keeble, Vera Gurney, Jean Davidson, Dorothy Jones, Lucy Brownrigg, Leslie Feltham, Margaret Cook, Freda Jackson, Norman Caplin, Leslie Jones, Joyce Wilkinson, Joyce Key, Cissie Pearson, Sylvia Cheek, Gweneth Stannard, Ronald Lane, Phyllis Miller, David Cole, V. Palmer, Ronald

Mayne, Lilian Crawford, Richard Page, Ruby Marjoram, Edith Girling, Leonard Goddard, R. Greengrass, Joyce Bass, Margaret Layzell, Leslie Etherington, Grace Innes, Caleb Chapman, Ena Jordan, Barbara Marjoram, Doris Fuller, Beryl Wood, Philip Hitchcock, Mary Young, Roy Howlett, Bernard Bawden, Muriel Asplin.

**Commended:** Phyllis Lonely, Bessie Cattermole, L. Levering sent answer from John's Gospel. The following omitted to write out verses where missing words were found: Mary Relf, Margaret Hawes, Dorothy Geall, Mollie Turner, Muriel Culliford, Herbert Newland, Donald Christie, Ruth Relf, Alfred Coman, Eileen Wood, Kathleen Giblett, Ethel Yardy, Violet Hurst, Alan Toms, Joyce, Haynes, Rose Acres, Alfred Rowe. Also tried: Sheelagh Quilley and Elsie Town.

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Alan Pilgrem, aged 10, Prittlewell S.S.
2, David Church, aged 7, "Zion" S.S., High Wycombe.

**Special Mention:** Kathleen Walshaw, Brian Honeysett, Barbara Holmes, Doris Jermyn, Betty Rhone, Peter Driver, Myrtle Honeysett.

**Highly Commended:** Peter Marshall, Mary Emmerson, Iris Rhone, Grace Catling, Robin Frost, Dorothy Williams, D. Destorick, Doris Pickett, Norman Carter, Betty Lamprill, Mary Etherington, Joan Young, Muriel Dovey, John Bryant, Maisie Catling, Michael Hitchock, Eleanor Parker, Brenda Wallis, Nellie Whiting, Eric Marjoram, Ronald Key, Rita Jordan, Ronald Cherrill, Malcolm Endersby, Margaret Faulkner, Albert Chapman, Ethel Faulkner, E. Palmer, Jean Howes, Nita Leete, Olive Randall, Eileen Turner, Doris Allen or Cullen (Courland Grove), Gladys Wallbridge, Doug'as Fountain, Rhoda Relf, Gladys Gerrish, Derek Bradshaw, Marsina Girling, Arthur Wilkinson, Dorothy Allen, M. Jaegar, Ruth Jaegar, Lloyd Marjoram, George Abbott, Glenna Marjoram, Dulcie Plowright, Janet Greengrass, Hilda Grimwood, David Todd, Marie Young, Florence Hamilton, Dulcie Marjoram, Eva Grimwood, Kenneth Pearson, Margaret Field, Derek Endersby, June Mattocks, Joyce Hill, Daisy Palmer, Brenda Denman, Peter Etherington, Eileen Brownrigg, Gladys Bye, Peggy Crawford, Doreen Bremner, Doreen Girling, Beatrice Newstead, Hugh Green, Dorothy Hamilton, Rose Hill, Iris Raper, Dennis Tuck, Harold Smith, Pearl Read, Jean Smith, Amy Hawes, Joan Hazel, Joyce Tinham, Eileen Bawdon, John Etherington, Eileen Gentle, Gwendoline Roberts, Nellie Johnson, Doreen Ricketts, Vera Mansfield, Robert Holmes, Kenneth Martin, Nellie Whitbread, Doris Stock, Reginald Kill, Henry Stock, Mildred Ovenden, Susie Collins.

**Commended:** Stanley Hodge, Kenneth Etherington, Patricia Jaggers, Betty Dodd, Stanley Hawes, Thelma and Evelyn Devenish, Arthur Gallaway, George Wake.

Sent answer from John's Gospel: Lilian Carter, Eva Barnes, Robert Turner, Iris Skinner, Doris Moore, Violet Moore, one with no name, Joyce Town, G. Stanley.

Omitted to write out verse: Rita Elmer, Peter Wilkinson, Jean Gall, Doris Braddy, Janet Christie, Olive Westcott, Joyce Reynolds, Dorothy Chopping, Lucy Randall, Derek Portwood, Joan Cooper, Pamela Rivett, John Chopping, Ivy Cooper, Oliver Toms, David Caplin, Hazel Brown, Charles Portwood, Violet Garrod, Laurie Christie, Irene Hance, Roy Leaver, Ruby Hawes, Stephen Toms, Rose Green, Audrey Bishop, Joyce Hodgson, Joyce Gotobe, George Rowe, Peter Roberts, Iris Negus, Joan Ovenden, N. Olviri, Barbara Holford, Doris Webb.

**Not for Competition:** The Misses Dorothy Best, May Jaegar, Vera Whitney, Mr. G. J. Stevens.

March heads the list this time, with Ponders End second. Chadwell Street was third.

## HONOURS LIST, 1938.

We have taken the competition for the Honours List to the end of the year this time, and have included the December entries. All who have

done five or six entries during the past year will receive an Honours Certificate signed by Uncle Peter. Here are the names of the holders of Honours Certificates. If you do not find your name there, start right now with this Bible Searcher and do each one regularly until next December. We trust that you may find your name printed in February, 1940.

**March:** Harold and George Abbott, Muriel Asplin, Joyce Bass, Doris Fuller, Hugh Green, Phyllis Miller, Dulcie Plowright, Mollie and Eileen Turner, Dennis Tuck, Peter Wilkinson. **West Ham Tabernacle:** Eva Barnes, Ronald Cherrill, Lilian Crawford, Edith Marsina and Doreen Girling Herbert Newland, Emma Read, Joyce Tinham, Iris Skinner. **Crowfield:** Benjamin and Mary Clover, Albert and Peter Driver, Olive, Hilda and Eva Grimwood, Kenneth Hart. **Streatham:** Janet, Donald and Laurie Christie, Barbara Holmes, Margaret and Stephen Layzell, Grace Weston, Dorothy Williams. **Chadwell Street:** John Bryant, Kathleen Fox, Jean Gall, Joyce Gotobe, Rose Hill, June Mattocks, Doris Pickett. **Eastbourne:** Brenda Blinkhorn, Muriel Buckwell, Myrtle and Brian Honeysett, Connie Miles, Ruth and Mary Relf. **Devonshire Road, Greenwich:** Muriel and Elsie Dungey, Malcolm, Derek and Margaret Endersby, Dorothy Geall, Grace Innes. **Horham:** Maisie Catling, Caleb and Albert Chapman, Margaret, Amy and Ruby Hawes. **Epsom:** Joyce Ballinger, Brenda Denman, Mary Etherington, Ruth and Janet Greengrass. **Bradford:** Norman Ing, Rene Vaughan, Sheila and Kathleen Walshaw. **Richmond:** Lucy, Eileen and Hazel Brownrigg, Roy Leaver. **Prittlewell:** Peggy, Joyce and Ronald Key, A'an Pilgrem. **Rattlesden:** Michael Hitchcock, Barbara, Ruby and Dulcie Marjoram. **Acton:** Betty and John Balchin, Violet Culliford. **Chase Cross, Romford:** Alan, Oliver and Stephen Toms. **Ely:** Victor, Eric and Daisy Palmer. **Ilford:** Muriel Dovey, Ethel Faulkner, Edna Phillips. **Bath:** Gwen and Eleanor Parker. **Brentford:** Betty Teale, Robert Turner. **Chingford:** Ei'een Clampit, Dorothy Orange. **Fressingfield:** Audrey and Jean Etheridge. **Potten End:** Jean Smith, Norman Carter, Aileen Young. **Oxford:** Dorothy and Leslie Jones. **St. Neots:** Mabel Gammons, Annie Howell. **Walthamstow:** Beatrice Newstead, Iris Raper. **Aldringham:** Marian Parker and Florence Seaman. **Billinghay:** Joyce Hodson. **High Wycombe:** David Church. **Leatherhead:** Gordon Farmer. **Leyton:** Sylvia Cheek. **Rye Lane, Peckham:** Olive Westcott. **Redbourn:** Peter Marshall. **Southall:** Gweneth Stannard. **Swindon:** Ronald Lane. **Tring:** Vera Gurney. **Lynton Road, Bermondsey:** Doris Jermyn. **Ponders End:** Leslie Feltham.

**The Brothers Come Again.**

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|---|---|---|
| Feb. | 6 M | Gen. 43, 1-10 |
| | 7 Tu | Gen. 43, 11-18 |
| | 8 W | Gen. 43, 19-25 |
| | 9 Th | Gen. 43, 26-34 |
| | 10 F | John 5, 25-31 |
| | 11 S | John 5, 32-37 |
| | 12 Su | John 5, 47-58 |

**Judah Pleads for Benjamin.**

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| Feb. | 13 M | Gen. 44, 1-9 |
| | 14 Tu | Gen. 44, 10-17 |
| | 15 W | Gen. 44, 18-26 |
| | 16 Th | Gen. 44, 27-34 |
| | 17 F | Heb. 7, 20-25 |
| | 18 S | Rom. 5, 6-11 |
| | 19 Su | Isaiah 53, 6-12 |

**Joseph Made Known.**

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| Feb. | 20 M | Gen. 45, 1-8 |
| | 21 Tu | Gen. 45, 9-15 |
| | 22 W | Gen. 45, 16-24 |
| | 23 Th | Isaiah 40, 1-5 |
| | 24 F | 2 Cor. 2, 1-8 |
| | 25 S | Psalm 30, 1-5 |
| | 26 Su | Psalm 32, 1-7 |

**Review.**

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| Feb. | 27 M | Gen. 37, 5-11 |
| | 28 Tu | Gen. 37, 23-29 |
| Mar. | 1 W | Gen. 39, 1-6 |
| | 2 Th | Gen. 41, 28-36 |
| | 3 F | Gen. 42, 3-15 |
| | 4 S | Gen. 43, 8-15 |
| | 5 Su | Gen. 44, 25-34 |

**Israel in Egypt.**

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| Mar. | 6 M | Gen. 45, 25-28 |
| | 7 Tu | Gen. 46, 1-6 |
| | 8 W | Gen. 46, 26-30 |
| | 9 Th | Gen. 47, 1-6 |
| | 10 F | Deut. 10, 17-22 |
| | 11 S | Deut. 26, 1-5 |
| | 12 Su | Psalm 37, 1-7 |

**Jacob Dies in Faith.**

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| Mar. | 13 M | Gen. 48, 1-7 |
| | 14 Tu | Gen. 48, 8-14 |
| | 15 W | Gen. 48, 15-22 |
| | 16 Th | Gen. 49, 28-33 |
| | 17 F | Gen. 50, 1-6 |
| | 18 S | Gen. 50, 7-13 |
| | 19 Su | Heb. 11, 17-22 |

**The Boyhood of Jesus.**

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| Mar. | 20 M | Luke 2, 40-52 |
| | 21 Tu | 1 Sam. 3, 1-10 |
| | 22 W | Prov. 4, 1-10 |
| | 23 Th | Deut. 31, 7-13 |
| | 24 F | Psalm 78, 1-8 |
| | 25 S | 1 Chron. 22, 6-13 |
| | 26 Su | Matt. 18, 1-11 |

**The Last Supper.**

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| Mar. | 27 M | Luke 22, 1-13 |
| | 28 Tu | Luke 22, 14-23 |
| | 29 W | John 13, 1-11 |
| | 30 Th | John 13, 12-20 |
| | 31 F | Exod. 12, 1-10 |
| Apr. | 1 S | Exod. 12, 11-17 |
| | 2 Su | Matt. 26, 20-29 |

**The Risen Lord.**

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|---|---|---|
| Apr. | 3 M | Luke 24, 1-12 |
| | 4 Tu | Luke 24, 13-24 |
| | 5 W | Luke 24, 25-35 |
| | 6 Th | Eph. 1, 15-23 |
| | 7 F | Rom. 6, 1-11 |
| | 8 S | 1 Cor. 15, 1-9 |
| | 9 Su | 1 Cor. 15, 12-22 |

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# RAYS FROM THE EAST

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## STRANGE HOMES.

*by Beatrice L. Mowle, Madras.*

BOYS and girls have all heard the expression, "It is too much of a good thing," meaning that we can have too much of even a good thing. Greedy boys and girls realise the truth of this at Christmas time. This saying was illustrated last year in Madras when the monsoon weather exceeded itself. For many years Madras had not known so much rain to fall during one Monsoon. Pictures were in the papers of flooded streets and homeless people.

### Choosing a Better Site.

We made a visit to Thathankuppam on a hot Spring day. After leaving the rickshaw on the side of the road, a quarter of an hour's walk had to be made over an open space of ground. On one part of this open space a good many houses were being erected. I was told that a good many people from the adjoining village of Thathankuppam had decided to vacate their old, dilapidated houses, and to build fresh houses on this piece of ground which is higher. They had suffered much through the monsoon weather, because the houses which they were vacating had been built on such low-lying ground.

### The Roof—and Beneath it.

I would like to give you an idea of their methods of making new homes for themselves. In England, one would never think of making first the roof to the house, yet many of these houses are being built in this way. The roof is made of wood or cane placed crosswise in pieces, with palmyra leaves resting upon them, tied or fixed in place with string or strips of fibre. It is then erected on wooden posts. As the people get time and money the mud walls will be erected. I paid a visit to a family in one such house. Children from the adjoining houses came in and squatted on the floor. We had reading and prayer and a talk with the man and his wife. At one end, rice was cooking on a fire-place made of mud and clay. There was plenty of space for the smoke to escape. Truly, these people go to bed with just a roof to cover them. When you are tucked up in your nice comfortable bed within your own house, will you remember these poor Indian boys and girls and thank God for His goodness to you?

"For mercies countless as the sands,
Which daily I receive
From Jesus, my Redeemer's hands,
My soul, what canst thou give."

## AN EFFORT AT HOME.

A HAPPY evening was spent on January 24th by the parents and friends of the Epsom Girls' Sewing Class. The occasion was a Birthday Meeting held in connection with this class, the object of which is to sew and knit for the boys and girls in our Missionary hostels in India. The Class has been conducted for the past two years by Miss I. Humphrey.

The meeting was preceded by a tea for the girls, after which quite a goodly number of friends gathered. The Chair was taken by Mr. S. W. Anderson (Vice-President of the Mission). Prayer was offered by Mr. W. J. Shipton (Treasurer) and Psalm 115 read by one of the girls. A report on the work done and the activities of the Class was given by the Leader. The Chairman spoke in appreciation of the way the girls had worked, and related an incident in the early life of a girl who later became a Missionary. He also reminded his hearers of Christ's command for Mission work. A number of recitations, choruses, and hymns of a Missionary character were well rendered by the girls. The closing item—"A Peep at the Sewing Class"—showed the girls with their sewing and knitting, and gave those present an insight into the way in which the class is conducted. This piece included the telling of the story of Jeya (the little Indian girl who has been "adopted" by the Class in conjunction with the Sunday School at Epsom), and concluded with the repetition of texts by the girls, followed by a simple gospel message from the Leader. It is worthy of mention that each meeting of the Sewing Class is concluded in this way, so that the class has a two-fold object.

May the blessing of the Lord follow this meeting, and the efforts of the Sewing Class bear fruit in His time and way.

### GOD'S SECRET.

God has His Secrets. They are found in every plant, deep in the wide ocean, hidden buried in the treasures of the earth. Our most clever men cannot know their wisdom, for these things belong to God and He is silent. God has, however, revealed His greatest secret, and Jesus came to make it known. It is this—that He Himself, the hope of glory, will dwell within the hearts of His children, and they shall all know Him from the least to the greatest.

### LOWER GROUP, AGE UNDER 12.

Read the chapters named very carefully and see if you can find these words.

1. Hast thou heard the secret?
2. The secret of the Lord.
3. In the secret of his tabernacle.
4. He knoweth the secrets.
5. Thy Father which seeth in secret.

They will be found in Psalm 25, Matthew 6, Psalm 44, Job 15, Psalm 27; but the chapters are not in the same order as the words. When you have found all you can, start at the words given and write on to the end of the verse; and give the book, chapter and verse where found.

**Bible Searcher (continued).**

## UPPER GROUP, AGE 12 AND UNDER 16.

First do the questions set for the Lower Group, then find the answers to these questions, but notice that in this part you are to write out the verses **in full,** and say where they are found.

6. His secret is with the righteous.
7. The secret place of the most High.
8. The secret things belong unto the Lord.
9. He revealeth the . . . . secret things.
10. Hidden riches of secret places.

The answers will be found in Deuteronomy 29, Daniel 2, Proverbs 3, Isaiah 45, Psalm 91. These chapters are not in the same order as the words.

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## RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

We were delighted to see so many entries. There were over 300, which was a splendid start for the year. Not many scholars suceeded in finding all the extra references, but a very large number gained high marks for careful searching. We were pleased to see 68 new Searchers. Here are the names in order of merit.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Lucy Brownrigg, aged 14, "Salem," Richmond.
2, Margaret Hawes, aged 14, Horham.

**Special Mention:** Elsie Dungey, Muriel Dungey, V. C. Palmer, Dorothy Willsher, Gwen Relf, Sheila Walshaw.

**Very Highly Commended:** Edna Phillips, Joan Fitzjohn, Rosemary Jones, Mary Relf, Norman Ing, May Tratt, Winnie Wilkie, A. Mead, Ellis Davidson, Ruth Relf, Albert Driver, Florence Seaman, Jean Pearce, Donald Christie, Harold Abbott, Rene Vaughan, Dorothy Jones, Violet Culliford, Peggy Winkworth, Eileen Wood, Violet Hurst, Elizabeth Cole, Alan Toms, Rose Acres, Doreen Lambert, Hazel Green, Gweneth Stannard, Therza Walford, Iris Keeble, Olive Garrard, Joyce Bass, Joyce Crane, Beryl Wood, Marian Marsh, Margaret Layzell, Sylvia Cheek, Philip Hitchcock, John Jocelyn, Ronald Lane, Dorothy Geall, Doreen Banyon, Mary Clover.

**Highly Commended:** Elizabeth Mitchell. Ruth Greengrass, Doris Crowhurst, Lilian Crawford, Doris Fuller, Edith Girling, Elsie Town, Gladys Sayers, Gordon Farmer, Violet Frost, Ralph Endersby, R. Freeman, Joyce Key, Phyllis Miller, Margaret Field, Donald Whitney, David Cole, Joyce Hodson, Leonard Goddard, Joan Hampshire, Mary Young, Winnie Wheeler, Barbara Marjoram, Olive Grimwood, Muriel Culliford, Doreen Edwards, Dorothy McCoombe, Ruby Marjoram, Marjorie Sayers, H. Copping, Leslie Jones, Marian Parker, Joyce Ballinger, Grace Innes, Olive Kill, Herbert Newland, Gertrude Vincent, Patricia Burdett, Violet Warner, Mary Allen, Harold Cull, L. Etherington, Nancy Costin, Arthur Stacey, Olive Law, Sylvia Law, Nita Leete, Doreen Cripps, Eric Raper.

**Commended:** Dennis Lithgow, Muriel Asplin, One from March without name, Doreen Bridgestock, Georgina Heeks, Leslie Feltham, Cissie Pearson (omitted verse in Lower Group), Agnes Abbott (sent references without

drawing). The following omitted to write out the verses in John 10 and Isaiah 49: Renee Coleman, Joyce Wilkinson, Caleb Chapman, Doreen Dorkins, Marjorie Cooper. Answered Lower Group only: Vera Batchelor, Phyllis Lovely, Maureen Kernan, Phyllis Brooks.

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Kathleen L. Walshaw, aged 8, "Zoar" S.S., Bradford.
2, Barbara Taylor, aged 11 years, Lessness Heath.

**Special Mention:** Eileen Brownrigg, Malcolm Endersby, Hazel Brownrigg, Aileen Young, Myrtle Honeysett.

**Very Highly Commended:** Dennis Tuck, Peter Marshall, Doris Jermyn, Derek Endersby, Michael Hitchcock, Joan Taylor, Jean Dimmock, Ruth Plail, Grace Catling, Ethel Faulkner, Brian Honeysett, Gladys Wilmore, Diana Dorsey, Connie Atkin, Brian Webster, Mary Garrard, Albert Chapman, Margaret Faulkner, Oliver Toms, Doreen Bremner, Stephen Layzell, Irene Goldhawk, Rita Elmer, Margaret Cockbill, Barbara Bugg, Peter Driver, Joan Homewood, Susie Collins, Sheila Harris, Margaret Dorsey, Margaret Endersby, George Abbott, Mary Emmerson, Betty Lamprill, Rose Hill, Doreen Finch, Maisie Catling, Rhoda Relf, Iris Raper, June Stevenson, Laurie Christie, Dulcie Plowright, Betty Rhone, John Bryant, Florence Hamilton, Hilda Grimwood, David Todd, Muriel Dovey, Iris Rhone, Jean Smith, Dorothy Hamilton, Una Lambert, Stephen Toms.

**Highly Commended:** June Mattocks, Eileen Mason, Betty Balchin, Doris Webb, Marsina Girling, David Church, Robin Frost, Joyce Norwood, Jean Etheridge, Audrey Etheridge, Nellie Whitbread, Peter Wilkinson, Douglas Smith, John Balchin, R. Cherrill, Joan Young, Janet Greengrass, Lilian Cato, Peter Jermyn, Derek Bradshaw, Jean Brooks, Joyce Town, Muriel Buckwell, Eva Grimwood, Gladys Gerrish, Allan Geall, Harold Smith, Edwin Orchard, Janet Christie, Pamela Rivett, Teddy White, Ronald Key, Doreen Haynes, Tony Howes, Margaret Hart, Brenda Denman, Roy Leaver, Jessica Cook, Mildred Ovenden, Christopher Reynolds, Doreen Girling, Jean Howes, Betty Teale, Gwendoline Roberts, John Groom, Gladys Webb, Peggy Crawford, Eleanor Parker, June Ealey, Ruth Jaeger, Connie Miles, George Cheek, Lilian Carter, Reginald Kill, Amy Hawes, Mary Etherington, Ruby Hawes, Joyce Reynolds, Gladys Cato, Barbara Holmes, Robert Turner, Joyce Feeney, Sylvia Ellis, Nellie Low, Irene Mower, Lloyd Marjoram, Irene Hance, Agnes Quarterman, Margaret Hodgkins, Rita O'Archamband, Norman Carter, Alan Pilgrem, Hugh Green, John Etherington, Doreen McGee, Doreen Ricketts, Mavis Feeney, Beatrice Newstead, Fred Outten, Gwen Morriss, Evelyn Lacey, Victor Hart, Maureen Leete, Phyllis Acres, Peter Etherington, Dulcie Marjoram, Margaret Jaegar, Kenneth Etherington, G. Stanley, Fred Morriss, Glenna Marjoram, Beryl Roberts, Doris Stock, Mabel Gammons, Muriel Childs, June Wackett, Kenneth Ward, Marjorie Payne, Pat Jaggers, Peter Roberts, Daisy Palmer, E. Palmer, Derek Bass.

