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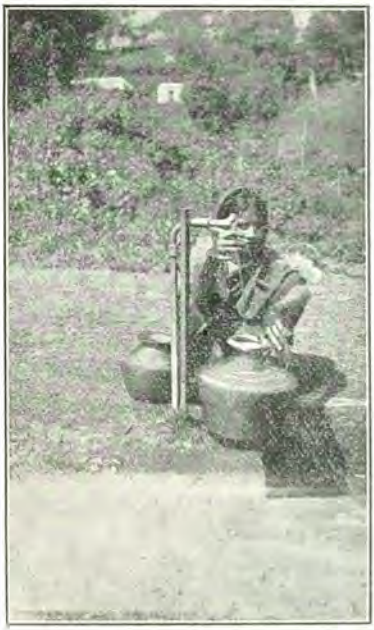
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THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

"STRIVE TOGETHER . . . IN YOUR PRAYERS"

Internal and external dangers still threaten India, and many difficulties confront our Missionaries in their work.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER MEETING

will (D.v.) be held at

Mount Zion, Chadwell Street, E.C.

on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1943, at 3.30 p.m.

All Friends Cordially Invited

"In every storm that either frowns or falls,
What an asylum has the soul in prayer!"
(Young).

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MRS. E. A. BOOTH

AN L.Z.A. APPRECIATION.

TWILIGHT on Tuesday, November 10th, brought to a close life's little day for our much loved sister, Mrs. E. A. Booth, and her entrance into eternal glory.

The news, so unexpectedy received over the telephone, stunned for a few minutes, for Mrs. Booth had latterly been in fair health. Sorrow filled our hearts, for our loss appeared irreparable. Quickly there followed the glad acceptance of God's will, for we knew the spirit of our sister had been released to be for ever with the Lord and with her dear one in the land of pure delight, to which prospect she looked with increasing desire, for truly Mr. and Mrs. Booth in the deepest sense were " heirs *together* of the grace of life."

For almost three years Mrs. Booth had courageously trodden a lonely pathway; she will be very greatly missed by her immediate family (to whom we tender our loving sympathy), and by the friends of the Mission, who held Mrs. Booth in their love and high esteem for her life and service. We pay our humble tribute to her gracious personality, and to the inestimable value of her devoted life in the service of India for so many years. How many has she met on the other side, brought to the Saviour through her instrumentality!

Married to Mr. Booth in July, 1899, they sailed together for India in the following September, and shortly afterwards Mrs. Booth began Gospel work among the women and laid the foundation of our Zenana work, the first Biblewoman being stationed at Ayanapuram. Mrs. Booth was the first to acknowledge " in the beginning—God," and, to quote her own words, " One Sunday, early in the year 1900, I heard the cry of a soul in need, and the call of God to go and help her—and that was the beginning of our work among women in India." Returning home on furlough, in 1905 and 1906 a number of Ladies' Meetings were addressed by Mrs. Booth in town and country, when many were drawn to the work, inspired by her zeal.

Following a Young People's Conference held in February, 1906, when the subject under discussion was " Personal Service in the Foreign Mission Field," Mrs. Booth, in the March MISSION HERALD, addressed a letter to the sisters of our Churches, as follows:—

" Why should not every Strict Baptist sister be personally

engaged in foreign mission work? How can this be done? Would they not like to feel that on *them* rests the responsibility of sending the Gospel into the homes of India's benighted women? I have thought how noble an effort it would be if our sisters in England would form a Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary, its chief object being to send out and support at least one single lady missionary on the foreign field, in addition to what is already being done in India."

The first Collecting Boxes were distributed at the Farewell Meeting to Mr. and Mrs. Booth at the Surrey Tabernacle, on September 18th, 1906, to those who would promise definitely not less than 1d. a week. The L.Z.A. was then inaugurated at the Annual Meeting held at Brentford in October, Mrs. Hutchinson being the first President. Our first Missionary sailed for India in 1908, and took charge of the Zenana work towards the end of 1910. Mrs. Booth wrote of the work in the S.B.M. Jubilee Report of 1911, under each of the words, Darkness, Bitterness, Hindrances, Increase, Dawn and Noontide, concluding with the words, " the strength of heathenism throbs around us, and the Master calls us to more consecrated efforts. Looking back, we trace the shining of His love on all the trodden path; and looking forward, we believe that love will be with us till we stand in the noontide of His glory."

Mrs. Booth continued the oversight of the L.Z.A work in India as occasion required, notwithstanding the demands made upon her as the wife of our senior missionary. Known to us all were her literary gifts as we read her charming studies of Indian life contributed to the MISSION HERALD, and in her two books, " Pictures from a Missionary's Album " and " A Winding Indian Way." The publication of these helped in many ways to forward the work of the L.Z.A.

In July, 1921, Mrs. Booth became a Vice-President of the L.Z.A., just prior to what proved to be the last term in India. On her return to England our sister attended the L.Z.A. Committee Meetings with regularity until her husband's illness. After his Home-call she returned to us, ever giving us the wise counsel and help for which her Indian experience peculiarly fitted her. To those of us who needed it, encouragement was given to press on in confidence in God. Her words were often to the effect, " We know God can work wonders in every difficulty that we take to Him." Her own life was lived in that faith, and she bore witness again and again to the faithfulness of God in His provision for her needs.

Of late years Mrs. Booth felt unable to take public part in meetings, and the last occasion when a few of us heard her voice in prayer was in the vestry of Chadwell Street Chapel, before the L.Z.A. Annual Meeting in October, just a fortnight

before her Home-call. On that occasion we felt she was given special liberty in asking God's blessing on the meeting, and on our Missionaries and Biblewomen in India. That prayer remains as a benediction.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

The Funeral Service was held at Soho Memorial Chapel, North Finchley, on Saturday, November 14th, and was conducted by Pastors W. Chisnall and R. Robinson, a large number of sympathetic and representative friends being assembled. The interment was at Christ Church Cemetery, Barnet.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A representative company gathered at Chadwell Street on Wednesday, December 9th, to pay affectionate tribute to the memory of our beloved friend. Pastor R. Robinson presided, Mr. S. W. Anderson read the Scriptures, and Pastor J. K. Thorpe offered prayer. Miss P. P. Nunn (Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary) told of the great part that Mrs. Booth had played in the formation of that branch of missionary service, and of the help that she had given to it through all the following years. Pastor W. Chisnall, whose connection with the Mission goes back through so many years, spoke gracious words of loving praise. He had known Mr. and Mrs. Booth through their long period of work for the Lord in India and England. Their Christian character, as well as their ability in missionary service, was a call to us all.

It is hoped that it will be possible to publish in the near future a memorial booklet, giving a record of Mrs. Booth's life and work, and also a collection of some of the articles that she contributed to the MISSION HERALD.

COINCIDENCE?

D. A. THROWER.

THREE of my men required medical attention for a variety of ills, but we had failed to secure proper treatment for them in Madras City (with all its hospitals!). I therefore decided to take them to a mission hospital in a town some seventy miles west of the city, where the American doctor in charge was always glad to help in such cases. We set out early on a Saturday morning, and reached the hospital about 9 a.m. My good friend gave the patients a thorough examination, and ordered treatment for them. Two were admitted as in-patients, while the third was told that he could return to Madras with me. The homeward trip was started early in the afternoon, in order that we might reach our station the same evening and be ready for a special service to be held at Ayanapuram the following (Sunday) morning.

No sooner had we taken to the road than the petrol pump of my car began to give trouble. By great perseverance we managed to cover six miles, but beyond this the vehicle refused to move! My sole passenger got a lift on a passing lorry, reached the city the same night, and told our folk of the adjustment which our plans had suffered. The poor, palefaced

traveller was alone—stranded by the roadside ! With the help of several pedestrians who were making for the place that we had left, we managed to return to our host's bungalow, arriving there while the family was having dinner. My friends took pity on me, gave me a meal and provided me with a bed.

Next morning, at breakfast-time, my host made the following suggestion. As I should have to stay there until assistance arrived from Madras, would I like to accompany him to a village about ten miles out and conduct the Sunday service there? To this I gladly agreed, and we set out in my host's car. It was a pleasant drive, and we reached our destination after skirting the edge of a very large and full tank (lake). On our arrival at the village, I was introduced to the pastor of the local Church. This man recognised me, and said, " Oh, yes, I met you at ——— Convention several years ago. It is a happy arrangement for you to preach to my people to-day. As a matter of fact, during the past week I have been studying one of your printed sermons, and had intended preaching that this morning. I am very pleased that you have come to give your own sermon ! " This brother conducted the opening exercises of the service, and told the congregation the above facts, adding, " It is sure that God has caused his car to break down, so that he should come and preach to us to-day."

A RED-LETTER DAY

SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1942.

THE previous night we had experienced bad weather, as the monsoon had broken with torrential rain. The following morning was still rather dull and exceedingly wet, but that did not stop preparation for Sunday worship. We had *chota* at 7 a.m., as is the usual custom. Final preparations for the service at Vepery Chapel were then made. There were some doubts as to whether we should be able to attend on account of the weather, but, to our delight, we were able to make the journey in the motor tricycle van. The occupants were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Mrs. Brand, two of our Indian friends and the writer. We had covered about half the distance when Mr. Thrower (the minister for the morning service) realised that he had forgotten his Bible, so we had to go back to the bungalow to collect it. Once again we started out for Vepery, which was reached in good time.

It was a pleasure for the writer to have the opportunity of playing a harmonium for the Tamil service. There was a good congregation in spite of the weather, and the English tunes chosen were sung lustily. Although the whole of the service was carried out in Tamil, it was a wonderful experience,

which will remain in the mind of the writer for all time. The subject of the message was "Tithing," the text being in Malachi iii. 10, and, judging by the way in which the message was given, it was also enjoyed by the congregation. It is hoped that the message went deep down into the hearts of all those who listened and that lasting results may be the outcome. After the service we had the pleasure of staying to Communion, at which 57 of our Indian brothers and sisters took part. Once again this service was thoroughly enjoyed (although the whole of it was in Tamil), and one can rightly draw the conclusion that this was entirely due to the Spirit of Christ pervading the atmosphere. Several brethren took part in both services, and they gave the writer a cordial welcome into their midst. At the conclusion of the service we returned to the bungalow for lunch, after which we rested for a brief period.

Again we travelled in the trike, taking with us our tea (provided by Mrs. Thrower), and proceeded towards Poonamalee, some ten miles distant. We had not long left Kilpauk when a tremendous burst of the monsoon broke over us, so that both the driver and the writer arrived at Poonamallee in a drenched condition, for the torrential rain poured into the front of the vehicle in spite of the side curtains. The road in many parts was in a flooded condition, and when the front wheel of the machine struck these patches the water made its way to the engine, turned itself into steam on the hot cylinders, and gave one the impression of a steam engine instead of a motor car. We arrived at the Poonamallee bungalow, where we were glad to be treading terra firma again and to be able to divest ourselves of soaking garments.

A welcome tea was soon served and appreciated, after which we proceeded to the Chapel nearby for the afternoon service. Mr. E. Orchard, who was the preacher for the day at Poonamallee, conducted the service, and gave an address on Micah vi. 5-8. On this occasion the congregation consisted mostly of children and young people, and it was a privilege to enjoy yet another Tamil service. Afterwards it was a great joy to witness the baptism of five Indian young ladies in the open-air baptistery, the ceremony being conducted by Mr. Orchard. As each of the candidates came out of the water the company sang the chorus of the hymn, "O happy day that fixed my choice," and the writer having learned this Tamil chorus from a missionary on furlough many years ago, was able to join in the singing.

Before returning to Madras, we walked round the premises and were shown various activities carried on by the children during the week at the Higher Elementary School. The Headmaster also took us for a stroll in the town of Poonamallee.

We went on foot, and while we were some distance from the bungalow another monsoon storm fell on us As there was no cover, the result can be imagined. Shortly after returning from our walk the weather cleared, so we took to the trike and had a pleasant journey back to the bungalow at Kilpauk.

We remained in the house just long enough to have a cup of tea and then walked about a quarter of a mile to the Semmen Street Chapel for the evening service. Owing to the fact that the clock at this place was some ten minutes fast, our Indian friends had already made a start. However, it was a pleasure to officiate at the harmonium and to hear the singing, which was good. Mr. Thrower took the chair, and gave an inspiring address on the subject of " The Christian Soldier " (2 Timothy ii. 2-4). Before returning home, greetings were exchanged with many Indian friends.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The above interesting article was written by Mr. Albert Andrew, Deacon and Organist of Courland Grove, Clapham, who was staying with Mr. and Mrs. Thrower while on leave from an Indian military station].

Work at Home

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

" Another year is dawning;
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee." —FRANCIS R. HAVERGAL.

LET US SEEK IN EARNEST PRAYER TOGETHER :

1. That we may all begin the year with renewed consecration and purpose in the Master's service.
2. That the year may prove to be one of fruitful endeavour in our efforts at home and away in India.
3. That the Holy Spirit may always inspire and direct the L.Z.A. Executive and our Mission Council, and that nothing may hinder the spiritual effectiveness of our Mission.
4. That there may soon be a happier national understanding and agreement in India.
5. That the work may not suffer through changes in the Indian staff made by the claims of war.
6. That the way may be opened for Miss B. S. Wade safely to reach India, and that Missionaries may soon be able to take furlough in England.
7. That our Missionaries may be blessed with continued health and strength, and that they may have the joy of seeing many brought to Christ through their ministry.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

For safety's sake we would give this extra reminder to Council members that the January Council Meeting will be held on the 8th of the month instead of the 1st.

GENERAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Shipton.—The sympathy of all our friends will go out to our Treasurer and his wife in their great sorrow. Their son (Sgt.-Observer Bruce Shipton) was reported missing on November 6th. They later received news that he was a prisoner of war, but this was followed by a message that he had died of wounds on November 20th. May the Lord grant to them the grace and strength that they need.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

3rd, St. Albans; 8th, N.Y. Prayer Meeting; 10th, Greenwich; 17th, Wood Green, Eldon Rd.; 24th, Chatteris; 25th, Sutton, Cambs.; 26th, Stretham; 31st, Wood Green, Park Ridings.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during November, 1942.

GENERAL FUND.

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"HERALD" FUND.

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
167	£14	2	0

L.Z.A. GIFTS.

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
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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.

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"IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS"

We would not always make this advertisement an appeal for support. There is much cause for praise and gratitude at this time.

MUCH SPIRITUAL BLESSING has been received recently, especially in Madras and on the Kolli Hills.

OUR LOYAL MISSIONARIES are giving themselves without reserve to their constant and often difficult tasks.

OUR CHURCHES AND FRIENDS AT HOME continue to give liberally to the work.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."—1 THESS. i. 2.

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"SIT STILL, MY DAUGHTER, UNTIL THOU KNOW HOW THE MATTER WILL FALL" (Ruth III. 18).

RUTH had been passing through a period of great activity. Under the guidance of God, she had made the great decision to accompany her mother-in-law to Canaan, and she had journeyed to the foreign land. Upon arrival there she had set to work gleaning in the field of Boaz, and had thus provided for her physical needs. There now remained the problem of her marriage and the settlement of her inheritance, and it was in connection with this that Naomi gave her the advice: "Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall." It would have been a mistake to sit still earlier, and it would have been a mistake *not* to sit still at this particular time.

Does not the same problem enter into our lives? Obviously there is a place for activity, and equally obviously there is a place for sitting still; but it is not always easy to decide when one should be exchanged for the other. Our solution of the problem will partly depend on our nature. To some the temptation will be to continue too long with their activity, whilst others will be tempted to sit still before the proper time for doing so has arrived.

Speaking generally, it is true to say that we ought to sit still when activity on our part will demand an undue proportion of scheming and planning and ingenuity. There is a sense in which it is true to say that God's way for us is always very plain and straightforward. Ruth was but using sanctified intelligence when she travelled to Canaan and went out to glean. To arrange a marriage, however, was a very different matter, and Naomi was right in urging her to "sit still."

Does there not come a time in our own lives when sitting still is the only thing we can do? Let us be careful, however, to see that the sitting still has been preceded by all rightful activity. Ruth did not sit still in Moab, neither did she sit still when gleaning had to be done.

This exhortation is surely a comforting and instructive one for us all, but we need wisdom to apply it aright. In our personal affairs we must recognise that God sometimes calls upon us to "sit still." In those times of helplessness when, having done our best, we can do no more, let us remember that "sitting still" is in itself a sign of faith in God. "Rest

in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him," is still a practical form of godliness.

In our Christian service we often have to "sit still." Our missionaries were very active when they left these shores for a foreign land; they have been, and still are, very active in the work of each field; nevertheless, with regard to the actual results of their work they have to "sit still." Let us all do the same. Let us "sit still" in the sense that a farmer does. He engages in ceaseless activity, and yet, having sown his seed, he must "sit still" and leave God to do the rest.

L. R. G.

IN SENDAMANGALAM

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

Introductory.

A SOUTH Indian town usually consists of a fairly solid core of dwellings belonging to the caste people, with odd clusters of mud huts here and there, near or adhering to the outskirts. The clusters of huts belong to various outcaste communities, and are often called *cheris*. One such *cheri*, slightly affixed to the town of Sendamangalam, is the subject of the following article.

I.

Sendamangalam outcaste quarter has been a scene of our Mission work almost as long as the Mission has had a station in Sendamangalam. A day school was run for many years, and was only closed two years ago because it failed to maintain the standard required for Government recognition. It appeared then that the people in the area served by the school had taken up the attitude, always a dangerous one, that the Mission was bound to help them educationally, but that they were not by any means bound to co-operate with us to that end. Over a long period they had not bothered to send their children to school, with the result that the school was closed. Then, as we expected, a cry went up that we were neglecting or deserting them. However, during the course of the school's existence, several boys and girls who passed through its four standards have since continued their education in our Namakkal and Sendamangalam schools, and of them some have been converted and have joined the Church. One of these, L. Joseph, figured in an article in the HERALD some months since.

A women's meeting was commenced in the *cheri* more than a decade ago, and by its means some of the women have been blessed and have been added to the Church. The meeting has had its ups and downs; times when many came and times when few attended. The annual treat used to be a scramble

in which most of the females of the locality took part, backed up by some of their menfolk. But with the years, by dint of constant teaching and discipline by missionaries and Indian helpers, a different spirit has prevailed over the gathering, causing it to lose much of its martial character.

At one time a night school was conducted for the young men. In addition to reading and writing, Bible study and prayer had their part in the hour or hour and a half spent together each night. As a result, some of the lads learnt the New Testament message well and also would engage in prayer.

Christmas time became an important season of the year in Joseph's days. He collected enough money to give the whole quarter a Christmas dinner, and on Christmas morning a large number of the children and men came to chapel in procession, carrying banners and singing as they walked slowly through streets to which they had been forbidden entry by caste people from time immemorial. With Joseph's decease the feast has been dropped, but the procession still takes place, and Christmas morning in the Sendamangalam chapel still sees a large number of *cheri* folk joining in the service.

In 1940, several of the families living in this part of Sendamangalam, recognising the inadvisability of continuing to live in that low and unhealthy situation, moved to a site on the southern outskirts of the town, much to the disgust of many more favoured residents of the place. This was no doubt to their advantage, but it split the *cheri* into two parts and, as a consequence, made it more difficult for us to work among the people as a whole. Those who moved were either members of the Church, with their families, or those who wanted to call themselves Christians. Later, others also left the old street and joined this group, so that now the *cheri* is fairly equally divided; there being about three-quarters of a mile between the two parts.

(To be continued).

PEEPS AT A MISSIONARY'S MAIL-BAG

H. A. HUCKETT.

CORRESPONDENCE occupies quite a lot of a missionary's time, and many and varied are the missives he receives through the post. Here are a few samples of letters received recently on the Kolli Hills.

1.—From a lad in the army about to leave for an unknown destination (translated from Tamil).

The brief message which I, poor J——, write to the respected missionary and his wife.

By the unmerited grace of Jehovah I am well. In the same

way, I hope that by the Grace of God, you and your dear children are well. May God bless you and the work you are doing. I intended to come and see you during my leave, but did not find an opportunity. I saw the respected missionary, Mr. Morling, and Mrs. Morling, at Bangalore. He is ill. He was very pleased to see me. Sir, I shall be only one week more in Bangalore. After that I do not know where I shall be. I am looking for a letter from you. Please pray for me.

To this effect, J——.

2.—The following was addressed to " The Rev. Acquite, Valavanthinadu," and is from a young matriculate whose mother-in-law we nursed through a serious attack of pneumonia. It was written in English.

Rev. and dear Sir,—It is gladly informed to you and your family that my uncle and his family had arrived at their native place safely by the Grace of God Almighty. Thank you for your kind, valuable, and timely help rendered to my aunt while she was suffering from dangerous and fatal Nimmonia fever. Please convey my heart-felt gratitude to your colleagues, who had helped my uncle and his family in their distress. May God Almighty shower His everlasting Blessings upon us for ever.

Your most obedient servant, K. N.

3.—This letter in Tamil came from a Kolli Hill girl taking teacher training at Salem.

Respected Sir,—I studied as far as the 8th Std. in the S.B.M. School, Sendamangalm, and having received 2 years' training in the London Mission Training School, I am about to write my examination. I request very respectfully that you give me teaching work in your school, and provide for me. If you agree to do this, I kindly request you to intimate the same. To this effect,

Your obedient servant, B. S.

4.—From a Doctor who applied for a vacancy in our Dispensary.

Respected Sir,—Thank you very much for your kind second letter containing the various details according to my enquiry. From the given information I doubt whether I will be able to come to a place like that with so much adverse circumstances and surroundings for such a low starting salary. Hence I am really sorry to oblige you in connection with the above affair, Still, I can assure you, that as a golden well-wisher I will remember your hospital and its work in my daily prayers.

Yours obediently, N. C. J.

5.—From a Compounder who nearly came to the Kollis, but thought better of it.

Sir,—In continuation of my previous P.C. I have to state that I reached this place (Travancore) and found that my brother had arranged for me an Apothecary's post in the Kannan Devan Hills

Produce Co., Ltd., with good prospects. Therefore I was forced to resume the new office on 1st December itself. I came to know that Dr. T. C. G——, L.M.P., has come there to take up the work. Of course he is a known person to my father. This arrangement was very confidential, so much so, nobody didn't know. Under these circumstances I am unable to leave this job, hence excuse me for doing like this. Here by D.V. I am doing well. Hope the same with you. This is a good place and good climate. Thanking you in considering my application. May I stop.

Yours in Him, K. C. A.

One sometimes feels that it is almost worth while advertising, if only to get a few letters like this. But it is sad that so few are willing to suffer hardships for Christ's sake. " For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." We are still looking for a doctor.

Work at Home

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

In the suggestions for prayer which follow, special reference is made to the meeting of our S.B.M. Conference in India.

What is this Conference?

When, in earlier days, the number of our Missionaries increased, and the work developed under the blessing of God, it became evident that, in order to collaborate and to consider the work as a whole, plans should be made for all the Missionaries to meet together from time to time. Conference was the outcome, and for many years now regular meetings have been held.

All the S.B.M. and L.Z.A. Missionaries attend Conference, and there is generally one full meeting each year—usually in February—when any Missionaries who have been on furlough have arrived back in India, and before others leave for the Homeland. Our friends are thus able to consult together concerning the work in the different Fields; decisions and plans are prayerfully made; finances are considered, and thought is given to many other matters that concern the work.

The findings and recommendations of Conference are then forwarded to the Council of the Mission here in England, and we are then able, even at this great distance, to understand something of the needs of the work and to make plans and provisions in its best interests.

This year Conference is to be held at Sendamangalam towards the end of this month, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Champion, and it will be obvious to all that the present conditions in India, and in the world at large, make this meeting of Conference a very important one. Vital matters will be under consideration, especially the question of our Indian Bible Institute, so let us be much in prayer that the guidance and blessing of God may be realised.

LET US SEEK IN EARNEST PRAYER TOGETHER :—

1. That nothing may hinder the meeting of our Indian Conference towards the end of this month.
2. That the Missionaries may be strengthened and encouraged by their fellowship together.
3. That the Lord's gracious guidance may be experienced by them in all their deliberations and decisions.
4. That the passage of Miss B. S. Wade to India, and that of Missionary E. Orchard to England, may soon become possible, and that these journeys may be safely undertaken by our friends.
5. That in these difficult days all God-honouring missionary work may be manifestly blessed of the Lord.
6. That in our own hearts, and throughout the world, there may be spiritual revival, expressing itself in deeper and more obedient devotion to the Lord Jesus, and in a real concern for others.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

7th, King's Langley; 14th and 15th, Tunstall; 21st, Leyton; 28th, St. Neots.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The **L.Z.A. Quarterly and District Prayer Meeting** will (D.v.) be held at Gurney Road, Stratford, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, at 3 p.m. Mrs. W. S. Ince will preside, and it is hoped that as many lady friends as possible will gather for prayer so much needed.

GENERAL NOTES

Mrs. E. A. Booth.—Mrs. D. Morling has sent from India a loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Booth. As, however, the Mission hopes to issue a memorial booklet, this tribute is being reserved for use in its pages instead of being printed in this magazine. Further particulars of this booklet will be given as soon as possible.

Missionary D. Morling.—We would also remind our friends that a booklet dealing with the life and work of the late beloved Senior Missionary is in course of preparation. It is hoped that a more definite statement will be made next month.

New Year's Prayer Meeting.—The lower classroom at Chadwell Street was well filled on Friday, January 8th, when men and women gathered together and united at the throne of grace. Pastor S. G. Purkiss, of Woolwich, gave a helpful address, reminding us of the greetings that were sent to the Church at Philippi from "the saints of Cæsar's household."

"**9436.**"—We gratefully acknowledge that gifts are being received safely each month for the support of little children on the Kolli Hills. Now we have heard from India that Israel has left a widow and four children : Thangamonie, who is in the Girls' Hostel and studies in Standard 5; Ragu, in the Boys' Hostel and Standard 4; Kamalam, in the Girls' Hostel and Standard 1; Timothy, who is three years old and lives with his mother in the Mission Compound. Work has been found for the widow, and Timothy is left during the day at the Girls' Hostel, with other small children. It is expected that

when he is older he, too, will live at the Hostel. Help will be valued as we join in prayer that these children may be brought to know the Lord.

Missionary Boxes.—Pastor Thorpe has secured a new supply of boxes for the support of the General Fund. Local Mission Secretaries and any other friends who would like one for use in their homes or other places are invited to apply. There are also special Fellowship of Youth boxes. Our General Secretary's address is always to be found on the front cover.

Remittance of Money.—We would urge our readers to exercise every care in sending up Mission money. We have heard of at least one amount going astray. Cheques and postal orders should be crossed, and treasury notes should be sent in a registered envelope.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during December, 1942.

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"WHO TOUCHED ME?"

MISS BEATRICE S. WADE.

"LIFE is such a rush these days!"

How often we have heard these words, and frequently felt them to be true in our own lives, until at times excuses seem to form for work hastily done. We are conscious of having given very little joy to others, and the "fruit of the Spirit" seems to be a spiritual state which our lives do not possess.

The best revival is to read the stories of Jesus. How quickly the rushing spirit passes away when we touch the life of Christ through the New Testament!

Many were the busy days in His life; "great multitudes" is not an infrequent term of the Gospels, revealing the many people who came into His life on earth; and yet is there an instance which reveals Christ unwilling or over-worried? Is there not always a vision left in the mind of Jesus having fully met the person's need with a perfect understanding?

The story of the woman who touched the hem of His garment is one of the many instances when, amidst other tasks, Jesus made time to meet the need of *a woman*; not a number of women, but just one. The past days surely could be described as full of labour for Jesus, for there had been the necessity of preaching in parables to the people from the boat and later expounding the deeper meaning to the disciples, and in the evening, when asleep in the boat, the need to awaken that the storm should be calmed. The man with the unclean spirit had been made a cleansed vessel, and yet still there was work for Jesus, for we read, "When He was returned, the people gladly received Him." Out of the crowd, the ruler of the synagogue came pleading healing for his daughter, and Jesus was on His way to see this child when *a touch* caused Him to alter His plan for a few minutes. "Who touched Me?" —nobody could touch Jesus without His realising the fact.

What a difference it would make to the lives of others if we were more concerned to feel the individual touch of those with whom we meet. The disciples questioned, "Master, the multitude throng Thee and press Thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me?" Once more Jesus points to the fact—"Somebody hath touched Me"; He knew this to be so, because virtue had gone out of Him. Virtue, unless divinely given, cannot

pass from us, but surely if our bodies are " temples of the Holy Ghost," then is it not possible for our lives to be used as definite channels? Is there not a power within to draw others to Christ?

" And He said unto her "—*a talk* from the Master! How the woman must have listened to every word! In the Gospel it is contained in just one verse, " Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." How wonderfully Jesus touched the woman's need in those few words!

" Daughter "—personal touch of knowledge of the woman; " be of good comfort "—understanding her fear; and in the words " thy faith " showing also that He understood what it had cost her to touch the hem of His garment. " Made thee whole "—healing was performed, and lastly, " Go in peace," how much these last three words must have meant to the woman amidst the multitude of folk—" Go in peace."

The indwelling Spirit, because He is the Comforter, can grant to us the means by which others may gather the knowledge of all that is contained in those words, " Go in peace."

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—The Leader in the March issue is usually written by one of the ladies connected with the L.Z.A., in view of the Gift Week coming in that month. Miss Wade wrote the above article some time ago without having this particular thought in mind, but we feel it is quite suitable for this issue].

IN SENDAMANGALAM

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

II.

Despite a certain amount of discouragement in regard to the work in this *cheri*, we have never given it up altogether. The women's meeting persists, and is a useful form of service to the women who are not in touch with us in any other way. Also our Sendamangalam preacher runs his night school now in the new portion of the village, and each evening has five or six young men under his tuition. As I talk to him from time to time about the school, it is evident that on occasions he is very encouraged and believes that some of the lads will join the Church, but he also has his periods of despondency when he thinks of the temptations and difficulties with which the lads have to contend. Two of his pupils are Church members, who need to improve their ability in reading, so that they can read the Scriptures better.

In the old part of the village we still have the school building standing in good order, and it is in daily use. A young man who went through the school and then passed through our higher elementary school in Namakkal, is working among his fellow villagers, and has his house in that part of the *cheri*.

He was baptized in Namakkal in 1938. He conducts a school in the morning for boys and girls who are too young to go to school in Sendamangalam town. In the afternoon he teaches mat-weaving and, I hope, will soon teach cloth-weaving, to young men who are out of regular employment, or who are otherwise able to get to his class at that time of the day. In the cool of the evening he runs games for boys, girls and lads in order on different evenings of the week. Then at night he conducts a night school for young men on the lines of that run by the preacher in the other part of the village.

For our encouragement, it may be useful to consider what has been accomplished by God's help in the *cheri* thus far.

At the moment, I believe, very little Hindu worship is conducted there. A little time ago I had the mounds of worship and the stones worshipped in them pointed out to me. If in regular use, these shrines are fairly obvious to a person acquainted with the worship performed at them, but I had passed by these shrines several times without having been aware of their presence. This is rather a negative good, as we have no desire to produce agnostics and infidels; hence, unless these people who are giving up Hindu worship find satisfaction in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are far from having attained our objective. But, in the second place, we have the satisfaction of knowing that there are those who have become the servants of Jesus Christ. One of our Sendamangalam deacons is a man from this *cheri*, and four other young men are members with us. One lady is a member, and a very faithful one, and also a girl who is at present in our Sendamangalam Girls' Hostel. In addition two lads were baptized some years ago, but were later withdrawn from. From time to time there have been others who have asked for baptism, but have not been accepted.

One young man, who had been a great disappointment to us for a long time, recently joined the army. Soon afterwards he wrote me saying that he was converted a little while before he went away. A translation of part of his letter, received two or three days ago, is as follows:—" I read the Scriptures, and as I thought of my past sins I was greatly distressed in my soul, and then I received as my own Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ who died for my sins and rose again. I attend the Church of Scotland Church every week. . . . Since my conversion I am enduring unbearable temptations. As I pray, my mind is full of evil thoughts. I am also tempted by the young men who are with me. Pray for me. . . . May the Lord bless the work you are able to do. I am praying for you. Mr. D. Morling was very ill; how is he now? God has given the Sendamangalam Church into your hands. Does Sellaratnam come to chapel? I am praying for him. Will you please do so as

well? What is the use of having studied in a Christian school if one does not receive Christ. The young men here ask me, 'What can we do to attain a happy resting-place after death if we are killed during this war? We will accept Christ. Tell us, tell us about God.' I am glad to tell them as much as I am able." He asks me to send him Bible-reading notes, and other literature. I sent him off a parcel this week.

In this letter Sellamuthu touches on a matter which had been on my mind for some time, that is, what of all these young men who have been through our *cheri* school, but have not been converted? What are they doing now? What is their attitude to the Lord? Is there anything I can do to bring their position home to them in a yet more forceful way? As I considered this matter, I wondered if I might not take some at least of the lads out on camp and, in a short period of separation from their daily surroundings and temptations, direct their thoughts to the things of God. We prayed about the matter for a month or two, and finally arrangements were made to put our plan into execution. Permission was obtained to occupy a small Forest Department building on the edge of the Reserved Forest at the foot of the Kolli Hills, some nine miles by road from Sendamangalam, and young men from the *cheri* were invited to spend from Monday morning to Saturday morning there with the Sendamangalam preacher, their own village worker, and myself. We were able to have seven of them, each about twenty years of age, with us.

(*To be continued*).

TIRUMOZSHI

E. ORCHARD.

IT was one of those days when all India goes out ceremonially to wash itself. As we made our way to the rendezvous for the morning's open-air preaching, there had been much talk about ceremonial cleanness and uncleanness, much debate about the value of times and observances, and much comparison of Hinduism and Christianity.

We sat on a bridge waiting for a belated brother, and watched the endless stream of people from a nearby village go down to the tank to wash and do *puja*. We watched them go and return with little pots of water in their hands. We heard the boisterous village talk, and gathered that the household gods also had a place in the act of cleansing. Apparently, even they were not immune from the contamination of a sin-stained world.

At last we moved off along the road, singing as we went toward the village. Mingling with the crowd, which was in a most festive mood, we found contact —and personalities!— easy and unrestrained. One's name and village and business, one's family relationships and public life and court cases were discussed with lively interest. The *dorai's* country, and his object in coming to India, were spoken of in more serious tones and with many wise shakes of shiny black heads.

Then, seeing an opportunity, the tide of enquiry was turned upon the enquirers, and their more recent history and work became the object of much interesting and fruitful conversation. Their homes that day were bright and clean; their village was in a festive mood, for was not this the day of days in their holy calendar! The day on which the sayings of their god were reverenced and the holy book worshipped. Why pity the man's ignorance, the very village to which we were going was named in the dim past of tradition, Tirumozshi—the village of the Holy Word—and still bore that name to-day!

So we entered the village, with a crowd already interested in what we were about to do. The first speaker, to commence a meeting and gain yet further attention, drew a picture—rough, it is true, but none the less useful—of a book, and wrote underneath it, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light . . ." This truth provided an opening, and became the basis of a number of talks by various members of the group. The power of *the Holy Word* to cleanse and enlighten was made clear to the considerable crowd which gathered.

In that village, where tradition had ensconced the word of a teacher and made that word to be revered, we preached with complete freedom the glorious truths of the Gospel of Christ Jesus our Lord. The village of the Holy Word heard the Infallible Truth of the Living God proclaimed, and having heard it, eagerly received the printed page. This was not the word of a man. It was the Powerful Word of God. The last speaker summed up all that was said in a short talk in which he stressed the value of reading this truly Holy Word. His testimony was, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee . . ."

So, with a short word of farewell, we left the village, but a silent prayer went up to the Divine Author of *the Holy Word*, and we received anew the promise, "My Word . . . shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Therefore we went on our way confidently, knowing that there are both seed-time and harvest. The harvest will be the accomplishment of God's good pleasure.

Work at Home

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. Gift Week will be observed from March 14th-21st, 1943. and its proceeds devoted to the support of our Biblewomen and Girls' Schools. Gifts should be forwarded to Mrs. S. W. ANDERSON, "Green Trees," Heather Close, Kingswood, Surrey.

Branch Meetings.—It is hoped that Branches may be able to hold meetings during the Spring and Summer, arranging for a speaker locally, if possible.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

7th, Ipswich, "Mount Zion"; 8th, Grundisburgh; 9th, Cransford; 14th, Billinghay; 21st, Potton; 24th, Walthamstow; 28th and 29th, March; 30th, Needingworth.

OTHER BRETHREN.

28th, Norbiton: MR. J. C. FROMOW.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

We are able to announce this month that the book concerning the life and work of Missionary David Morling is now on sale. "In the Service of the Master" is a true summary of our great Missionary's 38 years of devoted service in South India.

The book is published as the Mission's affectionate tribute to our brother, and with the desire to present to all friends and supporters a clear view of the wonderful way in which the Lord used and blessed His servant in the work of the Strict Baptist Mission. The record should prove of special value to the members of the Guild of Service, as youthfulness naturally means that there has not been the long and intimate association with Mr. Morling that has been the privilege of certain older friends.

David Morling was a pioneer. He was young and adventurous in heart to the very end, and he always manifested a deep and intelligent interest in all the concerns of the young people of our Churches in the Homeland. With all his gifts and success, Missionary David Morling was very humble, but there is no doubt that, through God's grace and blessing, he accomplished much in the interests of Christ's great Kingdom in India, and he will ever remain in our memories and esteem as one of the noblest of the Lord's servants, a most gracious Christian, an earnest and determined worker—one whose example we may well seek to follow.

LET US SEEK IN EARNEST PERSONAL PRAYER:—

1. That we may be honoured and used of God as was Missionary David Morling.
2. That we may feel afresh the burden of souls that are perishing both near and far.
3. That every possible means may be used to make known the Gospel of Christ everywhere.
4. That the S.B.M. witness in S. India may still be directed and blessed by the Holy Spirit.
5. That all the Missionaries may be blessed with health and that those overdue for furlough may not suffer.
6. That a passage for Miss B. S. Wade may soon become possible, and that she may be taken to India in safety.
7. That all circumstances, personal and in world affairs, may work out for the furtherance of the Gospel,

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"ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME" (Matt. xxviii. 18)

THERE are certain texts of Scripture concerning which it can be said that we need to be delivered from the deadening effect of familiarity with them. There is nothing dead or deadening in the Word of God, but we can read or hear quoted a familiar passage until at last we think it has nothing fresh to teach us.

Perhaps the above passage is one in point. Again and again it has been quoted at missionary meetings, again and again it has formed the text of missionary sermons, and it is even possible that now we should have a feeling of disappointment if a preacher announced it as his text, and say to ourselves that we know exactly what is coming. This is an understandable feeling, though it is often a mistaken and dangerous one. Let us at least remember that the limitation belongs to the preacher, but not to the Word of God.

Perhaps the writer may be permitted to say that the above words came to him recently with almost startling implications, and certainly with a very suggestive train of thought. We hope this little message can be a signpost pointing out the road along which the thoughts of the reader can travel. The road is clear before us, but the end is out of sight.

"All power is given unto Me." No one has made the stupendous claim that Jesus made, but lesser men have made it in a lesser way. Within the limits of their conquests they have claimed power, and upon the basis of that power they have issued their orders to their followers. To go back no further than the past two or three years, have there not been rulers on the continent who have gathered around them their armies and navies and air forces, and said to them: "All power is given unto me; go ye therefore"? The trail of death and destruction that has resulted witnesses to their misuse of their limited power, and proves the truth of Lord Acton's oft-quoted words: "All power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely."

With these thoughts and pictures in our minds we return to the words of Christ, and we indeed find them startling in their sense of contrast. Jesus claimed greater power than any dictator could ever claim: He included heaven and earth within the sphere of His authority; yet He gathered around Him a little band of fishermen and publicans, and said to them, "Go

ye therefore." Ignorant and unarmed they went forth, and the missionaries of to-day are their successors.

This little message must not be lengthened by any attempt at exposition, but the parallels and contrasts can be in the minds of the readers. Instead of armed warriors, fishermen; instead of swords, the Gospel; instead of threats, promises; instead of destruction, salvation; instead of a short-lived dictator, THE ETERNAL KING. L. R. G.

IN SENDAMANGALAM

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

III.

I spent Saturday and Sunday at our outstation, Kakkaveri, and came back by bus to the town on the main road from which we must leave to go to the hill foot. As I left the bus and put my camp equipment down by the roadside, villagers came round and began to ask where I was going, how long I proposed to stay there, who I was, etc. It was evident that they could not imagine any reason for my going to a remote forest cottage and staying several days. I told them in answer to a pointed question, that I was from the Mission at Sendamangalam, and the leader of the enquiry turned to a friend and said, "He appears to be a Government man travelling in connection with machines." "What kind of machines? Rice machines?" he was immediately asked by an eager companion. By this time I was enquiring about a bullock cart to take the luggage and myself to the hill foot, but while the owner of the vehicle was putting its wheels on, the cart bringing the preacher, some of the lads, and other luggage, arrived from the Sendamangalam direction. I would not have been able to accommodate myself and baggage in this cart, but I managed to have my belongings hoisted in, and for myself hired a cycle from a nearby shop and set out for the scene of our camp.

The road was very bad, in parts being inches deep in dust. As the people walked out to their fields, this white dust rose in clouds from their tramping feet, at times making visiblity difficult. Riding through thick dust is not quite so difficult as going through sand, but occasionally the front wheel was forced round in an unexpected way, and one realised the benefit of riding a cycle too small rather than too big, for it was easy to dismount by merely putting out a leg and falling sideways. I am not a great believer in the use of the cycle bell on Indian roads, for about fifty per cent. of the people ahead do not appear to hear it, and the rest often act in a quite incalculable manner. As an instance of this, whilst I was cycling towards

the hills on a deeply rutted part of the road, I approached a man leading an ox by a rope, and a lady with a pot on her head walking along on the right-hand side of the man. I rang the bell, and the lady gently walked across the road to the left, and the bullock and the man gently walked across the road to the right, and I gently fell off the cycle in the middle. It took me a little over thirty-five minutes to traverse the five miles which separate the forest house from the town on the main road. As the house was locked up, I walked down to a village a quarter of a mile away, and asked them about the caretaker. This village is populated exclusively by Kolli Hills people. I was hospitably received, and accommodated with a string cot, while a man was sent off to call the caretaker. I talked to the villagers during the hour I was waiting, and one of them gave me some small fish he had caught that morning. I was promised milk and eggs each day of my stay, for which I promised to pay, but I never managed to get the eggs, though milk was supplied as promised. After a few more minutes the bullock cart arrived, and our camp commenced.

