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THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER
AND
VALEDICTORY MEETINGS

will (D.V.) be held at

COURLAND GROVE, CLAPHAM,

on

Tuesday, January 9th, 1940

6.0 p.m. SEASON OF PRAISE AND PRAYER.

6.45 p.m. VALEDICTORY SERVICE to bid farewell to MR. & MRS. D. A. THROWER & MISS B. L. MOWLE.

Valedictory Addresses by
Pastors R. C. SMITH & L. C. FENSOME.

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THE PASSING OF MISSIONARY ERNEST A. BOOTH

MONTH by month since February, 1937, when the fact of our dear friend's serious illness was announced, readers of this magazine have looked with affectionate and prayerful interest for any news of him which the Editor might be able to give.

As regards our beloved brother HIMSELF, the best possible intimation can now be made, for he was summoned into the presence of his Saviour-Lord on Monday, 27th November.

" Sheaves after sowing, sun after rain,
Sight after mystery, peace after pain;
Joy after sorrow, calm after blast,
Rest after weariness, sweet rest at last."

The committal of the tired body at Barnet, on Thursday, 30th November, was preceded by a service at the Soho Memorial Chapel, Finchley.

Pastors R. Robinson and W. Chisnall paid tribute in no formal manner, both as personal friends and as representing the Strict Baptist Mission, very tenderly commending Mrs. Booth and the family to " the God of all comfort."

At the time of writing a Memorial Service is anticipated at " Mount Zion," Chadwell Street, a record of which will, no doubt, find place in these pages. It may be added that it is hoped to publish some testimony to our brother's consecrated efforts during his more than 30 years of missionary labour in India, followed by very fruitful deputation work in the Homeland. May the writer suggest that the three years of *suffering* have not been without their *ministry*!

In so *many* instances has it pleased our Heavenly Father to call His children to exchange the active for the passive ministry. Yes, it is the right word, and He has gracious purposes to fulfil in *each*.

The hymn commencing, " I lift my heart to Thee, Saviour Divine," was sung at the Finchley service, referred to by Mr. Chisnall as " Brother Booth's hymn," for he was so fond of it. Perhaps the reader would like to look it up, and certainly it forms the spiritual autobiography of our friend. He is now enjoying the answer to the concluding verse:

The Passing of Missionary Ernest A. Booth

" I pray Thee, Saviour, keep
Me in Thy love,
Until death's holy sleep
Shall me remove
To that fair realm where, sin and sorrow o'er,
Thou and Thine own are one for evermore."

W. K. P.

The Other Side

A TOUR OF THE TINNEVELLY FIELD (Part III.)

W. H. KUHRT.

(Readers are earnestly requested to keep a copy of the Mission Atlas open before them).

NOT far from the southern bank stands ACHANKULAM, a little village which boasts three Christian communities, each with its chapel—Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Baptist. The first-named runs the village school. Our group of 11 souls is poor in this world's goods, and poorer still in spirit. As far as I know, they have never had a resident worker, but friends from Banduvarpatti and Gopalapuram go there every Sunday in order to conduct worship.

BANDUVARPATTI is a hopeful little village, where we have a fairly good chapel, school, garden and house. The school also is well run, and has in it a remarkable number of girls. The Church has 16 members, a number of whom belong to the Nadar caste. This is one of the few villages where we have a fairly happy blending of caste and non-caste Christians. One of the Nadars—a shop-keeper—with his two sons, recently made a notable stand for their faith in opposition to the whole of the rest of their family. The Melaputhur Biblewoman visits here regularly, with the result that work among the women is flourishing. Two or three friends are awaiting baptism.

NADUSURANKUDI is supposed to have 25 members. If the figure is accurate, it can only be because it includes a number who have gone away for work to other places. The work here has always been poor, and it suffered a severe blow three years ago, when a terrible case of arson and murder occurred amongst the Christians (Roman, Lutheran and Baptist) in which some of our people were involved as victims. An uneconomic school was run here for some time with a poor teacher in charge. The

teacher proved poor in matters other than educational and was dismissed, and later on, when the Government condemned the school, that was closed. We had a very old man here, who for a monthly pittance was doing his best to minister to the needs of the people. He has now been replaced by a younger man, who cares also for

KAMMAISURANKUDI, where a little family group of comparatively well-to-do and influential Nadars meets weekly in a private house. The Melaputhur Biblewoman visits both these villages, and in Nadusurankudi there are three or four women who are ready for baptism.

MELAPUTHUR.—Melaputhur is one of the oldest S.B.M. stations, and has given more workers to the Mission staff than any other village. No less than 13 of our present staff reckon this place their home, and it is certain that many acres of land surrounding it are the property of our Christians. The Church has a membership of 40, but many are in Singapore and other places. Two were baptized recently, and several are still waiting. We have a good large chapel and a good Mission house. The school has recently made good progress under the care of two teachers, while a Biblewoman ministers to the needs of the women. The village is notorious for overcrowding, strife, and immorality, from which our Christians are not by any means always free.

(To be continued).

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

Once again we give little pieces of information from some of our fields. It will be understood that there is still delay in correspondence in both directions, but we do our best with the letters at our disposal.

Namakkal and Sendamangalam.—Mr. A. Morling's letter refers to the disappointments that are ever associated with missionary work, but the light is more prominent than the shadows. In the middle of September a camp was held at Jederpalaiyam, and our friends were greatly cheered by the response. In the same month camps were also held at Sendamangalam and Selur. Early in October the Sunday School Anniversary at Namakkal proved a time of blessing. Our friends were especially impressed by an address given by a high school teacher, and also by the testimony of the Namakkal Registrar, who told how the Lord had brought him from the darkness of Hinduism into the light of Christ. Mr. Orchard tells of steady progress in the knowledge and use of the language. It must be a great joy to our missionaries when they are able to understand, and make themselves understood.

Kolli Hills.—Mr. Champion reports six camps during September and October. These took him to various parts of the field. At Alathur, in particular, there was a pleasing increase in congregations, and there were several enquirers, but persecution by the village headman and others makes it very difficult for these enquirers to stand firm. An opening service in connection with the new L.Z.A. rooms was held at the end of October, and doubtless Miss Wilkins is well settled in them by now.

Tinnevelly.—In the course of his letter, Mr. Kuhrt refers to the economies which are being effected in his part of the field. We know that all our missionaries are confining their expenditure to that which is absolutely necessary, and our subscribers in the Homeland and elsewhere may be sure that both in England and India this practice will be continued. It must, however, be remembered that economy has always been observed in our work, and continued financial support is needed to maintain the regular work of the fields. An encouraging work is going on at Virapandiapuram. A new chapel has been dedicated, a young men's meeting started, and at the first gathering 30 young men were present. Miss Green is as busy as ever, and her letter speaks of the physical and spiritual needs of the people of the district. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but . . ."



VILLAGE WOMEN WASHING AND SIFTING AT PAVITTRAM.

DOES GOD ANSWER PRAYER?

L. S. HAZEL

I AM recording an instance of the way in which God answered prayer, hoping that it may be an encouragement to those who read.

As many of you know, we have a girls' school in Sendamangalam at which our Hostel girls and many of the caste girls from the village attend. These girls, besides other lessons, are taught daily the Scriptures. This also gives us an introduction into their homes.

For this work money is needed, and part of our support is given by an annual grant from the Government. Last May, when I was on the Hills, to my great disappointment I found the grant to be very much less than usual. I immediately made enquiries, and was informed that there was some audit objection

from previous years, and I was required to supply certain information. This I did, but at the same time making it a great matter of prayer.

In the month of September part of the amount due was paid, with a balance, uncertain, humanly speaking, whether it would be forthcoming or not.

From May to September 27th continual prayer has been going up to the Lord. During the time of waiting it was a test, wondering whether it was His will to carry on with this work or close it up. Numbers had increased above what we had known before, needing another teacher, but no money to supply the need. On September 27th God fully and completely answered those prayers. He sent the full amount sanctioned, *not an anna short*. Oh, how wonderful!

Reader, have you been praying for a loved one, maybe, that he or she might come to know the Lord? He does not always answer immediately, so that He may test and strengthen our faith. Keep on praying, faint not; He will perform that which He has spoken to you. "Prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Friend, have YOU proved HIM?

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God that month by month news reaches us of the spiritual growth of the work. Once again there is news of enquirers and applications for baptism.

Let us remember in prayer Mrs. Booth and the members of the family, that in their time of loss the joy of the Lord may be their strength.

Let us bring before God the Valedictory Meeting planned to be held this month, and let us pray for Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle, that if it is the Lord's will that they should sail for India as arranged, journeying mercies may be granted to them.

Let us pray sympathetically for those missionaries in India whose furloughs will be affected by war conditions, that they may be sure in their hearts that even in these things God causes the wrath of men to praise Him.

Let us always remember that, in addition to our missionaries, there are many Indian workers in the various fields. The native Pastors, Bible-women, and others can and should be mentioned in our petitions.

GENERAL NOTES

Acknowledgment.—Mrs. E. A. Booth and the family are deeply grateful for the kind expressions of sympathy in their bereavement, and also for the many floral tributes which were sent.

The Leader.—This refers to the Home-call of Missionary E. A. Booth, and was written by a member of the Council, Mr. W. K. Puttnam. We are grateful to him for his kindly help, and all readers will appreciate the gracious character of his tribute. Before this magazine is issued a Memorial Service will (God willing) have been held at Chadwell Street, at which the debt that the Mission owes to our beloved brother's memory will have been paid by those who have known him for so long. All being well, we shall give a report of that Service next month.

Sailings.—All friends will realise the great uncertainty that prevails with regard to the return of our missionaries, and we really cannot be certain of anything until they are actually on their way. Still, there is a reasonable prospect of their being able to sail about the middle of January. It may even be possible to add a foot-note in this issue if more definite news reaches us before final printing.

January Council Meeting.—Members of Council will receive individual notices of this, but it can be emphasised here that instead of being held at Chadwell Street on Friday, January 5th, it will be at Courland Grove, Clapham, on Tuesday, January 9th. Council meets at 4 p.m., the friends at Courland Grove are kindly providing tea at 5 p.m., and this will be followed by the Prayer and Valedictory Services advertised in this issue.

United Prayer Meeting.—Every year a united gathering representing the various branches of our denominational life in London is held early in January. This year it will (God willing) be held at Chadwell Street, on Friday, January 12th, from 3 till 4 p.m. We are afraid that this time will prevent some regular friends from coming, but we hope that the Strict Baptist Mission, as well as other societies, will be well represented.

The Throne of Grace.—It is not often that music is reviewed in these pages, but the present exception is doubtless justified. Mr. A. G. Warren Smith, A.R.C.M., who is well known to many readers, has issued in leaflet form a verse of his own composition to be sung to the words of Scripture, "Let us come boldly unto the Throne of Grace." The words suggest the character and purpose of the music. It is most suitable for use in the devotional part of a service, and we hope it will become well known in our Churches. The profits on the sale of the leaflets will go to the funds of our Mission. Copies can be obtained from Mr. Smith at 53, Pelham Road, Bexleyheath, Kent. One copy is 2½d., post free; 12 copies are 1s. 4d., and there are other prices for different quantities.

Christmas Gift Fund.—We have been asked to make one slight correction with regard to the list published last month. The gift from Tunstall should be "per Mrs. Cooper."

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

9th, Farewell Meeting; 11th, Notting Hill Gate; 14th, Greenwich; 17th, West Ham; 21st, Wood Green, Eldon Road; 26th, Bromley; 28th, Willingham; 29th, Sutton, Cambs.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during November, 1939

GENERAL FUND

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
151	1	0	0
155		3	0
156		15	2
157	2	0	4
158		6	3
159		5	0
160		5	0
161	1	0	0
162		5	0
163	26	10	0
164		10	0
165		5	0
166		5	0
167		2	6
168	1	0	0
169		10	0
171		1	0
172		10	0
173		10	0
174	5	0	0
175	5	16	0
176	1	0	0
177		5	0
178	1	0	0
179	1	0	0
180	5	2	6
181	1	8	7
182	3	7	2
183	1	0	0
184	5	8	7
185	1	3	6½
186		3	3½
187	2	12	4
188		5	0
189	4	14	6
190	2	12	6
191	1	0	0
192	1	0	6
193		2	6
194	4	6	0
195	1	0	6
196		5	0
197	1	16	3
198	5	0	0
199		5	0
200		14	0
201	6	4	0
202	1	0	9
203		10	0
204	2	3	6
205	5	0	0
206	2	9	6
207		10	0
208	1	1	0
209		5	0
210		2	0
211		2	2
212		8	6
213		10	0
214		10	0
215		14	9
216	3	6	0
217	2	0	0
218	4	19	0
219	2	10	0
220		5	0
221	2	11	1
222	3	11	11
223	18	13	2
224	7	10	0
225	2	0	0
226	1	10	0
227		8	6
228		6	0
229	1	0	6
230	3	14	7
231		10	0
232	1	16	6
233	2	7	6
234	1	5	0
235	2	2	0
236	9	5	3
237	1	2	8
238		13	0
240	2	5	0
241		5	0
242	41	8	6
243		10	0
	£230	14	4

HERALD FUND

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
152	8	2	5
168		1	6
222	1	1	0
239		1	6
	£9	6	5

PENSION FUND

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
149	4	4	5
150	50	0	0
170	11	12	2
	£65	16	7

L.Z.A.

Gifts to Nov. 30th.

	£	s.	d.
38		10	0
39		10	0
40		13	0
41		9	0
42	1	0	0
43		5	0
44	2	2	6
45	10	10	0
46	1	1	0
47	1	0	0
48		5	0
49	4	0	0
50		5	0
51		10	0
52	5	0	0
53		2	6
54	3	0	0
55	2	1	0
56		11	6
57	1	0	5
58		11	0
59	2	16	6
60	2	15	0
61	5	0	7
	£45	19	0

NOTICES

THE MISSION HERALD.—Reports of Meetings and articles for publication (written on one side of the paper only) to be sent to **Pastor L. R. Garrard, 3, Ardilaun Road, Highbury, N.5,** not later than the first day of the month prior to the date of publication.

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION.—All enquiries relating to the general work of the Mission, including the Deputation work, also all orders for the MISSION HERALD, "Rays from the East for Young People," Annual Report, Tamil Texts, Picture Postcards, and other publications should be sent to the General Secretary, **Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, E.12,** to whom payments for all publications should be made.

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.**

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY.—All enquiries relating to the L.Z.A., including the Deputation work, should be addressed to the Organising Secretary, **Miss P. P. Nunn, 16, Claremont Close, N.1,** who will be glad to receive the names of ladies willing to act as Local Secretaries of Branches.

Subscriptions and gifts for the L.Z.A should be sent to **Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Wayside," Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey.**

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THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

In this time of SPECIAL NEED, faced as we are with many problems arising from War Conditions, we make an earnest and urgent request to all our friends for—

UNCEASING PRAYER

FOR THE COUNCIL AND L.Z.A. EXECUTIVE.—That they may be guided aright in all their decisions.

FOR OUR MISSIONARY STAFF.—That all needed grace may be granted unto them.

FOR THE NATIVE WORKERS.—That they may be kept faithful amidst difficulties and persecutions.

FOR THE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS.—That God may touch the hearts of His people to give liberally to the work.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE AT VEPERY

WHEN the news was received in India of the Home-call of our beloved colleague, Mr. E. A. Booth, the deacons at Vepery asked that a Memorial Service should be arranged in honour of the one who had laboured so faithfully in the cause of Christ in Madras. This service was held on Lord's Day, December 17th, in the chapel at Maddox Street, which Mr. Booth had built. About 150 people were present. The service was conducted by the missionary, and various brethren took part. After the singing of " O God, our help in ages past," Pastor Y. M. Solomon read Matt xxv. 14-30 and offered prayer. The Church Secretary, Mr. P. M. Dhyriam, then presented a " Memoir " in verse, which he had composed for the occasion, and said a few words about Mr. Booth's life and work in Madras.

The Chairman followed, referring to Mr. Booth's connection with Homerton Row, and the splendid work he had done after leaving India, as Editor and Deputation Secretary to the Mission. After the singing of the Tamil rendering of " When all my labours and trials are o'er," Dewan Bahudur A. Appadurai Pillai, M.A., preached the memorial sermon. Mr. Appadurai knew Mr. Booth as a young man, when he first came to India, and used to attend the Tamil services in Vepery even before the chapel in Maddox Street was built. He took part in the stone-laying ceremonies there, and occasionally preached for Mr. Booth. Hence he was able to tell us some personal reminiscences of those early days in Madras. He spoke very highly of Mr. Booth as a missionary and, taking Matt. xxv. 21 as the theme of his message, he made an appeal to all God's people so to live that each one might hear the same word of commendation and welcome from the Master: " Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mr. Gabriel John, one of the senior men in the Madras Field, offered prayer on behalf of Mrs. Booth and other members of the family, and the service closed with the singing of " The Son of God goes forth to war . . . who follows in His train? "

H. A. H.

AN APPRECIATION

D. MORLING.

AT sunrise on a bright November day in 1903 the Bombay Mail drew into the great Central Station, Madras. The young missionary had no sooner alighted from the train than Mr. E. A. Booth gave him a warm welcome to India and to the work of the Strict Baptist Mission. But imagine the amazement of the newcomer when, turning round, he found his luggage surrounded by a posse of constables! One moment he is welcomed as a Christian missionary, and the next he is wanted by the police for extensive embezzlement in London! Happily, Mr. Booth well knew the Sub-Inspector, who quickly suffered a sad disillusionment, made his apologies, released my belongings, and disappeared. Such was my first experience with the dear brother of whose departure we heard last month.

For about fifteen months I had the privilege of living with Mr. Booth in Kilpauk, and those months have left an indelible impression on my mind. His strict faithfulness in carrying out what he felt to be his duty was a prominent trait. Regular visitation of the school at appointed hours; standing with the preachers in the busiest streets, and taking his turn at public speaking with them; diligent preparation for the Sunday's services—all were carried out unfailingly. Monday morning (that dangerous time of the pastor's depression and temptation) would find him away in a village; 6.15 a.m. would see him on Wednesday taking his place with preachers near the great Perambur workshops.

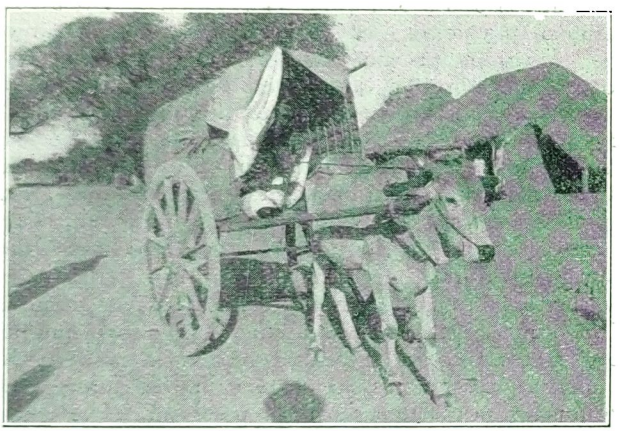
A wise ordering of the hours of the day was a good example which I have never forgotten, and which I have ever endeavoured to follow. I believe it is Dr. Dale who warns us of the temptation which the Gospel minister meets in reckoning himself as his own master and considering himself at perfect liberty to write a letter to a friend, to read the newspaper when it first arrives, or to make serious preparation for to-morrow's services. Mr. Booth was " available " at all times, but there were certain hours which he considered specially sacred to the Mission, to serious work.

I have good reason to remember our loved brother's generosity. A certain Missionaries' Conference stands out clear and bold in my memory, when for long we discussed a question of first-class importance for the Mission. Opposition was kind, but firm, and the argument went on for hours, even into the afternoon, but as soon as light came, not only did the opposition cease, but with moral support there came a generous offer of assistance from Madras funds.

We call to mind with special pleasure the last few days we had with our colleague in India. Just before his final departure he visited with us every station in the Namakkal Field, and

took not a little interest in the erection of the Namakkal bungalow, which work was then in full swing.

The reader is doubtless aware that the last public meeting Mr. Booth attended was our Farewell Service at St. John's Wood Road, in January, 1937, when he offered a beautiful and comprehensive prayer for the departing missionaries. After the gathering had dispersed, we two stood in the aisle and long talked of things past and of things to come. On the afternoon of the very next day the blow fell which laid him low. Though for long we prayed for his recovery, we afterwards learned to ask for his release. May God's grace be extended bountifully to the sorrowing partner now left behind, and to each of us as we run our race compassed about with the increasing "cloud of witnesses."



OFF TO MARKET.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND

ONE of the privileges of being stationed in Madras is that one has the pleasure of playing "Father Christmas" to all the children in our S.B.M. Schools. Thanks to the splendid generosity of friends in England, we have been able to purchase toys for over 4,000 children and also a few trifles for our Indian staff. The boxes containing garments and dolls have not yet arrived from England, but the boat is expected any day now. Thank you ALL very much indeed. May God bless the gifts and the givers, and save the youth of India by His grace.

H. A. H.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God for the encouraging news of great spiritual blessing enjoyed in some fields of the Mission.

Let us rejoice before the Lord as we think of the spirit of loyal co-operation which is so evident at home and abroad.

Let us pray for our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle, as they return to their work in India.

Let us continually remember before God the financial needs of the Mission.

Let us think of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, now left behind in the Homeland.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO MISSIONARY E. A. BOOTH

A REPRESENTATIVE company of friends, as well as members of the family, gathered on Tuesday, December 12th, at Chadwell Street, on the occasion of the Memorial Service to Missionary E. A. Booth. A favourite hymn of his, "I lift my heart to Thee," opened the worship. Mr. S. W. Anderson, who presided, read the Scriptures, and Pastor W. S. Baker offered praise and prayer. The Chairman's introductory words were few in number, but expressive of the feelings of us all.

Pastor W. Chisnall, who had for so long been associated with our brother, paid tribute to his long and faithful service, basing his remarks on Isaiah xxxiii. 24: "And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick."

After we had sung the hymn, "Rejoice, the Lord is King," Missionary D. A. Thrower was able to pay his personal tribute and also to represent the missionary staff in India. He told us that it was through the words of Mr. Booth that he received the call to service 18 years ago. He travelled to India with Mr. and Mrs. Booth, and spent four years in their home. Mr. Thrower's fitting tribute and message was based upon the words of the Lord to Joshua: "My servant is dead . . . go over this Jordan."

The President of the Mission (Pastor R. Robinson) gave the closing message, telling of his personal contact with, and love for our beloved brother, not forgetting the great debt that the Mission owes to Mrs. Booth. Thus we were reminded once more of the pioneer work in India, as well as of the years of deputation work in the Homeland, and we joined with Pastor L. R. Garrard in the closing prayer, that we might all dedicate ourselves the more entirely to the work of the Lord at home and abroad.

As previously stated, if at all possible, a booklet will be compiled giving an outline of Mr. Booth's life and ministry.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. District and Quarterly Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held on **Tuesday, February 20th, at 3 p.m.,** at Homerton Row. Mrs. Crispin will preside; news will be given from the Fields, and it is hoped that many will gather for prayer on this occasion.

Departure.—After a day's delay, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle left for India on Friday, January 19th

ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

4th, Lee Common; 11th, Stevenage; 13th, Trowbridge; 14th, Devizes; 15th, Bradenstoke; 18th, Leyton; 21st, Nuneaton; 24th, 41, Gleneagle Road, S.W.16; 25th, St. Albans.

PASTOR W. CHISNALL.

25th, St. Neots.

VALEDICTORY MEETINGS

THE New Year gatherings were of this character, being held on Tuesday, 9th January, at Courland Grove Chapel, Clapham, the spiritual home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower, who, with Miss B. Mowle, had heard and responded to the call to return to India, notwithstanding the conditions which might naturally suggest the wisdom of remaining at home.

Those "conditions" made the meetings somewhat unique, but the spirit prevailing throughout will certainly cause them to be a long-cherished memory in the minds of many. The attendance, it may be added, was exceedingly good and representative.

There were mingled emotions, as sympathy went out to the President (Pastor R. Robinson) who had come from the graveside of his beloved mother, and as congratulations were expressed to Mr. Thrower, whose 40th birthday it was.

Then the messages of the missionaries were of an unusual nature, as they told of the heart-searching experiences the furlough had brought to them, these, however, issuing in a peace and joy such as they had never known before, with a readiness, indeed, a glad anxiety to resume their work in India.

Miss Mowle declared that she, like Nehemiah, had been "sore afraid" in view of the difficulties, but she went forward without fear, resting upon the specially applied promise of God.

Mrs. Thrower confessed that she had been in the depths, almost of despair, but could now feel that God had been dealing with her in such a way that there was no experience a woman could have with which she could not really sympathise and, possibly, be of help.

Mr. Thrower, referring to what one had called his "forty years in the wilderness," accepted that description, since it meant that he was now about to enter "the promised land." No submarines, he exclaimed, or other diabolical inventions, could prevent him from once again reaching India. He was looking for a time of great blessing.

Pastor L. C. Fensome (Miss Mowle's minister at Stoke Ash) used a phrase in 1 Kings xii. 24 upon which to base an assuring word. "Thus saith the Lord . . . this thing is from Me," was his conviction as he reviewed the past and contemplated the step that was now being taken.

Pastor R. C. Smith similarly addressed Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, as he reminded them that "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John iv. 4).

It was felt that the inspired prayer which had been read by Mr. J. Cecil Fromow, from Eph. iii., would surely be answered, as the new period of service by our friends was thus commenced. Pastor L. R. Garrard had fervently sought the Divine blessing at the beginning of the meeting, and now the General Secretary, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, very definitely and tenderly commended the missionaries to the Lord, making special mention of the dear children who, on this occasion, would be left behind.

There had also been a season of earnest prayer before the meeting, led by the Vice-President, Mr. S. W. Anderson.

W. K. P.

GENERAL NOTES

Cancelled Furloughs.—We were hoping to welcome on furlough during 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Champion and family, and Miss V. D. Green. We very much regret, for their sakes and our own, that war conditions make this impossible. The perils of the voyage (especially bearing the children in mind), the difficulties of deputation work in the Homeland, and the heavy increase in voyage expenses, caused the Council to decide, very unwillingly, to come to the above decision. We are sure that all friends will sympathise with the missionaries in this postponement of their home-coming. They will be having longer holidays in India, and these, we trust, will be a channel of mental and physical refreshment. May the Lord give to them and to us such a firm assurance of His overruling that we shall be willing to leave all things in His control.

Deputation Engagements.—Many arrangements had been made for the missionaries mentioned above to visit the Churches during this year. We regret the disappointment that many friends will feel. We would ask Church Secretaries and others to await a communication from the General Secretary. He has already made alternative arrangements in several cases, and will write to the remaining Churches as soon as possible.

Valedictory Service.—An encouraging number of friends gathered at Courland Grove on Tuesday, January 9th. We are hoping to publish in this issue an account of the meeting. Mr. W. K. Puttnam has once again kindly helped by writing a report of the messages delivered.

Annual Reports.—Our General Secretary has a number of Annual Reports still in hand. They make interesting reading, and we hope that friends who have not yet obtained a copy will do so as soon as possible. The post free price is 2½d.

Examinations.—We have heard unofficially that Mrs. Kuhrt has passed the second part of her Oral Examination, and Miss M. Harris the first part. The results of the written section will not be known yet. We would offer them sincere congratulations and good wishes.

Congratulations.—Many friends have doubtless heard of the arrival of a baby daughter in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Champion. We understand the name given is "Rosemary." May God bless our friends abundantly in their new joy and responsibility.

REPORT OF MEETING

Hounslow.—Mr. D. A. Thrower gave two very interesting missionary talks, illustrated by films. These pictures brought home to us afresh the importance of our work in India, and the blessing that has followed. Collection : £1 19s. 0d.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during December, 1939

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SUSTENTATION FUND

263	£30	12	6

PENSION FUND

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NOTICES

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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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TIDINGS

WINIFRED BOOTH.

WE are hearing sad tidings every day, tidings that bring terror to one's heart and tears to one's eyes. How much it helps us to bear our own sorrows when our hearts go out to those who are stricken far more than we are! If we can help to comfort them in some small way, what a privilege we feel it to be. At any rate, we can lift up our hearts to the Great Comforter and ask Him to help those in distress.

My thoughts go back many years, to the last war, and I see a stricken mother sitting in the doorway of a thatched hut. The tears were raining down her face as she mutely held out to me the telegram she had received telling her that her son had been "killed in action."

I remember the boy when he was a bright little lad in our Vepery School, full of joy and eagerness both in lessons and in play. As the years went by he showed great promise, and eventually obtained a post in the Madras Corporation. School-days were over then, but Mr. Booth, who was always anxious to keep in touch with old scholars, followed this lad and others who lived in the same district. He would sit in the verandah of a house with a glimmering oil lamp and a Bible, and patiently teach the half a dozen youths who gathered around him. They came willingly and listened eagerly. One by one, those hearers believed and were baptized.

Soon afterwards the war began, and this one of whom I am writing wished to go for his king and country. What it meant to his widowed mother who was a heathen, no words can tell. He went—and he never came back.

I can still see her sorrow-stricken face as she sobbed out the last words her son had spoken to her—"Good-bye, mother, but don't be afraid, God will take care of me."

"He did not, He did not," she sobbed, and we knew not what to say, for her son's God was not hers.

Why do I remember this incident, and write it as an L.Z.A. appeal? Simply to let you know of the stricken hearts in India to-day, who only hear the good tidings of God's love through our missionaries.

Women's hearts are made the same the wide world over,

and to those who know not God, how much sharper is the anguish and how much darker the road.

"How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" In this time of stress and sorrow, we are not able to give as we would like to do, and maybe it is a real sacrifice to give at all. But God knows all about it, the need out there and the sacrifice over here, and may it not be that He will bless the gift, and the sacrifice you make in sending it, a hundredfold? Like a pebble cast into a lake, its influence will widen, ring on ring, and reach the farthest shore.

The lake of God's love is immeasurable, but not one of the pebbles we cast in will be lost, for He will use them every one.

Please send all gifts to:—

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Tadworth, Surrey.

The Other Side

A TOUR OF THE TINNEVELLY FIELD (Part IV.)

W. H. KUHRT.

KANDIAPURAM has a little group of five Christians belonging to the Nadar community, who are supposed to attend services in nearby Anbinagaram. They have not shown much willingness to work this plan. A fairly good school of caste children is maintained, and the building has recently been extended. The teacher lives in Anbinagaram, where he gives considerable help in Church affairs.

ANBINAGARAM is a byword amongst all missionaries who have worked in Tinnevelly, because of the unruly and stubborn nature of its inhabitants. The village is entirely Christian, as its name —which means City of Love—indicates. Just 50 years ago a considerable group movement took place, which before long extended to the whole village. There is no Hindu temple or worship, as far as I know, but there is a toddy shop kept by a Christian of another denomination not many furlongs away, to which some at least of our adherents are known to resort. Our Church has 126 members, comparatively few of whom are absent from the village. Several of the members, including the two deacons, are "well-to-do," and possess lands and wells adjacent. A very large chapel was erected about five years

ago, to the expense of which the villagers contributed handsomely. Even now, the two deacons (both godly men) are providing new doors and a pulpit for the beautification of the sanctuary. They are always ready to give liberally for things of this kind which are tangible, but show themselves niggardly to a degree in connection with the support of the ministry and other (to them) somewhat unobvious benefits. For some time a teacher and a preacher were stationed here, but following upon a prolonged period of intransigence upon the part of the Church, the preacher was temporarily " de-promoted " to the post of preacher-teacher and the teacher removed elsewhere. The school has never been well supported by the villagers, and is always in danger of forfeiting Government recognition. The services are well attended, though the people steadfastly refuse to arrive until the service is well begun. The missionary rarely fails to draw less than 100 adults, and in recent years at any rate has rarely failed to gain a fair measure of attention. It was not always thus! The men and women attend in about equal numbers. There is a large group of young men which, while sharing the bad qualities of their elders, gives promise of brighter days. A flourishing Young People's Class meets every Saturday, when papers are read on a variety of subjects, by a variety of speakers, under a variety of chairmen. The ensuing debate is frequently more interesting and instructive than the original address. This little society has its own President, Secretary and Treasurer, keeps minutes of every meeting, and has just been given enough Tamil books to form the nucleus of a small library. One of the most intelligent and promising leaders in this movement is a "native physician," who in days gone by was a teacher on our Mission staff, a thoroughly bad man, who gave Miss Green a great deal of trouble. A Biblewoman works here.

PARAIPATTI.—A little prayer house was recently erected anew in this village, owing to the endeavours of a young and earnest Christian lad. The people, however, attend services very regularly (after a little coercion) in Paniadipatti, which is only a few furlongs distant. One of the Paniadipatti teachers conducts evening prayers here daily. The village lies just without the Paniadipatti compound.

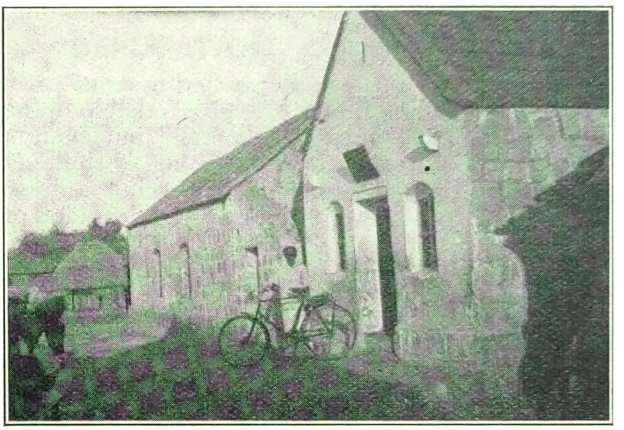
HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

Madras.—The news from this field is most inspiring. Exact figures cannot be given at the moment, but quite a number of applications for baptism have been received. The past few months have been very busy for Mr. and Mrs. Huckett and Mrs. Brand, but the spiritual encouragement has doubtless been a real source of strength.

Namakkal.—Mr. A. Morling writes of very welcome rains which have filled the wells. He has had a full time, with many and varied duties.

In November Mr. Morling visited Madras in connection with Tamil Oral Examination work, and a few days later went to the Kolar Gold Fields to conduct special services. This work lies outside the area in which our Mission operates, but for some time there has been friendly association in Christian service.

Tinnevelly.—Mr. Morling refers to the great delays in receiving letters. This difficulty is being experienced at both ends, and the flow of correspondence is very irregular. Mr. Morling refers to many business matters that we cannot deal with in detail here, and we only mention the subject to say once again that the letters from India are ever reminding us of the exceedingly busy life our friends live, and of the variety of problems with which they have to deal.



KURINJAKULAM CHAPEL, TINNEVELLY FIELD.
(R.C. Chapel adjoining).

HERE AND THERE

D. MORLING.

WE have recently revived the Young People's Society in Kovilpatti Town. One week the young folk go out to the villages for open-air preaching, while the next week they hold a debate on some useful subject chosen beforehand. The latter meetings afford good opportunity for the Bible Institute students to discuss questions which really need airing, and for them to be initiated into the gentle art of public debate.

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Those interested in the social life of S. India, and who have heard of the terribly demoralising effects of girls being dedicated to Hindu temples, will be glad to learn that a Bill is being brought before our Madras Legislative Assembly to prevent the debasing practice of " Devadasi " dedication. We are

glad the Bill is being presented, but past experience shows that to pass social legislation is one thing, and to secure the co-operation of the masses in the proposed reform is another.

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A little incident which took place a short time ago near Madura (the nearest large city to Kovilpatti) is indicative of the trend of events among young educated folk. An Indian lawyer educated in the Madras University, and of advanced age, made all arrangements for his marriage to a very young girl. The college students of Madura were so disgusted that some of them went in a crowd to the village where the wedding ceremony was about to take place, forcibly stopped the proceedings and broke up the party.

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In the first week of the war we started a series of informal meetings in the Mission house, to give reliable information about the great conflict and to encourage intelligent prayer. As we come into close touch with a number of students in the compound, we hope the meetings may be useful in demolishing foolish and hurtful rumours and in encouraging loyal intercession.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us give thanks to God for journeying mercies granted to Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle, as they returned to India.

Let us pray for wisdom and strength to be granted to them as they resume their work.

Let us think prayerfully of the L.Z.A. work at home and abroad, and ask that the Gift Week may be a source of spiritual and financial encouragement.

Let us continue to pray that God may overrule the cancellation of furloughs both in India and England.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

3rd, Whittlesey; 10th and 11th, March; 14th, Preston; 15th, Accrington; 16th and 17th, Royton; 18th, Bradford; 20th, New Cross; 24th, Norbiton; 31st, Chesham.

OTHER BRETHREN.

17th, Tadworth—MR. W. J. SHIPTON

31st, High Wycombe—MR. W. J. SHIPTON.

GENERAL NOTES

Gift Week.—Once more prominence is given to this annual event in the present issue. We trust that the L.Z.A. will be encouraged by a wide and willing response.

Tributes.—Many tributes to the memory of Missionary E. A. Booth have been published in recent magazines. India and England have united to thank God for the inspiration of his life and service. Many unpublished tributes have also been received. For example, Pastor F. H. Chaplin, of Warrington, writes a very gracious letter, and tells of the way in which he was impressed with the sober and intelligent manner in which Mr. Booth was able to speak of the work in India. A weight of knowledge seemed to lie behind his addresses. Our brother's words echo the feelings of us all.

Arrival.—After a speedy and safe voyage, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Miss Mowle have arrived in India.

DEPUTATION ARRANGEMENTS

ALL friends will realise that the postponement of furloughs creates many difficulties in connection with Deputation work, but our General Secretary is doing his utmost to make alternative arrangements satisfactory to all concerned. We are grateful to Churches for the way in which they have accepted the inevitable alterations in plans already made.

We are most anxious that local meetings in the interest of the Mission should be held as usual, although no Missionary can be present. Our General Secretary has much interesting and valuable information to give, and will do his best to attend extra meetings in any part of the country. There are also other brethren who have great love for, and knowledge of, the Mission and its workers.

We do hope that local Church officers will take the initiative and write to Pastor J. K. Thorpe making suitable offers and suggestions

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

THE L.Z.A. GIFT WEEK will be observed from March 10th-17th, 1940, and its proceeds devoted to the support of our Biblewomen and our Girls' Hostels and Schools. That there should be a good response in the little envelopes distributed to the Branches is more than ever necessary in view of the needs of to-day. The gifts should be forwarded to Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Wayside," Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey.

Even though no missionary will be home on Deputation this year, the L.Z.A. Committee hope that each Branch will endeavour to hold a meeting in the interests of the L.Z.A. at some time during the year.

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TAMBARAM WORLD MEETING (I)

D. MORLING.

IF there is even the smallest need for Gospel workers of any class to meet together for mutual guidance and encouragement, that need is found among "foreign" missionaries. If ever there was a time when that need was keenly felt, that time is to-day. Christian missionaries in foreign lands find themselves in environments where all is perplexing and much is inexplicable; their tasks and problems are beyond the ability of the isolated worker and even of any one society. The great Tambaram World Meeting was arranged to enable missionaries to meet one another, to bring them in touch with leaders of various Home Churches, to encourage eminent nationals to exchange thought with missionaries and home representatives.

The first such World Conference in modern times (and perhaps of any time) was held in Edinburgh, 1910, out of which emerged the now well-known International Missionary Council. At Jerusalem, in 1928, that Council held its first World Meeting, when the Edinburgh idea was considerably amplified. The value of such conference was appreciated so keenly that the Council decided to hold another in 1938. The venue chosen was Hangchow, in China, but the devastating war in that unhappy land compelled the Committee to alter their plans, so that eventually the new and commodious home of the Christian College at Tambaram, near Madras, had the honour of affording hospitality. The S.B.M. was not directly represented, but all those who study prayerfully and intelligently the progress of God's Kingdom in Asia and Africa would do well to examine the Findings and Reports of those meetings.*

In no other world gathering of leadership had there been a full half of its representative membership made up of nationals† from non-white peoples. But there, in the last two weeks of the old year, 464 men and women from all the major races of mankind, were drawn together to discuss "The World Mission of the Church." The Oxford don might find himself sitting next to a Bantu or an Arab. All were picked representatives, carefully chosen for learning, experience, or ability in the mission world.

One of the first, and perhaps one of the most difficult sub-

jects on the agenda was, " The Faith by which the Church Lives." Where there was such wide divergence in theology and, at the same time, a sincere desire to present a unanimous report, one would not be surprised to find a diluted and somewhat colourless statement. Here at Kodaikanal, on the Palni Hills, we had the opportunity of hearing an eloquent, critical, and informative report of that great gathering from the Secretary of the National Christian Council for India, and also of attending meetings where the Tambaram Conference was keenly discussed. At a Group Discussion held after one of the general meetings, we were very glad to find a general dissatisfaction at the inadequacy of the Tambaram statement on " The Faith by which the Church Lives." It was especially heartening to listen to the thoroughly Scriptural and deeply spiritual lecture given by a German professor on, " The Witness of the Church in relation to non-Christian Religions." This typical German, with head, hair and build of a Hindenburg, in the first rank of latest scholarship, trained in the University of Tubingen(!), giving to us fearlesly in immaculate English that splendid statement of virile evangelicalism—this was not, I believe, without deep significance.

But though the Tambaram confession of faith is weak, information collated on matters of common mission concern is most valuable.‡ One is glad to read the official word of such an assembly on such a subject as " The Unfinished Evangelistic Task." Those who imagine that in this matter the business of the Church has been completed, that the world-wide commission of Matthew xxviii. has been faithfully fulfilled, would do well to ponder the authoritative statement of Tambaram. Of those countries " entirely closed to Christian witness," are mentioned "Afghanistan, the Soviet Republics, Bhutan, Outer Mongolia, Nepal and Tibet." May we add that on the so-called " opening " of some of these countries there has been much foolish and unauthoritative talk. But to me the above assurance is not the saddest side of the subject. We are informed that in no generation in modern times has there been so much cruel, determined and *organised* opposition to the Church of God in the world as there is to-day. Is this an evidence of real and inward advance of the Kingdom of God, which has aroused the fear of godless political leaders? Or is it the natural result of gross departure from truth in the professing and false Church, as in Russia? Whatever the cause, whereas 20 years ago we gladly proclaimed the opening of doors in all continents, to-day many are announcing the closing of doors in many lands. We are reminded of Spain, where Protestant work has been prohibited; of Abyssinia and the Italian African colonies, where, to say the least, it has been greatly restricted; of the great Soviet

Republics stretching from the Baltic to Vladivostok; of Turkestan, whence missionaries have recently been driven out.

Doubtless, in some cases, the " Church," false to the Lord and to her own " faith," has brought on these troubles by her own folly and faithlessness, as in Mexico and Russia. But, whatever the reason, the sad fact remains, and here surely we have much need to humble ourselves before God and to plead that the Holy Spirit may again open up avenues for the advance of His heralds.

Tambaram affirms that " World peace will never be achieved without world evangelisation."

**World Mission of the Church*, published for International Missionary Council.

† In missionary circles " national " largely takes the place of " native," which term has become offensive to many Asiatics.

‡*Through Tragedy to Triumph*, by Basil Mathews, published by E. H. P.

(To be continued).