**Commended:** Jean Gall, F. Dungey, Iris Skinner, Joyce Kill, Stanley Hawes, Derek Law, Joan Marshall, Eric Marjoram, Henry Stock, Doreen Bissett, Joan Williams, Joan Ovenden, Stanley Smith, M. Hopkins, Vera Barker, Ivy Barker, Joyce Tinham. The following omitted to write out the verse in John 10: Joyce Colbran, Peggy Amato, Arthur Wilkinson, Joyce Thompson, Jean Stanley, Iris Emery, Kenneth Pearson, Gilda Brown, Pamela Pearson, Brenda Blinkhorn, Daphne Redhead, Annie Howell, Jean Howell, W. Barfield and Iris Wiseman (omitted drawing also), Gwen Elcomb, Sheila Smith, Ivy Capon, Joan Capon.

**Not for Competition:** The Misses Dorothy Best, Iris and V. Whitney, Mr. G. J. Stevens.

March again heads the list, with Ponders End second, Salem, Epsom, third.

**Honours List:** These names were accidently omitted from the list: Muriel Culliford, Evelyn Cole, Doris Crowhurst; all of Park Ridings, Wood Green.

## LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I have had some very interesting letters from different parts of the country, telling me of little groups forming themselves into Sun-Ray Classes, or Missionary Sewing Classes. Thees are now either being formed, or have been formed, at Epsom, Croydon, Ilford and Swindon; if there are others, I should be very interested to hear of your class and how it is run. We print in this issue an interesting letter from our Epsom Class, and take this opportunity of congratulating both the class and its leader on their useful work.

One very interesting letter told how their boys and girls are encouraged to enter for the Searcher. Our good friend writes, "In our Boys' and Girls' schoolrooms a chart is hung, and the names of all those who enter for the Searcher are placed upon it, and marks awarded according to order of merit: Commended 5 marks; Highly Commended 10 marks; Special Mention 15 marks; and a Prize 20 marks. At our Annual Prize distribution, a book is given to those who obtain the highest number of marks; and their photographs are placed on the chart for the next year. This arrangement is made by one our superintendents, it does help to encourage boys and girls to take an interest in 'Rays'." I should think it does, and I only wish that there might be many more schools who would adopt a plan like this? Why not try it in your school and get the boys and girls really keen on the business?

It was a great pleasure to receive such a good response to the New Year's Envelope Appeal, and here are some more names, which have reached me since the last issue: Chadwell Street, Epsom, Horsham, Ilford, Ipswich (Zoar), Kenninghall, Prittlewell, Redbourn and West Ham. Thank you each one.

The following boys and girls sent me some very welcome letters: Harold Abbott, Lucy, Eileen and Hazel Brownrigg, David Church (and his Daddy), Muriel Culliford, Edith Girling, Leonard Goddard, Margaret Hawes, B. Holmes, Peter Jermyn, Marian Marsh, Alan Pilgrem, Gweneth Stannard (thank you for the Tamil texts) and Evelyn Westcott. I was very glad to hear from you. May God bless you all.

Your loving,

UNCLE PETER.

**John the Baptist and Jesus.**

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| Apr. | 10 | M | **Luke 3, 1-6** |
| | 11 | Tu | **Luke 3, 7-14** |
| | 12 | W | **Luke 3, 15-22** |
| | 13 | Th | Matt. 3, 1-12 |
| | 14 | F | Mark 1, 1-11 |
| | 15 | S | Luke 7, 19-30 |
| | 16 | Su | Matt. 14, 1-12 |

**The Temptation of Jesus.**

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| Apr. | 17 | M | **Luke 4, 1-8** |
| | 18 | Tu | **Luke 4, 9-15** |
| | 19 | W | Luke 22, 22-32 |
| | 20 | Th | Psalm 1, 1-6 |
| | 21 | F | Eph. 6, 10-18 |
| | 22 | S | Heb. 2, 9-18 |
| | 23 | Su | Prov. 1, 7-15 |

**Miraculous Draught of Fishes.**

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| Apr. | 24 | M | Luke 4, 33-44 |
| | 25 | Tu | **Luke 5, 1-11** |
| | 26 | W | Matt. 4, 18-25 |
| | 27 | Th | Matt. 14, 22-33 |
| | 28 | F | John 21, 1-8 |
| | 29 | S | John 21, 9-14 |
| | 30 | Su | Jas. 2, 1-11 |

**Healing on the Sabbath**

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| May | 1 | M | **Luke 6, 1-11** |
| | 2 | Tu | **Luke 6, 12-19** |
| | 3 | W | Exod. 20, 1-6 |
| | 4 | Th | Exod. 20, 7-11 |
| | 5 | F | John 5, 1-9 |
| | 6 | S | John 5, 10-16 |
| | 7 | Su | Matt. 12, 1-13 |

**The Pity and Power of Jesus.**

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| May | 8 | M | **Luke 7, 1-10** |
| | 9 | Tu | **Luke 7, 11-16** |
| | 10 | W | Matt. 15, 21-31 |
| | 11 | Th | Mark 9, 14-23 |
| | 12 | F | Mark 9, 24-30 |
| | 13 | S | Heb. 11, 32-40 |
| | 14 | Su | Luke 4, 16-22 |

**Love's Devotion.**

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| May | 15 | M | **Luke 7, 36-43** |
| | 16 | Tu | **Luke 7, 44-50** |
| | 17 | W | Deut. 24, 14-22 |
| | 18 | Th | 2 Sam. 9, 1-6 |
| | 19 | F | 2 Sam. 9, 7-13 |
| | 20 | S | Psalm 86, 1-8 |
| | 21 | Su | Psalm 86, 9-17 |

**Command and Sustenance.**

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| May | 22 | M | **Luke 9, 1-9** |
| | 23 | Tu | **Luke 9, 10-17** |
| | 24 | W | John 6, 5-14 |
| | 25 | Th | John 6, 22-29 |
| | 26 | F | John 6, 30-40 |
| | 27 | S | John 6, 44-51 |
| | 28 | Su | Matt. 15, 32-39 |

**The Good Samaritan.**

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| May | 29 | M | **Luke 10, 25-29** |
| | 30 | Tu | **Luke 10, 30-37** |
| | 31 | W | Matt. 5, 38-48 |
| June | 1 | Th | Matt. 7, 1-12 |
| | 2 | F | 2 Cor. 8, 1-9 |
| | 3 | S | Matt. 25, 31-40 |
| | 4 | Su | Matt. 25, 41-46 |

**Prayer.**

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| June | 5 | M | **Luke 11, 1-4** |
| | 6 | Tu | **Luke 11, 5-13** |
| | 7 | W | Matt. 6, 1-8 |
| | 8 | Th | Mark 11, 20-26 |
| | 9 | F | Gen. 18, 23-33 |
| | 10 | S | Jas. 1, 1-8 |
| | 11 | Su | Jas. 5, 13-20 |

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# RAYS FROM THE EAST

## FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Boys and Girls at Tathankuppam
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## THE GIRLS AND THEIR GARDEN.

*by Violet D. Green, Pandiapatti.*

FOR several weeks the girls in the Paniadipatti Boarding School have been working quite hard on a garden plot. It does not look very large because it is only a small part of an extensive compound, which could be divided into four fair-sized fields. That plot, however, would look quite big in an ordinary sized London garden or allotment. They have been very busy ever since they first dug up the soil and planted the seeds. Each day they have filed over to the garden armed with garden tools, to remove weeds and to keep the soil round each little plant loose enough to give free passage of air; and of course there has been plenty of watering, which is not nearly so simple as it is in England, where you merely use the hose pipe or fill your watering cans from the tap. Our little gardens have to haul the water from the well in a bucket attached to a rope on a pulley, and it has been hard, hot work. We do not simply pour water all over the surface; here we have the Eastern system of irrigation. Shallow channels are dug and they wind in and out all over the garden. The water is poured into these and runs to all parts in turn. Someone has to control the flow of water so that when one little patch has had its share the channel may be closed and the water diverted to another little patch and so on. It is quite hard work.

### The First Fruits.

All this had been going on for some weeks when, just recently, the girls were very excited because they saw the plants flowering and came running to me with beaming faces to tell the good news. Shortly after, the young vegetables appeared, much to their delight, and on our last Prayer Day they came with the first picking from their garden and said they wanted to present the first fruits to the Lord, Who had blessed their work. We specially thanked Him as we made this presentation in that Prayer Day gathering. Imagine my surprise when, that same evening, there came a request for the vegetables to be returned so that the girls might enjoy them with their evening meal! They had offered them to the Lord but they wanted them back again. They had not really given them to Him for keeps! I asked them to read what the Bible says about that matter. I wonder if my young readers have ever given a gift to father or mother, or someone else very dear, and then have asked for it back. You will want to know what we did with that much prized gift of vegetables. We sent them to a very poor widow in a neighbouring village.

### A Complete Offering.

No doubt you have laughed over this little incident but I want it to be a message to us. Do not poke fun at these girls who, after all, know so very little. Their mistake is all too common. Indeed, I suspect the number to be very small who have not made the same mistake, and not once only but many times over. Some of the older friends will know at once my meaning. Many have yielded to the Lord Jesus their lives, health, strength, talent, time, money, and then have not only wished to have them back again but have taken them for their own pleasure and profit. You remember perhaps reading about the whole burnt-offering in Leviticus 1. It was an offering to the Lord made by one who wanted to give Him a love gift, not to be taken back again but for keeps. You remember that it WAS WHOLLY BURNT UPON THE ALTAR (v. 9). IT COULD NOT BE TAKEN BACK AGAIN! That is how the Lord wants us to present ourselves as well as our gifts to Him, WHOLLY, ENTIRELY, AND FOR KEEPS.

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## SPORTS DAY IN KOVILPATTI.

*by Doris A. Kuhrt, Kovilpatti.*

SOME of you would love to have been in Kovilpatti on Sports Day a few weeks ago. It was rather a dull day and, although we were glad at the thought of rain, we were not sorry that it held off until after Sports Day. The sports were due to commence at 3.30 p.m., but many children had been on the compound since lunch time and not a few all the morning. When we arrived upon the scene the first race was about to begin. Six swarthy little bodies were tense with excitement as they lined up.

### Could you do this?

Ready, Steady, Go! They were off! Round the paths of the compound they sped. Then the winner neared the rope, the second was not far behind, while the last boy came panting up a few seconds after, all amidst cries and shouts of encouragement. One by one the races were run; girls, too, took part, holding their dresses up a little that their progress should not be hindered. One race for girls is specially interesting. Probably you all know that in this country girls and women carry vessels and other things upon their heads. In this race, girls carry small drinking vessels filled with water upon their heads. Those who are brave enough to run, often get a shower bath at the same time. Spilling the water does not matter at all, however. The thing that does matter is to get to that winning-post without dropping the vessel.

### The Rope Broke.

The next event was "tug-o'-war." "Ah! that's a man's game" the boys will say. I think so, too, but lots of girls like it. Anyway, we all enjoy watching. This proved to be rather a long event as there were three schools represented and there were several standards to pull against each other. There was such excitement and suspense among the onlookers at one point, that they almost threatened to help one side or the other in their enthusiasm. However, this was not allowed, and eventually one side gave way and was pulled over the dividing line amidst lusty cheers.

### Fireworks.

Next a great treat, Fireworks! How the children love them! We all do, especially on November 5th. Now the time was passing quickly, so we had to hurry the programme a little, since the last items are the best from the children's point of view. A table was brought which was piled with the prizes, and a lady friend who had visited us presented them. After this came **The Treat**—a presentation to all, consisting of bananas, split peas and boiled sweets. The boys and girls lined up according to schools, and filing past the table in single line, received a spoonful of these sweetmeats and two bananas each. We purchased 500 bananas for the equivalent of 3/-, so that we were able to give this treat to the children at little cost, and it is a real treat to them all.

As it was then dusk, the children trooped away to their respective villages with parents and friends. They were tired but happy. Will you continue to pray that these children, and grown-ups too, may know the greater happiness which comes through the knowledge of our Saviour Jesus?

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## SAD NEWS FROM TATHANKUPPAM.

*by Uncle Arthur, Madras.*

My dear Sun-Rays,

Seven years ago, I used to write you letters about the Sun-Ray School at Tathankuppam, and now, once again, being in Madras, I am able to send you first-hand information about the school. At present there are 30 boys and 24 girls on the register and the school is in charge of Mr. S. Vethamanickam ("Scripture Jewel") and his wife, Suganthie ("Amethyst"). Owing to the fact that the village is in a hollow, the houses are often flooded in the rainy season. Hence, many of the people have moved to a new site close by on higher ground, and we have been asked to move our school there too. The name chosen for the new settlement is "Rajamangalam" (King's Village). Let us pray that King Jesus may be enthroned in the hearts of the people there.

You will be very sorry to know that at present there is a serious outbreak of small-pox in Tathankuppam, and nine people have died from the disease. This is an additional reason for moving our school to a more healthy site. When I was there the other day, I saw a little child of 2½ years old (the son of James, who was baptised a few years ago), very ill indeed. Its poor little body was a mass of sores from head to foot, and its eyes were almost obliterated. In the same family there is a lad named Rajaratnam, whose photo appeared in Y.P. Rays for June-July, 1932, and he also has small-pox, and is a piteous spectacle. We have sent them some lotion to alleviate the irritation, and in response to a letter sent to the District Health Officer, all the inhabitants of Tathankuppam have been vaccinated to prevent the epidemic from spreading further .

Last week, we had a heavy thunderstorm, which was followed by two days' rain, for which we were very thankful. It is still terrifically hot—95 or 96 degrees in the shade in the day-time and over 80 degrees at night. Hence both children and teachers will not be sorry when the summer holidays come in the month of May, and we shall be very glad too. I hope that all members of the Sun-Ray League will have a happy time at the sea-side or in the country this summer. How we should love to join you for a picnic on the beach or a ramble in the woods!

With love from,
UNCLE ARTHUR.

## LITTLE THINGS.

Little things are valuable. The other day a Pink Beryl measuring only 1¼ in. found its way into Hatton Garden. It is only small compared with an omnibus, although very large for a Beryl, yet its value is greater than that of twenty omnibuses. The Word of God asks "who hath despised the day of small things?" and then tells us that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro through the whole earth." Small things are not to be despised and the eyes of the Lord do not overlook them. Nothing is too small to escape His care, His thought or His notice. Here are a few of the little things which He has noted and recorded in His Word.

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

Read through the chapters named very carefully and see how many of these **"little things"** you can find.

1. Little children.
2. A little maid.
3. Little hills.
4. A little ship.
5. A little cake.
6. A little coat.

They will be found in 1 Kings 17; 1 Samuel 2; John 21; 2 Kings 5; Psalm 114; Luke 18; but the chapters are not in the same order as the words. When you have found all you can write out your paper like this—

1. Little children are found in . . .
2. A little maid is found in . . . .

and so on, in each case giving book, chapter and verse where found. Then underneath your list write out **in full** the verse where the answer to Question 1 is found. Extra marks will be given if you can find any other "little things" in the chapters named.

**Bible Searcher (continued).**

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

Answer the questions set for the Lower Group; then find the answers to these questions and write them out in the same way.

7. A little child.
8. A little honey.
9. A little lad.
10. Little fishes.
11. A little book.
12. A little chamber.

They will be found in Genesis 43; 1 Samuel 20; 2 Kings 4; Isaiah 11; Matthew 15; Revelation 10. In this part write out **in full** the verse which answers Question 7. Extra marks will be awarded in this Group also for additional "little things" found in the chapters named.

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## RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

Well done, boys and girls! Your entries are keeping up splendidly. There were over 300 entries again this time. The words in Question 5 are found three times in Matthew 6; so if some of you find that your names are not quite so high up in the list as you expected they would be, it is probably because you forgot to read the chapter right through. We are pleased to see four new schools represented in the list—Jireh, Attleborough, Tamworth Road, Croydon, Downe and Eldon Road, Wood Green. There were 57 new Searchers. The names are in order of merit.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Gerald Plowright, aged 13 years, March S.S.
2, Gordon Farmer, aged 13, Leatherhead S.S.

**Special Mention:** Joyce Key, Mary Relf, Lucy Brownrigg, Eileen Turner, Violet Culliford, Harold Abbott, Audrey Steele.

**Very Highly Commended:** Albert Chapman, Caleb Chapman, Myrtle Honeysett, Philip Hitchcock, Mollie Turner, Ruth Champion.

**Highly Commended:** Kathleen Hughes, Veronica Burke, Sylvia Cheek, Doris Jermyn, Elizabeth Mitchell, Barbara Taylor, Norman Ing, May Tratt, Rene Vaughan, Vera Gurney, Doris Fuller, Audrey Campfield, Joyce Ballinger, Gweneth Stannard, Mary Clover, Margaret Barnes, Agnes Abbott, Joyce Southam, Ronald Lane, Joyce Hodson, Irene Goldhawk, Sheila Walshaw, Freda Stoneham, Gwendoline Relf, Kathleen Braddy, Grace Pelley, Jean Pearce, Margaret Layzell, Joan Hampshire, Doreen Lambert, Albert Driver, Joyce Austin, Edna Barr, Joyce Wilkinson, Muriel Dungey, Donald Christie, Grace Innes, Joan Fitzjohn, Gladys Sayers, Beulah Hart, Ellis Davidson, Doris Crowhurst, Ruth Relf, Olive Hill, John Jocelyn, Joyce Bass, Marjorie Ball, Elsie Dungey, Elizabeth Cole, Beryl Wood, Patricia Burdett, V. Palmer, Ruth Oakey, Norman Caplin, Edith Girling, Phyllis Lovely, Beatrice May, Ruth Greengrass, Margaret Thornton, Vera Batchelor, Cissie Pearson, Eileen Wood, Clifford Davidson, Eric Raper, Leslie Feltham, Lilian Crawford, Margaret Hawes, Desmond James.

**Commended:** Muriel Asplin, Phyllis Miller, David Cole, Georgina Heeks, Ivy Bowyer, Dennis Lithgow, Joyce Tinham, Alan Toms, Audrey Reeves, Ruby Marjoram, Barbara Marjoram, Herbert Newland, Mabel Hawes, a paper without name, dated April 3rd, Kenneth Coleman, Bernard Bawden,

Marian Parker, Peggy Winkworth, Dorothy McCoombe, Sophie Winkworth, Hazel Green, Leonard Goddard, Louisa West, Rosemary Jones, Gladys Honnor, Sylvia Brooks, Iris Phillips, Doris Bridgestock, Phyllis Brooks, Maureen Kernan, David Hughes (sent references only), A. Williams (answered Upper Group only), Joyce Honnor (answered Lower Group only), Gertrude Vincent (sent late).

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Betty Lamprill, aged 9, Epsom S.S. ...
2, Iris Raper, aged 10, Walthamstow S.S.
3, Laurie Christie, aged 9, Streatham S.S.

**Special Mention:** Ronald Key, Hazel Brownrigg, Peter Driver, Derek Endersby, Malcolm Endersby, Dulcie Plowright, Daisy Palmer, Dorothy Allen, Muriel Dovey.

**Very Highly Commended:** Gladys Wilmore, E. Palmer, Marsina Girling, Eileen Clampit, Margaret Endersby, Kathleen Mason, Jean Brooks, June Ealey, June Stevenson, Sheila McKay, Stephen Layzell, Hilda Grimwood, Monica Abbott, Rose Hill, Harold Abbott, Mary Emmerson, Barbara Coleman, Brian Honeysett, Eva Grimwood, Eileen Mason, Irene Dunton, Margaret Cockbill, Connie Miles, William Mutimer, Doreen Girling, Ruth Jaeger, Joan Homewood, Gladys Gerrish, Beatrice Newstead.

**Highly Commended:** Grace Catling, Roy Leaver, Aileen Young, Derek Bass, Peter Marshall, Betty Rhone, Mary Garrard, Doreen Haynes, June Mattocks, Peter Wilkinson, Megan Smith, Norman Carter, Joan Taylor, Doreen Bissett, Edwin Orchard, Joan Maycock, Ronald Cherrill, Rita D'Archambaud, Brenda Denman, Molly Theobald, Betty Teale, Jean Shipton, Harold Smith, Peter Jermyn, Janet Christie, Marie Beadon, Connie Atkin, Beattie Wilmer, Iris Rhone, Olive Randall, Anne Hartshorn, Una Lambert, Barbara Holmes, Irene Carstens, Robin Frost, Maisie Catling, Ivy Capon, Lloyd Marjoram, Amy Hawes, Joyce Norwood, Ruby Hawes, Marie McArdell, Barbara Roweth, Brenda Blinkhorn, Dulcie Marjoram, John Bryant, John Groom, Laura Hilton, Joan Young, Mabel Wiffen, Beryl Bremner, Gladys Mitchell, Ellen Faulkner, David Todd, K. Ward, Hazel Butler, Eleanor Parker, Margaret Allen, Daphne Cooper, Dorothy Williams, A. Pilgrem, Rita Elmer, Nellie Whitbread, Irene Hance, Susie Collins, Florence Hamilton, Gwendoline Roberts, Doreen Bremner, Ethel Faulkner, Doris Braddy, Muriel Childs, Mabel Gammons, G. Stanley, Sheila Huffey, Hilda Ball, Evelyn Ballinger, Reginald Kill, Joyce West, Vera Lewis, Evelyn Lacey, Marjorie Harris, Betty Howard, Gwen Elcombe, Lionel Prince, Barbara Bugg, Constance Barr, Dorothy Hamilton, Peter Roberts, Jean Smith, Kathleen Walshaw, Margaret Faulkner, David Caplin, Pamela Rivett, Mary Etherington, Joyce Reynolds, Stanley Hodge, Mabel Gamster, Lavinia Reeves, Eileen Gibson, Oliver Toms, Peggy Crawford, Margaret Hanam, George Cheek, Muriel Wiffen, Doris Stock, Gladys Burgess, Margaret Jaeger, Joyce Thompson, Dennis Tuck, Stanley Hawes, Enid Sawyer, Norman Oliviri, Irene Lawrence, Beryl Roberts, Stephen Toms, Derek Rostorick, Joyce Kill, Rose Green, Pamela Reeks, Eileen Bawden, Patience Lovely, Doreen Ricketts, David Feltham, Walter Harris, Sylvia Bunn, Lilian Carter, Mildred Ovenden, Sheila Harris, Rhoda Relf, Brenda Sawyer, Margaret Gates, Eileen Cramphorn, Gordon Grainger, Gordon Cooksley.

**Commended:** Iris Wiseman, Frank Dungey, Elsie Smith, Marie Muspratt, Phyllis Acres, Gwen Morriss, Jean Gall, Kenneth Etherington, Peter Etherington, Eric Cox, John Etherington, Elsie Williams, Frank Williams, Annie Howell, a paper from 16, Russell Place, Sutton-at-Hone, Margaret Hodgkins (omitted references), Gordon D'Archambaud, Teddy White, Jean Howell.

**Not for Competition:** The Misses Dorothy Best, Freda Carter, Iris and Vera Whitney; Messrs. Oscar Reeve and G. J. Stevens.

Ponders End Sunday School heads the list this time, with March second, West Ham third. Well done, Ponders End! March must look to it this time.

## WILL YOU HELP?

Dear Boys and Girls,

A new school is wanted at Tathankuppam. In this issue you will read of sad news from our Sun-Ray School and village. Uncle Arthur is once again stationed at Madras for a short while and writes to tell us that small-pox has broken out in the village and that some of our boys and girls have suffered. He also says that it will be necessary for both the school and the village to be moved to higher ground. The old village was built on low-lying and unhealthy ground, where disease would spread rapidly. I want you to think of these boys and girls and remember how different your lot is from theirs. Your homes are well built and healthy to live in. If you are unwell, you have not far to go for help. Our little friends at Tathankuppam have none of these blessings and that is why our Mission wants to build their new school upon a better and healthier spot. We, of the Sun-Ray League, are trying to help the boys and girls in this sad village. How much do we care for them and how seriously are we trying? Let us not be selfish, but let us ask the Lord Jesus what He would have us do and then ask yourself what you can do.