Our programme for the day was as follows: Soon after rising we planned to have morning worship, and at about 9 a.m. the preacher was to conduct a Bible class. After this the lads would prepare their food or go out to see the countryside. After the worst heat of the day was passed in the afternoon, some Indian games would be played, and then at about six o'clock I was to take a Bible class. After the evening meal we were to have some hymn and lyric singing together. This programme answered well, and for the most part was followed during our stay. But on one evening we all went down to the Kolli Hills village, and had a good open-air meeting just before sunset and into the dark.

One thing appeared evident from the start, viz., each of the lads was quite conscious of our desires for his spiritual good, and was anxious to make the most of the camp for the accomplishment of this objective. Although I am well acquainted with the lack of difficulty experienced by most Indians to praying in public, I was nevertheless surprised at the prayers offered by these boys who, for the most part, had never made any profession of Christianity at all. They thanked the Lord for the opportunity of having a few days away from the temptations of the village, and prayed that they might use the time properly and be benefited by the camp. On our first morning together, after the Bible class, I went with four of them for a walk. We went some distance up the bed of a mountain stream which was suffering from the hot weather, and when I suggested that it was time to go back, one of the boys asked that we might have prayer before returning. I know many will be in-

clined to pass this off as a piece of unctuous humbug, but his prayer did not strike me that way. It was the prayer of a lad who feels, " when I do good, evil is present with me." And this was what impressed me about them all at one time or another during our days together. They feared that when they returned to their village the old temptations would bowl them out first ball.

"WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS, AND THE WHEELS WERE LIFTED UP"

D. A. THROWER.

EZEKIEL the prophet saw a vision of wheels within wheels and, among other things, he noticed that the wheels were lifted up. The complicated machinery of our life is like those wheels, and when they come under the control of God the Spirit, those flying wheels are lifted up into heavenly places. The following may illustrate this.

A mission worker died and left his widow in possession of a house belonging to the Mission. This woman, with her two brothers-in-law, immediately laid claim to the premises, and refused to vacate them when, later, they were required for other purposes. Considerable expense was incurred in endeavouring to provide a suitable dwelling for the family elsewhere and to assist them in other ways, but all this only seemed to strengthen the resolve of these friends to hold on to the property. Two of the persons concerned were members of a S.B. Tamil Church. The deacons were therefore informed of the matter, and they did their best to arbitrate for us. They went singly and in a group to see the parties, but all was in vain. A number of other friends also attempted to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion. But more than a year passed without any improvement in the situation. The people stiffened their necks still more, and threatened legal proceedings in the event of our attempting to take the house away from them. We feared that the only way left open to us was recourse to the courts—the police here will not help in such a case.

Then the Lord, to whom we had cried many times regarding this matter during those weary months, showed us the correct way to deal with the case. He used another painful series of events to give us Scriptural teaching on these matters. Another member of the same Church went to law against his wife, and the Church exercised discipline for this conduct, which is directly opposed to the teaching given in I Corinthians vi. We then saw that we should be guilty of a similar offence if we went to law to recover this piece of property without first having tried

the Lord's own prescription outlined in Matthew xvii. 15-17: "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church: but if he neglect to hear the Church let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican."

We therefore placed the whole matter before the Church, and the latter decided to discipline the members concerned if they did not vacate the premises within a month. Our friends were informed of the Church's decision, but they hardened their hearts yet more, and remained defiant and sullen until almost the end of the month of grace. Then on the last Sunday of that month, one of the young men concerned came to the morning service with the intention of making a disturbance. The deacons were fearful that an unpleasant scene would ensue. But something in the sermon, or in the service, touched the young man's heart. Later he sat with the communicants to partake of the Lord's Supper, but before the elements were distributed I noticed him quietly slip out his seat and move to the back of the chapel. The same evening the Lord stirred up a new friend to intervene. Without our knowledge he visited the house and had a long talk with the two brothers. The final outcome was that we not only regained possession of the house in question, but the young man referred to above came to me and humbly apologised for his evil ways. By the Lord's goodness we have won our case *and* our brethren.

This trouble was made a blessing in yet another respect. If the premises had been vacant during this period, there is no doubt that we should have allowed another person to have them—a man who seemed to be a suitable occupant. But during the time of delay this person has left the principles which we hold, and has become aggressive in teaching false doctrine. The delay has therefore been a very real blessing (though disguised !) as it has prevented the house from falling into other unfit hands, and has secured them for further Gospel effort by the Mission. Next month we hope to instal another worker and his family and to commence both a Sunday School and Sunday evening services in the school building which stands on the same plot of ground as the house.

I think our readers will see many wheels within wheels in the above story, and will also praise God for the grace which has elevated these things (in our experience) into the realm of spiritual conflict and victory.

Work at Home

GENERAL NOTES

Baptisms.—Missionary G. F. Champion and his helpers have been greatly encouraged by signs of blessing at Sendamangalam. On January 31st, eleven friends (four men and seven women) were baptized. Other fields also report somewhat similar events, so that we can rejoice in spiritual results that compensate for difficulties and disappointments that come in other ways.

Books.—As many friends know, a book that gives an outline of Missionary David Morling's ministry has been prepared and circulated. The front page advertisement gives further particulars. Book production in war time is not easy, and we feel that our General Secretary and our Publishers are to be congratulated on their work. The L.Z.A. notice in this issue gives a preliminary reference to a similar book dealing with the life and work of Mrs. E. A. Booth. This, we hope, will soon be ready.

Half-Yearly Meetings.—The advertisement gives the date and times of services, but we must wait until next month before giving further particulars. Last year's programme will be followed : meetings for men and women early in the afternoon, a united service with missionary sermon, and a public evening meeting. Please reserve the date, and come if possible. Tea can be obtained from a number of restaurants in the neighbourhood.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

Mrs. E. A. Booth.—We are glad to announce that we expect the booklet giving a record of the late Mrs. E. A. Booth's life and work, together with a collection of her own writings, to be ready in time for the Half-Yearly Meetings in May. Further particulars will be given next month.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

4h, Little Downham; 6th, Ponders End; 11th, Potten End; 12th, Hounslow; 14th, Downe; 18th, Preston; 25th, Brighton and Poynings (afternoon); 27th, Erith.

OTHER BRETHREN.

18th, Ipswich, " Bethesda " : Pastor G. E. J. Bird.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

As has, I think, been intimated earlier, there are real possibilities of two of our Missionaries undertaking voyages simultaneously. Miss B. S. Wade may have a call to leave for India at any time, and Missionary E. Orchard may have by this time embarked for furlough in England.

These two friends will, I am sure, be much in the thoughts and prayers of all interested in our Strict Baptist Mission, but let us as Guild of Service members make it our special task to pray for them daily. We must continue to commit this whole matter to the Lord, for we cannot make just the plans we might desire, and there are obviously many perils in such undertakings in these sad days. Matters are to a large extent out of our hands, but we wish in this, as in all affairs, to do the Lord's will, and in so doing we can be confident that the Master will look after His servants and the interests of His Kingdom.

The Young People's Guild of Service

Let all of us who in our comparative youthfulness are specially linked with these two younger missionaries, pray them through these difficult and even dangerous experiences.

LET US ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY :—

1. **For** India and the opening up of new and successful political negotiations.
2. **For** the health and well-being of our Missionaries.
3. **For** grace and wisdom to be given them and all members of the Indian staff in meeting the increasing difficulties of these days.
4. **For** our Indian Christians in the serious problem of the rapidly rising costs of food.
5. **For** the many young people from our Churches who are now in the Forces.
6. **For** the Masters Presence and help, so that wherever we are we may be keen missionaries—using every opportunity for Christian witness in word and life.
7. **For** the blessing of peace throughout the world.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

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On TUESDAY, MAY 4th, 1943

2.15 p.m.—L.Z.A. MEETING in the CHAPEL. Open to all Ladies. Mrs. SILVESTER will preside, and air-graph messages from Missionaries will be read.

2.30 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING FOR MEN in the CLASS-ROOM. Conducted by Pastor C. J. WELSFORD.

3.30 p.m.—UNITED SERVICE.
Chairman: Mr. S. W. ANDERSON (Vice-President). Missionary Sermon by Pastor J. HUGHES.

6.15 p.m.—PUBLIC MEETING.
Chairman: Pastor R. ROBINSON (President).
Speakers; Pastors B. MUTIMER & W. N. CLARKE.

Tea can be obtained at restaurants in the neighbourhood.

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SUFFOLK MISSIONARY RALLY

will be held (D.V.) at

"BETHESDA," IPSWICH,

On WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th, 1943

3 p.m.—LADIES' MEETING

Mrs. R. J. FRENCH will preside. Address by Miss P. P. NUNN, L.Z.A. Sec.

4 p.m.—DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

Chairman: Pastor G. W. CLARK.
Preacher: Pastor J. K. THORPE, Gen. Secretary of the Mission.

5.30 p.m.—PUBLIC TEA

7 p.m.—EVENING RALLY

Chairman: Pastor R. J. FRENCH.

Speakers: Missionary E. ORCHARD, Pastor C. F. M. REED

S.B.M. BRIGHTON BRANCH

HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS

will (D.V.) be held at

EBENEZER CHAPEL, BRIGHTON, on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th, 1943, at 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.

Special Preacher and Speaker: Pastor S. MONK (Hailsham)

L.Z.A. MEETING at 5.45 p.m. Speaker: Miss P. P. NUNN

Bedford S.B.M. Public Meeting

This will (God willing) be held on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th, 1943, at 6.30 p.m.

at 34, HIGH STREET, BEDFORD

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Pastor O. C. AUSTIN, will preside

LANTERN PICTURES of the Work in India will be shown by the General Secretary.

Pastor R. ROBINSON, President of the Mission, will speak.

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S.B.M. CONFERENCE OF MISSIONARIES, Feb., 1943

Mrs. D. A. THROWER.

WHAT is a Missionary Conference? Can it be described as a business meeting? We certainly do transact a good deal of business. Is it a social gathering? Yes when we meet after the lapse of time we rejoice in the health and growth of our children, and talk of a hundred-and-one other things of human interest. Does a Conference consist of a series of devotional addresses? Our Conferences include this, too, but all three descriptions fail to give a fair idea of the gathering which took place at Sendamangalam last week.

To appreciate the modest programme one needs to note that almost three years had elapsed (instead of the usual one) since our last full meeting. Moreover, these were not normal years, for the war has brought added problems both in the work and in the private life of each member of the Conference. The inspiration and recuperation associated with visits to the Homeland have been lacking. Further, this was our first meeting after being bereaved of our beloved leader and Chairman. It was, therefore with chastened spirits that we had sought for the Lord's special blessing on these gatherings. We were not disappointed, for a sense of great need prepared the way for great blessing. The following was the programme:—

TUESDAY, 23rd:

4 p.m.	Devotions, led by Mr. Champion.
4.30 p.m.	Ladies' informal talk. Men's informal talk.
9.30 p.m	Prayer Meeting, led by Mr. Huckett.

WEDNESDAY, 24th:

9 a.m.	Devotions, led by Mr. Morling.
9.30 a.m.	Business Session.
4 p.m.	Committee Work.
9.30 p.m.	Communion Service, led by Mr. Kuhrt.

THURSDAY, 25th:

9 a.m.	Devotions, led by Mr. Orchard.
9.30 a.m.	Business Session.
4 p.m.	Devotions, led by Mr. Thrower.
4.30 p.m.	Brief Business Session.

Shall we first read between the lines? The guests arrived at various times during Tuesday morning, some of them having travelled all the previous night. Thoughtful housewives may

enquire how a house which usually accommodates five people can suddenly provide room for eighteen adults and six children. Well, the Sendamangalam Mission House is admirably adapted for people who obey the Scriptural injunction to be " given to hospitality." Although it can only boast of one upstairs bedroom, there are three verandahs which are most useful for short-stay visitors. For the rest, we missionaries know that the rooms we occupy when on deputation tours in England are often by no means " spare " ones, and as we notice that certain rearrangements of accommodation have taken place, we just thank God for the love that lies behind it. Now, at the risk of alienating half my readers (men being only interested in business !) I will read on, still " between the lines." A popular fallacy is that missionaries are not interested in such mundane things as meals, their calling demanding that they keep their heads in the clouds ! Once for all, let us lose that delusion, and find a fuller fellowship with all mankind, and especially with womankind. What housekeeper will not rejoice with the hostess and give a sympathetic sigh of relief when I say that every need was met and many luxuries supplied for the table. Moreover, do not these days of difficulty call forth greater thankfulness for blessings which should have elicited that grace in the days of ease and plenty ?

Now for the programme itself. The first item, and that which commenced each meeting, was devotions. The only deviation from the programme occurred on Wednesday, when a particularly knotty problem was discussed in the morning, and we had an additional prayer meeting in the afternoon to seek guidance and light on that subject, committee work being postponed for an hour. The message which God the Holy Spirit had for us at this Conference was introduced at our first meeting, and although the brethen had not consulted each other concerning the subject of the addresses, the Lord had so laid the word on the hearts of His servants that continuity of thought was very marked throughout.

The first business session opened with a standing vote in memory of our late senior missionary, Mr. D. Morling, and a similar vote in memory of Mrs. Booth, who was the founder of our L.Z.A. work, and a colleague for many years. After this our minds grappled with a number of problems, several of which centred around teaching and instruction of various classes of persons. Our consuming desire is that Christ should be made known, and we bend every endeavour to find the most effective means to this end. Mrs. Brand reported that her series of lessons of Scripture studies for Bible women were ready to use, and arrangements were made to take advantage of them. Discussion for some time dealt with ways and means of carrying on the Bible Institute, which important work was left without a leader by

the Home-call of Mr. D. Morling. The hostels for boys and girls presented problems, chiefly due to the enormous rise in the cost of foodstuffs. Other matters, such as the maintenance of buildings and the keeping of accounts were also brought before us.

In concluding this brief report of our 1943 Conference, may I bespeak the prayers of God's people that we, as your representatives in a foreign land, may be true ambassadors, bringing the principles and practices of a " Better Country " to bear upon the problems of life and service in a land where Satan holds sway.

IN SENDAMANGALAM

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

IV.

Our camp was a happy one, and on the last three nights we had a fire out in the open and sat round it singing well-known lyrics, and learning to sing new ones as taught by the preacher. At these meetings most of the young men spoke of their difficulties and desires after a new life. In the flickering light thrown out by the flaming branches, one of them said that, after leaving our Namakkal Hostel he had allowed spiritual things to slide and for about two years had hardly attended chapel, but had lived almost like a Hindu. During that time the Lord on several occasions had been much more gracious to him than he had deserved. He had been involved in a case of theft, and should by rights have been thrashed by the police (!), but somehow he had escaped. Later he joined the Forest Department, and soon found himself in difficulties because everyone took bribes and oppressed the villagers, and he was loath to do so. One day a document was given to him and he handed it over to the proper officer, but the next day the officer denied having received it. Naturally, as a new man he would have to bear the blame, and it caused him great concern, so much so that he could not sleep that night, but spent the time in praying that the document might be found. Next day he went to the office and asked the clerk to look through some papers, and the missing sheet was found attached to the back of another paper. In this way, he said, the Lord had helped him and had drawn him back to Himself.

Another, the one who had joined the Church and later been withdrawn from, began to say that he had been baptized, but perhaps he had not lived as he should have done, but maybe had fallen back into old ways, and so on. The preacher thereupon interjected, " What do you mean by 'perhaps' and 'maybe'? " He immediately corrected his vagueness of speech, and recommenced, " I certainly have," etc. One lad rose and said, " I have decided definitely to give up the whole past, and have

completely accepted Christ as my Saviour." The preacher reminded him that without daily help from the Lord Jesus, such decisions, good as they may be, were of no use. " You gave up smoking twice, didn't you? " he asked.

One of the number said that, although as a boy he used to attend our chapel and assent to all that was said, he was as wild as anyone else immediately he got outside. After a couple of spells in prison for theft, he stole a sheep and went to Trichinopoly to become a Muslim. Before he had done everything necessary, however, a friend appeared and suggested to him that he join the army. Thinking this to be a good idea, he went to enlist, but after a few days, for some reason or other, he returned to his village and heard of the camp. He looked on this as an intervention from God for his good, and he desired to be a Christian.

In this way, round the camp fire, almost all spoke of their desire to live a worthy life and to be children of God. But in the background there appeared to be the stretched-out, threatening hand of the village temptations which would soon close on them again.

At Sendamangalam, the day after our return, all the lads were present in the chapel for Sunday morning worship. The next week two or three came. When I took the service the following week, I think it was, I believe only one was present. In the evening I saw the lad who had " given up smoking twice," walking behind a cinema advertising cart, drumming to attract people's attention to the notices. For this he is paid a small wage and given free access to the evening performances. Since then we have had two or three of the lads at the services most Sundays, and we hope that the Lord will work in their hearts day by day.

A temptation which is now very strong in the village is the temptation to gamble. I am told that one of the boys who came on camp with us had lost all his savings of several years during the year previous to our camp.

Work at Home

GENERAL NOTES

Missionary E. Orchard.—A cable was received from India on March 24th, stating, " Orchard started." At the moment this is all the news we have, but it gives rise to hope and prayer. It is even possible that we may be able to give Mr. Orchard a welcome home at the Half-Yearly Meetings, but we shall probably be ignorant of the details of his movements until he actually arrives. At all events, we hope that with Divine guidance and protection he will arrive, and that after a rest he will be able to engage in deputation work in the Churches.

Miss B. S. Wade.—We are still hoping and praying Miss Wade will be able to voyage in the opposite direction. Most readers will know the position —if a berth is vacant she will have left for India before these words are printed; on the other hand her departure may be delayed for a considerable time. These human uncertainties drive us back more and more to the sovereignty of God.

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The L.Z.A. Half-Yearly Meeting will (D.v.) be held in Chadwell Street Chapel, E.C.1, on TUESDAY, MAY 4TH, at 2.15 p.m. Mrs. Silvester will preside. Special AIRGRAPH MESSAGES from L.Z.A. Missionaries will be read, and will form a new and pleasing feature. The Meeting will be **open to all ladies.**

ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

2nd, Leicester, " Providence " ; 4th, Half-Yearly Meetings; 9th, Chesham; 12th, Bedford; 16th, Royton; 18th, Hoxne; 19th, Suffolk Rally; 23rd. Brentford; 25th, Epsom; 30th and 31st, Devizes.

OTHER BRETHREN.

2nd.—Two Waters : Mr. W. J. SHIPTON.
9th.—Ramsey : Mr. W. J. SHIPTON.
9th.—Blakenham : Pastor H. H. GLADSTONE.
9th.—Croydon, Derby Road : Pastor S. A. GARNHAM.
12th.—Brighton : Pastor S. MONK.
16th.—Egham : Mr. W. J. SHIPTON.
30th.—High Wycombe : Mr. S. E. DENNING.

L.Z.A.

4th, Half-Yearly Meeting; 12th, Brighton; 19th, Ipswich Rally.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

SPACE is somewhat limited this month, but let us not forget our promise as Guild members to join in daily prayer for the Mission. This is the most important service we can render to the Missionaries in India and the work as a whole.

The following are matters for special remembrance this month :

1. The Half-Yearly Meetings on May 4th, and other special meetings in the interests of the Mission.
2. The home-coming of Missionary E. Orchard.
3. The period of holiday and needed rest taken this month by all the Missionaries in India.
4. The Council at home in its consideration of the Annual Conference Report from India.

The Young People's Guild of Service

5. The Guild of Service Committee and all fellow Guild members seeking to witness for the Master.
6. The present problem and deadlock of Indian affairs.
7. The need for "more labourers" in every part of the harvest field of the world.
8. The need for the Presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit in all missionary work.

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PUSTHANA ROADU!

E. ORCHARD.

ACCORDING to the Ancients, "The beaten path is the safe path," or, to put it in another way, "The road you know is the quickest route to your destination." The above title means "A first-class road." It consists of two camouflaged English words with the necessary Tamil suffixes added to them. I remember when I was in Tinnevelly, a colleague and I were making our way to a distant part of the Field. We went by train as far as we were able, and then set off across the fields. Before starting, we took the precaution which most travellers take —we asked about the condition of the road. The station-master, in an expressive mixture of English and Tamil, answered to the effect that it was an excellent road. The past tense was certainly necessary: it *was* an excellent road, but not at that particular time! It went from puddles to mud, and from mud to veritable sloughs, until we despaired of reaching our destination by nightfall. Calling to mind this experience, I cannot say why I should have placed so much confidence in the information which led recently to my being involved in a similar difficulty. I only know I set out from the bungalow; what happened after that can be related under the following heads: predetermination, determination, and termination!

Predetermination. I sat in my room and prepared a programme. My intention was to visit three villages, and I thought with pleasure both of the ride and of the work which was to be accomplished. A stretch of cement road and an easy access to the first objective made the prospect pleasing. A ride across green fields and through an extensive acacia wood clinched the argument in favour of such a plan.

Determination. Man is inveterately fond of the short cut; or, at least, to be fair to my species, the alternative route, if it be an easy one, has a strong fascination for man! In the first village I spent some time making arrangements for two of the teachers to take up work elsewhere, and in a routine inspection of the school. Then it was that I heard of a short cut to the second of the places whose names were on my list, and altering my design, I examined, without considering the pitfalls, the possibilities of the quicker way, with the result that a biased decision was made in favour of the short cut! The distance by road was great, and that route would take me back over much of the ground

which I had already covered, so the easy and quick attainment of my object was no small inducement for me to take the unknown path.

The purpose was formed, but to carry out the design was another matter. There had been one brief word of warning—"There is a little mud"—but otherwise the prospects seemed fair. The path first took me through a shallow river, then I came to the "little mud." I rode on as far as I could, dismounted, and floundered through the rest of the mud—which was not inconsiderable—in the direction of my objective, remounted, and continued more or less happily for a further mile. From this point until the end of that part of the itinerary, the journey degenerated into a series of short rides with intervals for dismounting, removing shoes and socks, and wading through varying depths of water. Wearying of this process, and coming to what appeared to be a stretch of shallow water, I boldly essayed to ride through it. Alas for my boldness! The water deepened until I was dipping each foot alternately into the water as I propelled myself along. Still, with a grim resolve to reach the end, I pushed forward and at last came on to dry land and to a well-known path.

The headmaster greeted me with a look of surprise when I told him the way I had come, but without further ado he took me to the school, where some time was spent in going through various items of business. Then the small extension to the worker's quarters in that village was inspected, commented on and generally approved. After this, the whole school was gathered together for a Scripture lesson, the subject of which was "Snakes of the Bible." The serpent in Eden; the snakes in the wilderness and their brass replica, and the Lord's reference to this story made a suitable ending to the lesson.

Then back again to the road. I made all the speed I could to the last village, and anticipated no difficulty in getting there, but I reckoned without road-repair gangs, which seemed bent on putting as many obstacles in the way of peaceful travellers as they could, before repairing the road. After negotiating a mile or more of surface which had been ploughed up in preparation for the steam roller, I thought all the excitements of the way were over, and made the final effort to get to my last objective; so to the termination.

Termination. On most roads in life can be found interest, instruction, and excitement, but on some roads and on some occasions these three seem to be present in abundant measure. The conclusion of my tour held a thrill of its own. Just after I had passed the torn-up road, a great snake—the largest I have seen in India—slipped through the scrub on the side of the road, and passing in front of my wheel, made for the further side.

Before its slithering fifteen feet or more had completely disappeared I was off my cycle, and with a loud cry of " Snake ! " had called the nearby road-menders, and had gone after the reptile, whose rapid progress could be traced as it went through the lank grass. After a fruitless chase and much animated talking, I was once again on my way to the last school on my list. Here, also, the lesson for the morning was about snakes—this time reinforced by way of illustration with the recent experience.

Not all visits to schools are filled with so much adventure, but the Highway of Life—especially for the children out here—is fraught with difficulty and danger. We work and pray that the children under our care may find the way, and the Companion of the way so wonderfully described by Isaiah: " An highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed of the Lord shall walk there; and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

TRAVELLING IN INDIA

(*continued*).

EVELYN C. BRAND.

At some stations Mohammedan women were bundled into the carriage by their men folk. They *are* bundles indeed, hvaing to wear an all-enveloping white sheet over and above their other clothes and equipment. The cloth passes right over the head, so that no man shall see their charms, until they are safely in the midst of the women's compartment, where the sterner sex are not permitted. With great zest and indignation, when a Mohammedan man stepped into the carriage, one of the women challenged him, and he slipped out on the further side. " Has no ticket, perhaps," she said in scorn. Very probably, as travelling free is often one of the results of poverty here. I have seen one lie under the seat, or slip into the lavatory at each station to avoid discovery.

There was a girl, rather better off than most, and better educated, who was returning from the ordination of her brother in a far-away country community. It was good to hear of the crowds of worshippers and the interest that had been taken, and one rejoiced to think how pastors from among themselves are taking up Church responsibility. If ordained of God, and really converted brethren, how blessed for the Indian Church.

On my way down I met an educated girl graduate, a teacher (B.A.); she was carrying a book as she got into the train. I borrowed it and read it while she slept. Then I was able to challenge her with its contents. My heart was deeply saddened with the putrid stuff that our Indian sisters and brothers are reading. " It comes from England, so must be the thing to read. Not exactly a novel, a literary sort of essay," she had told me. Later, " Well, it is just life," and she was reading to improve her English style, etc. " If you knew our Lord Jesus, you would not touch it," I said. But she was a nice and understanding girl, and had no bad intentions in her reading. It is just what is served up to them from our western civilisation. God forgive us that they take it from us, and think it is the thing to do to read and become fluent.

I gave an Urdu Gospel of John to a Mohammedan woman. The old lady a few places off stretched out her hand and took it. One expects such to rather veto it for her younger sisters. But she began reading audibly. Then, almost shouting with joy, she began saying, " Oh, this is about Esa Nubbie ! (Jesus). This is what I am wanting. He is the Good One." I could not catch all she saying, as her language is not ours. So excited did she seem that the people in the carriage were amused. Her ideas truly were confused, for she began asking about Anthony, the Roman Catholic patron saint here. But I told her I knew nothing of him; it was Jesus that deserved all our trust, etc. Anyway, she was overjoyed to have the Gospel, and soon tucked it away in her bodice, and patted it lovingly when asked where she had put it.

Some refuse the Gospels, but as a rule they are received with pleasure, and this is recorded that they who read may pray that He may bless His own Word, and ask that the old Mahomeddan woman may not be suppressed by her people, but that she may go on to know the Lord, for it seemed to be real love that lighted up her old face and made her repeat the dear Name again and again.

So passes the time, the burning hot hours of the noon, giving one ample opportunity for witness and closer contact with the people of the country. Who knows but what some weak word dropped, or, more likely, some word from Gospels given, may produce fruit to eternal life in these folk who travel they know not where, and whose end is not the railway terminus, but a great BEYOND. He hath said, " My Word shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS AT CHADWELL STREET,

TUESDAY, MAY 4th, 1943.

THE blessing of the Master was realised throughout the gatherings of the Half-Yearly Meetings. Pastor C. J. Welsford conducted the Men's Prayer Meeting, and several sought the Divine blessing upon our friends in India and the meetings to follow.

The United Service in the Chapel, at 3 p.m., was well attended, and Mr. S. W. Anderson presided. Prayer was offered and Numbers x. 1-10 was read. After welcoming all to the service, Mr. Anderson spoke of the keynote of certainty in missionary enterprise. Pastor J. Hughes led us to the throne of grace and afterwards preached an inspiring sermon from 1 Corinthians xiv. 8. He spoke of the Trumpet, the Trumpeter and the Trumpeting. The Gospel is God's trumpet, and the believer God's chosen trumpeter. As such, he must know his instrument and remember his duty is to reproduce or pass on the orders of his Commanding Officer. The trumpeting can only be done in the power, by the breath of the Holy Ghost. From our Saviour supremely, from Paul, and the great men of our beloved Mission, we gain inspiration to sound out the Gospel.

Our President, Pastor R. Robinson, presided in the evening, and the congregation was very good. Pastor J. T. Peters read Psalms 122, 123 and 126, and Pastor W. Chisnall sought the blessing of the Master. In his own inimitable way Pastor Robinson welcomed all to the service, saying it was especially encouraging to see friends from the provinces present. Our Secretary, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, said that the Lord had done great things for the Mission. He referred to the home-coming of Missionary E. Orchard, and to the new publication of the L.Z.A., a book about the life and work of the late Mrs. Booth.

Pastor W. Noel Clarke gave a very thoughtful and interesting address from Ephesians ii. 14, "He is our peace." In India there is no peace, only riot, bloodshed, and bewilderment. Above everything else, that land needed the Gospel. If it were true that India needed peace, so did the individual Indian. Christ alone could give it to him.

Before the closing address, Pastor W. S. Baker led in special prayer for all serving in His Majesty's Forces. Pastor B. Mutimer cheered us all by speaking of the lovely promise of Zephaniah iii. 5 : "He faileth not." God does not fail in His saving power, His supplying power, His supporting power, His shielding power, His solacing power. The Benediction brought a day full of blessing to a close. The offerings for the day amounted to £176 6s. 0d.

L. A. B.

THE LADIES' MEETING.

Another inspiring gathering, both in spirit and numbers, met in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m. A representative company showed continued interest in the work of the L.Z.A. After the opening hymn, Mrs. Silvester read from Heb. 2, calling attention to the words, "We **see** Jesus crowned with glory," **now, to-day.** Mrs. Robinson led us in prayer, after which our President welcomed all friends, making sympathetic reference to Mrs. Anderson, who was unable to be with us owing to illness, from which we pray that she may speedily recover. Mrs. Booth was greatly missed, and special attention was called to the memorial booklet that has been prepared.

Miss Nunn then announced the result of Gift Week—£282 17s. 6d.—and introduced the reading by Committee members of airgraphs sent by each L.Z.A. missionary. This new feature brought us into close contact with their individual work, and we felt that we were listening to their personal testimonies, although they were so far away. Mrs. Derham, Miss Peck and Mrs. Puttnam commended these to the Lord in prayer.

Miss Wade was again with us, still awaiting her call, and in a few words she testified to God's great goodness to her during these testing days. Words found in Ezek. xl. 4 had been impressed upon her mind—"Set thine heart upon all that I shall show thee; for to the intent that I might show them unto thee art thou brought hither." Miss Wade is now nursing at Richmond Hospital. The offering amounted to £43 4s. 10d.

B. M. G.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

" Afterglow."—The advertisement gives particulars of this booklet. We would urge all readers of our magazine to secure a copy as soon as possible. Wartime difficulties of publication have been overcome and an attractive and interesting record has been produced.

Quarterly Prayer Meeting.—The next one will (D.v.) be held at " Salem," Richmond, on Tuesday, June 1st, at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Shipton will preside, and we hope that many sisters will attend.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

2nd, Stratford; 6th, Lee Common; 13th, Hastings; 16th, Hartley Wintney; 20th, Richmond; 24th, Hailsham; 27th, Chadwell Street.

OTHER BRETHREN.

13th, Great Gransden : Pastor E. C. TAGG.
13th Haslemere : Pastor W. CHISNALL.
13th, Bromley : Mr. J. C. FROMOW.
20th, Willingham : Pastor S. J. MILLER.
27th, Manor Park : Mr. J. C. FROMOW.

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1st, Richmond; 7th, Chingford; 24th, Meyrick Road, Clapham.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

SOME may have thought this an inappropriate time for the formation of our S.B.M. Guild of Service, but as we can now look back over more than a year of life and activity, we can see that God ordered our formation in these difficult times, and He has blessed our development.

There are now well over 200 members, and though they are largely scattered about in many places, each one represents a valuable partner in prayer and personal missionary effort. Let us pray earnestly for one another, that the Lord may give us grace to serve Him faithfully, and that missionary work may be with us not merely something remotely established in foreign lands, but the ever-present opportunity of our redeemed and Christ-directed lives.

Seeing also that we cannot actually share in the evangelisation of **every** part of the world, let us continue to concentrate our united efforts in the open door of large opportunity that we have in South India.

The Guild of Service is already doing a great work, and we prayerfully anticipate further expansion and usefulness in the days and years ahead.

Special prayers are needed concerning the following matters :—

1. THE HEALTH OF OUR MISSIONARIES. As far as we know, all are well at the moment. Miss M. Harris has been ill, but is now better. Let us praise God, and continue to seek the important blessing of health for each of the Missionaries.
2. THE WORK IN EACH OF THE FIELDS. During this month the Missionaries take up their work again, following their period of rest during the hot season. Staff appointments, new plans, and fresh efforts all have to be considered and carried out.
3. THE HOSTELS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS. These are faced with a serious crisis due to the greatly increased costs of food, and also the great difficulty of obtaining adequate supplies of grain, etc.

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4. THE PASSAGE OF MISS B. S. WADE TO INDIA. Miss Wade is still with us here. Let us not forget her in this difficult time of waiting, and let us still lay this matter before the Lord in prayer.
5. MISSIONARY E. ORCHARD. We are still awaiting our brother's arrival in the Homeland. All will recognise the need for continued prayer.
6. THE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS OF THE MISSION AT HOME. Prayer is always valued—especially when Council meets (normally the first Friday of each month).

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during April, 1943.

General Fund.

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in connection with the safe arrival on furlough of

MISSIONARY E. ORCHARD

will (D.v.) be held at

MOUNT ZION, CHADWELL STREET, E.C.

On FRIDAY, JULY 2nd, at 7 p.m.

Service will be conducted by PASTOR R. ROBINSON, and Missionary E. ORCHARD and others will take part.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The contents of the L.Z.A. Boxes should be sent in during this month.

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FUNERAL RITES IN INDIA

H. A. HUCKETT.

BOTH in England and in India a feast often follows a funeral. In the West, as soon as the funeral is over, it is usual for the mourners to return to the house of the deceased to partake of light refreshments and to hear the reading of the will. In the East, there is seldom any will to read, and the first thing to do after the burial is to have a bath. About a fortnight later it is customary to arrange a Memorial Service, printed invitations being issued to all the relatives and friends of the departed. On this occasion, tea and sweetmeats are provided, and sometimes a meal of curry and rice in honour of the dead man.

Amongst Hindus, there is a ceremony usually held on the sixteenth day after the demise, at which the spirit of the deceased is propitiated, and it is probable that, just as in England the celebration of Christmas to some extent grew out of the Roman festival of the Winter Solstice and the Roman Saturnalia, so in India the Hindu ceremony has been replaced amongst Christians by the holding of a prayer meeting and the giving of a feast. Possibly there is in the minds of some a lingering idea of placating the spirit of the departed, and for this reason some Indian Christians will not attend such gatherings. On the other hand, under wise handling these meetings can be used to emphasise the brevity of life and to point sinners to Christ. They are usually well attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, some of whom may be non-Christians, so that they provide a unique opportunity for preaching the Gospel.

Here on the Kollis, funeral rites are somewhat primitive. The other day, in a village near Valavanthi, an old Hindu priest passed away. As he was a wealthy man, "cannons" were let off to inform people of his decease, and messengers sent to the more distant hamlets to call relatives to the funeral. The body, after being washed and dressed, was placed under a *pandal* (canopy), and an eight-anna piece put on the forehead. On arrival, relatives and friends of the dead man each put a new cloth on the body, and began to weep. Ten men of pariah origin beat drums at intervals to keep away evil spirits. Some of the garments presented by the mourners were afterwards given to the drum-beaters. Having completed the ceremonies at the house—or rather, outside it—the male relations

lifted the body on to a decorated bier, and carried it to the forest near-by, where a shallow grave had been dug. On the plains, Hindus usually cremate, but on the Kollis they bury their dead.

From the house to the graveside, people scattered rice, chillies, and even money, which was eagerly pounced on by poor people looking on. The giving of alms in this way is considered to be an act of merit that will help the spirit of the deceased in the next world. Camphor, incense and cloth were put in the grave, together with the remains of the gunpowder purchased for the "cannons." A wooden plank was then placed over the corpse (to prevent jackals getting at it), and the grave filled in. Only the male relatives attended the final obsequies. There did not seem to be any kind of a service or prayer.

On the third day after the demise, a ceremony for the removal of defilement was held, the principal item being a feast in which all the mourners took part. A leaf-plate was placed for the dead man, as though he were present, and his favourite dishes were served. This marks the end of the funeral ceremonies. Whenever we see a long line of men passing the bungalow, we know that they are either going to or returning from a funeral. On these occasions, they do not seem to have very much sense of grief, but consider themselves duty-bound to visit the house of mourning, and later, of course, take part in the feast. They know that only thus can they expect others to come to them when they are in trouble, and so the ritual goes on. May the Lord use us to point these Christ-less souls to Him who said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

HOW WE SPENT THE PONGAL HOLIDAYS

D. A. THROWER.

PONGAL is the leading festival in the Hindu calendar, and falls about the middle of January. It is really a harvest feast at which the newly-garnered rice is ceremonially boiled and offered to the swami. The three following days are so filled with the holiday spirit that it is useless to hold school on those days. We therefore close the mission schools and encourage the staff to utilise the time for evangelistic activities in the open-air.

This year the Pongal holidays were immediately followed by a week end; hence it was arranged to hold a five days' camp at Poonamallee. A number of men connected with our Churches, but not on the Mission staff, joined us at the camp. These friends were not able to secure leave from their work

for the whole time; but the enthusiasm was so great that we had an average of between thirty and forty campers for the five days. This number included several of our Biblewomen. The camp was led by the four missionaries.

At least twenty-four villages were reached with the Gospel, nearly one hundred addresses were given, large numbers of tracts distributed, and many Gospels and pamphlets sold. The majority of us reached our objectives on foot or on cycles, while the remainder patronised either the Raleigh 'trike or a jutka. Oh! I must make special mention of one of our colporteurs who, although he has only one leg, is as agile as anyone among us. He sprints about on his crutch at a very good pace, but during this camp he raced along in Jehu's style, in a recently acquired miniature cart drawn by a fine trotting bull. The Trike alone covered more than one hundred miles during those days; the total distance travelled in our itineraries must have been at least double this figure. The brother who excelled in colportage sold more than 150 Gospels; he disposed of them at half price, and joined with several others to pay the difference in the cost of these books.

Among the places visited was the village of Tandalam (" Cool Place "). On previous occasions we always had cool receptions, certainly. But this time the people showed a change from their hostile spirit, and gave a respectful hearing; they purchased several Gospels. There is only one Christian in the place, and his life is such that we fear his Christianity runs no deeper than his name—Nathaniel. His mother was a Christian, but she died last year. His brother is a keen and loyal believer who has a burning desire for the salvation of his stubborn relatives and acquaintances, but he has not lived in the village for many years past.

Another trip took us to a town called Tirumushi (" The Holy Word "). There a large crowd listened eagerly to the spoken Word and bought several copies of the written Word. In other places the reception accorded the preaching groups varied considerably, but on the whole the people welcomed us cordially and heard the messages gladly.

On the fourth day our programme was interrupted slightly when several of our men were called away to attend to the burial of a patriarch who was reputed to be 106 years old; he was a relative of several of our Christians in one of the outlying villages. The same evening, a general meeting of members of the Volunteer Fellowship took place in the Poonamallee school-chapel. The chief business was that of electing the Fellowship's working committee, and a helpful spirit was manifest in the meeting.

The closing functions of the camp were the Sunday services,

and these included the Lord's Supper. At the latter, four believers who had recently been baptized were received into Church fellowship. Later the Church heard the testimony of five other friends, who bore witness to the goodness of God in salvation. One of these has already been immersed, and it is hoped that we shall be able to baptize the others early next month.

Most of the campers left Poonamallee on Sunday afternoon, 18th January, but a few of us remained till the following morning, and had the pleasure of attending the Sunday evening service at Tiruvarkadu.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—The events here recorded took place in January, 1942. but postal delays and a smaller magazine have prevented an earlier insertion. Nevertheless, the description is typical of what is always going on in our Mission Fields].

UNDER THE TAMARIND TREE

MRS. GRACE GATES.

MADRAS at Christmas time is as warm as mid-summer in England, hence the gathering of Indian workers for their Christmas tea and distribution of gifts was arranged for under a large tamarind tree in the Mission compound at Kilpauk.

The week before Christmas eight rolls of calico and check materials were bought with the gifts of money sent out by the friends in the Homeland. These were divided into lengths suitable for making garments for the workers and families, and two or three pieces of soap were wrapped in each parcel.

On December 23rd, the workers (with their children) in the Madras field gathered soon after 3 p.m., and sat in orderly fashion on grass mats in the shade of the tamarind tree. Eager, happy faces confronted the five missionaries, the Indian pastor, and the three visitors present. Captain R. V. Harris, R.A.M.C., was passing through Madras that day to spend his Christmas leave with his two sisters, so favoured us with his presence.

After praise and worship, Pastor Y. M. Solomon, of the Sembiam Church, being in the Chair, Captain Harris gave a short message by interpretation from Romans xv. 13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing." He also conveyed greetings from the Home Churches, and very graciously handed the parcels to the workers as their names were called.

Mr. Orchard presented a shield to the headmaster of the school obtaining the highest percentage of marks in the Scripture Examination conducted in the day schools earlier in the year.

About 150, including children, partook of the tea, biscuits, sweets and plantains at the close of this happy meeting.

Under the Tamarind Tree

Since the sending of parcels from England has not been possible, the children are now given Bibles or Testaments and school books at the New Year. They seem just as pleased with these gifts, and all who love the Word can pray that the young lives in the care of the S.B.M. may early yield to the claims of Christ as Saviour and Lord.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—Mrs. Gates, the writer of the above article, is a member of Chadwell Street Church, and is associated with the Poona and India Village Mission. She spent Christmas and New Year with Mr. and Mrs. Thrower at Madras].

Work at Home

GENERAL NOTES

Christmas Gift Fund.—It is rather difficult for us to visualise Christmas in July, but all friends will know that in these days of delayed mails, arrangements have to be made several months in advance. Before the war it was our pleasure to send to India large boxes of toys, etc., but that, of course, is now impossible. However, during the past two or three years there has been a most satisfactory response to our appeal for money, and the Council has been able to send out a good sum to be spent in India for the benefit of the scholars in our various schools and hostels. We once more invite from individuals as well as from Churches and Sunday Schools, gifts towards this Fund. They should be sent, before the end of August, to Miss H. V. Harris, "Nethania," 7, Carlton Hill, London, N.W.8.