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

Madras.—One of the pleasant but complicated duties of Mr. H. A. Huckett was the purchasing in Madras of the toys for the 4,000 children of our schools. In addition to this, there was the sorting and re-despatch of the contents of the boxes, which arrived on December 26th. Mr. Huckett's letter contains particulars of the busy round of Christmas services. This news may sound rather old now, but all friends will understand that mails are delayed, and sometimes letters from India arrive just after the monthly Council Meeting has been held. The Vepery Church was contemplating appointing as preacher-in-charge a former student of the Indian Bible Institute. A definite decision has doubtless been made by this time. It is interesting and encouraging to hear of the real service that these students are able to render.

Sendamangalam and Namakkal.—Mr. A. J. Morling also refers to the irregular arrival of the mails. Sometimes two mails will arrive within a week, and then it may be five weeks before any more are received. The distribution of Christmas gifts has been one of the privileges and responsibilities of our friends in these as well as in the other fields. Two men who have had their course of training at the Kovilpatti Bible Institute have started their work in this area, and four new students have gone to Kovilpatti.

Kolli Hills.—Mr. Champion reports a measure of persecution at Alathur, and he has visited the place to do what he can to bring about a better condition of things. Our missionaries are naturally reluctant to seek official redress for these incidents, and they endeavour to strengthen the hearts and hands of the native Christians, so that by their patience under their persecutions they may put to shame those who seek to hurt them.

Tinnevelly.—Mr. D. Morling reports that in the final examinations of the first course of the Bible Institute, held in December, all the men passed. One or two of the women were not quite so successful, but this was largely due to their poor health. Mr. Morling tells of the great joy and thankfulness that he has felt whilst listening recently to the preaching of some of these students. It is naturally the aim of our missionaries to give more

and more responsibility to the Indian brethren. The new Institute term started with ten male students and five wives of the married men. Each field of the Mission is represented.

Mr. Kuhrt gives further news of this field, both joyous and sorrowful. The failure of the monsoon, and the consequent failure of crops, was having a serious effect upon Church life. Money was scarce, and many of the people had to move away to find employment. Still, on the other hand, there was real encouragement through many seeking baptism.



SEMBIAM—VILLAGE SCENE.

PASTORAL VISITATION

H. A. HUCKETT.

ALL regular readers of the HERALD will know that in all fields of the Mission we are needing trained evangelists and pastors. It is to endeavour to meet this need that the Bible Institute at Kovilpatti has been started. In the Madras Field, for instance, we have five Churches with a total membership of nearly 400, and only one pastor. This means that the missionary in charge, in the midst of his many other duties, has to make time somehow or other for pastoral visitation, though one is glad to report that some of the deacons help in this very necessary work.

A few weeks ago I arranged to do some visiting in Vepery, with Anthony Johnson, one of the deacons of the Vepery Church. This friend has an interesting history. He studied in our S.B.M. Day School as a lad, became ringleader to a gang of *cheri* boys in Aryan Lane (delightful misnomer!), and later

enlisted as an unpaid catechist in the Roman Catholic Church. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." A lady missionary from America took an interest in the street urchins who invaded the quietude of her compound on Sundays, and though her language was Telegu, she studied Tamil in order to conduct a Bible Class for them. Anthony was appointed to keep the register.

One day he was reading his Bible alone, when suddenly the words in Matt. vi. 7, 8, deeply impressed him. He realised that the muntrams he had learned in the Roman Catholic Church were not true prayer. From that day forward he turned his face Godwards, became a true seeker, and eventually was baptized at Vepery and joined the Church there. His wife was at first a hindrance to him, as she was a Roman Catholic, but he prayed for her conversion, and had the joy of leading her to Christ. She was baptized by Mr. Thrower in August, 1936, taking the name Naomi.

Anthony Johnson drives a Burmah-Shell motor-lorry all the week and preaches the Gospel on Sundays. In his spare time —after six in the evenings—he sometimes visits the Church members, and on one occasion I accompanied him. In the first house we visited there seemed to be several families living —it is in a poor part of Vepery—and after threading our way through a cluster of hovels we found the room where Esther Kulla Pattu lives. It was dark and airless, but compared with some Indian houses it was well furnished, having in it a double bed and a chest of drawers. Esther's baby lay diagonally across the bed, fast asleep. A battle between darkness and light is going on in that little home. The husband, Lazarus, is a backslider, and is doing his utmost to get his wife to join the Roman Church, and to have his children christened there. Esther is not allowed to attend our services, although she is a member at Vepery. When visited by two Roman Catholic nuns, the girl gave a very clear testimony, and completely non-plussed them by her answers.

As Lazarus was not at home, after saying a few words of encouragement to Esther, we went on to another house, where, at the end of a dark alley, we found Simon Singaram and his family. This man was baptized by Mr. Watts in 1916. He is an engine driver, and though not always able to be present, he supports the Church. He seemed very pleased to see us. We had prayer with him and his family, spoke to some enquirers who were there, and then left for No. 5, Charcoal Street, where Huddi Ammal and her family live. Here the husband is a member with us, while the wife is a Roman Catholic, the children being sent to a convent school. We had a long talk with them both and some prayer, and then, as it was nearly 10 p.m., we made for home.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God for the real success of the Bible Institute, and for the service that the former students have already been able to render.

Let us give thanks that we have such a loyal band of missionaries on the field, so busy in the Lord's service, and so ready to do His will.

Let us pray for the Government of India in the present difficult and delicate situation.

Let us pray for the Institute students who are now taking up positions of responsibility in the various fields, that they may be able to apply to their tasks the instruction given them during their period of training.

Let us continue to remember our General Secretary in the added duties that are his, owing to the cancellation of furloughs and the consequent disturbance of deputation work.

GENERAL NOTES

Congratulations.—We would offer our congratulations to Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt upon having passed her second Tamil examination.

Half-Yearly Meetings.—Full particulars of these will be found on the front cover. We call special attention to the change of place, lest any friends should make a mistake. The meetings are also being held fifteen minutes later, and we hope that this will be a convenience to many.

Deputation Meetings.—Our General Secretary is still willing to take on further week-day engagements, so far as it is possible for him to do so. Perhaps Churches and Young People's Societies which had to cancel winter meetings owing to the black-out will be able to arrange something during the summer months.

Memoir.—The front page advertisement calls attention to a booklet which will soon be published, paying tribute to the work of Missionary E. A. Booth. Pastor Thorpe is particularly anxious to receive advance orders from local Mission Secretaries and others. It is hoped that the booklet will be ready by the time of the Half-Yearly Meetings, but please send your orders before then if possible.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

7th, Poynings; 14th, Potten End; 21st, Ipswich, "Bethesda"; 22nd, Wattisham; 24th, Sutton-at-Hone; 28th, Billinghay.

OTHER BRETHREN.

7th and 8th, Devizes : Pastor J. Payne.

28th, Richmond : Pastor R. Robinson.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during February, 1940

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By D. MORLING.

AS we noted in our previous article, the facts concerning world evangelism do not present to us a cheerful picture. We are assured that the unfinished task of making known the message of God's love is one of extreme urgency.

Hence arises the question, " What is the place of the Church (in contradistinction to the Mission) in this great commission? " Tambaram affirms that the work to be done is so vast, important and urgent, that it calls for the prayer and action of ALL Christians everywhere. It must be undertaken by the fullest partnership between the ' older ' and the ' younger ' Churches; those of what we call the Homelands, and those of the Mission Field. That is, it demands the pooling of *all* our resources. Indeed, as the Indian Bishop in S. India, Dr. Azariah, reminds us, each Church on the Mission field must be a missionary society, evangelising the whole of its neighbourhood, like Thessalonica and Antioch of Pisidia. This ideal is so lofty and spiritual that it needs for its fulfilment nothing less than an outpouring of the Holy Spirit; still, the worker should firmly hold it as his aim and objective. After all, the Bishop's demand is the demand not only of the clamant need around us, but also of all vital and virile Christian experience. Basil Mathews writes, " This is no hour for marking time; God is calling His Church to go forward." (Josh. i. 2-9).

A subject that elicited keen interest at Tambaram, and aroused some discussion at Kodaikanal, was " The Church in Relation to non-Christian Religions." On almost every Mission field we have abundant evidence of the powerful influence which Christianity is exerting over the religions of the world. We see with our own eyes changes in the heathen's conception of God; the student, after studying the pantheism of Hinduism, is surprised to find the followers of that same religion trying to incorporate the essentially Christian doctrine of the Fatherhood of God! There are changes also in ethics and a new concern for the needs of fellow men. More than once have we heard an educated Hindu say very indignantly of the conduct of some co-religionist, " That is not the action of a Christian! " For all this we thank God. On the other hand, in those same religions we find also powerful reactions *against* the influence of

Christianity, which results in revivals and attemped revivals of the old faiths. Hinduism, realising the forces of disintegration within her borders, now arouses herself, and throws up earthworks in self-defence, just as paganism did in the first four centuries of our era.

Again, there are attempts at reform to meet the needs of present-day life. Only yesterday, we read in our daily paper that the Madras Government is about to introduce Bills enabling the outcastes to enter caste Hindu temples. Hindu leaders have already legalised such temple-entry in Travancore and other parts of India, and thereby have checked big movements of the outcastes towards the Christian way. Islam has always been associated with gross polygamy (after the grossness of Mohammed's own life), but now the Koran itself is being made to recommend monogamy! The pressure of modern " needs " has led also to the emergence of new cults and paganisms.

In the matter of our " relation to," or rather, our attitude towards non-Christian religions, though the Christian missionary should gladly acknowledge all that is good in world religions, he must be loyal to his Master in insisting on the exclusiveness of Christianity. We have heard enough of the " give-and-take" way, of our " sharing " with others whatever of good we or they may possess. We were not sent to India to share, but to declare, proclaim. Christ is not one of many ways: He is *the* Way—" There is none other name under heaven." So let us not be unfaithful in avoiding or compromising the uniqueness of Christianity. We are very glad to be assured that Tambaram "expresses a forthright rejection " of the old " compromising and eclectic view," and that it marks a " veritable turning-point in the thought and life of the Church, and particularly of its Missions."

Under the " Inner Life of the Church," come some interesting questions. Here is one. In Church worship, how far shall we adopt the music, the poetry, and the architecture of the land in which we worship? Some missionaries, especially those who arrive in India a little later in life than the usual plastic age of rightful adjustment, find it difficult to adopt whole-heartedly Tamil lyrics rather than mechanical translations of English hymns with their Western tunes. Recently an Indian Bishop shocked some good folk by the Indian architecture of his new cathedral. After all, there is nothing essentially Christian about a Gothic arch, a Norman porch, or a long metre tune. But we must be careful that in becoming Indian, we do not become Hindu—an important distinction that many friends fail to make. The Indian Church must take its root in Indian soil. Christ is not English; He is not even European; He is the Son of *Man*.

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

Madras.—In a letter dated March 7th, Mr. Thrower refers to his safe arrival in India a month before, after a most pleasant and speedy voyage. Mr. and Mrs. Thrower had enjoyed much fellowship during the month with Mr. and Mrs. Huckett, taking up the threads of work from them again so that they could leave for the Kolli Hills. Mr. Orchard was welcomed to Madras at the end of February, so that altogether it has been a season of welcomes and farewells. This means that when final settlements are made, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, Mrs. Brand, and Mr. Orchard will be in the Madras area. Amongst other spiritual encouragements, three friends have been baptized in connection with the Ayanapuram Church.

Mr. Huckett's letter is dated January 25th, and therefore does not contain the latest news. Long before this magazine is published he will have reached the Kolli Hills. The letter informs us that one of the former students of the Indian Bible Institute has been appointed preacher-catechist at Vepery. In other fields, too, these students are doing most useful work. A young men's meeting has been started at Koyambedu, and a mid-week service at Konnur, with encouraging results. These items, and other pieces of news that might be mentioned, indicate both the busy and encouraging life of the Madras field. Of course, there are discouragements as well, and our missionaries are pained by the cases of immorality and other forms of sin with which they have to deal.

Sendamangalam and Namakkal.—Mr. A. Morling's February letter tells of the distribution of Christmas gifts during the month of January. The opportunity was once more seized to turn this work to spiritual ends, and many contacts were made with children and parents. In some places very large companies gathered. In the Sendamangalam cheri the work amongst the men is in charge of one of the former Institute students, with promising results. On the other hand, Miss Hazel has been passing through a difficult and anxious time with some of the older Hostel girls. Some of these grow restless and discontented, and their influence upon others is not good.

Kolli Hills.—In some senses the Kolli Hills might be described as the most difficult of our fields, though, of course, all the fields have their special problems. The workers on the Hills need much tact and patience to deal with people who are so backward, morally and spiritually. Mr. and Mrs. Champion and Miss Wilkins have done much faithful service, the full records of which can never be given. Later news from the field tells us that Mr. Champion has been rather seriously ill. At first diphtheria was feared, but a later communication speaks of laryngitis and quinsies.

Tinnevelly.—Mr. Kuhrt gives news from Illambuvanam. With the help of Institute students the Church there has been re-formed, and five candidates baptized. At Ramathevanpatti, also, where the Church was reduced to one member, a forward movement has taken place. Such items of news could be multiplied, but the very names of some of the places would take up more space than we can spare. We understand from Mr. Kuhrt that a flourishing young men's meeting reported in the January HERALD to be at Virapandiapuram is really at Kovilpatti.

MARRIAGE DIFFICULTIES

DORIS A. KUHRT.

MARRIAGE is a great problem amongst the Christians of India. With the light of salvation there often comes the light of progress in other directions. Girls and boys are frequently bespoken for one another at the earliest age, and if one party becomes Christian, he or she wishes to cut adrift from the parents' negotiations and marry a Christian partner.

We thank God that this is often successfully arranged, but in many families it is a disgrace for the agreement made many years before to be repudiated. Sometimes, when parents have not also become Christians, they may force the marriage upon their child for the sake of money or prestige involved. In some villages there may be many Christian young men, but few Christian girls. Then some do what they consider to be the next best thing, and marry a Hindu, hoping, perhaps, that she will become a Christian in course of time. This hope is in the best sense rarely realised, and so they are unequally yoked.

Recently we have had much trouble in these matters. A certain man has three daughters of marriageable age. As he is very poor and can give no dowry, there are no suitors coming forward from amongst our Christians, and so, in despair, he is marrying one of them to a Roman Catholic. Roman Catholics in India are often little more than Hindus, for the worship is conducted sometimes in such a way that people who wish to become Christians without breaking from all their old ways may conveniently do so by becoming Catholics. This girl will probably be lost to us, for she will almost inevitably join her husband's religion. This is the second girl we have lost to Roman Catholics this year.



A Christian Wedding at Solaisiramani.

We have two young lads who are helping in our Tinnevelly schools. Their mother and other Hindu relatives are threatening to marry them to non-Christian girls. We think, however, that it will be possible to circumvent these plans.

Becoming a Christian in a family of non-believers is nowhere easy, but it is especially hard here in India, for it means a definite break with almost all that one did, thought, or said in the past. We have a high-caste Brahmin friend who visits us. He has almost decided to join the Christian Church. The consequences for him if he does will be dire. His father-in-law is very wealthy, and proposes to leave his lands and his money to his daughter and, of course, to her husband. If our friend

becomes a declared Christian he stands a very good chance of forfeiting all that, and of being turned out of his home into the bargain. This is even worse than it sounds, for the disgrace attaching to the high-caste Brahmin who renounces caste, family and home is incomprehensible to mere Westerners. Please pray that our God of Love, who returns one hundredfold all that is given up for Him, may give him the courage he needs for taking such a step.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God that still further Indian friends have applied for baptism and Church fellowship.

Let us continue to remember thankfully and prayerfully the former Bible Institute students who are now rendering such valuable service in the different fields.

Let us pray for our missionaries as they meet for Conference at Keswick, Coonoor, on May 7th and 8th.

Let us still endeavour to learn the names of our missionaries and their positions, so that our prayers for them may become more direct and personal.

Let us seek the Divine blessing upon the Half-Yearly Meetings at St. John's Wood.

GENERAL NOTES

Congratulations.—Through various circumstances, the congratulations to Miss M. E. Harris are somewhat belated. In February we mentioned that we had heard unofficially that she had passed the oral section of her first examination. We now learn that Miss Harris has passed both parts with a very good percentage of marks. As stated last month, Mrs. Kuhrt has passed in both sections of her second examination.

May Council Meeting.—Will Council members please remember the change in the date and place of the May Council Meeting. Full particulars will be sent them by the General Secretary.

Pastor T. Reynolds.—Most friends will know that Pastor T. Reynolds, of St. John's Wood, has been seriously ill, and is not yet fully recovered. Nevertheless, the latest news gives real hopes of complete restoration in the course of time. Mrs. Reynolds and the family are very grateful for the many expressions of sympathy.

"The Utmost for the Highest."—On the advertisement page attention is called to this booklet, which pays tribute to the life and work of the late Missionary E. A. Booth. Since drawing up the wording of the advertisement for the various magazines we learn that the booklet is now ready, so friends need not wait until the time of the Half-Yearly Meetings before obtaining their copies. Price for single copies, 6d., postage 1d., or Whole Cloth, 1s. 6d., postage 1½d.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

Half-Yearly Meetings.—Will our friends specially note that at **2.30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 7th,** in one of the rooms at "Mount Zion," St. John's Wood Road, an **L.Z.A. Prayer Meeting** will be held, open to **all ladies.** Mrs. Silvester will preside, and Mrs. E. A. Booth will speak.

Quarterly Prayer Meeting.—The Quarterly and District Prayer Meeting will be held at "Bethesda," Notting Hill Gate, on **Wednesday, May 15th,** at **7.30 p.m.** Mrs. R. B. Hewitt will preside, and Miss H. V. Harris will give a short address.

The L.Z.A. Committee hope that Branch Secretaries will be able to arrange a meeting at some time during the year in the interests of our L.Z.A. work.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

1st, Highbury; 5th, Courland Grove; 7th, Half-Yearly Meetings; 12th, Hastings, The Tabernacle; 19th, Brentford; 22nd, Ipswich Rally; 26th, and 27th, Market Deeping; 29th, Croydon District Meeting.

OTHER BRETHREN.

5th, Leicester ("Providence"), PASTOR R. C. SMITH.
12th, Haslemere: PASTOR W. CHISNALL.
22nd, Brighton: PASTOR J. T. PETERS.

L.Z.A. ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY.

7th.—Half-Yearly Meeting, St. John's Wood.
15th.—Notting Hill Gate (Quarterly Prayer Meeting).
22nd.—Brighton.
22nd.—Ipswich, "Bethesda."
29th.—Tring.

SUFFOLK MISSIONARY RALLY.

Wednesday, May 22nd, at "Bethesda," Ipswich.

WOMEN'S MEETING, 3 till 4 p.m. Address by Miss P. P. NUNN.
4 p.m.—Sermon by S.B.M. President, PASTOR R. ROBINSON.
5.30 p.m.—PUBLIC TEA. Addresses by Visiting Ministers.
7 p.m.—**Public Rally.** Chairman: PASTOR R. ROBINSON.
Speakers: PASTORS L. C. FENSOME, R. J. FRENCH, and the General Secretary of the Mission.
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THE HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS

LIMITATIONS of space demand a substantial reduction in the space usually allotted to the report of these meetings. A goodly company gathered at St. John's Wood on Tuesday, May 7th, and we were grateful to the friends there for their kindly invitation and efficient provision. Mr. S. W. Anderson presided at the afternoon service, and an encouraging message was delivered by Pastor C. B. Morton, of Chatteris. His text was Matthew xi. 27, "All things are delivered unto Me of My Father." The very text was full of the spirit of confidence, and the preacher was graciously enabled to let us see something of its beauty and glory, as he spoke of Christ's Deity, Authority and Office.

We were indeed grateful to the ladies of the Church for their work in connection with the tea-time. War-time difficulties were overcome in a splendid manner.

A representative company also gathered in the evening, with Pastor R. Robinson in the Chair. The President spoke fitting words with regard to the work at home and abroad. He referred sympathetically to the absence of Pastor and Mrs. Reynolds. The former is slowly recovering from a serious illness.

Pastor E. F. Kevan, B.D., directed our thoughts to Romans x. He spoke of "Someone to be Saved, Someone to be Preached, and Someone to be Sent." We wish we could print this (and indeed all the addresses) in full. The message was a challenge and an inspiration.

Pastor C. Breed's text was John xii. 32, "And I, if I be lifted up." We were reminded of a Great Person, a Great Event, and a Great Purpose.

Pastor C. B. Morton gave a final message, emphasising the three words, "Thine—Kingdom—Power." Each speaker, in his text and message, stressed the sovereignty of Divine grace amidst all the rebellion of nations and men.

Before the Meeting closed the President called attention to the booklet paying tribute to the late Missionary E. A. Booth, and congratulated the General Secretary on his work in connection with it. The offerings at the two services amounted to over £190.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY.

MRS. R. ROBINSON.

CONSIDERING present conditions, the L.Z.A. Meeting at St. John's Wood was well attended, and a spirit of devotion and interest in the work was evident.

Our President, Mrs. Silvester, occupied the Chair. After reading from Romans viii., she called on Mrs. Anderson to lead us to the Throne of Grace. Following the Chairman's words of welcome, the Hon. Secretary gave out several notices, sincerely expressing the hope that Branch Secretaries would do their utmost to maintain interest in the work by arranging meetings until such time as we shall have the joy of the presence of our missionaries once more doing Deputation work. A brief time was spent in prayer, several ladies taking part.

We were glad to have Mrs. Booth as the speaker, whose helpful message brought fresh inspiration. After reading Mark vi. 45-50, she based her remarks on "Toiling in Rowing." Contrary winds and high waves represented our varied experiences, but to see the Lord Jesus appear, coming to our aid, should dispel all amazement and fear. The text also expresses the opposition and trials of our missionaries, though these were not so hard to bear as apathy and indifference.

Mrs. Booth illustrated her subject by drawing upon her fund of experiences in the Mission Field, speaking as one who knew both the stress of "toiling in rowing" and also the coming of Jesus on the waves. Let us remember her closing words: "Strive to see Him in all things, to be conscious of Him, knowing He is there in all our distresses—walking on the sea."

Miss P. P. Nunn closed the meeting with the Benediction.

The Other Side

HERE AND THERE

D. MORLING.

AFTER many months of waiting, we had last week the pleasure of turning on the electric lights here in the Mission House. Kovilpatti sub-station is the southern-most place supplied with current in the Pykara hydro-electric scheme, and we here are about 200 miles from the main power-house. Perhaps what we appreciate most in the electric light is not its brightness (some of our Petromax lights are brighter), but its cleanness and absence of heat.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of receiving Mr.

Champion as he called here on some Mission business. While staying here he was good enough to give to our Bible Institute students three Bible Studies—The Cross Predicted, The Cross Experienced, and The Cross Proclaimed. They were much appreciated by all those who heard them, and we believe they will bear good fruit. We are very sorry to hear that soon after his arriving back in Valavanthi, Mr. Champion was taken ill. Our earnest prayers are for the patient and for those who are tending him.

After a week or two of guessing and wondering about our returning missionaries, we suddenly had word from Colombo to say they had already landed. We trust their term of service will be full of blessing for them and for the Mission.

I fear that we have been complaining of lack of rain for many years now. Our monsoon last autumn was the scantiest we had seen for many seasons, and now, this year, at the time of the usual thunder showers we have not seen even a drizzle. Water supply in many places is a great problem, while in many of our villages in the Tinnevelly Field our poor Christians are in pitiable plight.

In the latter part of January we started with our new set of Bible Institute students. Again we have our maximum number, that is, ten men, but only five of them are married. The syllabus covered will be much the same as that in the first course, but some of the subjects will be taken in different order, and added emphasis laid on oral work. Very happily, through an arrangement we have made with Mr. Kuhrt, the top student in the old set is able to devote much of his time to assisting in the Institute.

It is very encouraging indeed that three of the new students are lads who were in our Boarding School at Namakkal. It is good to watch their progress from their first being picked up out of the ditch of pariahdom.

THE WEDDING

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

ALL the women, in their journey to and from the village well, pass by the Mission school. As they look over the low wall on this particular morning they see preparations for a feast in progress. There, over the fire, are the large mud pots containing rice; two or three men a little distance off are cutting up the carcase of a goat, and in front of the school building the Christians are assembling in their usual casual manner. Most of them live near at hand, but some have come from villages miles away. The camp cots of the missionaries

are being carried out of the building in order to make room for a meeting, and everything foretells a Christian gathering of some importance. This is the morning of the first Christian wedding in Puliampatti.

The bride has been a member of our Valavanthi Girls' Hostel for about four years, and the bridegroom was at Namakkal until a year or two back, when he returned home from school and devoted himself to the usual occupations of a Kolli Hills lad. Frequent enquiries as to the progress of preparations reveal that someone has gone to cut the bridegroom's hair, or that the bride has gone to be dressed. The more eager say that everything will be ready in a few minutes, but the more knowing ones suggest that about two hours may see preparations completed, and bride and groom ready to appear before the public eye. Young men are sent off to bring flowers and leaves for the decoration of the building, and they later arrive with wild marigolds and cosmos, together with leaves of the toddy palm and sticks, and wild creepers with which to tie everything in place. For about twenty minutes or half an hour there is vigorous activity displayed about the table over which the minister will address the meeting, and when the surging bodies recede, a pleasant structure of green, yellow and pink is revealed, two sprays of leaves have been fastened to the doorway, and all is ready for the wedding processions.

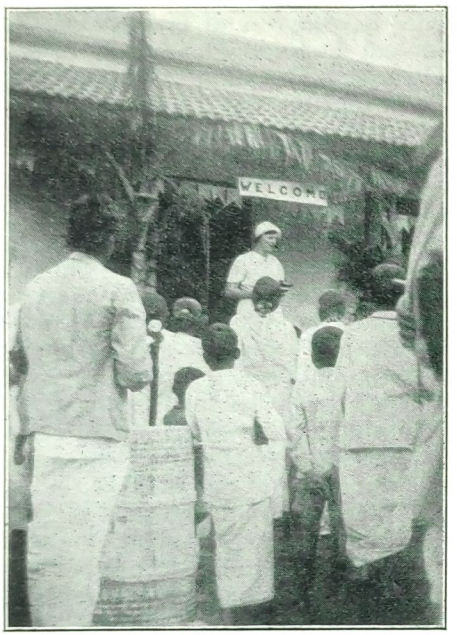
As soon as intimation has been received that each of the two important young persons is ready, most of our number set out for the bridegroom's house. We enter and find him brightly clothed, and wearing a garland of flowers. A short prayer is offered, and the bridegroom walks slowly to the school building in the centre of a group of guests who sing joyful hymns of praise on the way. He is placed in a chair before the table, and left there on his own while the bride is brought from the house, in which she has spent the last hour or two, by a group of guests who sing a lyric, the burden of which is that they will watch for the coming of their Bridegroom. I have never been able to understand why this particular lyric is always used in bringing the bride to the chapel. The fact that it is always sung with reverence seems to show that our Indian friends consider the wedding of a Christian to be a suitable time to think of Christ as the Church's Bridegroom, but personally I should have thought some other hymn to be more suitable.

On this occasion the procedure of the service was watched with keen interest through door and windows by many of the villagers who would not come inside to a Christian service, and the address given was meant for those outside as well as for those within. At the conclusion of the service the room was prepared, and all the Christians present sat down to the wedding breakfast with the bride and bridegroom.

OPENING OF NEW L.Z.A. BUILDING

MIRIAM E. WILKINS.

MANY of you know we have been building a new house for the L.Z.A. missionary on the Kollis, as the old home is made of wood and has been standing many years, and is not altogether weather proof. The bungalow is now finished, and we had the opening on October 30th.



OUTSIDE THE NEW BUILDING.

It was a great day for all. We were full of praise that the work had gone on so well and unhindered. This is a very difficult place to get the materials, or the people to work; but all our Christians, men and women, including the Pastor, put their hands to the work, and now all is complete.

The bungalow was decorated for the occasion, with "WELCOME" written in large letters in English on the outside. At 1.30 p.m. we all gathered in the chapel, and from there we walked in procession, singing in Tamil, "Come ye, that love the Lord"; my tiniest girl in the Hostel (not yet three years old) led the way, carrying the key on a silver tray. They all gathered outside the bungalow, and the L.Z.A. missionary spoke a few words of appreciation for the help and service all had given in the building, and hoped all would receive a place in the house of many mansions above. After which she opened the door. As many as possible gathered inside on the floor, and there we had a short service. First of all, the Doxology was sung by all, and two short addresses were given by the Pastor and one of the senior teachers, a special hymn by the children, and closing remarks from the missionary. After the service we were all ready for our food, which was three and a half hours after our usual time! Some of us got rather tired with waiting. As many as possible sat on the floor inside the house, the others were sitting outside on the verandah, and we all enjoyed a good feast of curry and rice.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God for that deep conviction that we have that " He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied."

Let us, in the midst of all our trials, remember with thankfulness the blessing that God is granting to our missionaries.

Let us pray for the Government of India, and for the native political leaders.

Let us continue to pray for our Council, and for our General Secretary in particular, in these times of special anxiety.

Let us, concerning ourselves and all our service, " Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

SPECIAL NOTE re "MISSION HERALD"

In view of the increased postal charges, we regret that we shall have to increase the annual charge for single copies of the MISSION HERALD sent direct by post to 2s. instead of 1s. 6d. We shall be grateful if friends will kindly note this when remitting payment.

It may be that certain friends now having individual copies by post could arrange to receive them through the Mission Secretary of the Church to which they belong. If you can help by making such a change, will you kindly send a postcard informing the General Secretary.

We are indeed anxious to maintain the widest possible circulation of the MISSION HERALD, but we feel sure that friends will appreciate the need for economy wherever possible.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

2nd & 3rd, Pemberton; 5th, Wood Green, Park Ridings; 9th, Chadwell Street; 11th, West Ham; 16th, New Cross; 17th, Lynton Road; 19th, Stratford; 23rd, Manor Park; 26th, Fulham; 30th, Ramsey.

OTHER BRETHREN.

9th, Great Gransden : Mr. W. J. SHIPTON.
12th, Potten End : Pastor C. J. WELSFORD.
16th, Bradfield St. George : Mr. W. J. SHIPTON.
16th, Prittlewell : Mr. S. E. DENNING.
23rd, Billericay : Pastor W. Chisnall.

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4th, Richmond; 5th, Stratford, Gurney Road; 6th, Clapham, Courland Grove.

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TAMBARAM WORLD MEETING—III.

D. MORLING.

IN the World Meeting at Jerusalem, 1928, the chief emphasis was made, we are informed, on Rural Reconstruction. Reform the village life, let the people have a good meal every day, they thought, and all will come right. One leader told me in a Group Discussion that it was useless to preach the Gospel till the village was " cleaned up," hygienically and economically. (But see Matt. vi. 33). Tambaram marked advance, and placed the emphasis rather on an adequate Programme for Christian Literature.

The number of printed pages which claim the attention of man to-day is enormous. We hear of daily newspapers even in the out-of-the-way places of distracted and harassed China, and in the solitudes of Arabia. Some would say that the world is " striding " towards universal literacy. Though in India the movement towards that goal is a heavily laboured trudge, no Christian teacher or pastor can afford to be unconcerned about this important branch of service. Let us not be deceived. There are still many large areas where there is no literature. And there are languages in India, spoken by millions of people, where their whole literature can be tied up in a pocket handkerchief. With the exception of Hindi, Tamil boasts of a larger Christian literature than any other language in S. India. Even then, what difficulty we encounter when we wish to give a good Tamil book as prize to a Christian student! Though the time of S.B.M. missionaries is very fully occupied with field work, this valuable service has not been neglected, and our colportage shows that we have not overlooked the great work of distribution.

A class of problem which is increasing in difficulty is that arising from Church and State. The wide world over, more in the East than even in the West, conflicts between the Church and the national life are growing extensively and intensively. Without apportioning praise or blame in every instance, one readily sees that the State is steadily "elbowing its way into a control of every aspect of life." One sees it in its crudest form in the crushing of tribal life in Africa; we see it in subtler, but cruel guise, in the Nazi persecution of the German Confessional Church.

We all agree with Tambaram in affirming that there are minimum rights of religious freedom upon which the Church should insist, otherwise it will be unfaithful to its calling. It does not pretend to make a final or exhaustive statement of such rights, but holds that they should comprise at least the following:—

(*a*) To assemble for unhindered public worship.
(*b*) To formulate its own creed.
(*c*) To have an adequate ministry.
(*d*) To determine its conditions of membership.
(*e*) To give religious instruction to its youth.
(*f*) To preach the Gospel publicly.
(*g*) To receive into its membership those who desire to join it.

After such meetings as those of Tambaram, one often hears the question, " Do you think it was worth while? " It is quite possible that in some countries Councils and Conferences are overdone. We think they are in the West. The Kingdom of God does not come by our holding Committees, by passing resolutions or framing rules—though these are sometimes helpful. But with the up-country missionary, the danger of such excess is very remote. The tendency is rather that when a missionary, especially of a small mission, measures his poor achievements against the mighty forces of Hinduism and Islam, he may be overcome with a sense of defeatism. Or, avoiding defeatism, he slips into apathy or indifference. He feels impotent and isolated, or develops the " small-corner consciousness." But in a good Missionary Conference, apart from invaluable information collated and first-class advice given, there is the precious inspiration which comes through personal contact with men of God. Many a delegate returns to his Church or distant land strengthened and encouraged, realising that he is not alone in the deadly fight against principalities and powers.

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

Madras.—Mr. and Mrs. Thrower have been able to settle down happily in the work of this field. A recent letter tells of encouragement at the little Church at Mannur. Ten young men enquirers came to Mr. Thrower when he paid a Sunday morning visit in March. A successful camp was held in the same month at Poonamallee. Mr. Orchard tells us that he has had the joy of baptizing five friends at Vepery Chapel—his first Baptismal Service in India. He went to the homes of some of them beforehand, and heard their testimony to the grace of God. About 150 people attended the Baptismal Service. Mrs. Brand wrote on May 2nd, and told of work at Poonamallee and other places. She hoped to visit some of the Christians on the Singapore estates during her holiday.

Namakkal and Sendamangalam.—Mr. A. Morling tells of the formation of a fellowship between the Christian people in Namakkal. Twenty men and women attended a social gathering, and it is hoped that monthly meetings will be possible. The same letter tells of difficulties with regard to a school grant, owing to the adverse report of an inspector, but the difficulties seem to have been overcome. The trouble arose over the question of caste and non-caste, an ever-recurring problem in India. The ladies in this area tell of quiet, plodding service that needs much patience and prayer, but which is, after all, the background and backbone of all true service at home and abroad.

Kolli Hills.—Mr. H. A. Huckett is now in charge of the work in this area. He arrived during Mr. Champion's illness, and was able to help in various ways. The special difficulties of this isolated field have often been referred to, and our brother and his co-workers need our continual prayer. By the time these words are published most of our missionaries will have returned from their hill holidays, and the general work of the fields will have been resumed.

Tinnevelly.—Two letters from Mr. D. Morling tell of various activities. As many of them are necessarily of a business nature, they need not be mentioned here. In addition to work at the Bible Institute, Mr. Morling has been able to visit various parts of the field, and his letters bring before us very vividly the difficulties of transport in some of these roadless and bridgeless districts. Miss Green had many happy surprises during her month of camping in the villages. Three stories in particular tell of the wonders of God's grace in Hindu hearts and lives.

"THE NEXT DAY WHEN THEY WERE COME DOWN FROM THE HILL MUCH PEOPLE MET HIM."

VIOLET D. GREEN.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—Miss Green posted the first copy of this article in June, 1939, but it was lost in transit. The second copy was not received until recently. This means, of course, that the incidents mentioned occurred some time ago, but we feel that this does not detract from the general interest and value of the message].

WHAT a hectic few days they were, indeed—the day of return from hot season leave and those days which immediately followed. Having travelled all night, I left the train at 5.15 a.m. rather more asleep than awake. It was still dark when I tumbled into the bullock cart, but with the dawn there was presented such a scene of desolation. Scorching, withering, howling winds have raged for some time, and still rage, robbing most of the landscape of every vestige of green and reducing it to a wild waste. How many a poor little shanty has been torn down by its vehemence, and roof tiles by the hundred have been flung to earth. Several of our Mission buildings have suffered considerably. A small child was lifted off his feet, and a man was thrown against a wall and badly injured. Quite close to this compound is a fruit orchard which presents a sorry spectacle. More than half of the trees have been torn up and flung to the ground. I feel deeply sorry for the owners in the loss this has occasioned them. Our own com-

pound presented a scene of desolation—all so hard baked and wind blown. The few plants which have survived such an onslaught look extremely sorry for themselves. Some of our roofs have large gaping holes, and the tiles which once covered them are lying in heaps all broken. Arrived home at last at 8.15, I unlocked the bungalow, but to describe its condition is beyond me. It was inches thick in dust and sand—everywhere and everything. Five of us worked at it for several hours, and even then we had only succeeded in removing top layers.

This was also the day appointed for the return of the girls and staff, and so in between battles with dust I had to receive groups of girls and teachers. During those first three days I admitted 13 new girls, several of whose parents occupied more of my time than I could well spare trying to convince me that they were utterly unable to pay the very small amount I insisted upon. I reminded them of the fact that up to that moment they had fed and clothed their children, and that the sum I required was *far less* than they had cost them at home, but such logic was wasted on them. Unfortunately, I was as obdurate as they were illogical, hence after long reasoning they had no choice but to accept my terms or take the child home. In *no* case was this latter alternative accepted.

So our family is once again assembled, and functioning normally as before. There was a new feature present upon this occasion, however, i.e., the inauguration of the Industrial Class. I have given previous intimation of this proposed new venture. It is now an actual fact. Five of our girls completed the 5th standard in April, and I was very gratified to see four of the five return to be enrolled in the Industrial Class. Another girl who left last year has also enrolled, so our total at present is five. That is a good number to commence with, and we are busy with the introduction of crafts which are to form their daily occupation.

As I look at them, my heart rejoices in the privilege of having them back with us to help them on in their spiritual life. Four are recently baptized girls, the fifth is as yet not saved. I feel the Lord has given her back to us that she might be led to the Saviour. Thus we have taken up the threads of the old and familiar, and also launched upon "a new thing," and all at *His* bidding. We know well that unless these ministries are instruments of the Holy Spirit, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, capable of being channels for a spiritual ministry, they will all be useless. I plead therefore for your prayers that over us all, and upon us all and all our activities the Spirit may brood and inbreathe all, and use all to the glory of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. So the many people who throng us as we are once more come down from the hills will surely meet *Him* in us and through us.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God for further encouragement given to our missionaries, especially Missionary E. Orchard through his first Baptismal Service in India.

Let us give thanks for the restoration to health of Missionary G. Champion, and let us pray for the health of all our workers, some of whom are detained in India beyond the normal period.

Let us continue to remember the Government of India, and the native leaders, in these days when grave decisions have to be reached.

Let us ask for Divine guidance to be given to our General Secretary, whose plans for the future activities are so hampered by inevitable uncertainty as to furloughs.

Let us remember prayerfully that our Zenana Organising Secretary is faced with the same uncertainty and the same difficulties.

GENERAL NOTES

Congratulations.—We would offer our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morling on the birth of a daughter—Jean Olive.

Kundaswami.—We gratefully acknowledge the help sent anonymously for the support of this Indian boy, but we regret to say that he has ceased to be under the care of the S.B.M. While with us he showed little or no response to spiritual teaching, but we can pray that the seed sown may even yet bear fruit.

Photograph.—No photograph appears in this issue. This is probably the first time that the magazine has been printed without one, or, at least, in recent years. We would ask for the indulgence of friends. With only half the number of pages, it is very difficult to get in even the essential articles. We will hope to insert a photograph as usual next month.

MISS J. A. BOCKING

It can only be with a deep sense of gratitude to God for such a long life devoted to His cause, that we pay brief tribute to the memory of our sister, the late Miss J. A. Bocking. She loved the Mission intensely, and gave herself with unfaltering love and loyalty to pray and to work for it.

In February, 1915, Miss Bocking was appointed Secretary of the Ladies' Committee in connection with the S.I.S.B.M.S., and joined the L.Z.A. Executive of the S.B.M. in September, 1929. Although of so advanced an age, Miss Bocking attended the Committee Meetings most regularly, her last attendance being in May, 1939. Even after that she wished to continue her membership of the Prayer Union. This help we, and those in India, will miss, for now Miss Bocking has received the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

7th, Walsall; 8th, Willenhall; 11th, West Ham; 17th, Ipswich, "Zoar"; 18th, C. & E.M. Union Meetings, Whittlesey; 21st, St. John's Wood; 22nd, Crawley; 24th, Wimbledon; 28th, Guildford.

OTHER BRETHREN.

14th.—Tollington Park: Mr. J. C. FROMOW.

21st.—Leigh-on-Sea: Mr. W. K. PUTTNAM.

28th.—Aylesbury: Pastor S. E. GARRARD.

28th.—Croydon, Derby Road: Mr. T. J. MARJORAM.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

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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.

THE CHRISTMAS BOXES

OWING to the uncertainty of the future in these "war times," it is difficult to say anything definite about the sending out of the Christmas Boxes this year. But as we know that many friends have been carrying on with the work, as far as has been possible under present conditions, we are confident that there will be good things to send out, and pray that God will make the transit possible, as He did last year, in His own wonderful way.

So far, our arrangements are as follows:—

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 2nd and 12th.

All contributions of money to the "Christmas Gift Fund" (for the purchase of medical requisites, dress material, toys and stationery, in India) should be sent to—

Miss H. V. HARRIS,
"Nethania," 7, Carlton Hill, N.W.8.

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

H. V. HARRIS.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during May, 1940.

GENERAL FUND

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747	2	18	2
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	£364	6	4

HERALD FUND

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
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744	10	0	2
	£14	15	3

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Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
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The Annual Meetings

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NEW WINE AND OLD BOTTLES

DAVID MORLING.

DURING recent months there has been in South India an increasing agitation concerning the low social and religious condition in Hindu temples. One day a Government Minister in public exclaims, " In our temples we have everything *except* divinity." Another day a Brahmin Minister of Government, protesting against the general practice of preventing outcastes from entering caste Hindu temples, announces that " In divinity there is no caste."

In the city of Madura, about 60 miles north of Kovilpatti, there is one of the largest and most ancient fanes of India. The oldest and most sacred of its walls (now black with the smoke of incense and reeking with the oil of long anointings) date back almost to the days of Christ. For many centuries, probably from its first erection, outcastes have been forbidden to place a foot within its courts. But a fortnight ago its manager, a wealthy Brahmin, backed by the Hindu Reform Party, accompanied a small party of outcastes into the shrine, and took them into parts of its precincts where even ordinary caste folk are not usually allowed. Their worship of the gods was accepted, their offerings were received by the priests, and the worshippers came away having accomplished the impossible.

As soon as the news leaked out there was a hubbub among the orthodox Hindus. A suit was filed against the manager for Rs.3000 damages; meetings and counter-meetings were held in many towns. But the Congress Government, being on the side of the reformers, soon persuaded the Governor of Madras to issue an ordinance rendering null and void suits filed against temple managers on these grounds. Managing bodies of other fanes soon issued invitations to outcastes to worship at their shrines.