Every penny that comes to me during June and July from boys and girls for the Sun-Ray School will be sent straight out to Uncle Arthur, and another penny will be added, so that your penny will then become two pennies and your shillings two shillings. Now let us see what can be done. Gift forms and other gifts should be sent to me, with your Searcher entries.

I was very glad to hear from the following boys and girls:—Phyllis May Brooks, Lucy Brownrigg, Mary Clover (glad Mary Emmerson is continuing), Muriel Culliford, Edith Girling, Leonard Goddard (hope you are better now), Vera Gurney, Margaret Hawes, Daisy Palmer (thank you for the hymn), Audrey Steele, Barbara Taylor, Kathleen Walshaw, also from Mr. Oscar Reeve of Horham.

May God bless you each.

Your loving,

UNCLE PETER.

**Prayer.**

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| June | 5 | M | **Luke 11, 1-4** |
| | 6 | Tu | **Luke 11, 5-13** |
| | 7 | W | Matt. 6, 1-8 |
| | 8 | Th | Mark 11, 20-26 |
| | 9 | F | Gen. 18, 23-33 |
| | 10 | S | Jas. 1, 1-8 |
| | 11 | Su | Jas. 5, 13-20 |

**Earthly and Heavenly Riches.**

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| June | 12 | M | **Luke 12, 13-21** |
| | 13 | Tu | **Luke 12, 22-34** |
| | 14 | W | 1 Tim. 6, 1-10 |
| | 15 | Th | 1 Tim. 6, 11-21 |
| | 16 | F | Prov. 13, 1-9 |
| | 17 | S | Prov. 30, 1-9 |
| | 18 | Su | Matt. 6, 16-23 |

**Satan's Captive Released.**

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| June | 19 | M | **Luke 13, 10-17** |
| | 20 | Tu | Psalm 69, 1-8 |
| | 21 | W | Matt. 9, 1-8 |
| | 22 | Th | Psalm 68, 7-19 |
| | 23 | F | Isaiah 61, 1-6 |
| | 24 | S | Isaiah 42, 1-9 |
| | 25 | Su | Isaiah 1, 10-20 |

**The Creation.**

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| June | 26 | M | **Gen. 1, 1-11** |
| | 27 | Tu | **Gen. 1, 12-19** |
| | 28 | W | **Gen. 1, 20-26** |
| | 29 | Th | Ps. 102, 23-28 |
| | 30 | F | Rom. 1, 18-23 |
| July | 1 | S | Col. 1, 12-17 |
| | 2 | Su | Isaiah 40, 25-31 |

**The Sabbath Instituted.**

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| July | 3 | M | **Gen. 1, 27-31** |
| | 4 | T | **Gen. 2, 1-9** |
| | 5 | W | Exod. 20, 8-11 |
| | 6 | Th | Exod. 31, 12-17 |
| | 7 | F | Isaiah 56, 1-7 |
| | 8 | S | John 20, 19-25 |
| | 9 | Su | Acts 20, 1-7 |

**The Entrance of Sin**

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| July | 10 | M | **Gen. 3, 1-7** |
| | 11 | Tu | **Gen. 3, 8-16** |
| | 12 | W | **Gen. 3, 17-24** |
| | 13 | Th | Matt. 6, 7-13 |
| | 14 | F | 1 John 2, 12-17 |
| | 15 | S | James 1, 12-17 |
| | 16 | Su | Rev. 7, 9-17 |

**Acceptance Through Blood.**

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| July | 17 | M | **Gen. 4, 1-15** |
| | 18 | Tu | Heb. 11, 1-6 |
| | 19 | W | Lev. 6, 1-7 |
| | 20 | Th | Heb. 9, 23-28 |
| | 21 | F | Psalm 51, 7-19 |
| | 22 | S | Isaiah 53, 1-8 |
| | 23 | Su | 1 Peter 1, 17-25 |

**Walking with God.**

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| uly | 24 | M | **Gen. 5, 18-24** |
| | 25 | Tu | Amos 3, 1-8 |
| | 26 | W | Psalm 116, 1-9 |
| | 27 | Th | 2 Kings 20, 1-6 |
| | 28 | F | 2 Chron. 19, 1-7 |
| | 29 | S | 2 Chron. 34, 1-7 |
| | 30 | Su | Rev. 3, 1-6 |

**Waters of Judgment.**

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| July | 31 | M | **Gen. 6, 1-13** |
| Aug. | 1 | Tu | **Gen. 6, 14-22** |
| | 2 | W | Psalm 14, 1-7 |
| | 3 | Th | 2 Peter 2, 4-9 |
| | 4 | F | Matt. 24, 36-42 |
| | 5 | S | Rom. 6, 18-23 |
| | 6 | Su | 1 Peter 3, 18-22 |

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# FROM THE RAYS EAST

## FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Tathankuppam.
Reaping the rice paddy.
A picture of the field opposite your School, with one of our old scholars helping her mother to reap the ripe ears.

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

## A PEEP INTO OUR DISPENSARY.

*by Dr. Ruth Harris, Sendamangalam.*

COME over with me and have a peep at our dispensary. Sitting, squatting, standing, some with sores, some with eyes all inflamed and blood-shot (for it is the time of the eye-flies), some with pains here and some with aches there, our patients are waiting. Some are hearing for the first time about the Lord Jesus Christ. Little boys standing in a line, with arms folded in front of them, repeat a text. One lad, with a bright face, says it better than the rest; you see, he comes to Sunday School. I have not explained that they are all waiting outside the dispensary, some on the verandah and some sitting on the ground, there is not enough room for them to wait inside.

### The Dose and the Paper.

We will go inside. Here come the hostel girls for their treatments before they go to school. There is one thing they do not like, and that is cod liver oil; do you? You should see them screw up their faces and gulp as they take their dose. Before they come in, the patients each have their names written in a book, and receive a pink paper with their name and number on one side and texts on the back. They are supposed to bring them with them whenever they come, but I am sorry to say that they do not always do as they ought; do you?

See these women coming in, all covered up with a sheet. It is not a joke, it is because they are Mahomedans and are not supposed to be seen by men. It is wonderful to be able to tell them of a Saviour who cares for women as well as for men. There is no place for women in their own religion.

### A very precious Baby.

If you look at this little girl aged 2½ years, who is being brought in by her auntie, you will notice that she has a ring in the right-hand side of her nose. Her name is Pichai-ammal, which means Beggar-woman; not a very nice name, is it? I can tell you without asking any more questions that she is at least the third baby to be born in her family, and that the other babies

all died. Though she is very precious she was given an ugly name, so that the evil spirits should think she was not worth anything; and for the same reason she was laid on the rubbish heap after she was born. It is very sad that people should be so afraid, but what can you expect when they do not know about the Lord Jesus and how much He loves us. But Pichai-ammal was very dangerously ill a little while ago, and we taught those who loved her, and were worried, how to pray. They knew it was the Lord Jesus, Who gave them back their little girl.

**Mother very ill!**

This man has come to tell us how his wife is getting on. He came a few days ago for us to go and see his wife. She was desperately ill, with a very high temperature and pneumonia. She lay on her string cot, panting and restless, her eyes swollen and her mouth parched, her tiny baby, born the day before, lay at her side. They had come, and come again for us, but we had been on camp. We prayed in that home filled with sadness, that the Lord would heal the mother and take care of her; and surely He has done, seeing that she did not suffer by our absence. She is not quite well yet, though, so we go on praying and keep on visiting her. They have said that they will all come to service when she is well enough. When you read this, pray for them.

There are many more people I could tell you about, but I must not keep you too long. We hope to be off on camp to-morrow. Good-bye everybody. When you pray for yourself, do not forget to pray for us, too.

(We should all like to hear more about Pichai-ammal and if she is now thriving, also how the mother and her baby are getting on. Perhaps Dr. Harris will write again for us.—Uncle Peter.)



LITTLE POTTEN-ENDERS.
**A happy group of the girls' sewing-class, showing the dolls which they have just made for the Christmas boxes.**

*Come to the . .*

# ANNUAL SUN-RAY MEETING

on

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd 1939

*at 3.30 p.m.*

**Mount Zion Chapel, St. John's Wood Road**

London, N.W.

*Speakers:*

Missionaries **D. A. THROWER & Miss B. L. MOWLE**

*ALL BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME*

## THE RIVER.

IN the hills around Rugby seven rivers have their beginning. They are the Avon and the Leam, the Cherwell, the Trent, the Welland, the Ouse and the Nene. The first two flow westwards to the river Severn. The Cherwell runs southwards to join the Thames. The Trent becomes the great Northern river of which the city of Nottingham is so proud. But the Welland, the Ouse and the Nene flow eastwards towards the Wash. The River Nene begins its long journey not far from Daventry, flows past Northampton, and then, becomes wider and wider, until after Wisbech it enters the sea.

The River Nene has become even more important to-day; for, in the year 1935, the Government decided to spend £1,000,000 upon it over a period of six years. For 180 miles along its banks, from the sea right up to its source, its channel has been dredged and deepened. Its banks have been built up and new locks have been constructed. No longer can river Nene go where it likes and do what mischief it chooses, for it has been converted to useful purposes. Instead of flooding the land during the wet season and draining off the moisture in the dry season, it is now kept within its banks in the winter and made to water the land in the summer. Even that does not exhaust its uses, for ships are to ride upon the river Nene for forty miles inland as far as Peterborough, bringing goods from afar. Not for 70 years has Wisbech received so many goods from abroad, and it has all been brought to the town by this changed river. What a blessing old river Nene has become!

Over 150 years ago, just below the walls of Northampton Castle, river Nene was used for a very different purpose. It was six o'clock on the cold, grey morning of Sunday, October 5th, 1783, and a few people had gathered on its banks. A Pastor, with a few of his people, were there, and they had come to meet a young man, aged 23, who had walked over from a village five miles away. After a short service, that young man was baptised in the river Nene. He was a village shoemaker and his name was William Carey. For forty-one years that young man was made a far greater blessing to the people of India than ever the river Nene can be to this country. William Carey became India's greatest missionary; he printed many thousands of Bibles in the native languages and founded a great college at Serampore, where Christian teachers received training. A very small beginning became a great river of blessing to a thirsty land. From the work of this young man there flowed out a constant stream of men and books bringing the Word of God to the hearts of the people of India. "Everything shall live whither the river cometh."

You cannot stop a river. It must get through somewhere, try how you may, and it will flow on victoriously. God's Word and God's Kingdom are like that, for they shall go on until He is King over all the earth. The works of man shall crumble and fall, but, from small beginnings, God's work shall broaden and deepen like a mighty river, bringing blessing and peace wherever it comes. His Word is the River of Water of Life, and He says, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." We desire that each boy and girl who reads "Rays" may first of all drink of Jesus Christ and His Word. Jesus is that Living Water, and when He enters the heart, He becomes as a river to deepen, to renew, to make the life like the river Nene, ever more useful.

Do you remember that, in our last issue, Miss Green told us how they cut channels in the garden for the water to flow to the vegetables? William Carey was such a blessing because he was a channel by which the Great River, Jesus Christ, flowed into hearts that were dry and thirsty. God will not despise us because we are small and our beginnings lowly. He can use us as a channel of blessing to others if we, first of all, know the blessings which He can bring to our own hearts. May He make many of you boys and girls rivers of His blessing to thirsty hearts.

## A SPECIAL SEARCHER.

This Searcher is different from the usual. The first letters of the names which make up the answer, spell a word which is of great interest to each reader of "Rays." It is a searcher about "Friends found in the Bible." In each case the friend brought good to another. After you have done this Searcher, will you think hard to answer this question—"In what way can I be a friend to the boys and girls of India?"

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

We want you to search for some of the "friends" mentioned in God's Word. Read through the chapters named and find the answers to the following questions. You will find it quite easy, as the words will help you to find the answers.

1. Who brought Paul good tidings of his friends? 1 Thessalonians 3.
2. Who was called "the Friend of God"? James 2.
3. Who was known as "a woman full of good works"? Acts 9.
4. Who was David's friend? 2 Samuel 15.
5. Who was sent by the Lord Jesus to help and heal Saul? Acts 9.
6. Whose friend invited him to "come and see" Jesus? John 1.
7. What was the name of the second daughter of Job? Job 42.
8. Who did Paul speak of as "our helper in Christ"? Romans 16.
9. Whose friends were astonished when they opened the door and saw him? Acts 12.
10. Who prayed with his friends before he left them? Acts 20.
11. Who found his brother and brought him to Jesus? John 1.
12. Who did the Lord talk with as with a friend? Exodus 33.

When you have found the answers write down the **names only** in the same order as the questions, giving the book, chapter and verse where found. The first letter of each name will then form the name of a place which is specially mentioned in this issue of "Rays," and which we are sure all our young friends would like to visit.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

Follow the instructions given for the Lower Group, and, as you read, study the stories carefully. Then choose which character you like the best; write out one verse where the name is found; and you give, in a few words, the reason for your choice.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prize winners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until December, 1939, although they are welcome to compete, and their entries will be marked and listed with others. Put your name, age, address and Sunday School on your paper and post in a ½d. envelope (unsealed) to UNCLE PETER, 1, ARLINGTON COTTAGES, CHISWICK, LONDON, W.4. If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 1½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, AUGUST 31st, 1939.

**SUN RAY LEAGUE.—If you would like to know all about the Sun Ray League, ask for particulars when you send in your paper.**

**RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.**

We were delighted to see 300 entries for this searcher. This is a much higher number than we have ever had during the summer months. We welcome 59 new Searchers, amongst whom were scholars from Gt. Paxton; and we were pleased to see entries from Bradenstoke, King's Langley and Kingston again. Here are the names, in order of merit.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Ruth Relf, aged 14 years, Grove Road S.S., Eastbourne.

2, May Tratt, aged 13 years, Derby Road S.S., Croydon.

**Special Mention:** Joyce Key, Victor Palmer, Elizabeth Cole, Albert Chapman, Doris Jermyn, Mollie Turner, Eileen Turner.

**Very Highly Commended:** Philip Randle, Jean Pearce, Doreen Lambert, Ruth Pounds, Harold Abbott, Gerald Plowright, Norman Ing, Mary Relf, Doris Crowhurst, Lucy Brownrigg, Audrey Steele, Barbara Taylor, Sheila Walshaw, Eva Tolman, Joyce Southam, Dorothy Geall, Margaret Hawes, Hilda Harrison, Beulah Hart.

**Highly Commended:** Olive Grimwood, Donald Christie, Iris Rhone, Gordon Farmer, Ellis Davidson, Edith Girling, Marsina Girling, Sylvia Cheek, Peggy Winkworth, Ethel Flory, Gladys Honnor, Betty Cole, Audrey Campfield, Rose Cullen, Irene Goldhawk, Gwen Relf, Rene Vaughan, Albert Driver, Lily Carr, Muriel Asplin, David Cole, Joyce Hodson, Joyce Wilkinson, Joyce Bass, Alan Toms, Gweneth Stannard, Connie Atkin, Mary Clover, Gladys Sayers, Philip Hitchcock, Cissie Pearson, Violet Culliford, Joan Fitzjohn, Margaret Walton, Gertrude Vincent, Joyce Ballinger, Beatrice May, Rose Hill, Doris Fuller, Conella Savage, Eric Raper, Eileen Wood, Roy Blinkhorn, Joyce Honnor, Grace Pelley, Ivy Bowyer, Leslie Feltham, Harry Tuson, John Lee, John Bloomfield, Dorothy Fisher, Ruth Oakey, Grace Innes, Doris Webb, Iris Bale.

**Commended:** Winnie Wheeler, Sydney Martin, Patricia Burdett, Myrtle Honeysett (gave wrong verses), Doreen Bridgestock, Dennis Lithgow, Sylvia Brooks, Maureen Hernan. The following omitted to write out the verses which answered questions 1 and 7: Nellie Box, Ruth Greengrass, Gwenda Hart, Lilian Crawford, Joan Bick, Joyce Feeney, Elsie Chopping, Joyce Tinham. Answered Upper Group only: Patricia Langrish, Joyce Skull, Arthur Williams, Barbara Priest, Edith Shuttleworth. Answered Lower Group only: Herbert Newland, Victor Butler, Robert Turner.

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

**Prizewinners: 1,** Stephen Layzell, aged 11, "Providence" S.S., Streatham.

**2,** Susie Collins, aged 11, "Zion" S.S., Kenninghall.

**Special Mention:** Ethel Faulkner, Norman Carter, Eileen Clampit, George Abbott, Barbara Bugg, David Church, Janet Christie, Dulcie Plowright, Connie Miles, Aileen Young, Margaret Faulkner, Eileen Brownrigg.

**Very Highly Commended:** Mary Emmerson, Betty Rhone, Una Lambert, Joan Taylor, John Bryant, Jean Smith, Dorothy Wade, Peter Jermyn, Jean Brooks, William Mutimer, Philip Grimwood, Muriel Dovey, June Ealey, John Gray, Megan Smith, Joan Young, Florence Hamilton, Rita Elmer, Peter Marshall, Kathleen Walshaw, P. Wilkinson, Dennis Tuck, Jean Dimmock, Hilda Grimwood, Alan Geall, Margaret Cockbill, Hazel Brownrigg, June Stevenson, Doris Stock, Gwendoline Roberts, Barbara Holmes.

**Highly Commended:** Pat Hawkins, Maisie Catling, Beatrice Newstead, Gladys Webb, Doreen Finch, Betty Lamprill, Margaret Endersby, Iris Raper ,Eva Grimwood, L. Roberts, Roy Leaver, E. Palmer, Doreen Girling, Gracie Catling, Malcolm Endersby, Pat Jaggers, Pamela Raynor, Kenneth Ward, Nellie Low, Oliver Toms, Stanley Hodge, Raymond Foxcroft, Anne Hartshorn, Brenda Denman, Betty Balchin, Peter Driver, Joyce Colbran, Sheila Smith, Esme Bloomfield, Ronald Cherrill, L. Christie, Dorothy Hamilton, Irene Hance, Rhoda Relf, Sheilah Vines, Doreen Bremner, Mary Etherington, A. Pilgrem, Michael Hitchcock, Irene Dust, Elsie Smith, Beatie Wilmer, Rose Presland, Grace Royffe, Derek Endersby, Jean Etheridge, Joan Maycock, Joan Homewood, Daisy Palmer, Brenda Blinkhorn, Eric Cox, Daphne Luddington, Joyce Reynolds, Gladys Gerrish, Betty Foster, Thelma Devenish, D .Restorick, Nellie Whitbread, Norma Peppitt, Audrey Etheridge, Joyce Norwood, Marion Foster, Evelyn Devenish, Lloyd Marjoram, Ronald Key, Eleanor Parker, Doreen Harris, Dulcie Marjoram, Betty Teale, Peggy Amato, Pauline Whitbread, Peggy Carter, David Caplin, Phyllis Surridge, Reggie Tingey, Barbara Roweth, Doreen Thompson, Peter Mitchell, Beryl Roberts, Gladys Mitchell, Pamela Reeks, Peter Bysh, Gordon Tingey, Mabel Gammons, Enid Sawyer, Muriel Childs, David Feltham, Daphne Lithgow, Peter Roberts, Betty Reynolds, Joyce Thompson, Evelyn Lacey, Raymond Jeffrey, Pat Harris, Margaret Hodgkins, Beryl Bremner, Henry Stock, Peggy Crawford, Robert Lee, Edward Page.

**Commended:** Brenda Sawyer, Joan Marshall, Gorlon Grainger, Leonard Childs, Iris Wiseman, Gwen Elcombe, S. Garrett. **Gave wrong answer to Question 1:** Brian Honeysett, Amy Hawes, Margaret Jaeger, Ruth Jaeger, Irene Dunton, Mavis Feeney. The following omitted to write out the verse which answered Question I: Rita D'Archambaud, Nellie Marston, Hilda Botley, Jean Stanley, Peter Etherington, John Etherington, Rose Dyer, Betty Marston, Gwen Morris, Kenneth Etherington, Eva White, Lavinia Reeves, Joan Cooper, Hazel Young, Beryl Young, Joan Box, Ian Luff, Dorothy Chopping, J. Chopping, Doreen Caffery, Hilda White, Pauline Butler, Lionel Prince, Elsie Williams, A paper without name, Josie Hurry, Margaret Barnes, Daphne Barnes, Derek White. Eva and Marjorie Barnes sent answers to April Searcher.

**Not for Competition:** The Misses Dorothy Best, Iris and Vera Whitney, Mr. Gordon Stevens.

Ponders End School comes first again; March second; Walthamstow and West Ham tied for the third place.

## LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

On our first page you will see a notice of the Sun-Ray Meeting at St. John's Wood. Last year we had a splendid meeting and this year it is going to be our best. Two missionaries are to speak and it will be a very special programme. So ask your teachers to bring you along and try to make this year's number a record.

We were very pleased to hear that so many of you are trying to help to build our new school for Tathankuppam. Several schools have promised to send their gifts later and already we have received contributions from Miss Piggott of Croydon, Aileen Young, Mary Clover and Lily Carr; also gift forms from Mary Clover, Margaret Cockbill, Violet Culliford, Albert Driver, Margaret Hawes, Barbara Holmes and Dorothy Williams. Many of the above wrote to me, also Gordon Farmer, Marsina Girling, Olive Grimwood, Edward Page and Iris Raper. The total of the gifts amounted to 9s. 3d., for which we are grateful.

