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THE

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER MEETING

will, God willing, be held at

MOUNT ZION CHAPEL,
CHADWELL STREET, LONDON, E.C.1.

on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1945

AT 2.30 P.M.

We trust that many will gather with us to begin the year in earnest, united prayer for the Mission, and we would seek a constant remembrance of the work in the prayers of individual friends and in the prayer meetings of our Strict Baptist Churches.

General Secretary:
Pastor J. K. THORPE, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, London, E.12.

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"CONTINUE IN PRAYER, AND WATCH IN THE SAME WITH THANKSGIVING" (Colossians iv. 2)

THIS exhortation of the great Missionary Paul is the earnest plea with which we as a Mission would open the New Year. It is a request for a continuance in that sacred ministry of prayer, without which there would never have been our past 83 years of history as a Mission.

How thankful we are for those prayers of the past! It is certainly true to say that the work was commenced in prayer; and prayer is equally the secret of the maintenance and development of the work as we see it now. We all feel a very real sense of deep gratitude to all those friends who have continually remembered us at the Throne of Grace.

At the present time, the Officers of the Mission, every worker in India and at home, each member of the L.Z.A. Executive and of the S.B.M. Council—all are increasingly conscious of the need for earnest, continuous prayer. We are at least like Paul in that we live in a dark day, with many threatening forces at work. The whole world is changing, but in the midst of it all the work of God goes on. We may not be literally imprisoned, but real limitations are imposed upon us. Nothing, however, can take from us the privilege of prayer and all those possibilities to which it opens up the way. To our great loss, we may at times forget or neglect it, but our urgent need will make us, like Bunyan's Christian, discover again that key of promise which is only found through prayer.

Dear friends, this must be a year of prayer! Difficulties abound on every hand. Spiritual revival is the desperate need of our Churches in England—the mighty, converting power of the Holy Spirit is the supreme need of this loved land of ours. The future in India has high lights of promise, but dark storm clouds are easily discerned. As a Mission we still have to face the problem of depleted staff and of Missionaries urgently needing furlough. More Missionaries are needed for India—more helpers are needed at home. All these things should be known, but this is what we ask of every friend of the Strict Baptist Mission—CONTINUE IN PRAYER—expectant prayer—prayer that shall surely issue into thanksgiving!

"We believe God answers prayer;
We are sure God answers prayer;
We have proved God answers prayer;
Glory to His Name."

MADRAS CHURCH CALENDAR

V. FOURTH SUNDAY—MANNUR.

D. A. THROWER.

THE Mannur Church is a " mission " effort, its activities being conducted by members of the Volunteer Fellowship, which was organised about ten years ago among the young people of the S.B.M. Churches in the Madras area. The circle of villages around Mannur (see S.B.M. atlas) was taken over from the Methodist Episcopal Mission of America, when that Mission retired from the district at a time of retrenchment. The S.B.M. purchased from that Society the properties which we now hold in Korattur and Mannur and undertook to carry on the task of evangelising the area. The headmaster of the Korattur S.B.M. School serves as caretaker of the Mannur Chapel (which is about half a mile distant from his village and stands on the northern side of the Madras-Avadi Road). Men from the Vepery, Ayanapuram and Sembiam Churches cycle out to Mannur and conduct the Sunday morning and evening services, according to a plan drawn up by the Fellowship committee. Five Sunday Schools, a women's meeting, a mid-week prayer meeting, and two men's meetings are held each week in the villages of this part of the Field, friends from the city going out to assist the local workers and honorary helpers in these activities.

On our arrival at the Mannur chapel about 9.30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, we usually find the tiny building uncomfortably full of people. If the Church continues to grow at the present rate, we shall very soon need a larger chapel, if indeed such a need does not already exist. A building fund has recently been opened in this connection. The congregation at this place is the most backward in the Madras area, both educationally and spiritually, but it is encouraging to note that progress is being made in both respects.

The Mannur chapel is the smallest church building in this Field, although it has been enlarged since it came into our possession (by the removal of a wall dividing the chapel from its vestry). The small compound in which the chapel stands also contains an open-air baptistery and two small lean-to rooms attached to the chapel, the latter serving as a kitchen, etc., for the use of camping workers. By the Lord's blessing on the work, this Church, which was formed in the year 1933 by the baptism in a nearby pond of four friends, has now reached a membership of thirty-three (including three members of the S.B.M. staff). We are therefore now looking forward to the time when this Church will be able to stand on its own feet and manage its own affairs as do the other churches of the Field, and thus release the honorary workers of the Fellowship for work in another sphere.

We address the simple folk here in conversational style, asking plenty of questions to maintain interest in the sermon. After the morning services our Indian friends disperse to their villages, while the missionaries regale themselves with a cold lunch. After a brief rest on the van seats we have a cup of tea, and then visit one or other of the village Sunday Schools. Finally, the evening service closes the day's activities, and we arrive home about 7 p.m., tired but nearly always happy.

A WEEK AT PAVITRAM

GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

5.—CAMP CONCLUDES.

On the last afternoon of my camp, I was in the chapel talking with the preacher, when Sivaswami, a well-spoken man of about 25, came in and sat down. Joseph said that he was interested in the Gospel, but his father is bitterly opposed. Sivaswami quietly told me his story:—He used to come to chapel at Erumaipatti, but knowing his father's hatred of Christianity he never dared to attend any services in his own village. In those days he was teaching a few boys to read, and had some copies of a Gospel with him. His father seeing them, and being literate himself, was able to understand that they were Christian books. He therefore seized them and tore them to pieces. In fact he was so violently opposed to his son's developing faith that the boy ran away to Negapatam, miles away, and served in a grain shop for three months. His father, grieving at the loss of his eldest son, went in search of him, and finally coming across him in the town, begged him to come back home. Sivaswami said he would not unless he could have freedom to become a Christian. His father fell at his feet and besought him to return, promising to let him choose for himself when he had married. Sivaswami went home and the father treated him with more respect than before. Sivaswami's mother had lived as a girl next to the S.B.M. School in Palayapalayam (a school which was closed about 14 years ago), and the Biblewoman, wife of our teacher, had often talked with her about the Lord Jesus. She had been attracted by the Gospel message, and now listens to the Biblewoman in Pavitram eagerly. Sivaswami married a Palayapalayam girl who has studied in our school, so she can read and has a good knowledge of Christ's teaching. When she and Sivaswami were married, the latter hoped that he would be allowed to be baptized. Now the father says, " If you become a Christian, how will I be able to get husbands for your sisters? No one will marry them. Please wait until they are off my hands, and then join the Christians if you will." Sivaswami says he will wait a few months. Now several have been baptized in the village, and more are to be baptized. His father's fears will gradually subside, and he will be able to receive baptism without antagonising his father.

KOVILUR

DR. R. M. HARRIS.

ON the 18th day of the Hindu month of Adi, a great festival takes place at the temple at Kovilur. It is the custom of the Kolli Hill missionaries to go out year by year and camp somewhere in the vicinity, so that they may preach the Gospel to the crowds who gather there, and have time to talk quietly to any individual who likes to come to the tent to do so. This year, those who knew the ropes were away, so that there was no question of camping there. To go or not to go was the question, and it must be confessed that it was the thought of the 6½ mile walk there and the 6½ mile walk back that presented the obstacle. In praying over this matter, the thought that there was a soul to be met there was insistent. So it was that Navamoni and I set off early in the morning, with some of the other workers, to meet whomsoever it was that God had prepared for us to meet.

As we came down the hillside to the river, the sound of human voices mingled with the murmur of the water, as it ran over and around the rocks and down into the valley on its way to the plains. Crowds had already gathered. Some were having their heads shaved, in fulfilment of a vow to the god. Some of our Sendamangalam Sunday school boys were there, and other friends from Sendamangalam. The sight of an old Asari woman made me feel ashamed, to think how nearly I had not come, for she had walked not only the 6½ miles from Valandi, but also the 8 miles from Sendamangalam, including a climb of 3,000 feet! The zeal of these people, misplaced though it is, certainly puts some of us to shame.

We climbed the rugged stone steps which lead to the ground on which the temple stands. On either side sat beggars and 'holy men,' with cloths spread out in front of them, ready to receive anything which passers-by might choose to throw them, in money or in kind.

Crowds, more crowds, Hill people and Plains people, many of the latter having travelled miles to be present. Vendors from the Plains sat on the ground with their goods spread out before them, and crowds thronged round to buy. All around, the saris of worshippers who had bathed in the river could be seen hanging up to dry.

We held several meetings, but though people gathered round to listen, much of our effort was baulked by a man who followed us round, out to make trouble. It was nearly mid-day, we did not seem to have accomplished much, and we had not met the one whom we felt we had been sent to meet.

Back we went down to the river-side. By this time cooking was in progress, and folks were sitting down in groups, eating their mid-day meal. We stopped to speak to a group of women, but they had no time and no desire to listen. As we spoke an elderly widow woman came up, and taking a booklet from us, started reading aloud. Then she turned to us and asked for a Bible. "I have been here since yesterday, and have been looking for you," she said. "Well, then, you are the person God has sent us to meet," I replied. "Let's go and sit in a quiet place under the bushes, somewhere where we can talk quietly, without interruption," for we were standing in the thoroughfare. As we talked it transpired that someone had told her that a white woman attended this festival to preach Christ. She had heard about Miss Wilkins and had come up determined to seek her out and find out more about the Way. How nearly we had failed to be there. With prayer in our hearts we turned from Scripture to Scripture, seeking to bring this woman into touch with the Living Christ. It appeared that her father had been a Christian but had gone back into Hinduism, and she herself, though christened as a baby, was to all intents and purposes a Hindu. Like the rich young ruler, she found it hard to face up to giving up all things for Christ's sake, for she was a woman of means. As we parted she told us she thought of coming into Valavanthi to enquire more about the Way.

We have since heard that after leaving us she went to Velapoor and spent three days with Ruth Brand and her husband. She is still in communication with them. When Ruth was last here in Valavanthi, she took back a Bible to send to Muthammal, and a letter inviting her to come to the Christmas meetings. Perhaps she will. Pray for her.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

Madras.—The following extracts are from the latest airgraph from Mr. Thrower : " The news concerning our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, delights our hearts beyond measure, and we now eagerly look forward to welcoming them here. . . . Thank you for your message re the Christmas Gift Fund. The total is once again a magnificent one. May the Lord richly reward the many friends who have contributed. The cloth, etc., that we may be able to purchase will help and cheer thousands of poor folk connected with our Mission—mostly children, of course.

" Last week, two young men from Koyembedu came as a deputation from the Young Men's Meeting there (connected with our Church) to request me to conduct a Bible Class for them in the Koyembedu Schoolroom at least twice a month in the late evening. I started yesterday, 8.30—9.30 p.m., and was most encouraged. Fifteen young men came to the meeting, and a dozen of them have so far purchased copies of the Tamil Concordance, which I am making the text-book for study. My object is to teach these friends how to use the Concordance in Bible study. Special prayer for this meeting will be valued." We note with thankfulness that Mr. and Mrs. Thrower are both very well.

Mrs. Brand indicates the great need for more Biblewomen really called of God to the work, and asks for prayer concerning this matter.

Namakkal and Sendamangalam.—Mr. Morling has been busy with preparations for the repair of the chapel and the bungalow at Sendamangalam, both of which are in a dilapidated condition, and repairs will involve considerable expenditure. He has managed to have a five-day camp at Periasolaiyapalaiyam, and from this centre to visit most of the stations on the west side of these two fields. He had the joy of examining enquirers at two places.

Kolli Hills.—There is not a great deal to report this month, but we note with real thankfulness that Mr. and Mrs. Huckett and family are all well and our friends are continuing prayerfully and zealously in the work.

Miss Mowle writes happily concerning various Indian helpers engaged in the work of the Hostel and amongst the children.

Kovilpatti.—The latest letter from Mr. Kuhrt, sent during November, reports that the two children are better, and that they were all away at Ootacamund resting. We are now hopeful that our friends will be able to come to England for their much-needed furlough early this year.

It is anticipated that Mr. and Mrs. Orchard will be going to Kovilpatti to take over the work for the time being.

Miss M. Harris writes : " I had an overwhelming welcome to the dispensary in Paniadipatti. Poor people ! how they do need medical help." Changes in the staff of Biblewomen are also reported.

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

Arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Orchard.—From messages received we gather that our friends have safely arrived in India after a good voyage, and we praise God for this answer to our prayers. They have actually arrived in India in the best time of the year, and this will be specially helpful to Mrs. Orchard, who is new to the climate and conditions in India.

The following is from a letter written on board by Mr. Orchard :— " A mail has just been announced, so I will endeavour to give you as much news as possible. The services on board have been very helpful. We have morning and evening services, and a children's service, each Sunday. There are also six groups meeting for Bible study each day, so you see we are well supplied as far as spiritual things are concerned. The weather has been wonderful. Sunshine every day and a sea almost as smooth as a pond. We are both much enjoying the air and scenery and the fellowship on board, and are both looking forward to our time on the field."

Return of other Missionaries to India.—Shipping conditions for Missionaries to India have recently improved, though we cannot tell how long these advantages will be continued. We prayerfully trust, however, that the way will be opened up in January, or early in the new year, for the return of Mr. and Mrs. Champion and Miss Wilkins. The return to India of these friends is needed in order to relieve the strain on the other Missionaries and to allow others to come to the Homeland for long delayed furlough and rest.

Mr. Champion hopes to fulfil engagements as announced on the Lord's Days in January, but if changes have to be made the Churches concerned will hear from the Secretary of the Mission. The same applies to all subsequent bookings, and in connection with L.Z.A. arrangements made, Miss P. P. Nunn will deal with these in due course.

A Year of Special Prayer.—Every year of the Mission's history has been characterised by prayer, but I think it is clearly obvious that this new year calls for prayer more than ever before. We have great difficulties, but also great opportunities, and we need in every way the gracious guidance and blessing of the Lord. Please continue to remember the Mission constantly in your prayers.

We shall be grateful and encouraged if you can attend the New Year's Prayer Meeting as announced, and we hope to arrange further local Missionary Prayer Meetings in various parts of London from time to time. Perhaps friends in other parts of the country could arrange for similar gatherings. We should be pleased to hear of such meetings being convened.

"9436" Anonymous.—We gratefully acknowledge regular remittances throughout the year, and also special Christmas gift. The following is a report just received concerning the family of Israel, away on the Kolli Hills: "The children are Thangamonie (Golden Jewel), Raj (King), Kamalam (Lotus), and Timothy. All four are in our Hostels, and are making good progress. Thangamonie has now left school and is helping in the bungalow and beginning to earn her own living. Raj is in the 5th standard, and is a helpful boy in the Boys' Hostel. Kamalan is quite a sensible little girl and gives no trouble. Timothy is somewhat weakly, and needs a good deal of care. The mother attends our services regularly, and goes out as a daily cooly. The Christmas gift will buy them some new clothes, with which they will be delighted."

Reminder re Thankoffering Envelopes.—These were sent out in December, and many friends have already kindly handed in or forwarded gifts. May we remind other friends of how much this annual setting apart of special gifts means to the Mission. Envelopes should be handed to the Mission Secretary of your Church, or one of the Deacons, or may be forwarded direct to the General Secretary, 25, Empress Avenue, London, E.12.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

WITH the beginning of another year we take the opportunity of sending heartiest greetings to all Guild of Service members, especially those away in the Forces, and once more we express the prayerful hope that the blessing of peace may soon be experienced in all lands.

What great tasks will then confront us, and all those who are deeply concerned for the highest welfare of their fellows! More than ever before there will be a need for Christian workers in every land—men and women called of God and devoted to the task of making known in word and life the Gospel of the grace of God—the only message of hope in a world of bitterness, hatred and distress. With God's blessing, our Guild of Service will have its place in this important ministry, and we are eager that every possible friend should be enrolled in readiness for a great forward move in missionary service.

Fresh supplies of leaflets re the Guild of Service have now been printed, with enrolment forms attached, and we shall welcome the co-operation of members and groups in distributing these to other young people in our Churches who may be constrained to join our ranks. The Secretary will gladly supply quantities required.

It may be helpful if we state once again the objects of the Guild of Service and the conditions of membership. They are:—

1. **Personal Membership.**—Open to all interested young people over 14 years of age, who, whilst earnestly desiring God's blessing on all true Missionary work, will make the work of the S.B.M. their special interest and concern.
2. **The Development of Missionary Interest** through personal effort and group meetings wherever possible. Monthly meetings for prayer, fellowship and work. These may be arranged within existing Young People's Societies. Where such do not exist, new meetings should be commenced.
3. **A Remembrance of the Strict Baptist Mission in Daily Prayer.**
4. **The Reading of the Strict Baptist Mission Herald every month.** A copy of the MISSION HERALD will be supplied to each member every month.
5. **An Annual Subscription** (minimum 5s.), **or the holding of a Personal Missionary Box** (minimum 1d. per week).

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PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

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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 Harvest Truly is Plenteous . . . ."

This is very true of our Missionary Field in South India, both in regard to the vast area covered and also the huge population within it.

"But the Labourers are Few . . . ."

We have twenty English Missionaries, with over two hundred Indian Workers, but what are they among the millions of South India?

Our workers are prayerfully making the Gospel known in over 400 villages, but what of the thousands of villages unvisited?

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he will send forth Labourers . . . ."

We are needing new Missionaries, both ladies and men. Please join us in earnest prayer concerning this important matter.

May many hear the question of the Lord:

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

General Secretary:

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JOINING THE INDIAN CHURCH

G. F. CHAMPION.

ON one occasion I remember hearing the late Mr. D. Morling say that the part of his missionary work which he found most difficult and worrying was the interviewing of candidates for baptism. Our aim, of course, is to build up Churches with a converted membership, and every effort is made to ensure as far as possible that only those who have a real experience of the saving grace of God are baptized and brought into the Church.

Some years ago I was in a station where, after a period of apparent indifference, there seemed to be a spiritual awakening, and eleven or twelve men and women approached me with regard to baptism. While this was a source of happiness to us, it also placed upon us a considerable responsibility. Each of these brothers and sisters was interviewed separately and their testimony carefully considered; but we felt that only five of them should be brought before the Church.

The methods of examination of a candidate for baptism found to be helpful in England are also followed in India. In illustration of this I will describe the consideration given those who asked for baptism in Sendamangalam two years ago. The women first spoke to Miss Hazel, and had she felt that any of them were lacking in spiritual experience, they would probably not have come on to me as acting Pastor of the Sendamangalam Church. When I talked to those who had asked for baptism, I had with me the preacher who works with us in and round Sendamangalam. He knows more about the daily lives of the people than I do, and I could discuss with him their spiritual condition. Later the Sendamangalam Church appointed visitors who gave their report to the Church prior to our bringing before the Church each of the men and women in turn. Church members are always invited to ask questions if they feel the need; and in the case of some of the above-mentioned many questions were asked. Two young men, who had been notably wild before their conversion, were closely questioned as regards change of heart and life.

When we have in the Church close relations of someone asking for baptism, I have generally requested them to give confirmatory testimony. Husbands have been asked about wives, wives about husbands, and sons and daughters about parents. I have found that they are generally prepared to give a fair and balanced judgment in such cases.