A Subject for Prayer.—The war has affected the Mission in many ways, and with its commencement a new policy had to be adopted by the Council at home and by the missionaries abroad. Some branches of work had to be curtailed, and it was generally agreed that new work involving new responsibility and new expenditure could not be undertaken. This policy must, of course, in many ways be pursued in the future, until we can see what the issue of the struggle is likely to be. One matter, however, has been causing the Officers much thought and prayer. During recent years our male staff has been depleted by the resignation of Mr. L. Watts and by the home-call of Mr. D. Morling. In addition to this, Mr. E. Orchard has returned for furlough, while other missionaries are more than due, and must be brought home as soon as conditions permit. To say the least, then, it seems that another male missionary is needed, and the Officers and Council would welcome the prayers of all friends that they may be guided aright in any decision to which they may come. This appeal for prayer is necessarily vague as to details, but we can all unite in asking the Lord to show very clearly what is His will in the matter.

Congratulations.—A cable received from India gives the news that a daughter (Mary Kathleen) was born to our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Huckett, on May 27th. May the Lord's blessing rest abundantly upon our missionaries in all their family life.

Missionary E. Orchard.—Our friend arrived safely in this country on Monday, June 7th. As will be seen from the advertisement on the front page, we hope to welcome him officially on Friday, July 2nd. It is possible that this magazine will not reach all readers by that date, so we would ask

for the help of those who do know in time to let others know. Mr. Orchard is well, and refreshed by the voyage, and will hope to commence deputation work in July. Our General Secretary will welcome from Churches, Young People's Societies, etc., enquiries as to the possibilities of meetings being held in September, October or November. Please send to him as soon as possible, so that suitable arrangements can be made.

Thanks.—Mr. Orchard wishes to offer sincere thanks to the many friends who in many ways, but especially in prayer, have supported and encouraged him.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY, 1943

MISSIONARY E. ORCHARD.

4th, Walsall; 8th, Leyton; 10th, Croydon District Meeting; 11th, Guildford; 14th, W. Herts. Rally, King's Langley; 15th, Cambridge; Cambs. & E. Midlands Union Meetings; 21st, Wimbledon; 22nd, Belvedere; 25th, New Cross.

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

1st, Reigate; 8th, Leyton; 10th, Croydon District Meeting; 18th, Pemberton; 21st, Wimbledon; 22nd, Belvedere; 25th and 26th, Stamford; 28th, Watford, "Beulah"; 29th, Romford.

L.Z.A.

1st, Potton; 6th, Horsham; 8th, Dorking; 10th, Croydon, "Salem"; 15th, Stevenage; 21st, Wimbledon; 27th, Chadwell Street (Quarterly Prayer Meeting).

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Secretaries are reminded that the contents of **L.Z.A. Boxes** should be sent in **during July** to Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Green Trees," Heather Close, Kingswood, Surrey. It is urged that **every box** should be opened, when we believe we shall again have cause to praise God for His provision for another year.

The Quarterly and District Prayer Meeting will be held in the Upper Class Room, Chadwell Street Chapel, E.C.1 (entrance Arlington Way), on Tuesday, July 27th, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Silvester will preside, and it is hoped that many sisters will gather for prayer.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

I THINK this should be a month of special thanksgiving, although there is still very much that calls for our continued and earnest prayers.

Earlier prayers, however, have been graciously answered of the Lord, and Missionary E. Orchard is now safely here in England. His voyage was a lengthy one, but we are glad to know that it was without serious incident. Our brother is well, and has evidenly benefited from the rest and time at sea. God willing, he will be commencing deputation work at the beginning of this month, and we hope that Guild of Service members will have many opportunities of seeing and hearing him during his furlough.

Let us also join in praise to God for the recent news of further spiritual blessing attending the work in India. Of special interest is the report from Missionary A. J. Morling of a baptizing service at Periasolaipalaiyam, at which 24 souls witnessed to their faith in our living Lord. The service was a beautiful and impressive one.

The Young People's Guild of Service

Plans are being prayerfully made for the Guild of Service Rally on Saturday, September 25th next, and full details will be given later. Please note and reserve the date.

As guiding thoughts in the matter of prayer, let us remember :

1. The need in connection with our Hostels.
2. The appointment of a new Indian doctor for the Dispensary on the Kolli Hills.
3. The deputation work of Missionary E. Orchard.
4. The matter of Miss B. S. Wade's voyage.
5. The plans for the Guild of Service Rally.
6. The many friends in the Forces in this land and overseas.
7. The constant challenge of these days and the need for consistent witnessing by Christians everywhere.

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5.30. EVENING RALLY.

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All gifts to this Fund should be sent in before the end of August. Further details will be found in the current issue of the MISSION HERALD.

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VOLUNTARY SERVICE

MRS. E. C. BRAND.

IT was my afternoon with Sarah. One wonders just how long she, our eldest Bible-woman, will be spared to us. She has worked many years, and well. May He still use her, our only L.Z.A. City worker.

We kneeled together to pray for the Lord's directions for the afternoon's work, and then went off to Puthupet, where we knew there were enquirers.

Stepping from our rickshaw, we entered a narrow passage open above to the sky. As we walked down it we passed little rooms on our right, each for one family, the tiny kitchen being opposite on the left of us. At the end is Leela's house. Her husband was, some years ago, a Mohammedan. They were both baptized two years ago. She was eager and glad to see us, and was off to fetch the girl in whom she is interested, trying to win the lost soul for Christ.

Another neighbour, who has heard and seeks for more, came and sat down in the doorway, and then others too. Inside, we four sitting on the floor did not seem to leave much floor space for others. The room is, I should say, 6 ft. by 6 ft., and with boxes (their only furniture) piled up one side, leaving one wondering where they sleep at night; but we were a happy little crowd, speaking of Him we love best.

The girl soon frankly told us of her life and its sin-barriers. It was good to realise that our recently baptized sister, and not ourselves, had been the means of gripping this drowning soul for Christ. She wanted us to come and see her Hindu mother. We were glad to find the woman ready to listen to our remonstrances about her training of her child, allowing sin to be easy to her in her own house. We prayed with them, and were taken to yet another seeking soul influenced by this same sister. She is alone, her husband having gone north as driver-instructor to the troops. Does God sometimes empty hearts and make them lonely, that He may claim every inch for Himself and His service?

Later I came alone here, and was hurried to the mother's house, where the girl told me was the man who has not yet given her the marriage token—the Tali. Come quickly, she said. He was just about to leave when he saw us, but was persuaded to stay, while we tried to show them the true Way of Life that is

in Christ. And then once more a young Christian fellow there kept him from going, and made him kneel with us—this he did reluctantly, being a Hindu. How thrilled was our girl, and she confided to us later she knew he was impressed.

We tell these unfinished stories to carry you along with us in the work, that you may realise how happy we are to see our Indian sisters and brothers taking it upon themselves to go forward with Him in soul-seeking. This is our greatest longing, and for this we strive.

In Kottai Cheri, too, we have rejoiced with a sister who has a voluntary Sunday School, and who had the joy a few Sundays back, of seeing two neighbours pass through the waters of baptism—sisters to whom she had been blessed.

So also our sister, Rose, in another district, asks us to come and have meetings in her house; she has neighbours who, watching and hearing her, are not far from the Kingdom. There are others, too, we could mention, who want to be used and who are indeed being made His instruments.

This is our joy. As John the Baptist stood back, as it were, and said, " My joy is fulfilled," when he saw the Saviour being sought while he took a back seat. Cannot we, too, as we see Him working through our Indian sisters and brothers gladly retire behind the scenes and try to lead more of them to seek their joy thus? He must increase, and we must decrease. To Him be all the glory.

"ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT"

MIRIAM E. WILKINS.

ON Friday I returned from camp, and was told a Hostel girl had fever, and had been sick since Tuesday. We thought, as usual, it was malaria, so treated her for such. At the same time, our eldest girl, Barkiam, was not feeling too well, and she too soon went down with fever. For some time we thought they had malaria, but they did not respond to treatment. We gave three injections, but these too failed to bring down the temperature. So then we began to think otherwise, although Doctor still thought it was malaria. They were isolated at first in the Hostel in one of the rooms, and other children were kept from going near to them; later, when we definitely found it was typhoid, they were removed to the Hostel sick room.

PONNAMMAL was very ill from the first; she went very deaf and almost speechless, and often she was delirious. We fought hard for her, but during the first week of her illness and the night she died, the words written above were given to me: " One shall be taken . . ." Once while attending to her I heard her

say, "Jesus Christ, be merciful to me, a sinner." I said, "Is this your prayer?" She answered, "Yes." I asked her to say it again, but she said "Words won't come" meaning she could not speak. After that she said very little, only called in her delirium for the little child she used to look after. The end came at the end of third week. I was called at 1.30 a.m., but before I arrived she had gone. Matron was with her at the time, and she said, "She died smiling, saying, 'Appa has come, come with me, I am going.'" I asked Matron who she meant by "Appa." She said, "The Lord Jesus." We have very little testimony from her, and wish we could say more, but I thought of the words, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." We believe she called and He saved. How we longed to hear more from her lips, but this was all that was given.

BARKIAM has been ill for five weeks; she is convalescing now. During her second week of fever I was called over to her; she was talking to someone. She said to me, "Jesus is here." I sat by her side as she talked to Him. She said, "He is very sorrowful," so I told her to confess her sin and seek His forgiveness. She did so, and soon after said, "He has forgiven all my sin, and now He is very happy." I felt it was holy ground, and I feared to tread. I asked her to plead for Ponnammal too, and she did so and said, "'He gives me no answer concerning her.'" As the Lord was so near, I wondered if the end had come, so I asked her, "Is He calling you?" She said, "No." After that she communed with Him for a very long time. I asked her if she would like me to pray with her, and as she replied in the affirmative, I knelt and prayed for her and Ponnammal. Arising, I said, "Is He still here?" She answered, "Yes, He is near the door." The vision lasted about three-quarters of an hour. I asked her to tell me what she was talking about, but she said, "I will tell you all when I get better." Later she said, "He has gone." Before this she was full of fear; the previous day, when I went near, often she said, "Fear, fear," but I did not know why she feared. Now all fear had gone, and she was quite happy. Later she said to me, "I told the Lord Jesus I would live for Him; not only my heart was His, but all my members I gave to Him; I must bring souls to Him. I told Him I would go and tell others on the compound about Jesus." Naming the different ones she would tell, she said, "I am quite ready to go to Him, even if He calls me to-day, but I believe He has work for me to do for Him."

In the past this girl has given us quite a deal of trouble, and only last September she ran away, and was out all night, but came back the next mid-day wet through, pleading to be taken back. We feel that for some time she has been seeking the

Lord, and she felt much the burden of sin, but has had no assurance of forgiveness until now.

ELIZABETH.—Just after the death of Ponnammal, Doctor left us. About the same time we found one of the compound women, Elizabeth, had typhoid, too. She was moved in with Barkiam, and has been very ill, finding it difficult to take any nourishment. She has been delirious, off and on, many days, but we feel the crisis is past, although she is still very weak. We believe she is making progress, and trust before long they both will be well and strong. Elizabeth is a member of the Church, but we feel her witness is not what it might be, so trust through this affliction her lips may be opened to speak for Him, and in the days to come she may live nearer to Him than she has ever lived; also through this may her widowed mother and sister be brought nearer to Him.

We prayed for souls. Truly He has led us through the furnace of affliction, but we praise Him for touching these young hearts, and trust the corn of wheat which has now fallen into the earth and died, may bring forth *much fruit*.

A GRADED SUNDAY SCHOOL

W. H. KUHRT.

WITH the help of Mr. Watts, and preachers who have been trained by him, we have for some years past struggled to improve the methods employed by our teachers in their Sunday School work. There have been lectures, demonstration classes, preparation classes, and supervision.

The other Sunday afternoon I was sitting in one of our chapels while school was in progress, and I had an opportunity of learning how all our efforts were working out in practice. The preacher stationed in the village is, apart from the Pastors, our oldest worker, and at the age of fifty is becoming rather slow and unresponsive to new ideas. He had told me some time earlier that his son and another young man in the village, both sixth-formers, were assisting him in the Sunday School, and this afternoon I expected to see at least two teachers at work.

Preacher Beauty of Wisdom ushered about twenty children into his very neat and clean chapel building, and sat eight of them on one side and twelve on the other. As the place is no longer used for day school purposes there was none of that equipment on the which in some places grimly reminds of week-days, and distracts the attention. On the other hand, neither were there any Bible pictures or text-cards to remind the children that they really had come to the House of God. Mr. Beauty of Wisdom took down his National Strict Baptist S.S. Association

syllabus off the wall and placed it, together with a Bible, a hymn book and a register upon a stool while he sat down on the floor. Presumably the syllabus was necessary, lest he might forget the portions for the day—he did not seem to have any notes of any kind!

The meeting began with the singing of the hymn, "O what can little hands do?" As the children had no books and did not know the hymn, each line was sung twice, first by the teacher, and then by the children. It puzzled me to know how the children could pick up words sung so indistinctly. Then prayer was offered, which was fairly short, simple and adapted to the children's needs. Without any more attempt at worship, the eight seniors were asked to sit in a semi-circle around their teacher, while the rest were warned somewhat ferociously to keep quiet, and the senior lesson about Aaron's miracle-working rod was taught. The teaching was quite simple, brief and, I must say, not ineffective. A few questions were asked about the previous lesson, and were answered intelligently. There was no use of the Bible by the children, but interest was fairly maintained throughout, and some attempt was made to learn the memory text. Of course, frequent fierce asides had to be addressed to the poor primary section sitting aimlessly on one side. It was soon their turn, however, and they were taught their lesson in equally brief and simple fashion, and apparently, judging from the attention, with a fair amount of interest. The lesson was about the impotent man borne of four, and the children were asked whether the Lord Jesus had done anything at all for them. This question, through lack of tact and control, occasioned some quite unnecessary laughter. The register was marked and the service brought to a conclusion. There was no collection.

I hardly knew whether to laugh or cry at this exhibition, but finished up by doing neither, consoling myself, as Paul did on one memorable occasion: "What then? notwithstanding, every way . . . Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."

Work at Home

ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

1st, Bierton; 15th, Bradenstoke; 22nd, Billericay; 25th, Hastings (with Missionary E. Orchard); 26th, Chelmsford; 29th, Prittlewell.

GENERAL NOTES

Christmas Gift Fund.—We would repeat the information that was given in the July issue. In previous years friends have responded most generously to this Fund. Instead of the pre-war boxes of toys, etc., the money is now sent to India and the necessary purchases are made by the missionaries there. Sunday Schools and other organisations, as well as individuals, are invited to send their contributions before the end of August to Miss H. V. Harris, " Nethania," 7, Carlton Hill, London, N.W.8.

Continue in Prayer.—We know that many friends read in last month's magazine an appeal for prayer that was there made. Let us continue to bring this matter before the Lord, that His guiding hand may be seen. From every human point of view it seems that we need another male missionary to support our brethren in their work, and to prepare for that time when we hope to be able to invite them home for their delayed furloughs. There are, of course, many difficulties created by war conditions, but " with God all things are possible." The Officers and Council appeal to all our people to pray that they may arrive at right decisions. The number of young men who have not been claimed for war service is very small indeed, but is there one who feels that the Lord is calling him to fill the gap? When the Lord gives to Peter the vision, and then gives to Cornelius the sense of need, the union of the two is an indication of His will.

Missionary E. Orchard.—A goodly company gathered at Chadwell Street on Friday, July 2nd, to give our friend a welcome to the Homeland. The voyage home had restored his health, and he was looking and feeling fit and well. A busy time of deputation visits to the Churches is before him. As the advertisement indicates, applications for week-day engagements are invited for the months September to December, and enquiries should be made of the General Secretary as soon as possible.

Marriage.—We are glad to announce that, God willing, the marriage of Missionary E. Orchard to Miss Ethel Lampard will take place at " Providence," Erith, on Thursday, August 12th, at 3 p.m. The service will be conducted by the President, Pastor R. Robinson. May God's richest blessing rest upon them both in all their future way.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

At a recent Committee Meeting there was an encouraging review of the growth and activities of the Guild of Service, and plans were prayerfully made for our Annual Rally on September 25th. Full details will be duly published, but we trust that Members and friends will book the date and place—" Zion " Chapel, New Cross.

We shall value prayer for the Lord's guidance and blessing in all arrangements, which this year will include an exhibition dealing with life and customs in India, and also a small display of work done by Guild of Service groups. Pictures of the work in India will also be shown.

Our interest and service as young people is not disassociated from loving financial support, and sincere thanks are expressed to all who have sent in their membership subscriptions or box amounts. May we mention that the Mission's financial year ends during September, and we should therefore be grateful if all outstanding Guild of Service amounts could be forwarded to the Secretary, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, London, E.12, before the 20th of that month. This will ensure us having a complete statement of income at the Rally on September 25th.

Missionary E. Orchard is now happily engaged in deputation work, and our Brother, who is a Member of the Guild of Service, has suggested the following matters

The Young People's Guild of Service

FOR SPECIAL PRAYER THIS MONTH :—

1. Let us pray for the young men of our Indian Churches as they face the constant temptation changing conditions of work and places of abode.
2. That they may be kept loyal in their love for the Master, and eager to serve Him by their witness.
3. That they, as they go from their native places, may not forget to ". . . build an altar " of personal devotion to their Master in the places to which they go.
4. That they may, by their increasing influence, bring help and encouragement to those who are weak and unable to help themselves.
5. Let us pray for the young women and girls of the Indian Churches, that they may be preserved from the deadening effects of ignorance and unsympathetic home environments.
6. That they may bestir themselves and make use of the few small opportunities that they have for the alleviation of distress around them.
7. That they may be preserved from the unhappiness and evil consequences of undesirable marriage arrangements.
8. That they always and in all places may carry with them the winsomeness of the love of Jesus, that others seeing their quiet happiness may seek the same joy and find it.

"THEY FIRST GAVE THEIR OWN SELVES . . ."

Gifts received during June, 1943.

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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, except Guild payments, 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 or Branches.

Subscriptions and gifts for the L.Z.A. should be sent to **Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Green Trees," Heather Close, Kingswood, Surrey.**

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IS ARRANGED FOR

Saturday, Sept. 25th, at "Zion," New Cross

3.30 p.m.—Exhibition illustrating life and conditions in India. Also display of work done by Guild members.

4.0 p.m.—Lantern pictures dealing with the S.B.M in India.

TEA. Cups of tea provided. Please bring your own food or obtain refreshments in local restaurants.

5.30 p.m.—EVENING RALLY. The President (Pastor R. Robinson) will be in the Chair. Missionary E. Orchard will speak concerning the "Youth of South India." Pastor W. R. Scrivener will give an address, and other Guild members will take part.

Gifts for the Mission.

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS.

PLEASE RESERVE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.

11.30 a.m.: Business Meeting. 2 p.m.: Prayer Session and Ladies' Meeting. 3 p.m.: Annual Meeting. Addresses by Missionary E. Orchard and Pastor F. Grimwood.

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"WITNESSES UNTO ME"

A. MORLING.

THE examining of enquirers for baptism is one of the most important tasks that comes in a missionary's life. At no time does he pray more eagerly for guidance and definite direction than when trying to ascertain if a person is fit to receive this rite. Sometimes the candidate has been under regular instruction for a period of two to three years, and is familiar with all the outstanding events in the life of Christ, and is able to answer every question quite satisfactorily, and yet one feels that he or she has not " the root of the matter." That which convinces far more forcefully than good answers and a bright face is that " mysterious something " which seems to respond to " something" within one, that which assures one that examiner and examinee share a certain precious possession.

The following are some extracts from my Enquirer's Book, in which are recorded the results of witnesses of candidates desiring immersion. This book contains the briefest notes of the most salient part of the catechumen's testimonies, and is often extremely useful.

Kali is the son of Abraham, a poor man utterly dominated by his wife. Kali is 19 years of age, and for a long time took no interest in the messages that our preacher delivered in his village. Subsequently he developed a desire to listen, and attributes this to the " Lord's grace." Assurance of sins forgiven was first received when he was praying in his home, and he feels that one of the strongest proofs of his conversion is his desire and prayers for the salvation of others in his *cheri*. Showing me a large scar on the back of his right calf, he said that the village Munsif—a Government servant and generally head man of a village—had beaten him for not coming to work on Sundays. This affront made him more determined to observe the Sabbath, and when he was attacked, he says he instantaneously prayed, " The Munsif is controlled by the devil. O Lord, give him a better understanding." This prayer was an indication of a new power within him, a proof that old habits had lost at least some of their influence. " Old Kali has died," he said, " I am a new being."

Veran is a Sakele by birth, about 50 years old, and almost invariably has a mischievous look in his eyes. Like many short people, he is inclined to be over-confident and a little conceited!

Veran asserted that his conversion was partly due to the labours of the old preacher still working in his village, and that he was saved very gradually as he continued listening to the story of Christ and His death. He is certain that Christ has died for him, and says he has nothing to do with Hinduism. We warned him that open profession of Christianity often resulted in bitter opposition, and he answered, "If the caste people refuse to give me work, I have a house and home which they cannot touch. I will not forsake Christ even if they burn my tongue for five days. I have to work for all I get, so they cannot touch me." He likened the old understanding to the idols he once worshipped. In concluding, I asked him to pray, he agreed, and added, "I pray much freer and longer in private"!

Angammal is the wife of one of the Christians in Sellapampalaiyam. Like most of our Christians, she can neither read nor write, and she was exceedingly nervous regarding our interview with her. She stated that she is quite confident that Christ died for her, and argued that because "He died for all who feel they are sinners, He died for me, for I know I am one." She expressed her disgust of Hindu religious practices and customs. One of the subjects mentioned in the Enquirers' Book is concerning private devotions, and when questioned about this she hesitated, and replied, "I have private prayer when my children permit me to do so." If we remember that houses of almost all poor folk in this part of the country consist of just one room, the difficulties that would confront this woman regarding this matter can be understood in a small degree. Her prayer was short and simple, and assured us that she was accustomed to this exercise.

Rajarathenam, alias Raman, is 25 years of age, and is learning to read. He studies in the night school, and says that this is not easy after a hard day's work in the fields. He is a tall youth, reserved, and seems very sincere. In relating to us the facts of his conversion, he maintained that one of the chief reasons that he had for leaving Hinduism was that it had no attraction, "shining" or glory. Moreover, Hinduism gave him no assurance that he would not go to hell; Christianity promised heaven to all who sincerely accepted Christ as their Saviour and Lord. When he was warned by us of the opposition that frequently followed baptism, he answered, "If I am troubled by the Gowndans, I will tell them that I do my work correctly, and that they cannot touch me." This young man broke his connection with Hinduism three years ago. After the interview was over it was interesting to hear him express his opinion about his friend being immersed. He admitted that the young man was very sincere, but added, "He cannot yet resist the powerful temptation to participate in Hindu rites, and even

now his mother has a sheep in the house, and in the morning when the ceremony is completed he must eat some of it." If only this consciousness would spread through all our Churches, how much joy it would bring to us, and what a difference too would all the members experience in their witness and daily life!

After examining all the enquirers in the Sakele section of a village one night, those who been accepted as fit persons for baptism were brought together and the verdict was made known. It was a real joy to see the light come into their eyes when they heard the news. After giving one or two necessary warnings and instructions regarding change of clothes to be brought when the service was held, I added, "Be sure you are not late, You have six or seven miles to walk to reach the river, and the service is at 7.30 a.m.!" "Is this possible," retorted Veran, now called Faith, "after we have waited four years for immersion?"

IN MEMORIAM

MR. & MRS. D. A. THROWER.

IT is with a profound sense of loss that we write to tell the readers of the MISSION HERALD of the death from heat stroke of Mr. Albert Andrew, deacon at Courland Grove S.B. Church, Clapham, on 27th May, 1943, in Central India. Friends may remember the article by Mr. Andrew entitled "A Red Letter Day," which appeared in the MISSION HERALD for January, 1943. That contribution was an adequate expression of our friend's interest in the S.B. Mission, for during the two visits which he paid us in Madras he saw all the schools in that area, besides attending numerous meetings and taking a personal interest in individuals. He also gave short addresses, by interpretation, at three services.

His cheery disposition was very much appreciated by our people, and his attempts at speaking Tamil were hailed with delight and enthusiasm. Moreover, the fact that a Christian can keep his flag flying in the environment of army life created a deep impression. The missionaries of the Madras Field were greatly encouraged by the testimony Mr. Andrew gave by life and by lip, for it spoke to us and to our people of that spontaneous joy which wells up from a heart at peace with God, even amidst adverse surroundings. This is testimony which we missionaries with our humdrum lives, often burdened with "the care of all the Churches," highly appreciate in others, but, alas, often fail to sustain ourselves. Our friend was an admirable guest in the home of folk who have no time to "entertain" visitors, for he entered into our everyday life, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We gratefully acknowledge our thanks to an old member of the Courland Grove Sunday School, Mr. F. Brock, for the following information concerning our friend's passing: " Mr. Andrew passed away on Thursday, 27th May, having suffered a collapse through heat stroke a few hours earlier in the day. He had, I believe, just commenced a journey to attend a Scripture Readers' Convention when the collapse took place. The funeral took place at the Garrison Cemetery here on Friday morning, 28th May, with military honours, and was attended by myself and all who worked with him in the R.A. Section. Need I say his passing is deeply mourned by all, and especially by his many close friends at this H.Q. He was admired and respected for his true Christian fellowship."

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mr. Andrew's widow and little daughter, and other members of his family.

" NO GRATUITIES "

H. A. HUCKETT.

MURDER on the Kollis is by no means uncommon, but catching the culprit and securing a conviction are somewhat rare. Too often the police are " squared " by interested parties, and the ends of justice defeated. Just recently a very horrible murder took place in a small village near the hill-foot. It happened on this wise. The munsif's eldest son had a little daughter, who fell ill and died. In order to placate the swami, the munsif and his son went to see the priest and made offerings. A month later, the munsif's second son's child died. Came another visit to the priest, who informed them that someone had cast a spell over the children, causing their death. A wealthy neighbour of whom the munsif was jealous was fixed upon as the spell-monger, and on the very day of the funeral, which the man in question had attended along with other villagers, he was set upon by the bereaved fathers and beaten to death. His wife and daughter were also beaten.

All day Sunday the body lay in the dust where it had fallen, while the widow was offered Rs.300 to say that her husband had dropped down dead. She refused this offer, so that night the munsif's people took the body away and burnt it up. (A munsif, by the way, is a minor Government official, responsible for collecting taxes and settling petty disputes in his area). The son-in-law of the dead man informed the police, who arrived in a bullock-cart (as camouflage), arrested the munsif's two sons, and took evidence from eye-witnesses of the murder.

The most thrilling part of this sad episode is that, although the two police officers—as is customary—were offered a large sum of money to hush up the case, they refused. They are both

Christians. Needless to say, they are not popular with their subordinates because they will not take bribes. To us, who are constantly battling against injustice of this sort, their example is a strength and an inspiration. We praise God for their integrity, and pray that He may help them ever to maintain this splendid witness.

NULLA THUMBI

B. L. MOWLE.

NULLA Thumbi means good little brother, but in order that you may not be deceived, I had better tell you at once that the good little brother I am writing about is a big, grown-up man of about 30 years, with a face which would impress you as anything but good.

We met him one day in a village we visit sometimes. We hope in the future to visit this village regularly. We were wandering about the village looking for inviting places in which to rest and give our message.

We had finished one encouraging meeting, and were trying to make friends with two or three women who seemed to have nothing to do. They brought a cot for us to sit on, and we had begun to give our message when Nulla Thumbi, with two or three other men and young boys, came and sat on a verandah opposite us. At first I thought we were going to have opposition, and did not feel very happy in seeing them. However, they did not give us much trouble, although I am afraid they did not listen with any real interest to the message we were trying to give. At last we offered Gospels and tracts to them. Nulla Thumbi received a tract, but did not want a Gospel. A friend had given him a torn and rather old Bible, but I was able to mark several portions of Scripture for him to read. He then called a young girl, presumably his daughter, and told her to bring another book for me to see. This was a big Hindu book. He said this book was very great and wonderful, and the author himself included Christ in his pantheon of deities. We tried to tell him of Christ, the one and only way of salvation, the necessity of the new birth, and of a clean heart. He listened well, and promised he would come to our Sunday morning service. I am sorry to say we have not seen him yet. While I was speaking to him an old woman called out, "Amma, give him good advice; he is lazy, he does not care for his wife and children." So my first impression of him as being anything but good was confirmed. We came away wondering if the Lord had directed us to that village for the purpose of meeting that one soul. May the Lord bless the seed sown to His praise and glory.

Work at Home

GENERAL NOTES

Miss B. S. Wade.—As the authorities had indicated that there was a possibility of Miss Wade leaving for India in August, a Valedictory Service was somewhat hurriedly arranged to be held at "Providence," Highbury, on Friday, July 30th. Considering the short notice, and the impossibility of letting all friends know, a very good company gathered. Pastor R. Robinson presided, Miss Wade spoke a few words of personal gratitude to God and to his people, Pastor L. R. Garrard gave the Valedictory Address, based on the parable of the sower, and Pastor J. K. Thorpe offered the Valedictory prayer. Miss Wade's movements are still uncertain, but we hope that this time, under Divine blessing, it may be possible for her to reach her destination and take up her work for the Lord.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

Please remember in special prayer the Guild of Service Rally, to be held, God-willing, on Saturday, September 25th, at "Zion" Chapel, New Cross.

Full details are given in the magazine advertisements and on handbills, from which it will be seen that this year there is to be the additional feature of an Exhibition of objects of interest from India. Tea will also be possible if friends will kindly bring their own food.

We prayerfully anticipate a time of blessing in fellowship and service together, and we trust that all friends will endeavour to be present and to bring others with them.

LET US PRAY EARNESTLY THIS MONTH :—

1. For India generally, and especially for all Christians in that land.
2. For the Lord's blessing upon all S.B.M. work and workers.
3. For Missionary A. J. Morling who, under doctor's orders, is having to rest for several months.
4. For Miss B. S. Wade, as she continues to wait for a passage to India, or actually sails.
5. For the early possibility of normal furloughs for our Missionaries detained in India.
6. For Missionary E. Orchard (now happily married to Miss E. Lampard) in his full programme of deputation work.
7. For the Lord's blessing in our Rally on the 25th, and in all Guild of Service efforts.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1943

MISSIONARY E. ORCHARD.

1st, Tottenham; 2nd, Brentford; 4th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 6th, Tadworth; 7th, Chingford; 8th, Halstead; 9th, Streatham; 12th and 13th, Deeping; 14th, Whittlesey; 16th, Homerton; 19th, Tring; 21st, St. John's Wood; 22nd, Potten End; 23rd, Walthamstow; 25th, Guild of Service Rally; 26th, Highbury; 28th, Eversley; 29th, Yateley; 30th, Staines. (Address: "Weathersfield," Bexley Road, Erith, Kent).

Engagements for September

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

2nd, Brentford; 5th, Laxfield; 9th, Streatham; 12th, Stowmarket; 13th, Walton-on-the-Naze; 14th, Ipswich, "Bethesda"; 19th, Carlton; 25th, Guild of Service Rally; 26th, Yateley.

OTHER BRETHREN.

12th, Tollington Park: Mr. W. J. SHIPTON. 19th, Haworth: Pastor C. J. WELSFORD. 19th, Staines: Mr. J. C. FROMOW.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY. 14th, Tring; 20th, Hounslow.

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Gifts received during July, 1943.

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"Herald" Fund.

Rec. No.	£	s.	d.
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L.Z.A. Receipts.

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H.—Hostels.

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, except Guild payments, 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, "Green Trees," Heather Close, Kingswood, Surrey.**

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THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

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MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, CHADWELL STREET, E.C.

ON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 1943.

11.30 a.m. Business Meeting.

2.0 p.m. Prayer Session in the Classroom.
Mr. S. W. ANDERSON (Vice-President) in the Chair.

2.0 p.m. L.Z.A Meeting in the Chapel. Open to *all* Ladies.
Mrs. H. H. GLADSTONE (Chesham) will speak.

3.0 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING.
Pastor R. ROBINSON (President) will preside.
Messages will be given by Missionary E. ORCHARD and Pastor F. GRIMWOOD.

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DOMESTIC ECONOMY ON CAMP

O. M. MORLING.

IT was early one afternoon when I started out on my first L.Z.A. camp in Ramnad District. The journey was about six miles by bullock-cart to the north of headquarters, in the course of which one crosses a number of small stream beds, and one respectably wide river, all dry at this time of the year except for a mere trickle of water in the river. When I arrived at my destination a school session was being held in the little building which serves for school, chapel and camping place. The teachers looked rather distressed, and I felt sorry, as I knew my advent would mean inconvenience to them. I learned later that their distress arose partly from the fact that they were preparing their pupils to contribute a dialogue at the children's meeting during the annual harvest gatherings to be held the week following, and wished to keep it private until then.

In order to cause as little confusion in the school as possible, and also provide myself with some privacy I had all my equipment piled up at the farther end of the building, then tied a rope from the bars of one window across to the window on the opposite side. Not having brought curtains, my bed sheets were requisitioned and hung over the line. I innocently asked the Biblewoman to lend me a few pins to keep them in place; she did not possess any such modern conveniences, but some long thorns were plucked from a hedge and acted as well—rather hard treatment for the sheets, but we do not take our best ones to camp. The lunch basket must next receive attention. It had been standing on the window sill only half an hour, but the busy little ants had found it out and were already swarming on my bread. Rats, mice, cats also, have to be reckoned with. So more rope comes into use (always take plenty of that useful article to camp); two lengths are thrown over a rafter in the roof, the ends are then knotted together and the basket is cradled in the two loops thus made. Meat, milk and other foods requiring air, are placed on top of the basket, protected by a wire cover which in turn is well tied down to thwart the above-mentioned enemies.

Meanwhile my servant, having commandeered and swept out somebody's cowshed, collected some large stones to form a fireplace, and so completed his kitchen arrangements. He now comes to me for orders concerning the evening meal, which is in India the chief meal of the day. The lunch basket provides

1½ lbs. of meat which we honour by the name of a leg of mutton. I ask the servant for a suggestion as to cooking it, and he promptly says, " Bile roast." This, I should explain, has no direct reference to any part of the body, though it has an indirect effect on one's digestive organs. The said joint is placed in a saucepan with a small quantity of water, salt and onions, and " biled " until moderately tender, the fluid is then poured off and provides the soup course. Cooking fat is spread over the meat and it is roasted in the saucepan with some potatoes. A sago pudding completes the meal. The sago, milk and sugar are boiled in a saucepan, then poured into a pie-dish and baked by this means. A bed of smouldering charcoal and ashes is spread out on mother earth; on this the pie-dish is placed and is covered by a cream cracker biscuit tin turned upside down. Another heap of burning charcoal covers the tin, and in half an hour quite a passable, nicely browned pudding comes to the table.

After the evening meal, the village gathers for prayer in the little chapel. Then we bid them all " Good-night," have a talk with the Biblewoman concerning the next three days' programme, set up a camp cot, and are glad to retire to bed. So ends the day of arrival.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE PANIADIPATTI GIRLS' HOSTEL—2

M. E. HARRIS.

OUR second snapshot has been taken at 7 o'clock in the morning; the sun is a little way up in the sky now, so that outside in the sunlight and with a good camera, it would be possible to take a real snapshot. This snapshot, however, has not been taken in the sunlight, but on the Mission bungalow front verandah. Here there is no sun, and the morning air is still fairly cool.

In our snapshot we see gathered together the Hostel children, sitting in rows cross-legged on the floor, one behind the other. On the right side of our picture, standing in front of the children and facing them, is the Lady Missionary, or the " Missiammal," as the children call her. She has an open Bible in her hand and is reading from it. In the front, and facing her, sit the smallest children. Some look as if they cannot be more than five years old, but if you were to ask them they would most certainly say that they were seven or eight. These smallest children are dressed in little brown frocks, and some of them have short hair. Behind them sit the bigger girls, dressed in light-coloured cotton blouses and long dark skirts which reach down to their ankles. Their dark hair is combed back smoothly and done in one plait at the back, and it shines with the cocoanut oil which they have

rubbed into it. Sitting at the back with the biggest girls is the Matron of the Hostel, who is a very motherly-looking person. She and also some of the bigger girls have got Bibles, and are following the reading. She is seen in about the centre of our snapshot. Sitting behind her are the teachers, who are very neatly and tidily dressed in pretty coloured sarees. Behind the teachers sit the Bungalow servants and the gardeners, and also the teachers' husbands. In our picture they are to the left side, so that as we look we notice that the men are all sitting at the back of the meeting and the girls and women in the front. Our snapshot gives us a view of the meeting from one side. Along the back of the picture is the front wall of the bungalow building. Sitting right in the front of our picture and at the side of the teachers is yet another person. It is someone with a baby in her arms. She is a very poor looking person, and dressed in a very ragged saree. You may wonder whoever this can be—surely not a teacher, or any one in the Hostel? She looks so ragged and poor and untidy, and her baby has no clothes, and does not look at all well. Who can they be? I will tell you. You are right in thinking that they do not belong to the Hostel. They most certainly do not. Nor do they really belong to our Compound "family." For this picture is a snapshot of our Compound "family prayers." She is just a poor woman who has come with her sick baby from a village nearby. She has come for medicine, but has come a bit too early; so until the dispensary opens she has a little time to wait. She heard the children singing the hymn at the beginning of the meeting, and came to see what was happening, and then she stopped to listen. There are often such visitors to our daily morning family prayers.

So here you have the second snapshot, and it is a very happy one. Please pray for these morning meetings, which have often been so much blessing in the past.

"YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY"

B. L. MOWLE.

WITHIN three months of each other, two of our senior Mission workers were called upon to part with one of their children. The trial came first to Mr. Christian and his wife, Biblewoman Mary. For weeks they watched their son, Stanley, a young man of about 18 years, grow weaker and weaker, and until the very last had hope of his getting better. We also watched and waited, and wondered how the parents would stand the test which we felt sure would come. At last the call came. At first we were not sure if he really knew the Lord Jesus as his own personal Saviour, but the night before the Lord called him to Himself, he bade his mother not to grieve

over him, and assured her that his death would be for the glory of his Saviour. This, I am sure, was the case. I had felt for some time Mary needed a fresh vision; now she speaks with an earnestness she had not before, and makes use of every opportunity for speaking for the Lord.

Ruth, daughter of Mr. Muthuswamy and Biblewoman Annapuram, died with the same trouble just three months after. Only six months before she was a bright, happy young woman with no apparent illness. For many long, weary weeks we watched her become weaker. Her courage and faith all through were wonderful. At one time she was sorely tried, but after repeating Ephesians vi. 12-18 her faith was strengthened. About a month before she was called home she had a dream, in which she saw the angels beckoning her to the other side of the river. She feared to take the plunge. She tried to walk, but when the water reached her neck she was afraid. Then she was told to let herself go, and an angel would bear her across. We feel she did this two days before the Lord called her home. Her end was very peaceful. Only fifteen minutes before she was taken I was with her, and repeated the 23rd Psalm. She said quite clearly, though faintly, " I will not fear." A service was held in her parents' home before the body was taken to its last resting place. A large number of Hindu women as well as Christian women came. Our earnest prayer was for those poor Hindu women who associate death with fear, hopelessness, and so much wailing. The wonderful fortitude of the parents was a great witness to the power of the Christian religion. At the graveside the hymn, " Praise Him, praise Him," was sung.

" O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory? "

A BEAM IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

D. A. THROWER.

AN Indian mahogany tree stood in the S.B.M. compound at Kilpauk, Madras; it was much prized and admired by Mr. E. A. Booth, who, Kilpauk tradition has it, planted the same. It was a handsome tree, nearly forty feet in height, and its wood had a fine red grain. But, about eighteen months ago, something seems to have attacked its roots, for the tree died, and became a source of danger to the community. To prevent an accident, due to the tree becoming uprooted in the high winds of the monsoon, we had it felled. This task was no light one, blistered hands and blunted axes bearing testimony to the hardness of the timber. The branches were afterwards laboriously lopped off and carted away for firewood, but they were too tough to make good fuel. We proposed to saw the great trunk into planks, only to find that the sawing charges

would have been prohibitive. The only thing to do seemed to be to leave the giant where he fell, and there he lay for upwards of a year. An ordinary tree would have been ruined by white ants in a tenth of that time; but the destructive little termites were unable to get their teeth any deeper than the bark of this log. The time came, however, when we asked, Why cumbereth it the ground? and we determined to reclaim the land across which it lay by sawing the trunk into convenient lengths and removing it to a shed. Professional sawyers were called, and a charge agreed upon for the job.

But while the transaction was being made, something happened. A naughty little boy in the Ayanapuram school had his eyes open during prayer time and, interrupting his teacher's prayer, pointed to the beam above their heads. The beam had cracked, and was gaping ominously. The building was hurriedly cleared of children, the beam temporarily shored up by a strong pole, and the news rushed to the Mission House. Children and teachers had a narrow escape from death or terrible injury. It was urgently necessary to replace the broken beam. The news arrived scarcely an hour too soon; the sawyers were just going to fetch their tools. We knew at once that our tree had been waiting for that day; the order was countermanded, and a contract entered into for the men to saw the trunk into a beam. This was done, and a few days later a magnificent beam such as none of our other buildings had ever possessed was hoisted into position in the Ayanapuram school-chapel. Enquiries made at a timber-yard in the city revealed that such a beam would have cost anything between £3 and £4 to buy; but the Lord had provided it for His House almost free of cost out of the Mission House garden.

Would not our pioneer missionary have been delighted to know that his favourite tree now occupies such an important place in God's House?

Work at Home

GENERAL NOTES

Miss B. S. Wade.—Many friends will have heard with regret that the arrangements made with the authorities for Miss Wade to travel to India in August, were cancelled at the last moment. This, and similar experiences in the past, test the faith and patience of us all. We must still make this a matter of prayer, and hope that Miss Wade's voyage may not be delayed much longer. In the meanwhile, we are hoping that she will be able to pay visits to some of our Churches to speak on behalf of the L.Z.A. Friends making application for her services should write to Miss P. P. Nunn, 16, Claremont Close, London, N.1.

Mr. A. J. Morling.—We were sorry to learn that Missionary A. J. Morling had been taken ill. He came back to his work from his holiday, but had to return to the hills. The latest news is of an improvement in his condition, but under doctor's orders he was still being compelled to rest.

A New Missionary.—Once or twice in recent issues we have referred to the fact that the Officers and Council feel the need of a new male missionary on our Indian staff. Obviously there are many difficulties in the way. Most young men are in the Forces, and even if one were available at this moment, the shipping position causes delay. Nevertheless, if it is the Lord's will that one should go, He can overcome all difficulties and remove all barriers. Please make this a matter of prayer, and perhaps some young man may hear the call of the Lord. In this connection we would mention that an application for service with the Mission was received from Mr. Stephen Hughes, son of Pastor J. Hughes. This was prayerfully considered by the Officers, but subsequently the application had to be withdrawn in view of an unfavourable report from the tropical specialist, who would not pass Mr. Hughes for service in the tropics. We feel for him in his disappointment, and pray that Divine guidance may be given to him as to his future way.