What is the secret of this agitation? What is the motive of it all? We hear almost nothing of any movement among the outcastes themselves demanding this recognition. Then why all this hue and cry?

There is a small, but growing, minority of Hindus who know that Hinduism, even in the eyes of the world, is sadly wanting, and they wish to bring about reforms which would at least reduce the opprobrium which the terrible evils of Hinduism bring upon its followers. That party is urging for the removal of

caste. But it is generally recognised that the real motive in temple-entry agitation is only partly social and religious. It is largely political. The Congress Party, which is now in office in this Presidency, and which for years has been the most powerful political party in India, argues that they must do something to appease the outcastes and prevent their joining Christianity. In Travancore legislation has been introduced to throw open temples to outcastes, and by this stratagem thousands of the poor down-and-outs who had thought of coming over to Christianity now feel that, after all, there may be a decent place for them in the Hindu fold. But the present agitation in British S. India is carried on mostly by " unbelieving Hindus," and their reason is that if there is a further " landslide " of outcastes to the Christian way (their number is about 60,000,000), the Hindu majority in Government will be reduced, minorities will be strengthened, the position of the Congress Party, or of any other Hindu party, will be rendered precarious.

So again we see that the impingement of Western institutions and Christian teaching on hoary Hinduism is causing repercussions throughout the land. On the one hand there is a desire to patch up this system, which has been found sadly wanting even according to non-Christian standards. On the other hand there is the determination to prevent these millions of poor, disinherited ones from joining the one way in which they might find social equality and the opportunity to live a decent life.

I do not think that the sincere evangelical worker need be elated at the one or perturbed at the other. Our earnest desire is to bring into our Churches only those who have been saved by the grace of the Lord. This stratagem of politically-minded Hindu " reformers " may, after all, save the true servant of the Lord much bitter disappointment and prevent many a Church from being flooded by baptized heathenism.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

A. MORLING.

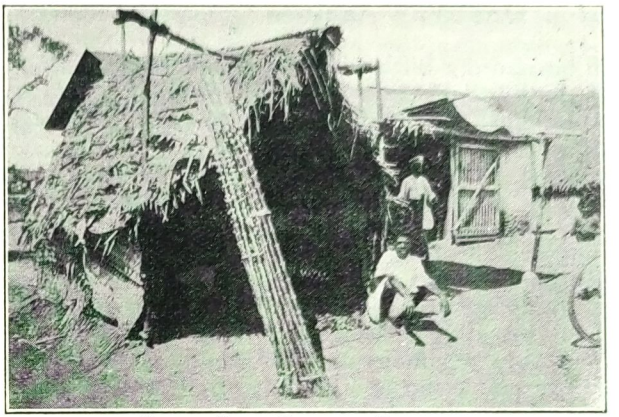
LAST Sunday morning and afternoon our chapel in Namakkal was full to capacity. It is true all over the world that children's meetings are often the most interesting, and almost invariably the best attended. Quarrels and differences among the adults in the town were forgotten—at least for that day—and all gathered in God's House to rejoice in the Lord's goodness to our young people during another year. Among the congregation were two Registrars, a stern Inspectress of Schools, and a Magistrate, all thoroughly enjoying the recitations and dialogues delivered by the boys and girls.

Is It Worth While?

It is now the usual thing in Namakkal for the Missionary merely to conduct the meetings, and at the close of the first to speak to the children. At the morning service, hymns specially prepared—" A little pilgrim on life's way," " Jesus, Friend of little children," and " O, what can little hands do? " were translated into the vernacular and put to Tamil tunes, thus retaining all the meaning and teaching of those hymns, which is impossible when they are translated, and incidentally mutilated in the process, for singing to the tunes we know at home—were sung. Our young folk successfully carried out over twenty items, which bespoke the care and preparation that the Sunday School teachers and others had put into their work. This year the Hostel boys, who are nearly always adept participators on such occasions, have been separated from the Sunday School and put into Covenanter Classes, our aim being to secure Sunday Schools consisting of children from Hindu and Christian homes in the town. I am sure that all now feel that the step was a right one, and that anniversaries can be really well conducted without the assistance of the boys in our Institution. That there was no lack of interest, much less refractoriness displayed by the children right through a two hour service, is adequate testimony to the way in which all took part, and to the preparation made by those engaged in this great work.

Sunday afternoon was hot and humid, the type of afternoon that keeps people away from worship. However, folk came in large numbers, and we packed the children in front of the chapel and thus found room for the adults at the back. A Christian teacher from the High School addressed the youngsters, basing his remarks on Mark xi. 3, and stressing that Christ really needed them, that He was able to free them from sin, and that only He could make them fit for service. For 25 minutes their attention was held, while they were clearly shown Christ's love and redeeming power. Mr. Satheyanathan then distributed the prizes, and afterwards spoke to the adults of the way he was brought from futile and empty Hindu worship to see that Christ not only lived a life consistent with His teaching, but was able also to give grace and strength to His followers to do the same. This, he considered, was one of the greatest attractions of Christianity. His testimony was beautiful and convincing, and listened to with rapt attention, and to God we give the glory that a man in such a position in Government service could so graciously and forcefully attest to his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday School Anniversaries are inseparably connected with Sunday School Treats, and this very important part of our celebrations took place on the Tuesday following. We seek your sympathy and prayerful interest in this work amongst the young.



SUGAR CANE VENDOR, SEMBIAM.

FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER

BEATRICE L. MOWLE.

ON Sunday evening, March 31st, the missionaries in Namakkal had the joy and privilege of entering into the spirit of a real English service. The meeting opened with the singing of that beautiful little hymn, "Jesus, stand among us." I am sure we all realised His presence amongst us as we listened to an Indian friend speak from the words, " What think ye of Christ? "

For some time the need has been felt of getting into closer touch with Christians who come into the town for Government service. Sometimes they are with us for only a few months; sometimes for a longer period. At the present time we have quite a number of Christians who are holding high positions in Namakkal.

Early in March, all these friends were invited to the Mission Bungalow for tea and refreshment. We were pleased to see a goodly number turn up. A friendly atmosphere prevailed. Mr. Morling spoke of his sorrow in not being able to get into closer contact with them, owing to other work which must be attended to. A discussion took place as to how we could get to know each other better, which resulted in " The Namakkal Christian Fellowship " being formed. A few rules were made, and it was resolved that we should all try and meet at least twice a month; one meeting to be held in a member's house, that member being responsible for the programme for that evening, which he should submit to the Committee for approval beforehand. The other meeting was to be purely devotional, when we hoped that we should not only be drawn nearer to each other, but nearer to our Lord.

" WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST? "

Our friend spoke of the state of the Jewish world at the

time of our Lord's birth. They were looking for an earthly king, an earthly deliverer. He then spoke of John's testimony concerning Him: "Behold the Lamb of God." He was perfect man and perfect God, yet how few beheld Him as such. Is it not the same to-day? Nicodemus came to Him, thinking of Him as only a great teacher come from God; that was not enough—a change must be wrought in his heart. To-day many are willing to believe in Jesus as a wonderful man, a leader, a man we should copy. This is not enough; a real change is needed, they, like the disciples of old, must be able to say, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God." He then spoke of others, and their testimony to Jesus, finally ending with his own personal testimony and love to the Lord Jesus as his Lord and Saviour, with an appeal that we should all dedicate our lives more fully to His service. The hymn, "What think ye of Christ?" was sung as a benediction to all that had been said.

Friends and fellowship members of our Prayer Union, please remember this fellowship gathering in Namakkal. It is most encouraging to find Christian gentlemen willing to witness for the Master. They need our prayers. Working in Government offices cannot be easy, but who can estimate the value of their influence and witness, if they are truly consecrated to the Master! They are able to touch a class of people it is not our privilege to touch very often.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us, in these dark times, remember that the inner prison is the place, and the midnight hour the time for singing praises unto God.

Let us rejoice afresh in the absolute sovereignty of God in providence and in grace.

Let us remember constantly before the Lord our General Council and L.Z.A. Executive.

Let us find a place in our prayers every day for the work of our brethren and sisters in India.

Let us also think of and pray for the financial needs of the Mission.

GENERAL NOTES

"**The Utmost for the Highest.**"—We would continue to call attention to this booklet. The sales have been most encouraging, but copies are still available, and we are anxious that they should soon be circulated. As previously announced, the prices are as follows: Paper cover edition, 6d., post free 7½d.; Bound in cloth, 1s. 6d., post free 1s. 8d.

Indian Letters.—We are unable to give a detailed review of these, but we would say that, on the whole, they record a quiet continuance of the work, with a good deal of spiritual encouragement and blessing. They have arrived late, and all readers will understand that the posts to and from India are likely to be subject to considerable delay. Thank God that nothing can interrupt our communications with India via the Throne of Grace.

REPORT OF MEETING

Brentford.—A happy Missionary Sunday was spent on May 19th, when Pastor J. K. Thorpe was the preacher. The messages were greatly enjoyed, good numbers gathered, and the offering was £9 0s. 9d. Lack of space makes it impossible to give an outline of the sermons, but they were most suitable and helpful.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. Quarterly and District Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held at Hainault Road, Leyton, on Tuesday, August 20th, at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. F. S. Chilvers will preside, and we hope there will be a good attendance.

Branches are urged to hold a meeting in the early autumn in the interests of the L.Z.A., if at all possible.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

11th, Swindon; 18th, Bradenstoke; 25th, Tring; 29th, Belvedere.

OTHER BRETHREN.

21st, Poynings : PASTOR A. W. WHAYMAN.

THE CHRISTMAS BOXES

Owing to the uncertainty of the future in these war-times, it is difficult to say anything definite about the sending out of the Christmas Boxes this year. But as we know that many friends have been carrying on with the work, so far as has been possible under present conditions, we are confident that there will be good things to send out, and pray that God will make the transit possible, as He did last year in His own wonderful way.

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L.Z.A. GIFTS

Rec. No.	£	s	d.
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336	1	3	7½
337		5	0
338	1	0	0
339	1	5	0
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341	100	0	0
342	9	13	9½
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349	6	1	6
	£179	16	4

NOTICES

THE MISSION HERALD.—Reports of Meetings and articles for publication (written on one side of the paper only) to be sent to **Pastor L. R. Garrard, 3, Ardilaun Road, Highbury, N.5,** not later than the first day of the month prior to the date of publication.

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION.—All enquiries relating to the general work of the Mission, including the Deputation work, also all orders for the MISSION HERALD, "Rays from the East for Young People," Annual Report, Tamil Texts, Picture Postcards, and other publications should be sent to the General Secretary, **Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, E.12,** to whom payments for all publications should be made.

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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Subscriptions and gifts for the L.Z.A should be sent to **Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Wayside," Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey.**

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EAST DISTRICT RALLY

will be held (D.V.) at

GURNEY ROAD, STRATFORD,

on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, at 5.30 p.m.

Chairman: Pastor W. S. BAKER.

Speakers: Miss GRACE HAZEL and Pastor J. K. THORPE.

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

will be held (D.V.) at

MOUNT ZION, ST. JOHN'S WOOD,

on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

Afternoon, 3.15—Preacher: Pastor A. W. WHAYMAN.

Tea, 4.45

PUBLIC MEETING 6 p.m.

Speakers: Pastors O. F. CLARKE and N. R. PERRY.

The Financial Year closes on September 20th

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A STRIKING TESTIMONY

H. A. HUCKETT.

AN Indian friend, who is a deacon at the English Baptist Church, Madras, has just been to see me. He is a keen Christian and a good supporter of the Lord's work. About a year ago he gathered a few friends together for prayer on Saturday evenings, the meetings being held in a rented house where he and his family were residing. About 30 people came to the first meeting, 70 to the next, and soon over 100 gathered together every Saturday night for prayer and testimony. Those who knew English prayed in English, others prayed in Tamil, some in Telegu, and others in Urdu and Hindi. The meetings lasted till the early hours of the morning, but any attempts at " Pentecostalism " (which is very rife in Madras) were firmly dealt with, the culprits being quietly put out in the street. Some of our own members have attended these meetings, and have testified to the blessing they have received.

Last June, the Hindu landlord of the premises used for these prayer gatherings informed the leader that he was going to raise the rent from Rs.110 to RS.150 per month. The notice was laid before the Lord, and His will was sought in the matter. The landlord's mother said: " Don't disturb these people who pray to God. Don't force them out "; but the landlord was adamant. So Mr. Baynes and his family had to look for other quarters, and the all-night prayer meetings were temporarily suspended.

The Lord led them to another house. Six weeks passed, and then one day the landlord and his brother-in-law were having tea together upstairs in the old premises, when suddenly there was an ominous crack, the floor beneath them gave way, and the house completely collapsed on top of them. The brother-in-law was killed, and the landlord, after being buried under the debris for over an hour and a half, was extricated with great difficulty and rushed to hospital with very serious injuries. Mr. Baynes visited him there, and the man admitted that he had done wrong in forcing him out, and that this was God's judgment upon him. At the funeral of the landlord's brother-in-law, many of the relatives said the same thing. One woman, who had previously said: " We have many gods, you have only one; our swamis will conquer yours," now admitted

that her gods were powerless to protect them, and that Jesu-swami had won the day.

However we may interpret this calamity, it is very manifest that the Lord led Mr. Baynes and his family out of that dangerous place. It would have been an appalling catastrophe if the house had collapsed in the middle of the night while many were gathered together praying. The prayer meetings are still going on, though they do not last till much after midnight now, and many are receiving blessing thereby.

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

All readers will understand that correspondence between England and India, in both directions, is subject to considerable delay. In addition to this, of course, our magazine is a monthly one, and it is therefore inevitable that the events recorded took place in some instances three months before. This allowance must be made, but it need not detract from our interest or our prayerfulness.

Madras.—Mr. E. Orchard wrote on May 15th during his holiday on the Nilgiri Hills. He hoped to return to Madras on June 18th. He and other missionaries refer to the happy and helpful Conference held this time on the Hills during the vacation. The letter goes on to give an interesting description of life and work in the Madras area. Mr. Orchard describes a typical Sunday, and that part of the letter certainly gives an impression of a very busy time. The work at Mannur is particularly encouraging.

Sendamangalam and Namakkal.—Mr. G. Champion wrote in the midst of changes. He preached for the last time on the Kolli Hills on Sunday, May 5th, and left for Coonoor the following day. He was expecting to take up his work in Sendamangalam early in July. We hope, if possible, to publish in this issue a revised list of the missionaries' addresses. This will help, not only in addressing letters, but also in giving a clearer idea of their positions and work. Mr. A. Morling referred to his visits to many places in the Namakkal area, and told of the encouragement and disappointment experienced. At Selur, for example, there is a growing congregation and a growing unity, but in other places there is much sadness caused by the open sin of some of the people.

Kolli Hills.—Mr. H. Huckett is now engaged in the work here, having taken it over from Mr. Champion. His letter gives an account of his visit to a Hindu Festival at Urpuram. The slaying of goats and chickens was a prominent feature of the ritual, and our missionary was reminded very forcibly of the hymn : " Not all the blood of beasts." On May 4th, a Farewell Meeting was held, when words of appreciation of Mr. Champion's work were spoken, and a welcome was given to the new missionary.

Tinnevelly.—Mr. Kuhrt's letter tells of a welcome abundance of rain. The rain made travelling difficult, and even dangerous, but it was greatly needed. The events recorded in this letter took place in April, which seems a long time ago, but they make interesting reading. The difficulties and disappointments experienced in some villages are compensated for by successes and encouragements in other places. Mr. D. Morling wrote on June 4th, from the Nilgiri Hills The Conference had taken place there in the middle of May, and the missionaries then continued their holidays in the same area. The death of one of the Bible Institute students is reported. He was unwell during his period of study at Kovilpatti, and passed away later at his home at Sendamangalam. Our missionaries heard of the invasion of Holland and Belgium while on the Hills. They constantly remember us in prayer.



A Madras Potter.

AROUND POONAMALLEE—CAMP NOTES

Mrs. E. C. Brand.

AT this time of the year very early starts are good—a cool breeze and long, gentle shadows make the out-going journey easy.

The first village was not on our programme, but quickly decided upon as we approached, sitting together in our jutka with our map before us. It was marked red (a Mission outpost).

The crowd soon gathered. " Yes, there had been a Sunday School, but the people decided it was not wanted." (" The people? " R.C.'s are strong here—quite so, no need for further enquiries).

The Biblewoman gave her testimony; she had been a R.C., nurtured up in its strictest regime. She was about to enter a convent when a Protestant friend lent her a book. ". . . The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom," she said. " The way to God was thus opened straight to His mercy-seat. No need for human mediation ; no need to confess to an earthly priest, etc." She spoke from her heart; she, too, had confessed, and knew what it meant.

We left a few Gospels. They had listened so well, it was evident the priest was away somewhere, or so peaceful a talk could hardly have been possible.

At the next village our sister took me to the Christians' and enquirers' houses. Here were some difficult problems. One of the girls, who was quietly listening and learning the Scriptures, is among those who would like to be baptized, but her husband has another wife. " Pray about it," we said, " God can make impossible things possible."

In her house, a very decrepit, deaf old man is said to be a

believer. I think he gave the Biblewoman a surprise. "Teach him to repeat Scripture," we had suggested. She went close to him on the ground and spoke into his ear. He took up the challenge bravely, and repeated the text again and again with real endeavour. We left the young daughter-in-law the task of helping him through the first verses of John xiv. I think she will try.

After having found a patch of shade in a sandy desert, and taken lunch, we entered another village where there were a few more Christians.

Paul lay fast asleep. What can one do mid-day in a climate like this? We are finding many of those we visit asleep this time of day. The Biblewoman wants to ruthlessly wake them up. I often say, "Let them sleep," partly out of sympathy and partly through not wanting sleepy listeners! So we left Paul, but he soon joined us, as his wife and child sat with us on the floor talking.

"I was a wicked enough man, a real opposer and idolator," he told us of his own accord. "At last I had arranged for a time of idol worship in my house, having given 2 Rs. for the necessary offering, when up spoke my little son (about five or six years old), 'Father! If you are going to do this swami worship, I leave this house, I shall run away.'

"This was the real turning point in my life. I took back my 2 Rs. and banished idolatry from my house."

So once more did a little child, true and brave, lead, having learned, no doubt, of Christ in our school.

"It was not long after my baptism that I was by a lotus pool where I always took my midday meal. I was gathering a lotus leaf, as usual, for a plate when a watcher angrily forbade me, so I put it back again, and was preparing to begin my meal when he struck me on my cheek. I at once turned the other, and received a stinging blow there, too. The onlookers were furious, and went for the man, and some went to call the munsif, who came and took notes of the assault. But I said I did not wish to charge the man. . . . In the old days I myself would have been up and at him.

"There was also a challenge in my road work. There was a Swami stone that was a hindrance to the traffic. Again and again orders were given for its removal. But no one dared to do it. At last they had to come to me, and I, without fear, accomplished the job to their satisfaction."

So, through temptations and difficulties, had he been helped on to bear witness. Let us pray that his simple life and testimony may be blessed, he and his wife kept faithful, and their little son one day become a preacher for Him.

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Around Poonamallee—Camp Notes

Rain has been withholden, and it makes one sad, visiting among those Christians who work on the land. We have several such families in these villages, and they need our prayers.

The next day, as we proceeded in our jutka, the driver told us of a sad incident that had just occurred. A field-well was being enlarged and bricked in, when the ground gave way and several were buried under the landslide. Two had died, and three were in hospital. We decided this might be a call for us to go and offer comfort, and preach Christ to the mourners.

They listened very quietly while we told them of the Only One who could comfort them and save. But the look of agony and shock on their faces was truly heart-rending.

They took us across the fields to see the poor widow, with whom was a great crowd of mourners. Here, too, we were able to preach Christ.

May He cause them to turn to Him, realising that " In the midst of life we are in death."

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God that, despite all the difficulties of the present time, the financial help given to the Mission has been so encouraging.

Let us share with our missionaries the joy and thankfulness that come from many signs of spiritual blessing in the different fields.

Let us remember whilst praying that an increasing measure of activity and responsibility is shared by the former Indian Bible Institute students, and other native workers.

Let us do all that we can by prayer and effort to see to it that the financial needs are still supplied.

Let us always remember that the absence of furlough missionaries increases the difficulties of our General and L.Z.A. Secretaries, and let us pray for them and their co-workers as they seek to strengthen the links between the Churches at home and the work in India.

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PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

1st, Laxfield; 4th, Homerton Row; 5th, Brentford; 7th, Streatham; 8th, Bierton; 10th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 12th, Leyton; 15th and 16th, Middlesbrough; 17th, West Hartlepool; 18th, Newcastle; 19th, Sunderland; 22nd, Haworth; 28th, E.D. Rally; 29th, Lynton Road, Bermondsey.

OTHER BRETHREN.

1st.—Croydon, Salem : Pastor J. PAYNE.
8th.—Woolwich : Pastor W. CHISNALL.
15th.—Epsom : Pastor W. CHISNALL.
22nd.—Notting Hill Gate : Mr. J. C. FROMOW.
29th.—Bromley : Mr. W. J. SHIPTON.

S.B.M. MISSIONARIES AND THEIR STATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Mr. E. Orchard, Mrs. J. M. Brand :—
Post Box No. 1002, Kilpauk, Madras, India.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morling, Miss B. L. Mowle :—
The S.B. Mission, Namakkal, Salem District, S. India.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Champion, Dr. R. M. Harris, Miss L. S. Hazel :—
The S.B. Mission, Sendamangalam, Namakkal, S. India.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett, Miss M. E. Wilkins :—
The S.B. Mission, Vazhavanthinadu, Namakkal Taluk, S. India.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Morling, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt :—
The S.B. Mission, Kovilpatti, Tinnevelly District, S. India.

Miss V. D. Green, Miss M. Harris :—
Mission Bungalow, Paniadipatti, Ellarampanni P.O.,
Sattur, Ramnad, S. India.

L.Z.A. BRANCH MEETINGS

We were able to carry through the L.Z.A. summer meetings without hindrance, but at the time of going to press no meetings for September have been arranged. If desired, a speaker could probably be provided at short notice, and Secretaries of Branches who have not yet had a meeting are asked to make application to Miss P. P. Nunn, 16, Claremont Close, N.1.

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	£395	16	2

Herald Fund.

796	11	3	1
845	4	2	3
	£15	5	4

L.Z.A. Gifts

Rec. during July.

350	3	1	3
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IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

will (D.V.) be held at

MOUNT ZION, CHADWELL STREET, E.C.1
(NOT at St. John's Wood)

on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

2.0 **Delegates' Meeting**

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"IT IS A LAND OF GRAVEN IMAGES."

MIRIAM E. WILKINS.

ANOTHER year has passed, another heathen festival performed, again hundreds gathered to worship they know not what. One longs for the glorious consummation, when the " kingdoms of this world " become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. Still it is evident in India, " A land of graven images."

PREPARATIONS.

On Monday morning we set out to camp at the Annual Festival held at Koilure, on these hills. When we reach there many have already gathered and are bathing in the river; others are washing their sarees and hanging them to dry; while others are having their heads shaved to present their dirty hair to the swami. Day by day the numbers increase. On Wednesday many traders from the plains can be seen making their way along the hills and over the river, with sacks on their heads laden with goods for sale outside the temple. These are unloaded, and each places his wares on a grass mat on the ground and sits cross-legged to receive the money from his or her sales. Others arrive with their drums and trumpets to play before the gods. Holy men smear their faces and bodies with ashes, decorate their forehead with the mark of a god, and sit by the wayside asking alms. Little children, old and young, all gather to worship a god they know nothing about, a god of stone, which demands gifts and over a rupee from each worshipper. Picture them there—lost, without a shepherd; do you not see those " other sheep "?

THEIR PART.

They place their offerings, including the shaven hair, bathe in the river nearby, and feed the fish (temple fish) in the river. These fish must never be eaten or taken away. The women who are wanting children catch a fish and put a ring in its nose —a gold one if they can afford it—then they let the fish go back again into the water, believing in this way the god will grant their request. Others, for the same purpose, climb down several hundreds of feet to a fifty feet drop water-fall, and swing on an iron bar underneath the fall of water.

There is no accommodation for such a number of people,

so many hundreds wrap their clothes round them and sleep under a tree.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

These are the two special days. By mid-day on Thursday all have gathered; not only from the plains, but from every part of the hills, men and women with their new clothes, all colours, can be seen coming in from every quarter. At mid-day two of the gods, in the shape of a peacock and a cow, are dressed up with highly coloured clothes, brought outside the temple and carried round the temple three times. Men precede the gods by dancing with bells on their ankles, others play their drums and trumpets, rockets are let off, and there is a good noise from all in general. Exhausted with carrying the weighty idols, with dancing and playing, the worshippers lie outside the temple to rest and sleep. The same is carried out on both the days. No one seems to be seeking peace or salvation, but many seem to come just for the pleasure of it all.

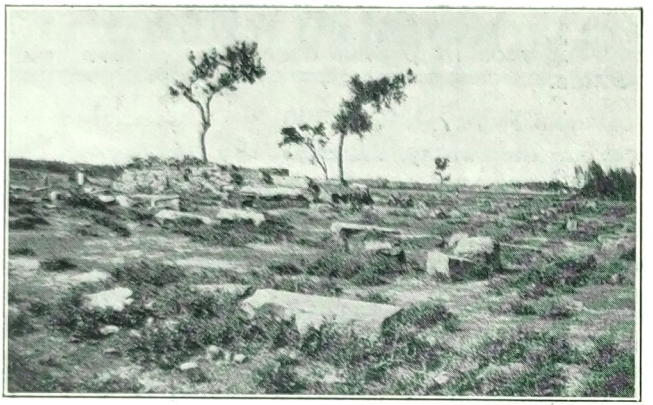
OUR PART.

Why do we go to such a fetishistic crowd? Why do our eyes behold such heart-rending sights? Why are we seen in their midst? Not to worship, not as their followers, not for enjoyment (as so many of them say), but to preach Christ and to give them His Word, even as Paul did when "he saw the city wholly given to idolatry."

Our teachers were all there, preaching the Word and selling tracts. The Biblewoman and I went out every morning and afternoon seeking to win the lost, gathering the people together in groups, and so telling of a Saviour; distributing your Tamil text cards; talking with those who had seen their brightest days, but who faced the hard climb of these hills, and now are suffering from aching limbs and tired feet, and must face the long journey back.

We leave the multitude, the temple with its gods, its sin, its noise, and return through the field in the quietness, back to our tent. Where the cows are grazing an old woman sits or stands minding the cows. There a crowd of women follow us, and we sit outside the tent and speak quietly to them of a Saviour's love. The old woman draws near also, and sits on the outside of the ring.

What is the urge that keeps us ever sowing, among such hardness of heart? "Other sheep, other sheep, them also I *must* bring." "Lo, I *am* with you alway." Surely out of this vast number He has those "other sheep," and that day only will declare who were those "other sheep" which He has brought according to His promise—"One fold and one Shepherd."



RUINED HINDU TEMPLE, MADRAS FIELD.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

DORIS A. KUHRT.

IS what worth while? Well, read the following and draw your own conclusions. This question has been faced by many missionaries, and sometimes one cannot help losing heart and exclaiming, " Is it worth while? " One of the first things that gives one heart again is the sight of converts beside Hindus. Christians mostly show a pride in their appearance—clean clothing, brushed hair, well kept children and, best of all, in most cases a happy countenance and kind words. Is it worth while?

We enter the home of a family which is desperately poor, and the usual scene meets our gaze. A dark and airless hut for a house, in the corners of which there lurk chickens, a goat and a dog. Adjoining this room is an open space where one or more cattle are kept, and a smell of stale straw and dung floats to our nostrils. It is all nauseating, but we sit on a mat and talk. These people will listen, and when we have finished will politely wish us " good-day," and as we return home we wonder, " Is it worth while? " Our part has been done, the seed has been sown, and we rely upon prayer that God will give the increase. We are continually visiting such as these, and we wonder, " Why change them? " This life is customary to them, and they are content. Generation after generation, they have lived in this way, so why should we trouble them with better things? Why bring upon them the difficulty of losing home and friends? Are we right in uprooting the traditions that have stood for generations All these and other questions enter our minds at some time?

Superstition is a very great evil in India. One day, while visiting in one of our villages, some friends were bringing us garlands, and we were sitting outside the chapel. My eyes were roaming over the faces of the crowd which had collected, and I noticed a small girl who was staring at us with a wondering look out of one eye! The other was closed by the force of matter clinging to the top and bottom lids. The consequence was the eye was covered with flies. In all probability the eye was perfect, but she was just a poor little ill-kept and dirty waif, whose mother, if she has one, cared nothing for keeping her children clean. That child is probably one of India's future blind. Many mothers are afraid that if they keep their children too clean and attend to them too much, the gods will become jealous and take them from them. One day, in another village, we were talking to the mother of another little girl with eye trouble: this time it was a distended eye-ball, quite unseeing. We had sent one or two suchlike cases to the hospital, where after a successful operation the eye had been removed and the lids had closed together, thus removing a disfigurement. We asked this woman if she was willing to take her child to the hospital at our expense, but she was afraid. We tried to coax her, but she was unwilling. She was a Hindu and we suspected that superstition held her back. We suggested that this child was disfigured, and that no man would marry her when she was of age. The woman was silent, and we returned home, after saying that if she decided to take her girl, she could bring her to the bungalow. She never brought her. She probably thinks that if she defied the gods and did this thing for her child, she would be prevented from marrying on that score. "Is it worth while?"

Again, I am reminded of a scene in a panthal at harvest-time. There was sitting on the ground near me a child who was continually tossing and pushing her hair away from her face. It was long and thickly matted—a very dirty and horrible sight, for a small girl especially. When I enquired, I learned that she is the child of Hindu parents who are preparing her to be a devout Hindu. They were keeping her hair like this specially so that on a certain day when it is a certain length it will be cut off and offered to the gods. Is it worth while to change these sort of ideas?

Now let us look at some of the results. A clean and happy Biblewoman sits in the centre of a group of women who are poor, but fairly clean. Why? They are Christians. They are learning to read, sing and pray to the ONE TRUE GOD, and it *is* worth while. They will return to their homes happily, attend to their children, speak kind words, *and* worship the Lord Jesus Christ daily. "Is it worth while?"

Is It Worth While?

In our compound there is a baptistry built in the ground. It is Sunday morning, and a crowd gathers around, for several people are to be baptized in the Name above every name. Young girls, young men, older men, and one very old woman. There is joy in their faces, for they are witnessing their love for Christ by going into burial with Him. They have given their testimonies by mouth—now by deed. They will return to their respective villages, but will they join in their old customs and ways? NO. Why? They are saved by the precious Blood of Christ, and He has promised to keep them. "Is it worth while?" We think so. Has not God promised that His Word shall not return void?

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us, in these dark days, remember the Divine exhortation: "In everything give thanks."

Let us pray for the Viceroy and his officials in their discussions with Indian political leaders.

Let us remember before the Lord the financial needs of the Mission, rendered more complex by the inevitable cancellation of various meetings.

Let us continue to ask that Divine guidance may be given to the Officers at a time when national conditions and interrupted communications with India make decisions increasingly difficult.

CHRISTMAS BOXES AND GIFT FUND

We very much regret that owing to bomb damage at the premises to which friends were asked to send their parcels, some of these have been destroyed. General distribution of garments, etc., to the children in India does not therefore seem to be possible, but we hope to send out at least enough for our Hostel girls and boys.

In view of the disappointment that will be felt in England and India, we hope that friends will help generously with gifts of money to the "Christmas Gift Fund," which is used to purchase in *India* many things that used to go out in the Boxes.

This Fund will therefore be kept open until the end of October, and Miss H. V. Harris will be pleased to receive contributions addressed to "Nethania," 7, Carlton Hill, N.W.8.

CALENDARS FOR 1941

These are now ready, and early application should be made to Pastor J. K. THORPE, 25 Empress Avenue Wanstead Park, E.12. Price 6d. Post free 7d. Local Missionary Secretaries and others are invited to apply for quantities.

GENERAL NOTES

Annual Meetings.—Please pay special attention to the alterations mentioned on the front page. We shall (D.v.) meet at Chadwell Street, instead of St. John's Wood, and the evening meeting has been cancelled. Despite war-time difficulties, we hope our Churches will be well represented.

Calendars.—Please read the special notice about these in the present issue.

Deputation Meetings.—The present situation has necessitated the cancellation of many of these, especially the evening ones. We are sure we can say, however, that our General and L.Z.A. Secretaries will be glad to do all that they can to continue the deputation work. Please write to them.

Letters.—Letters from India are few and far between. We therefore regret that once more we are unable to give that broad outline of events under " Handfuls of Purpose."

ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1940

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

6th, Yateley; 9th, Prittlewell; 12th, Bedworth; 14th, Stamford; 20th, Highbury; 22nd, Annual Meetings; 26th, Leicester, " Zion "; 27th, Wellingborough; 29th, Erith.

OTHER BRETHREN.

13th, Ipswich, " Zoar " : PASTOR A. W. WHAYMAN.
13th, Staines : MR. W. K. PUTTNAM.
20th, Stoke Ash : PASTOR L. R. GARRARD.
20th, Homerton Row : MR. S. E. DENNING.
20th, Tunbridge Wells : PASTOR W. CHISNALL.
27th, Halstead : MR. W. K. PUTTNAM.

L.Z.A. MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER

8th, Chatteris; 9th, Over; 22nd, Chadwell Street (Annual Meeting).

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. Annual Business Meeting, followed by a short Prayer Meeting, will be held at " Mt. Zion," Chadwell Street, on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 2.15 p.m., and will be **open to all ladies.**

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during August, 1940.

General Fund.

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
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902	22	13	10
903	4	17	0
	£236	12	2

L.Z.A. Gifts.

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
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430	3	18	3
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432		10	0
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489		12	0
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"SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

VIOLET D. GREEN.

DURING recent weeks I have frequently watched a little scene which has been somewhat suggestive. Some readers may know that we in Paniadipatti have commenced a new branch of activity, in the form of an *Industrial Class* for girls who have completed their 5th Standard in our Boarding School. It is in connection with this that the above-mentioned incident takes place. We have invested in a milking buffalo, which supplies us with milk and buttermilk. Each morning and evening two of the girls may be seen trying by various means to conduct the buffalo and her calf round the compound for exercise and grazing. It is quite a laborious task oftentimes. It is not that the buffalo does not want the exercise or the pasture —it does. I have seen it and the calf cantering and charging round the compound in high style, and woe be to the one who would impede progress just then! It simply has a strong objection to being made to go in one particular direction. So the girls are one minute tugging furiously at the rope, trying to drag the unwilling creature; this failing, they change their position from front to back, and push with all their might. Vigorous slaps, digs and prods, accompanied by expressions and tones indicating in turn coaxing, impatience, anger, are all part of the procedure.

But why this unedifying subject? What has it to do with our title, anyway? *Much*, and it is not so unedifying as it seems. I see much similarity between the two incidents: Israel at the Red Sea, and the milking buffalo at Paniadipatti. How *reluctant* Israel were to go forward, and how like them and the buffalo we often are. We have a definite reluctance to go forward into the unknown and untried. We have not passed this way heretofore, and we are apprehensive. "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they *go forward.*"

For several years I have been greatly exercised about our elder girls. Since the education we provide does not extend beyond the 5th Standard, and is ample for the rural life to which 99% of them return, it means they are only between 13 and 15 when they have completed their education. From then till they are safely married, they are subject to many temptations in

their village homes. Many are the difficulties which arise at this period, and sad reports have reached us sometimes of serious moral lapses, almost unavoidable in the conditions in which they live.

Then the Lord gave a plan whereby this evil could be prevented and much good achieved. Strangely enough, though the need had so long been felt and had really pressed heavily upon my mind, when the way out was shown, I feared to go *forward*. No end of objections suggested themselves, and obstacles persistently obstructed the way, and I stood hesitant and unwilling at the brink of my Red Sea. Many were raised up by the Lord to encourage and urge, and verily it was almost as hard work for them as the girls have with the buffalo, so much prodding, urging, coaxing. But the final command to go forward came through our Missionary Conference in February last, when I laid the project before them and asked advice, and all unanimously encouraged me in the Lord to go *forward*.

So the venture was made. Bills were printed and circulated among the workers and churches, and the girls were told of the plan, and those who were leaving the school were invited to enrol in the new Industrial Class. I felt the confirmation would come if the girls actually turned up! "O ye of little faith." Five boarders left the school in April, and four of them returned to enrol as industrial students in June, also a former boarder, making our total five. Other former boarders were anxious to come, but as they had been away three or four years I felt it unwise to accept them. The five girls are now engaged daily in a carefully planned work, which includes agriculture, mat weaving, dressmaking, poultry keeping, the care of bulls, as well as the buffalo and calf previously referred to. They are taught mothercraft, sanitation, and other things. This instruction is given regularly, and each girl keeps a daily record of the work she does. Once a week a test paper is set, and they write answers to questions relating to their work. Strict records of milk and eggs are kept. The girls have each a book in which is recorded the number of garments she makes and the mats she weaves. These books are checked and signed by myself.

So they are healthily occupied, and are being fitted in the best possible way for married life. We have also the great opportunity to help deepen their spiritual life, to establish them in the truth, to lead them on to a fuller knowledge of the Lord. Daily they receive definite instruction in the Word, special opportunities are made for private interviews for prayer, etc. Each baptized girl is a S.S. teacher, and a Teachers' Preparation Class is held for them every Saturday afternoon. They are all members of the Christian Endeavour Society, and all have the

privilege of participating in our Prayer Day gatherings the first Monday of every month.

So the work is launched: it is in its infancy, indeed this is but a trial period. If we continue, the girls will remain till they are about 17, or perhaps 18, and then they will be married. When we have got beyond the beginning stage, when initial expenses are necessarily somewhat of a handicap, the girls' work should be sufficiently productive to entirely keep them. It is not intended to pay them money, but in return for their work to keep them in food, clothing, etc.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—The foregoing article was written in 1939, but we understand that Miss Green is still carrying on the good work].



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A MAHOMMEDAN PATIENT

DR. RUTH HARRIS.

POOR girl! for two months she had been like this—all swollen up and wretched, unable to lie down. We had attended to her elder sister for eclampsia five years ago, and it was this sister's husband who came to call us.

She was sitting in a sort of deck chair when we first saw her. The house was so dark that we had to have the front door open to get a glimpse of her. Even this was not very enlighten-

ing, as heavy black clouds hung overhead, filled with a rain that did not fall, and only serving to veil the evening light. Such examinations as could be made having been concluded, we had prayer with the patient and her anxious relatives. We were due to go on camp, so we gave medicine for two days and left orders for the girl to be brought in to the dispensary in two days' time.

They brought her in—and the deck chair. We marvelled that anyone could live with such a severe degree of anæmia as that from which our patient was suffering. We gradually learnt something of the family history of those who had come to stay with us. The woman, who looked after the girl as a mother might do, was a Hindu by birth, but had married a Mahommedan. There had evidently been some big quarrel in her family when she was a child, and it was at that time this Mahommedan family had taken charge of her. She had had no children of her own, so she had consented to, and arranged for, her husband to marry another woman. Our patient was the youngest child of this second marriage. But ever since she was three months old the first wife had taken her and brought her up as her own.

Treatment was started, and little by little strength came, and the swelling went down, so that at the end of a fortnight the girl was scarcely recognisable as the same person. God had indeed been good to her.

We got to know these people well. On their part, they diligently sought to add to our almost negligible knowledge of Hindustani. A single simple question in their language produced such a flow in reply that we were scarcely encouraged.

The evening time of prayer, at first strange to them, gradually came to be appreciated and looked forward to. "Come, Ammal, read to us," they would say. Sitting round on the floor, by the light of a hurricane lantern, they learned by reading and by song how wonderfully God made everything, how sin came and spoilt it all, and the need of a Saviour. They heard of how He came, He lived, and suffered and died. They learned, too, of the wonder of the Resurrection, and of how we look for His coming again. Evening by evening we prayed with them, taught them to bring their own difficulties in prayer to Him. They received an answer to prayer whilst they were with us.

Then the day came when the girl was fit to go home. "We must go by dark in the evening, or friends will crowd in to see how she is," they said. But when evening came they were still there. "If we had gone we should have missed prayers," was the explanation given. So they stayed and had prayers, and went very early the next morning.

The older woman has been to service on Sunday. Pray for this family in your missionary prayer meetings.

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

Most of the letters from which the following information was obtained were sent from India in July. Readers must therefore remember that the events recorded here occurred about three, or even four months ago.

Madras.—Mr. and Mrs. Thrower spent most of the latter half of June in the Tinnevelly area. Mr. Thrower conducted or took part in fifteen meetings in six centres, most of them connected with the Harvest Festival. The meeting of Christians at Anbinagaram was especially encouraging. The past year in this Church has witnessed a great revival. Mr. Thrower mentions that he longs to see similar results in the Madras Field. Mr. Orchard has also written a letter telling of his increasing activities in Madras and district. On June 23rd, for example, he conducted the morning service at Mannur, and there was a good congregation. In the evening the Kilpauk Chapel was nearly full, with an encouraging proportion of young people.

Sendamangalam.—At the moment no letter is available from Mr. Champion, but Dr. Harris tells of her continued efforts to get into spiritual conversation with patients, and Miss Hazel refers to the Hostel with its fifty girls, and the tactful handling that they need. The work of all our missionaries has its periods of uneventful toil that do not lend themselves to description in these pages. Plodding, praying, persevering, they go on with their service for the Lord.

Namakkal.—Mr. A. Morling tells of returning from the hill holiday and busying himself with a multitude of office duties. He was hoping to get these done so as to be able to turn to evangelistic effort. Miss Mowle has been camping, and interviewing enquirers. This is a work that needs constant prayer and great wisdom.

Kolli Hills.—After a busy time unpacking and getting straight, Mr. Huckett was able to turn to the spiritual work of this field. We have often referred to the special difficulties here. The isolation of the district and the inevitable slowness of the people call for the exercise of great patience. In the work on the Hills Mr. and Mrs. Huckett are greatly helped by Miss Wilkins.

Tinnevelly.—Mr. D. Morling commenced a new session at the Bible Institute at Kovilpatti on June 24th, with a full number of students. During the three preceding weeks the students had been engaged in practical work, conducting many outdoor and indoor meetings, chiefly in the Tinnevelly district. It may be said here that all the missionaries refer prayerfully and sympathetically to the European situation. Mr. Kuhrt gives details of a visit paid by Mr. Watts to encourage the workers in the schools. This visit gave great joy to all. Another letter received a few days later told of events that had occurred some weeks earlier. Mr. Thrower's series of Harvest Services led to great encouragement and blessing, and splendid companies gathered at the various centres. Miss Green writes happily of her Bible School; Mrs. Kuhrt had taken over the work of the Biblewomen for the time being, and Miss M. Harris refers to the Hostel, with its fifty-four girls.

These few extracts are incomplete and, from some points of view, unsatisfactory, but our space month by month is very limited.

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Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us thank God that our financial position is better than we feared it might be.

Let us rejoice still more that our friends in India are still able to report conversions and baptisms.