If a Church is very small it is often neither possible nor necessary to go through all the steps mentioned above. In the case of a small village congregation, I have a talk with the village preacher about anyone asking for baptism; and then, after service on Sunday, before the little congregation disperses, we talk together about the applicant.

He or she is probably present and will be known intimately to everyone there. As a rule I ask each person to tell me what they know of the life of the man or woman concerned, and what reason they have for believing that he or she is saved. In this way all present can be brought to see their responsibility for the purity of the Church and for the spiritual welfare of their fellow-members.

Even after the careful and prayerful consideration of each applicant for baptism described above, we are sometimes saddened by the backsliding of members, and by lack of growth in grace. It is for this reason that we are always pleased to learn that friends in England are bearing up our Indian brothers and sisters in their prayers at the throne of grace.

"THESE LITTLE ONES"

MISS B. L. MOWLE.

WE can truly speak of the children in our two Hostels on the Kolli Hills as the little ones God has led us to take care of and bring up for Him. Many of them are orphans or unwanted babies who know no home other than the Hostel at Valavanthi, and no parents other than the missionaries. Some of these children on completing the 5th standard go down to the plains for further education, but they always return to our Valavanthi Hostels for the holidays, while other children go to their respective homes. For this reason these Hostels are never closed. There are always little ones to care for there.

"*Workers Together.*"

In 1942, Mr. Huckett wrote to a missionary in Madras who trains teachers for kindergarten or nursery school work, as he was concerned about the children on the Kollis who were below school age. Some of them were getting into bad habits, stealing fruit, breaking-up fences for firewood, and generally making themselves a nuisance. On my way back from the Nilgiri Hills this year, I spent a few days in Madras before taking up my work again on the Kollis. While there I was able to see something of the work Mrs. Thrower has started among the little ones with the help of an Indian girl who had been training under the missionary mentioned above. About six weeks later, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower came to the Kolli Hills for our Harvest Thanksgiving Services, and they kindly brought their Nursery School Teacher with them. With her help and the aid of Alice Ammal, the Hostel matron, who is a trained teacher, we are trying to teach a Kolli Hill girl named Bakkiam (Blessing) to train the smaller children along the lines of a nursery school.

"*Suffer the little ones . . .*"

In the mornings they gather at 8.30 and remain until 10.30. They meet again in the afternoons at 3, and remain until 4.30. Two mats are spread on the floor, the children sit around in a circle, and a few playthings are brought out and placed in the centre. These we hope to supplement as time goes on. First the children sing a hymn such

as "Two little eyes to look to God," with the actions. It is not easy for these little mites to co-ordinate the actions with the words, and sometimes one finds them pointing to their eyes and singing about their ears, or indicating that their heart is situated on their lips. However, this is all good training for them. After a short prayer, Bakkiam tells them a Bible story. This week it is "The feeding of the five thousand." The youngest member of the class can only say a few words, but she proudly holds up her hand and spreads her five small fingers when asked how many loaves of bread the little boy gave to Jesus. Naturally it is very easy to spread those same five fingers also when asked how many fishes there were! It is so hard to keep down three and only show two.

Then follow games and action songs. A similar program is followed in the afternoon, lessons in cleanliness and good habits being taught in an interesting way. Once a week they have a little tea-party, at which they learn to give their thanks to the Lord Jesus before eating.

"There they dwelt with the King for His work."

Bakkiam is now our oldest girl in the Hostel. She left school about two years ago. The Lord has graciously heard prayer for her, and we feel sure she is one of the Lord's children. She has followed her Lord in baptism. We had hopes of training her for a Biblewoman, but that door has been closed and, as she is so good with little children, we have given this special work to her. Let us pray that she may be greatly blessed amongst the young plants in His vineyard.

"Who hath despised the day of small things."

Ruth, Mary, Sandoshie and Bakkiam were all babies in our Hostel. Now, by the grace of God, they have been brought to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour and are seeking to serve Him here on their own hills. They need our prayers, for they themselves are but babes in Christ, that they may grow in grace and be led into a fuller and deeper fellowship with Him, so that He can use them effectually in His service.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

QUITE a number of young men from our home Churches are now in India in the various armed forces, and some of these are members of our Guild of Service. We prayerfully remember all those who are thus visiting India, and are glad to note that some have been able to spend their leave with our Missionaries. This has given them the opportunity of seeing something of the work of the Mission, and in this connection we have been delighted to receive a most interesting

LETTER FROM Cpl. R. E. PLAIL, R.A.F.

The following is an account by him of the welcome given to Mr. and Mrs. E. Orchard at Kovilpatti :—

"Never before had I attended such a meeting. They told me there would be a 'feast,' followed by a meeting of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, and that the Christmas gifts would be distributed, but it was very different from what I had expected. About 75 attended from all parts of the district, arriving between mid-day and 7 p.m. At 7.30 the proceedings began, we sat cross-legged on mats on the large verandah at the Mission House, and were given pieces of banana leaf as plates. I said we all sat cross-legged—all except one.

A heaped plate of rice was unloaded from a pail on to the banana leaf, then some

vegetable, and finally curried meat, gravy and a thin pancake. A mild sort of curry for the English people, and a good strong one for the Indians. Honestly, I take off my hat to the man who can eat all that rice at one sitting, and then ask for more. Spoons and forks? Of course not, fingers are proper. Messy? Fingers will wash. I found it easy to eat without spoon and fork, but half-way through the mild curry began to get unbearably hot when half still remained. Mr. Kuhrt suggested a banana, and after much effort and two bananas I managed nearly all the rice. After a short interval for sweeping up, the evening meeting began.

It was dark outside, but the verandah was lit by a vapour lamp and the ordinary electric light. The people sat cross-legged, the men in white shirts and dhoties, the women in brightly coloured sarees, with here and there a flower in the hair. The tropical vegetation, the occasional beetle droning through the warm air, the faint smell of flowers, the whole scene defies description, and one must be there to understand.

Among the company was an old gentleman, a happy and friendly man, a pastor of long standing, greatly respected, and he presided over the meeting. After a short speech by the Pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Orchard were decorated with garlands of rose petals and jasmine—as beautiful a token of esteem as one could imagine. Mr. Kuhrt and myself were similarly honoured. A song followed, welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, the bride and bridegroom, as the Pastor called them, and they were given a printed address of welcome which was read by the Pastor in English. Here is an extract :—

> 'We are most thankful to our Lord that He has been very gracious to you during your long voyage, in that He has been pleased to bring you and our dear madam into our midst in safety.
>
> In spirit we have been all along with you during your long voyage on the deep blue sea, and our earnest and incessant prayers have gone up to the Lord who measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and meted the heaven with a span.
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> May the Lord bless you indeed and compass you with His goodness, and cause your hearts oftentimes to sing for joy because of His manifest acceptance and blessing of your labours in His name.'

As a representative of the congregations and churches in the Homeland I was next addressed and welcomed, and a second printed address in similar style was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt. It ended as follows :—

> 'In conclusion, we commend you, dear sir and beloved madam, and your dear children, very affectionately to the dear Lord's tender care, praying always that you may be preserved in holy love, that you may be kept from all evil, enjoy health and strength of body during your stay in England, and finally be brought back into our midst in safety.'

Suddenly I was pounced upon for a speech. Said the Pastor, 'You will speak and I will interpret.' Faced with this request, I expressed on behalf of the people in England appreciation and sincere thanks for the welcome, assuring them of the interest felt in the Mission, and promising to convey their greetings and good wishes as requested to the folks at home. Mr. Orchard and Mr. Kuhrt then spoke in Tamil—sorry, I have not the slightest idea of what they said, but I imagine that Mr. Kuhrt gave an address.

After the speeches were finished the distribution of gifts began. The money collected in England is divided among the Mission fields, and the resident missionary purchases cloth for the people. It is the custom to have a new dress or shirt every Christmas, so the teachers and pastors will just have time to get their cloth made up. To you who contributed to the Christmas gift appeal, I would say on behalf of the Indian teachers, pastors and Biblewomen, Thank you very much. I am sure these gifts are appreciated, and know that if you had been here and seen the distribution, you would thank God that you have been given the opportunity to help your brothers here.

The meeting was closed with prayer, and as the congregation broke up the missionaries were presented with green or yellow lime fruits, a token of respect and esteem. In conclusion, may I say how much I enjoyed the meeting; attention never wavered, and the whole time one could feel the sincerity of the people, our friends, our brothers, our co-workers in Christ."

We hope to publish later a further article written by our friend.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

Madras.—Mr. and Mrs. Orchard were duly welcomed back to Madras, but have now moved on to Kovilpatti to relieve Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt. Mr. Thrower writes of changes in the Poonamallee School—a new Headmaster will be needed, and prayer is sought concerning this matter. Concerning the Christmas Gift Fund, Mr. Thrower reports : " You will be interested to know that we have been able to secure a good quantity of material for the Christmas distributions. To our surprise we found that we were able to purchase direct from the mills a quantity of oddments which are very suitable for our purpose, at a very reasonable price. This should enable us to do much better for both workers and school children in this Field than has been possible for some time past."

On the evening of the 23rd December a Memorial Stone to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Booth was unveiled by Mrs. Brand in the chapel at Vepery. The chapel was filled with friends from our five Churches in the Madras area.

Namakkal and Sendamangalam.—This significant note is from a letter from Mr. Morling, dated 5th December : " While camping at Sendamangalam I was interested to learn that the services of a pundit had been secured for the purpose of teaching Hinduism and holding special meetings. There are increasing signs in the country that Hindu leaders are beginning to see the need of strengthening the faith of their followers. The Arya Samaj is to send out workers to counteract the activities of Christian Missions, and ashrams are to be opened."

Mrs. D. Morling states that blessing had been granted at Irukkur and candidates were asking for baptism.

Miss Hazel told of camping at Kakkaveri. A young woman in a neighbouring village was maintaining her interest. One Biblewoman had been transferred to the western side. Miss Wade has now joined Miss Hazel at Sendamangalam.

Kolli Hills.—Mr. Huckett reports camping at Vallapur amid abnormal rains, which has also made other activities somewhat difficult. We also note with prayerful interest the following statement by our brother : " On the recommendation of the Collector, and without my seeking it in any way, I have been asked to serve on the Salem District Board. The Board meets once in two months, and deals with a vast number of subjects of public interest in Salem District, an area of 7,000 square miles. Since my being co-opted as a member for the European seat, the President of the Board has taken a great interest in the development of the Kolli Hills. I have also been able to help a little in the matter of a well for the Adi Dravida community at Kottamangalam (Namakkal Field), where our Christians were suffering much through lack of water."

Miss Mowle is keeping in good health and has been visiting several villages.

Dr. Harris returned in December from her extended leave in lieu of furlough. She had much work on hand. The nurse had left, and the old compounder had returned. Had visited Jedarpalyam, where the compounder and his wife were getting on well.

Kovilpatti.—Mr. and Mrs. Orchard are now in charge of the work of this Field, and Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and family are awaiting the earliest offer of passages to India. Miss M. Harris gratefully acknowledges the benefit of the extended leave this year, and states that she was feeling refreshed and well to begin the round of camps again.

A message by cable received on January 13th stated that Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and family had started on their voyage home.

We are sure that friends will remember them very prayerfully, and we trust that they will safely arrive in England early in February.

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

The New Year's Prayer Meeting.—This was held at Chadwell Street Chapel, on January 5th, and proved to be a time of spiritual uplift and blessing. The President conducted the meeting, and many friends joined in earnest prayer for the Lord's blessing upon the Mission during another year. May we again state how deeply we appreciate the prayer partnership of our many friends.

The Conference in India.—This annual meeting of all of our Missionaries in India is planned for the 20th to 22nd of February. It was to have been at Sendamangalam, but repairs to the bungalow there prevent this, and the Conference will now be at Madras, God willing. Many important matters will be under consideration, and we shall value special prayer for our friends as they meet together to consider various aspects of the work in India.

Our Indian Workers.—Friends will be happy to know that the needs of our Indian workers have been frequently considered by the Council of the Mission. The increasing cost of living has brought severe hardship for many in India, and we have been concerned about those who are our fellow workers. For a good time past additional allowances have been made, and as from November last new increases have been granted. These represent an increase of between 20% and 30% on the pre-war incomes of our Indian workers. The recent additional allowances alone will cost the Mission about £360 for the year.

Photographic Illustrations.—War conditions have not only reduced the size of the MISSION HERALD, but they have also made it impracticable to print pictures of the work in India. We are now hoping, however, to issue, about every quarter, an insert of photographic reproductions on art paper. The first of these will appear in the March issue, and it is thought that these pages of pictures may have special value, as they can be collected and possibly displayed on the walls in Sunday Schools, etc.

Capt. A. R. Dannatt, R.E.—Our friend, who is in India, has been seriously ill in a military hospital, but we are now happy to state that the latest news is reassuring. A good recovery is being made, and in this earnest prayers have been wonderfully answered. Mrs. Dannatt wishes to express her deep appreciation of the many enquiries and sympathetic prayers of friends.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1945

MISSIONARY G. F. CHAMPION.

If no passage to India previously develops, Mr. Champion will, God willing, fulfil the following engagements. If changes are necessary, the Churches concerned will hear from the Secretary.

1st, Brockley, Suffolk; 4th, Whittlesey; 11th, Sutton, Cambs.; 25th, St. Neots.
Address: 81, Ermine Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

11th, Wood Green, Park Ridings; 18th, Ramsey; 25th, Grays.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. Quarterly Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, AT 3 P.M., at "Rehoboth," High Street North, Manor Park. Mrs. J. K. Thorpe will preside, and it is hoped many lady friends will gather for prayer.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God and the kindness of friends in the following

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"HONOUR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE"

Miss M. E. Wilkins.

WHAT a glorious promise we have in Malachi 3: 10 and Prov. 3: 10, but we see with both of these promises there is a condition, as so often with His promises, and unless the condition is fulfilled we cannot expect the promise to be fulfilled.

" Bring ye all the tithes," result, blessing poured out. " Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase, so shall . . .," barns filled.

Out in India we are seeking to teach the people to obey these commands. In Madras and other parts there are many believers who are fulfilling commands concerning Christian giving as we see it in the Word of God, laying aside the tithe and the firstfruits for the Lord, as soon as they receive their income. It is such a joy to see where once debt prevailed, now there is systematic giving to the Lord and His work, and debt has been removed.

What are the conditions on the Kolli Hills, where the Christian community is backward, not so long grounded in the Word of God, and many who are Christians of only a few years' standing? With some they have very little money in their hands, and often their pay is in kind, so that at the end of the day or week they are paid in grain for food, and they honour the Lord with the " first-fruits."

Early each morning we gather for prayers in the little chapel, and often at that gathering a basket of " firstfruits " has been brought in, the first ripe marrow, pumpkin, beans or oranges. I shall always remember one day one of the little Hostel girls brought a basket of beans and a pineapple, the first pick. I said to her, " But you need these for yourselves, you can eat them," and her reply was, " We must give the firstfruits to the Lord, and these are His, so we shall wait and have the next we pick." Another dear woman had a gold bracelet; one day she said to me, " Amma, I want to give my gold bracelet to the Lord." I knew it was a sacrifice for her, for it was worth a good deal, and every girl likes jewellery, especially gold, but she has learned the joy of giving to the Lord, and the bracelet went for Him.

What of the Hindu? You can see men and women wending their way over the sacred river, up the steep hill to the Hindu temple; gifts fill their hands, and one says, " We cannot see the god (stone) without presenting our money and gifts." " What is your gift? " we ask; the answer is, at least one rupee (about 1s. 4d.) and a cloth garment for the priest, besides many other gifts. But how often are these gifts presented? Perhaps only once a year to these gods, but how many gods they have, and all need their gifts of different kinds. Another asks for sacrifice, and a chicken, goat or pig must be brought for sacri-

fice. Is it possible for a poor person to offer to the gods? Yes, all, rich and poor, offer—not to " honour the Lord," not for love, not for anything they may receive in return, not for " blessing " and full barns, but for fear of the future.

Shall our gifts to the One who " So loved that He gave," be less than the Hindu's gift, who gives to gods of stone? How deep is our love to the Lord? Let it be seen in obeying the commandment of Paul to the Corinthian Church, " Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store *as* God hath prospered him."

RESOLUTENESS

A. MORLING.

WE had just finished our evening meal, and it was drizzling. Before we rose from the small table in front of the Periasolaipalaiyam camping house, a group of young men accompanied by the local preacher presented themselves. Peering through the darkness, we enquired who they were, and as we did so we recognised the Irukkur teacher and immediately guessed who they were and why they had come. Four men and a boy, after they had spent a busy day splitting tree trunks and returned home, had been collected by William, the teacher, and brought three miles to where we were camping. He was determined that these friends be given baptism and urged that all delay be avoided. The previous day he had almost persuaded me to go to Irukkur to see them, but I insisted that when hearing the testimonies of enquirers quietness and privacy were absolutely essential, and in their village such facilities are impossible. Not willing to be deterred he succeeded in gathering them last Tuesday night and brought them along when it was nearly 9 p.m. for the missionary to catechise.

Now that there was no alternative, we asked all but one to go to the preacher's house and wait until they were called. Muthukarapan is 22, unmarried, illiterate, and asserted that he prayed every day and said that he became interested in Christianity about three years ago. After a few questions regarding his work, parents, home and relatives, we prayed with him and then asked him to tell us why he wished to be immersed. His witness was simple and convincing and his Bible knowledge fair. He prayed, and by this we learned that he was not unaccustomed to this exercise. Palaniapan is married, can read a little, earns about a shilling a day, and stated that he first heard of Christianity through his wife, who had in her early days been to a London Mission School west of the river Cauvery. When examining enquirers, we often find that they trace their spiritual history right back to Mission schools, and this is an encouragement to us in this important part of our work. He definitely said that he had forsaken drum beating—the besetting sin of so many Christians in this area—and is confident that Christ died for him. Sengodan has a clear, open face, works as a Thotte, is married and can read. He possesses a copy of Luke's Gospel which he says he reads, and added " The preacher and teacher

came to my village and told us about Christ, I believed and am certain that He died for me." He acknowledged that beating drums at Hindu festivals is wrong and that he was trying to find a way to throw off this evil practice. Karupan was short and muscular, thought he was 27, illiterate, said he and other young men were refusing to serve the caste people by drum beating. Although he looked less intelligent than his companions, he prayed fluently and had a moderate knowledge of our Lord's earthly ministry. Malaiyapan, the youngest of the group, came last, and was an attractive lad of 15. Like the others, he too splits wood and to our surprise said that he could not read. He and his mother, now a widow, came from across the Cauvery and did not expect to return. He told us that sin made him feel ashamed and that though he used to engage in drum beating, he considered this was wrong and had abandoned it.

It was now nearly midnight and before William took them all over to his home for their evening meal, he requested that we go to Irukkur early the following morning to conduct a service, when Palaniapan and his wife wished to dedicate to the Lord their two children. Hindu relatives, he pleaded, were pressing that names distasteful to Christians be given, and if we concurred and the little ones named according to the new faith of the parents, temptation and pressure would have little effect. We gladly agreed, and parted with the consciousness that the Master had been with us, listening to and controlling all our conversations and decisions.