May you each have a very happy summer holiday.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

**The Ark of Salvation.**

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| Aug. | 7 M | **Gen. 7, 17-24** |
| | 8 Tu | **Gen. 8, 1-12** |
| | 9 W | **Gen. 8, 13-22** |
| | 10 Th | Psalm 46, 1-11 |
| | 11 F | Psalm 36, 1-12 |
| | 12 S | Gen. 9, 1-7 |
| | 13 Su | Gen. 9, 8-17 |

**Confusion of Language.**

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| Aug. | 14 M | **Gen. 11, 1-9** |
| | 15 Tu | Daniel 4, 28-33 |
| | 16 W | Psalm 49, 10-20 |
| | 17 Th | Psalm 2, 1-8 |
| | 18 F | Psalm 33, 6-14 |
| | 19 S | Psalm 92, 1-10 |
| | 20 Su | Acts 2, 1-11 |

**The Great Supper.**

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| Aug. | 21 M | **Luke 14, 1-6** |
| | 22 Tu | **Luke 14, 7-14** |
| | 23 W | **Luke 14, 15-24** |
| | 24 Th | Ruth 1, 1-7 |
| | 25 F | Ruth 1, 8-14 |
| | 26 S | Ruth 1, 15-22 |
| | 27 Su | Ruth 2, 1-12 |

**The Prodigal Son**

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| Aug. | 28 M | **Luke 15, 11-19** |
| | 29 Tu | **Luke 15, 20-32** |
| | 30 W | Jer. 3, 12-19 |
| | 31 Th | Isaiah 55, 1-9 |
| Sept. | 1 F | Col. 1, 16-23 |
| | 2 S | Rom. 10, 5-11 |
| | 3 Su | 1 John 1, 5-10 |

**The Rich Man and Lazarus.**

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| Sept. | 4 M | **Luke 16, 19-23** |
| | 5 Tu | **Luke 16, 24-31** |
| | 6 W | John 13, 30-38 |
| | 7 Th | John 14, 1-6 |
| | 8 F | Heb. 12, 18-25 |
| | 9 S | 2 Cor. 12, 1-9 |
| | 10 Su | Luke 23, 39-49 |

**Perseverance in Prayer**

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| Sept. | 11 M | **Luke 18, 1-8** |
| | 12 Tu | **Luke 18, 9-14** |
| | 13 W | Mark 2, 1-12 |
| | 14 Th | Matt. 15, 1-9 |
| | 15 F | Matt. 23, 23-30 |
| | 16 S | Psalm 109, 21-31 |
| | 17 Su | Psalm 102, 12-2 |

**A Rich Ruler: A Poor Blind Man.**

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| Sept. | 18 M | **Luke 18, 18-25** |
| | 19 Tu | **Luke 18, 35-43** |
| | 20 W | Deut. 8, 10-18 |
| | 21 Th | Prov. 15, 6-17 |
| | 22 F | Eccles. 5, 8-14 |
| | 23 S | Matt. 27, 57-61 |
| | 24 Su | Matt. 19, 16-26 |

**Zacchaeus Sought and Found.**

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| Sept. | 25 M | **Luke 19, 1-10** |
| | 6 Tu | Ezek. 18, 25-32 |
| | 27 W | Zech. 12, 6-14 |
| | 28 Th | Matt. 21, 23-32 |
| | 29 F | Titus 2, 9-15 |
| | 30 S | Titus 3, 1-8 |
| Oct. | 1 Su | Luke 15, 1-10 |

**The Pounds.**

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| Oct. | 2 M | **Luke 19, 11-19** |
| | 3 Tu | Luke 19, 20-27 |
| | 4 W | Gal. 6, 1-10 |
| | 5 Th | Gen. 47, 13-20 |
| | 6 F | Prov. 31, 10-21 |
| | 7 S | Matt. 25, 14-21 |
| | 8 Su | Matt. 25, 22-30 |

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# RAYS FROM THE EAST

## FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### A Suggestion

***If your children have been evacuated, why not post "Rays" to them where they are?***

*By doing this, you will let them know that you will not forget them, and that you will welcome them when they come back home.*

*"Is it well with the child?"*

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## KALI WHO IS NEVER IDLE.

*by Miriam E. Wilkins, Kolli Hills.*

KALI is the name of a goddess, the wife of Siva, one of the many gods worshipped in India; but Kali is the name of a young girl also, about whom I want to tell you a little. Perhaps you would like to take a visit with me to the house where Kali lives. First of all, we must arrange for a dholie, and men to carry us. I shall need eight but you will not need quite so many. A dholie is a piece of canvas about two feet long strung on two bamboo poles. The loads, cooking utensils, food, camp cot, bedding, etc., are all ready, and each man is given nearly fifty pounds in weight to carry on his head. Then we sit in the dholie, and four of the men haul it up on to their heads or shoulders, where they have already placed a long piece of cloth neatly wound into a pad. I think when you first get into the dholie, and find yourself on top of their heads or shoulders, you may fear you will easily tip out, but we never do. Some begin to feel a little sick, and are really sick after they have gone a little way like this in the air.

### The Forest Journey.

Well now we are off, all quite comfortable I hope! Sometimes the poles begin to get rather close and we feel our sides are beginning to ache, and we decide to get out, and tie the dholie again giving a little more room in the width. It takes us nearly four hours to reach Puliampatti where we must camp for a few days. Twice, the men will ask us to get out and walk, as we have come to the "Nunjea," these are the rice fields which are full of water, and just have narrow little paths across, made of grass and mud. Sometimes the mud is not too firm, and we realise the ground giving way beneath our feet, and we find we have a foot and ankle covered with thick wet mud! If the paths in the forests are very narrow, and on either side are thorns, they say, "Oh we can put you down here," the one in the dholie hangs on tight and protests, until they go on with the journey. I have seen a wild pig in the forest, there are bears and panthers, but so far we have missed these on our journeys. I expect you children would like to see these, although I don't suppose you would like to meet them in the path. Sometimes we have heard noises amongst the trees, but we have said nothing, and hurried on.

### Our Journey's End.

Wa errive at Puliampatti, unpack and have some food, which we are always ready for, and, either to-day or to-morrow, we must go to Kali's village. Maybe we shall leave it until to-morrow, as it is half-an-hour's walk and we are not feeling too fresh now after our long ride.

The morning has come and we are off about seven-thirty, we have a good walk before us, through the forest, where only the daring ones walk alone, through the fields, gradually climbing up the whole time. We arrive at the little village where several of our Christians are living. Let us go inside the little house made of mud with one room, where all the family live, where the cooking is done, and where it is full of smoke with no outlet only the door. "Where is Kali?" I ask. "Kali is working." Yes, Kali is not lazy by any means. Kali is working in the fields, Kali is minding the cows, Kali is fetching the water, in fact, Kali seems to do the work for the whole household. Presently Kali comes in carrying a pot of water on her hip, with just a cloth thrown round her. She tries to make it cover her when she sees us. She sits down for a few minutes; when a voice is heard, "Kali mind the baby." While she keeps the baby from crying, we begin to tell her a story, the story of the Lost Sheep, and again a voice from inside says, "Kali, you must not sit there doing nothing, go out into the fields and work." Poor Kali, she doesn't know what it is to play. Then I say, "Let her stay and hear the story then she can go." One can see her eyes fill with tears, but no word is said, and she listens to the story with no further interruptions. Kali is trying hard to learn a story and a verse of scripture once a month from the Bible-Woman, and she is doing well, but the moments for teaching have to be snatched from her work.

### A Second Visit.

Last week, I went to Kali's house again. "Where is Kali?" "Down at the river," comes the answer. No Kali appears. Later we pass the river, and there is Kali with the brass pots and pans, cleaning them with mud by the river side. "Hello Kali!" we say. "Salam Amma," comes the reply with a smile. "Have you learnt your story this month?" "Yes, the sower." So now, Kali is getting to know several of these stories, and soon may she know the One Who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest."

### Why is her life so hard.

I was enquiring one day all about her. Kali has four sisters and four brothers, two of her sisters are married. Before her father became a Christian, he had three wives. Kali was a daughter of one, the other children all belong to the wife he has now. So I expect this is why she has to work so hard, and has no time to study or go to school like the others.

Now we must leave Kali, but not from our thoughts. Will you boys and girls pray for Kali and her mother too? Her father is baptised and we long to see her and her mother following Christ too.

## REVEALED UNTO BABES.

*by V. D. Green, Paniadipatti.*

I AM sitting in one of our S.B.M. Schoolrooms, and at present it is very quiet, for it is the time of midday recess, and all the scholars are in their homes having a good meal, I hope. The schoolroom is 29 ft. in length and 13 ft. wide, so it is very large for 36 to 40 girls and boys. It would be no use at all if they all had desks like you have, but they sit cross-legged on the sand floor. The whitewashed walls are adorned with a map of the Madras Presidency, and a map of the district of Tinnevelly, in which they live, seven nature-study pictures, and a time-table of lessons. There are two small tables and stools for the two teachers, two blackboards and a box in which the register and other books are kept, and this completes the school equipment. The wall all round us to a distance of about 18 inches from the floor, is very grimy with the grease of oiled heads and bare bodies of old and young, who canstantly make a back-rest of the wall during service and school time. Various school bags are scattered about the floor just now, they belong to the scholars who were here this morning.

### Knocking it in.

I sat awhile listening to the two teachers as they gave their lessons to the classes standing in little groups around them. One class of rather small children interested me much. They were reciting certain very admirable maxims for daily observance, and the teacher was making the lesson very simple and also learning which of the pupils actually obeyed these maxims. He had been doing this several days. On this day, therefore, those who had not carried them out were punished; though not very severely, I noted, for they were little ones. One lad, however, who seeems to be the thorough-going lazy fellow of the class, was not so lightly let off and I was surprised to hear the teacher say to the boy standing next to the delinquent, "Kuruppan, give him a good knuckling on the head." Promptly Kuruppan obeyed, and thumped the boy's head right well with his knuckles about six or seven times!

### A Most Important Lesson.

These are some of the questions the teacher asked. "Did you clean your teeth this morning, before taking food?" Who washed themselves well?" "Who combed their hair?" I wonder if every young reader of RAYS can answer these questions satisfactorily. Then the teacher asked "What is the very first thing we should do when we wake up each morning?" One said, "Clean our teeth." "No," said teacher, "there is something we

should do before we clean our teeth." Another said "We should rub the sleep out of our eyes." Everyone laughed at this, teacher and missionary included. Then one little girl girl said, "I know Teacher, we should worship God." The teacher patted her head and said, "Right, you are a clever little girl." So should we all, when we get up in the morning, say "Thank You" to God, for taking care of us through the night and ask for His help to please Him during the day.

## A LETTER FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

Coonoor,
South India.

Dear Nephews and Nieces,

I am sure that you will be surprised to read a letter above my signature again, but I have received several reminders from Uncle Peter that I really must let you see that I am alive.

Some of you are busy collecting for the Tathankuppam school and I think you will be interested in hearing of what a Sunday School in India did in the way of collecting. There was a piece of work that the teachers and scholars in that school felt that they ought to do for the Lord. But they felt that the amount of money needed was rather much for them to gather. However, they determined to try, and each teacher in the school was given four annas, as representing a "Pound" with which they, with the help of their classes, were to trade. Look up the parable of the Pounds in Luke 19. The teachers and their classes worked with these "Pounds" for three months, and then they had a service at which the accounts were given. What do you think was the total amount brought in? It was eighty rupees. A rupee is worth one shilling and sixpence. I am sure you can work out that sum. The amount given out at the beginning was five rupees; some of you older ones will be able to work out the percentage of increase. Then, go and do likewise.

Some of you will remember Samuel, you met him when he was in England. He has been investing his "Pound." He has a motor repair and general mechanic shop to earn his living; but he is also living in a village where there is no other regular Christian testimony and has been witnessing for the Lord amongst the people. He conducts a very healthy Sunday School, and other services are held there. During the past two months we have held two baptismal services there and ten people have given evidence of conversion. When I spoke to them as they came asking for baptism they told me of the way that Samuel had been used of God in showing them the way. You will remember to pray for Samuel, and once again, if you know the Lord yourselves, Go and do likewise.

I shall have to try to write more reguarly, meanwhile we, including Samuel, send you hearty love; and I remain,

Yours in the love of the Lord Jesus,

UNCLE VETHANAYAGAM.

(This letter is from Mr. Lincoln Watts, who for very many years worked for our Mission in India. He is now at Coonoor on the Nilgiri Hills, over 100 miles from Namakal . We are glad to hear from our friend once more and pray that, as he still works for the boys and girls of India, he may be much used of God.—Uncle Peter.)

## SHELTER.

In the towns around Birmingham certain houses with basements have had the cellars strengthened, so that they may act as air-raid shelters. Such houses bear a notice outside their front gate "Shelter for twelve persons"—or whatever number the shelter will hold. Should there be an air attack. all who are fearful can run to the shelter for safety and hide there until the danger is past. God's Word tells us that the Lord is a refuge for all who come to Him through Jesus. We may hid ourselves in Him and there be safe from all dangers. We may trust in Him at all times and not be afraid for He will cover us with His almighty hand. Nothing can separate us from the Lord Jesus, or remove us from the reach of His love.

### Lower Group, age under 12.

We want you to search for the following words. When you have found them write out the verses **in full** and say in which Psalm they are found and give the number of the verse.

1. God is . . . . a very present help in trouble.
2. He shall give his angels charge over thee.
3. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in.
4. Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.
5. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about.
6. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid.

They are found in Psalms 4; 34; 46; 56; 91; 121. These are not in the same order as the words.

### Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

In addition to the above questions find the answers to these and write them out in the same way.

7. The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble.
8. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
9. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace.
10. Whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely.
11. The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear.
12. He careth for you.

The words are found in Proverbs 1; Isaiah 26; Nahum 1; 1 Peter 5; John 14; Hebrews 13. These are not in the right order.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prize winners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until February, 1940, although they are welcome to compete, and their entries will be marked and listed with others. Put your name, age, address and Sunday School on your paper and post in a ½d. envelope (unsealed) to UNCLE PETER, 1, ARLINGTON COTTAGES, CHISWICK, LONDON, W.4 If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 1½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, OCTOBER 31st, 1939.

**SUN RAY LEAGUE —If you would like to know all about the Sun Ray League, ask for particulars when you send in your paper.**

## RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

Although there were not so many entries of outstanding merit this time the general excellence of the papers was very good indeed. We welcome 18 new searchers. The names ar given in order of merit.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Connie Miles, aged 12, Grove Rd., Eastbourne.
2, Violet Culliford, aged 15, Acton S.S.

**Special Mention:** Vera Gurney.

**Highly Commended:** Grace Pelley, Audrey Etheridge, Harold Abbott, Joan Fitzjohn, Mary Clover, Sheila Walshaw, Sylvia Cheek, Doris Jermyn, Iris Rhone, Myrtle Honeysett, Elizabeth Mitchell, Doreen Lambert, Rene Vaughan, Philip Randle, Ruth Relf, May Tratt, Doris Crowhurst, Audrey Steele, Rose Cullen, Albert Chapman, Mary Relf, David Cole, O. Grimwood, Margaret Hawes, Elizabeth Cole, Ruth Oakey, Ethel Faulkner, Donald Christie, Audrey Campfield, Doris Fuller, Gweneth Stannard, Irene Goldhawk, Alan Toms, Eva Tolman, Norman Ing, Therza Walford, Gordon Farmer, Joyce Key, Ronald Lane, Leslie Feltham, Herbert Newland, Patricia Burdet, Doreen Bremner, Rose Hill, Barbara Marjoram, Joyce Hodson, Ellis Davidson, Ruby Marjoram, Betty Cole, Dennis Lithgow.

**Commended:** Joyce Reynolds, Lilian Crawford, Eileen Wood, Joyce Tinham, George Payne, Phyllis Brooke. Answered first part only: Sheila McKay, Elsie Morriss, Doris D'Archambaud, Audrey Bishop.

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Ronald Cherrill, West Ham Tabernacle.
2, Margaret Cockbill, "Providence" S.S., Swindon.

**Special Mention:** Pat Jaggers, Maisie Catling, Grace Catling, Malcolm Endersby.

**Highly Commended:** June Ealey, June Stevenson, Margaret Endersby, Aileen Young, Pat Hawkins, George Abbott, Norman Carter, Derek Endersby, Peter Driver, Bernard Bamford, Mary Emmerson, Peter Marshall, Jean Smith, Una Lambert, Iris Port, John Bryant, Joan Young, Jean Catlin, Janet Christie ,Catherine Luff, Harry Baxter, Margaret Faulkner, Eileen Clampit, Brian Honeysett, Jean Shipton, Rita D'Archambaud, Florence Hamilton, Dorothy Williams, John Etherington, Jean Etheridge, Amy Hawes, Roy Leaver, Stephen Toms, David Feltham, Doreen Luff, Peter Jermyn, Jean Brooks, Dulcie Marjoram, Nellie Whitbread, Sheila Pennells, Brenda Denman, Muriel Dovey, Barbara Bugg, Beryl Roberts, Pamela Pearson, Kathleen Walshaw, David Church, Ruth Jaeger, Peter Wilkinson, Iris Raper, Eva Grimwood, Joan Marshall, Edward Page, Dorothy Hamilton, Laurie Christie, Joyce Thompson, Alan Pilgrem, Pamela Dawson, Susie Collins, Myrtle Hemming, Betty Rhone, Pamela Reeks, Peter Roberts, Hilda Grimwood, Gwendoline Roberts, Norma Peppitt, Kenneth Pearson, Ronald Key, Joyce Page, Daphne Cooper, Dorothy Hull, Doris Stock, Faith Duffield, Oliver Toms, K. Ward, Joan Maycock, Reginald Spaak, Daphne Lithgow, Lloyd Marjoram, Doris Peppit, Joyce Norwood, Joan Homewood, Joan Presland, Pauline Whitbread, Margaret Hart, Barbara Holmes, Margaret Jaeger, Daphne Luddington, Joyce Dowsey, June Wackett, Philip Grimwood.

**Commended:** Peggy Crawford, Irene Dunton, Rose Presland, Marjorie Payne, John Goodwin, Betty Teale, Dennis Tuck, Ruby Hawes, Maureen Jacobs, Peter Bysh, Beatrice Newstead, Eric Cox, Brenda Blinkhorn, Gwen Elcombe, Iris Wiseman. The following sent names without references: D. Restorick, Lionel Prince, Betty Bird, Peggy Cornish, Royston Barnett.

**Not for Competition:** The Misses Dorothy Best, Freda Carter and Iris Whitney.

Ponders End School still heads the list; St. Neots with Gt. Paxton came second; March third.

## LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Since our last issue of "Rays," great changes have taken place, and many of you have been moved far away from your homes to places in the country. We hope that you have been able to join a Sunday School in the place to which you have gone, and that you are settling down to your new life in a happy manner and are doing all you can to help those who have found a new home for you inside their own homes. It may be that many of you have found that your school and your village have suddenly become full of boys and girls from other towns. We hope that you will welcome them, make friends with them, and try to make them feel at home.

I wonder if many boys and girls are afraid of the dangers of war. If you feel afraid, remember that One is very near to you, standing by your side to help you. Remember that you have a Father in heaven who knows all about you, whether in the darkness or in the light. Not one little sparrow is forgotten before God; "Fear not therefore," said Jesus, "ye are of more value than many sparrows." Remember also that God hears you when you speak to Him in prayer, for darkness and light are both alike to Him.

One word more, remember that there are other boys and girls whose country is at war. Polish children have suffered greatly and many have been driven from their homes. German children, as well as our own, have had to say goodbye to fathers, who have gone to the war. Ask God to have mercy upon all these boys and girls and to bless them; and to cause His face to shine upon them; that His way may be known upon earth and His kingdom may come.

We were very sorry indeed that we could not hold our Annual "Sun-Ray" meeting at St. Johns Wood this year. We hope it may not be long before it can be held again.

I was pleased to receive letters from Doris Crowhurst, Gordon Farmer, Vera Gurney, Barbara Holmes, Doris Jermyn, Joyce Key, Peter Marshall, Ruth Relf, Olive Rivett ,Joyce Tinham and Dorothy Williams. Also the following sent me gifts and gift forms for the Tathankuppam school which I was very glad to receive: Doris Crowhurst, June Ealey, Gordon Farmer, Vera Gurney, Peggy Key, Olive Rivett, Gweneth Stannard and Iris Wiseman. Thank you very much. May God bless you all.

Your loving,

UNCLE PETER.

**The Call of Abram.**

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| Oct. | 9 M | **Gen. 11, 27-32** |
| | 10 Tu | **Gen. 12, 1-9** |
| | 11 W | Heb. 11, 5-10 |
| | 12 Th | Gen. 26, 1-5 |
| | 13 F | Luke 14, 25-33 |
| | 14 S | Gal. 3, 5-9 |
| | 15 Su | Gal. 3, 13-18 |

**Abram and Lot Separate.**

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| Oct. | 16 M | **Gen. 13, 1-9** |
| | 17 Tu | **Gen. 13, 10-18** |
| | 18 W | Matt. 5, 1-12 |
| | 19 Th | Phil. 2, 1-9 |
| | 20 F | Matt. 8, 34-38 |
| | 21 S | Prov. 3, 1-10 |
| | 22 Su | Prov. 3, 27-35 |

**The Battle of the Kings.**

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| Oct. | 23 M | **Gen. 14, 1-10** |
| | 24 Tu | **Gen. 14, 11-16** |
| | 25 W | Gen. 14, 17-24 |
| | 26 Th | Isaiah 41, 1-9 |
| | 27 F | Psalm 76, 1-12 |
| | 28 S | 2Chron.20,22-30 |
| | 29 Su | Exod. 18, 5-12 |

**Intercession.**

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| Oct. | 30 M | **Gen. 18, 1-8** |
| | 31 Tu | **Gen. 18, 16-21** |
| Nov. | 1 W | **Gen. 18, 22-33** |
| | 2 Th | Jer. 12, 1-6 |
| | 3 F | Jer. 5, 1-5 |
| | 4 S | Luke 13, 1-9 |
| | 5 Su | Luke 11, 5-13 |

**Judgment by Fire.**

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| Nov. | 6 M | **Gen.19, 1-3, 12-14** |
| | 7 Tu | **Gen. 19, 15-22** |
| | 8 W | **Gen. 19, 23-29** |
| | 9 Th | Luke 17, 28-37 |
| | 10 F | Matt. 24, 42-51 |
| | 11 S | Psalm 11, 1-7 |
| | 12 Su | Rev. 18, 1-8 |

**Ishmael and Isaac.**

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| Nov. | 13 M | **Gen. 21, 1-8** |
| | 14 Tu | **Gen. 21, 9-14** |
| | 15 W | **Gen. 21, 15-21** |
| | 16 Th | Rom. 9, 1-9 |
| | 17 F | Gal. 4, 21-31 |
| | 18 S | John 3, 1-9 |
| | 19 Su | John 8, 28-36 |

**The Trial of Faith.**

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| Nov. | 20 M | **Gen. 22, 1-10** |
| | 21 Tu | **Gen. 22, 11-19** |
| | 22 W | Heb. 11, 11-19 |
| | 23 Th | Matt. 21, 17-22 |
| | 24 F | James 2, 20-26 |
| | 25 S | Matt. 10, 28-34 |
| | 26 Su | John 3, 14-21 |

**An Important Errand.**

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| Nov. | 27 M | **Gen. 24, 1-9** |
| | 28 Tu | **Gen. 24, 10-21** |
| | 29 W | **Gen. 24, 54-61** |
| | 30 Th | Psalm 112, 1-10 |
| Dec. | 1 F | 2 Cor. 6, 11-18 |
| | 2 S | Neh. 1, 4-11 |
| | 3 Su | Eph. 6, 1-8 |

**The Sin of Deceit.**

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| Dec. | 4 M | **Gen. 27, 1-5** |
| | 5 Tu | **Gen. 27, 6-17** |
| | 6 W | **Gen. 27, 18-29** |
| | 7 Th | **Gen. 27, 30-40** |
| | 8 F | Psalm 120, 1-7 |
| | 9 S | Prov. 12, 14-22 |
| | 10 Su | Acts 5, 1-11 |

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## THE CONDUCTRESS.

*by L. S. Hazel, Sendamangalam.*

LIKE boys and girls in England, Indian boys and girls go to school. As education is not yet compulsory, it is often difficult to get the children to come regularly. Quite frequently, they visit other villages with their parents for several weeks at a time, or have to mind the baby, or take the cows and goats to graze.

In many of the girls' schools in India there is a woman known as a "Conductress." The picture on our cover is the conductress who is employed in our Mission Girls' School at Sendamangalam. Part of her work is sweeping the school each day and drawing the water from the well for drinking; but the biggest part she has to play is calling and bringing the children to and from school. Hence her name, "conductress," one who conducts.

### For Safety's Sake.

Indian girls, especially those of rich parents, wear lots of jewels: in their ears, noses, bracelets on their arms, chains round their necks, and anklets. It is not thought safe for the girls to walk through the streets alone, in case these should be stolen. The conductress has to go from house to house to bring these girls along to school. In some cases, where the girls are allowed to come alone, she just calls them. Sometimes her work can be very difficult because if the children do not want to come to school they run away and hide. Often, too, she has to call at a house several times, even finding the doors shut against her.

If, when her work is finished, there is still time, she may sit down and listen to the children doing their lessons. Please pray for her that as she hears the scripture lessons being taught, and hears of a Saviour who loves sinners, that she may come to love that Saviour too.