Let us, in addition to praying for our English missionaries, remember before the Lord our Indian pastors, Biblewomen, and other native workers.

Let us follow our General Secretary and other helpers with our prayers as they engage in deputation work, rendered more difficult by war conditions and by the absence of furlough missionaries.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The next Quarterly Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held at Park Ridings, Wood Green, on Tuesday, November 12th, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Oliver Clarke will preside. We hope friends who can come will be present.

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General Fund.

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923		10	0
924	6	12	1¾
925		19	10½
926	21	0	0
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928	7	2	0
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932	3	6	3
933	3	19	0
934	1	9	8
935	8	18	3
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937		17	6
938	5	6	9
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947	5	5	0

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
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The Annual Meetings—October 22nd, 1940

FROM some points of view the Annual Meetings this year were sadly different from those that we have attended on previous occasions. We missed the large congregations that have gathered in the Leysian Mission, with their goodly proportion of friends from our country Churches. We missed the time of fellowship afforded by the tea interval. We missed, perhaps most of all, the evening gathering. Nevertheless it was good to meet, and all the differences noted were well to be understood.

We had hoped to accept the kind invitation of the St. John's Wood friends, but it was deemed advisable to change the venue to Chadwell Street, a place that is always open for denominational gatherings.

Several delegates met for business at two o'clock, and then we united with the ladies for a devotional service in the chapel. The number present was not large, but the spirit of the service was good. Pastor Robinson was in the Chair, and the period given to praise and prayer was most helpful.

Pastor A. W. Whayman, of Cambridge, gave a devotional message that was in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the service, and we were grateful for the message and the messenger as we were reminded of the various spheres of the Church's witness—Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria—the uttermost parts of the earth.

The financial help given by friends present and absent was most encouraging, and must have been very cheering to those officers who come into closest contact with this particular phase of the Mission's needs.

During the meeting the Secretary, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, brought the Report to our notice, and the Treasurer Mr. W. J. Shipton, briefly referred to the financial position.

THE L.Z.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The L.Z.A. Annual General Meeting was held on October 22nd, in the Chadwell Street Class-room. Mrs. Silvester, our President, was unable to attend, so Miss Harris kindly took her place in the Chair. Naturally, through prevailing circumstances, the attendance was small, but those of us who were privileged to attend enjoyed a very interesting hour. We felt that there was much for which we could thank God in His goodness to this particular branch of His work through another year.

Our Chairman gave us a kindly welcome, after which Mrs. Hewitt read the Scriptures, followed by Miss Peck, who offered prayer. Then Miss Fromow read the minutes of the previous meeting, Miss Nunn following with the Secretary's report, and Mrs. Anderson the financial report. These reports were proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously.

After this a little time was spent in praise and prayer for the L.Z.A. work. Miss H. V. Harris gave us an interesting account of the receiving and packing of the Christmas boxes, and asked for prayer for these, which were now on their way to India.

Our Secretary then mentioned letters from absentees, and asked for prayer for Miss M. Harris, whose examination was taking place between November 5th and 7th and 12th and 14th.

An offering for the work was taken. This, with gifts sent by some unable to attend, amounted to £69 13s. 8d.

MRS. O. F. CLARKE.

S.B.M. CONFERENCE, 1940

L. S. HAZEL.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—We very much regret that postal delays between India and England have prevented an earlier insertion of this report. In other years it has come by air mail].

THE members of the S.B.M. met for their Annual Conference on the Nilgiri Hills, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Watts, from May 7th to May 9th. It was a time of happy fellowship and reunion with our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Watts and Miss Putnam, who spared no pains to give us of the best of their hospitality for our comforts and needs.

With the exception of Mrs. A. J. Morling, all members were present. Each session was commenced with a devotional period conducted by one of the ministerial brethren. At our first gathering it was a happy thought to know that you in the Homeland were also uniting with us in this time of fellowship at your Half-Yearly Meetings. Our business meetings were presided over by our Senior Missionary, Mr. D. Morling, and we felt the presence of the Lord in our midst through each session. Two evenings, after food, we had the pleasure of seeing some of our own work presented by the film, at the kind operation of Mr. Thrower.

The last evening we all met around the Lord's table for Communion. Friday morning, after *chota hazri*, joining hands, we sang together the well-known hymn, " Blest be the tie that binds," and dispersed to various parts of the Nilgiris for our holiday.

HERALD NOTES

D. MORLING.

AT the time of writing, Bible Institute Term Examinations are being held. Nearly a whole week is being devoted to the various tests, oral and written. When it is all over, the students will be glad to go out for a few days of open-air evangelism.

The way in which war news spreads to-day is very different from that of 25 years ago. To-day very many towns of, say, four or five thousand people, have their public radios. Not infrequently a student brings to us the latest news 12 or 15 hours before it is brought by the daily paper.

Yesterday afternoon we had a delightful rain for about an hour. Suddenly the windows of heaven were opened, the thermometer went down with a bump, the whole countryside was cleansed and sweetened, and we were immensely refreshed. Not since we left for furlough in 1936 have we seen a good monsoon, so we are thinking much of the coming month of October, when the N.E. rains should arrive.

May we bespeak the prayers of God's people for the

Government of India. Though there is little doubt that the vast majority of Indians are in sympathy with the British in their struggle with Nazism, yet scarcely a week passes without the powerful Congress threatening to introduce "civil disobedience." Up to the present the more generous characters have prevailed.

Last Sunday (8th September) was the Day of National Prayer. In this field, morning Tamil services were adapted accordingly, and in the evening we in Kovilpatti had an English service, when seven Europeans attended and in which Tamil friends also took part.

We express our deep sympathy with all those friends in Britain who are exposed to the danger of air raids. May the Lord of Hosts protect you; may the peace of God garrison your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



SNAKE CHARMER—MADRAS.

"... AFTER MANY DAYS"

A. MORLING.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—The following is the address given by Mr. P. Satheyanathan, B.A., at the Sunday School Anniversary at Namakkal. An account of these services appeared in the August issue under the title: "Is it Worth While?"]

DURING the Sunday School Rally of the S.B. Mission this year, as I was listening to the recitations of Bible verses and songs by half a dozen Hindu girls, my thoughts went back to the dark days of my boyhood, as a Hindu Sunday School boy, some thirty-six years ago. However much I bemoan the opportunity I let slip then at such an early age of realising that Christ was my Saviour, I console myself with the thought that whatever happened was for my good, and that it was needful

for me to be tested and tried, so as to enable me to stand fast by my conviction, come what might, when once I found that Christ was my Saviour.

Both the speaker, Mr. Benjamin, and the Chairman, Mr. A. Morling, laid emphasis on early conversion. But here stands a big sinner who failed for the first twenty-one years of his life to take advantage of the opportunities afforded of really seeking and finding the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was born in a Hindu family consisting of eight brothers and two sisters. My father was a staunch worshipper of Ganeshwaran—the Lord of Gods according to Hindu conception. No other god would he venerate or worship. My mother, who died while I was very young, was said to have worshipped only the sun. My father would not tolerate the worship of Krishna, whom he abhorred. On the other hand, he would not suffer any Hindu to use despicably the name of Christ, for whom he had great veneration. I used to follow my father during his daily visits to Ganesh temple. My worship consisted of muttering two manthrams or praises to the idol there, then catching hold of my ear-lobes with my hands in a transverse fashion and bending the knees half way, as if squatting, giving three knocks with the knuckle of the hands on the lateral sides of the forehead, and then going round the temple thrice. In times of danger, or when succour was needed, the religious fervour in me tended only to increase automatically the number of these mechanical exercises, which were done without any idea of worshipping in spirit and in truth, without any searching of heart, with no idea of sin or deliverance therefrom.

To be continued.

Work at Home

"HELPING TOGETHER BY PRAYER"

Let us praise God that despite war difficulties all the normal work of our friends in India is being continued.

Let us rejoice in the fact that we have almost a full staff of missionaries, and let us pray that the delay in their furloughs may be over-ruled for the salvation of souls.

Let us continue to remember our missionaries by name, so that the personal links between them and ourselves may become more precious and more vital.

Let us remember prayerfully that much of the work in India is done by native pastors, Biblewomen, Bible Institute students, and other native workers.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

We usually publish in the December issue the new list of names of brethren elected at the Annual Meeting. So far as we can see, the list will be the same as last year, with the addition of Pastor L. A. Beckingham, of Leyton.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

LIST OF CHURCHES contributing to the Christmas Boxes and Christmas Gift Fund:—AYLESBURY ("Busy Bees"), per Mrs. Tutt; ATTLEBOROUGH, per Mrs. N. Randle; BERKHAMPSTED, per Miss Hodsden; BRADENSTOKE, Miss Ethel Skull; BRENTFORD, per Miss Fromow; BROMLEY, per Mrs. H. W. Thorpe; BURY, per Mrs. and Miss Nightingale; CAMBRIDGE, per Miss M. Songer; CHATTERIS, per Miss J. Dyson; COURLAND GROVE, per Miss Vera Watts; CROYDON, "SALEM," per Miss Piggott; CHELMSFORD, per Mrs. Whybrow; CROWBOROUGH, "FOREST FOLD," per Miss Eade; CHADWELL STREET, "MT. ZION," CROYDON, DERBY ROAD, per Mrs. Field; CHESHAM, per Miss M. Franklin; CHORLEY, per Miss B. Critchley; DEVIZES, per Miss B. Mockford; FULHAM, per Mrs. A. H. Purkiss; GREENWICH, per Mrs. L. Syms; GT. GRANSDEN, per Miss A. Tagg; GT. YARMOUTH, per Mrs. M. Smith; GRAVESEND, per Mrs. L. Short; HIGHBURY, per Mrs. N. Puttnam; HALSTEAD, per Misses Laver; HORSHAM, per Mrs. Boxall; HAWORTH, per Miss M. Kane; HIGH WYCOMBE, per Mrs. Halson and Miss E. Simmons; HADLEIGH HEATH, per Mrs. Hopkins; HOUNSLOW, per Mrs. Elliott; HORLEY, per Miss Ivy Cook; IPSWICH, "MT. ZION," per Mrs. Gardner; LEIGH-ON-SEA, per Mrs. Spratt and Mrs. Davies; LEYTON, per Miss F. Church; MARCH, per Mrs. H. Brown; MIDDLESBORO', per Miss Taylor; NORBITON, per Miss Shrimpton; NORWICH, per Mrs. A. E. Cook; NOTTING HILL, per Mrs. Hewitt; NEW CROSS, per Mrs. Catchpole; OTLEY, per Miss E. Hatcher; RUSHDEN, per Miss E. Guest; READING, per Mrs. E. Woodham; SOHO MEMORIAL, per Miss D. Birkinger; SUDBOURNE, per Mrs. Cordle; SWINDON, per Mrs. N. Lane; STREATHAM, per Miss Parker; STRATFORD, GURNEY ROAD, per Miss A. Webb; ST. JOHN'S WOOD, per Miss N. Verdon; TOTTENHAM, per Mrs. D. Page; TUNBRIDGE WELLS, per Miss Pool; TROWBRIDGE, per Mrs. Cook; TUNSTALL, per Miss A. Layte; TOLLINGTON PARK, per Mrs. T. Mitson; WEST HAM, per Misses Campbell; WATFORD TABERNACLE, per Miss Ball; WIMBLEDON, per Miss R. Alcorn; WOOD GREEN, PARK RIDINGS, per Mrs. Sayers; WANDSWORTH, per Mrs. T. Dean; YATELEY, per Miss Newman.

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NOTES.

If the name of any contributor is missing from the above lists, kindly send information to Mr. Garrard, that the name may appear in next month's HERALD.

Our warm thanks are due to the kind friend who again is bearing the cost of the carriage of our gifts to India.

We praise God that He has allowed us to share the joys of Christmas with India again, in spite of all the hindrances and hardships due to war-time conditions. There *have* been difficulties and disappointments, but surely these are more than compensated by the great joy that comes to us with the good news that the three cases, containing 1,052 garments, are now actually on the sea on their way to India.

Friends have again proved their keen interest by the way they have carried on sewing, notwithstanding reduced numbers of workers, difficulty in raising funds and in the obtaining of suitable material. The garments are beautiful and well made, and we congratulate all who have helped in the making of them.

Those who have sent dolls will be disappointed to hear that we have not been able to send them out this year, on account of war restrictions. But the 130 nicely-dressed and suitable sized dolls are being stored until next year, when we hope that an increased family will be permitted to take the voyage.

The Christmas Gift Fund has again surpassed our expectations. Over £90 (last year the Fund reached £80) having been sent out for the purchase of toys, medical supplies, etc. India will indeed say "Thank you" to all who have subscribed, and join with us in gratitude to Him who has given "exceeding abundantly above all that we asked" or thought.

Now we shall be asking ourselves, What about next year? After what God has done for us this year, let us still go on praying and hoping that He will do the same for 1941.

We must remember that for all our Hostels these garments are a necessity. Therefore, as Churches and individuals it is up to us to do what we can. *He* knows we cannot do more.

Some garments came in after packing had been completed. These are being stored, and will form a good beginning for next year's boxes.

HOPE V. HARRIS.

GENERAL NOTES

Reports.—If friends have not secured a copy of the Annual Report, the General Secretary will be pleased to supply them. Pastor Thorpe is to be congratulated on its production, especially when war-time problems and delays in communications from India are taken into consideration. The price is 2d. Post free, 3½d.

" Herald " Articles.—In a private letter to the Editor, one of our missionaries refers to the fact that he has received a message of appreciation of an article that he had contributed to the HERALD. There is no tone of complaint in the letter, but there is the inference that such words of appreciation are not often received. This is doubtless accounted for by the distance between England and India. May we be permitted to suggest that a word of thanks and appreciation when writing to a missionary will be a distinct encouragement. Those of us who work in the Homeland frequently receive some kindly word in writing or speech, and it is a real encouragement to go on.

" Mission Herald," 1941.—We are hoping that with the January issue it will be possible for us to make various improvements in the magazine. The necessity for reducing the size, and also other difficulties, have caused alterations that were not particularly welcome, but we are sure that we have had, and will continue to have, the sympathetic understanding of our readers.

Abstract of Receipts.—It is our custom to publish in the December MISSION HERALD a summary of the subscriptions from the Churches during the past financial year. As an economy measure we are omitting it this time, but it will be found in the Annual Report. Copies of this are still obtainable from Pastor J. K. Thorpe. Price 2d.; post free, 3½d.

Mr. W. Littleton.—The Mission has lost a valuable helper through the home-call of Mr. Littleton, our esteemed Auditor. Illness prevented him from carrying out his work this year, although he was anxious to do it, but the Treasurer and other officers can speak of his keen interest and ability in former years. He will be missed in other spheres also, and not least in the Church at Napier Road, Tottenham, where he served as Secretary.

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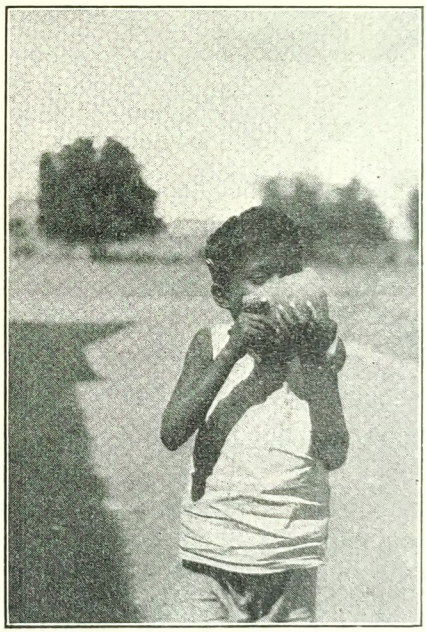
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FROM THE RAYS EAST

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



"Taking a drink."

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BLIND, BUT BLESSED.

by Uncle Arthur, Kilpauk, Madras.

ON Thursday, November 23rd, two young people were baptised at Poonamallee. A service was held in the School at 4.30 p.m., where a large number of children, besides grown-ups, were gathered, to see the baptisms which took place in our own baptistery in the Mission Compound at Poonamellee. One candidate was a blind boy named Vethanayagam, whose native place is Kottamangalam in the Namakal Field, but for many years past he has been working at the Victory Memorial Blind School at Poonamallee. Although he has no sight at all, he is now in the printing department, and can set up type in a wonderful way. He told us quite simply yet beautifully, how he had come to learn to love the Lord Jesus. Quite a number of his comrades, nearly all blind, were also there at the Service; and as we stood around the pool, these lads sang a hymn of Praise to the Lord. Some of them have fine voices, and it was just thrilling to hear them. Vethanayagam was helped down into the water and there confessed his love to Jesus Christ by being publicly baptised in the same manner in which Jesus Himself was baptised in the River Jordan.

A little girl confesses Christ.

The other candidate was a young girl named Janaki, who was working in the lace class, until the class was closed owing to the war. She comes from a Hindu home, but has now come to know Jesus Christ as her Saviour, and because she now loves Him, she has wanted to confess Him also by being baptised. She has taken the name Devakriubai, which means "Grace of God."

A wonderful service.

In early December, we had another baptising service in connection with the Baptist Volunteer Fellowship, which is composed of a band of young men who are helping us, at Mannur. Six men and two women were baptised. They had each one told us how they had come to know and to love the Lord Jesus. The baptising service was held in the open-air at Korattur, about five minutes' walk from the Chapel at Mannur.

At about 3 o'clock a party of us arrived from Madras, and we saw a body of children and young men approaching in a procession. They carried with them two large red banners, on which were printed Tamil Texts. The procession was led by the children, who sang very sweetly to the accompaniment of Indian music; in the rear were the friends and relatives of the candidates

for baptism. When all had arrived we gathered under the shade of a large tree by the side of a lake where some buffaloes were being washed.

Baptised in His Name.

We then held a short service before the baptising. The teacher at Korattur read the scriptures, several friends asked God's Blessing in prayer; and the members at Mannur sang an anthem. The missionary then gave a short address on the subject of Baptism, after which we all moved down to the waterside. The water was very shallow, and the missionary had to wade out quite a long way from the shore to find deep enough water. One by one the candidates stepped into the water assisted by members of the Fellowship, and moved towards the missionary. As each one was buried beneath the waters, and rose again, the people on the shore sang that beautiful consecration hymn—"Take my life and let it be . . . ." When all had been baptised the Secretary of the Fellowship offered Prayer, and we all went to the school at Korattur, where we had tea. Then the Missionary presented Christmas gifts to some of the poorer members of the church at Mannur, and a very happy service came to a close.

The Lord Jesus commands all who believe on Him to be baptised in His Name. We hope that very many of you may one day be led to show your love and loyalty to Him by taking this same step.

A TRIP TO TATHANKUPPAM.

from Uncle Arthur, Madras.

Hullo, Sun-Rays,

We shall have tea at 2.30 sharp to-day, as we're going to Tathankuppam to see the Sunday School. Like to come with us? Here we are then, all ready. Hop in the vandy, and just tell Joyce she can't have all the back seat! . . . . That's the Railway Wall at Perambur, where the M.S.M. engines and rolling-stock are repaired. Looks like a prison, doesn't it? . . . . Now we're wriggling through Villivakkam, where the dogs sleep in the middle of the road, and cows, goats, chickens, pigs and buffaloes wander at will all over the place. There's a big temple and a tank, where, at festival times, the people go down steps to bathe in the sacred waters, green with slime, and where the idol is punted round on a raft for the people to worship. Adey! appa! Fancy leaving a cow tied to a post at the corner of a narrow street with its back legs right in the centre of the crossing. No traffic lights to worry about here, anyway!

The New Site.

Hurrah! The gates at the level crossing are open, so we can get over without having to wait half-an-hour for the next slow train—all stations to Arkonam. And now we're bumping along a narrow cart-track—all hills and hollows (I hope you're a good sailor) and rounding the bank towards the high ground at Tathankuppam. This is where we hope to build our new school, when the war is over, and the Deputy Inspector, the Revenue Inspector, the Village Accountant, the District Educational Officer, the Director of Public Instruction, and the Collector have all agreed to grant us the site.

Inside Sun-Ray School.

We shall have to use "shanks' pony" for the last bit, as there is no road after this. . . . No, that's not grass, it's paddy or as you would call it "rice," growing in the water. Mind how you



The Sun-Ray School at Tathankuppam.

go, or you'll fall in; the pathway is very narrow here. Those men are not trying to walk the greasy pole, they're drawing water to irrigate their fields by means of a picotta—a type of water-lift that does not require bulls. Here we are at last! Duck your head, boys, as the entrance is a bit low. Mr. "Jewel-of-Scripture" is conducting the school, 37 children are present, and he is telling them about the boyhood of Jesus, and how He got lost on the way back from Jerusalem. Ephes. 6-1 is the memory text. Jesus was always obedient and helpful to His parents, and we must be too. Let's have a few choruses now to finish up with. "Wide, wide as the ocean," and "Once I was blind, now I can see" (can you?), with all the actions please, and then, after prayer, Joyce will give

each child a picture postcard from England with a Tamil text on the back; I think this packet came from Windmill Road, Croydon.

A wee Sun-Ray.

And now we are going to see Mrs. "Jewel-of-Scripture," and what do you think? A new-born baby who came into the world last Thursday at 2.45 a.m. Yes, it's a boy this time! He's got four big sisters to spoil him, so Mr. and Mrs. "Jewel-of-Scripture" are very happy, because they have been wanting a boy ever so long. I think they'll call him "Samuel." Do you know why?

A brief prayer, thanking the Lord for the precious little gift, some good advice from Mrs. Huckett, and having said, "Stottirum, I go, I come," we take our departure.

Good-bye, Sun-Rays! Come again next time, and don't forget to pray for Mr. and Mrs. "Jewel-of-Scripture," and Tathankuppam.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

As you read this our missionaries Mr. and Mrs. D. Thrower and Miss B. L. Mowle will be on board a British liner on their way to their work in India. We admire their pluck in braving the dangers of the sea during wartime and pray that God may preserve both them and their ship and bring them safely to their destination.

The other day, I saw in a paper an advertisement which was printed upside-down, and, when you turned the paper wrong way up, you read that "though the world had turned upside-down . . . ." the advertiser was still carrying on his business. It is quite true that the world is upside-down for wrong things get on top and right things are stowed away underneath. It is a glorious thing to let a light shine out in the darkness, and we all love to see its friendly welcome, but now we must cover the light from our windows and risk ourselves in the black-out. In times of war many lovely pictures are put away in the dark cellars and many ugly things come into the daylight.

But we dare not leave God out. He is looking down with pity upon our upside-down world and one day, when His Kingdom comes, He will turn the world right side up. His light and His truth will shine out and chase away the darkness of men's making, as the rising sun chases the shades of night. One by one, the souls of men are coming to the light and, when His time has come, His will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is why we have a Sun-Ray League so that you boys and girls may take your stand on the victory side of God's light; may it bless and warm your own hearts first.

There was a splendid response to the Christmas Envelope Appeal. Besides gifts sent direct to the Treasurer of the Mission, I wish to thank those who have sent their gifts to me. They are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Devonshire Rd., Greenwich, per Miss Syms	0	5	0
Ponders End S.S., per Mr. A. Feltham	0	7	6
Prittlewell S.S., per Miss R. Fromow	0	7	6½
Great Paxton S.S., per E. Farrer ...	0	2	0
Swindon S.S., per Miss I. M. Buller	0	0	6
Personal. Mary Clover, Amy Hawes, Norman Ing. Mary Johnson, Evelyn and Muriel Westcott ...	0	16	2
	£1	18	8½

I was pleased to receive letters from John Balchin, Mary Clover, Rose Cullen, Jean Etheridge, Dorothy and Colin Figg (so glad to hear about the farthing box at Aylesbury Sunday School), Geoffrey Ince (glad to hear from you), Doris Jermyn, Joan Fitzjohn, Peter Marshall and Gertrude Vincent. Also Lucy, Eileen and Hazel Brownrigg, Albert Chapman and Eileen Wood kindly sent me Christmas cards. Thank you each for both your letters and cards. May the Lord bless you all and keep you beneath His safe care.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

REWARDS.

Does God pay wages for work done? Is there an end of term when He shall look at our lives and reward us for our work, be it good or bad? This is a solemn thought but it is true. We read that He will come swiftly, or suddenly, and that He will bring His wages with Him and pay every man as his work shall be. How will it be with you in that day unless you have come to Jesus as your Saviour?

This searcher is all about "Rewards." In this issue of Rays you will find the names of those who have been rewarded for regular Bible searching during 1939. If your name is not in the list see that it is there next year, by making a start **now,** and doing the searcher regularly.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
2. There is a reward for the righteous.
3. Your work shall be rewarded.
4. A full reward be given thee.
5. I come quickly; and my reward is with me.
6. Thy Father . . . . shall reward thee openly.

These words will be found in Revelation 22, Matthew 6, Psalm 58, Hebrews 11, Ruth 2, 2 Chronicles 15, but the chapters are not in the same order as the words. When you have found all you can, write out the words given, and give the book, chapter and verse where found. You need not write out the whole verse.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Find the answers to the Lower Group questions, then search for these words also, and write out the answers in the same way.

7. He shall not lose his reward.
8. He shall reward every man according to his works.
9. Behold, his reward is with him.
10. Great is your reward in heaven.
11. Of the Lord ye shall receive the reward.
12. If any man's work abide . . . . he shall receive a reward.

The answers are found in Matthew 5, Isaiah 62, Matthew 16, Mark 9, Colossians 3, 1 Corinthians 3.

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, 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, FEBRUARY 29th, 1940.

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.

There were not quite so many entries this time; but we were pleased to see that many of you read the chapters so carefully that you found the words "Fear not" twice in Luke 1 and Judges 6. We welcome 33 new searchers. Here are the names, in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Joy Austin, aged 13 years, Wellingborough S.S.
2, Peter Driver, aged 12 years, Crowfield S.S.

Special Mention: Albert Driver (a very good paper), Eileen Brownrigg, Lucy Brownrigg, Violet Cullifford, Irene Godhawk, Florence Hamilton, Myrtle Honeysett, Connie Miles, Fairlie May Mills.

Very Highly Commended: Gordon Farmer, Doris Fuller, Harold Abbott, Ruth Relf, May Tratt, Janet Christie.

Highly Commended: Ann Williams, Joyce Price, Doris Jermyn, Joan Fitzjohn, Mary Relf, Mary Clover, Audrey Etheridge, Rene Vaughan, Grace Pelley, Olive Grimwood, Joan Fryer, Joyce Bass, Philip Hitchcock, Albert Chapman, Phyllis Lovely, Joyce Wilkinson, Doreen Bremner, Olive Garrard, Iris Rhone, Gwen Roberts, Norman Ing, Rose Hill, Doris Stock, Leslie Feltham, Muriel Asplin.

Commended: Sheila Walshaw and Sylvia Cheek gave wrong answer to Question 5, Gwenyth Newman omitted verse in part 2. Cissie Pearson omitted one answer, Joan Dennis, Joyce Tinham, Peggy Winkworth, Olive Law, Ruth Oakey, Irene Dunton, Joyce Whyatt, Dennis Druce, Norma Peppitt, Joyce Hodson, L. Prince, Beryl Freeman, Audrey Teale, Lena Rippin, Gertrude Vincent, Eileen Summers, Dennis Lithgow, Joan Darby, Eileen Wood, Kenneth Summerfield, John Wackett, Victor Cook. Gave one name only in part 2, Ethel Faulkner, Donald Christie, Alan Toms. Answered Upper Group only, Dorothy Rogers, Beattie Wilmer, Elsie Hunt, Eileen Gentle, Maude Hogben. Answered Lower Group only, Maureen Kernan.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Doreen Baxter, aged 11, Wellingborough S.S.
2, Barbara Bugg, ager 7, Somersham S.S.

Special Mention: Gordon Chapman, Norman Carter, Brian Honeysett, Betty Ward.

Very Highly Commended: Roy Leaver, Pamela Reeks, Olive Gravatt, John Bryant, Malcolm Endersby, Irene Walker, David Feltham, Dorothy Hamilton, Margaret Cockbill, Mary Emmerson, Robert Christie, George Abbott, June Mattocks, Irene Hance, Jean Etheridge, Jean Brooks, Vera Cook, Kathleen Allen, Dorothy Allen, Ruth Jaegar, Peter Wilkinson, Susie Collins, Mary Garrard.

Highly Commended: Megan Smith, Lloyd Marjoram, Hazel Brownrigg, Norma Andrews, Mary Etherington, Geoffrey Ince, Daphne Luddington, Dulcie Marjoram, Robin Frost, Margaret Faulkner, Muriel Wilding, Joan Maycock, Eva Grimwood, Barbara Holmes, Ruth Wade, Grace Catling, Maisie Catling, Philip Grimwood, Peter Jermyn, Betty Teale, Tony Young, Muriel Dovey, Elsie Smith, Margaret Jaegar, Joan Baxter, Betty Rhone, Hilda Grimwood, Gertrude Smith, Rhoda Relf, Doreen Bissett, Ronald Key, Doreen Luff, Mabel Gammons, John Cockbill, Peter Roberts, Jean Goodall, Winnie Cook, John Etherington, Margaret Mills, Kenneth Etherington, Ruby Hawes, Peter Marshall, John Baichin, Joan Homewood Gladys Gerrish, Derek Law, Pat Lovely, Iris Burville, Catherine Luff, Evelyn Devenish, Mavis McKenzie, Jean Smith, Eleanor Parker, Eileen Darby, Peter Etherington, Joyce Simmons, Helen Cooper, Brenda Blinkhorn, June Wackett, Mary Hobbs, Beryl Roberts, Doris Peppitt, Dorothy Wade, Margaret Perkins, Laurie Christie, Jean Sparshott, Aileen Young, Oliver Toms, Peter Bysh, Eric Cox, Annie Howell, Daphne Lithgow, Christine Newman, Nellie Whitbread, Daisy Palmer, Henry Stock, Alma Groves, Daphne Harwin, Betty Bird, Gordon Cooksley, Pauline Whitbread, Thelma Devenish.

Commended: Kathleen Walshaw, Michael Hitchcock, Beatrice Newstead, Maurice Cook, Margaret Dorsey, Geoffrey Fry, Jean Lewis, Jean Howell, Joan Young, Connie Chennells, Derek Watson, John Webber (omitted one answer), Phyllis Burns, Kenneth Freeman, Margaret Sparrow, Ronald Druce. Also tried: Amy Hawes, Iris Pryke and Dennis Probet, but they misunderstood the questions.

Not for Competition: Miss Dorothy Best. Joan Cherry, Doris and Peter Jermyn, Gwenyth Stannard, Vivian and Irwin Thrower sent answers to the October searcher, but they were too late to be included in the list.

Ponders End school heads the list once again, with March second, and Potten End a close third.

HONOURS LIST 1939.

Here are the names of boys and girls who have done five or more Bible Searchers during the past year. Each one of them will receive a printed Certificate of Honour signed by Uncle Peter. Violet Culliford and Doris Fuller receive their 8th Certificate, which means that for eight years they have hardly missed a Bible Searcher. Make sure that, if your name is not here, it shall be in next year's list.

Honours List 1939.

Ponders End: Doreen Bremner, Leslie and David Feltham, Irene Goldhawk, Florence and Dorothy Hamilton, Irene Hance, Grace Pelley, Pamela Reeks, Gwen, Beryl and Peter Roberts, Doris Stock, Nellie and Pauline Whitbread. **March:** Harold and George Abbott, Muriel Asplin, Joyce Bass, Joan Fitzjohn, Doris Fuller, Ruth and Margaret Jaegar, Cissie Pearson, Dennis Tuck, Joyce and Peter Wilkinson. **Crowfield:** Mary Clover, Albert and Peter Driver, Mary Emmerson, Olive, Hilda and Eva Grimwood. **Walthamstow:** Pat Jaggers, Beatrice Newstead, Joyce Norwood, Iris Raper, Iris and Betty Rhone, Joyce Thompson. **Eastbourne:** Brenda Blinkhorn, Myrtle and Brian Honeysett, Connie Miles, Ruth and Mary Relf. **Horham:** Albert Chapman, Maisie and Grace Catling, Eric Cox, Amy and Ruby Hawes. **Epsom:** Patricia Burdett, Mary, John, Peter and Kenneth Etherington. **Richmond:** Lucy, Eileen and Hazel Brownrigg, Roy Leaver, Dennis Lithgow. **Bradford:** Norman Ing, Rene Vaughan, Sheila and Kathleen Walshaw. **Chadwell Street, Clerkenwell:** John Bryant, Irene Dunton, Rose Hill, Maureen Kernan. **Potten End:** Norman Carter, Jean Smith, Joan and Aileen Young. **Streatham:** Janet, Donald and Laurie Christie, Barbara Holmes. **Providence, Swindon:** Jean Brooks, Margaret Cockbill, June Ealey, June Stevenson. **Fressingfield:** Ellis Davidson, Audrey and Jean Etheridge. **Greenwich:** Margaret, Malcolm and Derek Endersby. **Ilford:** Muriel Dovey, Ethel and Margaret Faulkner. **Rattlesden:** Philip Hitchcock, Dulcie and Lloyd Marjoram. **Lynton Road, Bermondsey:** Doris and Peter Jermyn. **Billinghay:** Joyce Hodson, Eileen Wood. **Ely:** Victor and Daisy Palmer. **Prittlewell:** Joyce and Ronald Key. **Chase Cross, Romford:** Alan and Oliver Toms. **Acton:** Violet Culliford. **Jireh, Attleborough:** Ruth Oakey. **Bath:** Eleanor Parker. **Brentford:** Betty Teale. **Derby Road, Croydon:** May Tratt. **Salem, Croydon:** Rita D'Archambaud. **Hertford:** Joan Homewood. **Kenninghall:** Susie Collins. **Leatherhead:** Gordon Farmer. **Leyton:** Sylvia Cheek. **St. Neots:** Mabel Gammons. **Redbourn:** Peter Marshall. **Somersham:** Barbara Bugg. **Southall:** Gwenyth Stannard. **West Ham:** Joyce Tinham.

Christ Crucified

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

Review

Feb.	26	M	Matt. 26, 36-46
	27	Tu	Matt. 26, 47-56
	28	W	Matt. 27, 11-18
	29	Th	Matt. 27, 19-24
Mar.	1	F	Matt. 27, 25-32
	2	S	Matt. 27, 33-44
	3	Su	Matt. 27, 45-56

Moses' Call to Service

Mar.	18	M	**Exod. 4, 1-9**
	19	Tu	**Exod. 4, 10-18**
	20	W	**Exod. 4, 27-31**
	21	Th	Judg. 4, 1-9
	22	F	Judg. 6, 11-16
	23	S	Amos 7, 7-15
	24	Su	Matt. 4, 17-25

Buried and Raised Again

Feb.	12	M	**Matt. 27, 57-66**
	13	Tu	**Matt. 28, 1-10**
	14	W	Rom. 6, 1-11
	15	Th	Acts 13, 32-37
	16	F	1 Cor. 15, 12-20
	17	S	Rev. 1, 4-11
	18	Su	Rev. 1, 12-18

The Birth of Moses

Mar.	4	M	**Exod. 2, 1-10**
	5	Tu	**Exod. 2, 11-22**
	6	W	Acts 7, 17-22
	7	Th	Judges 13, 8-14
	8	F	1 Sam. 1, 9-18
	9	S	1 Sam. 1, 19-28
	10	Su	Heb. 11, 23-29

Bricks Without Straw

Mar.	25	M	**Exod. 5, 1-8**
	26	Tu	**Exod. 5, 9-14**
	27	W	**Exod. 5, 15-23**
	28	Th	Psa. 90, 8-17
	29	F	Psa. 17, 6-15
	30	S	Exod. 1, 7-14
	31	Su	Jer. 14, 7-10; 17-22

The Great Commission

Feb.	19	M	**Matt. 28, 16-20**
	20	Tu	Rom. 10, 13-18
	21	W	1 Cor. 1, 17-25
	22	Th	Matt. 10, 1-6
	23	F	Matt. 10, 7-15
	24	S	Matt. 10, 16-23
	25	Su	Col. 2, 8-15

The Burning Bush

Mar.	11	M	**Exod. 3, 1-10**
	12	Tu	**Exod. 3, 11-22**
	13	W	Acts 7, 23-29
	14	Th	Acts 7, 30-36
	15	F	Isa. 6, 1-8
	16	S	Psa. 68, 7-19
	17	Su	1 Kings 8, 1-11

Water Turned to Blood

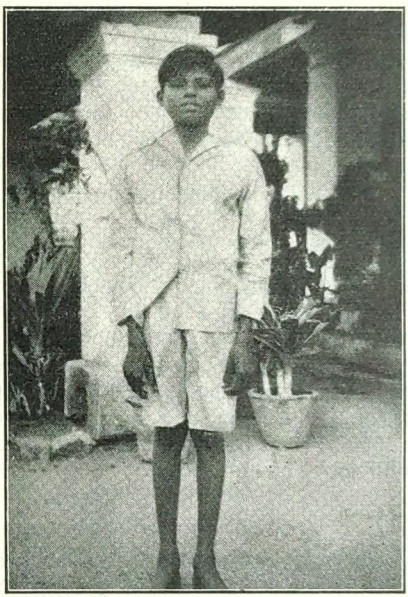
Apr.	1	M	Exod. 6, 1-13
	2	Tu	Exod. 7, 1-7
	3	W	Exod. 7, 8-18
	4	Th	Exod. 7, 19-25
	5	F	Exod. 8, 1-7
	6	S	Exod. 8, 8-15
	7	Su	Exod. 8, 25-32

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FROM THE RAYS EAST

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



ASIRVATHAM (see Mr. Kuhrt's letter inside).

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NO HOPE.

by Wilfred H. Kuhrt, Kovilpatti.

IN 1935, Mr. Devasa, one of our church members, wrote to Mr. Morling from Malaya asking if he could pay for the education of any orphan lad we cared to choose. We discovered a poor thin little chap named Asirvatham (Blessing) in the village of Oomathampatti, provided him with clothing, photographed him and sent him to Namakkal. I remember taking the picture myself and a copy was sent to his fairy god-father in Malaya.

Nobody knew much about his parents. It was supposed that they had died in his baby days, and for years he had been living with an uncle. So, at the age of twelve or thirteen, he went to Namakkal where he did well in his studies, finally coming out top of his year in the eighth standard. While at Namakkal he was baptised, and throughout the time I have known him has always been a bright Christian boy.

A year of waiting.

It was in April, 1938, that he returned to us here, and although Mr. Devasa of Malaya had faithfully supported him up to now, no one quite knew what was to happen next. It was impossible for him to enter Teachers' Training School straight away, so, like many another boy in similar circumstances, he turned to me for employment. I gave him his food and pocket money for a year during which time he acted as office boy and stop-gap teacher. He showed signs of tuberculosis and was of very poor physique, so I kept him on cod liver oil—a cheap kind without malt which most of you would hate taking.

An important step.

A year went by and it was time to consider further applicants for teachers' training. I worried a long time over Asirvatham because, despite his gaining top place at Namakkal, I was not sure whether he was bright enough for our Mission staff and was still less sure whether he would be physically fit. In the end, I decided to risk it and sent him up for training. Unhappily the Educational Officers failed to select him for a scholarship and we had to think all over again whether we should help him through as a non-scholarship student. Once more we decided to risk it, bought his books, set him up in clothes and kept him in our hostel. At the same time we wrote to his old friend Mr. Devasa, told him all the circumstances and asked whether he would like to carry through to completion what he had so well begun. After several

questioning and doubtful letters, he very generously promised to do as we suggested, and only last month sent me a sum of £3 15s. to cover the cost of his training so far. He will also send 6/- per month from now on. This was a source of great joy to Asirvatham, who felt his position was now more secure, and he gladly agreed that, on completion of his training, he should go to Malaya and work with Mr. Devasa, so as to pay off at least a part of the debt he was incurring.

A bad scare.

Just on top of all this good news ,something happened which threatened to throw all our fine plans into disarray. One Sunday night, Asirvatham developed symtoms very much like those of cholera. He looked more haggard and weary than usual and was obviously almost frightened out of his life. It is often said that more cholera patients die of fright than of cholera; so that, when poor Asirvatham capped a rambling description of his symptoms in Tamil with the English words "no hope," I really began to feel a little nervous myself; not because I thought his "cholera" was very serious, but because he obviously had such an attack of fright as might very well overcome any resistance there was in his poor little body. His fellow students were not very helpful, being nearly as frightened as he was himself. We put him in a room on his own and sent for the best doctor in the town. He had little hesitation in deciding that it could not be cholera but gave him suitable medicine, put him on diet and re-assured him, which was really what he needed more than anything else.

A great warfare.

Two or three days later he was better and back at school. But the words he had used kept ringing in my ears. They were terrible words and it was the first time I had ever heard them uttered in that way. You must not think harshly of our little lad, but remember that cholera is the most dreaded of scourges, and further that Asirvatham had practically no reserve of strength and no resources with which to fight disease. You sturdy boys and girls of England can battle bravely with illness and death and rarely give up hope. He is the product of centuries of hopelessness. You are the products of centuries of hopefulness, health and prosperity. There is, however, one situation in which you and Asirvatham are found upon the same very low level—You are equally without resource in the fight against sin and Satan. Happily that is just where Jesus Christ steps in. He stepped into Asirvatham's life some years ago. Has He yet stepped into yours?

SAD NEWS ABOUT KALI.

from Miriam E. Wilkins, Kolli Hills.

YOU remember the last time I wrote to you, I told you the Story of Kali. Since reading this, one little girl has asked to know more about her, so I will try and tell you a little, although it is rather sad news. As I was camping at Pulviam again, quite near Kali's village, I heard Kali's father was not well, so I went to see him. We found Kali in tears; I soon found out the cause of those tears when I entered her home (just a little room made of mud, with a low door and no window), her father was lying on the floor with fever. As I went to him I found he was very ill. Not only was he suffering from fever, but he had pneumonia as well, and I realized he could not live very long.

A weary journey.

My Bible Woman came with me to their house; we prayed and talked with him, and little Kali told us very sadly the story she had learned that month, "The Rich Man who wished to pull down his barns and build greater." I think her Father may have thought he would not live long, he told us he wanted to be carried in to Vazhavanthi in a Dholie. I told you about the journey to that village, and how difficult it is to get there. He was immediately carried all this way to Vazhavanthi, by some of the men in his village. He must have been shaken up very much by being carried up and down over the hills, and he was too ill to stand the strain, and early the next morning he died.

"Be ye therefore ready also."

Now that Kali has lost her Father, things will not be any easier for her. She will not have her Father to help her on the land. If you have a Father and Mother it is a precious gift, and just thank God by loving them, and obeying them. Her Father was ready to meet the King; but I still want you to pray for Kali, that she, too, may love the Lord Jesus Christ, and when He calls for her she may be ready to meet Jesus and be gathered with her Father in Heaven.

THANK YOU!

We are glad to print this short message from the General Secretary of the Mission, Pastor J. K. Thorpe.

HAVE you ever thought what a miserable world it would be if there was never an expression of gratitude? Suppose no one ever said "Thank you"! Wouldn't it be dreadful? I am sure we should all feel very sulky and sad, and most of us would go about with very gloomy faces as though looking for something we had lost but could not find.