"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN"

MRS. D. MORLING.

IRUKKUR is a village about two miles east of Kabala Malai, and has been visited by our preacher and biblewomen for about two years. The people in the non-caste quarter are poor and ignorant and are chiefly day-labourers. A few of them can read with difficulty, but most are entirely illiterate. The Spirit of the Lord, though, is not bound by such things. A work of grace has been going on for some time in the hearts of some of these poor folk, and several desire to confess their faith in Christ by baptism. One family consists of a young man, Palaniapan; his wife, Angammal, and two little children. The wife attended a Christian school for a brief period in childhood, this probably helped to break down the barrier of fear which keeps so many women back from taking a definite step. Both parents desire to confess Christ. Meanwhile, hostile relatives have been urging them to give their two children heathen names. So, to clinch matters, the parents asked that we should go to their village and hold a service at which the two children should be publicly dedicated to the Lord Christ and be given Christian names.

Early one morning, therefore, my son and I left our camping-place at Periasolaipalayam. Arrived at Irukkur we found the house, court-yard and surroundings had been carefully swept and tidied. The

parents had done their best to appear clean and neat, and the children had been well bathed and oiled, though innocent of clothing. A crowd gathered as soon as we arrived, and the service, held in the open-air in front of Palaniapan's home, began. A lyric and prayer were followed by a passage of Scripture recording Christ blessing the children. Then a brief message to the parents concerning their duties and responsibilities. After they had promised they would bring up their children in the fear of the Lord, the little four year old was named Gnanamuthu (Pearl of Wisdom) and the baby was named Paul Raj. Prayer for the family and the benediction closed the service. This is the first definite public stand made for Christ in Irukkur. These young people will need much Divine help daily to live worthily, and may have to face a good deal of petty persecution. Your prayer help, dear friend, will be valued.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

Madras.—We are gladdened by news of spiritual blessing in this Field. The following is from Mr. Thrower's latest letter : " During the first week of this month (January) I baptized eight friends at Vepery and two at Ayanapuram, while Pastor Solomon baptized six at Sembiam. These sixteen new members need our prayers that they may remain as zealous after their baptism as they were beforehand."

MEMORIAL TO MR. AND MRS. E. A. BOOTH.

TO THE MEMORY OF ERNEST BOOTH

Missionary of the Strict Baptist Mission in South India from the year 1895 till the year 1926, who died on 27th November, 1939.

ALSO TO THE MEMORY OF WINIFRED BOOTH

who served with her husband from the year 1899 and inaugurated the women's work of the Strict Baptist Mission. She died on 10th November, 1942.

The above is followed by the same in Tamil, concluding with a reference to Revelation 14 : 13. The whole has been cut and painted in white on a black granite stone 3′ × 2′ × 4½″. The tablet is placed in the S.B.M. chapel at Vepery, on the right of the rostrum and near the door which leads to the vestries.

This memorial was unveiled at a special service held on the evening of Saturday, 23rd December, 1944, when the chapel was filled with friends from the five S.B.M. Tamil Churches in this Field.

Mrs. J. M. Brand unveiled the tablet and paid a fitting tribute to her old friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Booth, saying, among other things, that she was called to the Lord's service in this land through Mr. Booth's furlough ministry.

Four Indian friends connected with our Churches who knew Mr. and Mrs. Booth also gave grateful testimony to the grace of God manifested in these pioneer missionaries of the S.B.M. Three of them delivered their messages in lyrical form, singing them to the congregation. The other friend, the oldest Indian worker on the Mission staff here, gave a brief speech, in the course of which he made affectionate reference to several outstanding characteristics of our departed colleagues.

Namakkal and Sendamangalam.—Mr. A. J. Morling writes : " We have twice visited Periasolaipaiyam, Jederpalaiyam, Vadakaraiyathur and Selur during the last few weeks. The Roman Catholic problem on that side is not quite so acute now, and we hope the temptation will not be renewed within the near future. Last Sunday, two women from Periasolaipalaiyam, and four men and a boy from Irukkur witnessed

to their faith in Christ when they were immersed in the Cauvery. Please remember in a special way these friends as they ' wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world . . .' "

Kolli Hills.—Mr. Huckett, writing in January, reports the various activities in his Field at Christmas and the New Year. His letter contains the following good news : " Pastor Selvanathan took the chair at a Memorial Service at Namakkal to our late colleague, Brother D. Morling, on January 4th. His eldest daughter, who is just finishing teacher training, is asking for baptism, and he is very pleased about it. We are much in prayer that a spirit of earnest enquiry on this important matter may grip the hearts of the young people and some others in our midst here, that those who have ignored this command of Jesus hitherto may come forward and declare in Zion what He has done for their souls."

Kovilpatti.—In an airgraph dated 23rd January, Mr. Orchard writes : " Since Mr. Kuhrt left I have been able to visit the following places on my cycle, Reddiyapatti, Virudhunagar, Paniadipatti, Munditope, and the villages around Paniadipatti. By a diligent use of the cycle I hope to complete a round of the area before Conference. This, of course, will mean that I have visited every place, but not that I have done more than acquaint myself with the position with regard to future camping, Church work and school supervision. We are deeply grateful to our loving Heavenly Father for all the perfect planning of the way thus far, and we are confident that we can leave the future in His kindly hands."

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary.—The week commencing March 18th is set apart as **L.Z.A. Gift Week,** for the support of the Biblewomen, Girls' School and Hostels. Reference was made last month to the increased Dearness Allowance now being made to our Indian workers. In this respect the L.Z.A. is responsible for increase to the Biblewomen, with an allowance for the girls in the family. The response to Gift Week in the past assures us that as we honour the Lord with our substance, His work will be fully maintained.

Again we would emphasise the need for reinforcements for our L.Z.A. Staff, while the door is still open in India. Is any sister hearing God's call to offer for service?

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Stanley Simpson (of Gurney Road Church) has been elected a Vice-President of the L.Z.A. We wish our sister much joy in this service for the Lord, and His grace and enablement for the responsibilities involved.

Photographic Illustrations.—As announced in last month's MISSION HERALD, we are inserting in this month's issue the first of a series of pictures on separate sheets of art paper. The present pictures have special value in view of the reported blessing at Irukkur, and we trust that they will be the means of deepening prayer interest in these friends and in the work generally. May we repeat our suggestion that these pages of pictures be displayed on the walls of the Sunday School or in hall or room where prayer meetings, young people's services, etc., may be held during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and Family.—We are happy to state that our friends have arrived safely in England—reaching London on February 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Orchard.—News has been received by cable that the Lord has granted to our friends the gift of a daughter—Margaret Joan—born on February 17th. We rejoice with them, and prayerfully wish for the little one the Lord's blessing in every way.

President's New Address.—The way has been opened up for Pastor Robinson and Mrs. Robinson to get a house in Stowmarket. Will friends kindly note this new address : 25, Chilton Avenue, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE

NOTES BY MISSIONARY G. F. CHAMPION.

A perusal of recent issues of the MISSION HERALD reveals many causes for both praise and prayer.

1.—**Mr. and Mrs. Orchard** have now been in Kovilpatti for some weeks. Mr. Orchard will need much Divine help as he commences another term of Indian service and undertakes for the first time the considerable responsibilities connected with our Large Tinnevelly Field.

2.—**We must thank God** for the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and their two boys in England, and let us pray
(a) that Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt may be guided in reference to their children, Gordon and Brian;
(b) that their furlough may be happy and refreshing to them, and
(c) that Mr. Kuhrt's deputation work may be a blessing both to him and to those who hear him.

3.—**The Need for more Workers** has been mentioned frequently in the HERALD. Our Missionary staff urgently needs augmenting; and our Indian staff has suffered serious depletion during the war. Let us obey the command of our Lord to pray for workers, and may we also examine ourselves to see if we are fulfilling God's will for us.

4—**Each year in April** several boys and girls complete their schooling from our Namakkal and Sendamangalam Hostels. Let us pray that God will meet with them and guide them at this critical period of their lives, and direct them into life-long devotion to and service of the Lord Jesus.

This month special attention is called to the needs of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary of the S.B.M.

5.—**In all our Fields** evangelistic work is carried on among women and girls. School teachers, Hostel matrons, Biblewomen and our lady Missionaries are daily making Christ known to our Indian sisters. Let us uphold them in our prayers.

6.—**Mrs. Orchard will value our prayers** as she enters on a period of her life which will call for considerable adaptability to new conditions at the same time as she commences the wearying study of Tamil.

7.—**Miss Wade needs our prayer-help** in her studies, and all our L.Z.A. missionaries rely on us for our prayer-support in the Lord's work.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR MARCH, 1945

MISSIONARY G. F. CHAMPION.

If no passage to India previously develops, Mr. Champion will, God willing, fulfil the following engagements. If changes are necessary, the Churches concerned will hear from the Secretary.

11th, Ipswich, "Mount Zion"; 18th, Clayton West; 25th, Norbiton.

Address : 81, Ermine Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

4th, Royton; 11th, Billinghay; 14th, Egham; 20th, Guildford; 25th, March; 27th, Downe.

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Golden Rod, Monkshoods, Tansy, Tulip bulbs, Daffodils, 2d. each. Lupins, Loosestrife, Anchusas, Pinks, 6d. each. Lilies of the Valley, 2d. each. Raspberry Canes, 3d. each. Montbretias, 9d. dozen. Michaelmas Daisies, small Sunflowers, 6d. dozen. Hydrangeas, Oak-leaf Geraniums, 1s. each. Also **Hand-painted Texts** (Scroll or Flat), any text to order, from 2s. each. All postage extra. **Mrs. Gregg, Branfold, Strensall, York.**

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"WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!"

A WONDERFUL JUBILEE

22ND FEBRUARY, 1895—22ND FEBRUARY, 1945.

PASTOR W. CHISNALL.

FOR upwards of 30 years the Strict Baptist Mission had been represented in India by Indian workers only, but owing to increasing interest in the work by the Denomination, the Committee of those days felt the time had come when they should have missionaries from the Home Churches, and this feeling was intensified by the visit to India of one of our Pastors, whose report confirmed the suggestion.

To wait upon God for His guidance in this matter was the desire of the Committee; it was therefore aranged for a whole day of prayer to be held, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., presided over by various Pastors and attended by a large number of friends. The burden of the petitions was largely that the Lord would separate for this work in India representatives from the Churches in the Homeland.

Soon after this meeting, two brethren offered their services: Mr. S. Hutchinson, from Chadwell Street, and Mr. E. A. Booth, from Homerton Row. Their applications were accepted by the Committee, and in due course the Farewell Meeting was held, at which they gave their testimony with reference to their call to this ministry.

I well remember their closing appeal to the large congregation: Mr. Hutchinson—"Brethren, farewell"; Mr. Booth—"Brethren, pray for us."

On the 22nd February, 1895—50 years ago—many went to the Royal Albert Docks to wish them God-speed in their work for the Lord Jesus.

How well I remember that day. The great ship moving slowly on its long journey from the cold of an English winter, where large blocks of ice were floating on the Thames, to that distant country of brilliant sunshine and tropical heat, to India and its great need.

What changes have taken place since then! Both Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Booth have entered into their eternal rest and reward, and many more have been taken Home to be for ever with the Lord; a few of us yet remain, waiting for the summons to come to us too, but still the work goes on. God has wrought many wonders down the years, and our earnest prayer is ever that He may continue to bless the Mission and all who serve it, whether they be here at home or in the far away land of India.

Please seek in earnest prayer for more "labourers" to continue and extend the work in these present difficult days.

"THY KINGDOM COME"

REPORT OF A VISIT TO THE TINNEVELLY FIELD BY CPL. R. E. PLAIL, R.A.F.

THOUGH in the past I had read all sorts of notes about work in India, until recently I had only the vaguest idea as to how work is carried on and what a missionary is up against. So it was with the greatest pleasure that I was able to accept Mr. Kuhrt's invitation to 'come and see.'

From the district headquarters, the Mission bungalow at Kovilpatti, the work is supervised and maintained in about fifty of the villages within a radius of some 30 miles. This figure represents only a small portion of the total number of villages, but operations are handicapped by the lack of teachers and pastors. The system used is roughly this: the missionary acts as superintendent for the area, and the Indian preachers or pastors are appointed for the oversight of groups of villages. Periodically visits are made by the missionary, who also conducts meetings in fresh villages. Teachers in the schools (Christian teachers) are supported partly by the Mission and partly by the Government, and are subject to Government inspection. We had the opportunity of seeing some of the nearest schools, and I am giving a few notes about one of these visits.

Though it is now the cool season here the sun rises at 7 a.m., sets at 7 p.m., and for twelve hours the sky is blue. Instead of the cold, bleak December of Britain, it feels just like a hot English August day, and shorts and open shirts have to be worn. Even then the slightest exercise causes abundant perspiration. In weather like this we set out on the Wednesday before Christmas, at 8.30 a.m., to go to Tonukal five miles away. The way led along the main road, a typical Indian main road of stones rolled flat and periodically coated with mud by the road repairers. This, of course, protects the stones, but is ground to a fine power in the process. Consequently a passing van is followed by a cloud of dust 100 yards long. In wet weather the mud makes a thick paste which clings to wheels and makes cycling really difficult.

After a little while we left the road and followed a "track," but a quarter of a mile further we had to return because of the mud—even by the village standards, which are not high, the road was too muddy. So, starting again, we cycled along the top of a bank round a large pond, a sort of reservoir used for conserving rain water and known locally as a tank. The path went on through a village, just a mud street with mud houses, square boxes ten feet long and about the same width, on either side of the road. In the centre the people and their flocks, herds of goats and buffaloes, and starved dogs, rested in the morning sun, and one had to walk carefully to avoid treading on sleeping bodies. Further along, the road became a sandbank. Finally, after cycling round the narrow top of another tank, we came to Tonukal village.

The work here is difficult. The school is in the low caste part of the village, and as we approached we found a large crowd of men, women and children, all filled with curiosity. How these Indians stare! I wonder, is it possible for a missionary ever to be self-conscious on his return to England after being gazed upon by them?

As many as possible of the forty or fifty of the half-clothed people crowded round the door and the rest spent their time profitably by staring through the windows, or holes in the brickwork. It would appear that a visit from a couple of white men is probably one of the most exciting things that ever happens in the village. We looked at the few maps and pictures on the walls, talked to the teacher, and then the children began to sing Tamil songs for a quarter of an hour. Finally, they completed the welcome by pelting us with flowers. We heard that of the 30 children in the school, 3 had reached the top class, while the remainder were divided into five other classes, all managed by the teacher and his wife. I was told that she recently went in for an examination and won the first prize of ten rupees—equal to a fortnight's pay—and passed on the whole of the sum to help a Christian blind school where she had previously worked.

The school itself consisted of one room, twenty-five feet long, fifteen wide, with five small forms six inches high, five children being seated on each form. The girls wore skirts and the boys a cloth round their waists. The point that impressed me was that though the children were among the poorest, yet they were all tidy and clean, a great tribute to the teachers and their influence in the village.

Only low caste children attend this school. High caste children would have to go through the low caste part of the village and would have to pass the house of the " washerman," and as this degradation would be unbearable the children had to forfeit their education. The parents just refused to send them to school. We noticed, as we looked through a window, that the house in question had collapsed, and formed a pile of ruins, or rather, a heap of mud.

Before we left, there was a short meeting of the Church and congregation in the school-room. There were not many people, but their number included some young people with many years of useful service before them. Most of the women members were working in the fields, so the meeting consisted mostly of men, a strange contrast to the homeland. The meeting was closed with prayer, after which we set out for another school in the neighbourhood before returning to the Mission bungalow.

Illambuvanam is about ten miles from Kovilpatti, connected by a main road, dusty and muddy, but well up to the Indian standard. The village, which is just off the road, is small, consisting chiefly of mud huts grouped along a street, and occupied by low caste people. Around the village extend fields covered, in December, with ripening grain or cotton plants, low straggling bushes with little white tufts on them, like thistledown.

The Mission had not worked in this village, but one day a letter was received asking for a teacher to be sent to the villagers, as they wanted to be taught Christianity. It is frequent for villagers to listen to missionaries and ministers without responding; this request from the people could not be traced to any evangelisation work, and the Mission, drawing the inevitable conclusion, was glad to be able to send a preacher. A young man who had been in a good job in Ceylon, voluntarily left his work to take up the job there some time ago, though

it involved considerable financial loss. I can testify from his eager face of his zeal for the Master, and that he regards his loss as gain.

When we arrived, he rang the church gong, and soon almost the entire village had gathered in the church and were sitting cross-legged on the floor, old men and women, young men and women and children; there were about two dozen inside and more around the door. We began with a hymn in Tamil, in which all the people, children as well, joined heartily. Then a couple of garlands of yellow chrysanthemums were brought, and we were given lime fruits. Please don't think there is any worship in the ceremony—it's just a beautiful Indian custom expressing respect. After this the preacher delivered a short address of welcome in English, asking me to convey to the people at home appreciation and thanks for their work in connection with the Mission, and to wish them every blessing on his behalf. Could the people from home visit the village, they would see that despite the mud huts, the poverty and apparent depression, God is working out His purpose, and the people know Jesus. What appeared to be a poor low caste village is the home of a little group of Christian people. The Holy Spirit is not dead.

But the missionary's life is not all sunshine. We passed on, coming to the large village of Ettiyapurum. Much work has been done here, a school and a church both exist, but progress has been slow. Recently a large and splendid Roman Catholic church and school were erected about 100 yards away and the school attendance has dropped to about eight children and shows no signs of pulling up. The church is still in being, and even if the school has to close every effort will be made to keep the church intact.

For one village where God has given a large harvest there appear to be half a dozen where the seed has to be watered and the plants tended with great care, and even then the results are disappointing. Ettiyapurum is such a village. Christ told us to pray, "Thy kingdom come." May I add, "In Ettiyapurum as well."

"Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come"

W. H. KUHRT.

How often we have used words to this effect during the last six months or so, and never with more feeling than when, on February 23rd, after 6½ weeks' travelling, we reached home.

Mrs. Kuhrt and I are grateful, too, beyond expression, for the constant prayers of the Lord's people during the period of anxiety concerning our two boys and during the voyage.

We look forward to meeting many of you, and earnestly ask your continued prayer that furlough may be a blessing to us and that our ministry in this country may be to the praise of His glory.

A WATERY WEEK-END AT VALAPPUR

H. A. HUCKETT.

WE do not get November fogs in India, but on the Kolli Hills at any rate, November can be a very dreary month for camping. Just recently we arranged to stay at Valappur for a few days during this month, and most of the time we were there it rained incessantly both day and night. To get to Valappur from Valavanthi, we have to cross three rivers and a swamp. Normally this is not a very difficult matter, as there are stepping stones across the rivers and a narrow path across the swamp, but in the rainy season one needs to be a bit of a commando to negotiate these obstacles. To dodge the rain we sent five head-loads on in advance on Saturday morning, only to find on arrival that the mattress we had aired so carefully was quite wet, and other samans distinctly damp. One wall of the school had fallen down in the rain, and the roof was badly bent. However we found the teacher and her husband free from fever, and with the help of Simon, our camp boy, we soon got unpacked and fixed up for the night.