### A Never-failing Guide.

Have you thought, boys and girls, that we have One who is a Conductor, a Guide and Leader in our lives. Through our Ministers and Sunday-school Teachers, He is trying to lead us and direct us on the heavenly road. Jesus Christ loved the sinner so much that He left His Home of Glory and came to earth to die that we might live. How often we have neglected His call and tried to hide ourselves behind our sins. He is persistent and goes out to **seek** and **save** the **lost.** Has He found you, are you walking in the narrow way that leads to Life Everlasting?

## WHAT TO DO WITH THIS ENVELOPE.

1. If you have a Christmas present, then put in one penny to thank God for someone who cares for you.

2. If you are warmed and clothed and fed, then put in one more penny for those who are not.

3. If Father or Mother, or those with whom you are staying, have any mercies, then ask them to put in a penny for their biggest mercies.

4. If the envelope is still empty, don't throw it away but keep it until you have reason to put a penny in it.

5. If there is anything in it, give it to your teacher to send either to Mr. Thorpe, Mr. Shipton or to myself. Or else change the pennies for postage stamps and send them in the envelope with your Bible Searcher to Uncle Peter, 1, Arlington Cottages, Chiswick, London, W.4.

## NOT EASY.

"WOULD you like to be a Christian?" Many English boys and girls, with all their hearts, say "Yes" and they follow the Lord Jesus. But how would you like to be a Christian in India? When a boy or girl belonging to a high-caste home puts on the Lord Jesus Christ, it means that he or she is at once turned out of home and neither father or mother dare have anything to do with them. They are cursed by their relatives and become, to all their loved ones, as good as dead. Or, if the boy or girl belongs to the outcastes, they must face the scorn and laughter of their village; they must be prepared to lose all that they have for the sake of the Lord Jesus.

And yet from both high-caste, low-caste and outcaste, boys and girls and men and women are coming out on the side of the Lord Jesus and, in the face of all the tremendous opposition, they are standing loyally for Him. What is it that keeps them from going back to be heathen once again? It is the power of the Spirit of God which keeps them day by day as miracles of His grace. Will you remember them in prayer and ask God to uphold them with His strength and teach them His way? Jesus said, "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." Let us thank God that we, English boys and girls, do not have to suffer for His sake as do our Indian Christians but what will it avail us to be English, if we are left outside of the kingdom of God, whilst many an Indian boy or girl is entering in?

## WHERE ENEMIES BECAME FRIENDS.

HERE is a story of the last Great War. There was a young Scottish shepherd, named Donald McNab, who joined the army to fight for his country. That night Donald and his sheep dog penned the sheep on the Peebleshire hills for the last time; for, in the morning, he must leave his home in the hills. Before he went Donald went to say goodbye to his master, and, knowing that he could give nothing more welcome, his master gave him a Bible as a parting gift.

### Faithful Unto Death.

One day there came the news that Donald was among the missing and nobody knew how or when Donald gave his life for his country. It happened during a sharp attack on the Cambrai Road in March, 1918, and the Highlanders were so hard pressed that they had to retire. Not long after, a young German officer came that way and found Donald lying by the roadside. He was already dead, but as he lay there, with his face turned to the sun, the officer saw something which attracted him. For on Donald's face was a smile of peace and happiness and in his hands was clasped the Bible.

That young German officer understood. He, too, loved the Bible and carried his own copy in his pocket, for his father was a German pastor. Very gently he took the English Bible from Donald's hands and carried it back to his quarters. He hoped that one day he might be able to tell Donald's father and mother how their son had died alone but happy, watching the sunlight change into the glow of the Eternal day.

### After Many Days.

Years went by, and Donald's father and mother had died without hearing any tidings of their son. But a young Scotch woman went to Marburg University to study German, and chanced, one day, to meet the mother of the German officer. On hearing that she was a Scot, the German lady told her the story of her son finding Donald, lying dead, with his open Bible.

The young lady wrote home and, after a long search, Donald's brother was found. The German officer had himself become a pastor of a church by this time and, after twelve years, he was able to return Donald's Bible to Scotland and tell of the way in which Donald died. The Bible is now in the Naval and Military Museum in Edinburgh.

## The Bond Which Never Breaks.

Although Donald was a soldier of Britain and the officer was a soldier of Germany, they both loved the same Bible, for the love of God is far greater than all the enmity of man. In their love to the Lord Jesus these two foemen were friends; for the strongest power in the world is the love of God, shed abroad in the hearts of men. Do not let us forget this in these days of war, but let us pray that our Lord's Kingdom may come, and His Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. So shall the enmities and hatreds of the world be broken down and men shall learn to love one another, as they seek to live peaceably together.

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## THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE.

There never was a time when so many people in the world were afraid as they are to-day. The hearts of men are failing them for fear. This world is something like a place which the sunshine of love and happiness cannot reach.

There is another world where there is no fear, no sadness and no shadows. It is the world where Jesus lives and reigns in light. Once upon a time, He came to this world as a little baby, so trustful and without fear. And the angels sang with joy on that first Christmas because they had a glad message full of good tidings of great joy to all people. Their very first words were "Fear not!" Let us think of that happy world of light this Christmas. Jesus is there on the throne and the children are gathering around Him without fear, for it is a world of peace and righteousness and truth. There is no sin there and therefore there is no fear.

### Lower Group, age under 12.

In each of the chapters named you will find the words **"Fear not."** As you search for them notice to whom the words were spoken. When you have found all you can, write out your answers like this. Give the name of the person and the book, chapter and verse, where **the name** is found; and underneath your list write out **one verse only** where the words "Fear not" are found. These are the chapters for you to search: Genesis 21, Matthew 1, Matthew 28, Luke 1, Luke 2, Acts 27.

### Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

First, follow the instructions given for the Lower Group. Then search these chapters also for the words **"Fear not"**: Genesis 15, Judges 6, 1 Samuel 23, 2 Samuel 9, 1 Kings 17, Luke 5. But notice carefully that in this part you are to give the name of the person who spoke the words, as well as the name of the person to whom they were spoken, and the book, chapter and verse where found. Write out one verse from this part also.

**Bible Searcher (contd.).**

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prize winners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until April, 1940, although they are welcome to compete, and their entries will be marked and listed with others. Put your name, age, address and Sunday School on your paper and post in a ½d. envelope (unsealed) to UNCLE PETER, 1, ARLINGTON COTTAGES, CHISWICK, LONDON, W.4. If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 1½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, DECEMBER 31st. 1939.

**SUN RAY LEAGUE.—If you would like to know all about the Sun Ray League, ask for particulars when you send in your paper.**

## RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

We were pleased to see such a good number of entries, especially as so many of our regular searchers have been evacuated to other places. We are glad to know that the "Rays from the East" has been sent on to you, and hope that you will continue to send in your answers regularly. There were 61 new searchers. We welcome you all, but give a special welcome to those who have recently joined our Sunday Schools. We hope that you will enjoy doing the Searchers, and that they will help you to learn more of God's Word. Here are the names, all in order of merit.

**Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Irene Goldhawk, aged 12, "Eden" S.S., Ponders End.
2, Olive H. Garrard, aged 13, "Providence" S.S., Highbury.

**Special Mention:** Iris Rhone, Rene Vaughan, Eileen Turner, Connie Miles, V. C. Palmer, Peter Driver, Doris I. Fuller, Vera Gurney, Myrtle Honeysett, Sylvia Cheek, Harold Abbott, Lucy Brownrigg, Joyce Price.

**Very Highly Commended:** Mary Clover, Ruth Key, Eileen Brownrigg, Elizabeth Mitchell, Barbara Taylor, Ronald Lane, Mary Relf, Joyce Hodson. Albert Chapman, Kathleen Braddy.

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**Commended:** Joyce Key, Doreen Bremner, John Wackett, Grace Pelley, Alexander Ferris. The following gave wrong answer to Question 6; the correct answer is verse 11: Violet Culliford, Joy Austin, Sheila Walshaw, Philip Hitchcock, Eileen Wood, Joan Fitzjohn, Richard Sharratt, Jean Pearce. The following gave the wrong answer to Question 8—see verse 27: Dorothy Geall, Ann Williams, Gordon Farmer, W. N. Ing, Sheila McKay, Derek Marjoram, Dennis Lithgow, Rosemary Jones, Donald Christie;

Peggy Amato and Hazel Morgan were wrong in Questions 6 and 8; Barbara Coleman did not complete verses. Answered Upper Group only: Edith Routley, Joan Dennis, Edith Kirby, Edith Shuttleworth, Norman Abrahart, Jean Rowe. Answered Lower Group only: O. Grimwood, Violet Smith.

**Lower Group, age under 12.**

**Prizewinners:** 1, Florence Hamilton, aged 11, "Eden" S.S., Ponders End.

2, Jean Etheridge, aged 11, Fressingfield S.S.

**Special Mention:** Peter J. Wilkinson, Aileen Young, Norman Carter, Betty Rhone, Faith Duffield, Janet Christie, Mary Emmerson, Mary Garrard, Pat Jaggers, Brian Honeysett, Molly M. Theobald.

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**Highly Commended:** Barbara Bugg, Margaret Jaegar, Grace Catling, John Cockbill, Pauline Whitbread, Mavis Mackenzie, Ruth Jaegar, Pat Hawkins, David Feltham, Roy Leaver, Dorothy Hamilton, Marguerite Hitchcock, Violet Blemings, George Abbott, Stephen Toms, Barbara Titmuss, Jean Brooks, Derek Endersby, Joan Taylor, Betty Lamprill, Brenda Blinkhorn, Mabel Gammons, Joyce Hempson, Eva Grimwood, Ronald Key, Daisy Palmer, Elsie Smith, Muriel Buckwell, Daphne Cooper, Mary Etherington, Thelma Smith, John Webber, Robert Christie, June Laker, Bernard Bamford, Lloyd Marjoram, Daphne Bates, Jean Smith (Potten End), Amy Hawes, Pamela Ward, Pamela Purfield, Joyce Thompson, Ruby Hawes, Nina Gardiner, Dulcie Marjoram, Pamela Rivett, Oliver Toms, Jean Coles, Irene Dunton, Nellie Whitbread, Malcolm Endersby, Irene Wheeler, Harry Baxter, Maisie Catling, Jean Smith (Swindon), Betty Jones, Betty Bird, Eric Cox, Audrey Moore, Betty Teale, Daphne Smith, Dennis Tuck, John Etherington, John Groom, Joyce Bates, Jean Goodall, Laurie Christie, Christine Newman, Kenneth Etherington, Peter Ward, Barbara Madden, Joan Marshall, Gwen Roberts, Betty Smith, Elizabeth Foulkes, Geoffrey Ince, David Marjoram, Pamela Reeks, June Stevenson, Barbara Holmes, P. Cornish, Gladys Cornish, Rita D'Archambaud, Muriel Childs, Peter Etherington, Beryl Roberts, Henry Stock, Phyllis Burns, Julia Channell.

**Commended:** Joan Bennett, Joyce Childerley, G. Fry, Gordon Cooksley, Peter Roberts, Ronald Druce. The following gave wrong answer to Question 6; the correct answer is verse 11: Eleanor Parker, Kathleen Walshaw, Michael Hitchock, Muriel Dovey, Doreen Baxter, John Bryant, Irene Hance, Margaret Endersby, Alma Groves, Lilian Umfreville, Iris Burville, Kathleen Baldwin, Evelyn Devenish, Dennis Druce, Jean Stanley, Annie Howell, Jean Howell, Thelma Devenish. Gave wrong answer to Question 3: Beryl Bremner, Peter Bysh, Hazel Brownrigg. The following did not complete verses: Audrey Unwin, Dorothy Endersby, Gladys Cato, June Knight, Colin Figg, Iris Raper, Peggy Bull. Daphne Bull and Doreen Palmer sent references only.

**Not for Competition:** Miss Dorothy Best.

Ponders End still holds the first place, but March and Eastbourne came very close this time. Swindon did well, too.

## LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls.

Did you ever hear the story of the Irishman's wall? He built it three feet high and four feet thick, so that when it was knocked over it would be higher than ever. You, boys and girls, are not quite like Paddy but very nearly so. The war has knocked over our plans for sending "Rays" to you at your schools, but a wonderful thing is happening. The Superintendents and Teachers of your Sunday Schools are sending "Rays" on to their boys and girls where they are, and we want to thank them very heartily for all their help. Our little magazine is now going to all sorts of towns and villages where it has never been before, and boys and girls who have never before heard of "Rays" are entering for the Bible Searcher. Let me say how glad I am to hear from you all and how pleased I am that so many evacuee children are joining with the children of "Rays" to do the Bible Searcher. We pray that God will bless our little magazine to each boy and girl who uses it and welcome all who enter for the Bible Searcher.

Once again Christmas is coming. May it be a very happy one for you each, in spite of the fact that many of you are away from home. Do your best to make the very best of Christmas wherever you are, and do not feel downhearted if everything is not just the same as usual. After all, Christmas is a time of glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, whether British or German, Indian, African or Chinese. It is a message of peace on earth amongst men of goodwill; and the message is just as true to-day as it ever was, only it is more sadly needed.

I was delighted to receive a splendid batch of letters from: Lucy Brownrigg, Norman Carter (not a bit like Hitler, Norman), Violet Culliford, Dorothy Geall, Olive Grimwood, Peter Jermyn, Pamela Rivett, Daphne Smith (hope you are better by now), Lily Umfreville, Eileen Wood and Aileen Young. A number of workers and helpers also wrote to me telling me of the way in which they are striving to deal with the present situation. May God bless and reward you each in your work for His Kingdom amongst the children.

Once again, to each one of you—**a very happy Christmas!**

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

**Jacob's Ladder.**

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| Dec. | 11 | M | Gen. 28, 1-9 |
| | 12 | Tu | Gen. 28, 10-15 |
| | 13 | W | Gen. 28, 16-22 |
| | 14 | Th | Psalm 3, 1-8 |
| | 15 | F | Psalm 121, 1-8 |
| | 16 | S | Isaiah 43, 1-7 |
| | 17 | Su | John 1, 43-51 |

**Glad Tidings of Great Joy.**

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| Dec. | 18 | M | Micah 5, 1-5 |
| | 19 | Tu | Isaiah 9, 2-7 |
| | 20 | W | Luke 1, 46-55 |
| | 21 | Th | Luke 2, 1-7 |
| | 22 | F | Luke 2, 8-15 |
| | 23 | S | Luke 2, 16-20 |
| | 24 | Su | Matt. 2, 1-8 |
| | 25 | M | Matt. 2, 9-15 |

**Wrestling and Reconciliation.**

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| Dec. | 26 | Tu | Gen. 32, 24-32 |
| | 27 | W | Gen. 33, 1-8 |
| | 28 | Th | Gen. 33, 9-17 |
| | 29 | F | Rom. 15, 25-33 |
| | 30 | S | Psalm 118, 5-14 |
| | 31 | Su | Heb. 4, 12-16 |

**The Great Confession**

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| Jan. | 1 | M | Matt. 16, 13-20 |
| | 2 | Tu | Matt. 16, 21-28 |
| | 3 | W | Matt. 10, 24-33 |
| | 4 | Th | John 10, 24-33 |
| | 5 | F | John 10, 34-41 |
| | 6 | S | 1 John 4, 13-21 |
| | 7 | Su | Rom. 10, 6-13 |

**Christ Annointed**

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| Jan. | 8 | M | Matt. 26, 6-13 |
| | 9 | Tu | John 12, 1-7 |
| | 10 | W | Luke 7, 36-38; 44-50 |
| | 11 | Th | Isa. 61, 1-6 |
| | 12 | F | Exod. 30, 22-31 |
| | 13 | S | Psa. 89, 19-29 |
| | 14 | Su | 1 John 2, 18-25 |

**Gethsemane and Betrayal**

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| Jan. | 15 | M | Matt. 26, 14-25 |
| | 16 | Tu | Matt. 26, 26-35 |
| | 17 | W | Matt. 26, 36-46 |
| | 18 | Th | Matt. 26, 47-56 |
| | 19 | F | Mark 14, 32-43 |
| | 20 | S | Luke 22, 39-46 |
| | 21 | Su | John 18, 1-9 |

**In the High Priest's Palace**

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| Jan. | 22 | M | Matt. 26, 57-68 |
| | 23 | Tu | Psa. 69, 1-9 |
| | 24 | W | Mark 14, 44-52 |
| | 25 | Th | Mark 14, 53-65 |
| | 26 | F | Luke 22, 63-71 |
| | 27 | S | John 15, 12-20 |
| | 28 | Su | Heb. 12, 1-7 |

**Christ before Pilate**

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| Jan. | 29 | M | Matt. 27, 1-10 |
| | 30 | Tu | Matt. 27, 11-23 |
| | 31 | W | Matt. 27, 24-32 |
| Feb. | 1 | Th | Luke 23, 1-11 |
| | 2 | F | John 18, 28-32 |
| | 3 | S | John 18, 33-40 |
| | 4 | Su | Mark 15, 1-14 |

**Christ Crucified**

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| Feb. | 5 | M | Matt. 27, 33-40 |
| | 6 | Tu | Matt. 27, 41-49 |
| | 7 | W | Matt. 27, 50-56 |
| | 8 | Th | Isa. 53, 1-6 |
| | 9 | F | Isa. 53, 7-12 |
| | 10 | S | John 12, 23-33 |
| | 11 | Su | Psa. 22, 1-8 |

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# DOCTRINAL BASIS

1.—The eternity, equality, and distinct personality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and the unity of the Godhead.

2.—The plenary and verbal Inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, and their infallible authority in all matters pertaining to faith and worship.

3.—The fall of mankind in Adam—their guilt and condemnation—together with their entire and universal depravity, by which they were alienated from God, and are unable, in and of themselves, to turn to Him.

4.—Eternal and personal election unto salvation

5.—Particular redemption by the vicarious sacrifice of Christ.

6.—Justification by grace, through faith, by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7.—Regeneration and sanctification by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of Divine truth. Saving faith is not a legal duty, but the sovereign and gracious gift of God.

8.—The absolute necessity for a holy life, as the result of true faith and the evidence of regeneration.

9.—The final perseverance of true believers.

10.—The preaching of the Gospel to every creature of the fallen race of Adam is a Divine command and a solemn obligation.

11.—The necessity of baptism by immersion, on a profession of repentance and faith, in order to Church fellowship and admission to the Lord's Table. The congregational order of the Churches.

12.—The resurrection of the dead, and the universal judgment, the everlasting punishment of the wicked, and the everlasting happiness of the righteous.

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1.—That this Association be called "The Strict Baptist Mission."

2.—The Membership of the Association is limited to 200, and is composed of members of Particular and Strict Baptist Churches subscribing to its funds according to the Articles of Association.

3.—That it be conducted by a Council of Management elected annually by the members of the Association according to its Articles.

4.—That its Objects be—The diffusion of the Gospel in heathen lands, and the formation of Churches in accordance with the principles of Particular and Strict Communion Baptists.

5.—That its Officers be—a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and not more than three Secretaries; and that the doctrinal basis be taken as representing the principles by which it shall be governed.

6.—That an Annual General Meeting be held once in each year, at such time and place as the Council of Management shall determine, when a report of the past year's proceedings shall be read by one of the Secretaries, and the Council shall be elected for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number according to the Articles of Association.

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8.—That a month's notice be given of any new business intended to be introduced to the Council.

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11.—That all meetings be commenced and concluded with prayer.

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# SEVENTY-EIGHTH REPORT

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**"God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him."**—*Psalm lxvii. 7.*

THE certainty of blessing is the needed, and God-given, stimulus of all faithful missionary endeavour, and it is in this that we rejoice as, to the glory of God, we present this 78th Annual Report of the work of the Strict Baptist Mission.

In many ways the past year has been one of uncertainty and even misgiving, but for missionary work the Lord has provided great resources of assurance that ever triumphantly justify the confident conviction—"God shall bless us!"

This has been the strength and inspiration of our loved missionaries in all that the Lord has enabled them to do through another year, and God has blessed them in ways innumerable, as the following reports from the Fields reveal. Best of all, spiritual blessing has followed their faithful and earnest efforts. God has blessed the preaching of the Gospel, and 103 Indian converts have been constrained by the Lord Himself to confess Him publicly in baptism. Our hearts are also gladdened, and our hands strengthened as we note that, in spite of many difficulties, the work amongst the children in India continues to grow considerably.

Nor has God disappointed our hopes of blessing at home. There have been difficulties and many needs, but by means of praying friends, generous hearts, and devoted workers through-

out the Churches, God has sent us the many blessings necessary for the maintenance of His work. We would sincerely thank all, and give God the glory.

Our esteemed President and all other Officers of the Mission have been sustained throughout the year, though the L.Z.A. has suffered a great loss in the Home-call of Mrs. W. H. Rose. Our dear brother, Missionary E. A. Booth, is still seriously ill, and he and Mrs. Booth have been, and still will be, much in our thoughts and prayers.

This Report has been prepared during days of international crisis, and through threatening clouds the future is but dimly discerned. That there will be difficulties and many problems, we are sure, but we would go forward with an optimism born of God and sustained by Him. Our Christ-directed mission is clear—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Here is the yet unfinished task of world evangelism, in which Denominationally we have the privilege of taking part. Ours is, indeed, but a small part, but we earnestly seek the prayers and help of all friends, so that, through united effort, we may continue to proclaim the Gospel of free and Sovereign grace to the men and women, and boys and girls of South India.

# THE WORK IN INDIA

## *Madras and Poonamallee Field*

BY H. A. HUCKETT.

"When that which is perfect (complete, mature, full-grown) is come, then that which is in part shall be done away (or set free)" (1 Cor. xiii. 10).

THE S.B.M. in India may be compared to the scaffolding which is used by a builder when a building is in course of erection. In the early stages one can see only a forest of poles and planks, but as the edifice nears completion the beauty of its architecture is seen, and the scaffolding is not so prominent. Ultimately, the scaffolding is no longer needed, but is taken down to be used elsewhere. "He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second." This simile may be applied to some extent to the work in the Madras Field.

### Church-Building.

The Church at Vepery now has a total of 149 members, an increase of 11 over last year. This Church is in a healthy condition financially, and there are signs that the Lord is work-

ing in their midst. Ayanapuram, with 83 members, has increased its membership by one. This Church draws its support from the villages of Koyambedu, Konnur, Kolathur and Tathankuppam, besides having some members in Ayanapuram itself (see Atlas). One would like to see a little more cohesion and intensity of purpose amongst those who form this Church. At Sembiam, where Pastor Y. M. Solomon labours, there are now 80 members, one more than last year. The friends at Sembiam have passed through much persecution during the year, some members have been called home, and others have had to be withdrawn from owing to non-attendance and backsliding. We are glad to report that the situation is more hopeful now than it was some months ago. Like the members at Ayanapuram, those at Poonamallee also come from surrounding villages, some being in Tiruvarkadu, others in Kolapakkam, Tandalam, Tambaram and Koladi. The total membership is 58. The need here is for wise leadership.

Mannur Church, which is under the auspices of the Baptist Volunteer Fellowship, now has 12 members. While there are evidences that the Spirit is working in this Church, we would like to see more local interest and more support from the nearby villages where the B.V.F. is working. In the five Churches in this Field there have been 35 baptisms during the past year.