It is a fact that in the languages of India there are no distinct expressions of gratitude; there is nothing which corresponds to our English "Thank you." There are words of entreaty and praise but none of thankfulness. I am sure, however, that when our Indian friends are brought by God's grace to know and love the Lord Jesus they soon find words and ways of expressing their gratitude, both to God and to those sent by Him with the message of the Gospel.

I am so glad that these two words "Thank you" were amongst the very first I learned to understand and use, and I expect it is just the same with you. Of course saying "Thank you" may not amount to much. It may mean nothing, but on the other hand it may tell of a glowing and grateful heart, made so by the kindness of another.

Well, it is in this way that I use these words now, as I write to all girls and boys who are lovingly helping us in the work of the Strict Baptist Mission. I have the joy of visiting many of you in your Sunday Schools, so I happen to know what splendid efforts you are making, and that's why I can really say "Thank you."

There is some special news, however, that has made me feel I must say "Thank you"—"Thank you very much indeed!" Members of the Sun Ray League have just sent in one hundred shillings for the school at Tathankuppam, and for this we are very grateful indeed. It just shows us what can be done with loving thought and care, and so to every one who has helped in this way I would offer the very sincere "Thank you" of the Mission.

Your money is to go for the school at Tathankuppam, and in this way it will be made a blessing to girls and boys in India. Let us pray that the blessing of salvation may come to many through that school, and then happy, thankful Indian hearts will be found praising God for what your gifts have meant. That will be the best "Thank you" of all.

HIS HANDS AND HIS FEET.

Try to think of all that your hands have ever done and all the steps your feet have ever run. Do you remember unkind things your hands have done; wrong paths along which your feet have gone? Each of us is ashamed of many uses to which we have put our hands and our feet, but the hands of the Lord Jesus always wrought good and His feet always walked within God's ways. Jesus never wasted or misused His time; He went about doing good, and the more of good that He did the more men envied and hated Him, until they nailed His hands and His feet to a cross. Even death could not tie His hands or stay His feet, for His hands are now stretched out in blessing and His feet are standing at God's right hand in the place of power. As we do this searcher let us think of H imvery reverently, and ask Him to bless the work of our hands and to guide our feet.

Bible Searcher (continued).

Lower Group, age under 12.

"The Hands and Feet" of the Lord Jesus Christ are mentioned many times in the four Gospels. We want you to read one chapter from each

Gospel and see how many references you can find. These are the chapters—Matthew 19; Mark 5; Luke 24; John 11. Divide your paper into two columns. In the first column write down all the references (book, chapter and verse) where the word **"Hands"** is found, and in the second column the references where **"Feet"** is found. Be sure that you only give verses that refer to the Lord Jesus Chris; you will have to read very carefully. Then underneath write out in full **one verse** in which both "Hands" and "Feet" are mentioned.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 14.

We want you to search these chapters **not** those given for the Lower Group. Matthew 15 and 28; Mark 6 and 8; Luke 4 and 7; John 12 and 20. Write down your answers in the same way as the Lower Group, and if the words occur more than once in any verse say how many times. Then write out in full **two** verses, one in which **"Hands"** only are mentioned, and one in which **"Feet"** only are mentioned.

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 August, 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, APRIL 30th, 1940.

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 with the results of this Searcher. Many of the papers gained very high marks as you will see by the number who are highly commended. There were answers to Question 6, all in the same chapter; and many scholars found the word "reward" in other verses in the given chapters. We welcome 45 new searchers, including scholars from Eversley Cross and Herne Bay. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Sheila E. S. Walshaw, aged 13 years, "Zoar" S.S., Bradford.

2, Doris Irene Fuller, aged 13 years, "Providence" S.S., March.

Special Mention: Florence Hamilton and Irene Goldhawk earned very high marks but are ineligible for a prize. Norma Peppitt, Albert Chapman, Gordon Farmer, Gwen Roberts.

Very Highly Commended: Doreen Finch, Doris Stock, Ellis Davidson, O. Grimwood, May Tratt, Lucy Brownrigg, Robert Falgate, Malcolm Endersby, Ralph Endersby, Peter Driver, Albert Driver, Eileen Turner, V. Palmer, Rosemary Wright, Harold Abbott, Sylvia Cheek, Joyce Price, Vera Gurney, Dorothy Geall, Joy Austin, Joyce Key, Connie Miles, Myrtle Honeysett, Doreen Baxter, Eileen Brownrigg, Ann Williams, Margaret Field, Phyllis Porter, Grace Pelley.

Highly Commended: Philip Hitchcock, Eileen Wood, Patricia Burdett, Ruby Davidson, Doris Jermyn, Sheila McKay, Barbara Taylor, Eva Tolman, David Lawrence, Donald Christie, Violet Frost, Gweneth Stannard, Gwendoline Relf, Miriam Bradman, Kathleen Braddy, Violet Culliford, Barbara Holmes, Ronald Lane, Winnie Cook, Phyllis Burns, Beatie Willmer, Olive Kill, Doreen Bremner, Janet Christie, Audrey Etheridge, Audrey Campfield, Kenneth Ward, Muriel Asplin, Joyce Bass, Rene Vaughan, Mary Clover, Jean Mutimer, Roy Blinkhorn, Gertrude

Vincent, Ethel Faulkner, Harry Key, Dorothy Figg, Alan Toms, Joan Fitzjohn, Leslie Feltham, Elsie Dungey, Joyce Hodson, Norman Abrahart, Rona Barnes, Ronald Griesel, Pearl Gowler, Beryl Freeman, Rodney Baker, Ruth Oakey, John Hart, Rose Hill, Joan Fryer, Victor Cook, Maureen Kernan, Dorothy Rogers, Dennis Lithgow, Kathleen Adams.

Commended: Audrey Reeves, Eileen Watson, Wilfred Hart, Connie Atkin, Elsie Reeves, Victor Kercher, Iris Wiseman, Joyce Whyatt. Answered Upper Group questions only: Betty Funnell, I. Worth, Sybil Croxon, Florence Crane, Gordon Hale, Yvonne Blunsom, Marjorie Bellamy. Answered Lower Group only: Diana Dorsey, Joan Darby.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Iris Burville, aged 9 years, "Eden" S.S., Ponders End.

2, Oliver Ralph Toms, aged 11 years, Collier Row S.S., Romford.

Special Mention: Kathleen Walshaw, Muriel Stannard, Irene Walker, Pauline Whitbread, Aileen Young, Pamela Reeks, John Bryant.

Very Highly Commended: Doris Peppitt, Peter Roberts, Joan Young, Megan Smith, Amy Hawes, Harry Baxter, Gertrude Osborne, Barbara Bugg, Joan Baxter, Brian Honeysett, George Abbott, Derek Endersby, Ronald Key, Olive Gravatt, Joyce Thompson, Philip Grimwood, Joyce Simmons, Geoffrey Ince, Betty Teale, Eva Grimwood.

Highly Commended: Michael Hitchcock, Beryl Roberts, Dorothy Hamilton, Sylvia Harrison, Margaret Endersby, Jean Smith, Kenneth Freeman, Daphne Staff, Irene Porter, Brenda Denman, Hazel Brownrigg, Laurie Christie, Margaret Cockbill, Betty Ward, Joan Maycock, Robert Christie, John Cockbill, Mary Emmerson, Margaret Faulkner, Betty Lamprill, Peter Wilkinson, Muriel Wilding, Gertrude Smith, Ruth Trevithick ,Lavinia Reeves, Eleanor Parker, Norman Carter, Jean Brooks, Brenda Blinkhorn, Mollie Bradnam, Doris Braddy, June Stevenson, Nina Gardiner, Jean Etheridge, Alan Pilgrem, Molly Theobald, Susie Collins, Gordon Chapman, Marie McArdell, Iris Raper, Anette Baker, William Mutinier, Vera Cook, Stephen Toms, Peter Jermyn, Daphne Hindle, Hilda Grimwood, Elsie Smith, Daisy Palmer, Bernard Bamford, Grace Catling, Ruth Wade, Margaret Jaegar, Roy Leaver, Ruth Jaegar, Joan Taylor, James Hart, Colin Figg, June Ealey, Gwen Morriss, John Miller, Peter Blyth, Nancy Streeter, William Ennis, Jean Sparshott, Maisie Catling, Gordon Cooksley, Dorothy Wade, Audrey Self, Daphne Litihgow, Mary Field, Joyce Hodge, David Feltham, Joyce Butterfield, Jean Goodall, Pamela Robinson, Thelma Devenish, Eileen Bawden, D. Luddington, John Goodwin, Derek Bass, Nancy Hart, Nellie Whitbread, Mary Hobbs, Beryl Bremner, Dennis Tuck, Joan Homewood, Mavis McKenzie, Ronald Bawden, James Austin, Gladys Mitchell, Rosina Simmons, Harold Goodwin, Dorothy Mayhew, Dulcie Marjoram, Harold Mayhew, Lloyd Marjoram, Kenneth Etherington, Douglas Fountain, Peter Etherington, Peter Bysh, Betty Bird, Sylvia Bunn, Rose Presland, Mary Etherington, John Etherington, Margaret Hart.

Commended: Tony Young, Pauline Gibson, Doris Arnold (omitted one answer), Joyce Worth, Annie Crane, Henry Stock. Sent references only: Peggy Cornish, Margaret Perkins, Roy Foreman, Dorothy Chapping, J. Chapping, P. Nunan. Peter Marshall made a mistake and answered December searcher.

Not for Competition: The Misses Hope Baker and Dorothy Best, Mr. Oscar Reeve.

The name of V. C. Palmer was accidentally omitted from the December list. He received Special Mention. Iris Raper also sent an answer to December searcher but it was too late for her name to be included in list. Late entries for February searcher—Iris and Betty Rhone.

March has reached the top again this time, with Ponders End second, Horham third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

It is a joy to be able to tell you that 100 more Sun-Ray Gift Forms have been sent in and that £5 more has been contributed to the Sun-Ray School at Tathankuppam. Our General Secretary, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, who is a real friend to "Rays" and its readers, has very kindly sent us a note about this which you will read on page five. May I join my thanks to his and say how pleased I am that you have saved up these gifts.

Now for a story with a meaning. The Canadian city of Montreal is built at the foot of a great mountain and, far away on the peak of this mountain, the people of the city have set up a huge Cross. At night, this Cross is lit with lights, which shine out amid the darkness which covers the heavens and envelops the city.

This world is passing through a very dark night, deeply darkened by its own sin and strife. Into the midst of the sorrow steals the message of Easter and the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and each one of us are called to look up above the darkness of war and see, by faith, Jesus Christ lifted up upon the Cross. Let us remember that He is the only way by which we, who are sinners, can ever hope to reach the heavenly places; let us thank God for the light which tells us to look up and remember His great love to man; and let us be glad as we remember that God has raised Him far above all princes and power and might, and every name that is named, and hath put all things under His feet. Then let us ask Him for grace to live worthily, for Him who gave Himself for us.

I was glad to have letters this month from Joy Austin, Annette Baker, Doreen Baxter, Lucy Brownrigg (we shall miss you, Lucy), Barbara Bugg, Joan Fitzjohn, Vera Gurney, Barbara Holmes, Geoffrey Ince, Doris Maynard (thank you for the stamps), V. C. Pamler, Iris and Betty Rhone (so sorry your last entries were delayed), Muriel Stannard, Betty Teale (do hope you are better), May Tratt and Iris Wiseman. Several friends sent me letters which are much appreciated. Miss Ida Humphrey sent me 5/- from the Epsom Sunday School and Sewing Class, and Mr. A. Feltham wrote to tell me that Doreen Bissett had fallen on the ice and hurt herself so that she could not do the Bible Searcher. We hope Doreen will soon be able to join the Searchers once again.

May God bless each one of you.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

Locusts and Darkness

Apr.	8	M	Exod. 9, 1-7
	9	Tu	Exod. 9, 8-17
	10	W	Exod. 9, 18-26
	11	Th	Exod. 9, 27-35
	12	F	**Exod. 10, 1-11**
	13	S	**Exod. 10, 12-20**
	14	Su	**Exod. 10, 21-29**

The Passover Instituted

Apr.	15	M	Exod. 11, 1-10
	16	Tu	**Exod. 12, 1-10**
	17	W	**Exod. 12, 11-20**
	18	Th	**Exod. 12, 21-30**
	19	F	Ezra 6, 16-22
	20	S	Ezek. 45, 18-25
	21	Su	John 2, 13-17

Thrust out of Egypt

Apr.	22	M	**Exod. 12, 31-42**
	23	Tu	Exod. 12, 43-51
	24	W	Exod. 13, 1-7
	25	Th	Exod. 13, 8-16
	26	F	**Exod. 13, 17-22**
	27	S	Psa. 105, 26-38
	28	Su	Col. 1, 9-17

Tarrying at Jerusalem

Apr.	29	M	**Acts 1, 1-8**
	30	Tu	**Acts 1, 9-18**
May	1	W	**Acts 1, 19-26**
	2	Th	Isa. 40, 25-31
	3	F	Joel 2, 28-32
	4	S	Luke 24, 44-53
	5	Su	John 21, 15-25

The Holy Spirit Given

May	6	M	**Acts 2, 1-6**
	7	Tu	**Acts 2, 7-13**
	8	W	**Acts 2, 14-21**
	9	Th	Matt. 3, 7-17
	10	F	Rom. 8, 9-17
	11	S	John 14, 15-26
	12	Su	John 16, 7-15

The Gospel and its Effects

May	13	M	**Acts 2, 22-3—**
	14	Tu	**Acts 2, 32-40**
	15	W	**Acts 2, 41-47**
	16	Th	Acts 14, 8-18
	17	F	Titus 2, 7-15
	18	S	Acts 16, 9-15
	19	Su	Acts 19,13-20

Peter Heals in Jesus' Name

May	20	M	**Acts 3, 1-11**
	21	Tu	**Acts 3, 12-18**
	22	W	**Acts 3, 19-26**
	23	Th	Isa. 35, 3-10
	24	F	1 Cor. 12, 4-11
	25	S	Mark 3, 7-15
	26	Su	Mark 16, 14-20

Peter and John Persecuted

May	27	M	**Acts 4, 1-12**
	28	Tu	**Acts 4, 13-21**
	29	W	**Acts 4, 22-31**
	30	Th	John 15, 18-25
	31	F	1 Cor. 4, 9-16
June	1	S	2 Cor. 4, 8-16
	2	Su	Matt. 5, 4-12

The Sin of Deceit

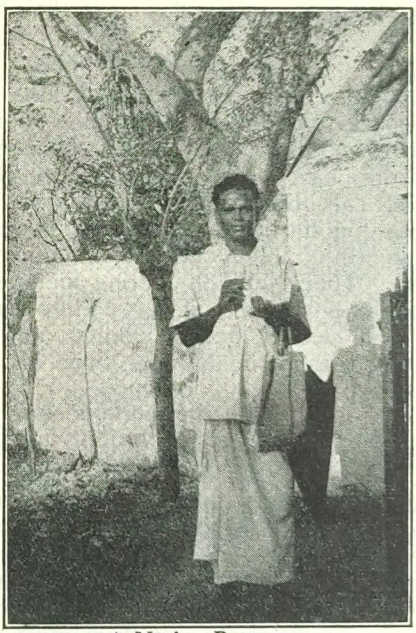
June	3	M	**Acts 4, 32-37**
	4	Tu	**Acts 5, 1-11**
	5	W	Prov. 12, 13-22
	6	Th	Jer. 17, 5-11
	7	F	Psa. 55, 16-23
	8	S	2 Kings 5, 20-27
	9	Su	Psa. 101, 1-8

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AN INTERESTING CLASS.

by Monica E. Harris, Paniadipatti.

WHILE I was in Madras I helped to look after the Girls' Sewing Class, which is there, for a few months. In this class there are about twenty girls. They are all bigger girls as they have all left school. Every day except Sundays they come at about 9 o'clock in the morning. The first ones to arrive put the big pot out for water, which the gardener takes and fills for them. Then they put down the mats, arranging them all round the room to sit on. Afterwards they get out the Bibles and hymn books and put them round ready also. By this time the other girls have arrived. Some of them look very pretty in their different coloured sarees and some of them have a few flowers in their hair at the back.

Singing and Working.

At about 9 o'clock, Esther, the Indian worker in charge of the sewing class, comes and takes their morning prayers. This lasts for about an hour. They all start by singing a hymn or Tamil lyric, then they have a Bible Reading and, after Esther has given them a Bible Talk, they finish with a prayer. After their morning prayers they put the Bibles and hymn books away, and get out their sewing work. Each girl keeps her needlework in her own special bag. They work on netting material which is sewn on to cardboard sheets to keep it flat. They make different kinds of mats and table centres, babies' bonnets, and babies' dresses, etc. They embroider them in different kinds of pretty colours.

Why the work is slow.

As they do their work the girls sit cross-legged on the floor round the room on their mats. They talk a lot while they are working and sometimes they sing Tamil lyrics. Some of them work quickly, and finish off two or three things in one week. But some of them are very slow and they are probably the ones who like talking too much; so that, by the end of the week, they have only managed to finish one little piece of work. Their work has to be done very nicely and there must not be any mistakes. If they do their work carelessly then it is given back to be done again.

An earnest plea.

Some of these girls come from Christian homes, but some come from homes where nobody loves the Lord Jesus Christ. This is very sad and I want you to remember to pray very much for these girls. Some of them do know and love the Lord Jesus Christ and have been baptised. Pray that these girls may be helped to tell others about the One Who has saved them and Who

keeps them day by day. Many of the girls although they know so much about Jesus Christ, and although they may secretly believe on Him in their hearts, yet they have never taken that big step of telling other people about it, or asking for baptism. Therefore you boys and girls who know and love the Lord Jesus and who pray to Him, pray very much for these girls. Will you? Pray that their teacher Esther may be blessed to them as she speaks to them day by day. Pray for them as they come to their Sunday School class every Sunday afternoon, and remember that our God is a God Who hears prayer, and who ever delights to work in answer to His children's prayers.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY IN INDIA.

by Grace K. Huckett.

WOULD you like to hear how Joyce celebrated her birthday? It was on a Sunday this year, so we had the party on another day. Oh yes, she had a party and a Christmas tree too, as it was not long after Christmas. She hadn't any English girls and boys to ask, so her little Tamil friends came. There were Grace, Empress, Stella, Stanley and George from one family; Willie, Margaret, Kirubai and Lydia from another family, also several grown-ups called Martha, Elizabeth, Esther and Pushporn. Then, of course, there were Mummie, Daddy, Auntie and Baby John David.

Preparations.

First of all we had to get ready. We bought quite a lot of nice things to eat. You might not like them but Tamil children do. Some spicy, some sweet, some so hot with chillies, peppers, that they would burn your mouth. Then we had some iced cake, bananas and oranges, and also some tea to drink. We used paper serviettes for plates, and had it all spread out on the floor. When it was time to begin, Stanley and George came along and put a garland of flowers round Joyce's neck and presented her with a little tray of sweets and oranges. She was very pleased. Then she went to call the girls and took flowers for them to put in their hair. This is a pretty Indian custom, when calling friends to a feast.

The Party.

Soon all was ready, and then we went indoors to look at the Christmas tree which was rather exciting with all its decorations and rather interesting looking articles which the children thought

might be presents. After that we had the gramophone on and had records of nursery rhymes. All enjoyed the "baa-ing" of the sheep, the "moo-ing" of the cows and especially the "Ding-Dong-Bell" pussie and her "mee-ows." When we were tired of this, we had some games in which everyone joined. Then came the feast, but they could not eat it all, and so had little packets to take home with them. This finished, we lit some candles on the tree while we sang in Tamil and English "Jesus bids us Shine." Every child had a present and some little odd things, also a bag of sweets from the tree. Then Joyce pulled crackers with them and, when the fun was its height, we showered them all with confetti, which caused great merriment as they threw it at each other.

A great secret.

We ended with a little prayer and all went home tired but happy. Joyce seems to think it would be lovely to have a birthday every week! I think she found out the great secret of being happy and that is to try and make **others** happy. Have you found that out yet? Have you realised the joy of being able to send the message of Salvation, which brings true joy into life, to many in heathen darkness and sorrow?

HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE?

by Beatrice L. Mowle, Namakal.

IN January 20th we embarked for India again. How different it was from the previous time! Then friends and relatives were allowed to with us until the ship actually set sail. We had no ration books, identification cards, and gas masks. This time friends and relatives all said "good-bye" at the railway station. Our ration books, identification cards and gas masks had to be left with various officials, and we were allowed to take only a certain amount of money out of the country with us.

A clumsy companion.

When all had embarked the Captain gave us a lecture, telling us how we should conduct ourselves should sudden danger arise. He humorously told us that he expected we were glad to be relieved of our gas masks, but that hereafter, while we were on board ship, we must take our life-belts with us everywhere we went. These were far more cumbersome. Sad to say, some of the grown-up people, who should have known better, forgot, and were disobedient in not keeping the rules which were made for our safety. They were reproved by the Captain and threatened with punishment if the rules were again broken.

A wee refugee.

There was, on board ship, a little Jewish refugee girl travelling with her parents to Australia. She was only about three years old. She soon became a favourite with her winsome ways. Like most boys and girls and like grown-ups too, she was sometimes naughty. On one occasion when she was naughty her daddy said, "I will throw you into the sea." The little girl said, "Oh Daddy! you could not do that; I have not got my life-belt on." I could not help thinking of that little girl's confidence in her Father. He might be cross with her, but she knew that he would not subject her to real danger, his love for her was too great.

With mercy and with judgment.

Our Father in heaven is a God of love. He also is a God of justice and, since He is a God of justice, He must punish sin. We are all sinners, young and old alike. Punishment for sin we deserve, but since God is also a God of love and mercy as well as a God of justice, He has made a plan of escape for us.

Boys and girls, is He your Saviour? In Prov 8, v. 17 we read, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

GOD'S SCALES.

You remember the story of the king who was weighed in the balances and found wanting. The Bible is full of stories of the lives of men who are weighed and tested by God's Word and their character is written down for ever and ever in a place where it cannot be altered. Here are the names of some heroes about whom God speaks well and whose lives when weighed were not found wanting.

Lower Group, age under 12.

You will notice that in each of the sentences given below there is a blank space. We want you to read the chapters through very carefully and find out who the person is about whom the words are written. Then write out the sentence as given, filling in the name in the space, and giving the book, chapter and verse where the name is found.

1. ——— hath good report of all men.
2. ——— was full of good works and alms deeds.
3. ——— was faithful in all his house.
4. ——— did the service of God with all his heart.
5. ——— was a just and perfect man.

The answers are found in Genesis 6; 2 Chronicles 31; Acts 9; Hebrews 3; 3rd Epistle of John; but they are not in the same order as the words.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

In addition to the Lower Group questions find the answers to these.

6. ——— was a good man.
7. There is none so discreet and wise as ———.
8. ——— had this testimony that he pleased God.
9. No error or fault was found in ———.
10. ——— and ——— wholly followed the Lord.

The answers will be found in Genesis 41; Numbers 32; Daniel 6; Acts 11; Hebrews 11.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

Postage on competition entries has now risen from ½d. per entry to 1d. All Searchers should remember this, as it will cost us double if not enough in stamps is put on.

Teachers, parents and Sunday School officers can greatly help the children if they would collect their entries together and send them together. They can come at printed paper rate in an **unsealed** envelope at the rate of:—
2 ozs. for 1d. postage (every additional 2 ozs. costs only ½d.)

Entries thus posted may also be wrapped together in a paper wrapper, so long as the ends are left open. It is well to tie around the ends with string to prevent them falling apart in the post.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

We were pleased with the number of entries for this searcher. But many scholars did not read the instructions carefully enough, and gave references to "hands and feet" which were not the "Hands and Feet" of the Lord Jesus Christ. You should always read the instructions carefully before you begin your searching. We welcome 45 new searchers, amongst whom were scholars from Market Deeping and Devizes. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Doris Jermyn, aged 13 years, Lynton Road, Bermondsey.

2, Eileen Brownrigg, aged 12 years, Addlestone.

Special Mention: Doreen Lambert, Ann Williams, Sheila Walshaw, Florence Hamilton, Lucy Brownrigg.

Highly Commended: Eva Tolman, Rose Cullen, Connie Miles, Alan Toms, Barbara Taylor, Elizabeth Mitchell, Albert Chapman, Barbara Holmes, Irene Goldhawk, Diana Dorsey, Mary West, Doreen Bremner, Audrey Etheridge, Donald Christie, Joan Young, Susie Collins, Irene Dunton, Joyce Price, Joy Austin, Patricia Burdett, May Tratt, Eileen

Wood, Janet Christie, Leonard James, Joyce Key, Kathleen Braddy, Robert Folgate ,Sheila McKay, Norma Peppitt, Iris Rhone, Joyce Wilkinson, Alan Pilgrem, Malcolm Endersby, Ethel Faulkner, Olive Gravatt, Gweneth Stannard, Rose Hill, Doris Stock, Gordon Farmer, Sylvia Cheek, Ruth Oakey, V. Palmer, Violet Culliford, Eileen Turner, Sylvia Kingsman.

Commended: Mary Clover (omitted John 12), Elsie Smith (omitted Matthew 15), Myrtle Honeysett, Miriam Bucci, Phyllis Towen, Grace Pelley, Joan Fitzjohn, Iris Wiseman, Winnie Cook, Joyce Whyatt, D. Rogers (Wellingborough), W. N. Ing, Stephen Layzell, Harold Mayhew, Ivy Worth, Doris Fuller and Harold Abbott (omitted John 12 and 20), Joan Fryer, Ronald Griesel, Sydney Martin, Eileen Watson, Delia Luck, Elsie Spencer, Leslie Feltham, Dorothy Rogers, Lionel Prince, Joan Marshall, Dorothy Figg. Also tried: Joan Darby.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Margaret Endersby, aged 9, Devonshire Road, Greenwich.

2, Eva Grimwood, aged 11, Crowfield S.S.

Special Mention: Barbara Bugg, Hilda Grimwood, Pamela Reeks, Kathleen L. Walshaw, Betty Ward, Peter Wilkinson, Irene Walker.

Very Highly Commended: Sylvia Harrison, Phyllis Povey, Stephen Toms, Dorothy Weaver, Jean Brooks, June Ealey, Margaret Cockbill, June Stevenson, Catherine Luff, Bernard Bamford, Roy Leaver, Beryl Roberts, Aileen Young, Pat Hawkins, Peter Roberts, Doreen Chapman, Sylvia Povey, Freda Hare.

Highly Commended: Nancy Hart, Peter Jermyn, Betty Teale, Joan Homewood, Nellie Whitbread, Oliver Toms, Daphne Luddington, Pauline Whitbread, John Cockbill, Muriel Stannard, Jean Smith, George Hanks, D. Restorick, Margaret Hewitt, Derek Endersby, Brenda Blinkhorn, Gordon Chapman, Muriel Dovey, Jean Etheridge, Harry Baxter, Derek Law, Doreen Luff, Anette Baker, Gladys Mitchell, Grace Catling, Sheila Weaver, Hazel Brownrigg, Hazel Luck, Barbara Joseph, Dennis Tuck, John Bryant, Geoffrey Ince, Mary Emmerson, Mavis McKenzie, Bernard Mayhew, Kenneth Ward, Dorothy Mayhew, Daphne Staff, Eleanor Parker, Frank Prigmore, Joan Cripps, Dorothy Hamilton, Peter Marshall, Edith Mayhew, Betty Rhone, Una Lambert, Gertrude Smith, John Bridgestock, Philip Pullen, Gertrude Osborn, K. Peacock, Katherine Austin, Doreen Griffin, Vera Greenough, June Mattocks, Dorothy Ross, Joyce Simmons, Joyce Thompson, Violet Windus, Joan Taylor, Daisy Palmer, George Abbott, May Baxter, Mary Etherington, Maisie Catling, Margaret Faulkner, Ronald Key, Iris Raper, Muriel Wilding, N. Carter, James Austin, Sylvia Bunn.

Commended: Beryl Bremner (omitted Matthew 19), F. Cripps, Ruth Trevithick, Ruby Hawes, Peter Etherington, David Feltham, Mary Goddard, Kenneth Etherington, Constance Hall, Laurie Christie, Norman Webber, Douglas Fountain, Rose Presland, John Goodwin, Brenda Eison, Brenda Etherington, Eric Cox, John Etherington, John Miller, Edith Smith, Brian Honeysett, Hubert Frewer, Gladys Kemp, Daphne Lithgow, Edna Newland, Beatrice Newstead, Amy Hawes, Eileen Darby, Joan Maycock, Iris Burville, Peter Ellins, Betty Lamprill, Mary Hobbs, Peter Bysh, D. Shepherd, Henry Austin, Pauline Gibson, Joyce Worth. Sent references only: Norma Andrews, Brenda Denman, Margaret Dorsey, Audrey Self, Mary Field, Joan Barnes, Derek Dickerson, Margaret Hodgkins. Also tried: Irene Rich and Margaret Waterton. Not for Competition: The Misses Dorothy Best and Joyce Hodson. Ponders End heads the list, with Potten End second, March third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

When I heard that the Post Office would want more money for carrying our letters, I wondered how "Rays" would get on. Your entries will now cost you one penny for postage instead of one half-penny. That is twice as much; but, if two of you send in one envelope, then it will only cost you one halfpenny each. If still more of you combine together, then it will come much cheaper still; so that I do not think the rise in postage need interfere with our Bible Searching.

The other evening I was walking across some allotments when I was startled by the sudden cry of a pheasant which rose from my feet and raced away clucking and flapping her wings noisily. Guessing that she had a special interest on the ground, I looked down, and there, within two inches of my foot was a nest, scooped out of the long grass, containing thirteen beautiful olive green eggs. It will not be long now before there is a brood of fluffy brown chicks, so I looked again this evening to make quite sure and found the pheasant still in the same place even though men were digging the ground all around her. She had not wandered away when frightened but had come straight home again and was carrying on with her special charge in spite of disturbances. She was doing the work which God had given her to do.

Here is a message for all of us in these days. There may be great disturbances around us but let us not be moved. Rather let us each carry straight on with the work which God has given us to do, and the life which He has given us to live to His glory. Hezekiah was greatly afraid when the armies of Sennacherib were only forty miles away but he cried to the Lord, and God did not suffer him to be moved. Read Psalm 15 and you have a Bible picture of one who shall hold fast and never be moved.

I was very pleased to receive letters from Muriel Dovey, Irene Rich, Betty Teale (thank you for the P.O. 1/- Betty), Oliver Toms, Sheila Walshaw and Eileen Wood (thank you, too, for your P.O. 1/- Eileen). May the Lord bless both each one of you and all our Searchers wherever they may be.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

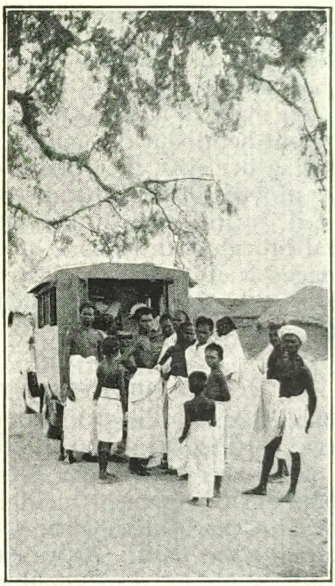
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RAYS FROM THE EAST

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



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A STORY YET TO BE FINISHED.

By Dr. Ruth Harris, Sendamangalam.

DOES it seem a long time since I wrote and told you news of our work? Since I last wrote, many of you have had to move from your homes, and have been scattered to different parts. What a good thing it is that this does not prevent you praying, or "Rays" from reaching you, for I am sure you must have asked your mother to send it to you!

Now for some news. What shall it be this time? One night, at Jedarpalayam, when we were trying to get to sleep, we were roused up by bangings on the door, and someone calling out. What were they wanting at this time of night? We got up and opened the door and found that some men had brought a poor little shrivelled up old woman, one of the Christians of Sirunellikoil, on a cot. It was not a cot such as you see in England, but one made of bamboo poles with string platted across. They had brought her about two miles. For many days, she had had much pain in her eyes, they had been inflamed and then the disease had destroyed them. That evening, one of her eyes had started to bleed; by the time it became dark they had become frightened and brought her to us at mid-night. We dressed the eye and bandaged it up. Alas, we have no place to keep patients like this, so she spent the rest of the night in the place where we keep the car.

God answers prayer.

On the next day, we dressed the eye and she was in much pain. We were very thankful that the Pastor came along, for he suggested a place where we might keep her for a day or two. There are some old Government buildings where coolies used to stay, and which are not being used now, and we got permission to keep her there for a few days. As we looked around, we thought how wonderful it would be, if we could get permission to use these rather tumble-down buildings when we needed them. How much we have been praying about this, we are still praying and to-day we have written a letter about it. You pray, too, and you shall hear the end of the story another time. I prayed last week, that we might meet one of the Officials who has something to do with the buildings, and he was on the same 'bus as we were. It is just wonderful the way God answers prayer. Do you tell Him all about everything, all about your troubles and your difficulties, and the glad things as well as the sad things? It does make all the difference if you do. Remember God sometimes says "No" when we ask for things, because He knows what is best.

ON BEING BRAVE.

By Eleanor Champion, Kolli Hills.

WE are often asked what boys and girls do in India, and we reply that they do very much the same as they do in England. On the Kolli Hills, the routine is chiefly play and work, not play and school. We are told that we should try and make the children come to school all the time, but that is quite impossible.

Not much like holidays.

The boys all come most regularly for a time, then suddenly all stay away, and when we enquire we find that they are all helping to carry manure to the rice fields. Every little boy and girl has a round basket which they carry on their heads full of manure. Then they come back to school when this is finished. Soon afterwards they stop coming again for about a fortnight; this time they are all helping during the planting of the rice fields and so it goes on all through the year. Each time there is planting or reaping to be done the children stay away to help and the people say, "We must fill our insides before they can fill their brains"!

Night Watchman.

Now this has nothing to do with being brave, but that is only one side of the boys' life on the Kollis. If we go outside the bungalow on any evening soon after dark, we can always hear singing and shouting; here and there a torch can be seen. Not the kind of torch that you use, and get refills for, but a piece of wood of the kind that will smoulder for a long time. These lights and the shouting mean that the people have eaten their food, and that the men and boys are going to spend the night in queer little shelters watching the cattle. These shelters are very cleverly made of pieces of trees and banana leaves and can be lifted and moved about; there is usually a wooden plank or two inside so that they need not sit on the damp ground.

Protection in the darkness.

Why do they watch the cattle? Some of them watch to prevent two-legged thieves from coming, but quite a lot have to watch to prevent four-legged thieves. Last year two very nice cows were killed by a panther quite near here. And this is why they need to be brave and have courage because they must be ready to protect their animals when necessary. The most important thing of all is to keep a fire smouldering in front of their

shelter. They tell us that men have often sent wild animals away by holding burning wood up. Prayer is like that burning wood. When we pray, the evil thoughts in our hearts will disappear.

Stirring the flame.

All the most important animals have bells on ,and if any wild animal or anything else comes along in the night to disturb them, they immediately move and the bell rings. At once the man or boy who is watching jumps up. The first thing he does is to blow the fire into a flame and he very seldom has to bother about the wild animal, because it sees the flame and runs away. This does make me feel that, if we were to pray more, we should not have to struggle with evil nearly so much because the evil one would hear our prayers and be frightened away.

A Great Protector.

If there are enough men there will be a man and a boy in each shelter; if not, and this happens very often, a big boy and a small one must go together. The small boy has then to sit up and try to be as brave as man but he is often very afraid as he peers out into the dark night and sees the black shapes moving across the fields. Would you not like these brave little fellows to know of a Great Protector who cares for the boys and girls? To Him darkness and light are both alike, for the night shineth as the day. We try to teach these little boys that the great Father in heaven is one whom they may trust. So far from being afraid of Him, we may trust in Him at all times and pour out our heart to Him in prayer.

THE STORY OF A CAPTIVE BIRD.

By Violet D. Green, Paniadipatti.

I HAVE just returned from my first Camp this year and the story I have to tell you is connected with that Camp. Soon after I arrived there, I noticed a little bird walking about the floor and hopping on to the chair and table. I watched awhile and found that it made no attempt to fly. To all appearances it seemed just like other birds. I could not detect any sign of broken bones or any other such misfortune and yet it simply strutted about the floor. Even when in danger of being trampled on, it merely gave a frightened cry and hopped to safety. I was puzzled and asked for an explanation. It was somebody's pet, I was told, and its owner had reared it for himself. In order that it should not fly away and be lost to him its wings had been clipped. The owner was very kind to the little bird and very proud to show how he had

trained it to do certain things. The little bird did not seem at all sad; yet, if we humans were only wise enough to understand bird language and bird feelings, I wonder whether we should discover that the little bird was not at all happy. I felt so sad as I watched it all the time of my stay there. A little captive bird, robbed of its birthright, made by God to enjoy the freedom of the air, to spread its wings and fly happily, to sing its joyous song as it hopped among the branches of the tall green trees. Instead of that it was grovelling about on the floor, in the street, never able to do more than to hop to its master's hand as he stooped down to it. In constant danger, too, of being crushed under foot—poor little bird?

Captive Souls.

As I watched the pathetic sight, I thought of all the boys and girls and grown-up people of India. They, too, are just like that little captive bird. God made them to love Him and worship Him, to be happy and free in His love, and instead they have been robbed of their birthright. Satan has taken them captive, has darkened their minds so that they should not know God, and instead they bow down to ugly images of mud and stone. They live in bondage to him, doing wickedness, living in ignorance, superstition and fear. Many of them do not seem at all unhappy about it for they have never known anything better. Only when God's Spirit works in their hearts through the teaching of God's Word, do they understand and then seek for freedom. So God's messengers are busy all over the land telling to all who will listen the Good News, and we are very grateful for all your help and interest which makes it possible for us to teach so many more boys and girls.

"To set at liberty, them that are bruised."

Our little captive bird, however, not only represents Indian girls and boys, but those of England too. You will say, "We are not heathen, we do not bow down to idols." That is true,and how very glad we are, but that is not the only kind of bondage. Satan holds all in the bondage of sin. They are bound, held in captivity by sinful habits, thoughts, ways and friends. Neither do they seem to mind it very much, for Satan has closed their hearts and minds, so that they should not understand how they have been robbed of the good gift which God waits to give to all who seek Him.

One thing which saddened me very much as I watched our little bird friend, was the fact that he can never recover freedom. How glad we are to know and to declare that everyone who really earnestly seeks the Lord Jesus may be delivered from the captivity in which Satan has held them prisoner and may know the joy of His Salvation.

GOD'S BLESSING.

We were standing, one summer's evening, looking out over a beautiful stretch of sea, mountain and sky. The sun was sinking low in the sky but had not yet begun to set behind the heavy banks of dark clouds which hung like a curtain around the mountain tops. There was very little light, for the dark clouds shaded the whole view, and made the land look dark and grey. Then a gap appeared in the clouds and for a few minutes the mellow light of the afternoon sun lit up part of the countryside. Within that circle of light all became suddenly glorious—houses, cornfields, trees and meadows stood up against their dark surroundings looking most beautiful.

God's blessing does that for the lives of boys and girls. It is like sunlight shed upon a grey world. When His blessing shines upon our poor dark hearts, they become lit with the glory of God and stand out amid the darkness to His honour. That is what God's blessing is like—it is as light that brings gladness and beauty. Think this over as you do your Searcher and ask the Lord to bless even your life.

Lower Group, age under 12.

The Searcher this time is all in the Book of Psalms. We want you to read very carefully Psalms 1; 32; 34; 84; 112. As you read look for the words **"Blessed is the man."** Then, starting at those words, write on to the end of the verse, giving the number of the Psalm, and the verse where they are found.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Follow the instructions given for the Lower Group first. Then we want you to search for these words:—

1. Blessed is the nation.
2. Blessed is the people.
3. Blessed are all they.
4. Blessed is he.
5. Blessed are they.

The answers will be found in Psalms 2; 33; 41; 89; 106. Write them out in the same way as the Lower Group.

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RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER. ... ...

Many of the entries for this Searcher reached a very high standard of neatness; but very few scholars discovered that there were two answers to Question 3, both in the same chapter. We welcome a new School—Horne; and there were 33 new searchers. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinner: Eileen Brownrigg and Doris Jermyn sent in the best papers; but as they are both ineligible the prize is awarded to

Gweneth Stannard, aged 15, North Road S.S., Brentford.

Upper Group (continued).

Very Highly Commended: Rene Vaughan, Eileen Turner, Violet Culliford, Joy Austin, Sylvia Cheek.

Highly Commended: Ann Williams, Susie Collins, Myrtle Honeysett, Eleanor Chenery, Gordon Farmer, Malcolm Endersby, Alan Toms, Albert Chapman, Irene Dunton, Anthony Parsons, Eva Grimwood, Janet Christie, Herbert Newland, R. Endersby, Audrey Etheridge, David Cole, Harold Abbott, Norman Ing, Mary Clover, Daphne Luddington, Joan Young, George Payne, Diana Dorsey, Muriel Asplin, Doris Fuller, Rosemary Wright, Ruth Prigmore, Joyce Wilkinson, Barbara Holmes, Florence Kenealy, Stephen Layzell, Donald Christie, Olive Grimwood, Joan Fryer, Olive Gravatt, Margaret Hart, Dorothy Rogers, Sheila Walshaw.

Commended: Iris Rhone, Peter Driver, Albert Driver, Connie Miles, John Bryant, Joyce Whyatt, Rose Hill, Miriam Bucci, Winnie Cook, Ruth Oakey, Joan Glover, Dennis Lithgow, Maureen Kernan. All these gave the wrong answer to Question 10. The names are Caleb and Joshua. Also Lois Watkins, Harold Mayhew, Iris Wiseman and Joan Darby. Answered Upper Group only: Beatie Wilmer and Ivy Cooper. Answered Lower Group only: Betty Cook, Brenda Denman, Mary Etherington.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Betty Rhone, aged 9, Church Hill S.S., Walthamstow.
2, Brian Honeysett, aged 10, Grove Road S.S., Eastbourne.

Special Mention: Margaret Cockbill, Mavis Lawrence, Marjorie Mileham

Very Highly Commended: Jean Brooks, June Ealey, George Hanks, Muriel Stannard, Aileen Young, Margaret Endersby, Norman Carter, P. Wilkinson, Kenneth Ward, Dennis Tuck, Olive Payne, Derek Endersby, Dorothy Endersby, Norma Andrews, Violet Windus, Iris Raper, Daphne Hart, Sylvia Harrison and Evelyn Chopping.