The next morning we set off in a drizzling rain for Ariyur, staggering along slippery cattle-tracks, or ploughing our way through wet grass that was shoulder-high and which gave us a cold shower gratis as we brushed past. When we reached the river, the stepping-stones we had used the day before were completely covered, so we removed our foot gear and plunged in to get across. On reaching Ariyur we found the teacher there in great distress, with the remains of a sharp thorn in the sole of his foot. We gave him some help and comfort, and then conducted the service for the handful of Christians present, our subject being the two kinds of sorrow mentioned by Paul in 2 Corinthians 7. After the service we dealt with our mail, which Enoch had brought from Valavanthi, and then departed for Valappur.

It rained all the way back, but we saw the sun for one hour in the afternoon and managed to dry our mattress on the school easel. The afternoon was spent in Bible study and prayer, and by 6 p.m. a little crowd of villagers had arrived to hear the gramophone. After playing some Indian lyrics we told them the story of Jonah, let them hear the record about it, and then gave them the Good Samaritan in words and music. Family prayers with the teacher brought to an end a happy day of service.

The following morning we were enveloped in cloud and drizzle, with occasional squalls of heavy rain, so it was not possible to do any preaching. One boy came to school out of 27, and after he had been given some private tuition, we conducted a Bible class for the teacher and her husband. The rest of the day was spent in reading, writing HERALD articles and dealing with correspondence. Early on Tuesday morning we saw two or three stars in a clear patch of sky, and at day-break the sun appeared to warm us with his welcome rays. We set out hopefully for Valavanthi, but on reaching the river, the water was so high that we were glad to have a hill man to help us over. After a two hours' tramp we reached our headquarters, where we were soon immersed in dispensary affairs, attending to a dead man, pruning coffee trees, buying rice, paying coolies, and the many other tasks that so often fill a missionary's day.

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Annual Conference of our Missionaries in India.—This was held at Kilpauk, Madras, from 20th to 22nd of February, and the full report of the same will be before the S.B.M. Council at its meeting on April 6th. We shall value the prayers of friends as consideration is given to the various matters involving the spiritual and financial interests of the Mission.

Furloughs.—Mr. and Mrs. Champion and Miss Wilkins are still with us here in England, prayerfully awaiting return passages to India. As Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt have recently arrived here, we are not expecting to bring home other married Missionaries this year, but plans have been made for Mrs. Brand and Mrs. D. Morling to take furlough as soon as possible. Mrs. Brand may get a passage to England at any time, but the return of Mrs. D. Morling depends upon the return of Miss Wilkins. We mention these matters as we know that friends will wish to remember these Missionaries and their possible movements in special prayer.

L.Z.A. Gift Week.—We are confident that there will be a very helpful response to the special appeal made during March, and may we remind friends that these special gifts, and all others for the L.Z.A. work, should be forwarded to Mrs. S. W. Anderson, "Green Trees," Heather Close, Kingswood, Surrey.

Deputation Work.—God-willing, Missionary W. H. Kuhrt will commence deputation work at the beginning of May, and we look forward prayerfully to a happy and helpful period of ministry in the homeland. All available Lord's Days are now booked, but we should welcome further invitations for the services of our Brother for week-day meetings in the interests of the Mission. Plans can be made for meetings in any part of the country, especially if there are a number of Strict Baptist Churches in the neighbourhood in each of which meetings can be held. Kindly write to the General Secretary if plans can be prayerfully made for a meeting in your Church.

Pastor W. Chisnall.—We are favoured this month with an article from the pen of our dear friend, who for so many years served the Lord as Secretary of the Mission. We rejoice that he is well, and find fresh cause to praise God as His servant reminds of how mightily the Lord has blessed the work of the Strict Baptist Mission during the past 50 years. The happenings during the greater part of that 50 years will always be associated with the name of Pastor Chisnall, and his many friends thank God upon every remembrance of him.

GUILD OF SERVICE PRAYER TOPICS

1. For the guidance and provision of God in the matter of passages for Missionaries to and from India.
2. For continued grace to be granted to each of our Missionaries in his or her need.
3. For the call of God to bring forward men and women as new Missionaries.
4. For the blessing of God upon all Indian workers and upon the Indian Churches.
5. For deep concern, revival, and the increase of an evangelistic spirit throughout our Churches at home.
6. For our friends in the Forces and all their dear ones at home.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1945

MISSIONARY G. F. CHAMPION.

If no passage to India previously develops, Mr. Champion will, God willing, fulfil the following engagements. If changes are necessary, the Churches concerned will hear from the Secretary.

8th, Rishangles; 15th, Chesham; 22nd, Tollington Park; 29th, Bierton.
Address: 81, Ermine Road, Lewisham, S.E.13.

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

1st, Little Downham; 8th, Potten End; 15th, Preston and Blackburn; 16th, Accrington; 22nd, Ipswich, "Bethesda"; 28th, Croydon District Meeting, "Salem"; 29th, Leyton.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God and the kindness of friends in the following

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PLANTS FOR SALE.—All proceeds for S.B.M. Please mention when ordering.

Golden Rod, Monkshoods, Tansy, Tulip bulbs, Daffodils, 2d. each. Lupins, Loosestrife, Anchusas, Pinks, 6d. each. Lilies of the Valley, 2d. each. Raspberry Canes, 3d. each. Montbretias, 9d. dozen. Michaelmas Daisies, small Sunflowers, 6d. dozen. Hydrangeas, Oak-leaf Geraniums, 1s. each. Also **Hand-painted Texts** (Scroll or Flat), any text to order, from 2s. each. All postage extra. **Mrs. Gregg, Branfold, Strensall, York.**

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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

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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 Half-Yearly and Welcome Meetings

will, God-willing, be held at

MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, CHADWELL STREET, LONDON, E.C.1.

On TUESDAY, MAY 1st, 1945

2.0 p.m.—**L.Z.A. Meeting,** in the Chapel. Open to all Ladies. Mrs. A. SILVESTER will preside. Mrs. G. F. CHAMPION and Mrs. W. H. KUHRT will speak.

2.30 p.m.—**Prayer Meeting for Men,** in the Upper Room. Conducted by Pastor W. S. BAKER.

3.30 p.m.—**United Service.**
Chairman : Mr. S. W. ANDERSON (Vice-President).
Missionary Sermon : Pastor O. C. AUSTIN (Chadwell St.).

6.15 p.m.—**Public Meeting.**
Chairman : Pastor R. ROBINSON (President). Speakers : Missionary W. H. KUHRT (home for Kovilpatti, S. India); Pastor G. E. J. BIRD (Watford).

Tea can be obtained at restaurants in the neighbourhood.

THANKOFFERINGS.

Your prayers and presence, if possible, will be greatly appreciated.

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S.B.M. CONFERENCE, 1945

Report written by MRS. H. A. HUCKETT.

THE month of February found all members of the S.B.M. in India preparing for the Annual Conference of Missionaries, which, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, was again held in Madras. This was no light task for our friends in these days of short supplies, and difficulties in obtaining the same. However, they managed splendidly, and even provided us with some unexpected treats. Truly we have much for which to praise our Heavenly Father, who provided so bountifully for His children.

> "All things living He doth feed; His good hand supplies our need:
> For His mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure."

By the morning of February 20th, all members had arrived at Kilpauk. We came by various routes and by many different modes of conveyance, from cooly-carried dholy to petrol-driven trike—the latter being Mr. Thrower's famous van, which is always so busy in the Lord's service. We praised God for bringing Mr. and Mrs. Orchard safely through the dangers of the seas, and it was a joy to meet them. Mrs. Orchard had to leave for the Rainy Hospital before Conference actually began, and there the Lord gave her a lovely little daughter, who we know will rejoice the hearts of her parents.

Though most of us had greeted Miss Wade before, we joyfully welcomed her to the first Conference after her arrival. Our thoughts were much with our absent colleagues, and they were much remembered in prayer, especially Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and family, of whose arrival in England we had had no news at that time. We began our Conference on Tuesday afternoon, February 20th, with a prayer meeting, feeling our need of knowing the Lord's mind and will and *His* plans for the work. This was followed by informal talks re matters on the agenda, the men in their sphere and the ladies in their's.

Through the kindness of Captain A. R. Dannatt, of Hainault Road, Leyton, and member of the F.O.Y., we spent a pleasant evening looking at some films of S.B.M. work and scenes in North India which he had taken on his ciné-camera. Although stationed in the North, Capt. Dannatt has managed to visit all the fields of the S.B.M., and he hopes to show these pictures on his return to England. They will be well worth seeing, and should convey to friends at home a good idea of the work of the Mission.

Wednesday, February 21st was a busy day. It began with a devotional period, followed by a long session of Conference, when much business was dealt with. Mid-day, several members were busy with auditing Mission books, and with Committee work. During the afternoon we all met for another period of intercession, when prayer for new workers, both Indian and European, was the burden on our hearts. May the Lord "thrust forth" more labourers into His harvest.

At 9 p.m. we gathered round the Lord's Table, and it was a privilege on the agenda. the men in their sphere and the ladies in their's, some once again to partake in this sacred service when conducted in our own language. Thursday, February 22nd. was another very full day. A devotional period and a long session of Conference occupied the morning. Recording business done and preparing the draft letter to Council filled up the noon recess, while some who had shopping to do in the city endeavoured to fit that in also. The afternoon found us again gathered for prayer, followed by a brief business session of Conference at which the draft letter was read and approved by all.

Then there was a great hurrying and scurrying, packing of luggage and arranging conveyances to the station, for a number of friends hoped to catch trains leaving that night. Our hostess and her helpers could be seen busily engaged in cutting sandwiches for travellers, preparing a last meal, and helping friends to get off. Soon the chairman's trike was again being loaded with people and packages, and then good-byes began to be said. By Friday night most of us had left for our various stations, and I am sure our Madras friends were quite glad of a quiet week-end. We all gratefully acknowledge their kindness in making our visit such a happy one. We would not forget to mention our thanks to our Indian helpers, who contributed much to our physical comfort. It was a new experience to two of them, as they were Kolli Hill girls, who had never seen a bicycle, a cart or a bus locally, let alone the trains, the city, and the sea. One will not soon forget their astonishment at seeing electric light spring into being from a touch on the wall. Another Indian friend had obtained leave from his work, and spent it cheerfully in helping to cook for us. Others also did their part, not minding the extra work involved. We do praise God for many answers to prayer, for His great help in attending to all the business, and most of all for His presence with us and the fellowship we enjoyed.

"THERE AND BACK . . ."

E. ORCHARD.

MEMORY is both the master and servant of the human mind. On occasion it persistently recalls a word, or a scene, or an object without giving all the clues which are necessary for a complete remembrance of past events. It was not for long that I was in the tantalising position of recognising someone without being able to connect him with the environment in which I last saw him. I watched him as he busily prepared dishes and served at a nearby table, and racked my brain to recall where I had seen him before. Suddenly illumination came, and as we left the dining saloon I touched him on his shoulder and said, "Were you not on Transport Number —?" His subdued answer left no doubt as to the unspoken meaning which lay behind his words. "She was a good ship." A few more questions and I knew as much as I shall ever know of the passing of

gallant men and good friends. Men who shared the same deep joy of a Saviour's love and service.

I went out on to the deck, and in the darkness quietly gave thanks to God for those brave men who allowed me to share so many of their experiences in that long journey to England in 1943. Their steadfast faith and outspoken witness to the saving grace of God were greatly valued in the long weeks of service which we shared on board. I hear the accent still of the great Scot's voice of the Master of the ship as he declared without hesitation, " Why man, Jesus is a personal Friend of mine. How can I be ashamed of Him? "

The vast difference between the two journeys became more apparent as I paced slowly up and down the deck. Going " There " we ran, before the hatred of a strong and implacable enemy, from port to port. Coming " Back " we made our way leisurely and with confidence through waters that had been largely freed from menace.

If the journey home was remarkable for the number of Godly officers on board, the journey " Back " was just as remarkable for the number of Bibles in evidence all the while. Very soon a quiet time in the morning of each day was arranged, and this was followed by an evening prayer meeting. Both these meetings were conducted without hindrance or interruption throughout the journey.

" There and back . . ." was a long voyage, but throughout the whole time spent on board the Lord's full protection and blessing were enjoyed. We came finally into harbour as the sun rose, and the whole sky was suffused with a golden light which gradually drove the last dark shadows of night from the heavens. So may the Heavenly Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and bring to this loved land of India the Peace, Light and Joy of His Salvation.

BESIDE ALL WATERS

J. M. BRAND.

JUST a small group of huts away on a mound above the wet lands not far from the road, but as they belong to no village we are apt to pass them by.

Work was over for the afternoon, but as I returned in my rickshaw along the Villivakum road, I thought of passing them again! It was a long time since a previous visit, when a man had been so interested and had asked for a Bible. We stepped out of the rickshaw and across the grass, peeping into the huts—hardly could they be called houses —and we asked for the man who could read. Rather a vague description. Yes, there he was. We stooped down under the eaves of straggling straw, and went in.

His wife lay with her hand propped up on some clothes. It was bound up with oily rags. She had been doing coolie work, had fallen from the lorry that brought her back. The wrist seemed to be broken. She was in pain. The way seemed to be open for a talk and comfort-giving. " Do you read? " we asked. " Yes, every day." " Where is the book we gave you? " It was produced. The four Gospels. How well this plan acts. The readiness with which they produced

the Book gauges their appreciation of its worth. Sometimes a long hunt and then, " Oh, they have taken the key; it is in that trunk." ! And one knows it is rarely, if ever read, And " Do you pray? " we ask. " Yes, always," was the ready reply. Then another test question, " When you pray, for what do you ask? "

Then, eagerly, " When I pray, I do not ask for money or necessary things, nor for health, only one thing . . . for a clean heart." It was so spontaneous that we could not doubt his sincerity. And we answered, " Then He will or has given it to you," and his happy face showed that it was an accomplished fact. He is not able, on account of work, to attend services at chapel; probably others have spoken to him, but I went away after having prayers with them feeling that God was working in their humble home. To my question as to whether his wife knew Christ, he shook his head. No, she hadn't found his joy yet, but he was praying about it.

Blessed are they who sow beside all waters. I think this must mean that whatever there is the opportunity we must sow. It is, speaking of wet cultivation. On the Kollis one sees it, how they take each wee spring and turn it into a water bed for the seed. Are we quick enough to turn all our opportunities into wet cultivations for His Word? It may need tears to make up the correct amount of moisture, but it is worth while. He *shall* come with rejoicing—Amen, so be it.

RESIGNATION OF MISS M. E. WILKINS

It is with deep regret that we announce the fact that Miss M. E. Wilkins has resigned from the L.Z.A. Staff of the Strict Baptist Mission, on the grounds that she feels unable to return to India. This fact was not disclosed until we had an actual offer of a passage back to India, and so it has taken us all by surprise. Miss Wilkins, however, has not been able to reconsider her decision, and in her letter of resignation she states :—

> " There is only one reason for which I am taking this step, that is because I believe the Lord is leading and has shown me definitely it is not His will for me to return to India.
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> " I do not understand why the Lord has led this way, I should not have chosen it, but He has said, ' What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter.' "

We gratefully acknowledge the good work of Miss Wilkins during the past nine years, and we are deeply saddened by her termination of service with the Strict Baptist Mission.

The loss is all the more serious as it comes at a time when some of our Missionaries are awaiting relief so that they can take over-due furlough, and when new Missionaries are already urgently needed to augment our depleted staff.

We pray that the Lord may graciously guide Miss Wilkins in her future plans and service, and we would ask friends to make our great need for new workers a matter of constant and earnest prayer.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

"Carrying on" might well describe the reports from most of the Fields during the past month, and that expression, as most of us know, may include some of the hardest and most vital things connected with any enterprise. This is certainly true of Missionary work, and we are not unmindful of our friends in India when they have little spectacular news to send home. "They that wait upon the Lord . . . shall walk and not faint." The following items however are of special interest :—

Sendamangalam.—Missionary A. J. Morling is having to give much time and attention to the repairs to the Mission bungalow, and this means overcoming the many difficulties of supply and Indian labour. There are hindrances and delays of every conceivable type. During one week the work was held up two days because the man in charge and his family were engaged in performing ceremonies connected with the death of a relative. There is, however this good news in our brother's letter: "We had the pleasure of immersing in Namakkal a young teacher of our Higher Elementary School and the daughter of one of our deacons, who once served as a Boarding Master. It was a very happy meeting, and we now hear that others in Namakkal are wishing to be baptized."

Summary of letters from other L.Z.A. workers :—

Miss Mowle writes of the Conference in Madras. Has taken two of the bigger Kolli Hill girls with her to visit a kindergarten school to help them in their work in the Hostel. The temporary Matron of the Hostel, one of the Biblewomen, has been very ill, and arrangements had had to be made with the help available for carrying on in the Hostel. Reference made to the hardness of heart of the people, and the need of prayer on behalf of the Biblewomen living in the lonely out-stations.

Dr. Harris writes of visiting Jedarpalyam before Conference, when she received a deputation from the people around not to close down the dispensary. The compounder and his wife were carrying on there.

Mrs. Morling also refers to Conference and to the difficulties of railway travel in these days. Had camped in two centres during the month. At Kua Malai the little Church is much tempted by the Roman Catholic priests. The recently baptized believers from Irukkur had all been scattered through ill-treatment from the caste people, arising out of a quarrel. Two more young women had recently been baptized.

Miss M. Harris had been on camp again, and had had encouraging contacts with caste people in the villages, some of whom were learning to read. A new Biblewoman had recently been appointed.

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

Special Meetings.—This month there are to be, God-willing, a number of special meetings in the interests of the Mission, and the prayers of friends will be valued in all the arrangements made.

MAY 1ST.—THE HALF-YEARLY AND WELCOME MEETINGS. Full details are given in the advertisements, and we hope that many friends will be able to gather, and that the day will be one of rich blessing.

MAY 16TH.—THE ANNUAL SUFFOLK MISSIONARY RALLY. This year the meetings are to be held at "Zoar" Chapel, Ipswich, by kind invitation, and though travelling still presents difficulties, we hope that the many friends of the Mission in the nearby Suffolk Churches will be able to make arrangements to attend these inspiring meetings.

MAY 19TH.—EAST LONDON MISSIONARY EXHIBITION AND RALLY. Plans were previously made for this special event in July last year, but owing to the flying-bomb menace at that time arrangements had to be postponed. It may be that on this Saturday of Whit-week-end some friends will be prevented from attending, but we trust that for others the occasion may be a happy opportunity of fellowship and service together.

Mr. and Mrs. Champion and Children.—Since last month Missionary G. F. Champion has sailed on his return to India, but he is returning alone, as Mrs.

Champion is remaining here with the two children until suitable home arrangements can be made for them. Mark is 11 years old and Rosemary is 5, and prayer will be valued concerning this important matter of finding a suitable home for the two children, together if possible. The children are at present at Whittlesey, in the home of Mrs. Champion's mother, and if a friend can be found who would be willing to live in the home there and take responsibility for the two children, this would very happily meet their need. We will gladly give any further information, and correspondence concerning the matter can be addressed to the Secretary, 25, Empress Avenue, or, if addressed to Mrs. G. F. Champion, such letters will be forwarded to her at once. We prayerfully hope that Mr. Champion will have a safe and comfortable voyage back to India, and that Mrs. Champion may soon be able to join him out there.