Missionary E. Orchard.—As all friends will know, our brother is engaged in deputation work in this country. War conditions raise problems as to the time of his return to India, and no one can make a definite statement about this. The Council feel, however that, if possible, his furlough should be extended, and provisional plans are being made for him to continue deputation work from January to June, 1944. Applications and enquiries are invited from our Churches, and Secretaries should get into touch with the General Secretary as soon as possible.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. Quarterly Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, at "Enon," High Street, Woolwich, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Jefferies will preside, and it is hoped many sisters will be present.

The L.Z.A. Annual Meeting will (D.v.) be held in Chadwell Street Chapel, E.C.1, on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, at 2 p.m. After the usual business has been conducted, Mrs. H. H. Gladstone (Chesham) will speak. The meeting will be open to **all ladies.**

L.Z.A. ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER.

6th, Ipswich ("Zoar"); 13th, Over; 20th, Woolwich (Quarterly Prayer Meeting); 26th, Annual Meeting.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

Let us specially remember the following needs in our ministry of prayer together :—

1. For God's manifest overruling in the changing events of these days.
2. For a Christian doctor on the Kolli Hills.
3. The problem of food and other supplies for our Hostels, etc.
4. Missionary A. J. Morling, who is slowly recovering following his breakdown in health.
5. Miss M. E. Wilkins, and plans for her to come home on furlough.
6. Missionary E. Orchard and his deputation work.
8. The help and blessing of the Holy Spirit in all our work—individually and as a Mission.

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MISSIONARY E. ORCHARD.

2nd, Stratford; 3rd, West Ham; 4th, Chadwell Street; 5th, Chesham; 6th, East Ham; 7th, Horsham; 10th, Rattlesden and Wetherden; 11th, Blakenham; 12th, Stowmarket; 13th, Cransford; 17th, Aylesbury; 18th, Hounslow; 19th, Richmond; 20th, Ilford; 24th, Wellingborough; 26th, Annual Meetings; 27th, Brighton; 28th, Dorking; 31st, North Finchley.

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

3rd and 4th, Beccles; 10th, Middlesborough; 17th, Cambridge, "Eden"; 24th, Tunbridge Wells; 26th, Annual Meetings; 28th, Dorking; 31st, Halstead.

OTHER BRETHREN.

10th, Swindon: MR. W. J. SHIPTON.
17th, Stoke Ash: MR. W. J. SHIPTON.

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"YE HAVE WELL DONE"

These words expressed the joy and gratitude of the Apostle Paul as he acknowledged the generous gifts of the Philippian Christians, and the same words can be used to express the feelings of the Officers and Council of the Mission as they review the generous giving of our supporters during the past financial year. Much has been given, but much also is needed in view of the rising costs in India.

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them"

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THE LITTLE TEACHER

E. C. BRAND.

THEY are so very poor. What income? Well, just the few annas the father can earn when he takes round the firewood he has gathered and tied into neat little bundles for two or three farthings each.

He was baptized a year or two ago, and we go to his house across the fields to teach his wife, trying to help her learn her letters, feeling it so important that our Christians should know how to read their Bibles. But with her it seemed impossible, so dull, and always the endless struggle for food. She too, when she can leave the small baby, must go out for coolie jobs with the women in the fields to add to their scanty larder.

Their little girl, sweet and demure, goes to school a long way over the cultivated lands.

"My dear, I am going to make you the teacher," I said one day. "You must make your mother learn. For every page she masters, you will have your wages, a quarter of an anna (a farthing)." She was too shy to reply, but I read the answer in her eager eyes. And so the problem is solved. With much labour and repetition we are more than half-way through the book. Each time I go I mark with the date the page at which she has arrived.

The other day I found my pencil markings all smudged out. We could not find our last "mile-stone," for the smudging continued nearly to the end of the book. Had she tried to deceive me? She did not try to explain, but looked at me with those true, grave eyes that always touch something in my heart. I was beginning a mild lecture, when the mother said apologetically, "She had a new pencil and was trying it out" (and I guess, trying to act the big teacher). When she realised what she had done, with all possible energy she had started scrubbing it out with an inadequate rubber. Hence all that mess. She was not attempting to excuse herself. She was in such terrible pain, with abscesses up both her legs; under-nourishment, I suppose. As we tried to read, the pain on her face and her quiet moanings, brought me to a quick decision. "Your little girl must go to hospital," I said. "There are some kind lady doctors in the Scottish Hospital. If you bring her over to-day, she shall go back in my rickshaw." We were on camp in Mannur.

I wondered, "Would they bring her?" I waited, a little doubtfully as time went on.

Then I saw them coming across the fields, the little limping figure by the side of her father.

We packed her and my luggage into the rickshaw and sent her to the Kilpauk Bungalow, hoping to take her on next day to hospital. When Mr. and Mrs. Thrower saw the great pain the child was enduring, they quickly brought out that willing, useful little car of theirs, and had her off to the hospital that very evening.

When I went over to see her later, how happy I found her. Plenty of good food and loving attention had done their work of grace, and she was willing to help the other patients.

I took her back in triumph the other day. I had told the father to be at the little chapel to meet her and take her home.

We found a Christmas-box dress, and soon had her transformed into the dainty little maiden she ought to be but for her poverty. On the way we bought sundry food supplies, so that it was a happy little girlie that met her father when he arrived at the chapel.

In his hand was a rough bag which he shyly and apologetically handed to me. It was a thankoffering—just a few measures of grain, which I knew to be so sorely needed by his family. We laid it reverently on the small table, and asked the Lord to accept his thanks for the safe return of his little daughter. It was given next Sunday to the collection. His thanks were profuse and deep.

How slow and stupid we had thought that family; but with what tender right thinking had he laid aside his gift for God's altar.

THE TREAT

D. A. THROWER.

FOUR Sunday School treats took place recently in the Madras Field, 1,400 children belonging to 24 schools meeting in various centres. Nine schools gathered at Ayanapuram, while the remaining fifteen were equally divided between Kilpauk, Poonamallee and Mannur. As, however the programme was somewhat similar in each case, we can describe them all by giving an account of one. What excitement and joy mark treat days! These chocolate-coloured youngsters enter into the festivities with quite as much glee as English children. But here there is no railway or chara' trip; only a hot march of three or four miles in the sun. Banners and streamers were flying, and the children lustily singing lyrics as they arrived at Ayanapuram at about three o'clock on a Sunday afternoon. We had expected about 500 scholars, and were not disappointed. Although we had taken the precaution of removing the benches, chairs and tables from the chapel, the youngsters swarmed in and filled the

building almost to suffocation. The chairman and speaker had to exercise some ingenuity to avoid treading on toes of fingers. Teachers endeavoured to secure an approach to silence, but this was impossible for a time; they could not make themselves heard amid the hubbub of half a thousand voices.

All were finally settled, and the service commenced. The scholars took a keen interest in their own and their friends' performances. Each school responded to the roll call by singing a hymn or lyric, reciting Bible texts, or rendering a dialogue. The best item was that given by one of the Sunday Schools conducted by honorary helpers; it consisted of the singing of the hymn, "Who is in yonder stall?" Each verse was sung by a different child, who stepped forward and illustrated his or her stanza by holding up a large picture; the other scholars joined in the chorus. The speaker was called upon about the middle of the proceedings, and took as his subject the four small creatures which, despite their diminutive size, are exceeding wise (Proverbs 30). Our young friends followed the talk with attention, and readily answered the questions put to them.

At the conclusion of the meeting, three missionaries had a hectic time for an hour or so, struggling to supply each member of the youthful congregation with Tamil Gospels and other booklets, buns, biscuits and cups of tea. As school after school marched away accompanied by its teachers, the joy of the children was well-nigh boundless. Many reached their homes after nightfall; all were tired, but went to bed with memories of a day in a thousand. Thus our Sunday School children participated in the good things provided by the CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND.

"CLOTHED WITH WHITE ROBES BEFORE THE LAMB"

STELLA HAZEL.

LITTLE Nesammal, or "Child of Love," came to the Sendamangalam Girls' Boarding Home in January, 1938. Her parents were working on the Kolli Hills as preacher and Biblewoman, and she lost her mother in 1933, when she was only about three years old. This wee mite, who did not really know a mother's loving care, had to be taken round the villages with her father as he preached in them.

About the age of eight years, Nesammal came to live in Sendamangalam, and studied in our Girls' School. She was always rather frail and often ill with fever. At these times of sickness, and one particular instance when she had a severe attack of bronchitis, how very patient and grateful she was for all that was done. She was never very brilliant at studies, although she had a keen desire to get on.

We little knew, when she, with her bright, smiling face, with the other girls going for leave to the Kollis, came to say good-bye, that for her it was indeed good-bye, and we should not see her here again. As they went along in the jutka to the hill foot, her voice could be heard in song about "Now being the accepted time and now the day of salvation. How the Lord's Second Coming was drawing near and the need to be ready to meet Him."

How very soon this little flower was to sing in the presence of her Saviour. Three days after reaching her home she was taken ill, and never recovered. She was brought into our Mission Hospital at Valavanthi, and for further treatment was sent down to the Government Hospital at Namakkal on 28th May, where she lay until she passed into the presence of her Lord on 1st June, just a few days before she should have returned to school.

The following is as related by her father.

After Nesammal was taken ill she asked us to pray for her, and she herself prayed thus: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? Hear my prayer and heal me. Jairus' daughter was 12 years, and I am 12. Thou didst raise her up, therefore heal me. Thou didst touch the leper, saying, 'I will, be thou clean,' therefore Thou art able to heal me."

Her father said, "We knew that it was the will of God to call her to Himself, and we were willing to give her to Him. On May 28th we took her to Namakkal, and the doctor said she couldn't live, but he would do what he could."

On Sunday morning Nesammal heard the chapel bell, and said, "Listen! the bell is ringing for service; we will go. How kind the Dhorai, Dhoraisani, Dr. Ammal, Missi Ammal, Matron and the Teachers have been to me."

Monday, June 1st.—"Appa! (Father) I'm going to Heaven. How much trouble you have taken, and prayed that I might recover. Forgive all the trouble and anxiety that I have caused you. Father, mother, sisters, brother, do not cry, I'm going to Christ's Kingdom. I'm holding Him fast, I'm holding Him fast, by the shed blood of the *Lamb* there is *Victory* for me." Stretching out her hands and clasping them, with a loud voice she uttered these words, "Behold! Jesus and His angels are standing round me."

That same evening, about 6.30, this little lamb passed from mortality to immortality, where all pain and suffering are done away. Her mortal remains were laid to rest the next day in the Namakkal cemetery. Now she, with others—

"Around the Throne of God in Heaven, thousands of children stand;
Children whose sins are all forgiven, a holy, happy band.
Singing glory, glory, glory."

Work at Home

GENERAL NOTES

Miss Wilkins.—The subject of furlough for our missionaries has caused the Officers of the Mission much anxious thought. As all friends will know, many of our workers are more than due to come home, but war conditions have prevented the normal routine being followed, and each postponement complicates future decisions. It has been decided that, God willing, Miss Wilkins should come home as soon as possible, and instructions to that effect have been sent to India. No further information has reached us up to the present, but we ask our readers to remember Miss Wilkins in their prayers.

Christmas Gift Fund.—Once more we acknowledge our gratitude to those who have contributed so generously to this useful Fund, which in wartime is more than ever important. Together with a small balance in hand, the Treasurer was able to send £130 to India. This will be very welcome at a time when pre-war boxes cannot be sent, and also when prices in India have risen enormously. The money will be used to buy material and medical supplies as well as toys. On previous occasions the missionaries have written most warmly in gratefully acknowledging the arrival of the money.

Annual Report.—All being well, this will be circulated to the Churches during this month. Any friend who cannot obtain one locally is invited to send 4½d. to the General Secretary for a post free copy.

Pastor W. Chisnall.—We were sorry to hear of the serious illness of our beloved friend and former General Secretary. The latest news at the time of printing was of an improvement in his condition. We remember with gratitude his long and devoted services to the Mission. May the Lord abundantly bless him now.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

REPORT BY MRS. V. RIPPON.

On Saturday, September 25th, 1943, the Third Rally of the Guild of Service was held at "Zion," New Cross. Many friends gathered in the afternoon to visit the Exhibition of Indian curios illustrating life and conditions in India, and to listen to what Missionary Orchard had to say about the various articles displayed. Much enthusiasm was also shown when friends visited the stalls, where many and varied articles of wood-work, leather work, parchment work, knitting, needlework, felt button-hole work and other fancy work were on show and for sale on behalf of the Mission funds. This work had been done by Guild of Service members and friends, and those present were urged to organise Classes, or to personally take up these interesting hobbies and so spend many happy hours in the cause of the Guild of Service.

Pastor Thorpe had prepared an entirely new set of lantern pictures illustrating the Mission work in India, but owing to a technical hitch it was found impossible to show these. Much disappointment was felt at this, especially in view of the great trouble our Secretary had made in preparing this new lecture.

Our esteemed President, Pastor Robinson, was in the Chair at the evening Rally, and after an opening hymn, Pastor Stockbridge, of Yateley, read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

The Secretary gave a report of the year's work, and announced that the present active membership was 212. The amount sent in by subscribers,

and gifts sent in by Working Classes, amounted to £136. The Secretary pointed out that it was for the young people to fire our Churches again with the larger vision of missionary work at home and abroad. The Mission needs our prayers as well as our practical support of the work.

A solo rendered by Mrs. Morgan Smith, entitled " Ye are the Light of the World," was very much enjoyed, and this was followed by an address by Missionary Orchard. He gave a vivid picture of the peoples of India, illustrating how their history has warped their outlook on life. He pointed out how they had been struggling year after year to obtain something they can never reach. They are born in an environment of slavery and are under the domination of cruel and relentless taskmasters. Their great problem is how to obtain to that great goal of glorious and happy freedom. These, he said, are the people with whom our missionaries seek to find contact—people who have lost hope. It was pointed out, however, that the Lord Jesus Christ fully understands the years and years of stultified life that makes the youth of India what it is. The missionaries seek to bring such lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and then leave them in His hands, and the result has been that many such young people have learnt to understand the meaning of sin, and have found that Jesus Christ has cancelled it, and are to-day strong, virile young men and women, living for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Scrivener gave the closing message, addressing his remarks especially to the members of the Guild of Service. His text was, " Ye are labourers together with God," and he stressed the fact that the Guild of Service calls for young people who are willing to give, sacrifice and serve. He brought before the members three problems that arise from the text :— 1. How might I become a fellow-worker? 2. Where can I work? 3. When can I start?

In answering these problems, Pastor Scrivener pointed out that filling up the form of membership and becoming a personal member of the Guild of Service is not all that is required. First of all, to become a fellow-worker, the members must know their Master, they must be obedient and submissive and, under God's help, live a sanctified life. Then, when our lives are given into Christ's keeping, we will be ready for His service, and will be willing to work just where the Lord Jesus Christ sends us. Our hearts were stirred as the closing appeal was given—" The call of Christ is, ' Go work to-day in My vineyard '—then come and lay your life afresh at the feet of Christ and dedicate your life and service to Him by saying, ' Lord, here am I, send me.' "

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

Let us pray for Sunday Schools connected with our Mission :—

1. For those run in conjunction with our Day Schools, that the boys and girls may " see Jesus."
2. That the " Continuation " Lessons " given on Sundays may be the means of blessing not only to the children, but also to their parents and relatives.
3. For those Sunday Schools run privately by Church members in their homes and other places, that they may increase in number and influence.
4. That there may be granted to the teachers " Patient continuance in well-doing."
5. That the boys and girls may understand, through the voluntary efforts of their teachers, how greatly the Lord loves them.
6. For all special meetings connected with Sunday Schools and Sunday School work, that through them a greater understanding of need for, and opportunities in this work may be created.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1943

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

7th, Cottenham; 14th, Watford, Tabernacle; 21st, Sutton-at-Hone; 28th, Chelmsford.

Engagements for November

MISSIONARY E. ORCHARD.

2nd, Watford; 3rd, Downe; 4th, Manor Park; 9th, Trowbridge; 10th, Hilmarton; 11th, Bradenstoke; 14th, Horham and Occold; 15th, Horham; 16th, Hoxne; 17th, Ipswich, "Mount Zion"; 21st, Over; 22nd, Willingham; 23rd, Sutton; 24th, Chatteris; 25th, Stretham; 28th, Wandsworth, West Hill; 29th, Bromley; 30th, Pondevs End.
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MISS WADE.

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THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

THE Officers of the Mission were greatly encouraged by the goodly attendance and warm interest at the Meetings held at Chadwell Street on Tuesday, October 26th. Pre-war numbers cannot be expected, but many friends gathered, and some of them had come from afar. The morning business session was interesting and helpful, and the re-election of the Officers was something more than a formality. It was an expression of gratitude to them for their self-sacrificing service.

In the afternoon the men gathered for prayer in the class-room, while the ladies had their meeting, and then all united for the public service. Pastor R. Robinson once again presided. Pastors Perry and Morton took what are often described as the " devotional exercises." Pastor J. K. Thorpe (General Secretary) and Mr. W. J. Shipton (Treasurer) presented their respective parts of the Annual Report. There is much in this Report to give us real encouragement.

Most helpful addresses were given by Missionary E. Orchard and Pastor F. Grimwood. The former spoke of the " Challenge of the Future," and the latter called our attention to the significance of Acts 15: 3. The financial response was also encouraging, the offering amounting to over £183.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY.

FAVOURED with a bright autumn afternoon, the L.Z.A. Annual Meeting took place under the able presidency of Mrs. Silvester. Mrs. E. Orchard read the Scriptures from the closing verses of Job 37, which reminded us of the wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge and excellent in power. Miss Wade led us to the Throne of Grace, praying by name for our missionaries and the various departments of our work in India, asking, too, for the Divine blessing on our gathering. Miss Fromow read the minutes of the 1942 meeting. A brief report of the year's work was read by the Secretary, and the Accounts were presented by Mrs. Anderson. These showed God's wonderful provision, causing us to sing the Doxology.

Mrs. Gladstone, of Chesham, gave a thoughtful address based on the incident of the widow throwing her two mites into the Temple treasury. The courage and gracious disposition of this woman was emphasised in not withholding her mites when others were giving more, and we might well ask ourselves whether we individually respond to the calls made upon us in

prayer and in service, although others can do better than we. We were reminded of the Master's commendation of the poor widow.

Time passed all too quickly, and Mrs. Simpson closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction.

The offerings amounted to £57 8s. 6d.

MODERN KOVILPATTI

W. H. KUHRT.

LESS than twenty years ago Kovilpatti was little more than a village. It is now well on its way to becoming a considerable town. The new conditions present, as new conditions everywhere always do present, both opportunities for and obstacles to the maintenance of a healthy Christian witness.

There was no cinema when I first arrived. Now there are three—one a large pretentious permanent structure opened by the Governor of Madras, and the others of the touring variety, housed under mat panthals. One of these latter stands in the next compound to ours, and the other opposite our new chapel, and both are a source of annoyance. The talkies, particularly the Tamil songs screeched forth in quite good Hollywood fashion, make night hideous between six in the evening and three in the morning, and we wondered what we should do about it. Happily, we find we can sleep through it!

Quite a lot of radio sets now help to keep Kovilpatti up to date with the news. One of them is public, being installed almost opposite our new chapel, so that two of our preachers who live in the chapel compound can recline at ease on their verandahs in the evening and hear everything without money and without effort. We often get our news through them. Just at the time Japan unleashed her forces against Singapore and Honolulu, all railway communications with Madras were broken by heavy rain, so that for days we were without our newspaper. We were glad then of our listening-post in the chapel compound. We tried for some time to run a reading room in the bazaar, but found that the radio and the cinema and the newspapers combined to make such an effort superfluous.

Electricity has come, too, since my arrival in the country. We have it in the bungalow and the chapel and, of course, all over the town. From Illaiyarasenenthal, which is about seven miles away, Kovilpatti appeared a blaze of light—until the black-out came! This is a kind of progress with which the world is all too familiar these days: no sooner does light break in upon us than the Japanese come and compel us to hide away in semi-darkness. Although the black-out is by no means com-

plete, there was not a glimmer to be seen when I stood in Illaiyarasenenthal the other night and gazed Kovilpatti-wards.

There were already one large cotton mill for spinning and weaving, and numerous small ginning factories, but now another large and elaborate spinning mill is in course of construction, and has already started production. Wages are rising, there are dearness allowances and bonuses, so that many a comparatively uneducated lad can earn twice as much as the Mission teacher who taught him. That does not prevent strikes from taking place, and punitive police being introduced to help break them. A lot of our Christian young men are earning good money in the mill, and spending it as fast as they earn it—sometimes faster! Their easier circumstances do not by any means make them better Christians, nor, except at Harvest auction time, does their affluence have any great effect upon the Church funds. The mill often works on Sundays, while the servants at the mill bungalows, who are all Christians, are given leave to attend services about three times a year! Even when the mill does not work on a Sunday, there are Rover Scout meetings and the Labour Union to quench vagrant sparks of spiritual desire.

There is one other new thing in Kovilpatti, and that is a chapel —a monument to Mr. Morling's faith and perseverance. For all that we have said above, we rejoice to record that attendance of men from Sunday to Sunday has never, we think, been so large as now, nor so intelligent.

Modern Kovilpatti is not necessarily worse than it was, any more than we may unthinkingly dub the new world worse than the old. But our Lord's very terrible parable of the heart, empty, swept and garnished, makes us, we confess, afraid with a great fear. The inner man seems, more than ever, a howling vacuum crying out, as all vacuums do, for fulness, and, of course, getting it. And while we vent our spleen upon the devils let loose in our world, we do well to ponder penitently our age's crowning folly—swept and garnished vacuity.

JOY FOR YOUNG AND OLD

A. MORLING.

THE beginning of December naturally turns the minds of all towards Christmas. We wonder where we shall spend this season of joy, and immediately commence thinking of ways and means of making young people happy. So early last month we directed our thoughts to this important matter, and cogitated whether it would be possible to have another Christmas Tree celebration for our children in this town. There were several obstacles to be overcome; prices of all articles had risen

considerably, the salaries of all the men had been reduced, the number of children was less than on previous occasions.

During the first week of December, with doubts and fears in my mind, I made the proposal that the brightest event of Christmas be celebrated for the benefit of young and old—adults should get almost as much pleasure from this function as the children ! The men with large families began to enumerate the liabilities, but the younger ones with less responsibilities hesitatingly supported the proposal. Feeling it was best to secure unanimity of opinion, I decided to drop the matter until Christmas was a little nearer. My plan worked, for when the subject was again mentioned, the most pessimistic of them all immediately replied, " Yes, we must do something for the children, even if the prices are high." Forthwith a collecting list was prepared, and within a few days we found that at least 40 young people would have to be provided for.

On Boxing Day afternoon parents and young folk made their way to the Bungalow Compound. Races were conducted for boys and girls, and afterwards all seated themselves in a ring for refreshments which the Namakkal Christian Fellowship had kindly provided. As it began to grow dark we gathered before a tree in front of the bungalow for a short service, at the end of which gifts were to be distributed. The tree was illuminated with coloured lights and was naturally the centre of attraction. Father Christmas arrived with his characteristic punctuality, and before giving out the presents delivered a very appropriate talk on the necessity of all children being humble and respecting their superiors—a matter that constantly needs stressing with those who are just rising from serfdom. As a result of the generosity of friends, each child received a gift, the value of which was half again as much as he or she paid. All, needless to say, were not merely surprised, but delighted, which thought prompted the petition in the closing prayer that every person present might experience the joy that comes through receiving the greatest of all gifts, " the gift of God."

CHRISTMAS ON THE KOLLIS

H. A. HUCKETT.

THE 24th December, 1941, was a busy day for the missionaries and their Indian helpers at Valavanthi. The children were happily engaged in making paper chains to decorate the prayer-house, and in practising special lyrics to sing at the Christmas morning service. The adults were occupied in gathering firewood and in receiving the provisions which came up on coolies' heads from Sendamangalam in readiness for the Christmas feast. Then there were presents to wrap up for Hostel boys and girls and the Christmas Day program to arrange.

Christmas on the Kollis

Three little people in the bungalow were our alarm clocks on Christmas morning and, needless to say, they did not fail to " go off." We rang the big bell at 5.30 a.m. to call the men who had promised to light the fires and fetch the water. Unless an early start is made with an Indian feast, one may not get any food until about 4 p.m.! There was work for everyone. Some fetched plantain leaves, some cleaned the rice, while others cut up onions, scraped the coconuts, boiled the potatoes and prepared the meat dish.

After *chota hazri* we inspected the feast preparations, and about 10 a.m. the bell rang for our Christmas service. We began with the well-known hymn, " O come, all ye faithful," and after prayer by Pastor Selvanathan and the reading of Matthew 2: 1-12, various groups of children sang Christmas lyrics prepared for the occasion. A unique feature of this service was the presentation of a real live baby, which was given to us by a poor hill woman who was unable to nurse it and feed it properly. Accepting this as a Christmas present from the Lord, our Hostel Matron came forward with the babe in her arms for dedication, and after prayer by the missionary, the name Rachel was given to the wee mite. Then followed the Christmas message: " Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

After the service we repaired to the bungalow to give and receive our own Christmas presents, while the Hostel children sat on the grass outside and opened their stockings with merry laughter. About 1.30 p.m. we sat down to our curry and rice feast with about 100 Indian friends. The next item was the giving of cloth to the workers and others who had served us during the year. Pastor Selvanathan gave a word of appreciation and thanks to the kind friends in England, whose generosity had made these gifts possible. A football match followed, and then races and other sports until dusk.

Boxing Day began with a Scripture Test for the teachers, but in the afternoon we played Tamil gramophone records to them and distributed the prizes won on the previous day. On New Year's Day we had a special service at which we recalled the goodness of the Lord during 1941, and dedicated ourselves to Him afresh for 1942. In the afternoon we had a badminton match, the Doctor's team winning by two sets to one. The Hostel girls had a picnic during the vacation, while some of the boys worked hard on the land to earn money for their school books, which have so greatly increased in price. Since writing the above, a parcel of skirts and tunics has arrived from Australia. We thank our friends there very warmly for these welcome gifts, which are most acceptable at this time.

Have you re-ordered your Magazine for 1944?

Work at Home

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

LET us keep India daily in our thoughts and prayers. India is a land of tremendous need. Famine conditions have shocked and distressed us all, and we rightly desire that all possible effort and sacrifice should be made to alleviate this terrible suffering.

We cannot possibly ignore India's material needs, but we must never forget that her supreme need is a spiritual one. Above everything else, India needs what we are humbly and prayerfully doing in Christian missionary work. She needs the Saviour.

LET US JOIN IN EARNEST PRAYER :—

1. For the new Viceroy in his great responsibilities.
2. For the speedy relief of all sufferers through the famine in India.
3. For the blessing of God on all efforts of those who seek the true welfare of India.
4. For the health of our Missionaries.
5. For the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit in the work of each Field in India and of the Council at home.
6. For the increase of missionary interest and zeal in each of our Strict Baptist Churches.
7. For the Lord's gracious help in our personal witness.

GENERAL NOTES

"9436" and Helper of Kundaswami.—We gratefully acknowledge help regularly received for the help of Israel's little children.

News has just been received from India of the death of a younger sister of Kundaswami. Miss E. C. Putnam continued to take a deep and practical interest in this girl—Jeevarathinam—who was a sincere and consistent Christian. She was, however, unhappily married, and we fear that superstition and neglect brought about her death at the early age of twenty.

We have no further news of Kundaswami, but are praying that the Lord will speak to him even through the above sad news.

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CAUGHT IN A CAMERA.

By Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Madras.

WHAT a fascinating book is a photograph album! If the pictures in it happen to illustrate incidents in our own youth, it will be of absorbing interest to us. What a mixture of pleasure, surprise and awakening of dormant memories lie between the covers of our family album! Picture the children looking at it after the lapse of years. What fun will be made, at the expense of one of their number, who is being nursed in the arms of the captain of a ship, while he contentedly sucks his thumb. We can picture the merriment of the party as they turn the pages over and catch an innocent little boy shyly kissing his cousin.

Here is an interesting story of a photograph. A missionary had a mango tree in his garden. The tree bore abundantly, but the owner was never able to enjoy the fruit because his boarding school boys stole it. One day at noon, he hid himself and watched to see who would come to pick the fruit. Two boys came and, as the fruit was beyond their reach, one of them climbed on the other's back. While they were in this attitude, the missionary took a snap of them, but, without showing himself, allowed them to take the fruit and go away. Some time later when the missionary and his boys were spending a social evening together, looking at various pictures and books, the photograph just mentioned was handed round. Of course the other boys were curious and asked their pals, who appeared in the picture, for an explanation. The outcome was that the word of scripture which says "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsake them shall have mercy," was fulfilled in the experience of those two boys.

This story reminds us of the word pictures of scripture. For example, a few days ago a group of Christian girls in Madras were studying the parable of the debtors. Each member of the class was given a slip of paper with a list of twenty of the more common vices on it, and was told to find out if she was guilty of these sins and to mark the list accordingly. Several members felt that they had to mark every item on the list. Others marked nineteen and so on. Then they considered a habit common to all, namely, telling lies. At the rate of one lie a day (which was considered to be much below the actual average) how many would this be in a week, a month, a year? How many years had they been indulging the habit of telling lies? Similarly, how many years had they been cheating, stealing, disobeying their parents and desecrating the sabbath? What an ugly total appeared as they added such things as unthankfulness, anger and pride! The time was not enough for them to make the account complete, but they were able to gain some idea, however inadequate of their great debt of sin. These

young people saw a photograph of themselves, in a similar position to that of the servant who owed his King 10,000 talents. Their debt was so great that they could never hope to repay it. A whole lifetime of service would not begin to remove the awful load.

Our friends then proceeded to find out if they had received the King's pardon. Som of them were able to say "Yes, the Lord Jesus paid this debt for me when He died upon the cross. He loved ME and gave Himself for ME." Happy indeed were the girls who had that wonderful assurance. There remained but one more question to ask and that was "If we have been forgiven our huge debt, can we go out from the presence of our King and exact payment from our fellow debtors? Alas, it did not require much thought or honesty for each member of the class to own up to a bickering and faultfinding spirit in her relationships with others. They all agreed that it was difficult and sometimes impossible to forgive those who speak harshly or act unkindly. It is easy to pass judgment on others, because we are so liable to forget the benefits we have received. The application was a very searching one. Those who are not prepared to reform in this matter, will be delivered to the tormentors, till they shall pay all that is due. First, let us seek the forgiveness of the Lord Jesus for our own sin and remember that if we confess our sin to Him, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us pray the prayer which He taught His disciples, "Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us."

AN ADVENTURE ON THE KOLLI HILLS.

By Mrs. Champion, Kolli Hills.

WE live on the West of the Kolli Hills and on the North-East live several families of Christians, who are members with us, but who, for various reasons, one of which is to earn their living, have to live there. Once or twice a year, the Missionary tries to go and see them. If only we could cut straight through the Kolli Hills, we could get there very quickly or, if we were clever at walking, we should start off early in the morning and climb up a very rough tract for over 4,000 feet. We should then walk about twelve miles across the hills (the walk across would include climbing up and down a hill over 1,000 feet high) and then we should climb down the other side! Not being clever enough to do this we go by bus.

This year Miss Hazel, Mr. Champion and myself, with baby Rosemary, set out one morning at 6 a.m. The first part of the journey was nice and cool and, apart from the busman asking us as

much for our luggage as he did for our tickets, nothing awkward happened. By 11 o'clock, after having changed buses, we arrived at a small town where we called to see some other Christians. We had a nice time with them, ate our food and left to catch a bus at 12.30, which finally set out a little past 1 o'clock. They told us that the bus went as far as a river, which we could easily cross, and then get into a bus, which would be waiting the other side. We passed through very pretty country and, as it had been raining, frequently came to long stretches of water into which the bus plunged quite bravely. As we passed through one lot of water after another, expecting every time that we had come to the final lot where we must change, it became quite a joke as to whatever size the final river would be.

Crossing the River.

At last, we came to the river, and it certainly looked very full. Apparently, there had been heavy rain on the hills, and the river was about two hundred feet wide and was flowing very swiftly. There was a policeman on the bus and he was a great help to us. We had to get over the river, so in we went. I was very glad to hang on to someone's shoulder and I wished that I had had a camera handy to photograph Miss Hazel struggling along, with one arm full of various possessions and holding on to the policeman with the other. It was now three o'clock and we asked about the bus, only to be told that it sometimes comes and sometimes does not, but it might come about six o'clock. It was three miles to the village and was drizzling with rain, so, putting all our possessions into a kind of barn, we set off. The policeman went on to send the bus!

A cold welcome and a warm one.

About half-way along, we came to a very big Roman Catholic church. It had been built a very long time ago and had some tremendous cracks in it, here we were glad to rest for a time but, as the bus did not appear and the priest did not appear to be overjoyed at our being there, we set out again. The way began to seem long, but at last we could see the village and also the bus! But, as the bus had to go for our luggage, and also as far as the river, we walked on and reached the house of one of our Christians, very thankful to find that they had a cup of tea ready for us. We travelled the last mile in a bullock cart and arrived quite safely at the Forest bungalow by six o'clock at night, having journeyed just over seventy miles.

The people were so pleased to see us. We were able to go to each of their homes and, on the last day, we had a tea party at the bungalow, where we were staying, and a meeting all together. Will you pray for these people that they may be given the courage to tell the people in their village about Jesus and His love?

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

One of our missionaries, writing to me from the Kolli Hills, tells the story of a piece of paper on which her letter was written. In order to help the outcaste boys to earn their own living, Mr. Champion has started them paper-making, and very good paper it is too! These boys need some different occupation to help them away from their old bad life and so they have this new chance on the mission compound. It is hard work and there will be little money to be made at the start but, if only they have patience and enough grit to see the paper-making through to the end, it will make these lads masters of a useful trade.

I wonder how they like it and if they ever get tired of paper-making. I wonder, too, if you always like your school lessons and ever tire of them. I wonder if sometimes you do not want to go to Sunday School and say that you are "tired of it." Then let us all, including the outcaste boys of India, learn a lesson from the book of James. James tells us that he who wavers, he who gives up, is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and broken on the shore. But he who endures testing or trial is "Blessed," for after he has been tried, "he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him."

If you want to know James' secret, here it is. We can find it in his nickname. You know how a camel goes patiently down on its knees when being loaded. When men saw James bearing all things patiently and going down upon his knees in prayer for more patience and more strength, they called him James—the "Camel-kneed." But James was right, he had found that the secret of patient holding-on is in patient prayer to God. James has now risen from his knees and is standing around God's throne in glory but he has left his secret behind him; so that both in India and at home in England we may learn his lesson and follow in the steps of James' Divine Brother, who, despising the shame, endured the Cross and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Let me thank so many of you very sincerely for your gifts to the Mission through the Christmas Envelope Collection. The following have been received by me:—Walthamstow, per Miss Gearing, 8/6; Great Paxton, per Miss E. Farrer, 10/-; John Bryant, Chadwell Street, 2/-; Eleanor Chenery, Hoxne, 3d.; Miss L. Wild, 2/-; and Florence Hamilton, Ponders End, 10/-.

A very happy New Year to all at Great Paxton Sunday School and my thanks to Miss E. Farrer for her letter and treasury note enclosed. Let me congratulate you on your enterprise. All Rayites will be glad to know that Great Paxton have started their Sunday School again. Their old school building became unfit for occupation, but, after only four months, a cottage was rented, new forms were made and school re-started. May God's blessing rest upon the work in your new home.

I want to thank the boys and girls who have sent me letters as follows:—Jean Budgen, Peter Bugg, George and Vera Cox, Jean Etheridge, Florence Hamilton (three letters), Sylvia Harrison, Kathleen Harwood, Eleanor Parker, Joan Taylor, Pearl Warner. I was very pleased with the Christmas cards sent to me by Albert Chapman, George and Vera Cox, Joyce Eates, Eva and Hilda Grimwood, Joan Homewood, Geoffrey Ince and Muriel Wilding. Also I would like to thank those friends for their kind letters and valued support:—Mr. J. Christie, Mr. R. E. P. Crisp, Mr. H. J. and Miss Muriel Culliford, Mr. Robert J. Davis, Mrs. F. M. Leaver, Pastor J. T. Peters, Mr. A. Rushmer, Mrs. D. A. Scrivener, Mrs. Cyril Stockbridge and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge (many thanks for splendid S.S. offering).

May this New Year hold much blessing for each one of you.

Your loving,

UNCLE PETER.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

In this issue of "Rays" you will find a list of the names of boys and girls who have been awarded a Certificate of Merit because they made a good beginning and kept up their Searcher entries regularly through the year. Is your name in the list? As this is the first Searcher of a new year, it will be interesting to look up some of the "Beginnings" mentioned in God's Word. These are the words we want youto find.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. In the beginning was the Word.
2. He began to seek after God.
3. In the beginning God.
4. Jesus began to preach.
5. I am the beginning and the end.

The words will be found in Matthew 4; Genesis 1; Revelation 21; John 1; 2 Chronicles 34: but not in the same order. Write out the whole verse, and give the book, chapter and verse where found.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Find the answers to these questions as well as those set for the Lower Group.

6. This beginning of miracles.
7. In every work that he began he prospered.
8. The beginning of the world.
9. Among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
10. The beginning of the year.

The answers will be found in Luke 24; John 2; Deuteronomy 11; Acts 15; 2 Chronicles 31. Write out as in Lower Group.

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, 1943, 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 an envelope (unsealed), bearing a PENNY stamp to UNCLE PETER, "OAKFIELD," GUILDFORD ROAD, BAGSHOT, SURREY. If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 2½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, FEBRUARY 28th, 1943.

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 splendid entries were sent in for this Searcher as you will see by the number of scholars who have gained high marks. There were 54 new searchers this time. Here are the names in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Eileen Bawden, aged 14, Church Hill, Walthamstow.
2, George Hanks, aged 12, "Providence" S.S., Swindon.

Special Mention: Valerie Cole, Barbara Holmes, Hazel Brownrigg, Eileen Brownrigg, Florence Hamilton, Peter J. Wilkinson, Eileen Turner, Doris Jermyn, Peter Jermyn.

Very Highly Commended: Iris Raper, George Abbott, Margaret Hewitt, Ada Cole, Kathleen Cleary, Albert Chapman, Barbara Taylor, Andrew Layzell, Hilda Grimwood, H. Baxter, Muriel Wilding, Joan Taylor, Joan Homewood, Doreen Park, Vera Mansfield.

Highly Commended: Beatrice Newstead, Sheila Butcher, Monica Abbott, Gladys Rayner, Eva Grimwood, Margaret Faulkner, Peter Marshall, Barbara Milton, Stephen Toms, Mary Cattermole, Oliver Toms, Catherine Lambert, Beryl Young, Kathleen Walshaw, Betty Rhone, Ruth Trevethick, Gladys Kemp, Dorothy Endersby, Jean Etheridge, Iris Rhone, Janet Christie, Eleanor Parker, Ruby Hawes, Betty Bunyan, Peter Bugg, Audrey

Upper Group, Highly Commended—continued.

Brice, Peter Bysh, Winifred Jaggers, Gladys Cato, Doreen Williams, Eileen Watson, Amy Hawes, Norman Carter, Audrey Holloway, Maurice Keeley, Daphne Lithgow, Stanley Marchment, Phyllis Wheeler, Laurence Christie, Joyce Stevens, Eleanor Chenery, Marion Foster, Jean Smith, Freda Hare, Kathleen Harwood, John Bryant, Joyce Cornelius, Malcolm Wood.

Commended: Barbara Holbrow, Gladys Carpenter, Lilian Cato, Una Lambert, William Jupp, S. Moles, Joan Box, Doreen Luff, Annie Pope. Norah Barnes sent references only. Answered Upper Group only: Marjorie Stebbing, Ethel Fawcett, Jean Churchill, Gwen Le May, Mary Sullivan, Alan Jordan, Doreen Hodges, Joyce Lacy, Barbara Evans. Answered Lower Group only: Betty Hall.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Anette Baker, aged 11 years, Gurney Road, Stratford.
2, Margaret Jaeger, aged 1 0years, "Providence," March.

Special Mention: Raymond W. Cooper, Doreen Sanford, Barbara Bugg, Roy Leaver, Brenda Parsons, Winifred Manfield, Eileen Culliford, David Church, Ruth Jaeger.

Very Highly Commended: Dennis Davis, Mary Hanks, David Jermyn, Florence Mackenzie, Doreen Quy, Horace Frost, Valerie Hewett, Margaret Turner, Grace Catling, Mary Emmerson, Doreen Horlock, Iris Hedger, Pearl Warne, Rose Swiney, Mary Garrard, Frances Williams, Muriel Stannard, David Rayner, Norma Mills, Francis Jones, Edward Gee, Doris Franklin, Margaret Burdon, Arthur Bray, David Wood, George Johnson, John Hudson, Betty Foster, Henry Davis, Joyce Willimer, Iris Park, Gillian Spencer, Mary Miller, Vera Cox, Joan Cattermole, Douglas Crees, May Baxter, Mary Bullock, Edward Hughes, Charlie Stevens, Doreen Cole, Alan Webb.

Highly Commended: Eunice Pilgrem, Anne Holloway, June Brightly, Joy Bugg, Brenda Peebles, Joan Bygraves, Mary Appleby, Mary Layzell, Edith Mayhew, Kenneth Rogers, Margaret Trevethick, John Smith, Rita Brooks, Donald Stephenson, David Gower, Bertha Etheridge, Iris Ferris, Bernard Bamford, Ronald Bawden, Thomas Hambling, Betty Nicholls, Ellen Yates, Jean Bridgestock, Dulcie Moorey, Doris Maynard, Sydney Cox, Doreen Thompson (St. Neots), William Mackenzie, Joan Bensley, Pat Western, Margaret Warton, Ruth Williams, Alan Peebles, Olive Goodman, William Dixon, David Pilgrem, Jean Lithgow, W. Gardener, Maisie Catling, and entry without name or address, John Howell, Margaret Scrivener, Dorothy Rayner, Margaret Nicholson, Joan Moss, John Denton, Mary Saunders, Alan Cutmore, Brenda Elson, Catherine Luff, Fred Saunders, Sylvia Tapfield, Hilda Hawes, Jeanne Budgen, Beryl Broomfield, Beryl King, Elsie Daniels, Eunice Sawyer, Sydney Stearne, Brenda Walters, Alec Mitchell, Alan Gomm, Sylvia Harrison, Derek Jessup, Joyce Raper, June Bamford, Jean Denman, Geoffrey Ince, Ruth Surridge, Michael Bugg, Doreen Thompson (Chingford), P. Mitchell, Iris Humphreys, Shirley Smith, Pauline Wood, Beryl Bremner, David Scrivener, Dorothy Hamilton, Rene Bridgestock, William Lovitt, Sheila Butler, Peter Denton, Joan Braddy, Joyce Bassett, Marina Faulkner, Clifford Temple, Betty Box, Edward Parnell, Leslie Budgen, Maurice Dreweatt, Alan Norman, Margaret Tillman, R. Winckless, Raymond Scott, B. Clenshaw, Edna Fawcett, Doreen Simmons, Joyce Eates, Tony Burch.