Highly Commended: Barbara Bugg, Edna Newland, George Hooper, Maisie Catling, Mary Goddard, Pat Hawkins, Ruth Jaeger, Jean Smith, Brenda Parsons, Roy Leaver, Amy Hawes, Peter Jermyn, Dorothy Mayhew, Barbara Roweth, Muriel Wilding, Eleanor Parker, Philip Grimwood, Hilda Grimwood, Hazel Brownrigg, George Abbot, Jean Etheridge, Rose Presland, Dulcie Plowright, Dorothy Ross, Gertrude Smith, C. Sussex, Oliver Toms, Betty Ward, Dorothy Williams, Irene Walker, Jeanne Andrews, Peter Marshall, George Onley, Winifred Manfield, Geoffrey Ince, John Cockbill, Doreen Luff, Fred Cripps, Peter Bysh, Katherine Austin, Laurie Christie, Pamela Dawson, Gwendoline Morriss, Stanley Mickleburgh, Beatrice Newstead, Beryl Remon, Mary Field, Catherine Luff, Grace Catling, Kathleen Walshaw, Marie McArdell, Gertrude Osborne, June Mattocks, Margaret Jaeger, Lydia Endersby, Frances Nilan, Nancy Hart, Daphne Lithgow, Derek Law, Eileen Darby, Joan Homewood, Barbara Halford, Daphne Hindle, Joan Maycock, Maureen Ryan, Clive Linke, Douglas Fountain, Brenda Etherington, Irene Millins, Mary Emmerson, Winnie Mickleburgh, Ruth Swales, Jean Stanley, Edith Mayhew, Norman Houghton, Freda Hare, Betty Gilbert, Kenneth Etherington, Joyce Thompson, Sylvia Bunn, Yvonne De Potter, Dulcie Peacock, Marjorie Payne, Doreen Schlosser, Jean Boyce, Rose Adkins, Joyce Houghton, Margaret Perkins, Marguerite Hitchcock.

Commended: Winnie Makcrow, Brenda Blinkhorn, Anette Baker, Joan Barker, Gladys Cato, Joan Cooper, Lily Cato, T. Devenish, Brian Clenshaw tried, but did not understand the questions.

Not for Competition: Miss Dorothy Best. March Sunday School comes first this time, with Chadwell Street second; Potten End third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

There are not quite so many Bible Searchers this time. No doubt the evacuation had much to do with it and also the increase in postages. I do hope that each one of you will try to get "Rays" and will not fail to do your Bible Searcher. If any of you know of some who do not receive "Rays," I do hope you will try to pass it on.

Many of you have now settled down in your new temporary homes. I do hope you will make yourself as useful as you can and be as happy with your foster-parents as you would be at home. Don't be like a young bird I saw the other day. It was a fairly large bird with white markings on its slate-grey feathers. It seemed very worried as it hopped from its twig to the ground and up again to its twig. It never seemed contented, as if it could not get enough to eat and kept calling impatiently "chiz—chiz—chiz." As I watched, I saw that two little hedge-sparrows were working hard all day to feed this greedy bird, and the harder they worked the more impatient the bird became. It was a young cuckoo, which had been brought up in the hedge-sparrow's nest. In addition to being so greedy, it had probably been selfish enough to throw the baby hedge-sparrows out of their nest until it had the nest all to itself, and then, when able to fly out of the nest, wanted the poor little foster-parents to tire themselves out to get its food.

Now I am quite certain that the very story of the selfish young cuckoo will be quite enough to keep any of you boys and girls as far away from this sort of behaviour as it is possible to be. But when you feel unhappy and cross, just remember that you must not behave like a young cuckoo in someone else's nest. Ask the Lord to bless your foster-parents and your own father and mother and to make you a blessing where you are.

There are not many letters to acknowledge this time because it costs so much for postage on a letter, but I am very glad to receive these from:—Eileen Brownrigg, Albert Driver (thank you so much for the stamps for the Sun-Ray School), Doris Fuller, Eva Grimwood, Vera Gurney and Doris Jermyn (keep on trying to get the others to do the Searcher, Doris). May God bless each one of you and all our Searchers wherever they may be.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

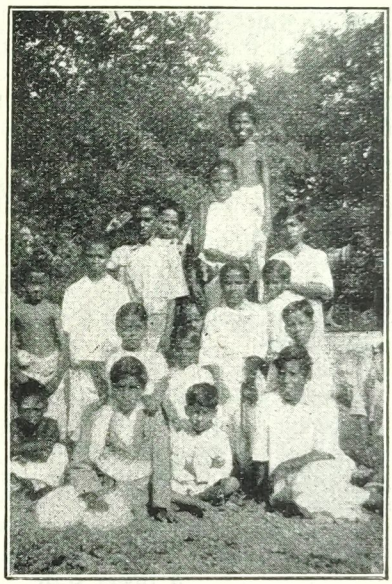
Barnabas Fetches Saul		**Bread from Heaven**	**The Commandments of God (2)**
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6 Tu	**Acts 11, 25-30**	27 Tu	**Exod. 16, 11-22**	17 Tu	Matt. 15, 1-9
7 W	Rom. 12, 1-8	28 W	**Exod. 16, 23-31**	18 W	James 2, 8-13
8 Th	Eph. 3, 1-8	29 Th	Psa. 78, 18-25	19 Th	Mark 12, 28-34
9 F	Gal. 2, 1-8	30 F	John 6, 28-36	20 F	Psa. 119, 129-136
10 S	Gal. 2, 9-18	31 S	John 6, 37-47	21 S	Matt. 19, 16-23
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21 W	**Exod. 14, 19-25**	11 W	Exod. 19, 16-25	2 W	**Exod. 33, 9-16**
22 Th	**Exod. 14, 26-31**	12 Th	**Exod. 20, 1-11**	3 Th	**Exod 33, 17-23**
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INSIDE A VILLAGE SCHOOL.

by Doris A. Kuhrt, Koilpatti.

YOU would be very interested and probably most amused to be where I am at the moment. Mr. Kuhrt and I are on camp and, as we are waiting for it to become cooler before we go out to visit another village, I thought you would like to have a description of this little Indian school. The building is fairly large and lofty with six windows. The floor is tiled and the walls are white-washed. Around the walls are various charts, maps, pictures and timetables, and, as the inspector of schools has recently visited this school, these are new and very clean. I can see different kinds of birds which have been painted, cut out and pasted on cardboard. You, too, probably do this sort of thing and know what fun it is. Stretching from wall to wall and corner to corner, are paper chains which decorate the school, not only at Christmas time, but almost all the year round. There are about 45 children here with two teachers to teach them; and, as the five standards are accommodated in only one large room, there is more noise than would be heard in your schools. Some read and some write while others do arithmetic or geography. We cannot afford to have one teacher to each standard, although that is ideal, neither are there sufficient boys and girls in each standard to make it necessary. The Headmaster teaches the I, IV and V standards and the assistant teaches the II and III standards. There are several blackboards about, and on one which catches my eye are written five Rules of Health which the children have been learning. They are as follows:—

1. Bathe once every day.
2. Wear clean clothing always.
3. Never sleep in a damp place.
4. Always drink clean water.
5. Take exercise daily.

Don't you think these are very good rules? If all children were to keep them religiously, we should have a far happier and healthier India.

A queer state.

Now, as I look around, I notice the poorness of the clothing of some of the children. Others, however, are wearing the clothing which you so kindly sent from England, and look very smart. Those who have not put in a sufficient number of attendances to merit receiving clothing and toys, when they see what the other children receive, go away resolving to come more regularly. When I began this letter to you the headmaster was teaching arithmetic to the IV and V standards. The children, about ten in number, stood before the teacher, worked the sum in their heads, put the answer on their slates and then laying the slates face downwards on the floor waited for the teacher to come and mark them right or wrong. The children have to supply their own slates, and it was rather amusing to see that one boy, who was

without a slate, gave a verbal answer and received a tick on his bare brown chest, the mark of the chalk showing up plainly. It was good to see that there were all ticks and no crosses and he looked quite proud of them. I wonder if you always get ticks in mental arithmetic? Now the children are sitting on their boards learning poetry in a queer singsong manner. They do not have desks and seats as you do in England but sit on long boards which are raised about four inches from the ground. Here in India where it is so hot the children are apt to get drowsy so that the teachers often shout, "Sit, stand; sit, stand." This wakes them up and they begin again.

Work and Play.

The first standard is now learning the numerals one to ten; one small girl leading the others by pointing to the figures, calling them out while they repeat them after her. Another standard is learning the multiplication table—two two's are four, two threes are six, etc., also in a queer singsong voice which I expects helps them to remember it. Now silence reigns in the building as they have all gone out for 10 minutes' recess. I go to the window and watch them playing a kind of hopping game. One child had to hop continually, trying to catch the others who did their best to evade him, but, when they were caught, they in their turn became the hoppers. They were a merry crowd. Oh yes! these Indian children know how to play games and be merry. Don't think as some folk do that they are the unhappiest of creatures, for that is not true. It is true that they are very poor in the villages where we work and do not know much about education, but they are mostly happy children and are pathetically content with the smallest joys.

This school began this morning with prayer. This afternoon, they will close with prayer. They are taught about the Lord Jesus daily, for we do want them to grow up in the knowledge of His salvation. That is why we ask you continually to pray for them.

A VISIT TO NUMBAL.

by Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Madras.



AST Sunday, a Biblewoman came to me and asked if I would like to accompany her to Numbal, a village about two miles from Poonamallee, (where we are camping). This sister visits a number of villages in the course of her work, and, as she is only able to see each place during alternate weeks or even less frequently than that, she is often sad to think that the people do not hear more of the gospel. Some of the villages are off the beatentrack, and the children have no school which they can attend. In other places they have a Hindu or District board school in which the children learn nothing of our Lord Jesus Christ. One day, as our Biblewoman was going home from one of these villages, she sat down by the way side for a little rest and to eat

her lunch. While she was thus resting and thinking about the great need of the children, a man came by on a bicycle; he was going to that same village. They got into conversation, and it was found that the man had just been appointed teacher in the school in that village. He was a Christian and was interested in what the Biblewoman said about the need of the children. In a very short time he agreed to tell his scholars that a lady was willing to come on Sundays and teach them about Jesus, and to ask them if they would like to come. He was also willing to leave the key of the school building, so that the building could be used in connection with the Sunday school.

The school lesson interrupted.

This Sunday school had been running for some weeks when I visited it. The Biblewoman and I went from Poonamallee in the "Trike" and then, parking it at the side of the road, we went along a sandy track to the village. After a time we came across a few thatched mud huts, and at the entrance of the village was the school with the children waiting for us. There were twenty-one boys and three girls in attendance, and a few more came in late. As many of these little people could read, we handed round some lyric books, and they sang very heartily. Then we listened to their answers as the teacher asked them about the last week's lesson. Only one boy had a Bible, and so he was asked to read the verses as the teacher explained them. The lesson was about the demon-possessed man who lived among the tombs. In the middle of the lesson, four boys suddenly collapsed on to the floor and got up feeling rather sorry for themselves. They had placed a board so that each end rested on the ends of the adjacent forms. As the lesson proceeded and the boys began to wriggle, the board must have become dislodged, so that they were thrown on to the floor. After that, they decided that "He that is down needs fear no fall" and so sat on the floor. A number of grown-ups also came in and listened to the lesson. The school was closed with prayer and we came away from the village with choruses of salaams sounding in our ears.

There are many more such villages around here where we should be welcomed if we could start similar Sunday schools. In some cases workers are needed and in others the villages are so inaccessible that willing workers need cycles. Please pray for these children who are still without the knowledge of Jesus Christ, who alone is Saviour.

A DAY IN THE GIRLS' HOSTEL.

by Miss M. E. Wilkins, Namakkal.

WE will choose Monday as our day to write about, although most days are very much the same. Some of our girls have gone to Sendamangalam to study, others are in training, and Kuppai this year has been married. We are, therefore, left with only sixteen, a very small family. The girls usually rise about 5.30 a.m., and often the one who is on kitchen duty is up before this,

getting the food ready. As she has no clock with which to tell the time, the girl on kitchen was recently up at 2.30 a.m., thinking it was time to start the cooking. Matron had to send her back to bed.

A good beginning.

After rising, they start with the sweeping, and then continue with the various work they have to do in the hostel. At 6 a.m. they all have their own time of prayer, and those who can read are free to read. At 6.45 they must all be ready when the bell rings for morning prayers in the chapel. All the people on the Compound gather for prayers at 7 a.m., which lasts until about 7.30 a.m. The girls return to the hostel after prayers, and their first meal is ready. They then sing their grace and sit on the floor to eat their rice porridge; this has to be pounded the day before, as it all comes in in the husk. The first meal over, they all join together and wash the tiled floor before going to school at 8.30 a.m., so there is not much time to waste. All are attending school except Pushbom, who is only three and a half, and Sereragam, of whom I have written to you before. He finds studying too difficult at present, so we have stopped him from going to school. The school period lasts from 8.30 to 10.30 a.m.

A welcome break.

When school is over the children change their clothes for old ones, and all but the cook go into the forest with Matron to collect firewood. They return about 12.30 p.m., each carrying back a bundle on their heads. At that time the mid-day meal should be ready, and everyone is ready to eat it too. This time it consists of curry and rice. School starts again at 1.30 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. After school is over there is other work to do, such as pounding the rice, grinding the ragi, drawing water, sweeping, and cooking again for the evening meal. At 5.30 the little ones come to my bungalow for a short talk, and leave about six, when the bigger girls come for about an hour's meeting. On other days when we do not have a meeting, Matron takes prayers with them in the hostel. At 7.30 they have their last meal, and the little ones go to bed on their mats on the floor, while the older girls are supposed to study; but often, I think, they are nodding over their books.

It is a very full day, and they have little time for play, although sometimes they make time for it. Only yesterday, on going in, I found a little boy of six had climbed to the roof of the hostel by the pillar which supports the roof. He looked most comical up there looking down at me. On Saturday all the girls go to the river to wash their clothes, and this ends a busy week.

BIBLE NUMBERS.

How would you like it if your teacher got the register all wrong and put down your marks for your best work against the name of the boy or girl who is lazy and never tries? It would be worse than having no

marks at all to have the lazy one's marks against your name. And what would you think of such a careless teacher? You could not feel that you would ever again trust anyone who did such a thing. You see, numbers are only figures, yet they are very important. That is why the Bible has so many, many numbers and figures in it. The word of God must be absolutely accurate in every number and the least detail; so that we may always trust to it in that which is greatest and most important.

Lower Group, age under 12.

We want you to search for the following numbers.

1. One fold and one shepherd.
2. Two farthings.
3. Three measures of meal.
4. Four months.
5. Five loaves.
6. Six waterpots.

They will be found in Luke, chapters 9, 12, 13, and John, chapters 2, 4, 10. When you have found all you can write out your answers like this—One fold and one shepherd is found in . . . . Two farthings are found in . . . . and so on; in each case giving the book, chapter and verse where found. Underneath your list write out in full the verse where you have found the answer to No. 1.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

In addition to the above questions search for the answers to these and write them out in the same way.

7. Seven baskets.
8. Eight days.
9. The nine.
10. Ten pieces of silver.
11. Eleven disciples.
12. Twelve years.

They will be found in Matthew 28, Mark 8, Luke 8, 15, 17, John 20. Write out in full the verse in which the answer to No. 4 is 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 February, 1941, 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 1d. 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 2½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, OCTOBER 31st, 1940.

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.

The entries for this searcher reached a very high standard. We welcome 59 new searchers; and there was one new school—St. Albans. Here are the names in order of merit.

Upper Group age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Rene Vaughan, aged 14, "Zoar" S.S., Bradford.
2, Eileen Turner, aged 13, "Providence" S.S., March.

Special Mention: Sylvia Cheek, Eileen Brownrigg, Elsie Dungey, Doris Jermyn, Myrtle Honeysett, Florence Hamilton, Gordon Farmer, Barbara Taylor.

Very Highly Commended: Pamela Dawson, Patricia Burney, Gwen Roberts, Muriel Buckwell, Eleanor Chenery, Audrey Etheridge, Maurice Bradding, Ann Williams, Mary Clover, Gweneth Stannard, Alan Toms, Malcolm Endersby, Eva Grimwood, Rosemary Wright, May Tratt, Joyce Wilkinson, Albert Chapman.

Highly Commended: Molly Theobald, Peter Driver, Brenda Denman, Myrtle Hemming, Joan Bysouth, Harold Abbott, John Bryant, Edith Routley, Eileen Bawden, Gwendoline Daniels, Iris Pryke, Susie Collins, Lena Rippin, Doris Fuller, Jean Etheridge, Olive Westcott, Beatrice Newstead, Miriam Bucci, Margaret Field, Dorothy Townsend, Muriel Asplin, Joan Fitzjohn, Mollie Bradnam, Annie Howell, Dorothy Ross, Iris Mitchell, Daphne Luddington, Eileen Gibson, Elsie Bradding, Phyllis Acres, Peter Page, Rosetta Grumball, Betty Smith, Albert Driver, Iris Rhone, O. Grimwood, W. Norman Ing, Barbara Holmes, Donald Christie, Janet Christie, Dorothy Williams, Sheila Walshaw, George Payne, Joan Young, Mary Hobbs, Maureen Kernan, Joan Fryer, Dorothy Gillam, S. Conley, Ruth Oakey.

Commended: Olive Law, Lionel Prince, Eileen Watson, Terry Corbett, Alan Blackburn sent references only to second part. Answered Upper Group only: Olive Gravatt, Muriel Pryke, Ruby Fitzhugh, Freda Lightning, Joy Austin, Phyllis Arnold, Ivy Cooper, Joan Cooper, Tom Chamberlain, John Chapping, Muriel Santon, Rosina Reeve. Answered Lower Group only: Maud Gregory, June Ealey.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Mary Emmerson, aged 8, Crowfield.
2, Muriel Wilding, aged 11, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Special Mention: Barbara Bugg, Brian Honeysett, Edna Pawsey, Betty Ward, Sheila Macdonald, Hazel Brownrigg, Megan Smith, Norman Carter, Peter Jermyn, Mary Field, Derek Endersby, Jean Smith, Joan Taylor.

Very Highly Commended: Mary Goddard, Geoffrey Ince, Pamela Whitaker, Eleanor Parker, Tony Linke, Nancy Dixon, Robert Kettless, Hilda Grimwood, Gladys Rayner, Winifred Manfield, Olive Linke, Joyce Thompson, Pamela Street, Peter Marshall, Margaret Bywaters, Andrew Layzell, John Cockbill, Florence Brett, Margaret Endersby, George Hanks, Joan Barnes, Marjorie Mileham, Muriel Dafter, Mavis Lawrence, Jean Brooks, Margaret Cockbill, Vera Kennett, Lydia Endersby, Oliver Toms, Maureen Smith.

Highly Commended: Peter Flitton, Lily Cato, Gladys Cato, Norma Sturgeon, Derek Brocklehurst, Mary Miller, Cyril Bradshaw, Raymond Harden, John Lee, John Miller, Muriel Stannard, Pamela Reeks, Peter Wilkinson, Joan Hailstone, Pamela Hunt, June Mattocks, Dulcie Plowright, Iris Raper, Olive Bunker, Bunty Bysouth, George Abbott, Daphne Bull, May Baxter, Harry Baxter, Mary Norman, Maisie Catling, Ruby Hawes, Ian Herbst, Bernard Conley, Brian Clenshaw, Gwen Bradnam, Ruth, Jaegar, Rose Preslend, Malcolmn Wood ,Jean Bradding, Doreen Luff, Philip Ellis, Margaret Gibson, Beryl Roberts, Hedley Miles, Gwendoline Dicks, Daphne Hindle, Cissie Sussex, Pauline Gibson, John Minett, Derek Clenshaw, Grace Catling, Amy Hawes, Sylvia Bunn, Catherine Luff, Peter Bysh, Brian Steward, Rosalie Poole, Maurice Keeley, Stanley Coe, Derek Law, Dorothy Riches, Dennis Terch, Margaret Jaegar, Anette Baker, Dorothy Hamilton, Ronald Bawden, Betty Rhone, Michael Champ, Margaret Grace, William Frewer, Derek Cook, Eileen Gilbert, Joan Mead, Brenda Blinkhorn, Rosina Adkins, Stephen Toms, Audrey Rance, Hazel Young, Aileen Young, Laurie Christie, Kathleen Walshaw, Kenneth Ward, Roy Leaver, Violet Windus, Gertrude Smith, Betty Kernans, Joan Homewood, Marjorie Payne, Diana Dorsey, Constance Hall, Patience Lovely, Isobel Hodges, Lily Cripps, C. Spragg, Sylvia Harrison, Hubert Frewer, Joan Darby, Joan Glover, John Peck, Hazel Clark, Fred Cripps, Brenda Elson, Hilda James.

Commended: Freda Hare, Philip Grimwood, Sylvia Waring, Kathleen McAllister, Margaret Warton, Jean Howell, Betty Warton, Kathleen Eldred.

Not for Competition: The Misses Dorothy Best, Joyce Hodson, Iris Whitney.

March Sunday School heads the list, Potten End has second place, and Akeman Street, Tring and Walthamstow tied for third place.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Once upon a time there was a soldier who, although he had to do hard fighting against many fierce enemies, wrote a song to sing in the midst of the battle. He divided his song into three parts, and at the end of each part, in case he might forget, wrote down "Think of that!" In the first part, he tells us about a terrible earthquake, which is just what war is, and says that he will not be afraid because God is both his refuge and his ever present helper. He was like a rabbit who ran away from his troubles to find strength and safety in a great rock. Think of that!

The soldier next thinks of a terrible attack on a much-loved city by a raging enemy. In spite of all the enemy could do, however, light and gladness remain within the city, for God is in the midst of her. God's blessing upon that city is like a beautiful river ever flowing with joy. He was certain that before long time God would help her, for his God was the Lord of hosts. Think of that!

The soldier's third picture is a fearful one. It is the picture of a battlefield on the morning after the fight All over the field there lie broken bows, smashed spears and burnt chariots. It is a scene of grim destruction, for the Lord of hosts has done it: He has driven off the enemy and made the wars to cease. Above the stillness of the deserted battlefield is heard the voice of God, who says "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be honoured in the earth." The fight is over; victory is won, and the reason, as the soldier says, is just that he made God the Lord his refuge. Think of that!

So here are three things worth thinking about in these days of battle:—

(a) That, come what may, God is our refuge.

(b) That the worst enemy cannot take joy from those who dwell with God.

(c) That God is greater than all our foes and He shall have the last word.

If you want to know where to find this song and your teacher cannot tell you then ask me.

I much enjoyed reading the letters from Mary Clover (we shall miss your entries, Mary), Olive Grimwood (hope your throat is better), Rose Presland and Daphne Luddington (very interested in the photograph), Ruth Caley and Gweneth Stannard (may you find the right shelter, Gweneth). May God bless and keep you all.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

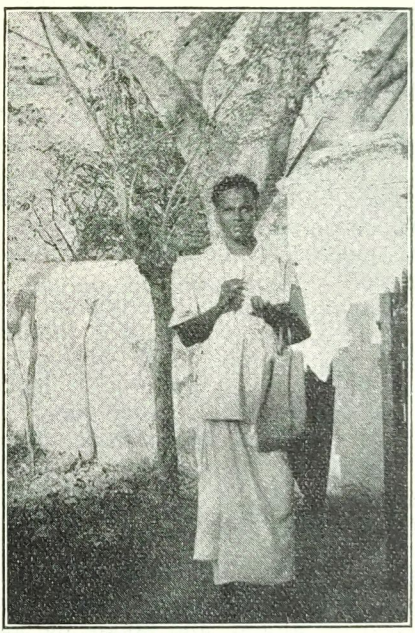
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	20 Su	Psa. 90, 10-17	10 Su	Luke 17, 1-6	Dec. 1 Su	Psa. 24, 1-10
	The Transfiguration.		**Eternal Life.**		**Parable of the Vineyard.**	
Oct.	21 M	Matt. 17, 1-5	Nov. 11 M	Matt. 19, 16 26	Dec. 2 M	Matt 21, 33-39
	22 Tu	Matt 17, 6-13	12 Tu	Mark 10, 23-21	3 Tu	Matt. 21, 40-46
	23 W	Exod. 34, 29-35	13 W	1 John 5, 9-15	4 W	Isa. 5, 1-7
	24 Th	Mal. 4, 1-6	14 Th	John 10, 23-30	5 Th	Ezek. 15, 1-8
	25 F	Isa. 40, 1-9	15 F	John 17, 1-6	6 F	Rom. 9, 27-33
	26 S	Rev. 5, 6 15	16 S	John 5, 19-26	7 S	Hos. 10, 1-7
	27 Su	Rev. 22, 1-7	17 Su	John 5 33-40	8 Su	1 Pet. 2, 1-8

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



A Native Postman.

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Price, 3/- per 100, postage extra.

"MY ADVENTURES!"—BY A PICTURE POSTCARD.

From Uncle Arthur, Kolli Hills Field.

I WAS born in a sea-side town on the South coast, and lived for several months in a toy shop overlooking the beach. Although we were so near the sea, for a long time I did not see it, but one fine Spring morning my master opened the drawer where I and my companions were kept, and took some of us out for an airing. We were placed in slots on a kind of roundabout, one above the other so that people could see us easily. Some of my neighburs seemed very ugly, but I noticed that they attracted a good deal of attention, and people often stood looking at them and laughing.

A heavy blow.

One afternoon, a little girl with a spade and a pail in her hand stopped just opposite my section of the roundabout, took me out and said to her mother, "This will do for Aunt Mary. If I write it quickly I shall just catch the post!" She then wrote all over my back, stuck a stamp on my eye, and popped me in a big red box, where there were many other letters and cards. It was very dark in there, and I was quite glad when about half-an-hour later a man in uniform with a bunch of keys opened the door and let us out. Our liberty was short-lived, for he quickly bundled us into a sack, and carried us off to the sorting office. Here I was given a terrific blow which has left me with a black eye ever since.

After many adventures, I eventually reached the house where Aunt Mary lived, and was pushed through the letter box by another man in uniform. I fell with a bump on to the mat. When Aunt Mary picked me up, she looked at my face for a moment, and said: "What a pretty view!" Then she turned me over and read the writing on my back. She seemed very pleased that her little niece had remembered her. After standing on the mantlepiece for a few days, I was suddenly put away in an album with others like me, and there I stopped in exile for several months.

A new back.

One winter evening, when the snow was on the ground, Aunt Mary opened the album, and taking me and many of my companions out, she began to paste pieces of white paper on to our backs. I felt very sticky and limp all that night, but I was pleased to have a new dress, especially as there was a pretty pattern on it, and some strange letter characters that made me feel very important. Presently Aunt Mary collected us all up into a packet, tied a paper round us on which she wrote the address of a missionary in South India, and put us on the scale. We were then stamped and taken to the post office. "Oh dear! Another black eye!" thought I, but this time although we had a

good thumping, being in the middle of the packet, I escaped with only a slight bruise.

A bad journey.

My next experience was a distinct feeling of sea-sickness, and I realised that I was no longer overlooking the sea, but really on it! Aiyo! How shall I describe that voyage! Soon it became very hot and stuffy in the mail bag—the engines kept throbbing night and day, and on and on we went. At last the engines stopped, for we had reached Bombay, and soon the hatches were off, and we were hustled along to the waiting train. The Indian train seemed rather slow and noisy, so that I was not sorry when next day I arrived in Madras.

But my travels were not over. The missionary to whom we were addressed had left Madras, so we had to go and find him. Another long railway journey to Sankeri Drug, then a bus ride to Namakkal. Here we were sorted out from other letters and papers, and given to a mail runner who carried us on foot to a village near Sendamangalam. Here we changed hands, and passing through Sendamangalam began to ascend the Kolli Hills. Up and up and up we went, until I began to feel quite giddy. Presently, we reached Valavanthi just as the mid-week prayer meeting was finishing, which I thought was very hopeful and a good start for my Indian career.

Starting life over again.

Pastor Selvanathan, who is the Postmaster at Valavanthi, opened the sealed bag we were in. He had a kind face, but he was just as cruel as the man in London, for he gave us another terrific blow on the back which knocked me quite unconscious. When I came-to, I was in the Mission bungalow, and no longer tied up. A small boy was fingering me in a friendly manner, while his Daddy was looking at my companions and reading the funny writing on them. My next resting place was a cupboard in the corner of the office, but I did not stay there long, for one day the missionary began to pack up for camp. He put me in a brown tin box with a lot of other things and gave the box to a hill-man who carried me upon his head over hill and dale for 10 miles. How I wished that I could get out and have a look at the scenery. Judging by the noise, there were a lot of other men with us and the missionary as well.

I become really useful.

After a long tramp we came to a school. The children were singing a hymn I had never heard before, and, when I was taken out of the box, I noticed that they all had brown faces and did not wear many clothes. Most of them had slates, and several had books which they carried in a net like tennis balls. The

missionary began to ask them some Bible questions, and then at the end, he took me and some of my travelling companions and gave us to the boys. The boy into whose hand I was placed said, "Aiyah, salaam!" very respectfully, and then after the closing prayer, took me home and showed me to his father. His father could not read, but the boy soon told him what the words on my white dress meant. Then he put me with his school books, so that he could often look at me. The house I live in now is very different from the toy shop by the sea-side in England, but I feel very glad that I have come to India in order that through me the brown boys and girls may know about Jesus and learn to love him.

WANTED.—Boys and girls who will put new backs on old picture postcards. If you can find the picture postcards, then write to UNCLE PETER for the new backs—they cost 1 - per 100.

A CHRISTMAS RIDDLE.

Question: If one penny measures about 1¼ inches across, how far would a mile of pennies stretch?

Answer: A mile of pennies goes a very long way towards making many Indian boys and girls happy.

So put one of your pennies into the Christmas and New Year Thankoffering Envelope and make part of the mile your own.

"THOSE THAT SEEK ME EARLY SHALL FIND ME."

By Beatrice L. Mowle, Namakkal.

JOSEPH was a little lad who studied in one of our village schools. All his people were Hindus. He could only attend school for a very short time, because his parents were very poor indeed and he had to help to earn his own living at a very young age. Unlike a great number of boys in a similar position, who are sometimes a great source of sorrow to us, he continued to keep up his reading. As he minded the sheep, he would take a gospel and read it while the sheep were grazing. As he read he thought of the scripture lessons he had been taught in school. God was

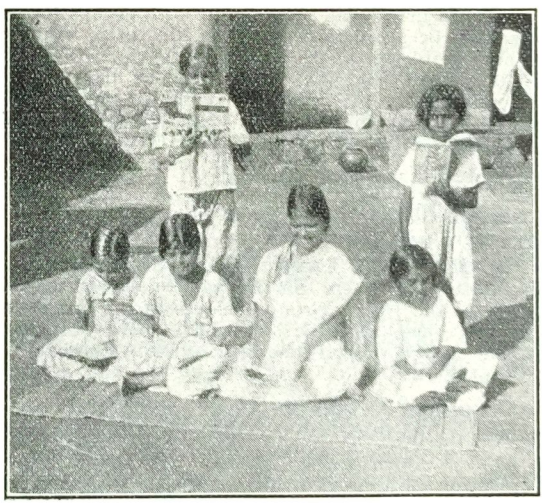
also answering the prayer of two of His children who belong to that village, but had to leave because of great poverty and the inability to earn their living there. They are working at Singapore.

Confessing Jesus.

Through the reading of God's word, Joseph realized that the Lord Jesus had come to save him, and as he knew something of the deep love of the Lord Jesus, he desired to follow Him in baptism. In course of time he was baptized with several others from that same village and is now a member of the little church which has been formed there. His parents and relatives used to abuse him as he read God's word, and tried in many ways to hinder him from becoming a Christian. Now he reads his Bible without being molested.

Following Jesus.

One evening, while I was in camp in that village, Joseph came to see me, and we had quite a long talk about Jesus and His Word. He is not very strong physically and is often subject to fits. During the course of our conversation he said, "Amma, I know the Lord is able to cure me if it is His will. Although I have taken medicine and prayed, I still have these fits, but I thank Him because He has given me grace to bear them in a way I could not have done if I had not been a Christian." He is now trying to witness for the Lord by speaking for Him whenever the opportunity comes. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."



Kolli Hill Hostel Girls at Study.

ALIVE OR DEAD?

Things are not always what they seem, or are at all times alike to their appearance. Recently I saw a "dead stick" standing on the wrong part of a tree branch. Upon touching the "stick" it soon showed itself to be a caterpillar, which looked like a dead stick, but was very much alive. The electric wires in the streets of a city look very dead as they swing in the wind, but do not touch them or you may find them alive. Watch the tram conductor connect the long arm of a tramcar to the wires, see the lively flash and watch the power send the car racing through the streets. Those overhead wires are much more alive than they seem.

Even so is God's Word. It is not a dead book in a black cover, but it is very much alive. It has great power. It speaks, it works, it kindles, it burns, it takes long journeys, it sends men and women to India. It is the greatest force in the world, for the mind of the infinite and holy God is expressed therein, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us then reverence God's Word. Let us pray God that His Living Word may enter our hearts bringing Life Eternal with it; and as we do this searcher let us try to learn more about this wonderful Word of God.

Lower Group, age under 12.

In each of the chapters mentioned below there is a verse which tells something about the word of God. Search for the words **"word of God,"** and when you have found them write out the verses **in full,** in each case giving the book, chapter and verse where found. These are the chapters to search: Proverbs 30; Isaiah 40; Luke 4; Romans 10; Hebrews 13.

SEE BELOW FOR NEW ADDRESS.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

In addition to the chapters given for the Lower Group we want you to search for the same words in these chapters: Luke 11; Ephesians 6; 1 Thessalonians 2; Hebrews 4; 1 Peter 1. Write out your answers in the same way as the Lower Group.

SEE BELOW FOR NEW ADDRESS.

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, 1941, 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 1d envelope (unsealed) to THIS NEW ADDRESS:—UNCLE PETER, 22, BROOKE ROAD, WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON, E.17.** If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 2½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, DECEMBER 31st, 1940.

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.

Some excellent papers were sent in, particularly in the Lower Group. Several scholars in the Upper Group misunderstood the instructions and wrote out another verse—not the one which answered Question 4. We welcome 40 new searchers and one new school—Chesham. The names follow in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Barbara Holmes, aged 12, "Providence," Streatham.
2, Albert Chapman, aged 13, Horham.

Special Mention: Eileen Brownrigg, Sheila Walshaw, Doris Fuller, Florence Hamilton, W. Norman Ing, Doris Jermyn, Harold Ernest Abbott, Sylvia Cheek, Gordon Farmer.

Highly Commended: Mollie Bradnam, Winnie Cook, Joan Cherry, June Ealey, Olive Gravatt, Janet Christie, Eileen Turner, Joan Bysouth, Joyce Austin, Eleanor Chenery, Rene Vaughan, Ethel Flory, Betty Ward, Dorothy Allen, Dorothy Townsend, Joan Fryer, Jean Etheridge, Audrey Etheridge, Ruth Oakey, M. Line, Barbara Taylor, Dorothy Spain, Elsie Dungey, Connie Miles, Vera Gurney, Fred Apps, Mary Hobbs, Iris Rhone, Freda Lightning, Donald Christie, Eva Grimwood, Connie Atkin, R. Endersby, Lena Rippin, Dorothy Geall, Betty Howard, Daphne Ludding-ton, Betty Smith, Gladys Cato, Ruby Fitzhugh, Myrtle Hemming, Olive Law, Oliver Toms.

Commended: Rosina Reeve, Dennis, Lithgow, Susie Collins, M. Endersby, Dorothy Ross, Joan Fitzjohn, David Hughes, Muriel Asplin, John Bryant, Dennis Fenn, Peggy Abbott, Dorothy Figg, Ethel Faulkner, Colin Figg, Myrtle Honeysett, Kenneth Pearson. Answered one Group only: Joyce Freeman, Jean Rowe, Olive Grimwood.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, George Abbott, aged 10, March, Cambs.
2, Geoffrey Ince, aged 8, Gurney Road, Stratford.

Special Mention: Sylvia Gladstone, Hazel Brownrigg, Barbara Bugg, Bertha Etheridge, Mary Emmerson, Derek Endersby, Ruth Jaeger, Marjorie Mileham, Muriel Stannard, Kathleen Walshaw, Aileen Young, Gertrude Smith, Yvonne de Potter.

Very Highly Commended: Gwen Bradnam, Lydia Endersby, Dorothy Rayner, Douglas Gray, Sheila Weaver, Bunty Bysouth, Freda Hare, Margaret Cockbill, May Baxter, Edna Pawsey, Peter Jermyn, Gladys Rayner, Brenda Elson, Ronald Holder, Patience Lovely, Philip Grimwood, Mary Field, Peggy Bull, June Case, Hilda Ball, Lily Cato.

Highly Commended: Brian Honeysett, Jean Smith, Annette Pountain, John Cockbill, Betty Rhone, Cynthia Marks, Dennis Taylor, Margaret Jaeger, Hilda Hawes, Winifred Manfield, Roy Leaver, George Hooper, Mary Goddard, Margaret Endersby, Harry Baxter, Hilda Grimwood, Ian Herbst, I. Hodges, Vera Kennett, Peter Marshall, Olive Payne, Robert Kettless, Ruby Hawes, Michael Hitchcock, Philip Holder, Mavis Lawrence, Una Lambert, Eleanor Parker, Jean Shipton, Muriel Wilding, Joan Taylor, Brenda Blinkhorn, Sylvia Bunn, Mary Summerville, Caroline Spragg, Kathleen Ball, Pamela Street, Pat Hawkins, Maureen Daniel, Hazel Crisp, Pamela Whitaker, Joyce Hayward, Jean Howes, Derek Law, Gwendolyne Harwin, Barbara Roweth, P. Wilkinson, Laurie Christie, Andrew Layzell, Betty Fordham, Iris Burville, Jacqueline Colby, Peter Roberts, Mavis Daniel, Maisie Catling, Grace Catling, Amy Hawes, Audrey Gibbs, Tom Apps, Daphne Hindle, Dorothy Riches, Derek Brocklehurst, John Bridge-stock, Daphne Bull, Jimmy Hobbs. And one entry from 81, Mount Drive, North Harrow, without the name of the sender.

Commended: Daphne Lithgow, Betty Gunn, Jean Bradding, Chrissie Spragg, Pamela Reeks, Eileen Gilbert, Rosina Gilbert. Omitted to write out verse: Norman Carter, Catherine Luff, Jean Harwin, Doreen Luff, Pamela Pearson, Dolly Mayhew, Edward Rengert, Peter Flitton, Peter Rengert, Joyce Norwood, G. Cooksley, Jean Mercer, Margaret Gates, Gordon Gates, Barbara Line, Harold Gristwood, Peter Bysh, Brian Clenshaw.

Not for Competition: The Misses Dorothy Best and Iris Whitney.

March Sunday School again heads the list; with Akeman Street, Tring, second; Horham and Potten End tied for third place.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

My dear Boys and Girls,

Once again this is the Christmas number and we wish you each and all the happiest Christmas that you can have, and a New Year that may bring peace before it has grown very old.

We were all grieved to hear that a bomb had crashed through the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. It is a noble building and, from the very heart of the great city of London, speaks to us of One who rules over all, whether they dwell in city or country. There was a photograph in the daily papers of the inside of this great church after the bomb had fallen. The floor was covered with the ruins which had been caused, but in the centre of the picture, above the damaged altar, there stood out a message which was not damaged. It was in Latin, but it bore the words which bring to this world its only hope and comfort—"God so loved the World . . . ." The enemy may destroy our church buildings but he cannot destroy the glad tidings of the Gospel of the Love of God, which came to us on that first Christmas morning. He may break the buildings but he cannot break the faith of Jesus Christ. For the Church of God is not a building, it is a great house—a home—which you cannot see. It is where no enemy can touch it; it dwells eternal in the heavens. Jesus Himself is the chief corner stone and one by one those who believe upon Him are built on to that foundation and their life is then hid with Christ, as the house that is not made with hands grows up stone by stone. It matters not whether our skins are white or brown, yellow or black, there is only one home for our souls.

This, then, is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ—a message for the world, of the love of God—a story of a home for little children. The great question for each one of us is this. Are we being left outside or are we entering in? There were indeed some who entered not in because of unbelief, but Jesus said, "I am the Door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." To enter into that blessed Home is to come to Jesus, who said "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you; seek, and ye shall find."

I was very glad to receive letters from Eileen Brownrigg, Violet G. Culliford. Dorothy Figg, Mrs. Emmerson (for Mary Emmerson), Dorothy Geall, Rene Vaughan and Muriel Wilding. I should also like to acknowledge letters from the following friends and convey my thanks to them:—Mrs. B. V. Barber, Mr. A. Feltham, Mr. Ernest Miles, Mr. L. Mortimer and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

May this Christmas bring to each one of us the joy of knowing that God has drawn very near to us in Jesus Christ and may we each, like those shepherds of old, turn aside from the things of every day to "see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER,

Duty to Caesar and God.

Dec.	9 M	**Matt. 22, 15-22**
	10 Tu	Matt. 22, 34-40
	11 W	Matt. 22, 41-46
	12 Th	1 Pet. 2, 13-20
	13 F	Rom. 13, 1-7
	14 S	Matt. 17, 24-27
	15 Su	Micah 6, 1-9

Born a King.

Dec.	16 M	**Matt. 2, 1-8**
	17 Tu	**Matt. 2, 9-15**
	18 W	**Matt. 2, 16-23**
	19 Th	Psa. 72, 1-11
	20 F	Isa. 9, 1-7
	21 S	John 19, 14-22
	22 Su	Luke 1, 26-33

Wise and Foolish.

Dec.	23 M	**Matt. 25, 1-6**
	24 Tu	**Matt. 25, 7-13**
	25 W	Luke 2, 1-16
	26 Th	Psa. 14, 1-7
	27 F	Psa. 107, 31-43
	28 S	Matt. 7, 21-29
	29 Su	Heb. 2, 1-9

The Command to Joshua

Dec.	30 M	**Josh. 1, 1-9**
	31 Tu	**Josh. 1, 10-18**
Jan.	1 W	Num. 27, 15-23
	2 Th	Num. 14, 1-10
	3 F	Psa. 62, 1-12
	4 S	Neh. 9, 16-21
	5 Su	Deut. 31, 14-15; 22-27

The Story of Rahab

Jan.	6 M	**Josh. 2, 1-7**
	7 Tu	**Josh. 2, 8-16**
	8 W	**Josh. 2, 17-24**
	9 Th	Jas. 2, 15-26
	10 F	Psa. 87, 1-7
	11 S	1 Pet. 1, 1-9
	12 Su	Heb. 11, 31-40

Crossing the Jordan

Jan.	13 M	**Josh. 3, 1-8**
	14 Tu	**Josh. 3, 9-17**
	15 W	Neh. 9, 22-27
	16 Th	Psa. 114, 1-8
	17 F	Num. 14, 26-34
	18 S	Heb. 3, 7-19
	19 Su	Psa. 36, 1-12

The Fall of Jericho

Jan.	20 M	Josh. 4, 1-9
	21 Tu	Josh. 4, 10-18
	22 W	Josh. 5, 10-15
	23 Th	**Josh. 6, 1-8**
	24 F	**Josh. 6, 9-16**
	25 S	**Josh. 6, 17-27**
	26 Su	Heb. 11, 21-30

The Sin of Achan

Jan.	27 M	**Josh. 7, 1-9**
	28 Tu	**Josh. 7, 10-18**
	29 W	**Josh. 7, 19-26**
	30 Th	Isa. 65, 8-16
	31 F	1 Cor. 10, 6-15
Feb.	1 S	Matt. 6, 19-30
	2 Su	Hosea 2, 14-20

The Gibeonites

Feb.	3 M	Josh. 8, 1-8
	4 Tu	Josh. 8, 9-17
	5 W	Josh. 8, 18-24
	6 Th	Josh. 8, 25-31
	7 F	**Josh. 9, 1-8**
	8 S	**Josh. 9, 9-18**
	9 Su	**Josh. 9, 19-27**

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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.