Deputation Work.—We gratefully acknowledge the valuable help of Missionary G. F. Champion during his stay in the Homeland, and we know that his visits to the Churches have been appreciated. Now, with the month of May, Missionary W. H. Kuhrt will be starting deputation work, and we prayerfully wish him the Lord's help and blessing in all his ministry.

As has been previously stated, all his available Sundays are booked, but applications for visits during the week can be considered for the months of June, July, September, October and November. Certain weeks are already filled, but the General Secretary will be happy to make arrangements, if possible, for Mr. Kuhrt to visit any Strict Baptist Church in any part of the country.

The Need for New Missionaries.—Many things continue to impress upon us the great need for new Missionaries, both for the general work and also that of the L.Z.A. Our field of opportunity in S. India is a vast one—a great work must be maintained, and much more could be attempted—"but the labourers are few."

Let us continue in earnest prayer concerning this important matter, and may many hear the call of the Master and respond in faith by definitely offering their services for the Mission Field.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY, 1945

MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.

1st, Half-Yearly Meetings; 6th, Leicester, "Providence"; 13th, Stowmarket; 14th, Crowfield; 15th, Hoxne; 16th, Ipswich, Suffolk Rally; 17th, Epsom; 19th, Manor Park, East London Rally; 24th, Wood Green, Eldon Road; 27th, Poynings; 30th, Stratford; 31st, Chingford.

Address: 24, Hesketh Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

1st, Half-Yearly Meetings; 13th, High Wycombe; 19th, Manor Park, East London Rally; 20th, Brentford; 27th, Belvedere; 30th, Stratford.

May 20th and 21st, Devizes: PASTOR J. PAYNE.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. Quarterly Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held on TUESDAY, MAY 29th, at 7 p.m., in Chadwell Street Chapel Classroom (entrance Arlington Way). Mrs. O. C. Austin will preside, and Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt is expected to give a short address. We shall greatly appreciate the attendance of as many lady friends as possible.

THE ANNUAL SUFFOLK MISSIONARY RALLY

will (D.v.) be held at

"ZOAR" CHAPEL, IPSWICH,

ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH, 1945.

2.30.—**Ladies' Meeting.** Address by Mrs. G. F. CHAMPION.

4.00.—**Devotional Service.** Preacher: Missionary W. H. KUHRT.

5.30.—**Public Tea.**

7.00.—**Public Meeting.** Chairman: Pastor J. S. SMITH.
Missionary W. H. KUHRT and others will speak.

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Buffet-Tea.

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Speakers : Missionary W. H. KUHRT and the Secretary of the Mission.

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NEW MISSIONARIES

MEN — and — WOMEN.

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Men responding to the call of God and the challenge of the General work of the Mission should write to:—

PASTOR J. K. THORPE,
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Please join us in earnest prayer concerning this important matter.

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HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS, 1st May, 1945

"THE prayer of a righteous man is of great force (when) energised." This Scripture came with some power as the brethren poured out their hearts to God at the beginning of the meetings. It was proved to be true as the services proceeded.

Under the chairmanship of our genial Vice-President, Brother Anderson, the afternoon gathering opened with the singing of "Rejoice, the Lord is King." Our former Secretary, Brother Chisnall, led us to the Throne and read the Scriptures.

Pastor Austin was the Lord's messenger and, basing his sermon on Rev. 5 : 12, led us to consider our Lord's worthiness to receive—The honours of heaven—The homage of the universe—The loving and loyal obedience of all His children—The renewed dedication of our lives to His service—Even the sacrifices of His people—The witness of His servants throughout the world. The hymn, "We give Thee but Thine own," fittingly followed, and clinched the message.

The largest war-time congregation gathered for the evening service. The President, Pastor R. Robinson, ably led the meeting. Pastor Caten read the Scriptures and offered prayer. The Chairman referred to the loss the Mission had sustained by the resignation of Miss Wilkins and to the need for new workers, men and women. He also sympathetically spoke of our Secretary's need for a period of rest, and hoped all the Churches involved would accept any changes which have to be made in their arrangements. All our friends will pray for our brother's complete restoration, we feel sure. Pastor Payne voiced our thanksgivings for the safe return of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and desired the blessing of the Lord upon them and their work. Pastor Bird based his message on two passages of the Word: "He shall not fail" and "therefore we faint not," reminding us of the greatness and the glory of Christ, and the call to sacrificial living and giving in His service.

Brother W. H. Kuhrt who, with his wife, had been welcomed by the President earlier in the meeting, spoke of his pleasure in being home again after 10½ years of service in India, and went on to tell of the shortage of missionaries in the years ahead, and asked: "Are we ready to face the new conditions which confront us?" The problem of India was different from many other parts of the world and the great need was new missionaries NOW. Our brother went on to speak of the conditions under which missionaries work. The need for a clear call from God and patience to teach a simple Gospel to a simple people—years of study mastering the language—the need of knowing why you were a Strict Baptist and being able to give a reason for the faith which is in you.

Thanks was expressed to the friends at Chadwell Street, who are

ever ready to serve the Mission in any way they can, and we returned home praying again the petition heard so often during the meetings, that the Lord would thrust forth more labourers into His harvest.

Gifts for the work amounted to £156 5s.

C. J. W.

THE LADIES' ZENANA MEETING.

THERE was a most encouraging attendance at the L.Z.A. Half-Yearly Meeting on May 1st, under the presidency of Mrs. Silvester. After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. O. C. Austin read Psalms 100 and 96, and Mrs. R. Robinson led in prayer. A special welcome home to Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt was given by the President, who thanked her and Mrs. Champion for addressing the meeting.

The Secretary referred to the much regretted resignation of Miss Wilkins, and expressed appreciation of her splendid service in India; to the unavoidably deferred furloughs of Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Morling; also to the fact that Dr. Harris was to continue in charge of the medical work on the Kolli Hills until furlough unless another suitable medical officer is obtained before that time. Mrs. Anderson told us that to date the result of Gift Week was only £10 less than last year, and mentioned the great value to the work of covenanted subscriptions.

Then followed a forceful and interesting talk by Mrs. Kuhrt who, in relation to the command, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," asked and answered the question, "Is it worth while?" In vivid word-pictures we were shown the contrast between well-dressed, educated caste folk and the degraded, ignorant non-caste women among whom so much of our work with the Biblewomen lay. Pathetic instances were given of those met with when visiting in the homes, some of whom had been so tenderly cared for that we were all convinced again that preaching the Gospel *is* abundantly worth while.

Mrs. Champion opened her remarks by relating a personal experience when landing on the hospital tug with Mark, being repeatedly urged only "to step when you're told." This incident had afterwards given her the sense that the Lord was leading, for at the right moment the step brought her to safety. Mrs. Champion further described camping experiences at Muttanchetti, of contacts with a caste man who had long wanted to be baptized, but for whom the cost was too great, and of another old man who had long known the truth, but before whose eyes there now seemed a wall of darkness. Instances were given of answers to prayer in attending to critical midwifery cases on the Kolli Hills. There is ample opportunity for Gospel work among these Indian mothers, and we were asked to keep on praying for other missionaries to come forward.

Mrs. Simpson, our newly-appointed Vice-President, closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction.

The thankoffering amounted to £38 13s. 10d.

Missionary G. F. Champion has safely arrived in India.

THE MISSIONARIES WE NEED

Address given by MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT *at the Half-Yearly Meetings of the Mission in London, May 1st, 1945.*

ALL the Mission fields of the world are threatened with an acute shortage of missionaries in the post-war years. As the islands of the Pacific and the confused countries of Europe are wrested back from the grim hands of the oppressor, the representatives of U.N.R.A.A. follow closely upon the heels of our liberating armies with supplies for the body. It is right that it should be so. The representatives of industry and commerce are upon their toes waiting for permission to flood back. Are Christ's ambassadors and those who support them equally ready to return to the fray when the way is opened? Open your atlases. Look out the Solomons, Papua, New Guinea, the Philippines, and ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers.

India's problem is different. All her missionaries have been kept there far too long, and when the bells peal and shipping is available they will all want to come home. They will not all go back. No apology is needed in these days for making our needs known. The missionaries of the Strict Baptist Mission earnestly seek and pray for the active fellowship in the field of God-called young men and women. Those of you who feel any urge in this direction have a right to ask what kind of life you will be expected to lead, what dangers to encounter, and how best you may prepare yourselves.

To begin with let me clear away one possible difficulty. The Churches of our denomination in England are sorely in need of more pastors. The people of many districts, we are told, are fast lapsing into paganism. New built-up areas must be evangelised and home mission work pursued with greater vigour. When some of my friends have told me these things I have been conscious of some tension, of a tug of war and a clash of interests. Ten years ago one of our more distinguished ministers spoke to me with quite an air of grievance about my leaving this country for India. I have never quite forgiven him, and I am absolutely sure that at that time and in those circumstances he had no right to make the suggestion he did make. No one should be so insular, so parochial as to begrudge to the foreign field the painfully small number of men who apply and are accepted for that part of the Lord's work. What we need is such an upsurge of spiritual life and vitality as will drive out into the ministry both at home and abroad a far larger proportion of our Christian young men and women and will compel the rest to make adequate financial provision.

In this connection I cannot do better than quote the learned and excellent Bishop of Tinnevelly. In 1934 he wrote: "I have tried to weigh again impartially the claims of work at home and abroad, and on the eve of returning to India for the third time I may place on record my conviction that the needs of the Mission Field are always far greater than the needs of the Church at home, that no human qualifications, however high, render a man or woman more than adequate for Missionary work, that there is no other career which affords such scope for enterprise and creative work, and that in comparison with the slight sacrifices demanded, the reward is great beyond all measuring."

What kind of man is required? Here again the good Bishop comes to our aid. He says, " Every type, and the best of every type," and again, " No man is qualified to be a village missionary who will not be contented to spend the rest of his life teaching the simplest Gospel to the simplest people."

For the ministry, whether at home or abroad, a clear call is essential. The difficulties and disappointments are likely to be so great as quite to overwhelm any man or woman who has not in the depths of his or her heart a sure and certain conviction that God really did call and set apart. You may not know the date and the hour; you may not be able to quote any verse of Scripture, but you must have a quiet, unshakeable conviction that the call was His; that it was not the call of ambition nor the call of romance; not mere wander lust.

Training and adequate preparation are much to be esteemed and never to be despised. I look back with profound gratitude to the short period I spent in the Bible Institute and have often regretted I was not there longer. Welcome discipline, whether it be in your home, in your business, or in your training college. Given a clear call and adequate training, and some experience of ordinary life and Christian service in the home country, the younger one starts life in India the better.

With one's arrival there begins a long apprenticeship of silence. This must be regarded as part of one's training, and a very important part. There are some missionaries who for different reasons avoid this particular form of discipline. If you are so misguided as to comence your missionary career a " free-lance," left to your own resources and to make your own decisions, you may not find it very hard to persuade yourself that it is the Lord's will for you to get straight away to preaching and teaching without concerning yourself with the drudgery of language study. I can hardly express too strongly my distaste for this kind of thing. Some years ago I was talking with a friend who belongs to a group notoriously bad in regard to the learning of Tamil. When I told him how we managed affairs, he said with a somewhat crestfallen air, " Yes, you are all fairly good at the language. There is something to be said, after all, for working under the direction of a Home Board." Yes, there is a great deal to be said for working under the direction of a sympathetic body of men and women who nevertheless insist upon all the missionaries passing at least two language examinations, and find for them both the time and the money to enable them to study without worry and anxiety. There is a great deal to be said for working in prayerful and disciplined association with others of the Lord's people. You may offer yourself to God for service under the direction and guidance of the Council of the Strict Baptist Mission without any qualms of conscience. You will not be able to do exactly as you like, but you will learn to rejoice in the fellowship of a body of men and women who are imbued with a genuine desire jointly to discern and to do God's will.

The two years of language study, though very necessary, bring serious dangers and trials. Just three months after my farewell at the Leysian Hall I wrote these words in my diary, " Felt thoroughly tired and depressed. The things I said at the Leysian Mission haunt me.

Lord, I did mean them, and I want to mean them now." And then in the next month, " The burden of the ordinary. Extreme sense of fatigue and inability to concentrate." But don't let me persuade you that it is always like that. I found these two entries in my diary dated June, 1936, that is, 18 months after my arrival, when Tamil was not quite such a mystery and I had begun, more or less regularly, to conduct services and preach sermons. " After morning prayer, I sat at breakfast and was absurdly happy. The hymn, ' Love never faileth,' was running through my head constantly, as also the words ' Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us.' It seemed as though I was feasting upon the love of God more than upon egg and toast." And a few days later, " To-day at mid-day, when I was not feeling very happy, a little bird singing marvellous sweetly charmed my mood away and made me much ashamed for ever having harboured such things as doubt and despair."

The pressure of Tamil study in the heat will, if you are not careful, squeeze out of you all habits of private prayer and meditation. It would be well if all missionaries could arrive in their field having already developed settled and well tried habits of this kind. To come without such preparation will be to come into the conflict without a weapon. Any training college principal or tutor who fails to give guidance and help at this point to his students is letting them down most cruelly. It is hard to preserve such habits, let alone form them, when once you have got into the deadening, enevating heat. Then, when work commences and language study is over, you will be attacked in a different way; the line of attack will not now be boredom and frustration, but an endless round of very satisfying activity whose strength to get one away from quiet is all the more subtle after the long months of enforced silence. In February, 1928, two months after taking charge for the first time, and three months after my wedding, when I was, I suppose, a young man rejoicing in my youth, I wrote: " I love the activity." Very right and proper, too; only in that also there is danger.

If in your training days you have not already met with people of other denominations and of none, you *will* meet them in India. Year by year during your annual vacation you will be thrown amongst crowds of people who are not Strict Baptists. If your inclinations are literary and theological and you are of a studious frame of mind and like to enjoy and give God thanks for all forms of knowledge, you will be impressed with and attracted by the highly accomplished and magnificently trained men of the larger Churches and Missions. You will find many of them winsome and tolerant, and you will begin to wonder why you didn't have more training yourself, and what good you can possibly be in India. You will wonder whether the small disorganised denomination which you represent has any useful part to play in the world and whether, after all, it might not best render service to Christianity and to Christian oneness by going into voluntary liquidation.

On the other hand, if you are careless of all forms of literature that do not bear directly upon the Scriptures, careless of system in theology, rather suspicious of training and of colleges, and with a firm belief in your head that minorities, and especially minorities of one, are always

in the right, you will be attracted by groups that reject control and object to the receiving of regular stipends. You will admire their devotion and sincerity. You will wonder whether it can be right to compile statistics and maintain Church registers, to run schools and to take any interest in social uplift. You will be persuaded that the Strict Baptist denomination is part of organised Christianity, one of the systems of man, and that the candlestick has already been removed from amongst us.

It is not my business now to pass any opinion upon these conflicting points of view. My duty is simply to warn you that you will meet them. The best Strict Baptist is not the one who, tortoise-wise, draws his head back into the shell of early training and deliberately makes himself impervious to all new ideas. The best missionary is the one who endures the rough and tumble, falls up to his neck into the Slough of Despond and comes up the other side with his ideas and views modified, yes, modified—but substantially what they were before.

Don't expect to give the same address at your Welcome Meetings upon your return for your first furlough as you gave at your farewell six or more years before. Long before you have come to the end of your first term in India you will wish heartily that some things you presumed to say in English pulpits had been left unsaid; you will be almost ready to cut out your tongue for shame at having spoken so rashly and at having put things so crudely. You will know more about the world and about men, and above all things else you should have a profounder insight into the mysteries and subtleties of your own heart. Your addresses should be a little less frothy, a little more sober and a little more weighty.

When you reach England after your first term of service, will you wish to return? At the moment India is over-run with hordes of British service men who for various reasons are learning to hate India and the Indian. They are there not from choice, but because they have been sent. They do not like the Indian people and are clamouring for single tickets back home to England. Will the missionary ask for a single or for a return? There are three stages in the early years of a normal missionary career. You spend your first few months thinking and, if you are of a gushing temperament, saying, "Aren't these Indian Christians lovely. They are such dears." Then after working amongst them a little, your feelings undergo a sudden revulsion and you become fully persuaded that Indian Christians are all devils. Then, by God's good grace and the exercise of a little Pauline common sense, you recognise that you are back with the great apostle in Corinth, and that they are, after all, saints, the called of God, but with a good deal of the devil still at work within them. And when after a few more years, you have discovered that that is what you are too, your missionary training is very nearly complete. Providing that you had in the first place a genuine call, and providing that you have successfully passed through the three stages mentioned, I think you will want to take a return ticket.

For India has a strange power of winning the love of those who come to her to serve. Start on your way filled with the love of Christ, and you will end by loving the Indian too, and, loving him and his country, you will go back again and again.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE, 1945

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FRIDAY, JULY 6th

as a

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR NEW MISSIONARIES

and for the Blessing of God upon Evangelistic Work at Home and Abroad.

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR UNITED PRAYER

will, D.v., be held at

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We hope that similar meetings for prayer may be arranged by friends in other parts of the country and also in India.

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OUR FORWARD MOVEMENT

IN this year of victory and thanksgiving the Council of the Strict Baptist Mission desires to honour the Lord by prayerfully planning for advance in our great missionary undertaking, and certain things may well be said here concerning this carefully considered, and definitely adopted, policy of the Mission.

Obviously a great deal is involved, and it should be fully recognised at the outset that our hopes can only be realised as we see the following three things brought about by the blessing of God:—

1. *The Revival and Prosperity of our Strict Baptist Denomination in England.*

At the present time much is being said and written concerning our denomination, and we praise God that certain things are being prayerfully planned and inaugurated which we believe will be for the welfare of our Churches in every way. It is our desire that the Strict Baptist Mission may still be the means of fostering a spirit of real union and of co-operation in the vital work of maintaining our distinctive witness and of preaching the Gospel to the widest possible extent.

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we anticipate at an early date the return of many of our younger friends who have been away in the Forces. We express our gratitude to them and assure them of our welcome. Can we not also promise them an eager interest in all that they will be able to contribute through their dearly-bought experience and severely tested faith and zeal? Our denomination needs the urge and inspiration of all those who can come back with the glow of personal experience and happy testimony—those who have proved the mighty power of Christ as Saviour and Friend in the grim realities of war, and who among their varied comrades have prayerfully tried to live the Christian life and to bear a fearless and consistent testimony. The Council of the Strict Baptist Mission expresses its admiration of all such, and does not hesitate to say that we are desperately needing such men and women to stand with us as we face the need and challenge of these days.

Have we not here the lesson that we need as a Denomination? The faith of those called away from our Chapels to stand the strenuous test of the camp and the battlefield is the faith for present-day evangelism, and the courage of the one is the courage demanded by the other. Not merely within the walls of our chapels and amongst the friends we know and love must we assert our faith and proclaim our message. "To every creature" is the commission of our Master; and if we make no efforts to this end, or if our efforts are less than our best, then are we shamefully disobedient, and the Lord will set us aside and work with other instruments.