Commended: John Denman, Harry Eels, Stanley Crees, Peter Fawcett, Arthur Lomas, Doreen Judd, Agnes Adams, Ada Peters, Brian Stewart, Dorothy Smith, L. Noble, John Vaux, Gwen Crees, Norma Saville, J. Kingston, Reggie Catling, Edith Hollis, Joyce Mayes, David Bysh, Joan Phipps. Sent references only: Margaret Preece, Joy Arney, Joan Robinson, Pat Gynn, Roy Gynn.

Not for Competition: Miss Dorothy Best, Mr. Harold Abbott. March and Walthamstow again tied for first place, with Chadwell Street a very close second—"clock-in" Clerkenwell.

HONOURS LIST FOR 1942.

Here is a list of Searchers to whom an Honours Certificate will be sent. Each one of them has done either five or six searchers during the past year and we are glad to publish their names. We hope also that if you are not on the list of Honours you will see to it that next year's list will contain your name for regular searching. You must not miss more than one Searcher during the year.

Walthamstow: Harry and May Baxter, Valerie Cole, Beatrice Newstead, Doreen Quy, Iris and Joyce Raper, Iris and Betty Rhone, Pamela Street, Margaret Turner. **Horham:** Mary Bullock, Albert Chapman, Maisie, Grace and Reggie Catling, Helen and Peggy Cooper, Amy, Ruby and Hilda Hawes. **March:** George Abbott, Brian Clenshaw, Ruth and Margaret Jaegar, John Lee, Sydney Stearne, Ruth and Margaret Trevethick, Eileen Turner, Peter Wilkinson. **Potten End:** Norman Carter, Brenda Elson, Doris Franklin, William Hampshire, Sylvia and Roy Harrison, Alan Hughes. **Ponders End:** Beryl Bremner, Florence and Dorothy Hamilton, Vera Mansfield, Eileen Watson. **Streatham:** Janet and Laurence Christie, Barbara Holmes, Andrew Layzell, S. Moles. **Lynton Road, Bermondsey:** Doris, Peter and David Jermyn. **Crowfield:** Mary Emmerson, Eva and Hilda Grimwood. **Fressingfield:** Audrey, Jean and Bertha Etheridge. **Gt. Paxton:** Doreen and Catherine Luff, Doreen Sanford. **High Wycombe:** David Church, John and Michael Ellins. **Prittlewell:** Dulcie Moorey, David and Eunice Pilgrem. **Whittlesey:** Marion and Betty Foster, Joyce Willimer. **Park Ridings, Wood Green:** Peter and David Bysh, Eileen Culliford. **Stowmarket:** Gladys, Dorothy and David Rayner. **Ilford:** Bernard and June Bamford, Alan Cutmore. **Bradford:** Sheila and Kathleen Walshaw. **Chase Cross, Romford:** Oliver and Stephen Toms. **Greenwich:** Iris Humphreys, Beryl Young. **Hadleigh:** Barbara Holbrow, Muriel Wilding. **Lessness Heath:** Barbara and Joan Taylor. **Over:** Douglas and Stanley Crees. **Gurney Road, Stratford:** Anette Baker, Geoffrey Ince. **Tring:** Lilian Cato, David Gower. **Tunstall:** Peter and Michael Bugg. **Woking:** Eileen and Hazel Browning. **Brentford:** Muriel Stannard. **Chadwell Street:** John Bryant. **Cheltenham:** Edward Hughes. **Salem, Croydon:** Joan Box. **Deeping St. James:** Freda Hare. **Downe:** Eunice Sawyer. **Guildford:** Margaret Nicholson. **Hoxne:** Eleanor Chenery. **Kenninghall:** Susie Collins. **Leyton:** Sheila Butcher. **New Cross:** Ruth Williams. **North Caversham:** Rita Brooks. **Rattlesden:** Winifred Manfield. **Redbourn:** Peter Marshall. **Richmond:** Roy Leaver. **St. Neots:** Vera Cox. **Somersham:** Barbara Bugg. **Staines:** Pearl Warne. **Tottenham:** Gladys Carpenter. **Watford:** Margaret Burdon. **West Ham:** Florence Carpenter.

	Elijah on Carmel		Elijah's Homecall		Death of John the Baptist
Feb.	1 M **1 Kings 18, 17-24**	Feb.	22 M **2 Kings 2, 1-11**	Mar.	15 M **Mark 6, 14-20**
	2 Tu **1 Kings 18, 25-35**		23 Tu **2 Kings 2, 12-18**		16 Tu **Mark 6, 21-29**
	3 W **1 Kings 18, 36-46**		24 W Gen. 5, 21-29		17 W Matt. 14, 1-12
	4 Th Josh. 24, 1-8		25 Th Mark 9, 1-10		18 Th Luke 7, 24-30
	5 F Josh. 24, 14-25		26 F 2 Tim. 4, 1-8		19 F Luke 7, 31-35
	6 S Josh. 24, 26-31		27 S Matt. 25, 14-21		20 S Deut. 34, 1-7
	7 Su Psa. 1, 1-6		28 Su Matt. 25, 22-30		21 Su Acts 7, 54-60
	Elijah at Horeb		**Examination Review**		**Teaching and Healing**
Feb.	8 M **1 Kings 19, 1-8**	Mar.	1 M **1 Kings 17, 1-16**	Mar.	22 M **Mark 1, 21-29**
	9 Tu **1 Kings 19, 9-14**		2 Tu **1 Kings 17, 17-24**		23 Tu **Mark 1, 30-39**
	10 W **1 Kings 19, 15-21**		3 W **1 Kings 18, 17-24**		24 W Matt. 4, 17-25
	11 Th Exod. 3, 1-10		4 Th **1 Kings 18, 25-35**		25 Th Matt. 12, 10-21
	12 F Exod. 19, 7-13		5 F **1 Kings 18, 36-46**		26 F Matt. 12, 22-30
	13 S Exod. 19, 16-25		6 S **1 Kings 19, 1-10**		27 S Acts 10, 34-41
	14 Su Exod. 24, 12-18		7 Su **1 Kings 19, 11-18**		28 Su Acts 14, 8-18
	Elijah and Ahaziah		**John the Baptist and Jesus**		**Healing Body and Soul**
Feb.	15 M **2 Kings 1, 1-8**	Mar.	8 M **Mark 1, 1-13**	Mar.	29 M **Mark 2, 1-12**
	16 Tu **2 Kings 1, 9-17**		9 Tu Matt. 3, 1-10		30 Tu Exod. 15, 23-26
	17 W Deut. 12, 28-32		10 W Matt. 3, 11-17		31 W Luke 5, 18-26
	18 Th Luke 9, 51-56		11 Th Matt. 11, 7-15	Apr.	1 Th Num. 21, 1-9
	19 F 1 Sam. 9, 1-10		12 F John 1, 6-18		2 F John 3, 14-21
	20 S 1 Sam. 9, 11-19		13 S John 1, 19-28		3 S Acts 4, 5-12
	21 Su 1 Sam. 9, 20-27		14 Su John 1, 29-37		4 Su Acts 20, 6-12

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HOW WE SPENT CHRISTMAS ON THE KOLLI HILLS.

By Uncle Arthur (Missionary H. A. Huckett).

Here is a special article sent by Airgraph from Uncle Arthur on the Kolli Hills. It was written on January 8th, 1943, and was nearly in time for our last issue.

My dear Sun-Rays,

Christmas on the Kolli Hills is always a festive season, and although you could not send us any toys and garments this year, as in former days, we used the money you sent to give the Indian girls and boys a very happy time. The day began the night before, with "Christmas Waits," who went in procession to a near-by village, singing carols, and playing various "musical" instruments. The Hostel girls, although their clock had been put back, managed to arrive outside our sleeping verandah about 4 a.m., and after singing a number of very nice carols they went off in crocodile fashion to visit other houses on the settlement.

Christmas morning.

At 6 a.m. preparations for the Christmas Feast began. Fires were lit out in the open, water boiled, rice cleaned, meat chopped up, coconuts grated, onions sliced and curry stuffs ground for the midday meal. At 9.30 we all gathered in the chapel, gaily decorated for the occasion, and held a short Christmas Morning Service. The children sang special lyrics and recited verses of Scripture, a baby was brought by its parents for dedication, and the missionary gave a little talk on "No room in the inn."

Christmas Dinner.

By 1 p.m. the curry and rice was ready, so we went over to the chapel to sit on the floor and eat it. About 100 sat down to the feast, which to our Indian friends was indeed a marvellous spread. Some adults found one helping more than enough, but most of the children, like Oliver Twist, were soon ready for "some more," and were soon playing football afterwards too. In the afternoon we had running races, three-legged, hopping, wheelbarrow, and musical stick, finishing up with a football match, 12 a side, which ended in a draw. By dusk most of us were really tired out, and although it was Christmas Night, went to bed about 9.30 p.m.

Boxing Day began with a Bible Class for the teachers, followed by Christmas parcels bought with the gifts from England. Midday, a badminton tournament was held, and in the afternoon the children gave a Christmas entertainment. In addition to singing and reciting, they rendered two dialogues very effectively, and also did kolattam, a kind of musical drill performed with sticks. Hawaian music on the guitar and violin by our lady doctor and her husband, and

"Silent Night" by a mixed quartette completed the programme. The distribution of prizes won in the sports followed, and then the men and boys had another football match which ended by starlight.

We closed the day with grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for His unspeakable Gift, Whose coming to earth at Bethlehem has given us all so much joy. We also want to say a big "Thank You" to all in the Homeland who helped to make possible this happy celebration of our Saviour's birth. May God reward you all.



Indian Boys and Girl swith their Christmas Presents.

THINGS WE HEAR.

By Eleanor Champion, Sendamangalam.

THIS letter will tell you some of the things we hear every day. In India, we never close our doors or windows unless, when the monsoon weather comes, the rain blows into the bungalow. This means that every noise that is made outside both day and night is heard inside.

Sometimes when the days are very hot, the folk prefer to do a lot of their journeyings by night, or set out about four o'clock in the morning. As we are on the edge of the village, we get the full benefit of this. Suddenly, early morning time, a tremendous voice will disturb my slumber with "Hiee! Ramaswamy have we to wait all day for you," then there will be various grumblings on the part of the people and gruntings on the part of the bullocks as they are urged to start and finally, they go talking and shouting as loudly as they can, for have they not to pass the burning ground where many spirits may be waiting to possess them, so they think? The

crows, having been disturbed by the noise, set up a very noisy conversation as to what the trouble is about. There are several hundreds of them and, used as we are to them, they sometimes manage to rouse us.

The beginnings of Life.

There are many nights when there are festivals and drumming going on until early morning; it makes us sad to hear this because we know that it is being done before gods of wood and stone and that many of the people who are there are hoping that the gods will bestow some favour on them. On the day that I write this, I have been to see some people who have a lovely new little baby, and it is a boy, which means a very great blessing to them. While I was there, I did not see the parents, but the grandmother showed me the baby and talked to me and kept saying that the parents were coming. At last, I really could not wait any longer, and then I learnt that they were worshipping some special god for the protection of the precious new baby. I could hear drumming going on in another part of the house all the time I was there, and that was the reason for it. How we long for them to know that they need not do all these things and we know that, if we tell them, the Lord can open their hearts to see how wonderful our Saviour is.

A sad ending.

When a rich man dies his relatives will sometimes bury him at night. Last week we were taking a walk down the road and saw some men sitting besides a grave that they had just dug and, after the friendly manner of our country, we went to enquire who was dead and when he would be burned. An old man was dead and they were bringing him now they told us. On looking into the grave we saw at the side a very big semi-circular hole like a big fireplace. They told us that they were going to sit the old man up in this and cover him with salt and ashes and leave him various things to make him comfortable. Then they would put two huge pieces of stone to close that part up, and fill in the grave. Long after dark that night, we heard the funeral procession go past and, next time we passed the grave, there was a small image on it also another token or two to let people know that there had been worship performed there.

As I said before, these noises make us sad but there are noises that make us glad. When we hear hymns and lyrics being sung in our chapel and on our compound, we rejoice and praise the Lord that He has saved us and believe that He can save these people. As you and I are able to look to Him as our Saviour, so we know that He can draw many more to do the same.

RAYS CHRISTMAS THANKOFFERING ENVELOPES.

We gratefully acknowledge gifts at Christmastime from the following schools:—Aldringham, Aylesbury, Billinghay, Blakenham, Bethersden, Brockley, Chatteris, Chelmsford, Chesham, Chingford, Deeping St. James, Downe, Eastbourne, Egham, Guildford, High Wycombe, Hounslow, Ilford, Kings Langley, Maidenhead (Boyn Hill), Manor Park, Notting Hill Gate, Otley, Over, Preston, Royton, St. Neots, Somersham, Streatham, Thorndon, Tottenham, Wellingborough and Wisbech.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some years ago, one of our Missionaries was staying at Whitby on the Yorkshire coast. It was always his habit to take an evening walk before going to rest, and each night he would come with me to "see Captain Cook." Now Captain Cook had been dead for about 150 years, but on the end of the promenade there was a fine statue erected to his memory, and each evening the missionary would stand facing the statue and look upwards towards the keen, alert face of the great seaman. I wondered why he was so interested in Captain Cook, but it is not hard to guess. Captain Cook sailed from Whitby in the tiny ship "Resolution" of only 462 tons, and from this small beginning Australia and New Zealand were explored, hundreds of unknown islands charted and the way made possible for others to follow in his wake. Everywhere that Captain Cook went, carrying the knowledge of Great Britain to dark and savage peoples, the Gospel of Jesus Christ has followed. The blessings of the knowledge of the Bible have now spread from far Alaska in the North West to Tahiti in the far South. Captain Cook was a great leader and a true pioneer.

Now I want you to think of our missionaries in India in the same way that you think of Captain Cook. They are going out day by day to places and to people who have never been touched or found by Jesus, sailing like the apostle Paul with this Resolution, "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." We cannot visit them but we can remember them each night and can ask God to bless their endeavours.

A larger number of boys and girls than is usual wrote to me and I want to thank:—Anette Baker, Margaret Burdon (thank you for poem), Mercia Brown (thank you for stamp form), Eileen Brownrigg (glad to hear from you again), Mary Bullock, Primrose Cooper, Jean Etheridge, Florence Hamilton (thank you for Gift Form), Kathleen Harwood, George Hanks, Barbara Holbrow, Stephen Heather, Ruth and Margaret Jaeger, Doris Jermyn (we shall miss you, Doris, you have been searching for nearly eight years), Margaret Nicholson, Edna May Newland, Irene May Norris (we hope others from your Sunday School will join the "Rays" Searcher too), Brian Smith, Thelma Tavener, Thelma Trichey, Pearl Warne (thank you for stamp form).

These friends kindly wrote to me and I would ask them to accept my thanks for their letters and, in some cases, their gifts:—Mrs. Burns, Mr. Leslie J. Hall (kindly note address for Bible Searcher), Miss E. Huckett, a friend at Needingworth, Miss G. Piggott, Miss H. F. Reeder, Mr. A. E. Rushmer, Mrs. D. A. Scrivener, Mrs Stockbridge, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge, and Pastor S. Wilkins.

May God bless you each and lead us each onwards into a fuller knowledge of Himself.

Your loving,

UNCLE PETER.

IN THE SERVICE OF THE MASTER.

This little book of 48 pages has just been published by our Mission as a memorial to the life and work of the late Missionary David Morling. It is attractively printed and neatly covered and, in a short space, tells the story of the early life, the call to service and somethingof the work of our pioneer missionary to inland South India. It is a thrilling story and must carry a strong appeal to both old and young as they watch the gradual building of a great life work. Upon the firm foundation of a very clear call to service, David Morling built the structure of his life service of over 38 years and, in this book, we may watch the gradual unfolding of God's purpose in his life, until we see at its close a 'Building' bearing testimony to the grace of God through His servant.

The paper cover edition costs 1/- per copy (1/1½d. post free) and can be obtained from the Secretary of the Mission, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, London, E.12.

"I MUST WORK . . . . WHILE IT IS DAY."

In this Searcher we are watching Jesus at work. He did not work, as we do to-day, for a certain number of hours. His work was never finished until He finished it on the Cross. From early sunrising until dark and often far into the night, He was at work saving, helping, teaching, healing and praying to His Father. Jesus worked for us like we shall never have to work. He gave Himself day by day, and all day long, for sinful men that He might bring them to God, that He might fulfil the work that He came to do. We should never be ashamed of work when Jesus worked so hard.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Read the chapters through very carefully and see if you can find these words.

1. A great while before day.
2. When the morning was now come.
3. In the day time.
4. When the sun was setting.
5. When the evening was come.

The answers will be found in Matthew 14; Mark 1; Luke 4; Luke 21; John 21; but not in the same order. When you have found all you can, write out the **whole** verse, and give the book, chapter and verse where found.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

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

6. Early in the morning.
7. When it was day.
8. Toward evening.
9. The same day at evening.
10. Now the eventide was come.

They will be found in Mark 11; John 8; John 20; Luke 6; Luke 24.

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, 1943, 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 an envelope (unsealed), bearing a PENNY stamp to UNCLE PETER, "OAKFIELD," GUILDFORD ROAD, BAGSHOT, SURREY. If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 2½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, APRIL 30th, 1943.

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 are delighted to see that so many boys and girls have made "a good beginning." Now you must keep it up, and send in your entries regularly, if you want to gain an Honours Certificate at the end of the year. We welcome entries from four new schools—Bedworth, Bury, Luton and Needingworth; and there were 69 new searchers. Here are the names, in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Barbara Milton, aged 13, "Ebenezer" S.S., Tottenham.
2, Janet Christie, aged 15, "Providence" S.S., Streatham.

Special Mention: Florence Hamilton, Eileen Bawden, Albert Chapman, Susie Collins, Ruth Trevithick, Freda Hare, George Hanks, Peter Jermyn, Doris Jermyn, Betty Osborne, Iris Rhone.

Very Highly Commended: Kathleen Cleary, Eleanor Parker, Muriel Wilding, Kathleen Walshaw, Rosalie Poole, Gladys Kemp, Henry Baxter, Jean Etheridge.

Highly Commended: John Rush, Betty Rhone, Hazel Brownrigg, Dorothy Endersby, Kathleen Harwood, Valerie Cole, Thelma Trickey, Dorothy Pankhurst, Beatrice Newstead, Joan Homewood, Florence Carpenter, Audrey Etheridge, Irene Harding, Edward Hughes, Andrew Layzell, J. H. Miller, Hilda Grimwood, Evelyn Phillips, Gladys Rayner, Peter Marshall, Stephen Toms, Beryl Young, Peter Wilkinson, Doreen Ling, Iris Raper, Eileen Brownrigg, Ada Cole, Philip Grimwood, June Eaton, Audrey Skinner, Gladys Carpenter, Eva Grimwood, George Abbott, Margaret Faulkner, Oliver Toms, Eileen Turner, Stanley Marchment, Dorothy Diggens, Doreen Luff, Peter Bysh, Lesley Norris, Norah Barnes, Malcolm Wood, Marion Foster, Peter Ellins, Amy Hawes, Annie Pope, L. Christie, Peter Bugg, Dorothy Clarke, Barbara Holbrow, T. Taverner, Glenna Marjoram, John Bryant, Keith Wooton, Edna Tyler.

Commended: Joyce Fisher, Doreen Park, Harold Goodwin, Doreen Williams, Primrose Cooper, Wendy Murkitt, Joan Young, Margaret Crawford, Doreen Isaacs, Alan Jordan, Ivy Smith, Audrey Holloway, Grace Pannell, Eric Marjoram, Daphne Lithgow, Joan Lee, Eileen Watson, Barbara Holmes, P. W. Rose, Pat Jaggers, A. Thompson, Joyce Cornelius. Sent references only: Vera Lewis, Kenneth Temple, Joan Wales. Answered Upper Group only: Florence Ellis, Audrey Gibbs, Joan Brightwell, Mair Richards, Barbara Evans, Irene Calder. Answered Lower Group only: Dorothy Smith, Miriam Haynes.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, David Gower, aged 10, Akeman Street, Tring.
2, Joyce Willimer, aged 9, "Zion" S.S., Whittlesey.

Special Mention: Barbara Bugg, Zeta Abbs, Stephen Heatherage, John Hudson, Ruth Jaeger, Margaret Jaeger, Roy Leaver, Winifred Manfield.

Very Highly Commended: Florence Mackenzie, John Wilson, Mary Emmerson, Iris Humphreys, Raymond Cooper, Aileen Young, Pearl Warne, Dorothy Rayner, Doreen Quy, Brenda Parsons, Irene Norris, Mary Miller, Sylvia Harrison, Mary Hanks, Michael Ellins, Vera Cox, Gwen Bradnam, Brian Bartlett, Jean Martin.

Highly Commended: Ian Warden, Iris Bull, Eileen Culliford, Derek Jessop, Brenda Bourne, Joan Bygraves, Lydia Endersby, Olive Goodman, John Pankhurst, Alan Hughes, John Ellins, Ruth Johnson, Hazel Pankhurst, Eunice Sawyer, David Rayner, Ellen Yates, David Wood, Margaret Nicholson, Thomas Hambling, Peter Perkins, Gwen Perryment, Lily Cripps, Roy Adams, June Bamford, Joan Robinson, Joyce Raper, Cyril Bradshaw, Douglas Crees, John Cripps, William Sandifer, Ruth Surridge, Betty Foster,

Bible Searcher Results—Lower Group—continued.

Margaret Trevethick, Geoffrey Ince, Rose Hartigan, Peggy Carter, Doreen Crawley, Margaret Burdon, Pearl Mitchell, Reggie Catling, Brian Cleary, Alan Cutmore, R. Bawden, Colin Champion, John Smith, Doris Maynard, Thelma Lott, Mary Bullock, Edith Spicer, John Denton, Patricia Warren, William Mackenzie, Grace Catling, Mildred Goodwin, Roy Harrison, Alan Norman, Billy Coy, Eunice Pilgrem, Alan Webb, Horace Frost, Marina Faulkner, Sydney Stearne, Iris Park, Peter Flitton, Olive Till, Edna Newland, Maisie Catling, Irene Bridgestock, Beryl Bremner, Joyce Bassett, Mary Layzell, Ruth Williams, Henry Davis, Peter Chapman, Iris Ferris, Catherine Luff, Margaret Turner, Judy Owen, Doris Franklin, Brenda Elson, Brenda Peebles, William Dixon, Shirley Bunce, Joy Bugg, John Todd, Pauline Wood, Betty Nicholls, Edward Lott, Pat Rowland, Edna Bennett, Alan Peebles, Brenda Harvey, Doreen Thompson, David Pilgrem, Edna Langley, Walter Gardener, Doris Crawford, Pamela Bryant, May Baxter, Tom Lott, Dennis Davis, Gladys Haydon, Anne Holloway, Eunice Skull, Carol Campbell, Stanley Crees, Dulcie Moorey, Charles Stevens, Dorothy Hamilton, Harry Eels, Celia Harvey, Gerald Hawes, E. Gee, Fred Saunders, Michael Bugg, David Jermyn, Joan Phipps, Colin Smith, Brian Smith, Letty Powell, Iris Gee, Derek Ball, Bertha Etheridge.

Commended: B. Clenshaw, Alec Mitchell, Edith Hollis, Jill Owen, Evelyn Todd, Audrey Bingham, Norman Saunders, Phyllis Bedwell, Shirley Jordan, Yvonne Simmons, Beryl McNeill, Edith Mayhew, Stanley Wright, Joan Brady, Neville Carrison, Maurice Dreweatt, Gwen Crees, Margaret Scrivener, Audrey Gardiner, Leonard Reckitt, Arthur Ellis, Norman Frendt, Patricia Weston, Lorna Jordan, Philip Parker, Marjorie Dean, William Lovitt, Jean Rhodes, Pat Norton, Joyce Eates, Peter Denton, Beryl Broomfield, June Brighty, Jean Lithgow, Sheila Butler, Iris Hayday, Audrey Sussex, Jean Birch, David Bysh, Maureen Cornelius, Leslie Budgen, Sylvia Weeks, Bernard Bamford, Fred White, Doreen Sussex, L. Noble, Donald Hughes, Josie Febbins, Jean Bridgestock, Sylvia Gillett, Irene Perryment, Joyce Pannell, Kitty Halson, Norma Saville, Margaret Tillman, Joan Bensley, Margaret Allen, Margaret Saunders, Mavis Cornelius, Margaret Gelberg, Doreen Arkell. Sent references only: Averil Shepherd, Helen Free, Joy Arney, Clifford Temple. Josephine Stokes sent an answer to the December Searcher. **Not for Competition:** The Misses Dorothy Best and Phyllis Loades.

Walthamstow heads the list this time. March came second, and Chadwell Street and Horham tied for the third place.

Good Deeds and Evil Men

Apr.	5	M	**Mark 3, 1-12**
	6	Tu	**Mark 3, 22-27**
	7	W	Mark 11, 27-33
	8	Th	John 10, 22-30
	9	F	John 10, 31-42
	10	S	Luke 20, 19-26
	11	Su	John 18, 31-40

Jesus and Evil Spirits

Apr.	12	M	**Mark 5, 1-10**
	13	Tu	**Mark 5, 11-20**
	14	W	Mark 9, 14-20
	15	Th	Mark 9, 21-29
	16	Fri.	Acts 16, 16-24
	17	S	1 John 4, 1-11
	18	Su	Eph. 6, 10-18

Healing for Young and Old

Apr.	19	M	**Mark 5, 21-35**
	20	Tu	**Mark 5, 36-43**
	21	W	John 5, 1-9
	22	Th	John 4, 46-54
	23	F	Acts 4, 13-22
	24	S	Mark 10, 13-16
	25	Su	Acts 9, 32-42

In a Desert Place

Apr.	26	M	**Mark 6, 31-36**
	27	Tu	**Mark 6, 37-46**
	28	W	Matt. 14, 13-21
	29	Th	John 6, 26-33
	30	F	John 6, 34-42
May	1	S	John 6, 43-51
	2	Su	John 6, 52-59

Healing by Word and Touch

May	3	M	**Mark 7, 24-30**
	4	Tu	**Mark 7, 31-37**
	5	W	John 9, 1-7
	6	Th	Matt. 8, 1-8
	7	F	Matt. 8, 9-17
	8	S	Mark 8, 22-26
	9	Su	Luke 17, 11-19

"Whom do ye say that I am?"

May	10	M	**Mark 8, 27-38**
	11	Tu	Matt. 16, 13-20
	12	W	John 14, 1-10
	13	Th	John 8, 51-59
	14	F	John 7, 33-43
	15	S	Acts 8, 26-31
	16	Su	Acts 8, 32-40

Glory and Suffering

May	17	M	**Mark 9, 1-10; 30-32**
	18	Tu	Matt. 16, 21-28
	19	W	Luke 9, 28-36
	20	Th	Heb. 12, 1-6
	21	F	Isa. 52, 7-15
	22	S	2 Tim. 2, 1-12
	23	Su	Phil. 2, 5-11

Who is the Greatest?

May	24	M	**Mark 9, 33-41**
	25	Tu	Mark 9, 42-50
	26	W	**Mark 10, 35-45**
	27	Th	Luke 14, 7-14
	28	F	John 13, 1-8
	29	S	John 13, 9-17
	30	Su	Matt. 5, 13-19

Solomon and a Queen

May	31	M	**1 Kings 10, 1-10**
June	1	Tu	1 Kings 10, 11-20
	2	W	Luke 4, 14-22
	3	Th	Psa. 45, 1-8
	4	F	Psa. 45, 9-17
	5	S	Rom. 6, 16-23
	6	Su	Rev. 7, **9-17**

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KOYEMBEDU (1).

By Missionary D. A. Thrower, Kilpauk, Madras.

Here is the first of six articles, which come from the Madras field, to tell our boys and girls about the school and the work at the village of Koyembedu. They are written by the kind help of our missionary, Mr. D. A. Thrower, and he himself writes the first article. We hope that you will read these articles with interest and it is hoped to follow them up with some articles from another of our fields. The picture was specially taken for this article.



Koyembedu new school building with teachers and pupils. The school garden, in full bloom, is seen in the foreground. Behind the building and on the left of the picture you can just see the river.

LET us take a trip to Koyembedu, one of the outstations of the Madras Field. Leaving the Mission House compound (which is only another name for the land attached to a house) we turn to the right, cross a narrow bridge over a stream, again turn right, and then take the right at a sharp fork, and reach the Kilpauk Post Office. Proceeding past the Post Office we soon find ourselves in the Poonamallee High Road, about a mile from our headquarters. We turn to the right when we reach this main road,

and after that enjoy a magnificent concreted surface all the way to Koyembedu, the whole journey being slightly less than four miles. Beyond Koyembedu the road goes on to Poonamallee and eventually to the city of Bangalore, some 200 miles from Madras. (See the S.B.M. Atlas.) Before we reach the village of Koyembedu we are sure to meet plenty of bullock carts laden with bricks and tiles, as the place does a big trade in these things, which are made there. The tiles on the roof of the Mission House at Kilpauk were probably made at this village.

The School.

The name "Koyambedu" means, in Tamil, "The village of guavas." Apparently the place was formerly noted for the guava fruit; hence its name. The village consists of two sections or "streets," as they are sometimes called. One section is occupied by caste Hindus, while the other—the outcaste quarter—is peopled by Mohammedans, outcaste Hindus and Christians. The chief occupations of the people are agricultural and brick-making. The Mission school is conducted in two classrooms situated on either side of the main road in the outcaste quarter. The two plots of land on which the school stands were bought in the year 1913, and missionary work has been going on in this village ever since that time. For about 25 years the school was held in an old building on the southern side of the road, but eventually its strength increased so much that a new building had to be erected on the plot across the road. This school is now a flourishing institution with standards one to five, run by two devoted, trained and experienced teachers.

The Church.

Sometimes the headmaster goes out into the neighbouring villages to preach the Gospel before school starts in the morning, and we have many times taken part in this work, selling Tamil Bible portions and distributing tracts to the people who gather. As a result of the preaching and of the Scripture teaching in the school (during the week and on Sundays), some of the villagers soon began to take an interest in the Christian religion and to enquire about the way of salvation. This resulted in a small group of Christians being gathered together. There was, however, a great deal of opposition to the Gospel in this village, and for a long time nearly all the Christians dropped back into heathenism one by one. A few years ago, however, the little group began to grow more steadily, so that to-day, in spite of deaths and removals, there are 27 people living in Koyembedu and the near-by villages who are members of the Strict Baptist Church. They have made a public confession of faith in the Saviour by immersion in the river that flows a few yards from the school, or in the baptistry at Ayanapuram chapel.

In subsequent articles Mr. Orchard and Mrs. Thrower will tell you more about the work that is going on in Koyembedu.

LETTER FROM DR. RUTH HARRIS.

Dear Boys and Girls,

It seems a long time since I wrote to you. When I think of the Coolie Lines in Jedarpalayam, for which we prayed and which we have been allowed to use, I sometimes think of you, and it is just that which has prompted me to write. Though we have had the use of these buildings for some time, they have scarcely been used, because they stand away from other buildings. People here, not knowing Christ, are very much afraid of devils and all kinds of fears, which never enter our heads. They do not like to be away from other people.

Two weeks ago a woman came to us from a town, about 20 miles away, suffering with much pain in one of her eyes, so much so, that she could not sleep at nights. Two months ago she had injured her eye, and when we looked at it, we knew that it would never be of use to her again. We explained it all to her, and told her that nothing but an operation would save her from months of pain. So we operated, and she stayed for a week. May she not forget the One of Whom she heard while staying there.

Our boys' Sunday School is still going strong. We are teaching the boys some new hymns, and we are now using a tambourine as well as cymbals, so the singing goes with a swing and they enjoy it. After all, we should enjoy singing, should we not? I hope you do. If we can sing with our hearts as well as our voices, then we most surely will. We are studying the same subjects, Sunday by Sunday, as a good many of you are, so you can imagine us all sitting round on the floor and mats, reading in Tamil what you are reading in English.

With best wishes to you all,

R. M. HARRIS.

AN INDIAN PRODIGAL SON.

By Mrs. Champion, Sendamangalam.

WE all know the story of the Prodigal Son, but I had not expected that it might again happen, as it did in the Bible story, until a while ago.

A boy whom we know was in the Hostel. His brother had joined up and was a soldier, as were several brothers of the other boys. After talking and planning, four boys ran away to join up, and the boy about whom we are writing was one of them. As soon as the father heard that they had gone, he sent his only remaining son off in a great hurry after them, in order to bring them back. In the meantime, the mother, who had been away from home, returned wailing and lamenting, but about whom do you think she was so anxious? Not the first boy who had run away, but his brother who had gone

after him was the one about whom the mother worried. This brother lived at home and, inspite of the fact that he really wanted to join up, he had not done so, because his parents were alone. Now the mother was really grief-stricken for she was sure that, once the boy got away and saw all the soldiers, he would join up at once. She did not eat, but sat about wailing. "How can I eat when I have lost all my sons?" This was all she would say when I spoke to her.

The next day the mother was outside our compound when, through the back door, came the son, followed by the four now very shamed-faced lads. The mother could hardly grasp the good news at first, but, when she did, old woman as she is, she ran, with great sobbing breaths, crying out, "My son, my son." And to which son did she run? Not the runaway son, she never gave him a glance, oh, no! She ran to the son who had stayed at home. Over him she now sobbed and wept and lamented for joy that he had returned. The runaway son is still going about with a shamed-faced look and no one takes much notice of him, but the other boy is a real hero.

We know that our precious Saviour did not tell the story like this. We also know that He freely forgives those who do wrong things and welcomes them to Him if they are sorry. This boy knows that he did a silly thing, but, for all that, it will be a long time before they really forgive him. If we do a wrong thing and ask forgiveness from the Saviour, we are forgiven at once.

WORDS OF LIFE.

Do you know what Life is or where it comes from? At this time of the year every little bit of England is bursting with life—every field is springing to life with the fresh green of growing crops, every hedgerow puts on its dress of living green behind which the birds hide their nests, the air is full of millions of insects about which few people know very much, but each bears its word of life to the praise of God. And so, through all creation, life is throbbing higher and higher, through the lives of men, and women and children, up to the One from whom all life springs, as water springs from a fountain. We read of this glorious Being in the first chapter of John and verse four: "In Him, that is the Lord Jesus, was Life." Now as you do your Searcher, think of Him and praise Him for the Life which comes from Him and the Words of Life which He has spoken in the Holy Scriptures.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. The breath of life.
2. The tree of life.
3. The book of life.
4. The water of life.
5. The Word of life.
6. The path of life.

These words will be found in Genesis 2; Psalm 16; Philippians 4; 1st Epistle of John 1; Revelation 21; Revelation 22. Read the chapters very carefully and make a note of all the verses where you find the words. Write out your answers like this:—(*See next page.*)

1. The breath of life is found in ——
2. The tree of life is found in ——

and so on; in each case giving the books, chapters and verses where found. Then underneath your list write out in full the verse which answers Question 1.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Read through the following chapters also, and find these words:—

7. The bread of life.
8. The Prince of life.
9. The Spirit of life.
10. The promise of life.
11. The way of life.
12. The crown of life.

Jeremiah 21; John 6; Acts 3; Romans 8; 2 Timothy 1; James 1.

Write out the answers in the same way as the Lower Group, and then write out in full the verse which answers Question 12.

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 October, 1943, 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 an envelope (unsealed), bearing a PENNY stamp to UNCLE PETER, "OAKFIELD," GUILDFORD ROAD, BAGSHOT, SURREY. If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 2½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, JUNE 30th, 1943.

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.

Once again we have had a fine number of replies to the Searcher. There were 64 new searchers; and we would congratulate Chesham on the splendid effort that they made to reach the highest number of entries. There were entries from two new Schools—Notting Hill Gate and Strood. Here are the names, in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1. Iris Raper, aged 14, Walthamstow.
2. Ruby Hawes, aged 12, Horham.

Very Highly Commended: George Abbott, Amy Hawes, Peter Jermyn, Ruth Trevethick, Eleanor Parker, Muriel Wilding, Kathleen Cleary, Margaret Cockbill, Eileen Bawden, Eileen Brownrigg, Florence Hamilton.

Highly Commended: Valerie Cole, Gladys Rayner, Norman Carter, Pamela Whittaker, Barbara Holmes, Thelma Trickery, Hazel Brownrigg, Harry Baxter, Andrew Layzell, Vera Clear, Peter Marshall, Beatrice Newstead, Kathleen Walshaw, Violet Clear, Stephen Toms, Grace Dickenson, David Glover, Ruth Jaegar, Edna Pawsey, Elizabeth Sandifer, Beryl Young, Olive Till, P. Wilkinson, Joan Taylor, Fred Pheby, Audrey Gibbs, Dorothy Clarke, Jean Etheridge, Pamela Dickenson, Eva Grimwood, Jean Hover, Iris Rhone, Janet Christie, Doreen Luff, Gladys Carpenter, Edward Hughes, Irene Harding, Iris Mouqué, Peter Bugg, Dorothy Pankhurst, Daphne Luddington, Muriel Bull, June Pearce, Audrey Skinner, Jean Cook, David Church, Peter Ellins, Joan Felgate, Freda Hare, Doreen Williams, Susie Collins, Lilian Cato, Betty Rhone, Vera Mansfield, Joan Brightwell, Hilda Grimwood, Mary Cattermole, Rosalie Poole, L. Christie, Florence Carpenter, Jillian Sherman, E. Watson, Peter Bysh, Catherine Lambert, Keith Wooton, Audrey Etheridge, Audrey Holloway, Barbara Milton, Margaret Crawford, Sylvia Gladstone, Oliver Toms, a Paper from

Dagenham without name, Iris Humphreys, Margaret Endersby, Vera Osbourn, Jean Bathe, Stanley Moles, Helen Cooper, Gwen Le May, Gladys Kemp, Doris Braddy, Mavis Cornelius, Mary Maskell, Josephine Stokes, D. Lithgow, Annie Pope, Joyce Cornelius.

Commended: T. Tavener, Phyllis Churchill, John Bryant, Reginald Robinson, Maisie Catling, P. Rose, Edward Rengert. Answered Upper Group only: Peggy Arnold, David Scrivener, Charles Stevens, Doreen Hodges, Emily Versey, Daphne Versey. Answered Lower Group only: Kenneth Hill, Audrey Barber. Sent references only: Joan Wales.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1. Eileen Culliford, aged 8, Park Ridings S.S., Wood Green.

2. Betty Nicholls, aged 11, Chelmsford S.S.

Special Mention: Joyce Raper, Kevan Skinner, Gwendoline Morgan, Peter Rengert, Myrtle Simmons, Ivy Scott, Winifred Manfield, Margaret Nicholson, David Gower, Shirley Bunse, Anette Baker, Sheila Brown.

Very Highly Commended: Derek Ball, Ian Warden, Brenda Bourne, Dennis Davis, Mary Kendall, Florence Mackenzie, Eunice Pilgrem, Doreen Quy, Margaret Turner, Joyce Willimer, Mary Saunders, Lydia Endersby, Andrey Preece, Roy Adams, Michael Bugg, Peggy Cooper, John Pankhurst, Raymond Cooper, Mary Emmerson, Peter Flitton, David Rayner, Mildred Goodwin, Margaret Preece, Muriel Stannard, Hazel Pankhurst, Eileen Lawrence, Roy Leaver, Thomas Hambling, Gerald Frost, Doris Franklin, Doreen Crawley, Doris Crawford, May Baxter, Doris Maynard.

Highly Commended: Beryl King, Pearl Warne, Geoffrey Ince, Cyril Bradshaw, Jean Birch, E. Gee, Doris Galloway, Dulcie Moorey, Ruth Surridge, Carol Campbell, Joy Arney, Jean Hughes, Beryl Prior, Zeta Abbs, Brian Bartlett, David Jermyn, John Hudson, Sylvia Harrison, Michael Ellens, Brian Dean, Janet Hagger, Brenda Randall, Dorothy Rayner, Edith Spicer, Mary Miller, Margaret Jaegar, Kathleen King, June Feast, Bertha Etheridge, W. Dixon, Peter Chapman, Betty Brett, Violet Harding, Hilda Hawes, Gillian Spencer, Peter Perkins, Doreen Thompson, Jean Palmer, Pearl Mitchell, Joan Mercer, Leonard Pawsey, Kathleen Perkins, John Ellins, June Bamford, John Cockbill, Yvonne Frost, Marion Thompson, Alec Game, Dorothy Hamilton, Maurice Dreweatt, Harry Eels, Joy Bugg, Alan Webb, Alan Cutmore, Mary Appleby, Fred Saunders, Margaret Leete, D. Sussex, Joan Moss, Joan Bensley, Nancy Barber, William Sandifer, David Pilgrem, Gerald Cooper, Janet Cockbill, Celia Harvey, Alan Hughes, Iris Gee, Mary Layzell, Henry Davis, Barbara Holt, Peter Hover, Kathleen Moss, Margaret Bridgestock, Victor Grimwade, Molly Faulkner, William Mackenzie, Doreen Edwards, William Brown, Sydney Stearne, Donald Hughes, Brenda Elson, Brian Clenshaw, Margaret Simmons, Joan Robinson, David Bysh, Valerie Hewett, Elsie Wright, John Smith, Judy Owen, Lilian Leatherby, Margaret Burdon, Janice Arnold, Robert Jupp, Catherine Luff, Fred White, Bernard Bamford, Sylvia Gillett, Jean Lithgow, Sylvia Weeks, Gwendoline Davies, Marjorie Dean, Audrey Sussex, Peter Arnold.