RULES

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.

7.—That the Council meet in London as often as necessary, at such time and place as may be determined upon by a majority of its members present at any such meeting, ten (including the Chairman) to form a quorum.

8.—That a month's notice be given of any new business intended to be introduced to the Council.

9.—That with a view to giving contributing Churches of the faith and order of its doctrinal basis direct participation in the conduct of this Mission, every such Church subscribing—from all sources during the current year—£3 is entitled to nominate one of its members to be a member of the Association for the ensuing year; a similar payment of £10 entitles such a Church to nominate two members; £20, three members, £30, four members. Such nominations to be in writing, signed by the Secretary of the Church, and sent to the General Secretary of The Strict Baptist Mission. Members so nominated will be qualified to attend and vote at the Annual and General Meetings of the Association.

10.—That in the event of the death or retirement of any of the Officers or Council, any such casual vacancy may be filled up by the other members of the Council.

11.—That all meetings be commenced and concluded with prayer.

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SEVENTY-NINTH REPORT

1940

IT is with praise to God and sincere thanks to all supporting friends that we present this 79th Annual Report of the Strict Baptist Mission.

The year has certainly been one of unprecedented difficulties. War at home and unrest in India have caused many anxious thoughts and much earnest prayer. Our plans have often been frustrated, and at times our best efforts have failed of their purpose. Until the last moment we even wondered whether a Report would be possible at all.

The Lord's work, however, has gone on, and we are confident that nothing will ever stay His hand. Through God's goodness and the loving thoughtfulness of His children, support for the Mission has been inspiringly maintained, and, though the utmost care has been consistently exercised in our financial administration, no part of the work has really suffered.

Thus we can record, as the following Report attempts to do in brief, that the Gospel has been preached, precious souls saved, Christ glorified—and once more we have proved the faithfulness of our Master, and the meaning of His promise to all missionary workers: *"Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."*

THE WORK IN INDIA

Madras and Poonamallee Field

By D. A. Thrower.

After a period of service among the Churches of the Homeland, we returned to the work to which God had newly recalled us, and arrived in Madras early in February last. The writer has thus been in this part of the Harvest Field a little less than five months of the year under review. Since our arrival we have rejoiced in many tokens of the Lord's continued blessing on the labours of His servants in this area.

The number of persons in full fellowship with the five Tamil Strict Baptist **Churches** of this Field has now risen to 405, which represents an increase of 23 members over the number reported last year. 22 believers received baptism, and three other persons (who had been immersed previously) were received into membership on testimony during the year under review. Two members have been removed by death. The present membership of the various Churches is shown by the following list:—

Vepery and Kilpauk	154	members.
Ayanapuram	92	,,
Sembiam	80	,,
Poonamallee	60	,,
Mannur	19	,,

A considerable number of folk are eagerly desiring to witness a good confession of their faith in the Saviour and join with us, so we expect further additions in the near future. There are signs of spiritual growth and witnessing fervour in many of the members of the Churches, although in some other cases there seems to be but a stunted growth and an absence of witness for the Lord. Three brethren, who six months ago completed a two-year course of training in the Bible Institute of our Mission, are now engaged as preachers in connection with the Churches, and we hope that their labours will bear much fruit.

Sustained interest and co-operation are shown in connection with the evangelistic efforts of the **Volunteer Fellowship.** The persevering work of both men and women helpers in the six villages of the Mannur area has been blessed by God to the salvation of souls, seven of whom have joined the Mannur Church during the past year. The spirit of voluntary service is

gradually spreading, so that we now have 14 **Sunday Schools** regularly conducted by a faithful band of honorary workers. These Sunday Schools are quite distinct from those held in connection with the Day Schools of the Mission.

The **Day Schools** continue to reach more than a thousand children with the Word of God through Bible story, simple Scripture Catechism, memory passages and Gospel lyrics. A large number of the converts in this Field have referred to the blessing received by learning the Gospel story during childhood in our schools. We, therefore, feel that the ministry of the day schools is a fruitful one. The number of schools has been reduced to eleven by the closure of the Vepery school. This was necessitated by the fact that the City Corporation itself opened a new school almost next door to our school in Vepery, and it became quite impossible to maintain the strength of the latter. A vigorous Sunday School is, however, still carried on in the Vepery chapel. One of the Schools is of the Higher Elementary Grade (i.e., it gives instruction up to the eighth standard), eight are complete Primary Schools (fifth standard), and two have the first three standards only. We do not know how long we shall be able to continue this form of ministry, but it is extremely encouraging to note that this year Government has given us generous assistance by increasing the amount of teaching grant to Rs.4685.

The **Young Men's Hostel** at present has 16 members. The men are employed in a variety of different occupations, and enjoy the protection and comfort of this institution. The Hostel is fully self-supporting. It is our earnest desire to see a real work of God, a true revival, and a growth in grace among these young men. Here we have incalculable potentialities for good—or for bad!—and we look up to God and ask Him to have His way with our young men, as He is already having with our young women. This allusion to the work among the young women brings us to the **Sewing Class,** which is conducted in the Mission compound at Kilpauk. The class has 20 members, nine of whom have been baptized. A number of the young women who have passed through the Class in previous years have also been converted. This institution, which entails no financial expenditure whatever, has given us more spiritual joy than any other piece of work that we have had the privilege of touching. The Christian members of the class (nearly all of whom have come from Hindu homes) are carrying on a vigorous and consistent witness by life and by lip among their home folk, and this indigenous ministry is bound to bear fruit. In fact, it has already resulted in more than one parent or other relative being brought to the Lord.

Our Indian co-workers continue to carry the financial responsibility of the Korattur school, with its three teachers,

through their **Gospel Extension Society.** The amount contributed to the funds of the society by the members of the staff during the year was Rs.352.

Gospel literature is sold in the small shop at the entrance to the Mission compound, and also by an itinerating **colporteur.** 933 Bibles, Testaments and smaller portions of the Scriptures have been sold, and a large number of copies of other Gospel literature have been distributed. The **Preachers'** reports show that they have given over 600 addresses to an aggregate of nearly 11,000 hearers. We would earnestly request all our friends to pray that the Lord's great ministry of salvation may be administered more and more by His Spirit through His servants in South India; blind eyes need to be opened; captives must be released, and the broken-hearted healed. Oh, Lord! sound the jubilee!

"SHADE OF HIS HAND OUTSTRETCHED CARESSINGLY"

BY E. ORCHARD.

IN these days of darkness it is good to look back over the past days, and to recount some of the blessings which have attended our way. So very often our gloom—our shadow—is but the shade of our Father's hand outstretched in order that He may mould us and make us suitable for future service. God has His great purpose in making us go through the darkness. In our prayers we have prayed much that the present shadow, dark as it is, may be the means whereby He will bring us into wider spheres of usefulness. There is assurance in the words of Isaiah: "In the shadow of His hand hath He hid me."

When this year opened I was still working in Namakkal and Sendamangalam, and found great pleasure in helping Mr. A. J. Morling in the general activities of those Fields. The chief occupation of that time was supervision of schools and school work. Every month I was able to visit all of the schools on the Sendamangalam side and some of the schools in the Namakkal area. The children were encouraged to learn Scripture portions and lyrics. When I visited the schools it was a joy to listen to those portions being repeated. Sometimes it was possible to give a short lesson from the Scripture learnt. Just before I left Namakkal for Madras, I camped in various places and conducted the Annual Scripture Examination. The Pastor and two other helpers were with me on that occasion. The results in many cases were excellent, and all the schools showed a good percentage of marks.

Then I was also able to help in conducting Sunday services. Each month, from July, 1939, onward, I camped at one of the out-stations, and conducted the services in two villages. When there were opportunities, the preacher and I went to nearby villages and held open-air meetings. Although the work in that particular area was difficult and sometimes disappointing, every opportunity was taken to get into touch with the people, and many happy times were spent there. On other Sundays I cycled out to nearby villages for the services. There were occasions also when I was able to help the Pastor in the work of the Sirunellikoil pastorate. I praise God for the time He gave me in Namakkal and Sendamangalam; it was a time of real fellowship.

I came to Madras in March, 1940, and it was not long before I realised that there were many opportunities of service and witness here. Once again Day Schools have taken up much of the short time since I arrived. All the schools have been visited, and I have become acquainted with all the staff. The same system of Scripture teaching as that which we used in Namakkal has been adopted here. The upper standards are reading the Gospel according to Luke, and many times I have been able to speak to the children about the beautiful lessons which are found in that Gospel.

There are many kinds of Young People's meetings to attend. If I were to attend them all each month, most of the evenings of the month would be spent in this way. As occasion arises I attend some of them. These meetings are grand opportunities to make contact and to have fellowship with the young men of our Churches and congregations. Very keen interest is taken in the meetings by the men, and most of them are controlled by small committees appointed from among the members of the various classes.

As the various Churches make out their preaching programmes, they include my name, and I thus have the privilege of preaching every Sunday in one or another of the places of worship. Just after I arrived in Madras it was a real pleasure to baptize five young people in connection with the Vepery Church. There are various out-stations where services are conducted regularly month by month. On these occasions I am able to visit Sunday schools and other children's meetings, most of which are conducted on a purely voluntary basis.

During the time I have been in Madras I have been out once or twice a week in the mornings to encourage our preachers in their village work. On most days we start about 7 o'clock in the morning, and each takes a turn in preaching to the people. After this we offer for sale various portions of Scripture and one-pie booklets. The folk eagerly buy these booklets and often return for more. About a thousand booklets have been sold during these visits to the villages.

Lastly, there have been many times when the preachers and

I have visited the homes of our Christians, more especially the Christians who live in the out-of-the-way places. In this way we have been able to encourage them in a regular attendance upon public worship and private devotions.

" He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." So that we may *boldly* say, " The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." " I will trust and not be afraid."

Kolli Hills Field

BY G. F. CHAMPION and H. A. HUCKETT.

This brief Report, dealing with some aspects of the work undertaken during the past year on the Kolli Hills, is compiled from statements sent by the above two Brethren. Mr. Champion laboured there until the beginning of May, when Mr. Huckett took charge of this Field. Mr. Champion is now at Sendamangalam.

Churches. (i.) VALAVANTHI.—One sister has been added by baptism, the membership now being 42. In addition to the Sunday services, meetings for prayer have been held regularly and members of the Church have taken part in open-air preaching in the surrounding villages. The Church has made progress financially, and is now providing half of the cost of supporting their Preacher-in-charge, Mr. A. P. Selvanathan. In view of this, Conference has agreed that he be recognised as full Pastor, and it is hoped that his Recognition Services will take place before the end of the year. The total collections, including harvest offerings, from July, 1939, to June, 1940, amounted to Rs.188-10-4.

(ii.) PULIAMPATTI.—This Church has had many setbacks. Some members have gone to Malaya to work on the plantations. One brother, Nathaniel, of Tripulli, died of pneumonia last December, leaving six small children. Two of them are in the Girls' Boarding Home, one is in the Boys' Hostel here, and a fourth is at Namakkal. Owing to her immoral life, another member has had to be withdrawn from. Her husband, whom she has deserted, has brought his two children to us and is endeavouring to get work in Singapore. We had hoped that Preacher M. Joseph, recently returned from the Bible Institute, would be able to look after the little flock at Puliam, but owing to a severe attack of blackwater fever he has had to leave the hills, and may not be able to return. In spite of these hindrances, the work is being maintained. The total offerings for the year amounted to Rs. 63-5-9.

(iii.) ALATHUR.—This is not a separate Church at present, but we are glad to report that there is every prospect of a little

Church being formed there. Under the blessing of God, those who left caste a year or two ago are standing firm, and in spite of persecution have maintained their witness. One man has already been accepted by the Valavanthi Church for baptism, and others are under instruction.

Schools.—Scripture lessons have been given regularly in our eight village schools, and the teachers have attended monthly classes for Bible study. Ten workers sat for the Annual Scripture Examination last April. We regret to report that only four passed. Owing to the fact that the hill people are mostly employed in agriculture, it seems almost impossible to get boys to study beyond the Fourth Standard. For this reason, it has not been possible to bring our schools up to the standard required by Government, and grants have very greatly decreased. The total amount received last year was only Rs. 186.

Medical.—The Gospel message has been proclaimed by our medical workers to hundreds of sick people who have visited the Mission Dispensary. We know that this ministry has been used of God to the salvation of souls, for some who are members with us to-day first came through the medical work. Last year, 4,821 patients were treated, of whom 1939 were suffering from malaria. A trained male nurse-compounder assists the doctor in this important branch of the work.

Boys' Hostel.—The boys who reside in our Hostel are under the care of a boarding master who has had training in horticulture. The older boys work on the land in the mornings and attend school in the afternoons. Nine boys from the Kollis are now in the Namakkal Hostel, with a view to obtaining an 8th standard certificate. Even some of these boys work on the land in their holidays. Similarly five girls from the hills are in the Sendamangalam Boarding Home. The future of these children calls for prayerful consideration. One Kolli Hill girl has recently commenced a two-year course of teacher training at Salem.

Camping.—During our two weeks' stay in the **Alathur Valley** we visited each of the villages, and had at our meetings in various places about half of the population of the valley. We were afforded a good reception wherever we went, and feel that the time spent in that part of the Hills was well worth while. Being in daily touch with our friends there was, we believe, an encouragement and help to them.

Our annual camp at **Koilur** during the time of the big festival brought us once more into touch with plains as well as hill people. On three successive nights of our stay we were able to conduct lantern lectures in the open-air, and during the festival, as usual, we distributed quite an amount of free literature, in addition to selling Gospel portions and other Christian books.

We sold 167 booklets, including 75 copies of the Gospels of Luke and John, and gave away over 300 tracts and text-cards.

Personal Work has brought us into contact with people of widely differing outlook and traditions. A young **Brahmin boy,** in part charge of the Koilur temple, has been to see us on several occasions. He was educated at a mission school in Ceylon, and has some knowledge of the life of Christ and His teaching. Recently, when we were talking to him, he reiterated again and again the plea, " I must consult my parents; I could not do anything without their consent." A wealthy **non-Brahmin Hindu,** with whom we tried to talk, loudly and fluently harangued us, the main theme of his discourse being that all religions are much alike, and all largely useless. A **hill lad** who, years ago, was a frequent visitor to the compound, still says he must think over the Gospel message. He it was who remarked, " When you are speaking to me I feel I must follow Christ, but immediately you have gone and I continue my daily work with other hill men and women, all the good thoughts in my heart dissolve, and I go on as before."

The psalmist knew this difficulty and prayed: " Turn us again, O Lord of Hosts, cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved." May we who know the Lord pray this prayer on behalf of such as those mentioned above !

Namakkal & Sendamangalam Fields

BY A. J. MORLING.

THE towns in which the headquarters of these two fields are found form the chief strongholds of Hinduism in this Taluk. In each there are two temple cars, in which once a year certain local deities are placed and taken for their annual trip around the town. Most of the streets in Namakkal have either a temple or a shrine, and so we are perpetually faced with the challenge of Hinduism, the challenge of the powers of darkness. Ancestor worship keeps many souls in bondage; custom from the dim past plays its devastating part in the Hindu's every-day life; ignorance holds men, women and children physically, mentally and spiritually in its deadening grip, and so hope is destroyed. However, despite the serious nature of the opposition, it is possible for Indian and European alike to become accustomed to the conditions that confront them, and therefore to lose initiative and power. Against these tendencies, and many others, we frequently have to guard ourselves, and renew the attack with fresh vision.

Contacts through Evangelism.

In our work of propagating the Gospel, a growing feeling of nationality has to be contended with, one which calls for tact and love. Christ is the centre and bond of true peace, and so, although it irritates our Hindu friends, we present Him " who is our Peace " as the only Way and true Light. In priest-ridden villages the message of love is regularly preached, and at intervals the messenger receives encouragement and hope. This year, 196 villages have been systematically visited, and whenever possible lantern lectures have been given. Colporteurs, who are six in number, have sold 248 Bibles and Testaments, and 2,145 Gospels. We are now making a new drive in connection with the sale of Scriptures—a Gospel can sometimes be sold where an audience cannot be held, and its living power gives us confidence when the spoken Word is refused.

The Gospel Extension Society, which is supported by Mission workers, has continued to conduct its work in two centres, Selur and Muttanchetti. In the former place is one of the schools that has recently received Government recognition for the 5th standard, and here we have one of our Bible Institute men. The strength of the school is increasing, and the services are well attended and receiving God's blessing. The amount collected by the Society during the year was Rs.552-8-4.

For a long while we have been trying to overcome the difficulty connected with our offering more help to the Christians in Namakkal, who although they do not " belong to us " in one sense, yet require spiritual guidance and encouragement. Last March all Christians in the town were invited to the bungalow, and after light refreshments had been served, we placed before them the proposal of forming a fraternity. This they eagerly accepted, and " The Namakkal Christian Fellowship " was formed. At the beginning of each month we have a devotional meeting, and in order to promote a feeling of greater friendliness, it was decided that we gather in the home of one of the members for a social meeting during the middle of every month. The way in which the members have so far come together on each occasion has greatly encouraged us, and the usefulness of the Fellowship has been seen in the increased attendance at Sunday services in the Namakkal Chapel. High School teachers, Government officials and their wives form the majority of the members. Hitherto our expectations have been more than realised, and we solicit your prayers that this fraternity may become increasingly spiritually influential.

Contacts through Churches.

We have mentioned the challenge of opposing forces. In our Churches they are found in a different, but not less disruptive manner. Church work amongst those who are still considered by caste people as untouchables, calls for infinite grace, wisdom,

tact and patience, yet it is one which is of great importance. In nearly every station in the Namakkal Field there are applicants for immersion. The congregation at Vadakaraiyathur has grown, and is truly encouraging. At Sellampampalaiyam our our hopes are rising, but great caution on our part is demanded here, due to the fact that we have in this village our first congregation from the Sakele community, the lowest section of the outcastes. Roman Catholic opposition continues in certain places, but owing to the priest being unwilling to maintain the initial liberal gifts, many have lost interest and refuse to attend the R.C. services.

During the year under review offerings in our Churches amounted to Rs.577-6-5.

Contacts through Schools.

One of the two men baptized this year traced his conversion back to his days in a Mission school. Educational authorities have been trying to squeeze out the Scripture lesson period, without success. During the year the four schools in the Sendamangalam Field have been made complete lower elementary, *i.e.*, comprising of standards one to five inclusive, and the same is true of a number of schools on the Namakkal side. Last November we attempted to raise the standard of the Annual Scripture Examination in our Schools, and accordingly prizes were given in all schools where the top child had more than 75% marks. Only one school failed to get a prize. The teacher whose school average was the highest was also rewarded; the successful one had an average mark of 78%.

The Boys' Hostel is still easily maintained, in fact, this year we have been obliged to refuse admittance to a large number of lads. Last April, when the Annual Government Examination was conducted by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, our lads took five of the nine certificates that were awarded; of these the first three places were gained by them. In the Senior Hostel one boy failed to pass his class examination, so he has not returned. This, and the attitude of the Head Master of the High School towards Christians, has resulted in a slight drop in our numbers. In both the Hostels our boys continue to do all their own cooking, sweeping, sewing, gardening, haircutting, etc., and the Senior one helps us to have a hold on our young people during a very difficult stage in their early life. Please pray that all contacts made by teachers in our schools may magnify the Lord and guide young lives to the foot of the Cross.

Last year, grants for our Schools and Hostel realised Rs.3,196-9-0 and Rs.815-0-0 respectively.

Thus, by well-attended services, prayer meetings, school lessons, open-air preaching, and selling of Scriptures, contacts are daily being made with men, women and children who are ignorant of the love of the Father. Please pray that all engaged

in the service of the King may labour according to His commands and realise that far more remains to be done than has already been accomplished, that their faith may be strengthened and, conscious of the dynamic power of the Gospel message, they may preach expecting souls to be brought into the Kingdom.

Tinnevelly Field

BY W. H. KUHRT.

WARFARE and tranquility, famine and plenty, defeat and victory, apostacy and Pentecost, have been some of the paradoxical experiences through which we have passed since last writing an Annual Report. The coming of war, expected though it was, threw most of us into confusion, and occasioned a whirling riot of self-examination, doubt, perplexity, and battling allegiances. "Should we be able to carry on?" The heroic response which was made in England to the war challenge soon settled that question, and went a long way towards settling others too. The warfare within gave way to peace, a peace that has become more settled and serene with the passing of the days. India has been unexpectedly calm.

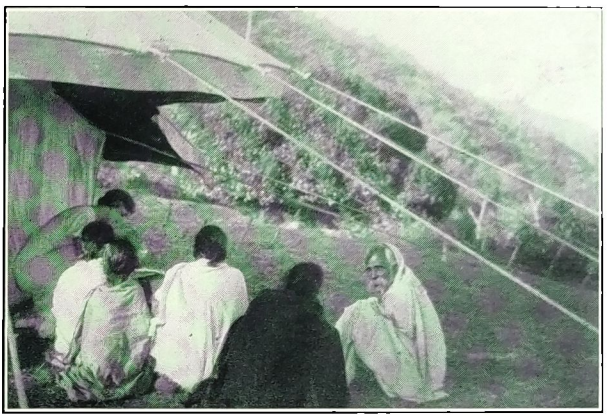
Famine conditions have continued to play havoc with Church work in certain areas, notably in the Kalingalpatti circle, where visits to Sevalkulam, Alagapuri and Kurinjakulam, and Ramethevanpatti were almost a complete waste of time, for the Church members had all fled to other and more promising parts of the country. Heavy rains in April went far to alleviate distress, and, particularly in Kalingalpatti and Valaiyapatti, comparative plenty followed, and made conditions much more bearable. A new mill is being built near Kovilpatti, while the old one continues to provide a high standard of living for hundreds of people, including many of our Christians. In the early part of the year strikes and a serious slump in textiles hung like a grim threat over the town and its environs. The storm has been weathered and Kovilpatti is still at work.

For the first time in Tinnevelly we were bothered with the borrowing and lending of money amongst the Mission agents, and drastic action had to be taken in several instances. We have reason to believe, however, that the spiritual level of the Mission staff is far higher now than ever it has been before, and we look for a larger measure of victory in the life and work of all. Melaputhur and other villages provided lamentable instances of apostacy and wickedness, but over against this is to be set a remarkable outpouring of Pentecostal power in several Churches, notably Anbinagaram.

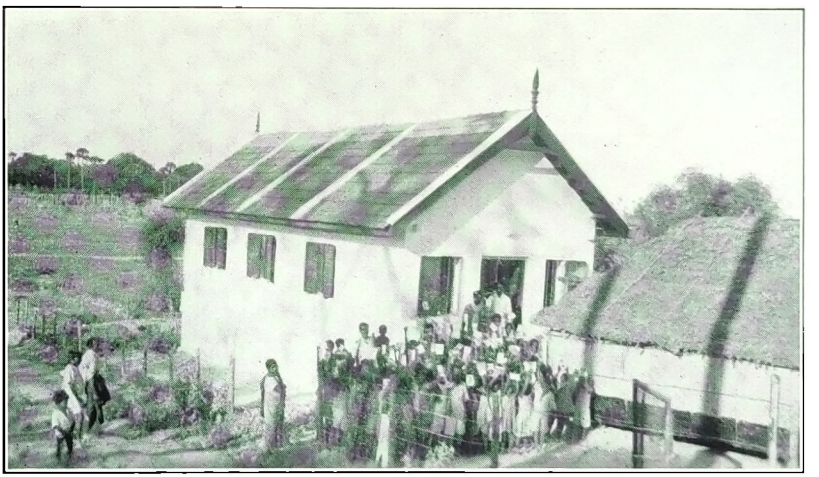
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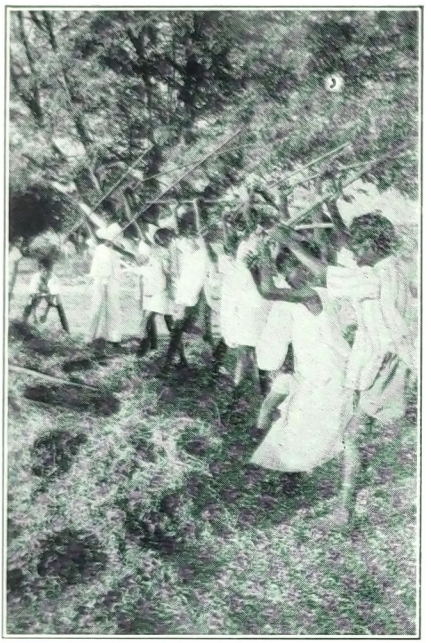
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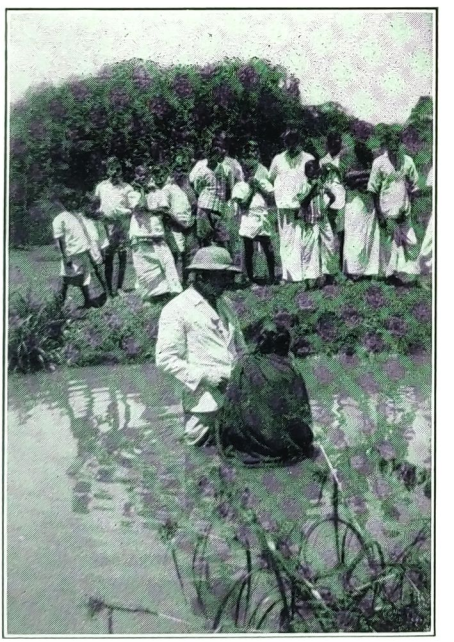
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Children going home with S.B.M. Postcard Tracts

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tion for 1,100 scholars, and Sunday schools account for another 120. Only four men of lower grade remain out of a total teaching staff of 42, and all but two of the schools are recognised by Government, which during the past year assisted with a grant of more than Rs.3,000.

Eight members of our staff have been wholly or partly engaged in preaching activities in the Churches and in the villages, beside our four Pastors, who continue their ministrations in all directions. The ten students of the Bible Institute have admirably supplemented these efforts, both on Sundays and at other times when their services have been available for practical work. Colporteurs and others have sold more than 9,000 books and papers of various kinds, including 71 Bibles. Bible and hymn book sales shot up phenomenally, owing to the amazing outpouring of grace at Anbinagaram, which in a remarkably short time spread from their hearts to their pockets, causing them to buy more than twenty Bibles and as many hymn books.

The Hostel continues to minister to the bodily and spiritual needs of about twenty students. The coming of electricity has added another amenity to the already long list, and I believe the lads are not unappreciative. Twelve old Hostel students are employed on our staff.

The congregation at Illambuvanam was organised into a Church having seven members in the New Year, so that we now have 40 Churches with 912 members. During the past year, for various reasons, only 12 new members have been received through baptism, but as 25 candidates are waiting, it is not quite so bad as it seems. Moreover, in several Churches there has been going on a work of deepening rather than one of broadening, and for that we are not at all sorry. A definite move has been initiated for a thorough reform of the diaconate in all those Churches where reform is needed, and on completion of this task it is hoped to carry through a policy of education in what, for lack of a better term, may be called lay-leadership, followed by a complete transfer to them of financial responsibility for the maintenance of the ministry and other activities of the Churches. The contributions made towards the funds of the Churches during the year amount to nearly Rs.2,000.

Last year's Report concluded with a very serious complaint concerning lack of voluntary evangelism. It is with deep pleasure that this year I conclude upon an altogether brighter note. Things have improved beyond all expectation. We have five men who are labouring voluntarily as occasional preachers, while one of them is actually taking the place of a paid agent, and is giving almost all his time to the Lord's work, receiving no salary whatever. It is not without significance that three of these five come from Valaiyapatti, which has for years been outstanding amongst the Churches for spirituality and Christian devotion. Another comes from Anbinagaram, where during the

past year there has been the most amazing outburst of spontaneous devotion and service that has ever taken place, I think, in this Field. The village for years was the rock upon which all missionaries came to grief, and was notorious for its wickedness and violence. Let the women of the place give their testimony: "Amma, since God did this thing in our midst the men have forgotten to curse and to beat us." Only last week-end, Mr. Thrower and I were there together and we shall not soon forget what we saw and heard. On Saturday evening the large chapel was full for evening prayers, and afterwards until 11 o'clock it was the scene of a very animated men's meeting, at which between 60 and 70 were present and in which at least a dozen took part. The following morning Mr. Thrower preached to a congregation of 120 adults, besides children. At mid-day I conducted a Bible Class which was started because, as they said, having bought Bibles they did not know how to study them. About 25 attended this meeting, all but two of them with their Bibles. In the evening nearly 30 men, old and young, tramped a mile or two for village preaching, this also being a regular piece of Sunday service. During the week they maintain a continuous stream of meetings of various kinds.

The blessing has begun to come, and it began where we least expected it. This darkest hour of bitter strife may see the dawning of the brightest day for our South Indian Churches. The more I think of it, the more probable it seems. The props of the West may all be thrust aside—not an unmixed evil—and the loss may lead to a more robust and wholesome dependence upon God. He has given us the Word, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, *and that your fruit should remain.*" He intends that the fruit we produce should remain, whether we remain where we are or not.

S.B.M. BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT, 1939-1940

By D. Morling.

During the year under review we have had the satisfaction of completing the first full course in our Bible Institute. Last December, the time of the final examination, was a month of much sickness and physical weakness, but all the students were brave in facing the fiery ordeal. The two men at the bottom of the list failed to get 50% in two of their subjects, but gained more than half marks on the whole. One of the women was unable to secure the necessary minimum of 50% for a pass. One of the men, evidently urged by an inordinate ambition to be first, was disqualified for using unfair means. I am very grateful to say that he afterwards showed deep remorse for his sin, and has since done well in his field.

We are glad to add that every one of the old students has returned to his own field and is apparently doing good work.

The new course commenced in the month of January, 1940, and with it came the new group. Again we have the maximum number of male students, but six married men instead of nine, and four unmarried against one. It is very pleasing that we find among the new students converts from our old field of Sendamangalam. One of these men received his Home-call during the May vacation. Though not a brilliant student, Joseph had much more of real character than most converts drawn from his class, and we hear that much of the recent encouraging movement in the non-caste quarter of Sendamangalam town was due to his prayer and effort. In his place Mr. Thrower has sent Abraham, who also is a convert originally from the Sendamangalam Field.

The syllabus covered is almost the same as that for the first course, but we are profiting from the experience of those two years. More time is given to the Articles of Faith in our own Church Handbook, which are taken as an introduction to a more detailed theology. Also two series of studies are given on the Life of Christ, one in close detail and the other giving broad outlines. Again (strange to say) we are obliged to emphasise a far more correct and effective use of the student's own mother tongue. Actual studies in the lecture room cover a period of five hours daily, plus an hour for special preparation for the morrow's work. As before, Mrs. Morling renders invaluable assistance by taking several of the subjects, besides which we have the help of the top student in the old group.

Practical Work.—A common criticism of such institutions as this is that the heads of the students are in the clouds. We believe that regular practical work should enable our men to keep their feet firmly planted on the ground. In January, June, and at Michaelmas they are required to do open-air evangelistic work, when they come in close touch with realities. During three weeks of last month they preached the Gospel in several dozens of villages, visited some scores of Christian families in their homes, held many Sunday and week-day services, and gave the Gospel in open-air to several thousands of non-Christians.

Every week the students go out singly, conducting Sunday services in the villages of the Tinnevelly Field, when the Principal has an excellent opportunity of coming still closer to his men and giving practical advice. Provision is made also for exercising the gift of impromptu speech by their taking part in discussions on matters of general interest.

Above all, we do our best to foster a greater spirituality of life. Every one of the studies is made to bear on this predominantly important matter of Christian living. We earnestly desire they may grow, not only in the knowledge of the Bible, but in a personal knowledge of the Lord as their own

Saviour. We do not aim at their becoming mere leaders in religious instruction, but we do earnestly desire that they shall become true shepherds of the Lord's sheep. The present conflict of nations will shake and destroy many things which we counted valuable and perhaps unshakeable, but we know well that it will only enhance the importance of our helping our Indian brethren and sisters to take our place in building up the assemblies of Christ in India.

Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY MISS P. P. NUNN.

SINCE our last Report was written our nation has been passing through critical days, and Christian work has been adversely affected. Travel in the black-out on the outbreak of war and during the winter months made the holding of deputation meetings very difficult, and many had to be cancelled. Mrs. Thrower kindly gave assistance for some of the meetings held. Miss Mowle, who was on furlough, was able to return to India in January. Owing to the cancellation of furloughs for 1940, we have had no missionary home this year for deputation work, but with the advent of lighter days in May it was possible to arrange a fair number of summer meetings, addressed by members of the L.Z.A. Executive and others. These opportunities have given us encouragement, as we have seen how loyally friends have risen to the occasion when possible. Our missionaries are constantly remembered at the Throne of Grace, and we pray that those who would have been home on furlough this year may have their health maintained by the Lord, the Giver of Life.

We record the Home-call of our sister, Miss J. A. Bocking, a member of the L.Z.A. Executive since September, 1929, following her Secretaryship of the Ladies' Committee of the S.I.S.B.M.S. since 1915. Miss Bocking gave her strength and prayerful interest to L.Z.A. work constantly, attending a Committee as late as May, 1939.

Finance.—With regard to our financial position, the total amount contributed from Branches has been considerably less than in the previous year, but as expenditure has also been less, we have had sufficient to meet the needs of the work. The Income Tax Refund from gifts made under "Deed of Covenant" has amounted to over £200, which has been a great help. We thank all our contributors, and acknowledge God's goodness to us in this matter. It will be greatly appreciated if evacuees will still keep in touch with the Secretaries of their Branches.

Prayer.—The quarterly District Prayer Meetings have been maintained, as well as many Branch Prayer Meetings, and we greatly value the daily definite prayer of the members of the Prayer Union. So we rely on the loyal co-operation of all our supporters, knowing that "Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

MADRAS FIELD

By Mrs. J. M. Brand.

With war clouds hanging dark around us, the enemy having actually started the bombardment of our loved country, we would unite with you all in humiliation and prayer for the Coming of the Kingdom. But we wish also to strike a note of praise that so far you have been helped to maintain the work without retrenching or curtailing the funds. We look around, and see at least five Missions whose countries have capitulated and are unable to send out any more help. We recognise what all this must mean to you at home, and the great strain upon your resources. May He continue to give special help in this time of dire need.

Your Committee has been supporting in this Field ten **Bible-women** during the past year. One of these now has had to return to her old station in Namakkal. Many villages have been visited, and daily the Gospel story has been repeated to those who as yet know not the Saviour. The chief work here seems to be the instruction of members, the preparing of candidates for baptism, and the seeking of backsliders. But this goes on side by side with the preaching of the Word to the unconverted. There have been several baptisms during the year.

Meetings for Christian women are held in Semmen Street, Vepery, Loch Cheri, Railway Quarters, Sembiam and Ayanapuram weekly. In some of the meetings the women are taught to take part in the service and perhaps give the address. Where there is illiteracy, the Biblewomen try to teach the young Christians to read, as we feel it so important for all who know the Lord to read their Bibles. If they can but say, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee," one would have hope that they would get victory over temptation.

Everywhere we find earnest attention to the message. War-time stress and fear help in this direction. May His Coming be very near—"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

NAMAKKAL AND SENDAMANGALAM FIELDS

By Miss L. S. Hazel.

Another year has passed since writing the last Report, a year clouded by war; one of sorrow, loss and bereavement for many; and yet in the midst of all God has been very gracious to us as

a Mission, in allowing His work to be carried on unhampered.

Here in Sendamangalam and the surrounding villages the Gospel message is being faithfully proclaimed by a band of eight **Biblewomen.** This year we have put on a new woman, the mother of one of the teachers, for this work. She lives in the village of Sendamangalam, and by this means contacts are made with the village folk. She and her daughter hold a Sunday class in their home each Sunday, after the morning service, at which about 35 children are attending.

We have a band of seven **Teachers** in the day school, who also conduct classes on Sundays for the scholars. These classes are not very well attended, and we would ask for your special prayer for this piece of work. With deep regret we had to say good-bye to the Head-mistress, a very faithful and conscientious worker, one who has been with us nearly six years. However, the Lord has graciously heard our prayers, and raised up others for this work. We have a strength of 168 girls, who are daily being taught the Scriptures besides the other school curriculæ. Five out of six girls passed out of the school with 8th standard Government leaving certificates this April. One of these, who is supported from England, has been sent to Miss Green's Bible School at Paniadipatti, with the hope that she will be one of our future Biblewomen.

We still have our big family of 50 girls in the **Boarding Home,** about 11 amongst them being new girls. One of these is a Hindu widow who lost her husband about four years ago; she was one of two wives and he died before she had really lived with him, being married when only a child. She is a very keen, bright girl, aged 17 years, and anxious to study. Please pray that she may be just as keen over her soul's salvation, and that while she is with us we may have the joy of knowing that she is one of His saved jewels.

If you were able to pay us a visit, I can hear you remark at the amount of hard rock there is lying everywhere. Before a well can be dug, or a building erected, much rock has to be blasted. Every day in the local hospital compound, where a well is being dug, there is the noise of blasting of rock, which shakes the foundations of our bungalow. How like the picture of men's hearts, they are as hard as the rock by sin, superstition and caste system! Like the blasting of the rock, these can be swept away and broken up by the mighty hand of our living God, who rules and reigns. The *Lord God Omnipotent reigneth,* to whom be power, majesty and glory for ever and ever. Amen. Are we tools in the Master's hand, ready to be used as He will, and when and where?

BY DR. R. M. HARRIS.

IN reviewing the year that is past and gone, we are deeply conscious of the guidance of God in our evangelistic and medical

work. If we were asked what we had accomplished, we should have to admit that there is nothing outstanding to record. Growth in the work has been steady, but we long for the time of the harvest.

Until Miss Mowle's return in February, we continued to combine the work among the Biblewomen on the western side of the Namakkal Field with the medical work in Jedarpalayam and Sendamangalam.

Sendamangalam Dispensary.

The number of patients attending has dropped somewhat, owing to the frequent absence of the doctor on camp. We have had some interesting in-patients, some of whom still come occasionally to Sunday service. Though none has asked for baptism, yet we believe that some have come to a very real knowledge of Jesus Christ. Only the Lord knows those who have been added to the Church for which He is one day coming.

The Boys' Sunday School Class.

Last year the number of regular attendances was higher than it has ever been. Since Christmas the less frequent giving of picture postcards has resulted in a drop in the numbers. The boys themselves are quite frank about their motives for attending. One realises the worth-whileness of it all, however, when the older boys come in to talk more seriously about things, and to pray. We do indeed pray that being in the way the Lord may meet with them.

Jedarpalayam.

The work in Jedarpalayam is growing. Hookworm infection, with its accompanying anæmia, is prevalent in the villages along the riverside. A number of patients suffering from this disease come to us, some from long distances, for the change which takes place with treatment is almost dramatic. Adequate treatment demands that they attend regularly for several weeks, and we appreciate the opportunity this gives for some sequence of teaching about our Lord.

We are treating leper patients here, as there is no Government centre nearby, as in Sendamangalam.

Clinics, at which the doctor is present, are held Thursdays and Fridays, but Compounder and his wife are always there to carry on with dressings and to treat patients who come in the interim.

Sunday School.—About 20 to 30 boys and girls attend. They are mostly little ones, for the older boys and girls help with the weaving, whilst the others are out in the fields. This class is conducted by the Compounder and his wife.

In closing, we would remind you that while we are in constant need of your prayers, our prayers are constantly going up for you. God grant that, in these days of stress and strain, we may all dwell in the secret place of the Most High.

BY MISS B. L. MOWLE.

"*He shall be for a sanctuary*" (Isaiah viii. 14).

MAY you, dear friends in England, realise the truth of these precious words, as I did when I left England on January 20th.

"A sanctuary wert Thou, O Lord, to me
When home was left behind, when tremblingly
I launched upon the deep, it was to feel
The pressure of Thine arms around me steal."

How great are the Lord's mercies! All through the voyage we had cause to thank Him for all His tender mercies. We reached India in record time. I arrived at Namakkal on February 10th, where a warm welcome awaited me.

Soon I was in full work again. The little girls' **Sunday School** was encouraging, also the class for the bigger girls, known as the **Torchbearers' Class.** I came back to the same staff of **Biblewomen.** It was a pleasure to see them again and to hear news of their work. We have cause for thankfulness in that many people seem eager to hear the words of life, and in some places are receiving regular instruction. I believe we have many amongst the caste women who love the Lord; many of them listen with more eagerness than the outcaste women. Oh, that the chains of Hinduism, caste and superstition were broken! "With God all things are possible."

As we remember the great needs of our own beloved country, let us remember the souls of dying men and women. "For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever."

KOLLI HILLS FIELD

BY MISS M. E. WILKINS.

"*They shall be changed; but Thou art the same.*"

AS we look back over the past year there have been many changes, not only here on the hills, there, too, in the Homeland you have seen many changes; but through it all we are able to say, "but Thou art the same." It is glorious to know He never changes: "The same yesterday and to-day, and forever."

It has been a joy month by month to hear portions of Scripture and a Bible story from the ignorant Christian hill women, which they have learned day by day with the Biblewoman. Many of them are unable to read. The whole chapter of Isaiah liii., Psalms xxiii. and cxxi. have been repeated by many; now some are learning I Cor. xiii. Pray that these portions of His Word may remain in their hearts, and be made a real blessing to them.

In March we were able to have three days of special meetings at **Vazhavanthi,** for the Christian women on the hills. We were cheered by their response; this was the first venture in this way,

we hope it will not be the last, and in after days will bear much fruit.

Many who have been brought low by sickness have been restored through prayer when we almost felt we must part with them. Rhoda, one of our Hostel girls, was one of these. She was very ill with pneumonia and very high fever; we did not know if she would be spared. But we are thankful she is happy and joyful in our midst again.

Camping.—This year we were not able to have the usual one month's camp in January, but in February I was able to have a long camp on the south of the hills. The only out-caste villages on the hills were reached, and we spent happy days in telling the good news and healing the sick. On that camp one Hindu woman, almost dying, was restored to health after definite and continued prayer before her and her relations, and daily in the camping station. Regular camps have been done in the camping stations each month, and in August we hope to tent-camp again as usual at the Annual Festival held some distance from here.

Hostel.

Kuppai, who was in the Hostel, has been married, and is now living out at **Ariyure.** Other children have been sent to Sendamangalm School to study, and one of the bigger girls has just started her teacher's training. Two other girls are taking needlework training in Madras. These need our prayers that they may be kept from all temptation. Let us also seek that others may soon fill their places here in the Hostel. We have had the joy of seeing Matron baptized quite recently, and trust she may lead many to the Lord.

Persecution has been experienced at **Alature,** but the work still continues, although at times difficult. Several this year in that place have left caste and joined us. Pray for their salvation. One man from there has given his testimony before the Church, and is accepted and now waiting for baptism. His wife, who was most opposed to his leaving caste and joining with us, has changed very much, now eagerly listens to the Word, and is amongst those who are learning each month.