**Character-Building.**

Although in recent years there have been far-reaching political changes in India, the door of opportunity in regard to Mission schools is still open. A Bible lesson is given every day in each of our 12 Elementary Schools, and all the teachers attend the Monthly Bible Study Class which precedes the salary meeting. It is not possible to tabulate results as regards school work, but in hearing testimonies before baptism, one has noted with joy that not infrequently young people first hear of Christ through attending a Mission School. In addition to the day-schools, nine Sunday schools are held every week, manned by voluntary workers, most of whom are members of the B.V.F. Thus, every Lord's Day, in 21 centres, the message of salvation is sounded forth to children and young people.

**The Kilpauk Sewing Class** is another fruitful field of evangelism. There are now 19 girls in the Class, 8 of whom are Church members. Since August, 1938, five girls have received baptism. The members of this Class meet for Bible study every Sunday afternoon. They also begin their work each day with a hymn and prayer.

**The Gospel Society**—the home mission of our Indian workers—is still helping to maintain the school at Korattur. The income given by the workers for the year was Rs.364—8—0.

**The Young Men's Hostel** at Kilpauk has been running quite smoothly since it was re-opened last year. The Missionary conducts prayers there every Friday evening, and gives a short message. At other times the lads conduct prayers in turn, under the watchful eye of a senior man who acts as warden.

**Building-up Converts.**

Jude reminds us that we need to be " building up ourselves on our most holy faith," and certainly this is a very necessary ministry in the Madras Field. False teaching abounds on every hand, and so it is essential that new converts should be nurtured in the things of God and taught how to use the Bible for themselves. With this in view, a number of visits have been paid to the homes of Church members, where prayer and Bible reading have been conducted. A birth or a birthday, a death or a funeral have alike been made occasions for drawing near to the Throne of Grace. It is pleasing to report that some of the deacons of our S.B.M. Churches also visit in the homes of the members.

A Sunday School Teachers' Training Class has been started at Poonamallee, and the Men's Meetings at Konnur, Kolathur, and Semmen Street have been visited.

The Bookstall has continued its useful ministry, 87 Bibles and Testaments, and 426 Bible portions having been sold by the colporteur in charge.

Thus the building has gone on, and our prayer is that the last great day may reveal that the materials used have been gold, silver, and precious stones, built upon the one Foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ. We lift our hearts in thankfulness and praise to *Him* who is the great Architect of every redeemed life. We are also grateful to those at the home base who have faithfully supported the work by prayer and gift, and who have thus had a share in that great spiritual temple that God is building in South India.

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# *Namakkal & Sendamangalam Fields*

BY A. J. MORLING.

" To preach the Gospel in the regions beyond." This was the ambition that dominated Paul, a missionary that many have striven to emulate. He moved from country to country, from city to city, urged by the glowing heart that could not rest content.

Every year the urgency of purely Gospel work is forcing itself upon us. There are areas still unreached, and there are villages where patient and faithfully continued labour still shows little fruit. We are at present responsible for an area of about

800 square miles, a very small, but very greatly scattered part of which we actually work.

**Problems.**

During the year we have lost a Church, but we have gained a number of congregations. Last August, Solaiseeramoni, a Church which it was always a joy to visit, went over to the Roman Catholics, with the exception of one member, a *dhobe* woman. The teacher in this station, and the pastor, strove hard to hold the people, but despite all their efforts they were lured to that Church which so many have joined with disheartening results. The site of this *cheri* was very unpleasant, and during the rainy season was often cut off from the main thoroughfare by a channel where water rapidly accumulated. The priest has now purchased for these folk a healthy spot on the main road, assisted them in the erection of their new houses, and is sinking a well. Only those who rightly estimate the poverty of these people can understand the temptation they faced, and how difficult it would be for them to resist it.

Although we are unable to report immersions on the western side of the Namakkal Field, there are six villages where the pastor has examined enquirers, and considers a number to be fit to join the Church.

The only baptizing service we had this year was conducted in Namakkal, when six lads from the Hostel confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. From the Namakkal *cheri* we have a few attending morning service; one family has been very regular, although its members have not asked for baptism. Here, in headquarters, the work is very difficult—in the *cheri* where there does appear to be a little interest we have Roman Catholic and Congress opposition, the latter being very strong and subtle.

In the Sendamangalam Church we have on several occasions held Church meetings for the purpose of exercising discipline. However, at the last, visitors were appointed to examine two men who belong to the Sendamangalam *cheri;* the younger of these has been showing real interest for more than a year.

In the Namakkal Field there are 11 places where regular Sunday services are conducted, and in the Sendamangalam Field four places, and the total offerings amount to Rs.265—3—7 and Rs.259—9—1 respectively.

**Progress.**

In missionary reports we often read that " barriers are breaking down," and although this is certainly true, in one sense, of these two fields, we do find that new ones are being formed. Despite the fact that caste is still strong, there is no doubt that there are obvious signs of it breaking down. In our work, this is most clearly seen in schools, and especially in those large

villages where the population is made up of a number of different castes.

During the year under review two schools have had their 5th standards recognised by Government, and five schools have applied for recognition, which makes these standards eligible for grant. The average attendance of each school in the Sendamangalam Field has risen, due possibly to the fact that all are in large villages. In the Namakkal Field, with the exception of two schools, all have improved and strengthened, but on this side the task is far greater because the villages are much smaller.

School grants for the year realised Rs.2,763—13—0.

Sunday school work has made good progress, so that now there are only two places without schools in which workers are stationed in these two Fields.

From time to time we have received packets of text cards from friends at home, and we would take this opportunity of thanking all who have helped in this way. The demand for cards is very great, and even if the supply during the coming year were ten times greater than last, the need would not be met!

We have endeavoured, whenever possible, to lighten the task of our nine preachers by accompanying them on their rounds, and encouraging them by lantern work.

The sale of Bibles and New Testaments during the year was 194; of Bible portions 1,725, and of tracts 3,188.

The Gospel Extension Society continues its work at Selur and Muttanchetti. In the former place the school and Church work have made real progress, but in the latter those once interested are seldom seen.

Since the last Report was written we have been obliged to commence a Senior Boys' Hostel, which caters for lads studying in the High School. During the year there have been four inmates, and we were hoping to extend this work, which is almost self-supporting, but were hindered because of the caprice of the local High School headmaster. Here, as elsewhere, our primary task is to proclaim the message of Christ, although the form of the message is varied according to the capacity and need of the hearer. The method of its presentation has differed in hostel, in church, at Hindu festivals, but its content never varied—"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself."

At the conclusion of every year we are tempted to ask, "What are the results?" We cannot be too emphatic that often the most important results can be neither seen nor tabulated in statistical returns. As already indicated, some of our labour seems to bear little direct fruit. We have not laboured without visible success, nevertheless it would be a distorted picture to present mission work as one continuous story of triumphant achievement. With profound gratitude to God we

record the steady maintenance of work in our Churches, schools and hostels. The first beginnings of a spiritual movement in small *cheris* gladden our hearts, and we long for the day when we shall see signs that the changed lives of our so-called outcaste Christians in the villages will make their impact upon the attitude and life of their non-Christian neighbours—only then will aggressive evangelism materialise. To this end we solicit your prayers.

## PEAKS OF PROMISE

By E. Orchard.

The Psalmist spoke with confidence—" I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills "—and found in that resolve an antidote to gloomy feeling. These mighty sentinels have found in every land those who look to them and find inspiration to new endeavour. Wherein lies the secret of the hills? The Psalmist tells us that to him the might of the hills spoke of the greater might of the One who created such mightiness. ". . . from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."

One of the constant delights of India is the way in which the hills abruptly rise from the plains around them, and stand as a glorious corrective to an otherwise dull monotony. The hills which dominate the scenery for miles around Namakkal have been my delight for many days. Sometimes they appear moody and dark, and threaten calamitous things. Sometimes, their sides shining and wet in the sunshine, they are bright with the brightness which follows rain. Sometimes their peaks play hide and seek in the enveloping clouds, and refuse to be enshrouded. At such times they are a parable of possibility. They are veritable peaks of promise. They show for a moment their towering sides, and invite those who see to measure the difficulty of conquest. Then, once again hiding in the clouds, they show only their glistening peaks, and make defiant appeal to be conquered. Those shining peaks ever beckon with the promise of achievement—the satisfaction of the accomplished end.

So through this year the known and unknown possibilities have been peaks of promise. Tamil language study occupied much time, especially at the beginning. Now I have the joy of looking back at the tortuous way that led to the peak of accomplishment, for I have, by the gracious help of God, passed the second examination during this year. There are still other and higher peaks which beckon, and this new vantage point has shown how great are the possibilities—possibilities which hold infinite opportunities for service and work. I have now the joy of doing more field work, such as school supervision and the conducting of Sunday services. Each Sunday afternoon

# WORKERS TOGETHER



THE ENGLISH MIS-SIONARIES

(1939 Conference Group)

SOME OF OUR INDIAN WORKERS

(5 of the 6 Teachers in the Higher Elementary School, Poonamallee)



# AMONGST THE WOMEN



WOMEN OF THE KOLLI HILLS' COMPOUND
Buying Sarees



SOME MESSENGERS OF THINGS MORE PRECIOUS

L.Z.A. Biblewomen, Namakkal

is occupied in the Sunday school here in Namakkal. The contact thus made with the men, women and boys of this country is helping me to understand the difficulties and the real joys which are part of the service of the Master.

The wide expanse of the future lies before, and the inviting peaks tower ahead. The past, which is always the promise of the future, makes one unafraid in the face of such tremendous opportunity, for " He who has led, will lead."

# *Kolli Hills Field*

BY GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

"THOU ART THE SAME."

No year finds us at the end of it in the same position as we were at its beginning. Each part of our Field has experienced its changes, for better or for worse, in the last twelve months. Our strength and confidence consist in the unchanging love and power of God, and our message to-day is the message of salvation brought to earth by the Lord Jesus Christ so many centuries ago.

**Alathur.**—At Alathur there have been several incidents of interest since we wrote last year. A year ago, the only people who met in this village on Sundays to worship our Lord were the teacher in our school, his wife, one other hill man, and his wife. Some months since, a young man of position in the locality came to Valhavanthi and disclosed his intention of worshipping Jesus Christ in future. After a short time with us in the compound, he returned home with his wife and little girl, built a house near our school building, and openly associated himself with us by attending our services and eating with us. A few months later, another young man, with his wife and daughter, took the same step. About two months ago, the brother-in-law of one of our Valhavanthi Church members was added to this little group, and this week another man, related to the headman of the Alathur ' County ' has been to see us at Valhavanthi, and says that he desires to become a worshipper of Christ with us. Opposition, in the form of social ostracism, has, of course, arisen, and trouble of one kind or another will probably follow. We solicit your prayers on behalf of this growing congregation.

We should indeed be thankful if we could give a similar picture of others of our out-stations on the hills, but we are unable to do so this year.

**Palappatti.**—The group of people who for two years met at Palappatti week by week, have now, with one exception, returned to caste. Only a few weeks before their secession I

spent Sunday morning with them, and had hopes that a work of grace had begun in the hearts of some of them. There was no doubt that they had given attention and thought to the teaching that they had received, and the prayers they offered were very promising; but thorns appear to have sprung up and ruined the crop. One young man, however, did not go back with the others, but moved to Ariyur and has made one more member of the congregation there.

**Puliampatti** has also had its time of difficulty. Apart from the wild life of one of the members, another member, a woman, has returned to caste. At first she said that it would make no difference to her loyalty to her Saviour, but within a few days she had, like Peter in the courtyard, denied Christ in emphatic terms. We have no doubt of her conversion, and look forward to the time when, please God, she will be restored.

**Valhavanthi Church.**—We have this year lost three members by death, the oldest of whom was about thirty-five years of age. We have had two additions by baptism. One of these was a hill man who left caste a year or two ago, and whose life we have watched with keen interest.

A band of young men from this Church goes to the villages to preach the Gospel on alternate Sundays. There is considerable variety of ability and keenness among these young men, but we trust that the witness may be used to the salvation of some hill people in the locality.

**Festival.**—We were again able to camp near the temple during the time of the annual festival. On three evenings we held lantern lectures in the open air, and two of these meetings were very well attended. During the whole of the two important festival days, a table exhibiting Scriptures and Christian literature stood where the crowds gathered, and eight or nine of our workers mixed with the people, telling them of the way of salvation.

**Buildings.**—Other camping work has been somewhat curtailed this year on account of building work. The wooden house erected by Mr. J. M. Brand 26 years ago has given very fine service, but is now showing signs of old age and infirmity; consequently new quarters are being erected for the Valhavanthi L.Z.A. missionary, and much of our time has been spent in supervision of the work.

**Dispensary.**—Our dispensary at Valhavanthi has continued to treat men, women and children from all parts of the Kollis and many places on the plains, and each morning the doctor, or his assistant, can be heard telling of a Saviour's love to the patients who have come for treatment. May the hill people realise their spiritual wounds as they do those of their bodies, and come to the Great Physician for their healing.

# *Tinnevelly Field*

BY WILFRED N. H. KUHRT.

WE often recall, with a thrill of gladness and relief, that it was a Church situated in corrupt Corinth, a Church which had allowed Satan to invade its own community, whose members Paul, with Spirit-led boldness and insight, addressed as " sanctified in Christ Jesus," and " called to be saints." When the devils of violence and outrageous wickedness and the more subtle devils of indolence and indifference seem to be working havoc in our midst, we come near to despair, but a sense of calm and peace, and a realisation of the "communion of *saints*" often steal over us when we look into the faces of those who gather in our chapels, and almost always when we join with them in the celebration of the Holy Feast.

**Evangelism through the Schools.**—We are deeply thankful to record that our school work has received no serious set-back during the past year, but has in many ways made that kind of progress that will ensure, at one and the same time, the continued favour and help of Government and the continued propagation of Christian truth. Our 30 schools cater for 1,151 children, which is exactly 100 more than last year, beside which, in six places which have no ordinary schools, we have now started Sunday schools, and these help in the training of another 80. The Government has assisted us to the extent of some Rs.3,000. We trust that our schools will for some years yet be sources of strength to our Churches, and Christian communities and centres from which the Christian message may circulate and influence the whole of village life.

**Evangelism in the Streets.**—Various reasons contribute to the continued holding-up of this work, and so we are very much looking forward to a real drive in this direction when, at the end of the year, our four preachers and two of our pastors conclude their studies in the Bible Institute. We have persevered, however, with the assistance of four preachers and three colporteurs, and on special occasions have had the help of all the Bible Institute students. The Gospel is being preached in about 120 villages, and more than 4,000 books have been sold, besides considerable quantities through the office.

**Evangelism in the Hostel.**—An average of 20 inmates has been maintained throughout the year. The usual arangements for their physical and spiritual welfare are made, while Mr. and Mrs. Morling have taken a very active part in re-organising the old Young People's Society. This movement has also meant a revival of the open-air witness that once formed a prominent part of Hostel Sunday afternoon life. 11 old Hostel students are engaged in our schools.

**Preparation for Evangelism.**—Study Classes of various kinds continue to be held throughout the year. The Church Worker's Class has been reduced to smaller and more manageable proportions and, we believe, will provide us with two or three suitable candidates for the next course of the Bible Institute.

**The Results of Evangelism.**—In our 39 Churches we now have a membership of 894. 61 baptisms account for this increase, while 23 removals on account of bad living, non-attendance, and other causes, make the figure less than it might otherwise have been.

Our four pastors continue their ministrations with acceptance. Pastors Jesudason and Selvanayagam show increasing signs of age, and it is therefore with mingled anxiety and pleasure that we watch the progress of the students in the Bible Institute. Pastors Asirvatham and Devairakkam have been studying as part-time students, with considerable profit to themselves. I have been out on camp, chiefly in the interests of Church work, on 41 occasions, while for two months Mrs. Kuhrt and I made Paniadipatti our headquarters, in order to facilitate the conduct of Miss Green's Bible School in the absence of a second L.Z.A. missionary there.

Serious water famine and consequent distress have played havoc with the conduct of Church work in some areas, notably the Kalingapatti circle. This state of affairs necessarily affected our Harvest Meetings, which were conducted this year by Mr. A. J. Morling. In spite of difficulties, some of the meetings in Paniadipatti, and all of the meetings in Kovilpatti were remarkably well attended. We feared that collections and other contributions to the Church funds would decline still further, on account of conditions of genuine hardship, but are delighted to report that, far from declining, they have actually increased from Rs.1,600 to Rs.1,750.

**Hindrances to Voluntary Evangelism.**—While the quality of paid workers is improving, and the work they are doing is also improving, we are bound to confess that there is little of that kind of work which is done voluntarily, flowing out of abundant life and an abundant love for Christ. Few are the lads who, having been educated by the Mission, are willing subsequently even to conduct a Sunday school class, unless they are made paid agents of the Mission. This spirit dies hard, but the near future, we believe, should be effective in killing it, and perhaps out of the troublous times which some of us foresee, there may spring a deeper spirit of devotion, issuing in an irresistible urge to evangelism. In a few places there are incipient outbreaks of voluntary work in connection with Young People's Meetings, but members easily become discouraged, and seem to need the missionary at every turn. One reason for our diffi-

culties is that, apart from mission workers, few men of any education or initiative stay in the villages. Intelligence continues to drift to the towns, leaving us to build up Church consciousness, self-support, and self-propagation upon a foundation which though not now, we are thankful to say, illiterate, is more or less unintelligent and unprogressive.

## THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

BY D. MORLING.

THE present activities of the Bible Institute for the S. B.M. break up virgin soil and, we hope, cut out a new road. Such pioneering work has an intense interest of its own, though, we must acknowledge, it sometimes carries heavy disappointment. But, in looking over the first 18 months of service in the Institute, we are greatly encouraged at the evident goodness of God. The Lord's smile has rested on the labour unmistakably.

Since we wrote our last report we have retained the same students and have admitted one more, bringing our numbers up to what we consider to be our maximum. Two of the 12 men are part-time students, pastors of the Kovilpatti and Nalattinputhur circles. Though the men and women are drawn from all the fields of the Mission, and are of very different training, education and upbringing, there has been excellent harmony and co-operation. In this land of deep divisions and cruel jealousies, this is a cause for much praise to God. We feel confident, too, that every man and woman is a child of God; one sees the signs of this in the daily devotions which are led by the men, and by the daily life.

In the Bible Institute course the great emphasis is still the Bible. Except one or two of the minor subjects, every study is for the further understanding of Scripture. Discussion is freely encouraged, but not for the display of cleverness. There must be humility and restraint on the part of him who corrects, while the one who stands corrected must evince forbearance and teachableness. Most of the subjects have demanded all the intelligence of the students, but we have been encouraged in seeing progress even in the slowest. As remarked last year, the students' mother tongue, Tamil, calls for much determination to eschew bad provincialisms, faulty pronunciation, and grammatical blunders. The weekly writing of a sermon outline on a given subject or passage always demands the very best of all.

Several of the subjects taken up at the commencement of the course have been concluded; those that are now being studied are as follows:—

Bible Introduction, after Angus—Biblical Theology—Person and Work of Christ—New Testament Biographies—I. Corinthians—Brief History of Baptists—Church and Evangelism—

Christian Movement in India—Church History—Tamil—Elocution—Sermon Preparation and Delivery—Jewish Customs and Temple Service—Life of Christ (women only).

The last two subjects are taken by Mrs. Morling, previous series taught by her being:—

The Tabernacle—Bible Lands—Home Hygiene (women only).

We are very desirous that our students should not be carried away by high-flown theories; we wish them to remain on the firm ground of realities and practical life. A program which Mr. Kuhrt prepared for B.I. students' Sunday work has on it no less than 128 engagements for three months, and this is apart from the regular work of the part-time students. Nearly every Sunday morning sees the Principal taking with him one or two of the men for preaching in the villages. This affords him an excellent opportunity of seeing the students actually at work outside the lecture hall. Several of them have been asked to speak at Anniversary and other special services. There is no doubt that much progress has been made, and that their efforts have been appreciated. Some time ago the Senior Pastor came to me with a very expansive and smiling face, exclaiming, "Ah, the Bible Institute students leave a fine fragrance behind them wherever they go."

## ON FURLOUGH

**Under the Hand of God.** By D. A. Thrower.

Last February, my wife and I, in the course of our work, had occasion to leave Madras for several days. It was considered best for the children to remain in the city, and a kind friend took care of them for us at that time. Immediately after our return to Madras, our little girl, Olive, developed diphtheria, and we entered one of the darkest periods of our life up to that time. Among other things, our return to England for furlough had to be postponed for two weeks. However, the little patient recovered rapidly, and we eventually arrived home just eight days before the Half-Yearly Meetings of the Mission. A slight re-arrangement of our furlough programme, owing to the above-mentioned delay, resulted in us having the Whitsun week completely free for rest and change. We much enjoyed the change, but the Lord did not give us much rest, for He graciously met both my wife and me on Whit-Sunday (the anniversary of the Holy Spirit's descent on the Church of Christ in Pentecostal power) and began to deal with us and to bless us in a way that we had not known before. Life for us could never be the same again. We therefore praise God for the test which formed the prelude to such blessing and joy.

During the past three months the time spent among the home Churches has been much enjoyed. It has been my privilege to take part in 70 meetings, in some 33 different places, scattered among 14 counties and "shires." Old friendships have been renewed and new ones formed, and we trust that an increased interest in the Lord Jesus and in His world-wide mission of salvation will result in each of the centres visited. Of one thing I am convinced, and that is that the future is bright, even gloriously bright, for all who will *wholly* follow the Lord. For such the exceeding great and precious promises of God's Word inspire a glorious hope, a hope that is sure of fulfilment. Let us, by faith, turn those promises into current coin to the praise of the glory of His grace.

# *Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Miss P. P. Nunn.

The year under review early held for us that which was sad and unexpected, and continued to present problem and perplexity, but throughout its course we have rejoiced that "A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary." From September 30th, 1938, the late Mrs. W. H. Rose kindly consented to be our Acting-President, but by January 2nd, 1939, she had been called to Higher Service. Her loss is keenly felt. Mrs. Rose had been a Vice-President of the L.Z.A. since September, 1929, and her devotion to the work in India will long be an inspiration. In the providence of God, Mrs. Silvester was able and willing to resume the Presidency forthwith, and we are thankful to have her still in this capacity. Mrs. O. F. Clarke (Park Ridings, Wood Green), and Miss A. E. Rowell (Chatteris) have been elected to the L.Z.A. Executive.

The year has also been exceptional as regards the health of two of our missionaries. Miss I. G. Hazel returned to England in ill-health in November, and after some weeks of rest and medical tests the Mission doctor's report was adverse to her return to work in a tropical climate. We thus regret the termination of her appointment as an L.Z.A. missionary. Miss Poole was not able to undertake the customary deputation work in the autumn of 1938, and it became evident that a longer furlough would be needed. In the early part of this year Miss Poole had more serious illness and, while it was hoped she would be able to sail in the autumn, this also has not proved to be the Lord's will. In view of the doctor's report, Miss Poole reluctantly tendered her resignation, which the Committee felt obliged to accept. She will be much missed on the L.Z.A.

Staff, her work at Paniadipatti, especially among the Hostel girls, being greatly valued. We praise God that Miss Monica Harris was able to sail for India on November 5th, 1938; may it please God to grant her a long life of service there. A medical report for Miss Peters made it evident that it would not be advisable to send her to the plains of South India, as was anticipated. Thus there are vacancies in our ranks for those who hear the call of God, and earnest prayer is asked that other labourers may be thrust out. Our other L.Z.A. missionaries have manifested a good spirit in meeting the extra demands made upon them, and we are grateful to the wives of our missionaries who have kindly helped with the L.Z.A. work where needed. We rejoice in the spiritual blessing bestowed in India, and pray increasingly for the work of our Biblewomen, and for the personal witness of our women Church members.