We must evangelise or perish. We must prayerfully work for, and look for, conversions from the world, and the ingathering of those not brought up as Strict Baptists. This is the way of the New Testament, and it is the only way in which, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit, we shall ever see the revival and prosperity of our Strict Baptist Churches and Denomination.

"Speak to us, Lord,
Until our hearts are melted,
To share in Thy compassion
For the lost:
Till our souls throb
With burning intercession,
That they shall know Thy Name,
Whate'er the cost."

2. *The coming forward under Divine constraint of Men and Women as New Missionaries.*

Our work in India is now such that it can be said that Strict Baptist Churches and work would continue there even if all help from England ceased, but even so, those Churches and that work in the purpose of God, still largely depend upon our prayers, our English Missionaries and our financial support.

For the maintenance and development of our work we need at least SIX NEW MISSIONARIES—three men and three women. Ill-health and resignations have depleted our L.Z.A. Staff, and our work amongst the women and girls is crying out for lady Missionaries. The Hostel and School at Paniadipatti have had to be suspended, and other curtailments may become necessary through lack of staff.

As for the men—an increase in our Missionary staff is urgently needed to maintain the present Fields, to re-open at the earliest possible moment our Indian Bible Institute, and to pioneer in new but adjacent Fields that have no Protestant missionaries stationed in them.

Who are needed? Unquestionably those called of God and thrust out by Him. Those who, being members of our Strict Baptist Churches and holding with an intelligent conviction and in the spirit of Christ the doctrines of Grace and the order of our Churches, are so eager that others in India should hear of Christ and be led to Him, that they are prepared to give their lives to this service.

What other qualifications are necessary? The question of physical health is obviously decisive. Age, education, training and experience in the Lord's work are also of importance in this consideration, but we would urge those who are sure of the Lord's call, and whose thoughts turn to India, to write to our Secretaries, who will gladly supply all information.

We earnestly appeal to all Pastors and Deacons to bring this urgent matter before their Churches, and especially to encourage prayer concerning it. We hope that friends will make it a matter of constant thought and private prayer, and that many will gather at one or more of the sessions on the Day of Special Prayer that has been convened, and may the Lord graciously send us the Missionaries

we are needing and for which our Fields in India and other unevangelised areas adjoining, are plaintively calling.

3. *The Continuance and Increase of Financial Support for the Work.*

It is right that we should mention this aspect of our plans. In this present forward venture our faith is challenged and much prayer will be needed. Loving and generous giving is also called for. We believe that in seeking to obey and honour the Lord all necessary resources will be forthcoming, and we can happily testify that throughout the past tragic and difficult war-years all our financial needs have been wonderfully supplied. For this we praise God and thank all friends.

It should be known, however, that at the present time our income is adequate only for our immediate responsibilities and undertakings, but we are confident that increasing support will be forthcoming.

We shall need special gifts for the sending forth of the new Missionaries and a maintained increase of income for their continual support. We trust therefore that during this year of praise for victory and deliverance, many friends will be constrained to send special THANKOFFERINGS for this purpose of advance in India.

We would repeat our plea for prayer, and would humbly assert that in all the work of the Mission, and in this call for advance, our deep desire is to honour the Lord Jesus, to be directed and used by the Holy Spirit, and to see many poor sinners brought to the Saviour in our own land and away in India.

"SOME SEEDS FELL . . ."

MISS B. S. WADE.

WE set out at 8.30 a.m., ready for a Sabbath day at the village of Mannur. The chapel there is roughly built, the beams supporting the roof being made from tree trunks which have not been smoothed and hence have a rugged appearance. The building without and within is whitewashed, and a resemblance of the home church is seen in the inscription on the front inside wall: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

We entered and sat down on a mat while the Indian folk gathered, the men sitting on one side and the women with their children on the other. A happy service followed in which we sang lyrics and heard a message from Gen. 15. I could understand little of what was being said, but when I turned to my English Bible the words stood out: "I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward . . . I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees to give thee this land to inherit it." There were a number in that little chapel whom God was calling out to a divine inheritance.

Afterwards the communion service was held, and the people reverently sang the hymn, "When I survey the wondrous Cross." As we took the symbolical bread and wine we could not but feel the union of believers.

Later, drawing water from the well, we took our mid-day meal and then rested.

At about 3 p.m. I set out with Biblewoman Glory. It was a health-giving walk in the warmth of the sun, with miles of productive ground all around. The houses amongst the trees and the groups of people along the road, bargaining over peanuts and grains, made an appealing view of the country life of India.

We cut across the fields about a mile's distance and came to a small village, consisting mostly of mud huts, yet, needless to say, the temples in which the idols are placed are made of brick.

The village children gathered with us under the trees, untidy little folk, most of whom had no clothes. A large number of the girls had holes pierced in their ears and noses for jewellery, and for the present small pieces of sticks were placed in them to keep the skin from closing over, many of these small wounds had become septic. A few of the parents were standing about idly watching the scene. A few men were resting in front of their homes, they bore the marks of the Vishnu faith on their foreheads. Their hair was cropped across half of their heads, while the rest was grown long and tied in a bun. They were wearing little more than loin cloths. The Sunday School was conducted there in the open air on simple Gospel lines.

Later the Biblewoman and I went to a village some two miles distant. It is peaceful to see the lazy bullocks walking backwards and forwards, backwards and forwards, as their weight drags the large irrigation vessels up from the well, to be poured into gulleys leading to the ricefields, and to see the somewhat monotonous irrigation method whereby a man walks backwards and forwards on a cross-pole arrangement, and by so doing causes the vessel to ascend. Another labourer will then guide the water from the vessel into its right channel.

We entered a home, stepping carefully over some grain which had been laid out to dry in the sun. Inside, lying on straw was a mother and 7 or 8 days old child. The contents of that little home seemed mostly to consist of earthenware pots, stacked in one corner. We prayed with the mother, and then went on to end the day with a service under the trees, a gathering in which all but the speaker sat on the ground (a somewhat dilapidated chair was produced for him). The scene was impressed on the mind by the stately palmyra and coconut palms, the women passing with their pots to draw water from the well near at hand, men tying up their animals for the night and giving them their somewhat scanty meal, and a woman standing idly by chewing betel nut and leaf. A cow slowly munched the leaves from the roof of a house, and the owner made a hasty exit from the meeting to retain the rest of his property.

The sincere words which the missionary was speaking, seeking to reveal Abraham pleading for Lot, as sin abounded where he dwelt, gave us the assurance that a certain amount of seed had been sown in varied soil that day.

Let us pray for the blessing of God to attend the present negotiations between the Viceroy and the Indian leaders.

NEWS FROM AFAR

"As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country"
—Proverbs 25: 25.

MRS. D. MORLING.

IT was the hot noon hour in the middle of March. The little village, far from the sound of cars and shops, was quite quiet. All those who could work were out in the fields busy with the millet harvest. The old folk and babies were asleep. Then out of the stillness gradually came a sound. "Clip clap, clip clap," went his sandals, as a man with a bag slung over his shouders approached, calling "Tappal, tappal, tappal." It was the weekly postman, bringing the tappal (post), mostly letters and money orders from husbands and sons away in Italy, Iran, Egypt, Burma and various parts of India, serving the Empire.

In a marvellously brief time men and women from all directions were crowding into the little Mission compound, eager for news and the financial help which their boys were sending them. Very few, if any, could read well enough to decipher the Tamil script, much of it badly written and ill-spelt. All was confusion and excitement. One by one the money orders were delivered and laboriously signed or thumbmarked by the recipient. Then a sheaf of letters was produced and eager hands stretched out for them as their names were called.

There was one woman who had not come. She had not heard from her son for more than four months. Week after week she had come expectant and gone away empty. She knew her boy was with the fighting forces in Burma. Hope delayed maketh the heart sick. O, what if he was dead. What if there was an official message saying he would return to her no more? So she stayed away. But her husband, Deacon Gnanamanikam, came—and, oh joy, his name was called. He snatched the letter, saw the familiar scrawl and tears ran down his furrowed cheeks as, unashamed, he repeatedly kissed the letter and rushed off home to his wife.

It was quite hopeless to think of visiting in their homes for hours after that. They all sat down round the teacher, regardless of work, hunger, or home duties, and waited, as one by one the teacher read out those precious missives and explained news they could not understand. Some had been disappointed, and they went sadly away, but on the whole their boys write very regular, though often quite newsless letters.

The reading and discussions went on for two or three hours, then one by one they dispersed. That evening ,as I went around the village, I went to Gnanamanikam's home. His wife, a somewhat sullen, unwholesome woman, came running out, her face illuminated with happiness. We knelt in prayer and praise, and afterwards I remonstrated with her on her non-attendance at Sunday worship. She acknowledged her fault, but said, "I shall be there next Sunday; I have to give special thanks for this," holding up her letter.

I am wondering what is going to happen when all those young men return from war service. Certainly, they will not be contented with the old level of village life, Shall we not pray for them?

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

This month there is not a great deal of news to report from the Fields in India, owing to the fact that our Missionaries have been away on the Hills during the hot season. We hope to be able to give a review of the work next month.

The following matters are of special interest in relation to S.B.M. affairs over here :—

Day of Special Prayer.—The leading article in this issue indicates the forward programme we desire to see carried out, and in launching this in faith we are all agreed that our first and continuous need is that of prayer.

We are confident that in this we shall have the sympathetic and active partnership of all friends, and we shall particularly value the help of those who may be able to convene local prayer meetings on Friday, July 6th.

New Missionaries.—May we state again for those who may be moved of God in answer to our prayers to apply for service with the Strict Baptist Mission, that applications should be sent as follows :—

For the Ladies' Zenana work to :
Miss P. P. NUNN, 16, Claremont Close, London, N.1.

For the General Work of the Mission (Men) to :
Pastor J. K. THORPE, 25, Empress Avenue, London, E.12.

Miss A. M. Poole.—We are sure that friends will be interested to know that Miss Poole, who some years ago had to give up work in India owing to ill-health, has now offered her services again to the L.Z.A. She has been deeply moved by the present need for additions to the Staff and has never lost her eager desire to serve the Lord in India, and we greatly appreciate and admire her loving zeal and concern to help. We deeply regret that, after prayerful consideration of her helpful offer, we have had to decline the same on health grounds.

Christmas Gift Fund.—Once again the season has come round for mention to be made of this Fund, the benefits of which in former years have been so much appreciated by our Missionaries as they have dispensed the gifts to our Indian Christians and the children of our Schools. As friends will know, we are not able now to send out material gifts, but during the past few years there has been a very encouraging response to the appeal for financial help—the money being sent to India for suitable purchases out there. Last year we were able to send £130 for this purpose, and we trust that once again we shall be entrusted with similar gifts from our Churches and Sunday Schools and individual friends.

Gifts for this Fund should be sent, **before the end of August,** to Miss H. V. Harris, "Nethania," 7, Carlton Hill, London, N.W.8.

The Annual Meetings.—God willing, these will be held on the usual date, Tuesday, October 23rd, and we are happy to announce that we have been able to book Westminster Chapel, London, S.W.1, for these special services.

The Leysian Mission premises, in which we regularly met before the war, have been seriously damaged, and in seeking a new place of meeting in this year of victory and thanksgiving, we have prayerfully and in faith made the above plans. The Chapel, which is very commodious, is in a convenient centre for all friends coming to London, and we hope that large numbers will gather with us on the above date. Please definitely book the day and, if possible, plan to come yourself and to bring other friends.

The Annual General Business Meeting.—We would again draw attention to this Annual Business Meeting of the S.B.M., and to the fact that Secretaries of Churches whose gifts make them eligible to send Delegates have received forms for the return of the names of such. We trust that subscribing Churches will be able to appoint delegates to attend the meeting in London on October 23rd, and that the delegates will also send in to the General Secretary nominations for the Council election.

L.Z.A. Boxes.—L.Z.A. Secretaries are reminded that **all L.Z.A. Boxes** should be emptied during July, and the contents forwarded to Mrs. S. W. ANDERSON, "Green Trees," Heather Close, Kingswood, Surrey. Boxes for new subscribers can be had on application.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY, 1945

MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.

8th, Guildford; 11th, West Hoathly; 15th, North Finchley; 17th, Streatham, Gleneagle Road; 18th, Wimbledon; 19th, Collier Row; 22nd, Thame; 24th, Woolwich; 26th, Belvedere; 29th, Aylesbury; 31st, Ponders End.

Address: 24, Hesketh Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

1st, Walsall; 15th, Pemberton; 18th, Wimbledon; 22nd & 23rd, Stamford; 29th & 30th, Deeping.

OTHER BRETHREN.

8th, Walthamstow: PASTOR A. E. BROWN.
15th, Willenhall: PASTOR A. E. BROWN.
29th, Askett: MR. S. E. DENNING.

L.Z.A.

MRS. CHAMPION (subject to being still in England).

3rd, Horsham; 4th, Hastings (Laton Road); 10th, St. John's Wood; 11th, Stratford (Gurney Road); 18th, Ipswich ("Zoar").

MRS. KUHRT.

11th, Horley; 18th, Wimbledon.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God and the kindness of friends in the following
GIFTS RECEIVED DURING MAY, 1945.

Rec. No.		£	s.	d.
	General Fund.			
590	.....	7	6	
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593	Anon....	10	0	
594	.....	16	5	0
595	.....	10	10	0
596	.....	7	6	
597	.....	4	14	8
598	.....	5	6	
599	.....	2	0	0
600	.....	6	0	0
601	.....	10	10	0
602	.....	1	14	6
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605	.....		7	6
606	Anon....		10	0
607	.....	1	16	0

Rec. No.		£	s.	d.
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611	.....	6	10	0
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614	.....	1	17	3
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616	.....	2	8	6
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619	.....	18	9	3
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621	.....	1	0	0
622	.....	9	4	9
623	.....	10	0	0
624	.....		10	0
625	.....		2	6

Rec. No.		£	s.	d.
626	.....		10	0
627	.....		2	6
628	.....	1	0	0
629	.....		14	0
630	.....	156	5	0
		£335	0	1
Guild of Service		£10	1	6
Literature		£10	1	9
L.Z.A.	**Gifts.**			
301	.....	1	10	0
302	.....	1	12	10
303	.....	1	2	6
304	.....		12	6

Rec. No.		£	s.	d.
305	.....	38	13	10
306	.....	2	12	8
307	.....	2	10	0
308	.....	1	10	6
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317	.....	2	4	2
318	.....	1	2	6
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320	.....	1	5	6
		£66	0	10

PLANTS FOR SALE.—All proceeds for S.B.M. Please mention when ordering. Golden Rod, Monkshoods, Tansy, Tulip bulbs, Daffodils, 2d. each. Lupins, Loosestrife, Anchusas, Pinks, 6d. each. Lilies of the Valley, 2d. each. Raspberry Canes, 3d. each. Montbretias, 9d. dozen. Michaelmas Daisies, small Sunflowers, 6d. dozen. Hydrangeas, Oak-leaf Geraniums, 1s. each. Also **Hand-painted Texts** (Scroll or Flat), **any text to order, from 2s. each. All postage extra. Mrs. Gregg, Bramfold, Stremsall, York.**

NOTICES

THE MISSION HERALD.—Reports of Meetings and articles for publication (written on one side of the paper only) to be sent to **The General Secretary, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, E.12,** not later than the first day of the month prior to the date of publication.

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

Subscriptions and gifts for the general work of the Mission should be sent to the General Secretary, **Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, London, E.12.**

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.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE.—All enquiries, applications for enrolment forms, and payments to the Guild Fund for the Mission, should be sent to the Secretary, **Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, E.12.**

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THANKSGIVING

and

ANNUAL MEETINGS

will, God-willing, be held at

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, BUCKINGHAM GATE, LONDON, S.W.1.

on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 1945

Annual General Business Meeting ...	11.15 a.m.
L.Z.A. Meeting	2 p.m
Men's Prayer Meeting	2 p.m.
PUBLIC MEETINGS	3 p.m. and 6.15 p.m.

We hope you may be able to attend, and your prayers for the Lord's blessing upon these great gatherings will be deeply appreciated.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND.

All gifts to this Fund should be sent in before the end of August. Full details will be found within.

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"CONTINUE IN PRAYER, AND WATCH IN THE SAME WITH THANKSGIVING" (*Colossians iv. 2*).

THESE words may well be taken by us all as an exhortation and appeal at the present stage of the affairs of the Strict Baptist Mission. Prayer, expectancy and praise should characterise our service together in the Master's Name, even though we find, like Paul, that hard facts have to be faced and humanly painful limitations have to be accepted.

Prayer is no new thing to us. It has preceded, accompanied and followed all the work of the past eighty-three years of our history. It has been through the earnest and constant prayers of thousands of devoted friends that Missionaries have been sent forth and upheld, all necessary means have been forthcoming, the Gospel has been preached, the Truth has been taught, and countless numbers of souls have been blessed of God. Through prayer insuperable difficulties have been overcome, grievous disappointments have been suffered and transformed, and great things have been accomplished in the Name of Christ our Saviour and Lord.

With such thoughts and happy convictions concerning prayer, we joined together in praise and supplication on the special Day of Prayer on Friday, July 6th. Many friends attended the three public sessions of prayer in London, and those meetings became for all present the call of God to humble confession, earnest prayer and courageous faith.

Already we begin to see the Divine answer to our definite plea for more Missionaries, and it is with gratitude and praise to God that we announce the acceptance of Miss F. I. M. Caten as a prospective L.Z.A. Missionary. May the Lord graciously help and bless our friend in the time of preparation here in England, and in due season open up for her the way to the work He has for her in that distant land of India. Let us continue in prayer for her.

Others, however, are still needed—at least three men and two women. Please continue in prayer that the Lord may clearly lead and reveal those He has ordained for this great work. If you are personally concerned about this call and believe that God would have you devote your life to Missionary service in India, then do not hesitate to write to the Mission at once.

Ladies should address: Miss P. P. NUNN,
16, Claremont Close, London, N.1.

Men: Pastor J. K. THORPE,
25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, London, E.12.

The following, which is from the S.B.M. Regulations for Missionaries, may answer the initial questions of some:—

"Candidates must be members of Strict Baptist Churches

and give evidence of a Divine Call to the Foreign Mission Field. Their age when leaving England should be between twenty-one and thirty. As a general rule Candidates should be unmarried, but the exceptional case of a married applicant would be considered. Every Missionary must unreservedly accept the Doctrinal Basis of the Mission."

We are watching as well as praying, and we are therefore eager to make early contact with any in the Forces, or in reserved occupations to whom this call of God comes with certainty and power. We shall be happy to help and advise in this important matter.

The Lord has favoured and honoured the Strict Baptist Mission with a noble band of faithful Missionaries—now nineteen strong and, in addition, the one Missionary-elect—and those of us already privileged to be in the work daily thank God for our cherished fellowship in His service. We have before us an open door of great opportunities in service, and we are prayerfully confident that all financial means will be forthcoming and that the Holy Spirit will graciously guide us in every enterprise.