Many of these hill Christians are only babes in grace, and have many temptations still. We long to see them growing in grace and witnessing for the Lord. But whatever the future holds for us out here, we know " Thou art the same."

TINNEVELLY FIELD

By Miss V. D. Green.

"At such a time" (Ezra iv. 11).

With deep gratitude to God is this very brief report written of ministry in His service here in India, during so catastrophic

a year in Europe and elsewhere. The privilege and responsibility of such service is greatly emphasised by the very solemnity of the world situation. That the usual activities have been thus far maintained without retrenchment is cause for deep thankfulness. I am also very glad to be able to report good health through the year.

It has been a great joy and a definite help to have once more a co-worker here, in the person of Miss M. Harris, who is now in charge of the Dispensary work, and has more or less assumed charge of Hostel and School.

God's blessing has been experienced in each sphere of activity during the year, as the following table will show.

Boarding School.—Six girls have confessed love to the Lord during the year. The Annual Inspection was satisfactory. Grants were: Hostel, Rs.411; School, Rs.354. In the Annual Mission Scripture Examination each of our teachers passed.

Industrial Class.—This recently commenced work has now entered its second year, so is still in the experimental stage. Results are so far cheering, and the only two girls in the class not baptized have requested baptism.

Biblewomen and Camp.—This work has proceeded with much blessing. Several women are earnest enquirers, and several others await baptism. Each of the Biblewomen passed successfully in the Annual Scripture Examination.

Bible School.—The Annual Bible School of one month was conducted in January for our Biblewomen, with very precious results. At the time of writing this report, a Bible School of three months' duration is in progress with 12 students, and the Lord is truly in the midst.

So while the devil pursues his policy of *destruction*, God is carrying on His *constructive* programme. "Thine eternal thought moves on Thine undisturbed affairs." In such a time!

BY MISS M. E. HARRIS.

Second Year in India.

During this second year in which I have been in India my chief occupation has again been Tamil study. In November last year (1939), I took the first Tamil Examination, and by the great goodness of God I was able to pass it. Soon after that I left Madras, where I was previously stationed, and came here to Paniadipatti. Whilst here, I have been continuing the study of the language, and I am very grateful to have been able to get the help of another good *munshi*. Besides this, I have been doing the medical work on the compound, and also giving a certain amount of help to the Girls' Day and Boarding School. I am very grateful to be able to record good health throughout the year. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable" (Ps. cxlv. 3).

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	405	26	1	4	35	9	6	25	1250	12	50
Namakkal and Sendamangalam	16	299	2	1	14	22	20	8	36	1372	23	196
Kolli Hills ...	2	56	1	1	6	2	7	7	9	196	5	127
Tinnevelly ...	40	912	12	4	31	19	11	5	40	1210	49	120
TOTAL	63	1672	41	7	55	78	47	26	110	4028	89	493

THE INTEREST AT HOME

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PASTOR R. ROBINSON.

OUR brief message of last year, written just prior to the outbreak of war, began with the following sentence, "What a year of testing the past one has been!" Reference was also made to ominous rumours and alarms. Even before the Report was printed the horrors of war were upon us. Now we have passed through a year unprecedented in our history, during which many lives have been sacrificed, and incalculable havoc and misery caused. Not only have European countries been overrun and occupied by the ruthless foe, but now in our own land, through the devastating indiscriminate bombing of our cities and towns, including London, many innocent victims have suffered death, maiming and destitution.

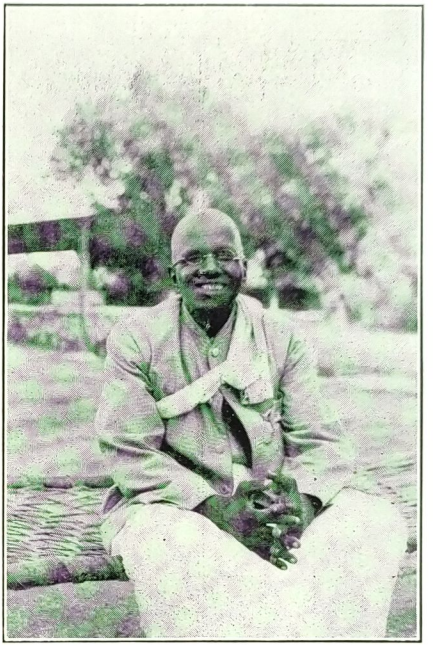
That all these horrors and atrocities should take place nearly two thousand years after the birth of the Prince of Peace is almost incredible, yet it reveals the urgent need for the proclamation of the Gospel. Nor is the call from heathen lands weakened by what is taking place, though the difficulties of the work are greatly increased. And how it must confuse the minds of those being evangelized that the so-called Christian peoples are engaged in barbarous conflict!

All this, however, must not becloud our vision, nor sidetrack us from the straight path marked out for us. In war, as in peace, the risen Saviour's command is "Go ye," and we must not be deterred by all the opposing circumstances confronting us. The Gospel *must* be proclaimed among all peoples, for this is God's ordained means for "taking out of them a people for His name."

We rejoice, therefore, that the work of the Mission in India has been maintained, that generous support has been continued, and that many trophies of grace are being won. The Council has been much heartened by the faithfulness of friends among the Churches, for it is realised that every Church has its own perplexing problems in matters of organisation and finance.

Communications from our missionaries have naturally been less frequent and regular, deputation work seriously limited, missionary activity in our individual Churches decreased, yet we are not straitened in God, whose work it is. *Let us never forget this*, and thus encourage ourselves in the Lord our God, for "He it is that doth go before us." He has determined that a multitude that no man can number, out of every tongue and

A few of the LABOURERS



PREACHER BENJAMIN
Senior Worker
Sendamangalam Field



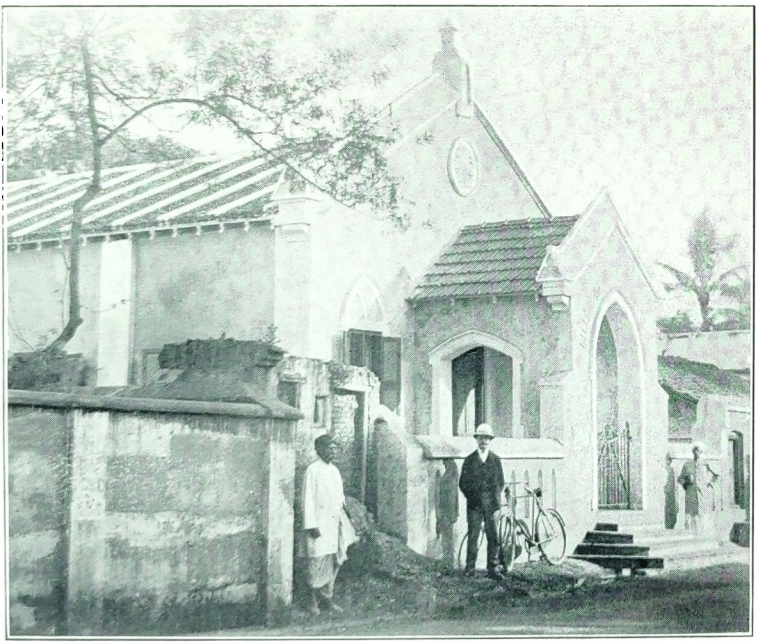
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tribe, shall constitute His Church to be presented without spot or wrinkle, and we confidently believe He has appointed the Strict Baptist Mission as an instrument to carry out a small part of His decreed purpose. It is not given us to see what the "unknown morrow" may hold for us, yet we will affirm our belief in Him who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, and endeavour to remain "stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

THE SECRETARY'S REVIEW

IT is very obvious that in the Lord's use of means the work in India is vitally dependent upon the efforts here at home. Hence this section, dealing more especially with what is being attempted in England. As is well known, we are faced with grave difficulties, but we have also much for which to praise God.

The S.B.M. Council.—The constitution of the Mission is such that supporting Churches have control of the work through an annually elected Council, and a word of thanks is certainly due, and sincerely given, to those Brethren who have served throughout this year of difficult and costly travelling conditions. Please continue prayerfully to remember the Officers and Council as they meet to consider the interests of the Mission.

Deputation Work.—As far as possible, this has been continued throughout the year, though the cancellation of the furlough of certain missionaries meant disappointment in many places. The intensifying of war conditions has also affected a number of meetings planned, but we are exceedingly grateful for the way in which friends are maintaining interest in the work, even without the usual missionary gatherings in the local Churches.

Sincere thanks are expressed to those many friends who have graciously ministered in their homes, and so made deputation work a happy feature of service.

We would also express our gratitude to all Pastors, local Mission Secretaries, and friends who have helped in maintaining interest and support.

"The Strict Baptist Mission Herald."—This has sadly suffered in size owing to the war, but we continue to be greatly indebted to the Editor, Pastor L. R. Garrard, for his splendid services, through which glimpses of India's need, and the way the Gospel is meeting it, are brought before us month by month. We want every possible reader; for to read is to know, and to know is to pray.

" Rays from the East."—Through the valuable work of Mr. J. C. Fromow as Editor, and a number of other helpers, this little bi-monthly magazine continues its good work amongst the girls and boys of our Sunday Schools. Circulation has been disturbed by the evacuation of so many children from London schools, but copies of each issue are eagerly welcomed by hundreds of girls and boys, and in visiting the Schools one finds everywhere evidences of real interest created by " Rays."

The Christmas Boxes and Christmas Gift Fund.—Concerning these we have to thank God for the valuable help of so many friends, through which we were enabled to send out to India a very helpful number of 1939 Boxes. These, in the providence of God, all arrived safely, though too late for an actual Christmas distribution. However, there were many expressions of joy and gratitude from the various Fields.

In addition, the Christmas Gift Fund amounted to £80, and this allowed the purchase in India of toys, dress material, and medical requirements—all of which meant further happiness to our Indian friends.

We heartily thank Miss H. V. Harris and all friends who helped in these special efforts of the Christmas season.

The Strict Baptist Mission Calendar.—Owing to war conditions, and to avoid the financial risks involved, no Calendar was published for 1940. We regret this, but feel sure that supporting friends will appreciate the judgment of the Council in this matter.

We are glad to announce, however, that it has been possible to prepare a limited number of Calendars for 1941. These are now ready, and we hope that local Missionary Secretaries will help by obtaining quantities for sale amongst the friends in their Churches.

For a number of years we have been greatly indebted to Mr. W. K. Puttnam for valuable help in the sale and distribution of the Mission Calendar, and we would here record our sincere thanks to our Brother. This year, however, the General Secretary has undertaken the distribution of the Calendar, and all applications should therefore be made direct to him at 25, Empress Avenue, London, E.12.

" The Utmost for the Highest."—Under this very applicable title, a short record of the Life and Work of Missionary E. A. Booth has been published during this past year. The times made printing difficult and expensive, but we have received many expressions of appreciation of this little tribute to our pioneer Missionary. Over 1,300 copies have been sold.

Thus, in varied activities, the work at home has gone on, and in spite of many difficulties interest and support have been maintained.

Once again, therefore, we have to praise God for His help and blessing in the past, and we put all our confidence in Him for the days of service which lie ahead.

THE TREASURER SUMS UP

To many people figures are uninspiring; it is not likely, therefore, that the Accounts at the end of this Report will receive much consideration, except by those of our supporters who are interested in financial matters. Yet these Accounts are of the utmost importance, and all our friends are asked to ponder them prayerfully.

Taking into consideration the national position, it is an encouraging sign to observe that the general income has been so well maintained, although the decrease in income is a little disconcerting. That we are able to close the year with a smaller deficit gives cause for thankfulness, but it must be pointed out that this good result has been attained mainly by the receipt of the balance of the " Newman " bequest and the transfer of £600 from the income of the Pension Fund. This means that, in order to meet our ordinary expenditure, we require an additional income of at least £1,000 per annum.

May we once again remind payers of Income Tax at the full current rate that they can help the Mission considerably by entering into a Covenant to pay an annual subscription for a period of seven years, as at the present rate of tax (8s. 6d. in the £) every £1 would be increased to £1 14s. 9d. without any additional cost to the subscriber. Friends who have already responded to this method of augmenting our income are warmly thanked, and it is most gratifying to record that our funds this year have by this means been increased by £619 13s. 6d.

In recording our thanks to all those Churches and friends who have given of their substance, and to the many local helpers for their valued help, we would praise our Heavenly Father, whom we recognise as the One who has provided all the funds needed for carrying on the work, and lift up our hearts to Him for all our future needs.

We are living in dark days, wickedness is rampant, and a spirit of Godlessness is abroad in the world. God grant that the Gospel of His grace may bring such radiant light into our hearts in the dear Homeland that we shall be more desirous for the glorious light of the Gospel in all its splendour in the hearts of the people in India.

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CALL TO HIGHER SERVICE

DURING the past year the Strict Baptist Mission has suffered the loss of its pioneer missionary—Ernest Alfred Booth, who, after an active association with the Mission for a period of 45 years, was called to higher service in the early hours of November 27th, 1939. It is but fitting, therefore, that this Report should contain some reference to our esteemed brother, to whose devoted labours in India and England the Mission owes so much.

It was in November, 1894, that in answer to prayer the Lord raised up Mr. Booth for the work in India, and for over thirty years our brother laboured faithfully in that land of need. Then, when his health could stand the strain no longer, he returned to England to continue his work for the Master and the Mission here at home.

Thus, through his work in India and his contact with the Churches at home, Missionary E. A. Booth came to be known and loved by all associated with the missionary-spirited Churches of our Denomination.

To most he was a man outwardly serious and quiet, yet all who really knew him discovered the rich qualities of Christian character made mature by the grace of God and the sanctified discipline of a task that demanded and received his utmost in sacrifice and service. The President of the Strict Baptist Mission has written of Mr. Booth as "having known him long as a friend and brother, as well as being closely identified with him during recent years in the administrative work of the Mission, where his long and varied experience and ripe judgment have been so highly valued by us all.

"A strong personality, he was quiet, dignified, decisive, commanding attention and respect. Erect in carriage, his very demeanour spoke of his manliness, integrity, stability and courtesy. With appropriate words he could always convey the decision of a well-balanced mind. Yet he was kind, thoughtful, and always sympathetic, with a quiet sense of humour.

"His personal faith, the hold that things eternal and spiritual had upon him, were never more clearly seen than during the years of patient resignation to the will of God in suffering and weariness. Even then, despite weakness, the extension of the Kingdom of Christ occupied his thoughts, and every project of the Mission had his whole-hearted interest and prayers."

It is not possible here to tell much of all that the Lord enabled our brother to do, but it is very evident that the Strict Baptist Mission as we view it to-day owes a great deal, under the blessing of God, to this wise and faithful servant of the Lord.

Mr. Booth's call to missionary work was convincingly of the Lord, and it was in this assurance that both he and the Mission acted in the early days of his acceptance for the work of the Lord in India. The many years of spiritually blessed ministry which followed ever maintained this vital conviction of the true missionary and his supporters.

The record of our brother's work in India tells of innumerable difficulties and bitter disappointments, especially in the pioneer days, but through it all one has glimpses of a noble soul bravely facing all in humble dependence upon God, and living to see how sovereign grace can triumph over all the powers of darkness and evil.

Space will not allow detailed accounts of development and blessing in the work in India, but we shall always link the name of Vepery with that of Mr. Booth. Here it was that the work really began, and to-day, worshipping in the chapel there which was opened in December, 1908, there is a Church with a membership of over 150 Indian Christians. In addition, there are in the Madras Field a further four Strict Baptist Churches with a total membership of over 250 precious souls. In this Field also, where Mr. Booth laboured for so many years, there are to-day some 1,250 children in our care.

Thus the labourer was not without his earthly reward. Before the call came to higher service, Mr. Booth had the joy of looking out upon a work that had grown and extended greatly under the blessing of God. Whereas he could remember the day when he had stood as a lone missionary, he saw with the passing of the years the missionary staff gradually increased, until there were twenty friends from the English Churches—all serving the Master in India in the work of the Strict Baptist Mission.

New Fields had been opened up as God had guided, in all of which there were chapels, schools and dispensaries. Best of all, many of Christ's " other sheep " were being found. The Great Shepherd was bringing them out of heathen darkness into the joyous light of His true fold. This was the servant's best reward.

In 1926, after 31 years of toil in India, Mr. Booth was compelled on health grounds to return to England and remain here. This was not, however, the end to his labours, for he continued for a further ten years actively serving the Mission. During this time he was the Mission's valued Deputation Missionary and also Editor of the " Strict Baptist Mission Herald," and the fruit of this dual ministry is still evident in the interest of many Churches and friends.

Mr. Booth's last long illness was a terrible experience for him, but he turned it into his final triumph. No word of complaint passed his lips, and his whole attitude was one of quiet resignation to the will of his God. Those who visited him

marvelled, and went away knowing in their hearts that this man of God was upheld by no earthly power, and when in the early hours of November 27th, 1939, Ernest A. Booth passed quietly away, we all knew that a faithful servant of the Lord had triumphed over death and entered into his reward.

The commital of the tired body at Barnet, on Thursday, November 30th, 1939, was preceded by a service at the Soho Memorial Chapel, Finchley. This service was conducted by Pastor R. Robinson, the President of the Strict Baptist Mission, and Pastor W. Chisnall, who had been for so many years the General Secretary of the Mission. Pastor Robinson spoke with deep feeling of all that the Lord had enabled our brother to be and to do, and Pastor Chisnall, who had been so intimately associated with Mr. Booth in all his work, also paid tribute to his friend and partner in missionary endeavour.

That hymn of sincere devotion—" I lift my heart to Thee, Saviour Divine "—was referred to by Mr. Chisnall as " Brother Booth's hymn," and in singing the same it seemed to gain new meaning as we thought of the one who had made it his constant prayer and now knew the answer to the concluding verse:

" I pray Thee, Saviour, keep
Me in Thy love,
Until death's holy sleep
Shall me remove
To that fair realm where, sin and sorrow o'er,
Thou and Thine own are one for evermore."

On Tuesday, December 12th, 1939, a Memorial Service to Missionary E. A. Booth was held at " Mount Zion " Chapel, Chadwell Street. A representative company of friends, as well as members of the family, gathered. Mr. S. W. Anderson presided, and Pastors W. S. Baker, W. Chisnall, R. Robinson, L. R. Garrard and Missionary D. A. Thrower, who was home on furlough, took part.

A further Memorial Service was in India, at the special request of the Deacons at Vepery, and the service was held on Lord's Day, December 17th, in the chapel at Vepery which Mr. Booth had built. About 150 people were present, and the service was conducted by Missionary H. A. Huckett, with a number of Indian friends taking part.

The text of the Indian preacher's Memorial Sermon was Matt. xxv. 21. The preacher had known Mr. Booth from his early days in India, and so could speak highly of him and his work. This he did, and then made an appeal to all God's people so to live that each one might hear the same word of commendation and welcome from the Master: " Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Is not this the appeal that comes to us as we sincerely pay tribute to God's honoured servant—Missionary Ernest A. Booth?

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank, 21st September, 1939 :		
Home Safe Deposit	14 17 3	
Current Account	1,209 16 2	
Deposit Account	200 0 0	
Investments :		
£1,436 4s. 6d. 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
General Fund	5,322 4 1	
Christmas Gift Fund	80 0 0	
" Herald " Fund (see PAYMENTS)		
Voyage Account	19 15 0	
Extension Fund	158 5 4	
Pension Fund	487 6 2	
Sustentation Fund	226 5 0	
		6,293 15 7
LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY :		
General Account	2,262 1 2	
Medical Account	8 2 0	
Voyage Account	57 2 6	
		2,327 5 8
		£13,363 9 8

PAYMENTS

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Fund :		
India	5,333 10 8	
Home	658 11 1	
		5,992 1 9
Christmas Gift Fund ...		80 0 0
India Bible Institute Fund		135 0 0
" Herald " Fund :		
Payments	327 1 11	
Credit Receipts ...	249 7 4	
		77 14 7
Pension Fund :		
Pensions Paid and Charges		52 7 0
Voyage Account		1 11 10
		6,338 15 2
LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY :		
General : India	2,077 16 4	
Home	121 8 0	
Medical : India	30 1 0	
Home	1 1 0	
Voyage : Home	6 1 9	
		2,236 8 1
Balances at Bank, 20th September, 1940 :		
Cash in hands of Secretary ...	10 0 0	
Home Safe Deposit Account ...	87 19 4	
Current Account	1,274 12 1	
Deposit Account	650 0 0	
	2,022 11 5	
Investments (Extension Fund) :		
£1,436 4s. 6d 3½% War Stock ...	1,499 11 0	
£900 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ...	895 12 0	
£400 0s. 0d. 3½% Conversion Loan	370 12 0	
		4,788 6 5
		£13,363 9 8

GENERAL FUND.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Contributions :		
Churches	2,569 2 7	
Personal	1,353 6 5	
Miscellaneous ...	523 10 10	
	4,445 19 10	
,, Income Tax Refund	416 16 4	
,, Legacies	455 0 0	
,, Interest on Deposit Account	1 15 10	
,, Interest on Home Safe Deposit	2 12 1	
		5,322 4 1
,, Christmas Gift Fund ...		80 0 0
,, Transfers from :—		
Extension Fund ...	246 14 0	
Pension Fund ...	600 0 0	
		846 14 0
,, Balance carried forward (Deficit) ...		59 13 10½
		£6,308 11 11½

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Deficit brought forward		108 15 7½
,, Remittances to India for Salaries, and Payments on Mission Account	5,333 10 8	
,, Missionaries on Furlough	65 0 0	
,, Missionaries' Life Insurance ...	22 4 11	
,, Missionaries' Children's Allowances	36 15 0	
,, Deputation, Ministerial and General Expenses	70 1 0	
,, Secretary's Salary, Office Expenses, Stationery, Postages, etc. ...	383 10 2	
,, Cost of Advertising	81 0 0	
		5,992 1 9
,, Christmas Gift Fund to India		80 0 0
,, Transfers to :		
Voyage Account	85 0 0	
" Herald " Account (Deficit) ...	42 14 7	
		127 14 7
		£6,308 11 11½

INDIA BIBLE INSTITUTE FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ...	206 8 10	By Remittances to India	135 0 0
		,, Balance carried forward	71 8 10
	£206 8 10		£206 8 10

VOYAGE ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward	199 8 9	By Baggage and Fares—Mr. Thrower	1 11 10
,, Refund on Return Tickets	19 15 0	,, Balance carried forward	302 11 11
,, Transfer from General Fund	85 0 0		
	£304 3 9		£304 3 9

"HERALD" FUND.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Subscriptions :		
HERALDS ...		178 14 6
RAYS ...		61 4 11
REPORTS ...		9 7 11
		249 7 4
,, Deficit transferred from :		
General Fund	42 14 7	
L.Z.A. General Account	35 0 0	
		77 14 7
		£327 1 11

	£ s. d.
By Cost of Printing :	
HERALDS ...	214 14 0
RAYS ...	74 12 11
REPORTS ...	37 15 0
	£327 1 11

PENSION FUND.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward :		
Investments	13,573 0 6	
Cash in hand	658 14 2	
		14,231 14 8
,, Interest on Investments ..		424 11 8
,, Income Tax Refund ...		62 14 6
		£14,719 0 10

	£ s. d.
By Investments at Cost :	
£1,067 14 5 2½% Consols	831 0 0
935 1 3 3% L.C.C. Stock	800 0 0
464 8 4 5% L.C.C. Stock	470 0 0
211 1 9 4% Fund. Loan	200 0 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	39 0 0
,, Solicitors' Charges on Deed of Appointment of New Trustees	7 1 0
,, Bank Charges on Transfers of Stock	6 6 0
,, Transfer to General Fund	600 0 0
,, Balance of Cash carried forward	493 13 4
	£14,719 0 10

EXTENSION FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ...	3,048 9 10	By Transfers to :	
,, Interest on Investments ...	104 10 4	General Fund	246 14 0
,, Income Tax Refund	12 5 0	L.Z.A.	162 12 0
,, Donation	2 12 0	,, Balance carried forward ...	2,797 9 2
,, Profit on Sale of Stock ...	38 18 0		
	£3,206 15 2		£3,206 15 2

SUSTENTATION FUND.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward :			By Investments :	
Investments	5,750 0 0		4½% New Zealand Stock	1,000 0 0
Cash in hand	26 16 0		4½% London County Stock	2,000 0 0
...		5,776 16 0	3½% War Stock	750 0 0
,, Interest on Investments ...		226 5 0	3% Local Loans	1,000 0 0
			3½% War Stock	1,000 0 0
			,, Cash in hand carried forward ...	253 1 0
		£6,003 1 0		£6,003 1 0

Special Note.—This Fund can only be drawn upon in a special emergency; and then only to a **limited amount** in any one year.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

GENERAL FUND.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance, September 21st, 1939		520 1 0½	Indian Expenses ...	2,077 16 4
Contributions :			Furlough Expenses ...	104 3 4
General ...	1,813 19 0½		Deputation Expenses ...	5 15 1
Gift Week ...	243 6 8½		Home Expenses ...	11 9 7
		2,057 5 9	Transferred to :	
Income Tax Refund		204 15 5	S.B.M. "Herald" Account ...	15 0 0
Transferred from Extension Fund ...		162 12 0	S.B.M. Report Account ...	20 0 0
			L.Z.A. Medical Account ...	50 0 0
			L.Z.A. Voyage Account ...	150 0 0
			Balance	510 9 10½
		£2,944 14 2½		£2,944 14 2½

MEDICAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, September 21st, 1939 ...	69	1	0	Dr. R. M. Harris—Drugs	30	1	0
Donations	8	2	0	Donation to M.S.M. ...	1	1	0
Transferred from General Account ...	50	0	0	Balance	96	1	0
	£127	3	0		£127	3	0

VOYAGE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, September 21st, 1939 ...	122	4	5	Miss Mowle—Fares and Baggage	6	1	9
Refund on Return Tickets ...	57	2	6	Balance	323	5	2
Transferred from General Account	150	0	0				
	£329	6	11		£329	6	11

BALANCE SHEET—As at 20th September, 1940

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	—	—	—
India Bible Institute Fund ...	71	8	10
Voyage Account	302	11	11
Extension Fund	2,797	9	2
Pension Fund	493	13	4
Sustentation Fund	253	1	0
Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary :			
General Account ...	510	9	10½
Medical Account ...	96	1	0
Voyage Account ...	323	5	2
	£4,848	0	3½

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank and in hand :						
Secretary				10	0	0
Home Safe Deposit				87	19	4
Current Account				1,274	12	1
Deposit Account				650	0	0
				2,022	11	5
Investments (at Cost) :						
£1,436 4s. 6d. 3½% War Stock ...	1,499	11	0			
£900 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ...	895	12	0			
£400 0s. 0d. 3½% Con. Loan ...	370	12	0			
				2,765	15	0
				4,788	6	5
General Fund Deficit ...				59	13	10½
				£4,848	0	3½

W. J. SHIPTON, Treasurer
J. K. THORPE, Secretary.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, I hereby certify that I have obtained all the information and explanations I require as Auditor. I have verified the Securities for the amounts invested on behalf of the General, Pension and Sustentation Funds, also the Bank Balance and the 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 of September, 1940.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

21st SEPTEMBER, 1939, to 20th SEPTEMBER 1940

	£	s.	d.
Abercwmboi—			
General ...	1	13	2
Abingdon—			
General	2	16	0
Accrington, "Ebenezer"—			
General	5	13	10
L.Z.A.	2	7	9
Accrington, "Zion"—			
General	5	17	0
Acton Friends—			
L.Z.A. ...	1	18	7½
Aldringham—			
General ...		10	0
Aston Clinton—			
General ...		5	0
Aylesbury—			
General	7	3	7
L.Z.A.	7	1	1
Baguley—			
L.Z.A.	1	15	0
Baildon St. Mission—			
General	1	1	0
Bath, "Bethel"—			
General	20	10	9
Beccles—			
General	5	7	0
L.Z.A.	1	19	6
Bedford—			
General ...	13	6	9
L.Z.A. ...	14	16	10½
Bedmond—			
General ...	3	8	2
L.Z.A. ...	1	5	0
Bedworth—			
General ...	4	10	0
Berwick—			
General ...		10	0
Bermondsey—			
General ...	16	13	11
L.Z.A. ...	44	13	8
Bethersden—			
General	3	11	3
L.Z.A.		5	0
Bethabara, Pembs.—			
General	1	12	0
Bexley Heath—			
General ...	2	15	11
L.Z.A. ...		5	0
Bierton—			
General ...	9	12	0
L.Z.A. ...	2	0	0
Billinghay—			
General ...	9	11	6
Billericay—			
General	4	4	0
Bilston—			
General ...	1	5	0
Blakenham—			
General ...		17	6
L.Z.A. ...	2	6	0
Borough Green—			
General	20	7	7
Bradenstoke—			
General ...	10	10	4
L.Z.A.	1	5	10½
Bradford—			
General ...	16	18	1
L.Z.A.	31	10	6
Bradfield St. George—			
General	5	0	0
Brentford—			
General	32	2	7
L.Z.A.	38	13	6½
Brighton Branch—			
General	21	14	5
L.Z.A.	23	0	0
Brighton Tabernacle—			
General	2	19	2
Brixton—			
L.Z.A. ...	4	8	0
Broadstairs—			
L.Z.A.	3	5	0
Brockley, Suffolk—			
General	5	17	6
Bromley—			
General	6	7	8
L.Z.A.	12	17	0
Bury, Lancs.—			
General	2	12	11
L.Z.A.	11	0	6
Cambridge, "Eden"—			
General	25	15	7
L.Z.A.	10	8	0
Cambridge, Tenison Rd.—			
General	9	5	11
Carlton—			
General ...	3	7	3
Chadwell St.—			
General	176	2	9
L.Z.A.	86	12	3
Charsfield—			
General ...	5	4	7
Chatteris—			
General ...	32	4	5
L.Z.A. ...	5	5	2
Chelmsford—			
General	11	2	2
L.Z.A.	4	11	11
Cheltenham—			
General ...	4	10	9
L.Z.A. ...		7	0
Chesham—			
General ...	19	6	3
L.Z.A. ...		10	3
Chorley—			
General	8	0	0
L.Z.A.	4	10	0
Clacton—			
General		8	6
L.Z.A.	4	13	0
Clapham, Courland Grove—			
General	41	12	4
L.Z.A.	9	8	9
Clapham Junction—			
General		14	5
L.Z.A.	1	4	10
Clayton West—			
General ...	4	12	6
Clifton, Beds.—			
General	3	1	0
Collingwood, Aus.—			
General	2	0	0
Cottenham—			
General ...		5	0
L.Z.A. ...		10	4
Cransford—			
General		5	0
L.Z.A.	5	17	8
Crawley—			
General	5	16	3
Crowborough—			
General ...	1	12	0
Crowfield—			
General	4	3	11
Croydon, Derby Rd.—			
General	15	18	5
L.Z.A.	17	1	9
Croydon District—			
General	9	19	8
Croydon, "Salem"—			
General	12	15	6
L.Z.A.	12	5	9
Croydon, Tamworth Rd.—			
General	17	13	6
L.Z.A.	4	10	0
Datchet—			
General	1	8	6
Deeping St. James—			
General	11	4	2
L.Z.A.	11	0	0
Devizes—			
General ...	36	3	7
L.Z.A. ...	3	18	6
Dorking—			
General	67	13	5
L.Z.A.	24	9	9½
Downe—			
General ...		8	7
Dunstable—			
General	9	0	0
L.Z.A.	11	10	0
Eastbourne—			
General ...	4	0	6
L.Z.A. ...	2	10	1
East Ham—			
General	10	10	7½
L.Z.A.	13	7	2
East London Aux.—			
General	5	2	6
Ely—			
General	1	6	0
Epsom—			
General ...	41	9	5
L.Z.A. ...	125	0	2
Erith—			
L.Z.A.	1	6	0
Evington—			
General		17	6
Finchley—			
General ...	9	10	3
L.Z.A. ...	3	5	6
Fishguard—			
General ...	2	3	6
Fulham—			
General ...	2	8	8
L.Z.A. ...	6	15	0
Glemsford—			
General		14	7
Goodwick, Pembs.—			
General	1	5	0
Gravesend—			
General	2	13	9
L.Z.A.	1	12	6
Grays—			
General ...	4	13	7
L.Z.A. ...	6	12	1
Great Gransden—			
General	7	15	1
L.Z.A.	1	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Greenwich—			
General	12	8	11
L.Z.A.	17	6	1
Grundisburgh—			
General ...		11	7
L.Z.A. ...	2	6	6
Guildford—			
General ...	32	14	3
L.Z.A. ...	25	14	5
Hadleigh—			
General ...	4	16	6
L.Z.A. ...	1	16	0
Halstead—			
General ...	7	11	6
Handcross—			
General	1	18	5
Hartley Wintney—			
General	13	2	6
L.Z.A.	1	5	0
Harwich—			
General ...	1	13	8
L.Z.A. ...	3	4	6
Haslemere—			
General	20	8	1
L.Z.A.	4	15	0
Hastings Aux.—			
General	1	2	6
L.Z.A.	21	18	3
Haworth—			
General ...	1	5	0
L.Z.A. ...	5	0	6
Hebden Bridge—			
General ...	3	9	0
L.Z.A. ...	1	6	6
Hedge End—			
General ...		8	6
Highbury—			
General	48	13	8
L.Z.A.	25	0	2
Highgate Road—			
General	3	0	0
High Wycombe—			
General ...	3	4	3
L.Z.A. ...	3	3	0
Hilmarton—			
General	1	5	0
Holloway, Elthorne Rd.—			
General	6	2	10
Homerton Row—			
General ...	7	6	2
L.Z.A. ...	3	2	2
Horham—			
General ...	62	14	6
L.Z.A. ...	7	4	0
Horley—			
General	1	4	0
Horsham—			
General	8	3	6
L.Z.A.	9	8	0
Hounslow—			
General	23	0	6
L.Z.A.	13	4	0
Hoxne—			
General	1	12	10
Ilford—			
General	8	3	0
L.Z.A.	2	3	0
Ipswich, "Bethesda"—			
General	180	4	5
L.Z.A.	27	15	1½
Ipswich, "Mt. Zion"—			
General	2	14	9
L.Z.A.	2	2	6

	£	s.	d.
Ipswich, "Zoar"—			
General	17	19	6
L.Z.A.	12	0	0
Irthlingborough—			
General ...		4	6
L.Z.A. ...	2	0	0
Ivinghoe—			
General ...		9	0
Kenninghall—			
General	4	1	0
Kesgrave—			
General ...	5	4	9¼
L.Z.A. ...	1	12	0
Kilburn—			
General ...	1	1	6
King's Langley—			
General	9	9	1
Kingston-on-Thames—			
General	4	16	0
L.Z.A.	1	2	6
Laxfield—			
General	12	1	4
L.Z.A.	2	6	11
Leatherhead—			
L.Z.A. ...	1	17	0
Lee Common—			
General	3	14	1
Leicester, "Providence"—			
General	27	16	7
L.Z.A.		15	0
Leicester "Zion"—			
General ...	14	2	0
L.Z.A. ...	4	13	4
Leigh-on-Sea—			
General	6	14	0
L.Z.A.	3	6	0
Leiston—			
General	1	13	7
L.Z.A.	1	1	0
Lessness Heath—			
General	16	11	6
L.Z.A.		18	6
Lewes—			
General ...	2	14	5
Lewisham—			
General ...	2	7	0
L.Z.A. ...	4	14	1
Leyton—			
General	11	15	6
L.Z.A.	10	0	0
Little Downham—			
General	2	1	5
L.Z.A.	1	0	5
Little London—			
General ...	1	16	6
Llanelly—			
General	1	0	0
Lode—			
General		8	6
Lockwood—			
L.Z.A. ...	2	5	0
Long Marston—			
General ...	1	10	0
Loughborough—			
General ...		13	0
Manor Park—			
General	10	4	0
L.Z.A.	2	7	0
Manchester District—			
L.Z.A.	3	18	4
March—			
General	13	2	9
L.Z.A.	8	11	5

	£	s.	d.
Margate—			
General	2	0	6
Mayford—			
General	5	10	9
Melbourne—			
General ...	1	0	0
Mendlesham—			
General		5	0
Meopham—			
L.Z.A. ...	2	0	10½
Middlesbrough—			
General ...	10	0	0
Morley—			
General ...		10	0
Needingworth—			
General	1	6	0
Newcastle-on-Tyne—			
General ...	2	4	9
New Cross—			
General ...	56	14	5
L.Z.A. ...	37	9	1½
Newquay—			
General	1	6	8
L.Z.A.	2	15	0
Norbiton—			
General	1	3	2
L.Z.A.	6	2	9
Norwich—			
General	2	11	0
L.Z.A.	1	5	6
Notting Hill Gate—			
General	5	0	0
L.Z.A.	7	0	3
Nuneaton—			
General ...	7	17	6
L.Z.A. ...		15	0
Nunhead—			
General	8	8	9
L.Z.A.	7	2	0
Occold—			
General	12	17	8
Old Hill, Staffs.—			
General ...	3	7	0
Otley—			
General	1	0	2
L.Z.A.	3	19	11
Oundle—			
General		5	0
Over—			
General	10	4	4
L.Z.A.	10	18	7
Pemberton—			
General ...	5	13	7
L.Z.A. ...		5	0
Ponders End—			
General ...	2	11	6
L.Z.A. ...	7	19	6
Pontygwaite—			
General ...		6	0
Pontypridd—			
General ...	1	4	2
Portsmouth—			
General ...	3	19	0
Potten End—			
General ...	20	3	4
L.Z.A. ...	19	17	6
Potton, Beds.—			
General ...	7	4	8
L.Z.A. ...	4	16	0
Poynings—			
General ...	26	2	1
Praham, Aus.—			
General ...		12	6
L.Z.A. ...	5	4	0

	£	s.	d.
Preston—			
General ...	1	1	6
L.Z.A. ...	3	16	9
Prittlewell—			
General ...	18	15	8
L.Z.A. ...	11	4	0
Ramsey—			
General ...	7	4	6
L.Z.A. ...	1	4	0
Ramsgate—			
General ...	2	10	0
L.Z.A. ...	4	0	0
Rattlesden—			
General ...	7	0	8
L.Z.A.		12	0
Raunds—			
L.Z.A.	1	2	6
Reading—			
General ...	3	17	6
L.Z.A. ...	5	8	3
Redbourne—			
General ...	1	12	9
Reigate—			
General	9	19	9
Richmond—			
General	31	4	0
L.Z.A.	15	7	0
Rotherham—			
General ...	2	2	2
Rowley Regis—			
General ...		10	0
Royton—			
General	16	1	8
L.Z.A.	1	3	9
Rushden—			
General ...	4	15	2
L.Z.A. ...	3	13	6
Ryde, Aus.—			
L.Z.A.	3	5	6
Saffron Walden—			
General		18	6
Salford—			
General ...	1	5	0
Shelfanger—			
General ...		3	0
Siddal—			
General ...	3	0	6
L.Z.A. ...	1	6	0
Slaithwaite—			
General ...		7	6
Smarden—			
General	1	15	0
Smithfield, N.S.W.—			
General	1	0	0
Somersham—			
General ...	2	1	11
L.Z.A. ...	3	1	3
South Chard—			
General		10	0
South Woodham—			
General	5	8	3
Staines—			
General ...	13	10	0
L.Z.A. ...		14	6
Stamford—			
General	18	8	8
Stevenage—			
General	3	19	10
L.Z.A.	2	4	10
Stockley Mission—			
General	4	2	7
Stoke Ash—			
General ...		2	0
L.Z.A. ...	1	19	0
Stoke Goldings—			
General ...	1	10	0
Stowmarket—			
General ...	3	8	3
L.Z.A. ...		16	0
Stratford—			
General	18	15	9½
L.Z.A.	33	17	2
Streatham—			
General	10	13	2
L.Z.A.	3	1	1
Stretham, Cambs.—			
General	1	18	6
St. Albans—			
General ...	3	5	2
L.Z.A. ...	1	10	6
St. Clears—			
General		7	6
L.Z.A.	3	5	0
St. John's Wood—			
General	124	4	7
L.Z.A.	53	15	4
St. Neots—			
General ...	7	10	1
Sudbourne—			
General	10	6	9
L.Z.A.		12	8
Sudbury, Suff.—			
General	2	12	0
Sunderland—			
General	1	19	4
Sutton-at-Hone—			
General	6	0	11
L.Z.A.	1	5	0
Sutton, Cambs.—			
General	1	5	9
Swindon—			
General	13	10	6
L.Z.A.	5	16	0
Tadworth—			
General ...	23	6	4
L.Z.A. ...	5	5	4
Tenterden—			
General		15	0
Thame—			
General ...	2	0	0
Thorndon—			
General ...		6	5
Tollington Park—			
General	2	10	0
L.Z.A.	3	7	0
Tonbridge—			
General ...	6	5	1
Tottenham—			
General	9	15	9
Tring, Akeman St.—			
General	145	11	2
L.Z.A.	123	5	9
Tring, " Ebenezer "—			
General		7	6
Trowbridge—			
General	4	15	8
Tunbridge Wells—			
General	9	3	4
L.Z.A.	10	15	10
Tunstall—			
General ...	1	18	4
Two Waters—			
General ...	3	12	10
Wakes Colne—			
L.Z.A. ...	1	10	0
Waldringfield—			
General ...	7	10	4¾
Walsall—			
General	15	15	6
L.Z.A.		12	6
Walthamstow—			
General	0	5	1
L.Z.A.	18	19	10
Walton-on-Naze—			
General	3	16	7
L.Z.A.	3	7	0
Wandsworth, Chatham Rd.—			
General	5	0	0
Wandsworth, West Hill—			
General	3	14	6
L.Z.A.	8	16	10
Warboys—			
General ...	9	1	0
L.Z.A. ...	8	0	0
Warrington—			
L.Z.A.	6	16	0
Watford, " Beulah "—			
General	6	12	0
Watford Tabernacle—			
General	39	1	10
L.Z.A.	27	0	0
Wattisham—			
General	3	7	10
L.Z.A.	1	16	0
Wellingborough—			
General	35	1	5
L.Z.A.	10	3	0
West Ham Tabernacle—			
General	26	15	3
L.Z.A.	7	14	0
West Hartlepool—			
General	11	6	7
Wetherden—			
General ...	1	10	6
L.Z.A. ...		15	0
Willenhall—			
General ...	1	13	6
Whittlesey—			
General ...	29	5	0
L.Z.A. ...	3	18	6
Willingham—			
General ...	2	18	2
L.Z.A. ...		5	10
Wimbledon—			
General	17	2	7
L.Z.A.	14	15	3½
Wooburn Green—			
General		7	0
Wood Green, Eldon Rd.—			
General	6	4	6
L.Z.A.	1	14	4
Wood Green, Pk. Ridings—			
General	7	1	0
L.Z.A.	3	6	2
Woolwich—			
General ...	7	6	3
L.Z.A. ...	1	8	6
Yarmouth—			
L.Z.A ...	1	0	0
Yateley—			
General	12	7	6
L.Z.A.	9	1	0
PERSONAL—			
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