Miss Mowle was welcomed home in the spring, and has been engaged in deputation work; Mrs. Thrower has addressed several meetings, and we are also indebted to Miss Putnam for her help on several occasions. Our friends who so generously give hospitality are warmly thanked. The desire for meetings is encouraging, but a glance at the list of the Churches at the end of the Report will indicate where there is no L.Z.A. link, and where a personal word of introduction might lead to good results.

Regular quarterly District Prayer Meetings have been held, as well as monthly meetings in some Branches. The renewal of the Prayer Union membership resulted in 450 sisters desiring to continue this ministry. The work of our Branch Secretaries is gratefully acknowledged.

The receiving of gifts for the Lord's work is always a joy to our Financial Secretary, who thanks those friends who opened boxes twice in the year, thus helping in the difficult months of January and February. Others similarly helped by sending their annual subscriptions in the first quarter.

The problems of the work have been met in a spirit of humility and prayer. We await the unfolding of the Lord's plan, believing that present circumstances must be contributing to His larger purposes. "And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted . . . blessed are all they that wait for Him."

## MADRAS FIELD

BY MISS B. L. MOWLE.

THE past year has been spent partly in India and partly in England. Although there was great joy at the thought of soon seeing home and loved ones, there was a sense of sadness at

the thought of leaving dear ones in India, especially colleagues with their extra burdens and responsibilities, through depletion in our staff because of illness. God remains the great I AM, and He has said, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." Surely we have much to praise and thank Him for. The last few weeks spent in India were weeks of happy service for Him. Almost every week I had the great and sacred joy of hearing one and another tell of what the Lord had done for them. The last Sunday spent in that beloved land was an exceedingly happy day. Three sisters passed through the waters of baptism, and joined the Church at Ayanapuram, and three other sisters similarly joined the Church at Vepery. It is a great joy to see the women's side of the Church at Vepery almost full on a Sunday morning.

## ON FURLOUGH.

*". . . God is able to make all grace abound toward you."*

FURLOUGH, and all that it means, meetings, seeing fresh people, as well as old friends, was looked forward to with mingled feelings. God has been faithful, all needed grace and help have been given. I would thank all friends who have so kindly entertained me in their homes, and helped to make my furlough such a happy one.

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**First Impressions.** BY MISS M. E. HARRIS.

DURING these first few months I have been in India, my chief occupation has, of course, been Tamil study. I have been having daily lessons with a *munshi* here in Madras, who has in past years taught others in our Mission also. Besides being occupied with this, for a few months I was given certain work to do in connection with the Kilpauk Girls' Sewing Class.

It is interesting to be able to say that, before I had been out in India three whole months, I was able to see four out of the six chief Mission Stations. These stations were, Madras, Sendamangalam, Namakkal, and the Kolli Hills.

While in Madras I have been able to attend services at each of the five Churches here, and some of the Sunday schools as well. I have also witnessed baptismal services in three of the Churches.

I have found life in India full of interest and unexpected discoveries, and I am filled with thankfulness to God for all His love and care over me. Truly, "The Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods," "My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord."

## NAMAKKAL AND SENDAMANGALAM FIELDS

BY MRS. J. M. BRAND.

MOST of my time this year has been spent in the Namakkal area. Working with 11 **Biblewomen,** one has found it necessary to be much on camp, so that each one may have a turn of supervision.

The field is full of opportunities, there are many villages where Christ is not worshipped, but where the Word is received with the greatest interest. Our little Churches have been passing through great testing times, scarcity of rain, scarcity of work and food. Our skies have often been clouded over with disappointment and hard problems. We cannot attempt to bid for souls with hard cash, as the Roman Catholics are doing everywhere. One can only pray the Lord of the Harvest to send rain: rain of His Spirit, and rain for the earth, that death may spring into Life.

Not only are we needing European workers, but our greatest need is the raising up and sending forth of the Indian Christian. Only God can give us the true voluntary labourer, the Christian who longs to see others being brought; this is our direst need. Pray for it.

Here in Madras there are ten Biblewomen. The work is not so scattered and is easier of approach. One has to give most time to Church members and enquirers. But the same prayer is needed here. May He raise up more labourers who shall be eager to work hand in hand with us.

It has been my privilege, and a great one, to visit the **Australian Churches** this year. It was good indeed to see their love for the work and workers, although they so seldom have the opportunity of hearing missionaries from our stations. They keep up a lively interest, and devise means of showing lantern slides and carrying on small meetings for prayer and sewing, without the help of deputations from India. We thank them for their hearty welcome and entertainment, and most of all for their prayers which follow us.

BY DR. R. M. HARRIS.

**Jedarpalayam.**

The most outstanding feature of the past year, since return from furlough, has been the opening up of a new camping station for medical work in Jedarpalayam. This village, in which we have hired a house, though a comparatively small place, is the centre of a medically needy area. It is situated at the end of the bus route from Namakkal, and is within easy reach of several Churches.

Friday is market-day, and it is on this day that patients may be sure of seeing the doctor. Compounder and his wife are now stationed there, to carry on with the work during the remainder of the week. Patients have come to us from 55 villages,

some of which are not, perhaps, being reached with the Gospel by any other means. A Sunday school has been started, with an attendance of about 20 boys.

**The Sendamangalam Dispensary.**

The work is growing. We have a number of old friends now, who come along whenever they have an ailment. We do truly long that these women may come into vital contact with our Living Lord.

We have had some interesting cases as in-patients. After supper, when the day's work is done and all is quiet, is the time when we go over to talk with them. We hear all about their homes, their difficulties; we read and we pray with them.

**Biblewomen's Work.**

Quite recently we have taken over the Biblewomen's work on the western side of the Namakkal Field. The Biblewomen are working in connection with the Churches, and they need our prayers that they may be given all the infinite grace and patience which is needed in teaching the women members of these Churches. These women are nearly all illiterate, and this is a serious hindrance to their spiritual growth. We long to see them growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord, so that they may give effectual witness by their lives and by their words to the Hindu community round about them.

BY MISS L. S. HAZEL.

ANOTHER year has been completed, in which the goodness and leadings of the Lord must be recorded. Although it has not been a year without its disappointments and clouds, the silver shining of His blessing has also been apparent.

The **Girls' School** at Sendamangalam is still encouraging, our numbers have steadily increased, and we now have about 180 girls attending. This means that these girls, India's future women, are receiving daily instruction in the Scriptures.

God has wonderfully answered prayer in sending us a deeply-taught Christian woman as Matron for the **Girls' Hostel.** We now have 50 girls, and one feels what a great privilege it is to be called to work amongst them. The Covenanters' Class and Sunday School are conducted each Sunday, and other classes for the girls are held periodically.

The three **Camping Stations,** Elur, Eramaipatti and Kakaveri, have been visited regularly. Our band of eight **Biblewomen** in this field is inadequate for the vast amount of ground to be covered. During the early part of the year we were able to make an extensive camp, when the people in about 12 villages, who do not ordinarily get Christian teaching, received instruction.

Another of the women from the *Cheri* (outcaste) quarter, who attends the **Women's Meeting** and our Sunday service, is enquiring, for whom we praise God.

In concluding this report, what shall we say? "The Lord reigneth." "For He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet."

## KOLLI HILLS FIELD

BY MISS M. E. WILKINS.

*"Let us not be weary; . . . we shall reap if we faint not."*

AS one looks back over the past year, it is only true to say it has been one of sadness and sorrow, but not without its joys. Many hearts have been stricken with sorrow, and we have almost fainted. The Lord has indeed visited us, and taken several from our midst.

Perhaps a greater trial than this is to see those who have been Christians, who during the past year have left us, having denied the true and living God, and have once again returned to caste and their old religion. Four little children who were in our Hostel have left us in this way and returned with their people, also a Christian woman, Monomonie, living in Puliampatti. Pray specially for these, that the Word which has been sown in their hearts may bring forth fruit.

We have seen many answers to prayer, for which we praise Him. Many have been restored from beds of sickness. The Lord has sent two little boys about six years of age to our **Hostel**; one of our Christians at Ariyure has adopted a tiny baby for us, which will be handed over to us when a little older. After many months of waiting, in January we welcomed a woman as Matron to our Hostel. We pray she may be fitted in every way, and prove to be His choice for the future years.

During the last few months the **Christian hill women's meeting** in Valhavanthi has been altered from Friday to Sunday evening, this seems more convenient for the women. Each Sunday, after the afternoon service, they all gather together in my bungalow for a short time. Every last Sunday in the month we go out to a village instead of having the meeting, and those whom the Lord has saved give their testimony to the people in the village.

Happy **Camps** have been made regularly in the out-stations each month. Our **Biblewomen** have started regular teaching with 18 Christian hill women. Each month the women learn a Bible story and its teaching, and one or two verses of Scripture, according to their ability. When camping, I hear what these women have learned. Praise the Lord for our Christian women, may many others come to know a precious Christ as their Saviour, and in the lonely parts be a witness, especially by life and lip.

This year we have celebrated the 25th anniversary of Gospel work on these hills. God *has* given the reaping time, may there be a greater one still in the future days.

## TINNEVELLY FIELD

By Miss V. D. Green.

Gratefully I record another year's good health. The service of the year has been wonderfully varied. It was my privilege to conduct the **Annual Bible School** for our Tinnevelly Biblewomen from September 17th to October 15th. It was a season of blessing. **The village work** has been steadily maintained, and greatly blessed. We do thank God for the group of faithful Biblewomen who carry on this work so well. It is mainly through their ministry that we are able to report 19 baptisms through the year among the women. There are several more now waiting for interviews. **The medical work** has been carried on in conjunction with the camping work, as well as a good deal done at the bungalow.

**Girls' Boarding and Day School.**—The Annual School Inspection took place in April, and we had an excellent report. The Government Educational Grant for this year was Rs.484, and the Hostel grant was Rs.422. The Lord has again granted precious seals upon this work in constraining eight girls to confess their love for the Lord. These were baptized in April. Thus have we been provided for and blessed during another year, both materially and spiritually.

Two **new features** have marked the new season's work since returning from the hills, one being the **Industrial Class** commenced for our girls who have passed the fifth standard. We have five girls enrolled, and they are now being taught agriculture, mat weaving, needlework, and poultry keeping. It is in its infancy, and we shall greatly value prayer for this new branch of work, which enables us to keep our girls a further two years for this practical training and spiritual help at such a very important time of their life.

The other new feature has been a **Summer School for village Christian women,** held from July 31st to August 2nd. We had a series of meetings for them, and it proved a most happy and successful time. The number of women present was 153.

Our **Harvest Festival** was a time of much blessing. We were very favoured to have Mr. A. J. Morling with us to address the meetings.

Thus, during the year which has been so full of losses, difficulties, pain and disappointment, He has given us *overweights of joy*. I close with the Word given to me with which to return here from the hills, a word which, although it savours of warfare, yet is vibrant with *victory—assured victory—certain triumph*: "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

## SUMMARY.

The following statistics of the different Fields may be interesting to our subscribers, and we therefore gladly give them :—

| NAME OF FIELD | Churches | Church Members | Baptisms | Pastors and Preachers-in-Charge | Preachers and Preacher-Teachers | Teachers | Biblewomen | Colporteurs and other Workers | Weekday & Sunday Schools | Pupils | Places where regular Chapel services are held | Villages in which the Gospel is regularly preached |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madras | 5 | 382 | 35 | 1 | 7 | 33 | 10 | 10 | 21 | 1219 | 12 | 50 |
| Namakkal and Sendamangalam | 12 | 310 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 23 | 18 | 7 | 34 | 1458 | 21 | 183 |
| Kolli Hills ... | 2 | 56 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 195 | 4 | 92 |
| Tinnevelly ... | 39 | 900 | 61 | 4 | 35 | 13 | 11 | 6 | 37 | 1231 | 45 | 120 |
| TOTAL | 58 | 1648 | 103 | 7 | 64 | 71 | 46 | 30 | 101 | 4103 | 82 | 445 |

# THE WORK IN THE HOMELAND

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

PASTOR R. ROBINSON

WHAT a year of testing the past one has been, so full of anxiety, uncertainty and foreboding! It would be true to say that these characteristics are seldom absent, but the present situation is almost unprecedented. Day by day we have listened to rumours and reports of impending war, to preparations for defence, to precautions and safeguards, making it difficult to concentrate upon the legitimate duties and pursuits of life. These alarms have invaded our leisure, our devotional hours, and also our service in the cause of Christ, till, in weariness of spirit and mind, we have exclaimed, "O Lord, how long?" Present conditions are foretold in Holy Scripture, so they should not come upon us unawares; also, they make the preaching of the Gospel as great a need as ever. Yet it cannot be denied that the work of the Lord, whether at home or abroad, is not made easier thereby. Notwithstanding all this, our hope is in the living God, and we must not forget His great commission. The Gospel of His grace has been proclaimed through dark ages, in the midst of persecution and turmoil, with striking, God-given success. Through this Divinely-appointed means He is calling out a people for His name, and though we may meet with disappointments and obstructions, which appear as a setback to our efforts, we know that "In spite of foes, His work goes on."

Reviewing the past year, we desire first of all to record and magnify the *faithfulness of God*. We believe He has guided us by His counsel, upheld us by His power, encouraged us by His Word, provided for His work, and graciously given tokens of His approval in the salvation of many souls in India. To Him be the glory!

Diminution in our Indian staff, due to ill-health, has required much prayerful consideration, in order that effort commenced may be maintained. Our sympathies have been with, and our prayers for our missionaries "holding the fort" with depleted ranks, and we believe they have experienced that "sufficiency of grace" which enables them to carry on.

The constant support of friends and Churches has proved a source of strength to the Council, and we greatly value both the prayers and practical help of all. We rejoice that our

missionaries on furlough, as well as our General Secretary, have been so heartily received by the Churches, and much appreciate this enthusiastic co-operation, which we believe is mutually good for our Churches and the Mission. We cannot, however, disguise the concern caused by a decrease in the contributions received from the Churches, though by special gifts during the year all needs have been met. Fully alive to the anxieties in many Churches, because of their low condition, it is Council's constant prayer that God would revive His work, and pour out showers of blessing, knowing that should He be pleased to do this, the missionary interest would benefit as well.

It may not be out of place to say here that the Ladies' Zenana Executive meet on the *last* Friday, and the Council on the *first* Friday in each month. Special prayer is solicited for those occasions, that the will of the Lord may be done and His Kingdom extended.

" He shall reign from pole to pole
With illimitable sway;
He shall reign when, like a scroll,
Yonder heavens have passed away;
Then the end—beneath His rod
Man's last enemy shall fall;
Hallelujah! Christ in God,
God in Christ is All in all."

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

GRATEFULLY we record our appreciation and thanks to the Churches and friends who have helped us in so many ways during another year. Gladly the Officers and Council are willing to " spend and be spent " in the work to which they have been called, but their service, humanly speaking, is dependent upon the support which they receive.

No good purpose would be served by hiding the fact that the financial problem is one which often gives cause for anxiety. We are living in critical times: it may be that more difficult days lie ahead. That " our God is able " we verily believe, but we would earnestly appeal to all our missionary-minded friends to consider the financial aspect of the work, remembering that we differ from some other Missionary Societies in that our Mission is limited almost entirely for its funds to our own denomination.

From the Accounts, as will be seen, there is a substantial deficit, and upon a comparison with last year's figures the

# WORK AND PLAY



CHILDREN
AND
TEACHER—

Chulavanthi,
Kolli Hills



A MUSICAL EFFORT ON BREAKING-UP DAY—
Higher Elementary School, Poonamallee

# THE CHRISTIAN ALTERNATIVE

*TWO PICTURES FROM THE TINNEVELLY FIELD*



**A TYPICAL SHRINE**

(Black Image of the God just in view)



NARIKULAM CHAPEL

(Built 1935 by Villagers themselves, roof being provided by friends in England)

Church and personal gifts are lower by nearly £900, and compared with 1937 they are over £1,000 less. The position, therefore, gives cause for grave anxiety for the future.

There is no necessity to remind friends of the various ways in which they can help; these should be well known by now. One method to emphasise affects *annual subscribers liable to pay Income Tax at the full current rate* of 5s. 6d. in the £. By signing an agreement to pay an annual subscription, which may be paid locally to the home Church, or direct to the Treasurer, the annual subscription is increased by the amount of the tax. By this method, the income of the Mission this year was increased by £426.

The following table is given by way of illustration :—

| Annual Subscription | Tax deducted at 5s. 6d. in the £ | Subscription increased to |
|---|---|---|
| £1 | £0 7s. 7d. | £1 7s. 7d. |
| £5 | £1 17s. 11d. | £6 17s. 11d. |
| £10 | £3 15s. 10d. | £13 15s. 10d. |
| £20 | £7 11s. 9d. | £27 11s. 9d. |

The General Secretary, or Treasurer, will gladly supply particulars to any friends who are able to help in this way.

Finally, " pray, brethren, pray " that the Lord's blessing may rest upon every aspect of the work, both at home and in India.

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

WE deeply regret that, owing to the need for strict economy during the conditions of national emergency, this Report, mainly prepared before the outbreak of war, has had to be considerably reduced in size. The news from India has been given as much space as possible, so that supporters and friends may know of how the Lord is blessing the actual work of Evangelism for which the Mission was formed and is still being maintained.

In this section, however, dealing with the work at home, it is not so necessary to write at length, though readers will realise that the work in India is humanly dependent upon the prayers and efforts in this land.

We sincerely thank all Pastors, local Mission Secretaries, and friends who have helped in the great work of the maintenance of the Strict Baptist Mission, and we gratefully acknowledge God's gracious help and guidance in all the work.

" THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD " continues its monthly ministry of helpful information, and we here record our deep appreciation of the services of its Editor, Pastor L. R. Garrard. We trust that friends will eagerly seek to extend the circulation of the " Mission Herald," remembering that every sympathetic reader gained is a new, intelligent prayer-partner in our great missionary task.

" RAYS FROM THE EAST," our bi-monthly children's magazine, still meets with a well-maintained demand from our supporting Sunday Schools, and the increasing number of entries for the " Bible Searchers " betokens keen readers. The Editor, Mr. J. C. Fromow, knows that we greatly value all that he is doing, but the useful and extensive influence of " Rays " is his chief encouragement.

THE CHRISTMAS BOXES AND CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND.—Concerning these, Miss H. V. Harris, whose loving help means so much, reports that, " In connection with the 1938 Boxes, everything went well through all stages, from the sewing rooms to the carriage of individual parcels, the packing and transit of the 19 cases, to their safe arrival in India.

Concerning the Christmas Gift Fund, the new method which allowed the purchase of toys, dress material, and medical stuff in India, we are specially grateful for the sympathetic and generous response of supporters. Over £100 was subscribed, and considerable expense of carriage and customs was saved.

Our friends already know that this new method is being adopted for the future (D.v.), and as it may be quite a long time before the way is open for the boxes of garments and dolls to go to India, it will be a consolation to know that our gifts to the Christmas Gift Fund *can* be sent out in time for the children to get toys, the native workers their lengths of material, and our dispensaries their medical requirements. 'The Lord will provide.' "

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION CALENDAR.—The Calendar for 1939 is to be found in many homes throughout the country, and its daily service is a reminder of the work and a call to prayer. Plans were in hand for a 1940 Calendar, but in view of the war it has been decided not to publish for next year, in order to avoid financial risks that might be involved.

Concerning FINANCE our Treasurer has written a short message, and we are confident that friends realise how greatly we need the loving and generous support of the Lord's people, that the work in India may go on.

Thus in the work at home we do indeed praise God for every blessing of the past, and we confidently look up to Him for guidance and help in all the days to come.

# SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

## RECEIPTS

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Balance at Bank, 21st September, 1938 : | | |
| Home Safe Deposit ... ... ... | 14 17 3 | |
| Current Account ... ... ... | 1,329 18 10 | |
| Deposit Account ... ... ... | 1,800 0 0 | |
| Investment : | | |
| £1,429 0s. 10d. 3½% War Stock, at cost ... ... ... ... ... | 1,499 11 0 | |
| | | 4,644 7 1 |
| General Fund ... ... ... ... | 5,532 5 3 | |
| Christmas Gift Fund ... ... ... | 101 0 0 | |
| Herald Fund (see PAYMENTS) | | |
| Extension Fund ... ... ... | 1,068 12 4 | |
| Pension Fund ... ... ... | 528 15 2 | |
| Sustentation Fund ... ... ... | 227 7 6 | |
| | | 7,458 0 3 |
| LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY : | | |
| General Account ... ... | 2,420 11 6 | |
| Medical Account ... ... | 24 16 0 | |
| | | 2,445 7 6 |
| | | £14,547 14 10 |

## PAYMENTS

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| General Fund : | | |
| India ... ... ... | 5,426 13 0 | |
| Home ... ... ... | 895 6 4 | |
| | | 6,321 19 4 |
| Christmas Gift Fund ... | | 101 0 0 |
| India Bible Institute Fund | | 135 0 0 |
| Herald Fund : | | |
| Payments ... ... | 476 15 9 | |
| Credit Receipts ... | 264 8 9 | |
| | | 212 7 0 |
| Pension Fund : | | |
| Pensions Paid ... ... | | 216 0 0 |
| Voyage Account ... ... | | 236 16 6 |
| | | 7,223 2 10 |
| LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY : | | |
| General : India ... ... | 1,991 19 5 | |
| Home ... ... | 379 1 11 | |
| Medical : India ... ... | 35 12 6 | |
| Home ... ... | 1 1 0 | |
| Voyage : Home ... ... | 174 8 9 | |
| | | 2,582 3 7 |
| Balance at Bank, 20th September, 1939 : | | |
| Home Safe Deposit Account ... | 14 17 3 | |
| Current Account ... ... ... | 1,209 16 2 | |
| Deposit Account ... ... ... | 200 0 0 | |
| Investments (Extension Fund) : | | |
| £1,429 0s. 10d. 3½% War Stock ... | 1,499 11 0 | |
| £900 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ... | 895 12 0 | |
| £1,000 0s. 0d. 3½% Conversion Loan | 922 12 0 | |
| | | 4,742 8 5 |
| | | £14,547 14 10 |

## INDIA BIBLE INSTITUTE FUND

| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward | 341 8 10 | By Remittances to India ... | 135 0 0 |
| | | ,, Balance carried forward | 206 8 10 |
| | £341 8 10 | | £341 8 10 |

# GENERAL FUND

## INCOME.

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward | | 37 14 7 |
| ,, Contributions : | | |
| Churches ... | 2,598 6 4 | |
| Personal ... | 1,335 1 7 | |
| Miscellaneous ... | 616 18 8 | |
| | 4,550 6 7 | |
| ,, Income Tax Refund ... | 297 16 8 | |
| ,, Legacies ... ... | 678 5 8 | |
| ,, Deposit Interest ... | 5 16 4 | |
| | | 5,532 5 3 |
| ,, Christmas Gift Fund ... | | 101 0 0 |
| ,, Transfers from : | | |
| Extension Fund ... ... | 246 14 0 | |
| Medical & Hospital Fund | 10 11 1½ | |
| Madras Boarding School Fund ... | 83 5 9 | |
| L.Z.A. General Fund ... | 100 0 0 | |
| Sustentation Fund ... ... | 500 0 0 | |
| | | 940 10 10½ |
| ,, Balance carried forward (deficit) ... | | 108 15 7½ |
| | | £6,720 6 4 |