WHERE ARE THE FIVE WHO WILL JOIN OUR RANKS AND ADVANCE WITH US IN THE GREAT CAUSE OF CHRIST OUR KING?

MY CALL

By MISS F. I. M. CATEN.

BEING a minister's daughter, I was brought up in an atmosphere based on the Word of God and prayer. I was taught to love the House of God and attend regularly. These influences made their mark and the Lord called me when still a child. The Holy Spirit led me to Calvary through a sermon preached by my father, and there I found true peace and joy. I was baptized and received into Church membership at Irthlingborough in 1931, being then 12 years old.

I can never thank God enough for the early influence of a Christian home and for the influence in later years of a mother who lived in the Presence of her Lord, whose room was always a Bethel and whose presence was a shining light. Her earthly ministry is finished, but her work goes on in the lives of her children.

From very early days missionaries and their work always fascinated me, and from the age of seven until after I went to College I had no other desire—true I did hope, after I went to the High School, to study medicine, but that was only with the intent of becoming a missionary doctor. In spite of all this longing I could never say I had a definite call to the mission field. After I came out of College and the war had started, and my mother was very ill, I gave up praying that the Lord would send me abroad and settled down to teaching and looking after my mother.

The Lord seemed to take the desire for foreign service away, and as I attended to my duties every day I realised a greater peace of mind than I had ever done. For almost twelve months I was unable to go to a service at all, but the Lord knew my needs and by reading His Word He taught me many of the deeper truths which I couldn't have

learned in a congregation. He taught me dependence on Himself *alone*, and during that time I learned the real meaning of the altar of burnt offering. In January, 1943, my mother was called to higher service, and I went back, still with no real desire to go abroad.

That continued until quite recently, but about two months ago I had a letter from my brother who is now in Jamaica, and he stressed the need of the natives. Thousands of them are living and dying without the sound of the Gospel. That made me think again, and I did ask the Lord what He wanted me to do, but my chief reaction was—I'm too old now. Then on Friday, April 6th, the Council were told of Miss Wilkins' resignation, and father came home and told us about it. It was such a shock that we said very little about it that night, but I couldn't get it out of my mind. I began to think of others I knew who had once been missionaries and who for various reasons were no longer serving in India, and when I went to bed I prayed very earnestly that the Lord would send out others to fill the gaps. Then came the response—why can't you go? I'm afraid I made various excuses: I'm too old now, the doctor wouldn't pass me, the government wouldn't release me, etc. It was no good, I couldn't get away from it, I thought of the children I associate with every day, all within easy reach of a church or chapel, all with the opportunity of learning the difference between right and wrong, then I thought of hundreds of thousands of children in India, fearing evil spirits, taught to worship idols, and with no opportunity of learning about the Lord Jesus. I couldn't stand out against it when I saw it like that, so I said, "Lord, I'll go, if it's Thy will for me."

All day Saturday it was on my mind, and on Saturday night the words came, "How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out," and that was just how I felt about it all. On Sunday, Mr. Chambers was preaching for the T.B.S., and he stressed the need of the world. We *must* send out the Word of God; we have a treasure, we *must* not keep it to ourselves, but he also emphasised that just as the eunuch needed someone to open to him the Scriptures, so the world to-day not only needed the Word of God, but teachers to open up that Word. I felt then, if that is God's message to me, I must *do* something, consequently the following day I wrote to Miss Nunn about it.

After that I felt more at peace in my mind, but I did ask the Lord for a confirming word. Until the week-end I did not get any confirmation except a deep peace and joy in being able to say, "Anything, anywhere, just as *Thou wilt*, Lord." All the week-end I had a tune which would keep running through my head. I didn't realise what it was or take any notice of it until I was humming it over to myself in the train going to school on Monday morning, and suddenly realised the words—is this my confirmation, I asked? "Fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, I will uphold thee with My right hand." Since then I have received another confirmation in a favourable report from my own doctor—something I hardly dared to expect. Truly I can say, "How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out."

"WHO DID HINDER YOU?"

A. MORLING.

A MIDDLE-AGED man with bright piercing eyes ventured into the vestry to see me. He was diffident and hesitated to take the chair that was offered to him. It was Devasegamony, alias Kanthasmay Chetty, the son of a village teacher belonging to an influential family. He told me that soon after his father's death he developed eye trouble, and the native physician's treatment aggravated the condition, and ere long he completely lost his sight. His mother then dedicated him at the age of 14 to Māriamman, one of the Hindu deities, and prayed that he might be healed, but for six months there was no answer.

When roaming the streets of Kalappanayakkanpatti in this forlorn condition he contacted the local preacher, who took him to his home and prayed with him. Then he brought the lad to Miss Ireland, who applied medicine and asked him to place his trust in Christ. When, shortly afterwards, his sight returned, Kanthaswamy felt he must now regularly attend family prayers held in the preacher's house, and subsequently, in 1918, was admitted to the Mission School in Sendamangalam. Because the lad was attached to Christians, and because he considered himself to be one of them, his mother frequently scolded him and eventually drove him from his home.

The boy was in a dilemma; not knowing what to do he approached Mr. D. Morling, who sent him to Karur for manual training, but at Karur he was rejected and consequently obliged to revert to cooly work. Eventually he found his way to Ceylon and there secured employment on a rubber plantation. Despite the various vicissitudes of his early life, his faith in Christ remained firm, and soon after reaching Ceylon he found a Christian friend—an estate employee, who gave him instruction in the Word and tried to lead the youth to an open confession of Christ. In 1926 he was sprinkled, but 9 years later he was married to a Hindu girl.

Because of opposition from his relatives, he has, until recently, been hiding his faith in the Saviour, but now once again he is trying to make a stand. When speaking to him a few days ago, I asked him what plans he had for the education of his children: a boy of 8 and a small girl (he has lost three). "My boy," he emphatically replied. "must have a Christian education, and I wish to send him to the Namakkal hostel, but let him remain at home another year because of his age." The lad is rather young for hostel life, but I reminded him that it is well to "winnow while the wind blows," and promised special attention and pointed out the dangers of procrastination. He has hopes that his wife will one day renounce Hinduism, but the mother is still very bitter and antagonistic. He asked for a Bible with large type and this I immediately supplied despite the extremely acute shortage of copies of the Scriptures. It is easy for us, so ignorant of the powers that men like Devasegamony contend with, to dictate what their attitude and action should be, but we shall be a greater help if we consistently remembered them in prayer. It is still painfully true that open confession of Christ creates disastrous divisions in families, but the Master has not rescinded that calm assertion of His final

sovereignty in Matthew 10: 32 and 33: "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven." "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

In connection with the Special Day of Prayer the following message was received by cable from our Missionaries in India: **"We in India join you in intercession. Holding fast God's faithfulness let us attempt great things in His Name. Steady flow of recruits needed."** This message gave us a happy sense of union and fellowship with our friends away in India, and we are confident that the Lord will graciously answer our united prayers for more Missionaries.

We have had but few letters from India recently, but the following extracts will indicate matters for both praise and prayer:—

Madras.—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower are still away on the hills taking rest in lieu of furlough, and in their absence from Madras, Mr. G. F. Champion is in temporary charge of the Field. He writes: "It has been a joy to get into touch with the activities of our Churches and Schools, and to feel that one is again doing missionary work after rather a long break. I have been round to all the stations where we have workers, and three weeks ago I camped at Poonamallee from Saturday to Monday. It is many years since I was in Poonamallee, and it is good to see the progress that has been made in the intervening space of time. Our school was then quite small, but now has a roll of about two hundred and is conducted by eight teachers: the Sunday congregations have also increased. But I noticed most progress in the little village of Tiruvakkadu, where there was only one teacher and a small school. The teacher in those days was the only Christian in the village, and his wife an unbeliever. The school to-day is a fifth standard school with two teachers, and regular Sunday services are held and quite well attended. Several Christians now live in the village. I was able to conduct the evening service there on the Sunday of my stay in Poonamallee, and I visited some of the houses of our members. Mannur is a place new to me, and I preached there two weeks ago. There was a congregation of about thirty adults and twenty children at the service, and the number that stayed behind for the Lord's Supper was also encouraging."

Mrs. Brand is still waiting for a passage home to England, and similar facilities are being sought for Mrs. D. Morling to enable her to take furlough as soon as possible.

Namakkal and Sendamangalam.—Mr. A. J. Morling is still having to give a great deal of time to building repairs at Sendamangalam, but the following paragraph from a recent letter is most encouraging:—"Since returning to Namakkal at the end of May I have been able to visit nearly every station in these two fields. In Irukkur I examined for baptism sixteen enquirers, and among these were the wives of the men that were immersed in February. This work is in the charge of a young man who failed to pass his 8th Standard, but who has a very real experience and is keen to bring his people to know the Lord. He is, at his wish, attending the Bible School that commences on Friday. There are a few enquirers in some of our other villages, but so far I have not been able to see them."

Concerning the Bible School mentioned, Mr. Morling writes:—"On Friday evening we are starting a Bible School for seven men and three women who are on the staff of the two fields. All the members are young and the course will last for exactly a month, and we shall value very much your prayers that this ventrue may receive the rich blessing of the Master and be a great help in spiritual ways to those who are taking it."

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

Christmas Gift Fund.—May we repeat the information given in the July issue of the MISSION HERALD. Instead of the boxes of toys, and garments, etc., of pre-war days, money is now being sent to India, so that necessary purchases can be made there by our Missionaries. We gratefully acknowledge the generous response of friends in former years, and we hope that once again we shall be able to encourage our Indian workers and children in this way. Churches, Sunday Schools and friends are invited to send their contributions **before the end of August** to Miss H. V. Harris, "Nethania," 7, Carlton Hill, London, N.W.8.

Miss Wade's Examination Success.—Miss Wade took her first Tamil Examination in May, and we are happy to announce that she has passed very creditably. We congratulate her and assure her of our continued prayers as she now studies for the second examination next year.

Guild of Service.—Guild of Service interests have not figured very prominently of late, but the prayers and practical help of all members are greatly valued, and we are much encouraged by the helpful efforts of groups in various Churches.

In view of the plans for the great day at Westminster Chapel on October 23rd, it has been considered wise not to plan for a young people's Rally in September, and we hope that every friend who possibly can attend the Annual Meetings will endeavour to do so. We have a large building to fill, and now that an evening meeting is again possible we look forward to having with us those who may be detained by business during the earlier meetings of the day.

Full details of the special programme will be published later, but may we ask all Guild of Service members and Secretaries of young people's meetings to book the date now, and to plan to bring a party of friends to the evening Rally.

Close of Financial Year.—This is just a preliminary reminder of the fact that the financial year of the Mission ends on September 20th. It will be of great assistance if our many friends annd helpers in the Churches will gather up outstanding amounts and gifts and kindly forward them as early as possible in September. We prayerfully hope that the year may be a good one financially, as we have had to meet large capital expenditure on buildings in India, and as we are also committed in faith to a forward programme of new Missionaries and new work.

Special Victory Thankofferings.—In mentioning financial matters, we gratefully acknowledge the fact that a number of friends have sent to the Mission special additional gifts in this year of deliverance and peace in Europe. These gifts have been taken as special encouragement in our plans for advance in the Lord's work, and we shall greatly value any further amounts that friends may be constrained to give in expression of thanksgiving and praise to God.

THE SIMLA CONFERENCE

Lord Wavell, the Viceroy, and the India Office in London, have simultaneously announced the failure of the Simla Conference for the Indianisation of the Executive Council.

The failure of these latest negotiations is a bitter disappointment, and we must continue in earnest prayer for all those who have the handling of these important matters of Indian national life.

We cannot but admire the magnanimity of the Viceroy in taking to himself any blame for the present failure, and we are inspired in our own efforts by his patience and courage indicated in his statement at the time of the above announcement: "Do not be discouraged by this set-back. We shall overcome our difficulties."

ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1945

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

5th, Bromley; 26th, Prittlewell.

19th, Bradenstoke and Hilmarton: MR. J. C. FROMOW.

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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

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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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If you came last year, bring some others with you this time. If you did not come last year, then take this further opportunity of helping the S.B.M. by your interest and practical support. A time of great blessing is anticipated. Pray for it, and then come along to it.

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AT

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Speakers: Missionary & Mrs. W. H. KUHRT.

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THE TAMIL LANGUAGE

D. A. THROWER.

ALTHOUGH Tamil, until recently, lacked the advantage of being carried in the lap of modern civilisation, it has known an ancient culture of its own. It is certainly one of the greatest languages in the world, in its fulness and power resembling English and German more than any other living tongue. Tamil is the oldest and principal of the Dravidian group of languages and, unlike several of the vernaculars of India, it is not—as some have supposed—a daughter of Sanscrit. In fact, a competent scholar has been quoted as saying: "It is certain that Tamil could do without Sanscrit much better than English without Latin." This vernacular is at the present day the mother tongue of some 20,000,000 people living in that part of the Indian peninsular which lies to the south of Madras city. More than 2,500 years ago it most probably prevailed over the major portion of this vast sub-continent, but in later years it seems to have suffered an eclipse similar to that which befell Celtic in the British Isles. Just as the Roman and later invasions caused the ancient dialects of Britain to be driven into remote corners of Cornwall, Wales, Northern Scotland and Ireland, so the Aryan (or Brahman) invasion of India resulted in Tamil being replaced by other languages in the central and northern parts of the peninsular, so that to-day it is confined to its present area in the South.

Evidence of the great antiquity of this language abounds. It is older than Sanscrit, and even that great tongue which, by the way, has long since ceased to be a living language, has condescended to borrow certain words from this vernacular. It is also a surprising fact that three present-day Tamil words are to be found in the Hebrew Old Testament. These are the names by which the ivory, apes and peacocks conveyed to Palestine by Solomon's ships of Tarshish were known, seeming to imply that the traders visited Ceylon or India, and obtained with these novelties their Tamil names—danta, kapi and togai —as found in the Hebrew Bible. Tamil is rich in ancient poetic literature. For instance, the celebrated Agastya, known as the Father of Tamil, wrote the earliest Tamil lexicon, a poetical work of 12,000 stanzas, about the sixth or seventh century before Christ. Very little of his work, however, is extant to-day. The Kural, an epic poem which is considered to be the finest piece of Tamil poetry, was written in the ninth century of this era, if not earlier, not by a Brahman but by a Pariah priest. A small portion of this work (as of several other poems) forms part of the syllabus for the Tamil examinations of the United Board of missionary societies in South India—the syllabus studied by S.B.M. missionaries when they first come to the Field. Before Anglo-Saxon had a written character, Tamil was a polished language. Its name means "sweetness," and although it is not so

musical as Telugu, its poems can well lay claim to the " linked sweetness " of great poetry.

It is only in modern times that Tamil has developed a prose form. Prior to that all works, including dictionaries, grammars and medical treatises, were produced in poetical style. If we embark on an outline of the Tamil grammar this article will grow to an abnormal length. Suffice it to say that, in the main, the grammar resembles Latin more than Sanscrit; among its deficiencies is the absence of the article. Nouns are declined in eight cases and verbs conjugated in six main groups with several variations. The language (in common with Telugu and the other Dravidian tongues) has a peculiarity which is otherwise almost unique, namely, two forms for the first person plural pronoun " we," one including the person/s addressed and the other excluding the same. The correct use of these two forms is extremely important, especially in prayer, where a wrong use of the inclusive form would associate God with the sinners who are addressing him.

The most up-to-date dictionary of the Tamil language is the great Lexicon published by the University of Madras between the years 1924 and 1939. It deals with about 120,000 words in seven neatly printed volumes containing 4,367 pages

For many of the facts referred to above we are indebted to the Preface to Winslow's Tamil and English Dictionary.

"BUT SATAN HINDERED"

A. J. MORLING.

WE were jolting along in a jutka and thinking of Sethambaram, who once appeared so promising. In India it is so easy to start well, but often so hard to continue. Suddenly the preacher asked the driver to stop, and doing so, he pointed to a house across the fields, saying, " That is where Sethambaram lives." We picked our way across the slush and dirt of the field, and I wondered how best to open the subject of his recession, and whether my coming might not be resented. Turning the corner of the house, we found our friend stretched fully out on a string cot and in his hand a book by Bishop Pakenham-Walsh called " The Apostles' Creed "; a good sign, thought I, for we do not often see farmers using their spare time so profitably!

" Would you like some milk? Here's the cow, and it needs to be milked," he said. I thanked him, but declined the offer, saying that it was nearly lunch-time and that I must then creditably acquit myself! I learned that Sethambaram about ten years ago suffered from some abdominal complaint, and that after taking medicine from the Mission dispensary he recovered. Here he heard of the Good News and soon became interested, and for about a year he regularly attended our Sunday and Thursday services in Sendamangalam. When it was felt that he was not merely seeking, but an earnest believer, he was encouraged to take baptism. He agreed, and gave his testimony at a Church Meeting, but when all arrangements had been completed and his relatives learned of his wishes, they threatened to stab him. Forth-

with he requested to be sent to another place for immersion and return after a few months had elapsed. This suggestion evidently did not meet with approval, and Sethambaram gradually grew irregular in his visits, and later proceeded to a town farther south. After a while he returned, married a relative and settled down to farming; nevertheless I think it is quite true that he has completely renounced all faith in Hinduism, possesses a certainty regarding his relationship with our Lord, and is frequently reading his Bible.

When we had entered his room and conversed concerning a number of matters, we suggested that a portion from the Book be read. He immediately concurred, brought his Bible and called for his wife. She, however, preferred to stand behind a bamboo screen and peer over the top! Sethambaram is an attractive young man, and we longed to help him throw off the cords of caste and reticence. Christian friends are always welcomed at his home and find him hospitable and appreciative of Christian fellowship. We prayed with him, asking the Master to perfect that which He alone had commenced, and as we prayed we felt so incompetent to help and so ignorant of the forces he was contending with day by day.

A MORNING'S VISITING

B. L. MOWLE

IN the monsoon weather, on the Kolli Hills, heavy showers not only make the paths slippery and muddy, but in many places streams flow like rivers, making it impossible to get across except by paddling or wading through. Even in the dry season much skill is needed in walking along the narrow paths between the paddy fields, but in the rainy season they are just a swamp. Rice is generally cultivated in the river beds, and it looks very beautiful at all stages of its growth, especially when the sun shines on it as it sways in the gentle breeze.

Biblewoman Navamonie and I wanted to visit a village which is not far from our compound. It nestles on the side of a hill just opposite the Settlement, and when we are able to cross the paddy fields to get to it, it can be reached in about ten minutes. The harvest is now over, and after the paddy has been reaped the cattle are allowed to graze on the stalks and grass that are left in the wet swampy land. This, coupled with the heavy monsoon rain, makes the paths across the paddy fields very dangerous to use, and even hill men sometimes have to make a detour to get from one side to the other. From a distance the fields do not look too bad, for they are covered with weeds and grass which hide the water and mud underneath.