Commended: Connie Barr, Eunice Sawyer, John Wilson, Joan Pike, William Lovitt, Pat Potter, Patricia Robertson, Gwen Perryment, Alec Mitchell, Margaret Scrivener, Maureen Cornelius, Joyce Hill. The following gave the wrong answer to Question 5: Reggie Catling, Ruth Williams, Barbara Bugg, June Sawyer, Joan Osborne, Thelma Lott, Beryl Broomfield, E. Lloyd, Tom Lott, Dorothy Giles, Alan and Brenda Peebles, Moreen Bailey, Grace Catling, Edward Lott, Vera Barber. The following sent references only: Phyllis Carter, Muriel Carter, Mary Atkins, Dorothy Charge, Rita Green, Marion Green. Not for Competition: Miss Dorothy Best.

Walthamstow heads the list, with Chesham second, and March, third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I was very interested in a story which I heard recently of a gentleman, who was travelling in the Southern United States of America. He was in that part of the country where there are many negroes, the same people as those we hear about in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Every Friday he used to go to the Post Office to collect his letters and was surprised, whenever he went, to see so many of these negroes waiting around the Office. He asked the Post Master why they did it, even though there were never any letters for them; and he was told that they came each Friday in order to claim the same privilege as the white man, by calling for letters at the Post Office. Now, this gentleman was a Christian man, and so he asked the Post Master for some of the names of these negroes. Upon his return to his own home town he wrote letters to be called for at the Post Office, and told these men of God's message of love to all the nations, of whatever race and whatever the colour of their skin. Soon afterwards he received a reply from one of them, and it read like this:—

"Dear Massa,

"I'se glad to have your letter, but why didn't you write it before? I'se so glad to hear about the Lord Jesus and His wonderful love. I've waited twenty years for your letter telling me about Him, and am now an old man. Oh! why didn't you write to me about Him before."

That old man might have died without ever hearing of the Lord Jesus. Was it not worth while to send him that letter? And is it not worth while, boys and girls, for us to send word by our missionaries to the millions of India, many of whom are dying without knowing the Lord Jesus, without hope and without God in the world?

I was pleased to receive letters from: Janet Christie, Gwen Davies, Doreen Edwards, Donald Hughes, Barbara Milton, Muriel (Oldham), Alan and Brenda Peebles, Peter Perkins, Myrtle Simmons, Thelma Tavener, Thelma Trickery, Joyce Willimer and Elsie Wright. Also these friends kindly wrote letters which I acknowledge with thanks: Mr. J. Christie (glad to hear of increases), Mrs. L. Luff (thank you for suggestion), Pastor B. Mutimer, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Stockbridge, Miss R. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge, Miss Muriel Westcott, and Miss Phyllis T. Wright.

May the Lord abundantly bless each one of our schools and all who work in them for His sake.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

The Disobedient Prophet				Naboth's Vineyard				Blind Eyes Opened			
June	21	M	1 Kings 13, 1-10	July	12	M	1 Kings 21, 1-10	Aug.	2	M	Mark 10, 46-52
	22	Tu	1 Kings 13, 11-22		13	Tu	1 Kings 21, 11-19		3	Tu	John 9, 1-12
	23	W	1 Kings 13, 23-34		14	W	Josh. 7, 19-26		4	W	John 9, 13-25
	24	Th	2 Kings 23, 14-20		15	Th	Exod. 20, 12-21		5	Th	John 9, 26-38
	25	F	Prov. 1, 10-19		16	F	Luke 12, 13-21		6	F	Psa. 119, 17-24
	26	S	1 Sam. 15, 22-29		17	S	1 Tim. 6, 1-11		7	S	Eph. 1, 15-23
	27	Su	Titus 3, 1-8		18	Su	Psa. 119, 33-40		8	Su	Acts 26, 13-20
Asa King of Judah				**A Disguised King**							
June	28	M	1 Kings 15, 9-15	July	19	M	1 Kings 22, 1-10				
	29	Tu	1 Kings 15, 16-24		20	Tu	1 Kings 22, 11-23				
	30	W	2 Chron. 14, 1-8		21	W	1 Kings 22, 24-31				
July	1	Th	2 Chron. 14, 9-15		22	Th	1 Kings 22, 32-40				
	2	F	2 Chron. 6, 7-14		23	F	2 Chron. 18, 28-34				
	3	S	Psa. 72, 1-10		24	S	2 Kings 9, 17-26				
	4	Su	Psa. 72, 11-20		25	Su	2 Cor. 6, 11-18				
God Saves Israel				**The Way to Heaven**							
July	5	M	1 Kings 20, 1-12	July	26	M	Mark 10, 17-22				
	6	Tu	1 Kings 20, 13-21		27	Tu	Mark 10, 23-31				
	7	W	1 Kings 20, 22-30		28	W	John 14, 1-10				
	8	Th	Exod. 14, 13-22		29	Th	Heb. 10, 16-25				
	9	F	Exod. 14, 23-31		30	F	Prov. 16, 17-25				
	10	S	Psa. 71, 1-12		31	S	Rom. 5, 1-8				
	11	Su	Psa. 46, 1-11	Aug.	1	Su	Rev. 21, 21-27				

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2. KOYEMBEDU SCHOOL.

By Missionary E. Orchard, Madras.

THE first day at School. What a picture that brings to our minds! New people, new things to do, and, best of all, new playmates. My first contact with Koyembedu school was on such a day. Many little boys and girls had come to school for the first time. Most were crying, and those who managed to keep back their tears were not very happy! What a dreary beginning, you will say, but, see those children now and you would be surprised at their joy.

The Buildings.

The school is housed in two oblong buildings. Boys and girls in Standards I and II occupy the smaller one. The other building, which is much larger, is for Standards III to V. The walls of both buildings are decorated with all manner of aids to learning, and mottoes, such as "Rise early and worship God." The children in the small school sit on low planks of wood, but the larger building is supplied with benches.

The Scholars.

What about the children, you will say. Well, here comes Kembu, a curly-headed girlie. See, her slate and primers are slung over her shoulder. She has to study when she can, for often after school she is out after dark calling the cattle home. Her home is a poor mud hut. In the distance goes Narayanaswami. He is seldom late, and is always ready with his home work. He is in Standard IV. He lives in a small brick-built house, which has only two rooms. Then you may meet Mercy, who belongs to one of the Christian families in the village. Her father is a member of the church. Over the way is Abdul. His name tells you that he is a Mohamadan. So you see, Hindu (caste and outcaste), Christian, and Mohamadan children all settle happily in school and learn to work and play together.

The Syllabus.

On the wall outside the school is a big card, Mr. Syllabus, who controls the work of the school. "The day's work," he says, "must commence with prayer and Scripture lesson." Then he demands "Arithmetic," and, rather less gloomily, "Handicrafts." After that he smiles and allows the children to play. The next lesson, we discover, is Science. This means, chiefly, the science of keeping clean and healthy. Having seen this done, he announces, "Home." At 2 o'clock the children must do Tamil Composition, and at 2.45, Dictation. Last of all, he says weightily, "Moral Instruction." This really means another Scripture lesson. So, day by day, the children work at his behest.

The Teachers.

Come to school at opening time and you will hear a chorus of "Good morning, Sir!" Let us meet the teacher and his wife. These two friends have about 65 children in their care. The man's name means "Jewel of the Scriptures" and that of his wife, "Amethyst." These are two beautiful names. Please pray that the Lord Jesus may help these teachers to shine like gems, and bring glory to His Name.

I was speaking one day to a group of young men, and I asked them where they first heard of the Lord Jesus. Immediately the answer came, "In the school during Bible lesson." This is the result for which we look. Praise the Lord for all those boys and girls who have grown up to love Him through hearing the Gospel story in Koyembedu School, and pray that many more may be brought to know Him as their own Saviour.

"FORBID THEM NOT, FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

By Miriam E. Wilkins, Kolli Hills.

A REQUEST came from a missionary on the plains: "Can you take in two unwanted children? I have tried to find a home for them, but no one will take them. The boy is five, the girl is eleven, no one will take the boy and we do not want to part them, as they are brother and sister."

Janaky and Danish Kodai came from a Hindu home, sister and brother. Their father (a Hindu) married a second time, after the mother of these two children had died. The other wife was not willing to look after Janaky and Danish and wanted to turn them out of the house; she was often very angry with them; so a new home must be found for them. Janaky was attending the Roman Catholic school, but the father pleaded with a London Missionary to take them away. She tried at several places, but no one would take in the boy as well as the girl. At last, hearing about the hostel here, she wrote asking us. I felt we ought to take in these two homeless children; perhaps the Lord had a purpose in sending them here, and would bring them to Himself. So I wrote telling the missionary to send them. After some days, with the help of Dr. Harris, the children arrived.

Kodai wanted pocket-money.

Little Danish Kodai looked the picture of mischief! He wanted all he could see! His father kept a shop, and every day he went in and helped himself, so he rather missed all these good

things. He thought he could have pocket-money every day and spend it as he liked in the little shop here. They brought ten annas with them, but with such an appetite, that didn't last long, and I can tell you his sister didn't have very much of it! He soon found his money bag was empty. What could he do now? He thought he would try the missionary, but the missionary could not give him pocket-money every day, he could only have it when the others had it every Saturday! Poor little chap, this was VERY hard! Each morning when he came to school, I heard the same tale, "Karsu," which is a small amount of money. Each time I had to say, "On Saturday"; he looked very sad and went off to school. This, having failed, he tried on the oranges in the garden, and asked, "Oranges?" but he found this too failed. However, he has settled down now, and doesn't ask me for anything! Of course, he is still glad when Saturday comes along, and he gets his "karsu"!

Janaky wanted her Daddy.

Janaky, being older, has not found it quite so easy to settle in. She loves her father very much and often she pines for him. He promised he would come to see her, but he has not kept his promise. I don't think it would be good for her if he did, it would unsettle her; so some days we see her with tears in her eyes and trickling down her cheeks. She is not very strong, and since being here she has had several attacks like fits. Whether these are real fits or the work of Satan, we are not sure, but we know he will not give her up easily. Now she is asking the Lord Jesus to deliver her from these attacks, and we trust He will, so there may be no hindrance to her studies. She seems quite a clever girl, and longs to be a doctor.

What Kodai and Janaky both need.

As they both came from a Hindu home, they had not heard of a Saviour or about the Lord Jesus Christ, and one who can save from sin. The other day Janaky said, "I have been such a sinner, and want the Lord Jesus to cleanse me from all my sins." I hope, after the May leave, she will be able to go and study in our Hostel at Sendamangalam, and by then I expect her brother will have to be transferred to the Boys' Hostel.

We do not know what the future holds for these two, but one thing we desire is that, while here, they both may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own Saviour and Lord. Boys and girls, you who have Christian homes and loving Christian parents, will you pray for these two? Pray that the Lord will save them, and guide them in all the future days. Pray, too, for their father still in Hinduism.

ANNIVERSARY DAY AT NAMAKAL.

By Beatrice Mowle, Namakal.

THE children had been looking forward for many weeks to their second Sunday School anniversary and had been asking such questions as, "Amma, which Sunday are we going to have special hymns? Will it be the same as we had last year?" At last the important day arrived. The children were all early at the chapel, looking so fresh and clean. A happy procession marched from the bungalow to the chapel singing lyrics, the little children waving red, blue, green and yellow flags. As we went along, some of us prayed that this witness might attract others to our place of worship. We were not disappointed; for several people stood in the porch of the chapel during the service. The service opened with praise and prayer, followed by portions of scripture which the children had learnt during the previous year.

The address.

Mr. A. J. Morling told the story of "burying the hatchet" and "smoking the peace pipe," as practised amongst the Red Indians, drawing from it suitable lessons for old and young. May the Lord Jesus help us to bury the weapons which belong to Satan and say "No" to such sins as speaking unkindly of others, jealousy, anger, and pride. As Mr. Morling finished his address we were led to think of that beautiful verse, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." This verse is found in the Psalms, perhaps some of you would like to find the Psalm and verse. Are your sins covered by the precious blood of Jesus? Is He your own personal Saviour and Friend?

THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD.

Many a farmer will be looking at his fields during this month with a look that you seldom see in the faces of townsfolk. It will be a look of contentment, a look of happiness, a look of memory, but, above all, a look of satisfaction. Looking at the gleaming harvest field he will rejoice in its plenty, while he, more than anyone else, will remember its emptiness before the crop was sown. For the moment, that farmer is satisfied with the fruit of his works.

In this Searcher we are to learn how the earth is satisfied. Perhaps you had never thought it needed satisfying, but the Bible tells us it does. Psalm 104, v. 13 says that "the Earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works." In other words, God's works are so wonderful that they all bear fruit, and that fruit (or harvest) is so abundant in all spheres that the earth murmurs, "It is enough: I am satisfied by God's hand."

All the answers to this Searcher will be found in the Book of Psalms. This is what we want you to do.

Lower Group, age under 12.

In each of the sentences given below some words have been purposely left out. In the **first** sentence **one** word is missing; in the **second** sentence, **two** words; and so on up to **six** words. Find the sentences and write them out, including and underlining the missing words, giving the number of the Psalm and the verse where found. (*See next page.*)

1. All thy works shall praise thee.
2. He made his works to be remembered.
3. All men shall declare the work of God.
4. Many are thy wonderful works.
5. Sing unto him; talk of all his wondrous works.
6. Let them declare his works with rejoicing.

The answers will be found in Psalms 145, 111, 64, 40, 105, 107.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

When you have found the answers to the Lower Group questions continue with these. Seven words are missing in Question 7, and so on, up to twelve.

7. I will praise thee; marvellous are thy works.
8. O, how manifold are thy works! the earth is full of thy riches.
9. I will speak of thy works.
10. That I may publish thy works.
11. I will shew forth thy marvellous works.
12. I remember all the work of thy hands.

The answers are in Psalms 139, 104, 145, 26, 9, 143.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prize winners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until December, 1943, 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 an envelope (unsealed), bearing a PENNY stamp to UNCLE PETER, "OAKFIELD," GUILDFORD ROAD, BAGSHOT, SURREY. If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 2½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, AUGUST 31st, 1943.

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RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

We are very pleased to see so many entries. It was the highest number that we have had for a June Searcher for several years. We welcomed the 49 scholars who sent in entries for the first time, and hope that we shall see your names regularly. The names are given in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Peter J. Wilkinson, aged 13, March S.S.
2, Dorothy Pankhurst, aged 14, Haywards Heath S.S.

Special Mention: Hilda Grimwood, Joan Taylor, Iris Raper, Janet Christie.

Very Highly Commended: George Abbott, Barbara Holmes, Eva Grimwood, Ruby Hawes, Margaret Hewitt, Thelma Trickey, Norman Carter, Stephen Toms, Dorothy Jackson, Betty Rhone, Hazel Brownrigg, Eileen Brownrigg, Florence Hamilton, Edward Hughes, Amy Hawes, David Church, Muriel Wilding, Andrew Layzell, Ruth Jaeger, Henry Baxter, Oliver Toms, Peter Bysh.

Highly Commended: Mary Cattermole, John Bryant, Peter Bugg, Evelyn Phillips, Grace Dickenson, Malcolm Wood, Pamela Whitaker, Pamela Dickenson, E. Watson, Patricia Young, Peter Ellins, Beatrice Newstead, Kathleen Walshaw, Doreen Luff, S. Marchmont, Ruth Trevethick, Annie Pope, Stella Horner, Valerie Cole, Freda Hare, Roy Leaver, José Simmonds, Peter Hover, Frances Williams, Rosalie Poole, June Pearce, Elizabeth Sandifer, David Clover, J. Miller, Beryl Young, Andrey M. Holloway.

Commended: Daphne Luddington, John Eagle, Betty Osborne, Audrey Gibbs, Olive Till, Joan Brightwell, Doreen Williams, Peter Rengert, Maisie Catling, Eileen Lawrence, Sylvia Gladstone, Josephine Stokes, Audrey

Skinner, Pearl Mitchell, Edward Rengert, G. Le May, Barbara Milton, Gladys Carpenter. Omitted verse in first part: Mavis Cornelius, Joyce Cornelius, Phyllis Churchill. Omitted verse in second part: Joan Reynolds, Barbara Balls, Joyce Brett. Omitted both verses: Peter Jermyn, Peter Marshall, Doreen Isaacs, Lawrence Christie, Audrey Barber, Betty Box. Answered Upper Group only: Betty Jones, Peter Birch, Edna Langley, Daphne Smith, Mair Richards, Ronald Oldham, Mary Peck, Kenneth Larnacroft, Irene Hubbard, Charles Stevens, Irene Charge, Barbara Evans, Barbara Parker, John Parker, Dulcie Moorey. Answered Lower Group only: Joan Pike.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Dorothy Rayner, aged 10, Stowmarket S.S.
2, Peter Chapman, aged 10, Akeman Street S.S. Tring.

Special Mention: Joyce Raper, Hazel Pankhurst, Donald Hughes, Anette Baker, Mary Hanks.

Very Highly Commended: Eileen Culliford, Margaret Nicholson, Sylvia Harrison, John Pankhurst, David Rayner, Hilda Hawes, Geoffrey Ince, Brenda Elson, Barbara Bugg, Mary Emmerson, Jean Hughes, Norman Jackson, Doreen Quy, Daphne Wilkins, Alan Hughes, Margaret Preece.

Highly Commended: Derek Ball, Graham Phillips, Joan Cattermole, Margaret Turner, Ruth Surridge, Janet Cockbill, Florence Mackenzie, Dennis Sparke, Catherine Luff, William Mackenzie, Joyce Willimer, Margaret Jaegar, David Wood, John Ellins, Doreen Hobbs, Michael Ellins, Kathleen King, Kenneth Wakefield, Pauline Wood, Jean Birch, David Bysh, Joan Brace, Celia Harvey, Kevan Skinner, David Gower, Gwendoline Morgan, Ivy Scott, Thelma Lott, Doris Franklin, A paper in red ink without name, John Smith, Alan Norman, Muriel Beckingham, P. Flitton, Eveline Kimber, Audrey Stater, Pearl Warne, Ian Warden, Alan Webb, Mavis Beckingham, Shirley Bunce, Eunice Pilgrem, Bertha Etheridge, Harry Eels, Margaret Poole, Ruth Punt, Jean Adams, Moreen Bailey, Irene Cross, Kathleen Moss, Joyce Hill, William Brown, Edna Bennett, Raymond Cooper, Marjorie Dean, Edith Spicer, Eunice Sawyer, Barbara Butler, David Pilgrem, Dorothy Webb, Brian Clenshaw, Annie V. Holloway, Joy Bugg, Joan Pollard, June Sawyer, Thomas Hambling, Judy Owen, May Baxter, Doris Maynard, Freda Worbey, Joan Mercer.

Commended: June Bamford, Bernard Bamford, Reggie Catling, Henry Davis, Nancy Barber, Brenda Bourne, Joy Arney, Phyllis Carter, Grace Catling, Gwen Perryment, William Sandifer, Olive Warne, Anthony Burchett, Sheila Brown, Dennis Davis, Vera Poole, Dorothy Giles, Betty Nicholls, Audrey Gardiner, Ruth Williams, Barbara Holt, Joan Brady, Maurice Dreweatt, A paper without name, Robert Jupp, Margaret Howell, Michael Bugg, Mary Miller, Alec Mitchell, Joan White, Dorothy Charge, C. Saunders, Vera Barber, Sylvia Adams, Janice Arnold, William Lovitt, A paper from Rose Cottage, Chesham, Muriel Carter, Patricia Norton, Queenie Saunders, Joan Moss, Mavis Kimber, Grace Halson, Hilda Burns, Donald Baldoch, an entry without name on grey paper, Margaret Burdon, Janet Hollands, Iris Taugh, Eileen Lloyd. The following omitted to write out the verse which answered Question 1: Muriel Stannard, David Jermyn, Myrtle Simmons, Margaret Simmons, Beryl Broomfield, Marion Chapman, Gwen Boyton, Olga Fielding, Mildred Goodwin, Rosemary Payne, Janet Hagger, Margaret Owen, Margaret Simmonds, Elsie Wright, Valerie Hewett, Kathleen Lawson, Brenda McGrath, Brian Stephenson, Pamela Read, Brenda Peebles, C. Griffiths, Joyce Langley, Irene Taylor, Jill Owen, G. Maley, Jean Cook, Freda Granger, Gwen Davies, Joyce Bassett, Alan Peebles, Doreen Mewett, Doreen Clayton, Josie Fibbins.

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

Chesham Sunday School heads the list this time, with March second and Walthamstow, third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Not long ago we were leaving the great Station at Waterloo, London, on a beautiful summer's evening. Across the River Thames the bright, rosy light of sunset was causing the great buildings to glow and made even London look like a magic city. But there was one horrible blot on it all. Outside the station, where once there had been a fine block of buildings, there lay a heap of broken bricks and rubble—all that was left of those buildings after they had been hit by a German bomb. This ruin and desolation spoilt the beauty and the loveliness of that summer sunset across and marred it all.

But then, as the train moved on, a very beautiful sight was seen. On a corner of that ruined building, right on top of a pile of rubble, there was growing a beautiful plant of Evening Primrose. Above the ruins, its beautiful butter yellow flowers caught the light of the setting sun and reflected heavenly glory on that ruinous scene. In this issue of "Rays" we read of many Indian boys and girls living amid the spiritual ruin of heathenism, spoilt and marred by the action of the enemy of souls. Many more there are who hear God's Word taught and read by our missionaries, and amid the ruin, the good seed falls. In some young hearts it finds an abiding place, where it may grow and blossom to reflect the heavenly glory of God's grace. They are "the seed which the Lord hath blessed . . . the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. . . . For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." These things may not be yet, but every life, whether in India or at home, that blossoms with the grace of the Lord Jesus is a foretaste of that happy day for which we all look.

May I welcome Chesham to the honourable place at the head of the list and congratulate them, too, for they will need to hold to it if March and Walthamstow are to be prevented from overtaking them. I was very pleased to receive letters from: Eileen Culliford, Florence Hamilton, Sylvia Harrison, Ruby Hawes, Eveline Kimber, Ivy Scott, Muriel Stannard, Thelma Trickey (glad to hear your good news), Pamela Whitaker, Muriel Wilding and Elsie Wright. Also I should like to thank the following friends for their letters: Mr. John Baker, Mr. J. Christie, Mr. R. J. Davis, Pastor P. Goodge, Miss E. L. Knight, Miss G. Piggott, Pastor J. Stockbridge, Miss R. Taylor and Mr. W. K. Trowbridge.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

Blind Eyes Opened

Aug.	2	M	Mark 10, 46-52
	3	Tu	John 9, 1-12
	4	W	John 9, 13-25
	5	Th	John 9, 26-38
	6	F	Psa. 119, 17-24
	7	S	Eph. 1, 15-23
	8	Su	Acts 26, 13-20

A Triumphal Procession

Aug.	9	M	Mark 11, 1-11
	10	Tu	Psa. 96, 1-13
	11	W	Zech. 9, 9-17
	12	Th	Luke 19, 29-40
	13	F	Jude 14-21
	14	S	John 12, 12-19
	15	Su	Rev. 1, 7-16

Wicked Husbandmen

Aug.	16	M	Mark 12, 1-12
	17	Tu	Psa. 118, 21-29
	18	W	Isa. 5, 1-7
	19	Th	2 Chron. 24, 15-22
	20	F	Jer. 38, 1-6
	21	S	Jer. 26, 20-24
	22	Su	Acts 2, 22-28

True Giving

Aug.	23	M	Mark 12, 41-44
	24	Tu	Mark 14, 3-9
	25	W	2 Cor. 8, 1-12
	26	Th	2 Cor. 9, 1-7
	27	F	Prov. 11, 23-31
	28	S	Deut. 15, 7-11
	29	Su	Matt. 25, 31-40

Unfair Trials

Aug.	30	M	Mark 14, 53-65
	31	Tu	Mark 15, 1-8
Sept.	1	W	Mark 15, 9-15
	2	Th	Luke 23, 1-11
	3	F	Acts 6, 7-15
	4	S	Isa. 53, 1-6
	5	Su	Isa. 53, 7-12

An Offering of Sin

Sept.	6	M	Mark 15, 16-26
	7	Tu	Mark 15, 27-39
	8	W	Lev. 1, 1-9
	9	Th	Gen. 22, 3-14
	10	F	Exod. 12, 3-14
	11	S	Psa. 22, 11-21
	12	Su	1 Pet. 2, 17-25

"I am He that Liveth"

Sept.	13	M	Mark 15, 40-47
	14	Tu	Mark 16, 1-8
	15	W	Mark 16, 9-18
	16	Th	Job 19, 21-29
	17	F	1 Cor. 15, 12-20
	18	S	Luke 24, 13-24
	19	Su	Luke 24, 25-35

Miraculous Supply of Water

Sept.	20	M	2 Kings 3, 1-10
	21	Tu	2 Kings 3, 11-20
	22	W	2 Kings 3, 21-27
	23	Th	Ezek. 47, 1-9
	24	F	John 4, 7-15
	25	S	Exod. 17, 1-7
	26	Su	Rev. 22, 1-5; 17-21

The Widow's Oil

Sept.	27	M	2 Kings 4, 1-7
	28	Tu	Deut. 24, 17-22
	29	W	1 Kings 17, 8-16
	30	Th	Deut. 10, 17-22
Oct.	1	F	Psa. 68, 1-6
	2	S	Jas. 1, 22-27
	3	Su	Psa. 146, 1-10

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3. KOYEMBEDU.

By Missionary E. Orchard, Madras.

"For Young Men Only."



MEETING has been arranged to discuss a meeting." This "Bit-notice," as our Indian friends call it, produced lively discussion among the young men of Koyembedu, and there were many small meetings to discuss the bigger meeting, which was to talk about THE MEETING. This is the usual way for most young people's meetings to commence, and Koyembedu meeting was no exception to the rule. A men's meeting was the order of the day, so the missionary and all others who were interested gathered, and discussed the meeting, and decided to start one that week.

The Young Men's Society is conducted by a committee, who arrange all programmes and speakers. This committee sometimes has "Bright Ideas," which develop into museum nights or animal nights, or some other such night. On special occasions a Kalachebam will be arranged. This is a very popular service. The speaker on such an occasion is usually a good Tamil singer also. He will give a Gospel message in speech and song. Then, of course, there are plenty of Discussions, Praise and Testimony meetings, Gospel services, and so on.

The Meeting Grows.

At first only a few men gathered every Tuesday, but as time went on the meeting became more and more popular. As the interest grew so did the usefulness of the society. When the meeting had been in being for just over a year we had a big increase in our numbers. A meeting of young men who live in Tirumangalam joined us and brought new interest to the society. It was then arranged to hold the meetings alternately in Tirumangalam and Koyembedu. Everything went on happily and there was soon a demand for two meetings a week. The second meeting is now held on Saturdays. Each member of the society has the meeting in his house in turn. Please remember Tuesdays and Saturdays, for they are special days for Koyembedu young men.

Interest Grows.

When the meetings were first commenced the men were content to sit and listen and do nothing, but soon there arose a feeling that something ought to be done to share the good things which they received week by week. The natural step was for the society to take the news of good things to a nearby village called Virianbakkam. So, through the enthusiasm of the young men

and the great blessing of God, the society has grown in numbers and influence. At a recent meeting I counted members from seven different villages. Best of all, members of the society are coming forward for baptism and are joining the Church.

Usefulness Grows.

I was sitting by a young fellow who was dying of tuberculosis. We had been talking about the various meetings of the society which he had not been able to attend for many weeks, when he looked up and said, "Let the men come to my house on Saturday, for I do want my mother and father to know more about the Lord Jesus." Poor David had had a hard struggle, but the grit of struggle and disappointment had become a pearl in his life. He showed clearly that he loved Jesus and desired others to know Him, too. We miss David in the meetings, but we praise God that he and many other young men have found blessing, encouragement, and help in the services of the society.

LIVING SOULS AND THE LIVING SEED.

By Mrs. J. M. Brand.

WE started our journey before sunrise, but the workers in the field were up before us. They have risen long before it was light and, as we journeyed on, these tillers of the soil were all around us.

"See!" I cried, "They are harrowing right over the new springing crops! What a shame!"

"No," said my men, "it is best. They root out the weeds."

"But," I said, "surely they drag out the true plants, too?"

"No, they will not be hurt," they assured me.

The tender green blades lay crushed and flat upon the ground, but when I passed that way, a few days later, they were all standing upright, cleansed and free from weed. Even so it may be with our life. If all were smooth and pleasant, if at all times we had just what we liked, weeds of selfishness and of sin would grow in our life and the true seed of God's word would become choked. So God sends things to us that seem hard to bear, that disappoint us and make us cry to Him. It is His way of

cleansing our lives, of making His seed take deeper root in our life and, in the end, it becomes His way of blessing to us.

Here is another story. We were climbing down the steep track from the hills when suddenly I noticed a huge boulder in front of us, lying as if it had fallen from the height above. But the wonder of it was that, from its very centre, through a great jagged crack, a tree with strong, claw-like branches was growing, yes, and thriving, too. "See," I said, "this wonderful thing! A living seed must have fallen into this rock and, because it had life, it had power to break its way through. We have the Living Seed of God's Word with us. Can it not do still greater things here?"

Think on these things, boys and girls. The faith in Jesus, which may God give you, is like these living seeds. No trouble or hardness can kill this faith—rather will it grow deeper. No stony surroundings can destroy it, rather will faith grow through the hardest rock and take root and grow in Jesus Christ.

JEWEL'S STORY.

By the late Mrs. E. A. Booth.

BIBLEWOMAN ANNA and I had spent a long afternoon visiting in the caste quarter of Ayanapuram. It was time to go home, but something whispered to us, "Just one more house." In the last house were four people—an old man, two women and a boy. Three of them merely stared at us, but the younger of the two women, Jewel, was interested in what we said.

As we rose to go, Jewel got up and stood in the doorway. "Oh, wait," she cried, "I have something to tell you." And then, very earnestly, she said, "I want to be a Christian; take me away with you." Immediately a storm arose in the house: the elder woman scolded Jewel and, shouting angrily, rushed out into the street; the old father looked on sullenly. "Let her go," he said. "Three of my children have died and, if she becomes a Christian, she will be the fourth. When she leaves me I shall count her as one dead."

When the storm quieted down a little we heard the story of Jewel's life. Seventeen years before she had been as a little girl to our Mission School in Ayanapuram, and there a tiny seed had been sown in her young heart. She heard of the One True God and of His Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of sinners. She could not believe in her Hindu gods, and the worship in her home had no meaning for her. She had to go with her parents to Hindu temples and festivals, but it was not to worship. She only went to "see the fun."

When she was very young she was taken from the school and then, week by week for many years, one of our Biblewomen would come to her home, would teach her to read and would tell them the old, old story of Jesus and His love. Before long she gave up going to heathen temples, even to "see the fun." And then one day, the little seed which God had sown in her heart began to grow and there came into her heart a great longing and a great love. She knew then that Jesus had died for her sins, and she loved Him.

Now the heathen surroundings of her home began to make her feel very sad. She hated the idol worship, hated the language which she heard and the sights she saw. A voice within her told her that she must leave it all and become an open Christian. And then, pointing to her father and mother, she said, "They know it and now let me go away with you."

We sat there, as the darkness of the evening came on, looking from the angry face of the father to the wistful face of Jewel, and praying for her silently. Then the father said, "Teach my daughter some sense. If she wants to worship another God she must do so: how can I prevent her—but if you take her away from here she will be to me as one dead—dead." Jewel put her hand in mine and then, smiling sadly, said, "He does not understand. No one understands what is in my heart. But God knows."

As we left her we asked her to pray each day that God would guide her as to the next step which she would take. We told her that God would show her the way and she nodded brightly, and said, "He will."

BIBLE DAYS.

Each of us has special days—there is the day on which school breaks up, our birthday, Christmas Day and, for some of you, there is that happiest of all days on which you found the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour and Lord. May this day come to you each one.

We want you to search for some of the "days" mentioned in the Bible.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. A day of good tidings.
2. The Sabbath day.
3. A day of feasting and gladness.
4. The first day of the week.
5. The day of the Lord.
6. The day of trouble.

(*See next page.*)

Bible Searcher—Contd.

The answers will be found in Esther 9; 2 Kings 7; Exodus 20; Mark 16; Nahum 1; 1 Thessalonians 5; and you may find some of the days mentioned more than once, if you read very carefully. Write out your answers like this: A day of good tidings is found in . . . . ., and so on, in each case giving the book, chapter and verse where found. Then underneath your list write out **in full** the verse which answers Question 6.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

In addition to the above, find the answers to these questions and write them out in the same way, writing out **in full** the verse which answers Question 12.

7. The last day.
8. A good day.
9. The day of salvation.
10. The day of His coming.
11. The day of judgment.
12. The perfect day.

The answers are found in Esther 8; Proverbs 4; Malachi 3; John 6; 2 Corinthians 6; 1st Ep. St. John 4.

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RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

Several scholars mentioned that they thought there was a mistake in Question 1. You were quite right; instead of a word being left out, it was accidentally included. So everyone has received full marks for that question. We welcome 46 new searchers, and you will find all your names in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Eileen Brownrigg, aged 15, Woking.
2, Hazel Crisp, aged 13, Downe S.S.

Special Mention: Eileen Bawden, Muriel Wilding, Hazel Brownrigg, David Church, Margaret Faulkner, Florence Hamilton, Barbara Milton, Betty Osborne, Muriel Stannard, P. J. Wilkinson, Joan M. Taylor.

Very Highly Commended: Iris Raper, Pamela Dickenson, Eileen Lawrence, Edna Tyler, Harry Baxter, Barbara Butler, Beatrice Newstead, Norman Webber, Grace Dickenson, Eleanor Parker, Betty Rhone, Joan Brightwell, Kathleen Walshaw, Margaret Cockbill, Janet Christie, Susie Collins, Peter Jermyn, Sylvia Gladstone, George Abbott, Roy Leaver, Peter Marshall, Thelma Sanford, Beryl Young, Pamela Whitaker, Olive Till, June Pearce, Iris Humphreys, Valerie Cole, Kathleen Cleary.

Highly Commended: Gladys Kemp, Joyce Simmons, Dorothy Endersby, Eva Grimwood, Oliver Toms, Dorothy Jackson, Edward Hughes, Hilda Grimwood, Margaret Hewitt, Rosalie Poole, Joy Kimber, Evelyn Phillips, David Rayner, Joyce Bell, Ruby Hawes, Pamela Ward, Ethel Fawcett, Amy Hawes, Ruth Jaegar, Kathleen Smith, Dennis Wright,

Mary Cattermole, Freda Hare, Doreen Hobbs, Doreen Luff, Daphne Anderson, Margaret Burdon, Yvonne Johnson, Stephen Toms, Doris Maynard, Elizabeth Sandifer, Catherine Lambert, Edna Newland, Peter Bysh, Pamela Beadle, John Bryant, Annie Pope, T. Tavener, Dorothy Hamilton, Jenny Hooper, Betty Evans, L. Christie.

Commended: Charles Stevens, Florence Carpenter, Violet Todd, Audrey Barber, Peter Hover, Edna Lucas, Joan Wales, Phyllis Churchill. Answered Upper Group only: Jean Sibley, Margaret Rayner, Emily Versey, Thomas Hambling, Josephine Chaponel, Jean Rhodes, Janice Arnold. Answered Lower Group only: Margaret Cuthbert, Edith Hollis.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Michael Ellins, aged 8, "Zion" S.S., High Wycombe.
2, Doreen Quy, aged 9, Church Hill S.S., Walthamstow.

Special Mention: Eveline Kimber, Barbara Bugg, Jean Hughes, Mavis Kimber, Winifred Manfield, Margaret J. Nicholson, Ivy Scott.

Very Highly Commended: Florence Mackenzie, Gerald Roberts, Eileen Culliford, Alan Webb, Dennis Davis, Norman Jackson, Audrey Preece, Dorothy Rayner, Ruth Surridge, Geoffrey Ince, Alan Cutmore, Donald Rickard, Stephen Lacey, Kathleen Moss, Anne Holloway, Sylvia Harrison, Doris Franklin, Sheila Brown, Derek Ball, Mavis Beckingham, Margaret Poole, Jean Palmer, Joan Osborne, Ivy Johns, Olive Worne, Ian Warden, Marion Salter, Doreen Sanford, Margaret Leete, David Jermyn.

Highly Commended: Iris Faugh, Nancy Barber, Mildred Goodwin, Gwendoline Morgan, Elsie Rolfe, Margaret Preece, Brenda Elson, Colin Smith, John Crisp, Doreen Arkell, Joyce Willimer, William Mackenzie, Catherine Luff, Donald Hughes, Ruby Dawson, Hilda Hawes, May Baxter, Audrey Sussex, John Ellins, David Gower, Pearl Warne, Doreen Sussex, Moreen Bailey, Anette Baker, Lydia Endersby, Sheila Jewell, John Pardoe, L. Noble, Mary Emmerson, Peter Chapman, Freda Worbey, Stephen Heather, Alan Hughes, Derek Jessup, Joan Pollard, Margaret Scrivener, Irene Barker, Gwendoline Davies, Olga Fielding, Margaret Jaegar, Eunice Sawyer, Kathleen Perkins, Edith Spicer, Brian Clenshaw, Maurice Drewcatt, Mavis Tyrrell, Audrey Slater, Joan Cattermole, Muriel Beckingham, Valerie Hewett, Shirley Smith, Jean Mercer, Daphne Wilkins, Margaret Turner, Alan Peebles, Barbara Salmon, Bernard Bamford, Jean Birch, Robert Jupp, Patricia Norton, Keith Simmons, Joyce Raper, William Brown, Marjorie Dean, William Sandifer, Jean Adams, John Smith (Chadwell Street), John Cockbill, Brenda Peebles, Shirley Bunce, Joy Arney, Rosemary Payne, Brian Bartlett, Joan Pike, Hilda Burns, June Bamford, William Anderson, Shirley Rayner, Audrey Ryder, John Smith (Hadleigh), Sylvia Hill, John Donnelly, Edith Smith, Kathleen King, Peter Arnold, Phyllis Bedwell, John Bensley, David Bysh, Stanley Crees, Gwen Crees, Joan Chadwick, Olive Goodman, Denis Lucas, Margaret Smith, Pat Kennard, Edna Fawcett.

Commended: Wendy Lacey, Elsie Peploe, Dorothy Charge, Jean Harris, Grace Halson, Janet Cockbill, Mary Atkins, Victor Boxall, Judy Owen, Joan Robinson, Rita Green, Vera Barber, Joyce Hill, Muriel Carter, Frank Adams, Barbara Holt, Henry Davis, Brenda Bourne, Tommy Cuthbert, Frances Wilson, Doreen Pleasance, June Feast, Sylvia Adams, Phyllis Carter, Dorothy Williams, Sylvia Bruton, Dorothy Redding, Joyce Bassett, Fred Worsell, Eileen Lloyd, Evelyn Houghton. Omitted references: Charles Frimley, Betty White, Douglas Crees, David Bradding, Ruth Rochford, John Ettridge.

Not for Competition: The Misses Dorothy Best and E. Watson.

Chesham still heads the list, with Walthamstow second, and Chadwell Street, third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

The other day, in London, a very distinguished body of men met together to hear a speech by Field-Marshal Lord Wavell, who is very soon to go as Viceroy to India. This means that, although King George is Emperor of India, yet he has chosen Lord Wavell to go there and act for him in the king's place. Now, this is one of the greatest positions that any man can have, and only a really great man is chosen for this office. And so, Lord Wavell was telling the guests why it was that he was going to India. He said that he was carrying a kind of "handbag" of the mind and, one by one, he told what kind of things he was carrying in his "handbag." Very rightly, Lord Wavell said that the first thing was a real love for the people of India.

I wonder what our missionaries carry with them in the "handbag" of their mind, as they go to India. Perhaps we might guess one or two things. I think the first thing, on top of all, would be a great love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and a real desire to do what He would have them do. Then, like Lord Wavell, they, too, must have a love for the people of India. It would not do to go to India and leave that behind. We can easily love those who love us, but it is only as we love the Lord Jesus first, that we can learn to love those who do not love us. It is not easy to do this; and yet, if we are to be disciples of Jesus, we are called upon so to do, for "we love Him because He first loved us."

There are many other things in Lord Wavell's "handbag," and many others, too, in the "handbag" of a missionary. He has to find room for much Patience, a big hard lump of Perseverance, and all these things are wrapped around with much Prayer. If one of our missionaries should see this, perhaps he would like to tell us which he thinks most needful, and I am sure we should be glad to hear from him, for in one corner of the bag he also carries a Pen.

I was very pleased to receive the following letters from boys and girls:—

Anette Baker, Ruby Brown, Eileen Brownrigg (we shall miss your entries, Eileen), Hazel Crisp, Mary Emmerson, June Feast (two letters), Florence Hamilton, Stephen Heather, Iris Raper, Dorothy Rayner, Thelma Sanford (I hope both your brothers are well), Ivy Scott, Muriel Stannard and Peter J. Wilkinson.

My thanks are due to all who assist us in this work of bringing the Mission before the attention of the children.

May God be with you all.

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

The Shunammite's Son

Oct.	4	M	2 Kings	4, 8-17
	5	Tu	2 Kings	4, 18-30
	6	W	2 Kings	4, 31-37
	7	Th	1 Kings	17, 17-24
	8	F	Gen.	19, 9-15
	9	S	Luke	8, 49-56
	10	Su	1 Pet.	1, 1-9

Naaman's Leprosy

Oct.	11	M	2 Kings	5, 1-7
	12	Tu	2 Kings	5, 8-19
	13	W	2 Kings	5, 20-27
	14	Th	2 Chron.	26, 1; 15-21
	15	F	Mark	1, 40-45
	16	S	Num.	12, 1-8
	17	Su	Num.	12, 9-16

Blind Eyes Opened

Oct.	18	M	2 Kings	6, 1-7
	19	Tu	2 Kings	6, 8-16
	20	W	2 Kings	6, 17-23
	21	Th	Psa.	68, 11-19
	22	F	Psa.	91, 1-8
	23	S	Psa.	91, 9-16
	24	Su	Psa.	34, 1-8

Famine and Plenty

Oct.	25	M	2 Kings	7, 1-11
	26	Tu	2 Kings	7, 11-20
	27	W	Isa.	41, 11-20
	28	Th	Nahum	1, 6-15
	29	F	2 Kings	4, 38-44
	30	S	John	6, 5-14
	31	Su	Psa.	78, 12-20

Honest Workmen

Nov.	1	M	2 Kings	12, 1-8
	2	Tu	2 Kings	12, 9-16
	3	W	2 Kings	11, 1-12
	4	Th	2 Kings	11, 12-31
	5	F	Rom.	12, 10-18
	6	S	Luke	16, 1-10
	7	Su	Luke	19, 12-19

The Temple Re-opened

Nov.	8	M	2 Chron.	29, 1-11
	9	Tu	2 Chron.	29, 17-24
	10	W	2 Sam.	7, 1-11
	11	Th	1 Kings	8, 10-20
	12	F	Luke	19, 41-48
	13	S	John	2, 13-22
	14	Su	Rev.	21, 10; 21-27

A King's Mistake

Nov.	15	M	2 Kings	13, 1-7
	16	Tu	2 Kings	13, 8-13
	17	W	2 Kings	13, 14-19
	18	Th	2 Kings	13, 20-25
	19	F	Matt.	17, 14-21
	20	S	John	14, 6-14
	21	Su	Col.	3, 16-25

Jerusalem Defended

Nov.	22	M	2 Chron.	32, 1-8
	23	Tu	2 Chron.	32, 9-15
	24	W	2 Chron.	32, 16-23
	25	Th	Job	5, 1-12
	26	F	Psa.	44, 1-8
	27	S	Isa.	45, 11-17
	28	Su	Isa.	45, 18-25

A King's Prayer

Nov.	29	M	2 Kings	20, 1-7
	30	Tu	2 Kings	20, 8-13
Dec.	1	W	2 Kings	20, 14-21
	2	Th	Isa.	38, 1-8
	3	F	Isa.	38, 9-22
	4	S	Psa.	34, 1-10
	5	Su	Psa.	34, 11-22

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FROM RAYS THE EAST

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



Sunderie looks worried about her Christmas gift. Will she receive one?
You can cheer her up by putting her gift in the Christmas envelope enclosed.