## EXPENDITURE.

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| By Remittances to India for Salaries, and Payments on Mission Account ... ... ... ... | | 5,426 13 0 |
| ,, Missionaries on Furlough ... ... ... ... | | 197 12 10 |
| ,, Missionaries' Life Insurance ... ... ... | | 17 5 11 |
| ,, Deputation, Ministerial and General Expenses ... | | 165 13 2 |
| ,, Secretary's Salary, Office Expenses, Stationery, Postages, etc. ... ... ... ... ... | | 422 6 5 |
| ,, Cost of Advertising ... ... ... ... ... | | 92 8 0 |
| | | 6,321 19 4 |
| ,, Christmas Gift Fund to India | | 101 0 0 |
| ,, Transfers to : | | |
| Voyage Account ... ... ... | £120 0 0 | |
| Herald Account (deficit) ... ... | 177 7 0 | |
| | | 297 7 0 |
| | | £6,720 6 4 |

# MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward ... ... ... | £10 11 1½ | By Balance transferred to General Fund ... ... | £10 11 1½ |

# MADRAS BOARDING SCHOOL FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward ... ... ... | £83 5 9 | By Balance transferred to General Fund ... | £83 5 9 |

# VOYAGE ACCOUNT

| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward ... | 316 5 3 | By Balance of Passages : | |
| ,, Transfer from General Fund | 120 0 0 | Mr. and Mrs. Huckett ... ... | 23 18 6 |
| | | ,, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower's Passages | 209 3 6 |
| | | ,, Baggage and Fares ... ... ... | 3 14 6 |
| | | ,, Balance carried forward ... .. | 199 8 9 |
| | £436 5 3 | | £436 5 3 |

## "HERALD" FUND

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Subscriptions : | | | By Printing : | |
| HERALDS ... | | 200 18 9 | HERALDS | 337 8 9 |
| RAYS ... | | 51 11 11 | RAYS | 83 6 0 |
| REPORTS ... | | 11 18 1 | REPORTS | 56 1 0 |
| | | 264 8 9 | | |
| ,, Deficit transferred from : | | | | |
| General Fund ... ... ... | 177 7 0 | | | |
| L.Z.A. General Account .. ... | 35 0 0 | | | |
| | | 212 7 0 | | |
| | | £476 15 9 | | £476 15 9 |

## EXTENSION FUND

| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward ... ... ... ... | 2,389 3 6 | By Transfers to : | |
| ,, Interest on Investments ... ... ... ... | 66 0 4 | General Fund .. ... | 246 14 0 |
| ,, Donation ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 12 0 | L.Z.A. ... ... ... | 162 12 0 |
| ,, Proportion of further Amount from Estate of the late Mr. F. T. Newman ... ... ... ... | 1,000 0 0 | ,, Balance carried forward ... | 3,048 9 10 |
| | £3,457 15 10 | | £3,457 15 10 |

## PENSION FUND

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward : | | | By Investments at cost : | |
| Investments ... ... ... | 13,573 0 6 | | £1,067 14 5 2½% Consols ... ... | 831 0 0 |
| Cash in hand ... ... ... | 345 19 0 | | 935 1 3 3% L.C.C. Stock ... ... | 800 0 0 |
| | | 13,918 19 6 | 464 8 4 5% L.C.C. Stock ... ... | 470 0 0 |
| ,, Interest on Investments .. | | 527 0 2 | 211 1 9 4% Fund. Loan ... ... | 200 0 0 |
| ,, Refund of Income Tax ... | | 1 15 0 | 2,000 0 0 5% N.Z. Stock ... ... | 2,000 0 0 |
| | | | 2,000 0 0 3½% India Stock ... ... | 1,815 0 0 |
| | | | 2,861 5 9 3½% War Stock ... ... | 2,821 14 3 |
| | | | 2,199 10 8 3½% Con. Loan ... ... | 1,909 14 3 |
| | | | 1,501 16 7 3½% Con. Loan ... ... | 1,500 0 0 |
| | | | 469 8 9 3½% Con. Loan ... ... | 500 0 0 |
| | | | 300 0 0 3½% Con. Loan ... ... | 322 16 0 |
| | | | 400 0 0 3½% Con. Loan ... ... | 402 16 0 |
| | | | ,, Pensions paid ... ... ... ... | 216 0 0 |
| | | | ,, Balance carried forward ... ... | 658 14 2 |
| | £14,447 14 8 | | | £14,447 14 8 |

# LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

## GENERAL FUND

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Balance, September 21st, 1938 ... | | 492 18 10½ |
| Contributions : | | |
| General Fund ... | 2,033 18 6 | |
| Gift Week ... ... | 248 14 10 | |
| | | 2,282 13 4 |
| Income Tax Refund ... ... | | 137 18 2 |
| Transferred from Extension Fund | | 162 12 0 |
| | | £3,076 2 4½ |

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| Indian Expenses ... ... | 1,991 19 5 |
| Furlough Expenses ... ... ... | 332 18 4 |
| Deputation Expenses ... ... ... | 23 16 9 |
| Home Expenses ... ... ... ... ... | 17 6 10 |
| Miss M. Harris—Outfit Balance ... ... | 5 0 0 |
| Donation to L.Z.A. Kolli Hill Building | 100 0 0 |
| Transferred to : | |
| S.B.M. Herald Account ... ... | 15 0 0 |
| S.B.M. Report Account ... ... | 20 0 0 |
| L.Z.A. Voyage Account ... ... | 50 0 0 |
| Balance ... ... ... ... ... | 520 1 0½ |
| | £3,076 2 4½ |

## MEDICAL ACCOUNT

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| Balance, September 21st, 1938 ... | 80 18 6 |
| Donations ... ... ... .. | 24 16 0 |
| | £105 14 6 |

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| Dr. R. M. Harris : | |
| Drugs ... ... ... | 30 0 0 |
| Nurse (part salary) ... | 5 12 6 |
| Donation to M.S.M. ... | 1 1 0 |
| Balance ... ... ... | 69 1 0 |
| | £105 14 6 |

## VOYAGE ACCOUNT

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| Balance, September 21st, 1938 ... .. ... | 246 13 2 |
| Transferred from L.Z.A. General Account ... | 50 0 0 |
| | £296 13 2 |

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| Miss G. Hazel—Passage ... ... | 66 10 0 |
| Miss M. Harris—Passage ... | 38 0 0 |
| Passport ... ... ... | 17 6 |
| Miss B. L. Mowle—Passage ... | 66 10 0 |
| Baggage and Fares ... ... | 2 11 3 |
| Balance ... ... ... ... | 122 4 5 |
| | £296 13 2 |

## SUSTENTATION FUND

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward : | | |
| Investments ... | ... 5,750 0 0 | |
| Cash in hand ... | ... 299 8 6 | |
| | | 6,049 8 6 |
| ,, Interest on Investments | ... | 226 5 0 |
| ,, Refund of Income Tax | ... | 1 2 6 |
| | | £6,276 16 0 |

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| By Investments : | |
| 4½% New Zealand Stock ... | ... 1,000 0 0 |
| 4½% London County Stock | ... 2,000 0 0 |
| 3½% War Stock ... ... | ... 750 0 0 |
| 3% Local Loans ... ... | ... 1,000 0 0 |
| 3½% War Stock ... ... | ... 1,000 0 0 |
| ,, Transfer to General Fund ... | ... 500 0 0 |
| ,, Balance carried forward ... | ... 26 16 0 |
| | £6,276 16 0 |

**Special Note.**—This is a Fund to be drawn upon in a special emergency, but only then to a **limited amount** in any one year.

# BALANCE SHEET—As at 20th September, 1939

### LIABILITIES

| | £ s. d. |
|---|---|
| General Fund ... ... | ... — — — |
| India Bible Ins itute Fund | ... 206 8 10 |
| Voyage Account ... ... | ... 199 8 9 |
| Extension Fund ... ... | ... 3,048 9 10 |
| Pension Fund ... ... | ... 658 14 2 |
| Sustentation Fund ... | ... 26 16 0 |
| Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary : | |
| General Account ... | 520 1 0½ |
| Medical Account ... | 69 1 0 |
| Voyage Account ... | 122 4 5 |
| | £4,851 4 0½ |

### ASSETS

| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| Balance at Bank : | | |
| Home Safe Deposit ... | | 14 17 3 |
| Current Account ... | | 1,209 16 2 |
| Deposit Account ... | | 200 0 0 |
| | | 1,424 13 5 |
| Investments (at cost) : | | |
| £1,429 0s. 10d. 3½% War Stock... | 1,499 11 0 | |
| £900 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ... | 895 12 0 | |
| £1,000 0s. 0d. 3½% Con. Loan... | 922 12 0 | |
| | | 3,317 15 0 |
| | | 4,742 8 5 |
| General Fund Deficit | | 108 15 7½ |
| | | £4,851 4 0½ |

W. J. SHIPTON, Treasurer.
J. K. THORPE, Secretary.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies (Consolidation) Acts, I, William Littleton, hereby certify that I have obtained all the information and explanations I require as Auditor. I have examined the Securities for the amounts invested on behalf of the General, Pension and Sustentation Funds and verified the Bank Balances and amount on Deposit at Bank. I therefore certify that to the best of my knowledge and in accordance with the information and explanations given to me, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit the correct position of the English Accounts as shown by the Books and Vouchers as at the 20th September, 1939.

611, Salisbury House, E.C.2.
3rd October, 1939.

WILLIAM LITTLETON, F.C.R.A., F.C.P.A

# ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

## 21st SEPTEMBER, 1938, to 20th SEPTEMBER, 1939

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Abercwmboi—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 11 | 7 |
| **Abingdon** | | | |
| General ... .. | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| **Accrington, "Ebenezer"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Accrington, "Zion"—** | | | |
| General ... | 5 | 16 | 6 |
| **Acton Friends—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 6 | 8 | 8 |
| **Aldringham—** | | | |
| General ... | | 16 | 0 |
| **Aston Clinton—** | | | |
| General ... | | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A | | 14 | 0 |
| **Aylesbury—** | | | |
| General | 12 | 11 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 18 | 0 |
| **Baguley—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| **Baildon St. Mission—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Bath, "Bethel"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 22 | 12 | 1 |
| **Bath, "Providence"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 17 | 1 |
| **Beccles—** | | | |
| General | 6 | 18 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| **Bedford—** | | | |
| General | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 1 | 1½ |
| **Bedmond—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 15 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 0 | 4½ |
| **Bedworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 17 | 4 |
| **Belvoir St., N.S.W.—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 9 | 11 | 3 |
| **Bermondsey—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 16 | 11 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 48 | 11 | 2 |
| **Bethersden—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 4 | 6 |
| **Bexleyheath—** | | | |
| General | 9 | 19 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 15 | 1 |
| **Bierton—** | | | |
| General ... | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| **Billinghay—** | | | |
| General | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| **Billericay—** | | | |
| General | | 4 | 3 |
| **Bilston—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Blakenham—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 2 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 7 | 5 |
| **Borough Green—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 21 | 14 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 10 | 4 |
| **Bradenstoke—** | | | |
| General ... | 15 | 12 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| **Bradford—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. | 34 | 1 | 8 |
| **Bradfield St. George—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 4 | 6 |
| **Brentford—** | | | |
| General ... . | 41 | 16 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 44 | 16 | 1 |
| **Brighton Branch—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 31 | 0 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 20 | 0 | 4 |
| **Brighton Tabernacle—** | | | |
| General .. ... | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| **Brisbane, Aus.—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| **Brixton—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| **Broadstairs—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 5 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| **Brockley, Suffolk—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| **Bromley—** | | | |
| General ... | 11 | 1 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 12 | 15 | 9 |
| **Bury, Lancs.—** | | | |
| General .. .. | 5 | 13 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. .. ... | 9 | 11 | 1 |
| **Cambridge, "Eden"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 35 | 13 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cambridge, Tenison Rd.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| **Carlton—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| **Chadwell St.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 210 | 9 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 99 | 1 | 9 |
| **Charsfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 19 | 1 |
| **Chatteris—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 25 | 15 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 11 | 8 |
| **Chelmsford—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 12 | 5 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 19 | 0 |
| **Cheltenham—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 9 | 6 |
| **Chesham—** | | | |
| General ... | 23 | 6 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 6 | 4½ |
| **Chingford—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| **Chorley—** | | | |
| General ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| **Clacton-on-Sea—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 13 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| **Clapham, Courland Grove—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 47 | 3 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 12 | 13 | 6 |
| **Clapham Junction—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 5 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 18 | 6½ |
| **Clayton West—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 17 | 1 |
| **Collingwood, Aus.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 13 | 7 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| **Cottenham—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 19 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cransford—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. | 4 | 13 | 10½ |
| **Crawley—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| **Crowborough—** | | | |
| General ... | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| **Crowfield—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 12 | 1 |
| **Croydon, Derby Rd.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 22 | 14 | 0½ |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 24 | 15 | 3 |
| **Croydon, "Salem"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 24 | 3 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 18 | 2 |
| **Croydon, Tamworth Rd.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 12 | 6 |
| **Datchet—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Deeping—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| **Devizes—** | | | |
| General | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. | 4 | 12 | 6 |
| **Dorking—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 66 | 19 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 24 | 3 | 2½ |
| **Dunstable—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 18 | 2 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| **Eastbourne—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 19 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 2 | 2½ |
| **East Ham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 2 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 14 | 12 | 1 |
| **East London Aux.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 7 | 13 | 6 |
| **Ely—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 16 | 1 |
| **Epsom—** | | | |
| General ... | 12 | 17 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 53 | 7 | 4 |
| **Erith—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| **Eylwyswow, Pem.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 2 | 6 |
| **Fellowship of Youth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Finchley—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 18 | 5 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 14 | 4 |
| **Fishguard—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 9 | 17 | 8 |
| **Fremantle, Aus.—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Fressingfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| **Fulham—** | | | |
| General | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 9 | 11 | 0 |
| **Furnace—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| **Gestingthorpe—** | | | |
| General ... | | 6 | 6 |
| **Glemsford—** | | | |
| General ... | | 14 | 1 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Goodrich, Pem.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| **Gravesend—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 15 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| **Grays—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 18 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 14 | 3 |
| **Great Gransden—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| **Greenwich—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 19 | 4 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| **Grundisburgh—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 3 | 2½ |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| **Guildford—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 36 | 3 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 24 | 18 | 10 |
| **Hadleigh—** | | | |
| General ... | | 11 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| **Hailsham—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 18 | 4 |
| **Halstead—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| **Handcross—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 14 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 1 | 0 |
| **Hartley Wintney—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 12 | 14 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| **Harwich—** | | | |
| General ... | | 7 | 6 |
| **Haslemere—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 20 | 0 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 15 | 5 |
| **Hastings Auxiliary—** | | | |
| General ... .. | 50 | 10 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 19 | 18 | 10 |
| **Haworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 21 | 0 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| **Hebden Bridge—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| **Hedge End—** | | | |
| General ... | | 8 | 6 |
| **Highbury—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 65 | 18 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 22 | 4 | 2 |
| **Highgate Road—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| **Hinckley—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| **High Wycombe—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| **Hitchin, " Bethel "—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 19 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. .. ... | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| **Hitchin, " Mt. Zion "—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| **Holloway,** Elthorne Rd.— | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| **Homerton Row—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. . ... | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| **Horham—** | | | |
| General ... | 60 | 15 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 11 | 4 | 1 |
| **Horley—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| **Horsham—** | | | |
| General ... | 13 | 8 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 10 | 4 | 0 |
| **Hounslow—** | | | |
| General | 23 | 0 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. | 12 | 1 | 6 |
| **Hoxne—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 16 | 9 |
| **Ilford—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 10 | 6 |
| **Ipswich, " Bethesda "—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 44 | 0 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 41 | 14 | 7½ |
| **Ipswich Rally—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 11 | 7 |
| **Ipswich, " Mt. Zion "—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 1 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| **Ipswich, " Zoar "—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 7 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 12 | 2 | 6 |
| **Irthlingborough—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| **Ivinghoe—** | | | |
| General ... | | 9 | 0 |
| **Kenninghall—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| **Kesgrave—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kilburn—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| **King's Langley—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 13 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 16 | 0 |
| **Kingston-on-Thames—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 19 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| **Laxfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 15 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| **Leatherhead—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 15 | 3 |
| **Lee Common—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 3 | 13 | 9 |
| **Leicester District—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 2 | 3½ |
| **Leicester,** " Providence "— | | | |
| General ... .. | 32 | 10 | 2½ |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| **Leicester, Wigston Magna—** | | | |
| General .. ... | | 12 | 6 |
| **Leicester, " Zion "—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 19 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| **Leigh-on-Sea—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 17 | 0 |
| **Leiston—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| **Lessness Heath—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 0 | 2 |
| **Lewisham—** | | | |
| General | 6 | 19 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. | 4 | 18 | 0 |
| **Leyton—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 18 | 9 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| **Little Downham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| **Lockwood—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| **Lode—** | | | |
| General ... | | 18 | 0 |
| **Long Marston—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| **Maidstone—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| **Manor Park—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 16 | 0 |
| **Manchester District—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| **March—** | | | |
| General | 11 | 19 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| **Margate—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 16 | 4 |
| **Market Deeping—** | | | |
| General ... | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| **Mayford—** | | | |
| General | 8 | 18 | 6 |
| **Meopham—** | | | |
| General ... | | 14 | 0 |
| **Middlesbrough—** | | | |
| General ... | 5 | 12 | 2 |
| **Morley—** | | | |
| General ... | | 14 | 0 |
| **Needingworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Newcastle-on-Tyne—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 12 | 6 |
| **New Cross—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 84 | 19 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 19 | 6 | 5 |
| **Newick—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| **Newquay—** | | | |
| General ... | | 8 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| **Norbiton—** | | | |
| General ... | | 17 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 5 | 7 | 0 |
| **Northampton—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Norwich—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 3 | 19 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Notting Hill Gate—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| **Nuneaton—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 14 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Nunhead—** | | | |
| General ... | 19 | 8 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| **Occold—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 11 | 10 | 4 |
| **Old Hill, Staffs.—** | | | |
| General | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| **Otley—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| **Oundle—** | | | |
| General | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| **Over—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 12 | 3 | 4 |
| **Pemberton—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 10 | 0 |
| **Ponders End—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 8 | 16 | 1 |
| **Pontygwaithe—** | | | |
| General ... | | 8 | 0 |
| **Potten End—** | | | |
| General ... | 24 | 3 | 7 |
| L.Z.A ... | 16 | 6 | 4½ |
| **Potton—** | | | |
| General | | 14 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 17 | 9 |
| **Poynings—** | | | |
| General | 9 | 6 | 6 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Prahran, Australia—** | | | |
| General | | 10 | 0 |
| **Preston—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| **Prittlewell—** | | | |
| General | 21 | 18 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. | 25 | 17 | 0 |
| **Ramsey—** | | | |
| General | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| **Ramsgate—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 17 | 2½ |
| L.Z.A. | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| **Rattlesden—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| **Raunds—** | | | |
| General | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| **Reading—** | | | |
| General | 13 | 5 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| **Redbourne—** | | | |
| General | 3 | 13 | 8 |
| **Reigate—** | | | |
| General ... | 8 | 18 | 11 |
| **Richmond—** | | | |
| General ... | 42 | 2 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| **Rishangles—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 12 | 8½ |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 6 | 1 |
| **Rotherham—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 13 | 0 |
| **Royton—** | | | |
| General | 10 | 11 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. | | 6 | 6 |
| **Rushden—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 7 | 17 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| **Saffron Walden—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 12 | 6 |
| **Soleddy, Pem.—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| **Sheerness—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 10 | 0 |
| **Siddal—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 18 | 0 |
| **Slaithwaite—** | | | |
| General ... | | 14 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| **Sleaford—** | | | |
| General | | 7 | 6 |
| **Smarden—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 18 | 0 |
| **Somersham—** | | | |
| General ... | | 17 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| **South Chard—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 10 | 0 |
| **South Woodham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 2 | 18 | 3 |
| **S.E. District—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 13 | 0 |
| **Staines—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| **Stamford—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 16 | 5 | 6 |
| **Stevenage—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 17 | 5 |
| **Stockley Mission—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 12 | 6 |
| **Stoke Ash—** | | | |
| General ... | 4 | 14 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 14 | 11 | 0 |
| **Stoke Goldinge—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Stowmarket—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 13 | 4 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 13 | 2 |
| **Stratford—** | | | |
| General ... | 17 | 17 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 35 | 13 | 1 |
| **Streatham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 16 | 15 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 14 | 6 |
| **Stretham, Cambs.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| **St. Albans—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **St. Clears—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 7 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| **St. John's Wood—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 54 | 17 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 68 | 8 | 7 |
| **St. Neots—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| **Sudbourn—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 14 | 7 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 7 | 3 |
| **Sudbury, Suff.—** | | | |
| General ... | | 15 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 4 | 6 |
| **Sunderland—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| **Sutton-at-Hone—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 8 | 8 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | | 7 | 9 |
| **Sutton, Cambs.—** | | | |
| General ... | | 10 | 0 |
| **Swindon—** | | | |
| General ... | 9 | 16 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 8 | 7 | 8½ |
| **Tadworth—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 24 | 12 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| **Tenterden—** | | | |
| General ... | | 13 | 0 |
| **Thame—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 10 | 6½ |
| **Tollington Park—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 18 | 1 |
| **Tonbridge—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| **Tottenham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| **Tring, Akeman St.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 121 | 4 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 120 | 16 | 6 |
| **Tring, "Ebenezer"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | | 9 | 6 |
| **Trowbridge—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 15 | 3 |
| **Tunbridge Wells—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 14 | 8 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 10 | 6 |
| **Tunstall—** | | | |
| General ... | | 18 | 0 |
| **Two Waters—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 11 | 7 |
| **Wakes Colne—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| **Waldringfield—** | | | |
| General ... | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... | | 2 | 6 |
| **Walsall—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 14 | 10 | 2 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 1 | 19 | 6 |
| **Walthamstow—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 10 | 18 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 30 | 16 | 1 |
| **Walton-on-Naze—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| **Wandsworth, West Hill—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| **Warboys—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| **Warrington—** | | | |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 0 | 12 | 4 |
| **Watford, "Beulah"—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 5 | 13 | 6 |
| **Watford Tabernacle—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 27 | 4 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 20 | 2 | 6 |
| **Wattisham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 2 | 17 | 6 |
| **Wellingborough—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 33 | 14 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| **West Ham—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 61 | 6 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| **West Hartlepool—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| **Wetherden—** | | | |
| General ... | 1 | 14 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| **Whittlesey—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 22 | 0 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| **Willingham—** | | | |
| General ... | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| **Wimbledon—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 13 | 8 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 11 | 4 | 2 |
| **Wooburn Green—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| **Wood Green, Eldon Rd.—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 6 | 12 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 8 | 1½ |
| **Wood Green, Park Ridings—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 4 | 16 | 1 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 4 | 15 | 0 |
| **Woolwich—** | | | |
| General ... | 7 | 0 | 9 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| **Yarmouth—** | | | |
| General | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| L.Z.A. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Yateley—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| **Ynysybwl—** | | | |
| General ... | 2 | 10 | 7 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| **PERSONAL—** | | | |
| General ... | 1335 | 1 | 7 |
| L.Z.A. ... | 754 | 12 | 10 |
| **LEGACIES—** | | | |
| General ... ... | 1678 | 5 | 8 |
| **MISCELLANEOUS—** | | | |
| Special Collections, Refund of Income Tax, Literature, &c. | | | |
| General ... ... | 616 | 18 | 8 |
| L.Z.A. ... ... | 101 | 0 | 10 |
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