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4. KOYEMBEDU.

The Women's Meeting.

By Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Madras.

"God called unto him and said 'Moses, Moses'."
"The Lord called 'Samuel, Samuel'."
"And Jesus said unto her 'Martha, Martha'."

IN the previous issue mention was made of David, a lad of Koyembedu, who received a call from God. He responded to that call and felt saddened that his parents, brothers and sisters did not hear it too. Sometimes, we who look on, wonder why our Lord Jesus Christ calls people one by one. It would be so much easier if a whole family could become Christians together. I think God is calling constantly, but only those who hear that loving call feel their need. During David's life-time, he was the only one of his family to become a Christian, but since his death both his mother and sister have come regularly to the women's meeting and shown interest in the Gospel message. They are beginning to hear God's still small voice.

A good place in which to seek Jesus.

Dhanam has the same difficulties as David had to face. The language of her heart concerning the House of God is:—

"I have been there and still would go
'Tis like a little heaven below."

Although she is 17 years of age she gladly takes her place beside girls of eight or ten. The women's meeting once a week is not enough for her, so she comes to the children's meeting, too. She longs to attend Divine worship on Sundays, but her parents will not allow her to do so.

Gathering around Jesus' Word.

Esther, the sewing mistress, has conducted women's meetings for years. At first she used to go to different places in turn, which meant that a village like Koyembedu only got a meeting once in two or three months. Still, that was a good beginning for women who were not used to attending meetings at all. The cup of tea and biscuit were an attraction, and I have seen a mother share these with a couple of children by her side, and then hand the last drop to a child waiting outside. Naturally, the mothers, none of whom could read, did not learn much. Later, however, when girls were converted in the Kilpauk sewing class (of which Esther is the mistress) and they wanted some Christian work to do, they went with their teacher to these meetings. Koyembedu was chosen as a centre for weekly meetings and the refreshments limited to once a month. This resulted in a much smaller and more orderly class, and our Saviour began His work of calling His

children one by one. This development is quite recent, so there is not yet much to report regarding it.

Witnessing for Jesus.

This class has often seen the first efforts of a newly-saved soul to do something for her Saviour. First of all, the hesitant recital of a text, then the reading of a portion of Scripture or the offering of a short prayer. Later, when some of the girls had returned from the Paniadipatti Bible School, they found themselves able to give a short message. Thus these girls learned many precious lessons as they sought to pass on the Good News to others.

This work has recently received a rude shock. The sewing class has been closed owing to the war, and many girls who would love to continue this voluntary service are prevented from doing so. Nevertheless, Esther faithfully continues her work, with the help of the local Biblewoman, and a girl is occasionally able to accompany her. Please pray for the grace of perseverance to be poured out on us abundantly for the work.

MORE IMPORTANT THAN CLEAN HANDS.

By Miss B. L. Mowle, Namakkal.



INCE many of you belong to Sunday Schools connected with our Churches in the homeland, you will be interested to know that the Sunday School here at Namakkal follows the same syllabus as you have in England. Little boys and girls in India are very clever at memorising verses or portions of Scripture, but they as quickly forget; so, in order to make the memorised portions really live in their minds, we have to hear them over and over again.

More important than Caste.

We have children from various homes, some very poor, some not so poor, and some from families which are better off. Some parents are able to send their children to High School. There they learn English at a very young age and they are very proud to use it whenever they can. Then there are different castes; money, or fine clothes, make no difference to caste. A high caste girl, or boy, may be very poor and, as we look upon cleanliness, not very clean, but she, or he, will not touch an outcaste girl or boy for fear of defilement, although, from our point of view, that outcaste child is cleaner than the caste child. There are exceptions, and I am glad to say there are many things happening in

India which are helping to break down this awful system. As you may know, the Brahmans are the highest caste and they are very proud of the fact.

More important than success.

For a number of months we had a Brahman doctor and his family living in Namakkal. The children came to our week-day school and attended our Sunday School regularly, very often coming to our morning service also. We are very sorry they have now moved to a village some distance away. The eldest girl was studying in our 8th Standard. She was hoping to pass so that she could go in for teacher's training. One day she said to me, "I am asking the Lord Jesus to help me." I am very sorry to say she failed to pass, and I am wondering how she is feeling about it. We all need to pray:—

"Oh, give us each a trust always,
Such boundless faith, that we may see
Thy love whate'er Thine answer be."

That which is most important.

These children have been taught by their father not to regard caste. It was very sweet one Sunday morning to see one of the younger girls put her arm round a little outcaste girl, who was anything but clean, and help her to say her verse of Scripture.

Though the parents of these children encouraged them to come to our Sunday School, and Chapel services, I am sorry to say they themselves have not made the Lord Jesus supreme in their own lives. The father is a very ill man. Will those of you who know the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour, pray that he, too, may realize his need of a Saviour and rejoice in the Lord Jesus as his own Lord and Saviour?

THE TALKING PAPER.



HERE is a good story about a missionary to the South Sea Islands, where the Allied armies are now trying to drive the Japanese armies back home again. This story comes from the days when the people of those islands were savages and cannibals, and none of them could either read or write. A missionary and his wife had landed on the island and had built themselves a little house on top of a hill. The people, however, lived on the flat ground below the hill, and the missionary felt that if he was to get to know the people he would have to spend much time in their midst and not be far away on the hill. So he started to build a wooden hut near the village of mud huts where the people lived.

First, he cut down some trees and then sawed them into boards. But when he wanted to join the boards together to make the corners fit, he needed his chisel and he found that he had, like all carpenters, left the tool he most wanted at home. Now he did not wish to go home himself and leave the other tools and the sawn boards behind, or they would probably have disappeared before he got back. This is what he did.

Many of the natives had gathered around to watch the house being built and the missionary called the chief man to him. Writing a message on a piece of paper to ask his wife to send the chisel down, he gave it to the chief and, pointing to the little house on the hill, bid him carry the paper there. When the chief got up there, he handed the paper to the missionary's wife and was very surprised when he was given a chisel in exchange.

Very excitedly, he came running down the hill waving the chisel above his head and crying out, "I've got it; the paper talks, the paper talks!" He could not understand how it was that a piece of paper could speak words that could be understood and could carry a message from one person to another. Some months after this, that very chief himself learnt to write words that "talked," and to read words that "talked," too. He read words from God Himself that "talked" straight to his heart; burning words which showed to him the sin in his own heart; gracious words which showed him that God had sent the Lord Jesus to die for him; and loving words, spoken by Jesus long ago, that still "talked" as loudly as if they were spoken specially to him.

This Searcher is the last that you will do in the year 1943. This year has been a year of great changes, and many great events have come and have passed. Nothing that a man can do is truly everlasting. Only of God can it be said that He is the Everlasting One. Only of Him can this word "ever-lasting" be truly used. Even the wondrous earth and the starry heavens shall grow old and wear out like a garment. They shall change and one day God will fold them up, but God shall remain; the same, yesterday and to-day and for ever. In this Searcher, we are thinking, as 1943 grows old, of the Unchanging God, who never grows old, and some of the "everlasting" words and promises from His everlasting Word.

FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. He that believeth on the Son hath ——
2. Underneath are the ——
3. The Lord shall be thine ——
4. He is the living God, and an ——
5. Thy kingdom is an ——
6. I will give them an ——

These words will be found in Jeremiah 10; Psalm 145; Isaiah 56; Isaiah 60; Deuteronomy 33; John 3; but they are not in the same order. When you have found the words write them down, **with the two words which follow.** Thus, Question 1 will read: He that believeth on the Son hath **everlasting life;** and give the book, chapter and verse where the words are found. (John 3 and 36)

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Find the answers to these questions also, and write them out in the same way as the Lower Group.

7. In the Lord Jehovah is ——
8. I have loved thee with an ——
9. The righteous shall be in ——
10. His dominion is an ——
11. That I may remember the ——
12. Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an ——

The words will be found in Genesis 9; Psalm 112; Isaiah 26; Isaiah 45; Jeremiah 31; Daniel 7.

December 6th, 1943, to February 6th, 1944, inclusive.

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, 1944, 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 an envelope (unsealed), bearing a penny stamp to UNCLE PETER "OAKFIELD," GUILDFORD ROAD, BAGSHOT, SURREY. If you send a letter with your entry, you must put on a 2½d. stamp. CLOSING DATE, DECEMBER 31st, 1943.

SUN RAY LEAGUE.—If you would like to know all about the Sun Ray League, ask for particulars when you send in your paper.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

We were pleased to see such a good response to this Searcher; and you will notice that many of the entries gained high marks. We welcome 53 new Searchers, 13 of whom are from a new School—Southoe. Here are the names, in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1, Primrose Cooper, aged 13, Horham S.S.
2, Peter Jermyn, aged 13, Lynton Road S.S.

Special Mention: Iris Roper, Mary E. Garrard, Margaret J. Nicholson, Kathleen Cleary, Susie Collins.

Very Highly Commended: J. H. Miller, Eileen Bawden, Amy Hawes, Dorothy Pankhurst, Peter Marshall, Muriel Stannard, Ronald Bawden, Harry Baxter, Eleanor Parker, Joan Taylor, Hazel Brownrigg, Eva Grimwood, David Church, Hilda Grimwood, Pamela Whitaker, George Abbott, Muriel Wilding.

Highly Commended: Ruth Trevethick, Dorothy Hamilton, Anette Baker, Peter Wilkinson, Barbara Holmes, Daphne Luddington, Florence Hamilton, Andrew Layzell, Edward Hughes, Jean Sanderson, Stephen Tome, Oliver Toms, Beryl Young, Brenda Parsons, Ruby Brown, Ronald Emery, Valerie Cole, Joan Brightwell, June Pearce, Andrey Barber, Sylvia Gladstone, Betty Webber, Eveline Kimber, E. Rengert, Joy Kimber, Ruby Hawes, Josephine Stokes, Doreen Luff, Peter Bugg, Mary Cattermole, Joyce Bell, Robin Frost, Kathleen Walshaw, P. Bysh, Pamela Dickenson, Norman Carter, Grace Dickenson, Joan Tompkins, Eileen Lawrence, Dorothy Endersby, David Rayner, Peter Rengert, Charles Stevens, Pamela Ward, Audrey Holloway, Joan Pike, Dennis Mott, Rosalie Poole, Freda Hare, Mavis Cornelius, T. Tavener, Beatrice Newstead, Léonie Paige, Ruth Jaegar, Doreen Hodges, Daphne Anderson, Two entries without names, Violet Todd, Moira Phipps.

Commended: Sylvia Mott, Iris Humphreys, Margaret Burdon, J. E. Cornelius, J. Bryant, Catherine Lambert, Margaret Cresswell, Annie Pope, Joan Wales. Omitted the verses which were to be written in full; Una Lambert, Sidney Parker, Eileen Lloyd, Elizabeth Sandifer, Lilian Cato.

Answered Upper Group only: Judy Owen, Mavis Tyrell, Doris Crawford, Winifred Thurlow, Rose Ashkettle, Dorothy Riches, Pamela Bryant. Answered Lower Group only: Mildred Goodwin, B. Clenshaw, Peter Humphrey.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1, Hazel Pankhurst, aged 11, "Jireh" S.S., Haywards Heath.

2, Alan Hughes, aged 9, Potters End S.S.

Special Mention: Barbara Bugg, Sylvia Harrison, Jean Hughes, Mary D. Miller, May Baxter.

Very Highly Commended: Eileen Culliford, Joy Arney, John Pankhurst, Brenda Elson, George Cooper, Gerald Cooper, Mavis Beckingham, Raymond Beckingham, Michael Ellens, David Jermyn, Doreen Quy, Geoffrey Ince, David Wood, Peggy Cooper, Pauline Wood, John Ellins, Ruth Williams, Doreen Arkell, Maureen Cornelius, Mary Emmerson. Daphne Wilkins, Alan Webb, Derek Ball, Alan Cornelius.

Highly Commended: Bertha Etheridge, Marion Green, Gerald Roberts, Joyce Raper, Florrie Thomas, Brenda Evans, Hazel Farrer, Margaret Howell, Doreen Pleasance, Iris Hedger, Kathleen Lawson, Victor Boxall, Jean Adams, Douglas Crees, Kevan Skinner, Kathleen King, Marion Salter (see verses 17 and 18), Ruth Surridge, Ivy Scott, Zeta Abbs, Florence Mackenzie, Patricia Robinson, Dorothy Bell, Joy Bugg, Jean Beckingham, Godfrey Darrington, Marie Smith, Margaret Turner, Joyce Willimer, Alan Cutmore, Muriel Beckingham, Joan Cattermole, Maurice Dreweatt, David Gower, Margaret Preece, John Smith, Doreen Sanford, Olive Windeler, Jean Arney, Gwendoline Morgan, Ivy Johns, Marjorie Lane, Phyllis Bedwell, David Bysh, Stanley Crees, Freda Worbey, Horace Frost, Maureen Abbott, Frank Adams, Peter Bacon, Jean Kemp, Alan Norman, Jeanne Oakley, Audrey Preece, June Feast, Catherine Luff, Anthony Burchell, David Greengrass, Audrey Darnell, Jack Gillard William Mackenzie Barbara Holt, Eunice Sawyer, John Howell, Stephen Heather, Margaret Simmons, Anne Holloway, June Brighty, Jennifer Garner, Dorothy Rayner, Edith Spicer, Myrtle Simmons, Wendy Lacey, Jean Birch, Betty Nicholls, Olive Worne, Henry Davis, Dennis Davis, Margaret Owen, Sylvia Adams, Nancy Barber, Billy Coy, Dorothy Charge, Gladys Morgan, Peggy Carter, Peter Chapman, Michael Bugg, Shirley Smith, Brenda Rees, S. R. Stearne, Margaret Jaegar, Doreen Crawley, William Sandifer, Jean Bridgestock, Joan Bensley, Doris Moore, Vera Poole, William Lovitt, Hilda Burns, Gwendoline Davies, Margaret Saunders, Robert Jupp, Shirley Bunce, John Crisp, Ivor Parr, Margaret Hewitt, Ivy Bacon, Elsie Ashwell, Mavis Darnall, Elsie Rolfe, Margaret Ward, John Pardoe, Molly Hawkins, Kitty Halson, Vera Barber, Joan Barber, Doris Maynard (please send name of School), Ernest Smith, Pamela Coleman, Kathleen Moss, Alan Peebles, Elsie Wright, Hilda Hawes.

Commended: A paper without name, Barbara Salmon, Ruby Dawson, Edna Lucas, Doreen Sussex, Maud Ward, Audrey Sussex, Iris Faugh, Irene Bridgestock, Jean Denman. The following wrote out the wrong verse: Grace Catling, Bernard Bamford, June Bamford, George Johnson, Muriel Carter, Jean Milton, Mary Atkins, John Worsell, Phyllis Carter, Fred Worsell, Gwen Crees, Joan Pollard, Betty White, Donald White. Omitted verse: Mary Layzell, Shirley Freestone, Sheila Brown, Grace Simmons, Mavis Bone, Isabel Walton, Margaret Scrivener, Stephen Lacey, Rita Green, John Mott, Margaret Grover, Patrick Turner, Irene Barker, Alan Bone, William Brown, Donald Rickard, Vera Cox, Alan Gomm.

Not for Competition: The Misses Dorothy Best and E. Watson.

Chesham is still first.

March made a good attempt to reach the top place again, and came second. Walthamstow came third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Christmas is coming! I do not expect it is needful to tell you that, for we are all glad of its return once again. It is the one season of the year which, for one reason or another, everybody welcomes. It tells of good things on the way for each of us. It tells, this year, of the close of a year of war and whispers to our hearts concerning the coming of a Child born to give peace. It tells, in the darkest season of the year, of a Light which began its rise in Bethlehem and has gone on shining ever since. It would be a dreadful thing if the days went on growing shorter and darker, if there were more hours of darkness and less of light. But just at Christmas-time the sun begins to last out a little longer each day and the evenings begin to lengthen out, even if it is slowly at first. The power of the darkness grows less and the power of the light grows a little greater. And that is a picture to us of Jesus.

If Jesus had not come, the powers of darkness would have gripped this world in their deadly hold, until all light had gone out and all hope with it. But Jesus has come to this earth, and since He came Light is come into the world. The light shines out into the darkness around, and our hearts are filled with hope when we remember who it was who said, "I am the Light of the World." It may be, boys and girls, that the darkness of war and heathenism and hatred will still last. But remember this, that the light will find its own way amid the darkness, and one day will overcome it.

Just another word, while you are still thinking of Christmas. Do not forget boys and girls in India, in heathen darkness. You, who have so many good things, can surely spare a little for them. So take care of the little brown envelope. Put your gift inside it and it will be like the flash of a torch-lamp to cheer and to help boys and girls who are not so happy as you are.

I was glad to receive letters from: Irene Barker, R. Brown, Eileen Brownrigg, Peter Bugg, Joyce Bell, Michael Ellins, June Feast, Florence Hamilton (we are ever so sorry to hear about Alec), Stephen Heather, Joy Kimber, Doris Pankhurst, Doreen Quy, Joan Tompkins and Olive Worne. Also I want to thank these friends for their letters (so sorry I could not acknowledge letters in last issue): Miss A. G. Mallows, Miss E. Farrer and Mr. W.-K. Trowbridge.

So, once again, "A very happy Christmas to you all."

Your loving,
UNCLE PETER.

Finding the Book

Dec.	6	M	2 Kings 22, 1-7
	7	Tu	2 Kings 22, 8-14
	8	W	2 Kings 22, 15-20
	9	Th	Deut. 31, 7-13
	10	F	Deut. 31, 14-23
	11	S	Deut. 31, 24-30
	12	Su	Psa. 119, 97-104

The Law Obeyed

Dec.	13	M	2 Kings 23, 1-5
	14	Tu	2 Kings 23, 6-14
	15	W	2 Kings 23, 15-20
	16	Th	2 Kings 23, 21-25
	17	F	Ezra 6, 16-22
	18	S	Luke 22, 7-13
	19	Su	Luke 22, 14-20

God's Battle

Dec.	20	M	2 Chron. 20, 1-6
	21	Tu	2 Chron. 20, 7-13
	22	W	2 Chron. 20, 14-22
	23	Th	Josh. 1, 1-9
	24	F	Psa. 31, 1-8
	25	S	Luke 2, 8-20
	26	Su	Exod. 14, 5-14

The Birth of John the Baptist

Dec.	27	M	Luke 1, 5-11
	28	Tu	Luke 1, 12-23
	29	W	Luke 1, 57-66
	30	Th	Isa. 40, 1-8
	31	F	Mal. 4, 1-6
Jan.	1	S	Matt. 11, 7-15
	2	Su	Luke 1, 67-76

John the Baptist Preaching

Jan.	3	M	Luke 3, 1-9
	4	Tu	Luke 3, 10-22
	5	W	Matt. 3, 1-9
	6	Th	John 1, 6-14
	7	F	John 1, 15-23
	8	S	John 1, 24-36
	9	Su	John 5, 30-38

Jesus Tempted

Jan.	10	M	Luke 4, 1-13
	11	Tu	Matt. 4, 1-11
	12	W	Deut. 8, 1-6
	13	Th	Deut. 6, 4-13
	14	F	Psa. 91, 1-12
	15	S	Heb. 2, 9-18
	16	Su	Heb. 4, 12-16

Jesus Preaches in the Synagogues

Jan.	17	M	Luke 4, 14-22
	18	Tu	Luke 4, 23-32
	19	W	Isa. 61, 1-6
	20	Th	Isa. 50, 4-11
	21	F	John 7, 40-53
	22	S	Matt. 22, 15-22
	23	Su	Matt. 7, 21-29

Many Miracles

Jan.	24	M	Luke 4, 33-37
	25	Tu	Luke 4, 38-44
	26	W	Matt. 8, 14-22
	27	Th	Matt. 8, 28-34
	28	F	Matt. 12, 22-30
	29	S	Acts 2, 22-28
	30	Su	Acts 2, 29-36

Jesus and Simon Peter

Jan.	31	M	John 1, 40-46
Feb.	1	Tu	Luke 5, 1-11
	2	W	Matt. 16, 13-20
	3	Th	John 13, 1-7
	4	F	John 13, 8-17
	5	S	Matt. 14, 22-27
	6	Su	Matt. 14, 28-33

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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.

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1.—That this Association be called " The Strict Baptist Mission."

2.—The Membership of the Association is limited to 200, and is composed of members of Particular and Strict Baptist Churches subscribing to its funds according to the Articles of Association.

3.—That it be conducted by a Council of Management elected annually by the members of the Association according to its Articles.

4.—That its Objects be—The diffusion of the Gospel in heathen lands, and the formation of Churches in accordance with the principles of Particular and Strict Communion Baptists.

5.—That its Officers be—a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and not more than three Secretaries; and that the doctrinal basis be taken as representing the principles by which it shall be governed.

6.—That an Annual General Meeting be held once in each year, at such time and place as the Council of Management shall determine, when a report of the past year's proceedings shall be read by one of the Secretaries, and the Council shall be elected for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number according to the Articles of Association.

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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"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"

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"As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deut. 33: 25).

SOMEONE, commenting upon the above cherished words of Scripture, has said, "the strain will bring the strength," and this has certainly been our experience as a Mission through another year. We have proved the truth of this promise, and can now, with deep thankfulness to God, present this 82ND ANNUAL REPORT of the Strict Baptist Mission.

These are days of strain for us all, and the Lord's work is by no means exempt from the severe testing and exacting demands of these times. The world-war goes on, with its unhappy implications for each individual, home and Church. The grave problem of India's future remains unsolved, and conditions of unrest and distress have added to the normal difficulties of work in that land. Losses in our Staff, especially the Home-call of Missionary David Morling, make themselves felt increasingly as time goes on, and the burden of responsibility falls more heavily upon those who remain to carry on the work. Missionary E. Orchard is now with us here in England, but, apart from his case, furloughs are still delayed and for some of our Missionaries, long overdue. Miss B. S. Wade has had the suspense of still waiting for a passage to India.

Mr. A. J. Morling has had a breakdown in health, and has been forced to rest under doctor's orders, and though we are thankful that he is now slowly improving and may soon be back in his Field, we realise that he and others in India are enduring serious physical strain in the difficult climatic conditions of their sphere of service for the Master.

Never to be forgotten or ignored are the subtle and persistent efforts of Satan to hinder the Lord's work. "We are not ignorant of his devices," and our very vigilance and prayerfulness may create in our hearts a sense of strain at times. Then always in missionary work there is the challenge of the humanly impossible—there is so much to humble us and teach us our natural

limitations. Like a mighty ocean we see heathen superstition, ignorance and fear ever waiting to swamp our witness and overwhelm the faithful servants of the Lord.

This report must, therefore, tell of strain both at home and in India, but there has also been the strength—strength according to the need. In this testimony to the faithfulness and goodness of God we can all join—Officers; members of the Council and of the L.Z.A. Executive; Missionaries in India, together with Mr. and Mrs. Orchard and Miss Wade in England; our staff of Indian workers; our many helpers and friends at home—we can all say: "His grace has been sufficient." Nor has the work been in vain. Many have been led to Christ through the Spirit-blessed efforts of all workers.

It has been evident throughout the year, and the accounts now certainly prove, that the Lord has been wonderfully providing, through the love and generosity of His children, for all the increasing financial needs of the work. We have not had anxiety in this respect, and this has meant a great deal to us. We sincerely thank all Churches and subscribers, and take encouragement from the material realm, knowing that our Master is Lord of *all* resources.

In this Report we have endeavoured to give as fully as possible information concerning the actual work in India. For reasons of economy, the usual detailed section dealing with affairs at home has been omitted. There has, however been no lack in the loving service of the many voluntary workers to whom the Strict Baptist Mission owes so much. Appreciation is especially recorded of the valuable services of our esteemed President, Pastor R. Robinson; of our worthy Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Shipton; of Pastor L. R. Garrard, as Editor of the "Mission Herald," and of Mr. J. C. Fromow, as Editor of "Rays from the East."

Through the Christmas Gift Fund £135 was sent to India last year, and in this connection we would thank all subscribers, and also Miss H. V. Harris, for making this generous gift possible.

The Young People's Guild of Service has continued to grow in membership and usefulness, and we praise God for this very real partnership of our younger friends in the work of the Mission.

Thus in many ways we see the good hand of God blessing the work and upholding the workers, and we rejoice and go forward, still in earnest prayer, but with renewed confidence in Him whose strength is made perfect in our weakness. Peace is the possession of adequate resources, and this happy lot is ours as we trust and obey our sovereign Master, who sends us forth to world evangelism with the promise of His Divine power and presence—"*All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, 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.

A MAGAZINE lies on my desk, opened at a page headed "Gifts to the Work of God." Yes, it is the work of God to which all our gifts should be dedicated, and it is about this work, carried on in the hearts of men by the Holy Spirit, that our friends want to read. Yet it is the most difficult thing to report; in fact, it is impossible to do more than record those signs of the divine operation that we are able to discern. We would, however, emphasise that in all we write we are endeavouring to direct attention, not to the activities of man, but to the work of salvation itself, as the Lord shall graciously enable us so to do.

The work of God falls into three parts, viz., initial (the new birth), progressive (growth in grace), and final (the consummation in heaven). It is our unspeakable privilege to serve as the Lord's instruments in connection with the first two phases.

The New Birth.

What joy it gives to God's servants to see signs of new life in those who hear the Gospel! This joy has many times been ours during the past year. The waters of baptism have moved in all five Churches a total of eight times, and twenty-six of those whom the Lord has saved have made public profession of their faith in their Saviour. Thirteen Tamil Baptist refugees from Burma, who had previously been immersed, have been received into fellowship on testimony. The present membership of the churches is 476, which represents an increase of twenty-four, after deducting those removed by death, disciplinary action and other causes. The seed of the Word, which is thus springing up into eternal life, has been sown among the 1,300 pupils of our twenty-two day and Sunday schools. It has also been broadcast in twelve places of worship and by street preaching and colportage. Thousands of tracts have been distributed and a large quantity of Scriptural literature disseminated, including 68 Bibles, 58 Testaments and more than 3,000 copies of single Gospels.

Growth in Grace.

This is the greatest need of us all. We have, therefore, given ourselves to expounding the moral law, which has not been abrogated by the Gospel, but is more and more enjoined by

increasing knowledge of God and of His holiness. It has been our joy thoughout this year to watch a deepening of conviction regarding both what the Lord demands and what He detests. As we have endeavoured to teach the Christian attitude to material things a gratifying response has been evident towards such matters as necessary and unnecessary expenditure, bribes, debt and systematic giving. The income of the Churches during the year was Rs.1640 (about £124), exclusive of contributions by members of the staff to the Gospel Society. The latter amounted to Rs.325, which was used for the maintenance of the Korattur School. The Churches contribute a total of Rs. 64 per month towards the expenses of their ministry, assist poor members, and largely help to keep their buildings in repair. The grant-in-aid made by Government towards the salaries of our teachers was Rs.5,300. Honorary work is done by a number of men and women in conducting services and prayer meetings, in Sunday school teaching, open-air preaching and visiting the sick and poor.

The Young Men's Hostel was closed some time ago, owing to difficulties arising from war conditions. Although, as was reported last year, the Kilpauk Sewing Class has almost ceased to exist in consequence of the impossibility of obtaining materials, a few girls attend the class and two of the village sewing classes, as well as the women's meetings conducted in connection with the class, are still carried on.

The three happy years of fellowship in service enjoyed with Mr. Orchard here are now rapidly falling away in the past. We wish our brother great joy and blessing throughout his furlough.

With regard to the third phase of salvation, we may add that we have had the inspiring privilege of visiting the death bed of Tamil saints who have finished their course and are entering their eternal inheritance. Knowing that we are building for eternity, we are content to pursue our long term policy looking hopefully to the future. " For of this I am confident, that He who has begun a good work within you will go on to perfect it in preparation for the Day of Jesus Christ " (Weymouth).

Sendamangalam Field

BY G. F. CHAMPION.

" Go ye therefore and teach (make disciples of) all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28: 19-20).

THE commission we have received from our Lord contains three commands which we always try to keep before us. Firstly, making disciples by preaching the Gospel; secondly, baptising

those disciples; thirdly, teaching those baptized believers to observe all things whatsoever Jesus Christ has commanded. Only as these three parts of the commission are observed, and observed in the order given by the Lord (not putting baptism before belief, nor the Lord's Supper before baptism, as many like to do), can our Churches be really Churches in the New Testament sense. During the past year we have again tried to carry out the Great Commission in its three parts.

Making Disciples.

As with other mission fields, there are quite large parts of Sendamangalam Field which are not regularly visited by us owing to the limitations of our staff; but the staff we have is spread out to the best advantage as far as we can judge. We have workers living in eleven villages, the remotest being thirty-five miles distant by road.

Each of our **Schools** has a period set apart each day for the Scripture lesson, and we have often been surprised at the proficiency of the fourth and fifth standard boys and girls in Scripture knowledge, and their mental grasp of the way of salvation We pray that God will apply the message to their hearts and lives. During the last year we have kept in touch with several boys who have left the day school, and have encouraged them to continue attending the **Sunday School** in their village. The Sunday School Rally this year was again well attended, and scholars from six schools took part. Mr. L. Watts was with us, and gave an address which is still remembered by many.

The village **preacher** is continually in touch with seven or eight villages, in addition to the small congregation which is in his charge. He preaches in village streets, in the crowded weekly market, deals with individual enquirers, and gives or sells tracts and Scripture portions. We have six such preachers in the Field.

We were able to make two special **Evangelistic Camps** during the year, in addition to the regular camps with our congregations, and daily reached scores of villagers with the Word of God. We stayed two weeks in **Pavitram,** and night by night had a group of young men from the houses nearby attentively listening to the message. While we were there the new chapel was opened, and it was in this building that we stayed. The second camp was at **Muthanchetti.** The preacher there kindly vacated his house for us, and we spent ten days in a room eighteen feet long and nine feet wide. With three camp cots, two small camp tables, boxes of stores, Gospels, clothes and other necessities, the room was almost unpleasantly crowded. But one evening we managed to have a prayer-meeting inside when it was impossible to meet out of doors owing to the rain. Each morning we went to some village a distance away; in the evening we held open-air meetings nearer at hand, and at night we had a gathering outside the front door, the congregation

sitting on the ground and the missionary on the doorstep. The Bible exposition was mainly intended for enquirers, but many other villagers came and sat in the moonlight listening. In this village a large number of copies of the Gospel of John in Tamil was distributed, and many Scriptural portions in Urdu were given to Muslim children who study in the Muslim school. We were able also to deal with some people personally; of these, two have had a knowledge of the Scriptures for many years.

Baptising them.

It is always a joy to us when those who love the Lord obey His command in baptism. This year, fourteen brothers and sisters from three villages have been baptized. One lad from **Muthanchetti,** and a young man and his wife from **Pavitram,** were baptized in a large irrigation well in the latter village on the day when the chapel was opened. The other eleven were members of the **Sendamangalam** congregation, and all but two from the outcaste quarter of the village, where we have worked for so many years. Three of the lads had attended the young men's camp to which I referred in my last annual report. Others were relatives of members, or old scholars of our Sendamangalam schools. The testimonies given by some were of unusual clarity and stimulus. One young lady told of her being under powerful conviction of sin all night and of entering into peace in the early hours of the morning. One young man had to leave his home and settle in a house some distance away because of fierce family opposition. There are others in this Field who have been accepted by the Church for baptism, but who have not yet been baptized.

Teaching them to Observe.

Hinduism, generally speaking, has nothing to compare with the congregational worship of Christianity; hence, Hindus lack regular religious instruction. Every Sunday, services are held by our preachers in seven villages in this Field and the Word of God is taught. We take part in teaching our members by visiting these congregations as frequently as possible and expounding the Scriptures to them.

Each month our **workers** meet at headquarters and attend a Bible Class to study a lesson which they have prepared during the month. Later in the day a devotional meeting is held and a passage of Scripture is considered for our spiritual help. At night we hold a prayer meeting at which the special needs of each station in the Sendamangalam Field are mentioned and then brought before the throne of grace.

This year we have again held a short **Bible School,** though only for one week. All our preachers attended, and said that the school had been a help to them. We held four sessions each day and took as our main subjects for study. "The Church" and "Evangelism."

The same men gathered again for a **Convention,** conducted by Mr. Kuhrt, who gave very helpful messages from the life of Saul, from Hosea, and from Rev. 2 and 3. While Mr. Kuhrt was with us, he camped at Kakkaveri and conducted **special meetings** for the benefit of the Church there.

We realise very deeply the important part in our witness played by those who uphold us in prayer, and we would thank all such, asking for their continued support in this way. Eph. 6 : 18-19.

Namakkal Field

BY A. J. MORLING.

ACCORDING to the census of 1941, figures of which have not long come to hand, the total population of the Namakkal Taluk is 378,500, of which 1,214 are Christians. Of these, the majority must be Roman Catholics, most of whom know nothing of Christianity, except one or two mantherams or prayers. These figures show that the proportion of Christians to the total population is diminutive. They give no ground for complacency, and show that 20 to 30 years of ploughing and sowing in this taluk have produced little fruit. Nevertheless, we must look up and press forward, and as we do, defeatism and despondency will certainly vanish.

A Growing Church.

One of the essentials to healthy growth is cleanliness, and this seems no less true in the spiritual than in the natural sphere. Although there are many things that grieve and pain us in our Church work—desecration of the Lord's Day, Hindu marriages, a stubborn propensity to observe heathen rites and customs—yet the Master has worked amongst us in a most definite way, and added 26 souls to the Churches. It is being repeatedly said that India is one of the world's most encouraging missionary fields—one of the reasons for this must be that the outcaste rises in social scale when he becomes a Christian, loses the old stigma to a great extent and finds greater liberty; this probably accounts for certain of our troubles within the Church, for we can state confidently that the greatest problems the Church has to face are within its borders. During the past year we have taken decided action to remove many obstacles, and in order to maintain touch with those who have left our area, we have secured the co-operation of those in charge of the work across the river Cauvery. When brides for young men are being sought outside our field, we have been assured of help, so that eventually Hindu marriages may be absolutely eradicated.

Last August we held a series of meetings for our Christians on the western side of this field, and we were greatly encouraged

and helped by Mr. Thrower's presence and messages. It was an entirely new venture for this area, and we were much heartened by the way members from each place came to the meetings. The average adult attendance was about 100. Perhaps the most gladdening thing regarding these meetings was the hearty and sincere appreciation expressed repeatedly by Mission workers and Church members when the Convention was all over.

One of the greatest needs of our Church work is a larger number of men of spiritual power, trained and disciplined, and capable of coping with its immense problems. The question of leadership is one that is constantly demanding our attention, one that we are brought up against every time a new worker is engaged, so, early in the month of March, we enjoyed a season of quiet fellowship and prayer with ten of our men. They were days when we were able candidly to exchange views regarding matters vitally related to Church growth, days of fellowship, blessing and encouragement.

We are constantly emphasising the need for voluntary evangelism, and in each of our villages methods are being sought that will facilitate all taking part in this form of ministry. If our work is to become strong and self-reliant, this need must be met. In Sirunellikovil a party of voluntary workers visits surrounding villages every Sunday afternoon—a most welcome and stimulating sign in a station that has for a long while been noted for its indifference and lack of co-operation.

This year, despite the fact that the part of the field that used to be supervised by a pastor does not contribute to the Gospel Extension Society, this sangam has been able to assume greater responsibilities, and now considers itself capable of paying two teachers, both of whom are working in Selur. The amount collected by this Society is Rs.343-12-0, and the offerings in all our Churches realised Rs.289-7-4. Despite the financial strain that everyone is experiencing, it is commendable that there is a considerable increase in the gifts at Harvest Meetings.

Conflicting Forces.

The past year has been a very troublesome one for our schools, and though efficiency and strength have been maintained, every one has received a cut in its teaching grant from the government. The sum allotted this year was Rs.1,957-0-0.

The comparatively new school at Vadakaraiyathur is increasing in strength, but the local Deputy Inspector of Schools is determined not to sanction us recognition for standards three and four, and makes reductions in all our grants upon the merest excuse—coming events cast their shadows before them! In the annual Scripture examinations our schools did very well, and we have been greatly encouraged by a young man who once studied in our H.E. School, and is now working in a village school about seven miles away, asking for immersion. Scrip-

ture has always received much emphasis, and during the past year we have experienced opposition from certain lawyers and others in Namakkal who objected to our teaching the Bible. Although they started a rival school, we refused to alter our syllabus, and after a few months the children that were taken away gradually returned to us.

The strength in our Hostel is the same as last year. Owing to greatly enhanced prices of all grains, we feel that it will be imperative to reduce numbers in June. Despite the fact that nearly all foodstuffs have trebled in price, the Government has not increased its grant—Rs.685-0-0—being about one-fifth of the actual expenses incurred! The necessity of reducing numbers will disappoint many lads this year, for only new boys who can afford to pay full fees will be admitted in this field.

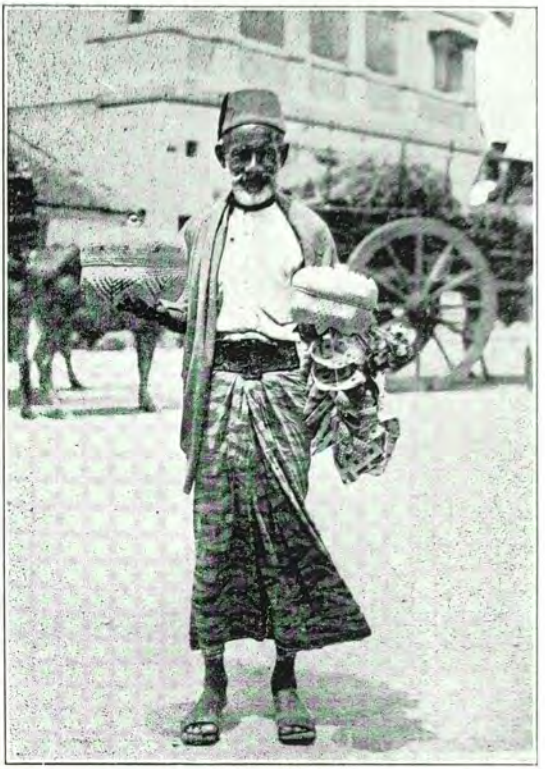
During the past few months almost every type of army vehicle has passed through this taluk town, sometimes they have been on their way to exercises, and at others engaged in transferring troops from one centre to another. Hardly a week has passed this year when we have not had men of the forces in this house, sometimes for a few cups of tea and biscuits, sometimes for a meal, and occasionally to spend the night. Every week hundreds of military lorries dash backwards and forwards along this road, and so it is natural that at a time when conflict is in the air, we feel constrained to think of our work in terms of struggle. The past year has been a hard one in many respects, it has certainly been a contest against subtle powers. We have been deeply conscious of the strength of the adversary, and though we have had to face disappointments in certain places, others have been marked with signal success. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Therefore we take unto us "the whole armour of God" that we "may be able to withstand."

Kolli Hills Field

BY H. A. HUCKETT.

ALTHOUGH we cannot report very much progress in the work of the past year, we believe that the Spirit of God has been active, both in the lives of believers and in the hearts of some non-Christians who have heard the Word. Pastor Selvanathan conducted his first baptising service last August, when three sisters passed through the waters in obedience to their Lord's command. Two of them are Kolli Hill women, and one a teacher from the plains. The system of monthly subscriptions to the support of the Church has been maintained, and gifts have been sent to the Bible Society and Midnapore Cyclone Relief Fund. Our former colleague, Mr. Watts, paid us a visit and

MEN . . .



AN INDIAN HAWKER



SOUTH INDIAN BEGGARS

WOMEN . . .



A Tamil Mother



A Group in an Outcaste Quarter

conducted some very helpful meetings for teachers and other Christian workers.

On the debit side we have to record with deep sorrow of heart that two Christian families have gone back into caste. This awful step was preceded by several years of persistent backsliding, in spite of many efforts made to bring them back to Christ. We ask you to join us in prayer that the Lord may have mercy on these apostates, and even now lead them back to Himself. We have also lost two members by death.

Only three of our schools have been able to conform to the new standard of educational efficiency required by Government for the continuance of recognition and grant-in-aid, viz., the schools at Ariyur, Valappur and Valavanthi. We received Rs.482 in grant for these schools for 1942. There has been a marked improvement in Bible teaching, as shown by the Scripture examination results. We now have three Kolli Hill teachers on the staff, and a fourth in training. Moolakanni School has been closed for lack of pupils and a suitable teacher. Also, there have been no converts from that area, even though we have worked there for many years. Preacher-teachers are still stationed in Puliampatti, Alathur and Chulavanthi. In two of these places there are Church members and their children needing care and teaching.

The Mission Dispensary continued to meet a great need, and over 4,000 patients were treated during the year. 384 minor operations were performed. Pneumonia and malaria have taken their usual toll. Our great need, as ever, is a born-again Christian doctor, able and willing to testify to the *joy* and *peace* he himself has found in Christ. Without such, the spiritual value of the dispensary is small indeed.

We have conducted a number of evangelistic camps throughout the year at various out-stations, and have preached in some villages seldom visited. The gramophone has again proved useful in attracting people who would not otherwise listen to the message. We spent a few days under canvas at Koilur in August, and were able to contact a large number of people at the Hindu Festival which is held there every year. The doctor, Pastor Selvanathan and all our preacher-teachers took part in the camp. In addition to preaching the Word, many people were spoken to personally, and Gospels were sold and literature distributed.

Thanks to the generous gifts from England and Australia, we were able to give the children a happy time at Christmas, and our workers received small parcels of cloth which were most welcome. Sports followed the usual feast, and on Boxing Day the children gave a very good entertainment in which some older friends also took part.

There are 22,000 people on the Kolli Hills, and the Christian community, including children and enquirers, does not number more than 150. Truly there is much land yet to be possessed. *Pray on.*

Tinnevelly Field

By W. H. Kuhrt.

When responsibility was assumed at the beginning of 1938, it was taken for granted that three years would be the term of my service in Tinnevelly. I now find myself, to my surprise and consternation, attempting a 6th annual report of the work of this field. We cannot but place on record our deep gratitude to God for health and strength granted to us in these unusual circumstances.

Twenty-three day schools continue to take their small part in the gigantic task of making India literate. More than 1,000 scholars, of whom about one-third are girls, are being taught by 44 teachers, of whom 4 are women. Three teachers left during the year to enter various branches of military service, and one promising lad was cut off by tuberculosis within a year of completing training. Government grant totalled Rs.6589. Over and above this, war allowances have at last been sanctioned to the long-suffering teachers. The annual Scripture examination, in which many schools did well, and the distribution of clothing purchased with our share of the Christmas Fund, were notable events of the year.

The Hostel has been maintained throughout the year with an average number of 15 students. 3,000 books, including 100 Bibles and Testaments, have been distributed, and many hundreds of Gospels sold in the Kovilpatti market. Nothing is so pleasing as to find Bibles and hymn books being used freely in all but a few of the most backward congregations.

Seven brethren are ministering to the 40 Churches. These brethren and their helpers have put in a good deal of very earnest and laborious work, which will in course of time undoubtedly bring forth much good fruit. There have been 29 additions during the year by baptism, bringing the total Church membership to 923. These additions are distributed between 9 villages belonging to 4 of the 7 pastorates. Gifts from all sources totalled Rs.1,850.

It has been a privilege to conduct special meetings in Madras, Poonamallee, Sendamangalam and Kolar Gold Field, and a joy to welcome Messrs. Thrower and Champion into our midst for the special occasions in Kalingalpatti, Paniadipatti and Kovilpatti.

War conditions, with hardship in the villages and comparative plenty in the armed forces and war industries, impose a very heavy strain upon some of our colleagues, especially upon those who are better educated and accustomed to good living. The only answer to these and all other difficulties is the constraining love of Christ Jesus the Lord. We have no greater need than this. Pray that it may be shed abroad in the hearts of us all.

On Furlough

THE CHARGE OF THE LORD

BY E. ORCHARD.

ENGLAND and home seemed very far away in November, 1942, but all unknown to me the Lord was planning to bring me to these shores. When He plans everything is well. The year 1942 was a year of routine work which brought both testing and triumph. The Lord gave much joy in fellowship with His servants in India, and a deepening sense of the value of comradeship in service. Praise God for many acts and words of kindness which were the ministry of His great love in a time of need.

After a time of uncertainty it was possible for me to leave India, and I set out on what proved to be an extraordinary voyage home. The Lord Himself gave encouragement and help, and opportunities of service too numerous to be mentioned here, so that thirteen weeks passed by as though they were but a day. In that time strength and health were renewed, and a solid conviction of the complete rightness of God's ways was established in my mind.

Then a brief spell of quietness at home with my loved ones, and a glorious holiday among green fields in the country, prepared me for all the goodness of God which has followed. I have had already the pleasure of telling in a large number of places the ways of the Lord in the work out in India.

Furlough is a time of joyful reunions; I praise God for all the happiness which this furlough has brought already, and for the promise of many other glad meetings in the future. Furlough is a time of great opportunity: pray that the Lord may open the way before us and prepare my heart and yours, that this opportunity may be used to His glory. Furlough is a time of preparation: God grant us a renewed vision, and an increase of power, that His Kingdom may be extended and His Name may be glorified in years yet to be.

Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY MISS P. P. NUNN.

BY the unfailing grace of God, throughout another war year, the Gospel has continued to be given to some of India's women and girls by our Missionaries, Biblewomen and Teachers, with whom we on the home front are honoured to be co-workers.

Only a fortnight after the last Annual Meeting, our beloved founder, Mrs. E. A. Booth, received the call to higher service. This caused us to " remember the days of old," tracing all the way the Lord had led the L.Z.A. In Mrs. Booth's memory a booklet entitled " Afterglow " was published, and had a very warm reception.

At the time of writing we still await the setting forth of our Missionary-elect, Miss Wade. Our Missionaries in India have bravely carried on the spiritual warfare in the strength of the Lord, not being ignorant of the devices of the adversary to hinder. We record, with gratitude, that Mrs. Brand is now an honorary worker.

Financial gifts have been well maintained, and we have been glad to note an increased spirit of prayer, and that our younger members now in H.M. Forces do not forget this responsibility towards the work. Our thanks are due to all, and our praise to God for His sustaining power.

MADRAS FIELD

(We regret that the report of the Madras work has not reached us. Mrs. Brand has supervised the visitation of the Biblewomen; a successful weekly class for older girls at Poonamalee has been held; young believers have received instruction, and been helped to maintain a true Christian witness in the home; baptisms have been reported.—ED.).

NAMAKKAL AND SENDAMANGALAM FIELDS

BY MISS B. L. MOWLE (Namakkal).

IN the words of the Psalmist we would render our thanks unto God for another year of service, " O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever." Good health and strength have been granted, and protection given from dangers seen and unseen; His mercies are countless. So much of my time has been spent in travelling from village to village, and journeying mercies have been granted.

Nine Biblewomen are working in villages some distance from Namakkal, and two in Namakkal town itself, while one comes out on camp with me. Any spare moments out on camp are generally spent on medical work.

We have work amongst the three classes of the outcaste section, these are again sub-divided, so that one class or section will not intermarry with another class. Sunday Schools in the villages are encouraging, but we would like to see more children attending the one in Namakkal.

Last year I had to report with sorrow the discontinuation of the Torchbearers' Class. Soon after this, the Lord opened up another avenue of service in place of this. The Government Training School for women teachers has been opened at Namakkal, and I have the privilege of holding a Bible Class on Sunday afternoons for the Christian girls studying there. These girls are very regular in coming to our Sunday morning services.

On Sunday, February 21st, 1943, we had the joy of seeing twenty-four persons go through the waters of baptism. These came from six different villages, and we have still others who are on the waiting list. We praise the Lord for this encouragement in His service, and would ask you to join with us in prayer that these new Christians may in their turn become a blessing to others.

BY MISS L. S. HAZEL (Sendamangalam).

AFTER spending a refreshing time spiritually and physically on the beautiful southern hills of India and returning to the plains, it is my privilege once again to recall the goodness of our God throughout the year. In this field we can rejoice in blessing He has given, and go forward in renewed strength and power in Him for further fulfilments of blessing in the days ahead.

Our Biblewomen still number nine, although one has been put on part-time work only for the time being. The evangelisation by these faithful workers is being blessed. In Sendamangalam we rejoiced this year in seven women professing their Lord by baptism, and also in the other villages there are those enquiring. In Kallapanayakanpatti, the two women working there need special upholding by prayer. As a much higher rental was demanded for the house in which they lived, and although more was offered, they were literally turned out of the house at midnight. They have since, with difficulty, secured another place.

Our Boarding Home has been maintained, and after the summer vacation it has quickly filled up again. I have had to refuse many who are begging me to take in their girls. In this work during the year it has been very difficult, owing to the tremendous increase in prices. We thank God that we have been able to carry on, and are looking to Him for the future. We do feel with you that this a valuable piece of work. He has not closed this door of opportunity, and in spite of great difficulties we believe it is His will to grant us much special blessing through its instrumentality in the near future. This June we have admitted a little Pallar girl from a village near

Tussoor into the Home. I understand from Miss Mowle that the parents are really interested in the Gospel. She seems a very intelligent child, and without shyness or fear repeated unfalteringly the Ten Commandments. Out of the baptisms recorded, two were Hostel girls (past and present), and also two who had left were baptized on the Namakkal side. Five out of seven girls passed the 8th standard public examination this April.

Sunday school and day school instruction is still faithfully continued by a band of nine workers. We still ask for your prayer ministry in this service, that it may *all* redound to His glory and bring forth fruit yet a hundredfold.

We praise God that the cheri women are attending the Sunday services more regularly.

There have been the shadows, and especially as I returned after leave, I was faced with many disappointments and discouragements. He said, "Sit still, my daughter, and see the salvation of the Lord." By His grace, this is what I have been enabled to do, and I believe through the trials the salvation will be seen and great victory gained for Him.

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, *the Lord reigneth*." Amen.

MEDICAL WORK

By Dr. R. M. Harris.

"O praise the Lord all ye nations: praise Him all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us," and how wonderfully He has helped and guided us, and provided for us, through the year that is past.

The total number of attendances in both dispensaries for 1942 was 10,868, of which 2,946 were new cases. These patients have come from many different villages, some of which are not reached by the Gospel in any other way. Quite a number of patients have received Scripture portions to take home with them. A number of visits were made to homes, both of the rich and the poor, caste and non-caste, Hindu and Christian.

During 1942 about three-fourths of our dispensary running expenses (this does not include salaries or travelling expenses), drugs, and equipment bills were met by patients' fees and contributions, which amounted to just over Rs.1400. The prices have soared to unheard-of heights, but God has wonderfully provided for our needs.

Some of you joined with us in prayer that God would send someone to take Nurse Emily's place in June. God has sent her back to us for another six months, as her wedding has been postponed until December. We therefore need to continue to

pray about this matter, as the solution is but a temporary one, though we are very thankful to have her back again with us. Pray too, that God would grant us definite guidance with regard to all things which concern the conduct of the medical work. " As thou goest step by step, the way shall open up before thee," is the message received on this Hill holiday, together with Mr. Garrard's word in the " Herald " of February.

We contine to give our Hostel girls and boys, and the girls of our day school, a thorough annual medical examination. Last year we were also able to do this for the Girls' High School, which had been evacuated from Madras. The children get accustomed to coming to hospital from their early days, and so come back to us for medical help after they have left school. This gives us a good opportunity of renewing old contacts. Only to-day we have seen one of our old girls. Her case, however, is rather tragic. Her marriage has been planned to take place in three weeks' time. Within the last ten days she has developed signs and symptoms of tuberculosis of the spine. We hope they will follow our advice and take her to the Mission Hospital in Vellore. We are thankful for such places as this, and the L.M.S. hospital in Erode, who care for those of our patients needing specialised treatment and in-patient care.

The numbers in the Sendamangalam boys' class have dwindled considerably. It is difficult to be sure of the actual cause. I imagine that the fact that we cannot give postcards so frequently, and the " shiny " ones rarely, is a contributory factor. Quite a number of our old boys have been along to see us this year, three of them since starting to write this report. May we not expect to see the seed which has been sown sprouting and giving fruit, to the glory of His Name?

In Jedarpalayam the attendance at Sunday school is most erratic, and it is mostly little children who come, but—" of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

KOLLI HILLS FIELD

BY MISS M. E. WILKINS.

" *For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness* " (R.V.).

THIS has been our battle, and is still likely to be. It has been a great challenge to our faith, for at times it seemed as if these principalities and world rulers would have their way, and all else was being brought to nought. But standing on the Word, we have gone forward, upholding the Cross of Christ, against all the power of the enemy.

Two families who have been with us for many years have gone back into caste and the old life. We feel so sorry for the children they have taken with them.

We have one of our own Kolli Hill girls now a trained teacher, and she is teaching in the school here. May she be

a real witness on these Hills for the Lord. Ruth Brand is happily married, and teaching in the school at Valapore. Another orphan girl is in training with Dr. Harris, and this year we have sent three girls to study in our school at Senda. This has brought our numbers down in the Hostel to seventeen; most of these are very tiny tots. The new Matron, who has been with us nearly twelve months, seems very happy and settled here with us, and the children all love her.

It was a great joy to see how the Lord worked in the hearts of three of our women, two hill women and one from the plains, and we had the joy of seeing them baptized in September. We have lost several by death during the year, and we long for others to come along and fill their places.

For three whole months we have had disturbances on the Hostel roof and on the windows at night. After continued effort it was impossible to catch these men, and it did not improve matters when part of the Hostel wall fell down, giving them a clear entrance. But we do praise the Lord for the victory *He* has given in that matter. We could do *nothing*, but we realise He is the Victor. As He overcame, so may He teach us to overcome in *His Name*.

TINNEVELLY FIELD

BY MRS. O. M. MORLING.

THIS report should open with a note of praise to our faithful Lord, "for He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden," and has given me still a place in His loved service, and joy in fulfilling it. I have been very conscious of the supporting power and comfort of God, and would thank all those who have helped by their prayers.

No very outstanding events have been evident in the village work during the year under review; disappointments and sad things have not been absent, but the general outlook is encouraging. The Biblewomen's staff has been increased by one, so we now have nine in all, all of whom, I believe, are truly faithful stewards. Last October Martha was transferred from Nalattinputhur, where she has served so long, and no one has filled her place there. But two other villages which have never before, to my knowledge, enjoyed the privilege of a Biblewoman's help, are now occupied. These are Tulikankuruchi and Alagapuri; we have small congregations in these two places.

Mary at Chettikuruchi, our most distant outpost, is finding an opening among caste women, and some are in consequence attending Sunday worship and daily evening prayers. Valliapatti reports that all women Church members there, and also some who are still outside the fold, are now able to read the Bible fairly fluently. This means about twelve to fourteen women, and several of them are well on in years.

Our Biblewomen during the past year studied the course of

CHILDREN . . .





A FEW OF THE MANY IN OUR CARE

"... HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM"



AN OPPORTUNITY
IN THE
OPEN-AIR



THE CONSTANT MESSAGE OF GOD'S WORD
(Tamil Text Board at Sendamangalam).

lessons prescribed by Conference. At the written examination in March all passed creditably, and Biblewoman Esther took first place in all fields, and was awarded a prize.

In several of our stations women have been baptized and added to the Church. These are the results of work done in former years. We praise God that His Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. On three occasions this year I have had the joy of hearing women testify to being convinced of sin and brought to the Saviour's feet through my dear husband's instrumentality. One through a Tamil book he wrote, and two through addresses he delivered in years that are past.

" With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before Thy feet."

BY MISS M. E. HARRIS (Paniadipatti).

ALTHOUGH the past year has been full of problems and trials and difficulties, we lift up our hearts unto God in thankfulness and praise for all His unfailing goodness toward us. The work in the School and Hostel has met with many increasing difficulties and problems. The number of children attending the School has decreased considerably, so much so that it has been necessary to keep only two teachers on the staff instead of three. The problem of getting a suitable Matron for the Hostel has been a hard one to solve this year. But the Lord has wonderfully undertaken for us, and has continued to let His blessing rest upon the work. Throughout the year, altogether nine Hostel children came to tell me of their love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and their realisation of their need of Him as a personal Saviour. The Assistant School Mistress also came recently to ask for baptism, and when we interviewed her in regard to this, she gave a clear testimony of her spiritual experience, saying that it was during a baptising service that the Lord spoke to her heart. She, together with others, was baptized during this year's Harvest Festival meetings.

Both the Headmistress and the Matron who were with us last year have left us. Now, only very recently, the Headmistress who was appointed in her place has had to leave also, which is a great sorrow to us, and we are finding it hard to fill her place. The war has greatly aggravated many of the difficulties of this place, the chief problem now being the difficulty of getting food supplies, firewood and oil, etc. But the Lord has wonderfully helped us and supplied all our needs so far.

The medical work has been continued throughout the year, and many people have come for treatment. Although cholera, smallpox, and other such diseases have been rampant all around us, yet we have been wonderfully preserved from any such epidemics, both in the hostel and in the compound, for which we offer up our heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father.

The work in the surrounding villages with the Biblewomen has given us much cause to rejoice in Him. Of those candidates who were asking for baptism last year, five women in one village have received baptism this year, and four candidates from another village, together with two other candidates from Paniadipatti, were all baptised during the Harvest Festival Meetings this year, and afterwards received into Church fellowship. Besides these, there are two or three other women who have asked for baptism, and who are now receiving instruction from the Biblewomen. The three Biblewomen have continued steadily with their work throughout the year. In two of the smaller villages especially, a definitely new interest has been evident amongst the women visited by the Biblewomen. For all these blessings we praise our God, to whom alone be all honour and power and glory for ever and ever.

"GIVE THANKS . . ." (Ps. 30: 4)

BY MISS B. S. WADE.

A SINCERE servant of God has said that, as she waited, her Father would work and would " so shape the events of common life that they would become indications of His will."

The past year has yet again been a further period of waiting, during which time the possibility of sailing has seemed probable several times. On each occasion the door has been closed. I would seek sincerely to believe that these events, and with them the closed door, are for the present " the indication of His will."

It is still not my privilege to be able to write a report on Mission activities, but I can indeed " Give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness." There have been times of disappointments, but these have led on to the deep experience of the assurance of the holiness of our God, and thus the perfectness of all that concerns the Kingdom and the glory of His Name.

The year has been spent mainly in nursing, although during some of the time there has been the necessity of " standing by." In the hospital work, many have been the opportunities for giving the written and spoken Word.

As we look forward to the future and wait to observe " the indications of His will," may it be with renewed trust, " giving thanks at the remembrance of His holiness."

" The Lord is King; who then shall dare
Resist His will, distrust His care,
Or murmur at His wise decrees,
Or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King; child of the dust,
The Judge of all the earth is just:
Holy and true are all His ways;
Let every creature speak His praise,"

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	476	26	1	9	30	9	6	22	1300	12	50
Sendamangalam	3	106	14	—	6	18	9	10	10	590	7	56
Namakkal ...	11	214	26	—	13	11	12	1	22	819	13	90
Kolli Hills ...	1	47	3	1	7	3	4	6	4	158	5	74
Tinnevelly ...	40	923	29	3	34	17	13	3	37	1200	46	60
TOTAL	60	1766	98	5	69	79	47	26	95	4067	83	330

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS.

1942. £						
	Balance at Bank, 21st Sept., 1942 :					
	Home Safe Deposit		100	0	0	
	Current Account		570	4	8	
	Deposit Account		1,400	0	0	
	Cash in hands of Secretary... ...		10	0	0	
	Investments :					
	£1,436 4s. 6d. 3½% War Stock		1,499	11	0	
	£400 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ...		398	1	0	
	£400 0s. 0d. 3½% Conversion Loan		370	12	0	
3,843						4,348 8 8
4,550	General Fund		6,942	11	3	
115	Christmas Gift Fund		119	4	8	
	"Herald" Fund (see Payments) ...		—	—	—	
79	Young People's Guild of Service ...		136	18	5	
226	Sustentation Fund		226	5	0	
530	Pension Fund		742	3	1	
						8,167 2 5
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary :					
2,391	General Account		2,944	19	6	
6	Medical Account		10	17	6	
						2,955 17 0
11,810						£15,471 8 1

PAYMENTS.

1942. £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	General Fund :		
4,197	India	4,637 18 5	
650	Home	820 18 4	
4,847			5,458 16 9
95	Christmas Gift Fund		135 4 8
—	Voyage Fund		69 17 3
	"Herald" Fund :		
382	Payments ...	338 11 10	
244	Credit Receipts	259 15 5	
137			78 16 5
	Pension Fund :		
	Balance of purchase price of 3½%		
—	Defence Bonds		185 0 0
5,128			5,927 15 1
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary :		
2,168	General : India	2,171 6 3	
86	Home	116 1 3	
77	Medical : India	77 7 2	
1	Home	1 1 0	
2,333			2,365 15 8
	Balance at Bank, 20th Sept.., 1943 :		
	Home Safe Deposit	500 0 0	
	Current Account	849 13 4	
	Deposit Account	1,300 0 0	
	Cash in hands of Secretary ...	10 0 0	
	Post Office Savings Bank	1,250 0 0	
	Investments :		
	£1436 4s. 6d. 3½% War Stock	1,499 11 0	
	£400 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock ...	398 1 0	
	£400 0s. 0d. 3½% Convers. Loan	370 12 0	
	£1000 0s. 0d. 3% Defence Bonds	1,000 0 0	
4,348			7,177 17 4
11,810			£15,471 8 1

GENERAL FUND.

1942. £	INCOME.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	To Contributions :		
2,755	Churches	3.384 11 11	
909	Personal	817 3 8	
396	Miscellaneous ...	471 5 7	
4,061		4,673 1 2	
409	,, Income Tax Refund	796 11 9	
—	,, Legacies	1,378 9 1	
73	,, Interest on Investments ...	84 7 0	
3	,, Interest on Deposit Account ...	6 0 5	
2	,, Interest on Home Safe Deposit	4 1 10	
			6,942 11 3
	,, Transfers from :		
400	Pension Fund	500 0 0	
100	L.Z.A. General Account ...	100 0 0	
			600 0 0
£5,183			£7,542 11 3

1942 £	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
173	By Deficit brought forward ...		62 0 7½
	,, Remittances to India, for Salaries and Payments on		
4,197	Mission Account	4,637 18 5	
—	,, Missionary on Furlough ...	105 3 4	
21	,, Missionaries' Life Insurance...	32 12 9	
58	,, Do. Children's Allowances	58 16 0	
68	,, Deputation, Ministerial and General Expenses	71 9 2	
	,, Secretary's Salary, Office Expenses, Stationery, Post-		
426	ages, etc.	503 13 1	
75	,, Cost of Advertising	49 4 0	
4,847			5.458 16 9
	,, Transfers to :		
60	Voyage Fund	160 0 0	
102	"Herald" Fund (Deficit)	43 16 5	
—	"Newman" Bequest Fund	1,378 9 1	
			1,582 5 6
	,, Balance carried forward		439 8 4½
£5,183			£7,542 11 3

VOYAGE FUND.

	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ...	622 11 11
,, Transfer from General Fund	160 0 0
	£782 11 11

	£ s. d.
By Mr. Orchard's Passage	59 19 10
,, Do. Baggage and Fares ...	9 17 5
,, Balance carried forward	712 14 8
	£782 11 11

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

1942.					1942.			
£			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
573	Balance, September 21st, 1942...			376 1 4½	2,168	Indian Expenses		2,171 6 3
1,901	Contributions	2,261 2 10			18	Home Expenses		91 15 5
290	Gift Week	315 7 10			6	Deputation Expenses		4 5 10
			2,576 10 8		62	Miss B. S. Wade : Special Allowance		20 0 0
200	,, Income Tax Refund		368 8 10			Transferred to :		
					15	S.B.M. " Herald " Account		15 0 0
					20	S.B.M. Report Account ...		20 0 0
					100	S.B.M. for Rent		100 0 0
					100	L.Z.A. Medical Account ...		100 0 0
					100	L.Z.A. Voyage Account ...		100 0 0
					376	Balance in hand		698 13 4½
£2,965			£3,321 0 10½		£2,065			£3,321 0 10½

MEDICAL ACCOUNT.

1942.				1942			
£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
184	Balance, September 21st, 1942 ...	212 5 4		30	Dr. R. M. Harris : Grant for Drugs ...	30 1 0	
6	Donations	10 17 6		13	Nurse (Salary) ...	13 10 0	
100	Transferred from General Fund ...	100 0 0		33	Grants to Stations for Drugs	33 16 2	
				1	Donation to M.S.M. ...	1 1 0	
				212	Balance in hand	244 14 8	
£290		£323 2 10		£290		£323 2 10	

VOYAGE ACCOUNT.

1942.				1942.		
£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£		£ s. d.
423	Balance, September 21st, 1942 ...	523 5 2			Balance in hand	623 5 2
100	Transferred from General Account	100 0 0				
£523		£623 5 2		£523		£623 5 2

BALANCE SHEET—As at 20th September, 1943

1942.	LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
£				
—	General Fund	439	8	4½
	Voyage Fund	712	14	8
—	Young People's Guild of Service ...	136	18	5
705	Sustentation Fund	931	16	0
1,400	"Newman" and Others Bequest Fund	2,778	9	1
31	India Bible Institute Fund	31	2	6
20	Christmas Gift Fund	4	0	0
519	Pension Fund	576	15	1
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary :			
376	General Account ...	698	13	4½
212	Medical Account ...	244	14	8
523	Voyage Account ...	623	5	2
£4,410		£7,177	17	4

1942.	ASSETS.				
	Balance at Bank and in hand :				
100	Home Safe Deposit ...			500	0 0
570	Current Account ...			849	13 4
1,400	Deposit Account ...			1,300	0 0
10	Secretary ...			10	0 0
				2,659	13 4
—	Post Office Savings Bank ...			1,250	0 0
				3,909	13 4
	Investments (at cost) :				
1,499	£1,436 4s. 6d 3½% War Stock	1,499	11 0		
398	£400 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock	398	1 0		
370	£400 0s. 0d. 3½% Con. Loan	370	12 0		
—	£1,000 0s. 0d. 3% Def. Bonds	1,000	0 0		
				3,268	4 0
£4,410				£7,177	17 4

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, 1943.

52, The Broadway, Stratford, E.15.
28th September, 1943.

STANLEY W. SIMPSON, F.S.A.A.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

21st SEPTEMBER, 1942, to 20th SEPTEMBER, 1943

Abercwmboi—			
General ...	1	8	3
Abingdon—			
General	3	9	0
Accrington, "Ebenezer"—			
General ...	6	6	0
L.Z.A.	5	5	0
Accrington, "Zion"—			
General	8	4	0
Acton Friends—			
L.Z.A. ...		7	6
Aldringham—			
General ...	1	5	0
Aylesbury—			
General ...	8	18	9
L.Z.A. ...	6	15	2
Baguley—			
L.Z.A.	2	7	6
Bath, "Bethel"—			
General	1	10	0
Bath, "Providence"—			
General		10	0
Beccles—			
General	11	16	10
L.Z.A.	1	15	0
Guild of Service ...	1	0	0
Bedford—			
General ...	9	2	0
L.Z.A. ...	11	13	9
Bedford Rally—			
General ...	25	1	2
Bedmond—			
General ...	2	18	0
L.Z.A. ...	1	2	0
Bedworth—			
General	10	6	0
Belvoir St., N.S.W.—			
L.Z.A.	2	17	5
Benwick—			
General ...		12	0
Bermondsey—			
General	9	5	5
L.Z.A.	19	3	3
Guild of Service ...		5	0
Bethersden—			
General	4	16	2
Bexley—			
General ...	10	10	9
Bexley Heath—			
General ...	7	18	8
L.Z.A. ...	1	5	3
Bierton—			
General	7	16	5
L.Z.A.	3	15	0
Billericay—			
General ...	3	4	2
Billinghay—			
General ...	22	13	6
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Bilston—			
General ...	1	10	0
Blackburn—			
General ...		10	0
Blakenham—			
General	8	11	7
L.Z.A.	4	12	10
Borough Green—			
General ...	24	17	11
L.Z.A. ...	1	13	4
Bradenstoke—			
General	18	3	9
L.Z.A.	2	15	2
Bradfield St. George—			
General		8	6
L.Z.A.		7	6
Bradford—			
General ...	6	6	9
L.Z.A. ...	81	3	0
Brentford—			
General	56	1	5
L.Z.A.	47	9	3
Guild of Service ...	9	19	5
Brighton Branch—			
General	26	10	0
L.Z.A.	20	18	9
Brighton, "Ebenezer"—			
General	3	6	0
Brighton Tabernacle—			
General	1	2	0
Brixton—			
L.Z.A. ...	4	16	9
Broadstairs—			
General		10	0
L.Z.A.	1	15	6
Brockley, Suffolk—			
General	11	17	6
L.Z.A.	2	15	0
Bromley—			
General	7	11	2
L.Z.A.	11	10	1
Guild of Service...		5	0
Bury, Lancs.—			
General	4	5	3
L.Z.A.	14	14	7
Cambridge, "Eden"—			
General	65	1	7
L.Z.A.	10	12	6
Cambridge, Tenison Rd.—			
General	10	5	7
Caversham—			
General ...		10	0
Chadwell St.—			
Generel	167	10	10
L.Z.A.	94	7	2
Guild of Service...		10	0
Chatteris—			
General	77	1	4
L.Z.A.	12	0	0
Chelmondiston—			
General ...		12	9
Chelmsford—			
General	25	1	10
L.Z.A.	6	17	7
Guild of Service...		5	0
Cheltenham—			
General ...	9	3	0
L.Z.A. ...		15	0
Chesham—			
General	25	16	6
L.Z.A.	11	18	4
Guild of Service...	3	3	6
Chichester—			
General ...		19	0
Chingford—			
General	3	1	10
L.Z.A.		5	0
Guild of Service...	1	0	0
Chorley— ...			
General	13	0	0
L.Z.A.	7	0	0
Clapham, Courland Grove—			
General	18	0	7
L.Z.A.	11	17	3
Guild of Service...	26	0	0
Clapham Junction—			
General		7	3
L.Z.A.	2	2	8
Clayton West—			
General ...	5	14	6
Collier Road—			
General ...	1	5	0
Collingwood, Aus.—			
General	2	12	7
Cottenham—			
General ...	22	8	6
L.Z.A. ...	3	17	0
Cransford—			
General ...	2	18	0
L.Z.A. ...	8	15	0
Crawley—			
General ...	5	11	6
Crowfield—			
General	7	17	0
Croydon, Derby Rd.—			
General	12	9	2
L.Z.A.	8	0	0
Croydon District—			
General	7	4	4
Croydon, "Salem"—			
General	15	9	0
L.Z.A.	7	19	3
Croydon, Tamworth Rd.—			
General	20	7	0
L.Z.A.	13	5	0
Datchet—			
General	1	2	6
Deeping St. James—			
General	14	11	6
L.Z.A.	12	0	0
Dennington—			
General ...	1	0	6
Devizes—			
General ...	40	9	1
L.Z.A. ...	6	5	0
Dorking—			
General ...	48	2	11
L.Z.A. ...	44	4	8
Downe—			
General ...	7	14	4
Dunstable—			
General	23	7	6
L.Z.A.	17	10	0
Eastbourne—			
General ...	2	13	0
L.Z.A. ...	2	17	0
East Ham—			
General ...	21	6	10
L.Z.A. ...	18	6	1
Egham—			
General	5	12	11
Ely—			
General	1	7	0
Epping—			
General		10	0
Epsom—			
General ...	47	15	5
L.Z.A. ...	100	15	7
Erith—			
General	14	3	6
Guild of Service...	1	16	0
Eversley—			
General	4	11	3
Finchley—			
General	52	17	3
L.Z.A.	9	19	3
Guild of Service...	1	15	0
Fishguard, "Hermon"—			
General	6	10	10
Fressingfield—			
General	2	15	6
Friston—			
General	1	8	6
Fulham—			
General ...	2	0	3
L.Z.A. ...	10	0	6
Glemsford—			
General ...	1	9	0

Gravesend—
General ... 2 16 6
L.Z.A. ... 3 0 0
Grays—
General 13 7 5
L.Z.A. 5 19 9
Great Gransden—
General 13 3 3
L.Z.A. 6 0
Greenwich—
General ... 18 3 1
L.Z.A. ... 6 12 0
Grundisburgh—
General ... 7 17 2
L.Z.A. ... 3 12 6
Guildford—
General ... 74 15 5
L.Z.A. ... 24 7 6
Hadleigh—
General 3 0 0
L.Z.A. 2 10 0
Hailsham—
General 6 6 0
Halstead—
General 11 4 4
Handcross—
General 2 5 10
L.Z.A. 6 6
Hartley Wintney—
General 16 11 2
L.Z.A. 2 0 0
Harwich—
General ... 1 4 0
L.Z.A. ... 2 14 0
Haslemere—
General 24 5 10
L.Z.A. 5 17 6
Hastings Aux.—
General 14 19 9
L.Z.A. 19 17 0
Haworth—
General 13 8 6
L.Z.A. 6 1 6
Hebden Bridge—
General 4 18 3
L.Z.A. 1 7 3
Hedge End—
General ... 17 6
Highbury—
General 40 1 9
L.Z.A. 45 17 6
Guild of Service... 4 19 0
Highgate Road—
General 2 0 0
High Wycombe—
General ... 7 5 5
L.Z.A. ... 4 10 0
Hinchley—
General ... 5 11 1
Hilmarton—
General 5 6 0
Holloway, Elthorne Rd.—
General 2 0 0
Homerton Row—
General 13 1 0
L.Z.A. 3 7 10
Horham—
General 86 10 0
L.Z.A. 14 10 0
Horley—
General 2 0 0
Horsham—
General 15 0 4
L.Z.A. ... 12 9 7
Hounslow—
General ... 32 7 5
L.Z.A. ... 17 10 9
Hoxne—
General ... 9 3 0
Ilford—
General 4 16 0
L.Z.A. 1 5 6
Guild of Service... 15 0
Ipswich, "Behesda"—
General 140 4 6
L.Z.A. 31 10 8
Guild of Service... 6 10 0
Ipswich, "Mt. Zion"—
General 9 4 0
L.Z.A. 1 11 3
Ipswich, "Zoar"—
General 14 7 6
L.Z.A. 12 10 0
Irthlingboro—
General ... 2 4 0
L.Z.A. ... 1 13 0
Ivinghoe—
General ... 1 0 0
Kenninghall—
General ... 3 12 0
Kesgrave— ...
General ... 8 3 4
L.Z.A. ... 4 0 0
Kilburn—
General 3 6
King's Langley—
General ... 19 8 8
L.Z.A. ... 1 10 0
Kingston—
General 6 18 11
L.Z.A. 6 2 6
Laxfield—
General 24 2 8
L.Z.A. 4 1 2½
Leatherhead—
L.Z.A. ... 4 9 11
Lee Common—
General 6 2 6
Leicester, "Providence"—
General 18 16 0
Leicester, "Zion"—
General 5 15 2
L.Z.A. 3 16 0
Leigh-on-Sea Friends—
L.Z.A. 5 8 6
Leiston—
General 17 0
L.Z.A. 2 10 0
Lessness Heath—
General 16 16 10
L.Z.A. 13 2
Guild of Service... 12 14 0
Lewes—
General ... 3 14 3
Lewisham—
General 2 18 7
L.Z.A. 2 8 5
Leyton—
General 37 19 7
L.Z.A. 14 0 0
Guild of Service... 29 14 11
Lincoln—
General 5 0
Little Downham—
General ... 6 10 6
Llanelly—
General ... 1 14 6
Lockwood—
General 4 10 0
Lode—
General ... 14 6
Long Marston—
General ... 4 18 0
Loughborough—
General ... 15 0
Maidenhead—
General ... 15 0
Manor Park—
General ... 15 9 3
L.Z.A. ... 1 14 0
Maidstone
General 3 14 9
Manchester District—
L.Z.A. 4 11 6
March—
General 43 13 8
L.Z.A. 13 17 3
Guild of Service... 14 0
Mayford—
General 11 4 1
Meopham—
L.Z.A. ... 1 2 0
Middlesborough—
General ... 1 0 0
Morley—
General ... 12 6
Needingworth—
General 8 5 9
Newcastle-on-Tyne—
General 9 0 0
New Cross—
General ... 89 1 5
L.Z.A. 22 10 2
Guild of Service... 14 0
Newick—
L.Z.A. 11 6
Newquay—
General 1 11 6
L.Z.A. 4 4 6
Noddfa—
General 2 7 2
Norbiton—
General ... 1 7 0
L.Z.A. ... 8 17 0
Northampton—
General 2 0
N. London Rally—
General ... 3 1 0
Norwich—
General 3 7 6
L.Z.A. 1 8 10
Notting Hill Gate—
General 8 14 7
L.Z.A. 7 8 0
Guild of Service... 1 6 0
Nuneaton—
General 5 5 0
Nunhead—
General 5 14 6
Occold—
General 10 18 0
Old Hill—
General 8 7 6
Otley—
General 1 19 8
L.Z.A. 5 12 0
Oundle—
General 9 0
Over—
General 13 3 3
L.Z.A. 14 7 5
Paxton—
General 2 0 0
Pembrokeshire, Bethabara—
General 2 10 0
Pemberton—
General ... 15 0 0
L.Z.A. ... 1 0 0
Ponders End—
General ... 4 0 0
L.Z.A. ... 8 12 0
Porth—
General ... 10 10 0
Portsmouth—
General ... 4 2 6
Potten End—
General 24 12 0
L.Z.A. ... 21 18 0
Potton, Beds.—
General ... 12 3 0
L.Z.A. ... 7 1 7

Poynings—			
General	33	0	0
Preston—			
General	12	8	6
L.Z.A.	11	1	6
Prittlewell—			
General ...	20	11	7
L.Z.A. ...	27	10	6
Ramsey—			
General	7	0	8
L.Z.A.	1	17	6
Guild of Service...		4	6
Rattlesden—			
General ...	7	2	8
L.Z.A. ...	1	17	3
Raunds—			
L.Z.A. ...	2	10	0
Reading Friends—			
General ...	2	2	0
L.Z.A. ...	1	10	0
Redbourne—			
General	2	4	0
Reigate—			
General	7	14	9
Richmond—			
General	32	0	0
L.Z.A.	30	8	0
Rochdale—			
General ...	2	3	0
Rowley Regis—			
General ...	1	0	0
Royton—			
General	21	9	6
Rushden—			
General ...	4	12	8
L.Z.A. ...		18	8
Salhouse—			
General ...		2	6
Shelfanger—			
General ...		5	0
L.Z.A. ...		10	0
Siddal—			
L.Z.A. ...	1	1	0
Slaithwaite—			
General		2	0
Sleaford—			
General ...		12	6
Smarden—			
Gneral	3	11	0
Smithfield, N.S.W.—			
General	1	10	0
Somersham—			
General	2	14	2
L.Z.A.	8	3	6
South Chard—			
General ...	2	7	6
Staines—			
General	17	6	8
L.Z.A.	1	2	0
Stamford—			
General	27	2	6
Stevenage—			
General ...	1	5	6
L.Z.A. ...	8	10	0
Stoke Ash—			
General	13	0	4
L.Z.A.	0	17	1
Stoke Goldings—			
General ...	1	12	2
Stowmarket—			
General ...	17	1	3
L.Z.A. ...	4	2	6
Stratford—			
General ...	34	8	8
L.Z.A.	42	2	11
Guild of Service...		12	6
Streatham—			
General	13	15	5
L.Z.A.	11	5	10
Stretham, Cambs.—			
General	0	2	1
St. Albans—			
General ...	4	5	4
L.Z.A. ...	3	7	6
St. Clears—			
General		12	6
L.Z.A.	3	10	0
St. John's Wood—			
General	74	15	6
L.Z.A.	86	4	8
Guild of Service...		5	0
St. Neots—			
General	12	12	2
L.Z.A	1	1	0
Guild of Service...	2	5	0
Sudbourne & Tunstall—			
General	23	5	3
L.Z.A.	2	0	2
Sudbury, Suffolk—			
General	1	2	4
Suffolk Rally—			
General ...	15	17	11
Sunderland—			
General	2	5	1
Sutton-at-Hone—			
General	38	6	0
L.Z.A.	2	2	0
Guild of Service...		6	0
Sutton, Cambs.—			
General	9	11	2
Sutton (Surrey) Friends—			
General	6	7	0
L.Z.A.	20	5	0
Swindon—			
General	9	9	5
L.Z.A.	9	2	0
Guild of Service...		18	0
Tadworth—			
General	40	14	6
L.Z.A.	5	2	6
Tenterden—			
General	1	1	0
Thame—			
General ...	4	12	6
Thornton—			
General		5	0
Tollington Park—			
General ...	5	3	8
L.Z.A. ...	5	10	0
Tonbridge—			
General ...		5	0
Tottenham—			
General	9	11	11
L.Z.A.	2	0	0
Tring, Akeman Street—			
General	117	12	8
L.Z.A.	120	6	6
Guild of Service...		10	0
Trowbridge—			
General	10	7	9
Tunbridge Wells—			
General	20	4	10
L.Z.A.	14	12	6
Two Waters—			
General ...	0	8	0
Wakes Colne—			
L.Z.A. ...	1	0	0
Waldringfield—			
General	15	12	7
Walsall—			
General	19	4	6
Guild of Service...	1	0	0
Walthamstow—			
General	11	0	2
L.Z.A.	26	19	1
Walton-on-Naze—			
General	4	17	6
L.Z.A.	2	1	10
Wandsworth, Chatham Rd.—			
General		16	0
Wandsworth, West Hill—			
General	3	2	6
L.Z.A.	12	8	6
Warbleton—			
General	4	4	0
Warboys—			
General ...	14	17	6
L.Z.A. ...	8	10	2
Warrington—			
General	1	5	0
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Watford, "Beulah"—			
General	7	15	0
Watford Tabernacle—			
General	50	14	6
L.Z.A.	30	10	0
Guild of Service...	11	6	7
Wattisham—			
General	6	16	0
L.Z.A.	4	8	2
Wellingborough—			
General	45	19	5
L.Z.A.	18	11	5
West Ham—			
General	8	19	2
L.Z.A.	16	8	7
Guild of Service...		5	0
West Herts. Rally—			
General	3	5	0
West Hartlepool—			
General ...	12	10	6
Wisbech—			
General ...	1	0	0
Wetherden—			
General ...	2	2	0
L.Z.A. ...	1	6	7
Whittlesey—			
General	61	18	5
L.Z.A.	7	15	0
Willenhall—			
General ...	8	0	0
Willingham—			
General	20	14	3
L.Z.A.	1	15	9
Guild of Service...		10	0
Wimbledon—			
General	33	9	2
L.Z.A.	40	13	6
Wooburn Green—			
General		10	0
Wood Green, Eldon Rd.—			
General	6	13	9
L.Z.A.	1	10	0
Wood Green, Park Ridings—			
General	8	14	8
L.Z.A.	5	8	0
Woolwich—			
General	4	12	0
L.Z.A.	3	16	0
Yateley—			
General	18	12	6
L.Z.A.	10	9	0
Guild of Service...	2	15	0
PERSONAL—			
General	817	3	8
L.Z.A.	699	7	3
LEGACIES—			
General	1378	9	1
MISCELLANEOUS—			
Special Collections, Refund of Income Tax, Interest on Investments, etc.			
General	1362	6	7
L.Z.A.	564	19	11
CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND ...	119	4	8
PUBLICATIONS— "Heralds," "Rays," Reports ...	259	15	5
SUSTENTATION FUND	226	5	0
PENSION FUND ...	712	3	1

GENERAL INFORMATION

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