On this particular morning we were rather late in starting, and as I looked across the fields I was greatly tempted to try the short cut, assuring Navamonie that I was not afraid of the mud. However, she had visited this village the week before by the short way, and sank up to her knees in the mud, so reluctantly I followed her the long way

round. I did not enjoy the beautiful scenery as much as I might have done had we made an earlier start, as all the time I was wondering whether the people would be out doing their field work when we arrived. At last we reached the village, and the very first woman we saw was the mother of Aaron. Aaron is the half-brother of Ruth, the adopted daughter of Mrs. Brand. We were very sad when the woman told us that she had no time to listen. Her eyes brightened when Navamonie told me she was Aaron's mother. Thinking that this might prove a point of contact, I tried to persuade her to sit down for a little while, but we were disappointed and sad when she told us that whatever time we came she would not have time to listen, as work must be done.

The next person we met was a younger woman, Aaron's sister, and we had the same reception from her. As we went round the village we found that many had gone to the fields to work or were just going. At last we came to a house where the inmates were having their morning meal, and a rug was brought out for us to sit on while we waited till they had finished. In the meantime one or two gathered round, including a woman who had spent some time in Ceylon. We tried to speak to them of sin, the uncertainty of life, and the love of the Saviour. The woman who had been to Ceylon listened very intently, but she arose and left us when I asked her to repeat after me, "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." Navamonie said in a very disappointed voice, "Amma, it is always so, when we get to the most important part, something turns up to hinder."

After a little while we left, as the remaining members of our audience were getting restless and began to make excuses for leaving. As the meeting broke up, I asked Navamonie to take me to the house of the woman from Ceylon, and when we got there, to our surprise, she gave us quite a warm welcome. She told us that in her heart she believed, and repeated the verse after me again and again, which she had been afraid to repeat before others. She told us it was only fear that kept her back from joining the Christians, as she would be denied all the privileges of the village and would be turned out of caste. We left feeling a little cheered, for we felt that the Lord had led us to that one soul to help and comfort her, but oh, how we long for the next step—out and out allegiance to Jesus Christ. The Church of God in India can never grow unless those who profess to love Him in secret come out boldly for His sake. We went to one other village. The people there listened politely, that is all we can say. We then made our way homewards, but to reach the bungalow we had to go further and further away from it at first, until we could cross the head of the river-bed, and come back on the other side. Was it worth while? The Lord Jesus thought it was not a waste of time to stop and speak to a sinful woman at Sychar's well. "He must needs go through Samaria."

The L.Z.A. Quarterly Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held at North Road, Brentford, on **Tuesday, September 4th**, at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt will give a short address, and it is hoped that a good number of lady friends will be present.

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

Annual Meetings. — Full details will be published and circulated to the Churches next month. We shall have a most interesting and inspiring programme, and we confidently look to all friends and helpers to come themselves and, if possible, to make early plans for the conveyance of parties of friends. Please pray about these great meetings, and seek to interest every possible friend. Our desire is that the meetings may be a worthy expression of our deep gratitude to God for His merciful deliverance and the peace we now enjoy in this land. We believe that the Lord will speak to us in these great gatherings as we unite in real fellowship and prayerful purpose to obey and glorify Him.

Children's Rally.—As announced in this magazine, we have once again arranged for a Rally of boys and girls. This gathering is for all children, but especially for the many eager readers of "Rays from the East," and we hope that many will be able to attend this interesting meeting.

New Missionaries.—Once more we would draw attention to the Mission's great need of new Missionaries in order that our present work may be maintained, and that we may advance into new and challenging opportunities of service in South India. As reported last month, we have accepted Miss F. I. M. Caten as a prospective L.Z.A. Missionary, but we are prayerfully seeking a further two ladies and three men. Please continue in earnest prayer concerning this matter and also make the need known to other friends. It may be that some can help by passing on this information to young men or women still in the Forces, from whom we should be happy to hear if the Lord's call to missionary work has come to them.

Close of Financial Year, September 20th.—In drawing attention to this important date, may we appeal to all helpers to forward amounts for all funds as early as possible before that date. We hope to see the goodness of the Lord in ample provision for our current needs and the considerable building expenditure entailed during the year, and also in the building up of helpful balances for the demands that will be involved in sending out new Missionaries and carrying out our forward campaign. In this connection may we again appeal for special Victory Thankofferings during this present year.

Pastor Robert Mutimer.—This honoured and greatly loved servant of God, to whose earthly ministry many owe so much, was called to his heavenly reward on July 15th, 1945, in his 85th year. Our friend has heard the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant," and we do not sorrow for him, as he has thus finished his course and gained the crown of righteousness at the hands of his Lord. But in his passing we are deeply conscious of a grievous loss. A great standard-bearer has fallen. Others will doubtless write more fully concerning the great work and wide influence of Pastor R. Mutimer, but it is a privilege to pay here a loving tribute on behalf of the Strict Baptist Mission. The Mission always had a place in the interests of our brother, and in 1903 Mr. Mutimer became its Vice-President. He continued in that important office for twenty years, and until 1936 had an unbroken association with the work as a member of the Council. This long period of service covers those years in which, under the blessing of God, the work in India and the interest at home both grew remarkably. Much of this happy development was doubtless due to the prayers, the vision and the efforts of Robert Mutimer and those other great colleagues-in-office with whom he laboured. We praise God for all that He made Robert Mutimer to be in his wide and varied ministry, and we shall cherish our every remembrance of him—"a faithful minister of Jesus Christ."

ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1945

MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.

1st, Clapham, Courland Grove; 2nd, Wood Green, Park Ridings; 5th, Bible Spreading Union Meeting; 6th, Brentford; 8th, Watford; 9th, Redbourn; 11th, Halstead; 12th, Brighton, "Ebenezer"; 13th, Hailsham; 15th, Children's Rally; 16th, New Cross; 18th, Tadworth; 19th, Lewisham; 20th, Homerton Row; 23rd, Highbury; 25th, S.E. District Rally; 26th, Tring; 27th, Walthamstow; 30th, Cambridge, Tenison Road.

Address: 24, Hesketh Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER—*continued.*

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

2nd, Laxfield; 6th, Brentford; 8th, Watford; 9th, St. Albans; 12th, Brighton, "Ebenezer"; 16th, Haworth; 23rd, Croydon, Derby Road; 30th, Blakenham.

OTHER BRETHREN.

2nd, Egham: MR. W. J. SHIPTON.
23rd, Swindon: PASTOR A. E. BROWN.

L.Z.A.—MRS. KUHRT.

4th, Brentford (Quarterly Prayer Meeting); 11th, Tring; 12th, Brighton (Richmond Street); 17th, Hounslow.

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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 **The General Secretary, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, E.12,** not later than the first day of the month prior to the date of publication.

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

Subscriptions and gifts for the general work of the Mission should be sent to the General Secretary, **Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, London, E.12.**

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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On TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1945

11.15 a.m. Annual General Business Meeting.

2 p.m. L.Z.A. Meeting.

2 p.m. Men's Prayer Meeting.

3 p.m. Thanksgiving Assembly.

Chairman: MR. S. W. ANDERSON, VICE-PRES. S.B.M.
Worship & Thanksgiving, conducted by THE PRESIDENT, PASTOR R. ROBINSON.
Address: MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.

6.15 p.m. Great Evening Rally.

Chairman: PASTOR R. ROBINSON, PRES. S.B.M.
Speakers: MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.
CAPT. A. R. DANNATT, R.E.

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The nearest underground station is ST. JAMES'S PARK, from which the Chapel is just two or three minutes' walk.

DETAILS OF PROGRAMME.

11.15 a.m. Annual General Business Meeting.
Junior Hall, at rear of Chapel.
(*Premises will be open from* 1.30 *p.m.*).

2.0 p.m. L.Z.A. MEETING. Open to all Ladies. This will be held in the Chapel—Centre block of ground floor.
MRS. W. H. KUHRT will speak.

2.0 p.m. MEN'S PRAYER MEETING. Junior Hall.
Conducted by PASTOR O. F. CLARKE.

3.0 p.m. THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY.
Chairman: MR. S. W. ANDERSON.
Act of Worship and Thanksgiving conducted by the President, PASTOR R. ROBINSON.
Address: MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT—"The Missionary and his Indian Colleagues."

6.50 p.m. Organ Recital by the Westminster Chapel Organist: E. EMLYN DAVIES, F.R.C.O.

6.15 p.m. GREAT EVENING RALLY.
Chairman: PASTOR R. ROBINSON, President S.B.M.
Report and Financial Statement.
Speakers: CAPT. A. R. DANNATT, R.E.—"My Visit to the S.B.M. Fields in India."
MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.

THANKOFFERINGS.

We believe that many friends will wish to make special Thankofferings on this memorable day, and such gifts will be gratefully received with the desire that they may be used in forward work in India.

BOOKROOM.

The Bookroom will be open during the day in the charge of Mr. W. K. Puttnam, and we trust friends will avail themselves of this opportunity of obtaining helpful literature.

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THANKSGIVING AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

THIS is an important and significant year for us all, and it is therefore fitting that the S.B.M. Annual Meetings should be of an outstanding character.

For many years now the Mission has been the inspiring demonstration of our denominational fellowship and co-operation together in the Master's service, and we remember with joy the days before before the war when over 1,000 friends would gather for our meetings at the Leysian Hall.

We believe we shall see such gatherings again, and this year's plans for the use of Westminster Chapel have been made prayerfully and in faith. We trust that friends from all parts of the country will come to London to unite in this great act of Thanksgiving to God for deliverance and peace, and we are sure that every friend of the Mission in or near London will certainly endeavour to be present. We have special cause for thankfulness.

As we thus remember the mercies of God, what better return can we make than faithful adherence to the Word of God and devoted obedience to His missionary commands?

Your presence at these meetings will, therefore, be deeply appreciated, and we prayerfully believe that very happy fellowship and rich spiritual blessing will be realised by every friend able to come. By your attendance, however, more than personal blessing will be gained. You will share in a great Strict Baptist witness to the majesty and mercy of God—recognised both in our thanksgiving for peace restored to the world, and in our proclamation of the Gospel of His grace.

The Sovereignty of God in both Providence and Grace, the mercy of God to an apostate world and to every sin-convinced and penitent soul! These are the great truths for which we have stood, and upon which the S.B.M. is founded. These and their implications are the " things most surely believed among us," they have been our comfort and stay through the sad and perilous years of war, and in them we can now rejoice together.

Herein also is the only hope for the future. " The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof."

Let us make our Annual Meetings a worthy expression of our praise to God, a confident re-affirmation of our Strict Baptist faith and a clear demonstration of our evangelistic zeal.

Close of Financial Year.—We praise God and thank all friends for the very satisfactory conclusion of our financial year. A year of heavy expenditure, but a slightly higher income has adequately met all needs.

KOLAR GOLD FIELDS TAMIL BAPTIST CHURCH

D. A. THROWER.

THE Kolar Gold Fields, near Bangalore, in the Mysore State, is fourteen square miles in extent, and has a population of about 50,000. Eight or ten years ago a Tamil man named Edward Christopher, a Methodist local preacher employed as an accountant in the office of one of the mining companies, got into touch with a number of people who were loosely connected with the American Baptist Telugu Mission. After he had been working among these Telugu folk by interpretation for some time, several of them professed conversion and asked Mr. Christopher to baptize them. They were not, however, prepared to accept his form of baptism—sprinkling—but requested him to immerse them. This led the preacher to think seriously about the mode of baptism, with the result that he received some six months' instruction by correspondence from a missionary of the American Baptist Mission and was eventually baptized by its representative. Our friend soon found a number of Tamils among these people, and he thereafter devoted his energies more and more to evangelism among them, while he secured the services of a Telugu helper to care for the Telugu group.

After a time a small Tamil church sprang up, with Mr. Christopher as its pastor. The American Baptist missionaries tried to maintain an interest in the welfare of this Church, but they soon realised that it was far from satisfactory for them to attempt such a connection with people whose language they did not know. Therefore, in the year 1937, they approached the S.B.M. Conference, requesting us to get into touch with Mr. Christopher and his little flock and to do what we could to encourage and help them. At the same time we received a letter from Mr. Christopher himself, in which he said: "May I request you kindly to give your sympathetic consideration to our cry, similar to that of 'Come over into Macedonia and help us.'" Responding to this call, the Reference Committee of our Mission resolved that we send a missionary each year to visit the Kolar Church in order to help and encourage them in their Christian life and witness. These visits have been made from the year 1938 until the present time, and I am sure they have been much appreciated by the Church and also by ourselves.

We made it clear to Mr. Christopher from the first that we could not undertake financial or administrative responsibility for his Church, as we felt that it would be wrong to interfere with the truly indigenous character of this body of Tamil Christians. However, in addition to the contacts made at the time of our annual visits, these friends had fellowship with our Mission through the Pastoral Conference, at the annual gatherings of which they were represented by their Pastor or one of his helpers each year from 1937, until the meetings were discontinued owing to the war. The following is an extract from the minutes of the Annual Conference of S.B.M. Missionaries which took place in May, 1940: "Conference resolves that the Marikuppam Baptist Church, K.G.F., be associated with the Churches of the S.B.M., and that a letter be written to its Pastor, Mr. E. Christopher, inviting

him and his Church to have fellowship with us in all ways possible. It is of interest to note that several of the members of this Church were baptized by one of our S.B.M. missionaries. The Church is a S.B. Church subscribing to the same doctrinal basis as that of our own Mission."

MEDICAL WORK ON THE KOLLI HILLS

DR. R. M. HARRIS.

AS I have only been working on the Kolli Hills for a year, the novelty of life up here has not worn off, and one can still regard things with the eyes of a newcomer. Life on the Kolli Hills ambles on as something apart from the whirl of the modern world; there are no trains or buses to catch, no wireless and no electric light, only the arrival of the post in the evenings keeps one in touch with the outside world. One can even have arguments about the time at which one should set the clock! There are no roads, only small paths lead from various directions, over the grass and through the bushes, to the compound where we live. All around us are forest-clad hills, with cultivation on the lower slopes and in the valleys. Sometimes they stand radiant in sunshine, sometimes they are enshrouded in mist. In the early mornings the birds sing their rapturous praises to God, and we join our praises with theirs, for everything around is very beautiful. The climate is pleasant, and it is hard to realise in July, when mists surround us and are driven along by a gusty wind, chilling us to the bone, that our friends in Senda, eight miles away, are finding it hard to bear the sweltering heat.

Our dispensary is opened soon after 8 a.m., and preparations are made for the day's work. Joseph Doss is our Compounder, he nobly continues to work with us, in spite of having had some severe bouts of fever. Tangaya draws our water, sweeps, and does all those odd jobs which are so essential to the smooth running of a dispensary. Then there is Kantham, whom Miss Wilkins sent to us in Senda to be trained for work on the Kollis. She helps with all the women's cases, and looks after the preparation of dressings, mending and sewing. She is responsible for carrying out the treaments ordered for the Boarding Home Girls.

I go over to the Dispensary at about 9 a.m., having first visited any who might have fever on the Compound. By this time a group of patients has usually collected. They wait inside the treatment room, often sitting all shrouded round with a large, once-white cloth, or it may be a blanket, for it may be cold, and the dispensary faces West, in the direction of the prevailing wind. Not infrequently one or two will be sitting nursing a swollen face—there is a tooth for extraction.

Before attending to the medical needs of those gathered, we read and try to explain to them passages of Scripture. Alas, only too many have to come to us for the treatment of venereal disease. They cannot but acknowledge that what the Bible tells us concerning man's nature

is true, also that in their own religion they receive absolutely no help and have no hope of salvation. In the dispensary our touch with these people is very personal, and we thank God for it. As one looks round upon them, one often wonders with longing whether there is not among them the one who shall be raised up of God to be a prophet to his own people.

Then medical work begins, and patients from villages near and far are treated. In a large village like Sendamangalam many of our patients live nearby and can come regularly for treatment. On the Kolli Hills the fact that most of our patients have to come a distance of several miles means that the amount of treatment received is usually inadequate, and this state of affairs is most unsatisfactory, both from the point of view of the doctor and of the patients.

The people up here, for the most part, live in one-roomed, thatched houses. They do not like us to enter them, as they are afraid that if we did so their gods would be offended. It is very pitiful to see a dying patient being dragged out of the house to be seen, rather than allow us to enter the place. Also one's efforts to help in a midwifery case are very much hampered when one has to do so in a space two feet by six, or on the doorstep.

Pray for us as we seek to win these souls for Christ, and to point them to a better and a nobler way of life in Him.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

Madras.—Mr. and Mrs. Thrower have been taking their extended leave in lieu of furlough, and our Brother has written happily of their anticipated return to the work in Madras. We regret to report, however, that since their return a cable has been sent informing us that Mrs. Thrower has had to enter hospital for examination and rest. She is suffering from heart trouble and resulting physical weakness, and we are sure that friends will prayerfully remember her and Mr. Thrower at this time.

Sendamangalam and Namakkal.—Reports tell of the recent Bible School for Workers, and of the value of this in the life and service of those attending.

When on camp, Mrs. Morling had heard the testimony of four women she could recommend for baptism. There were many other enquirers in the Solaipalyam area.

Miss Wade continues with her Tamil study, and is now working out Bible study outlines by herself, getting them corrected by the munshi. Had visited, with one of the Biblewomen, in some of the higher caste homes, finding there more opposition to spiritual things than in the homes of the lower castes.

Kolli Hills.—Mr. Huckett and Dr. Harris both write of camping at the Koilur festival, and of coming into contact with many groups and types of people. Blessing had been realised at the special meetings held at Valavanthi for the Christian community, and prayer is asked that among the nominal Christians there might be some true conversions. Regular prayer is asked for an old Sendamangalam Sunday School boy, now grown into manhood, who appears to be not far from the Kingdom. His conversion would probably mean much persecution.

Kovilpatti.—Mr. Champion and Mr. Orchard both write of plans for the administration of this large Field and of their intended camps in various directions.

Kovilpatti town has been chosen as a compulsory area for education under a new Government of India scheme. This will present us with new problems.

Miss M. Harris writes encouragingly of the women's work. Had camped in five different main camping stations. At the Harvest Festival Meetings seven women were baptized, and other women were desirous of confessing their faith.

ANONYMOUS GIFTS

Many friends send such gifts to the Mission from time to time, and we would take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to such donors. Receipts are made out in each case and the number and amount published in the MISSION HERALD together with the indication "Anon."

Anonymous amounts from "9436" have been safely and gratefully received each month for the support of the little children of deceased Israel. We are happy to report that these children in our care on the Kolli Hills are progressing favourably.

Recently the sum of £4 was received anonymously from "one of His own" - £2 for the S.B.M. and £2 for the Home Mission work. These amounts have been applied as requested, with our united thanks to the sender.

GUILD OF SERVICE

From the funds of the Guild of Service the very helpful sum of £200 has been transferred to the General Fund of the Mission this year, and we are sure that members will rejoice in this practical help made possible through their efforts and gifts.

It is hardly necessary to urge every Guild member to attend the great meetings on October 23rd, if at all possible. No Guild of Service Rally was planned this year, with the desire that all efforts might be concentrated on the S.B.M. Annual Meetings. The Great Evening Rally will have its special appeal to young people, as Capt. Dannatt is a keen member of the Guild, and he will be telling of his experiences in India and of what he saw of the S.B.M. work there. We may add that Capt. Dannatt greatly helped our Missionaries both in spiritual fellowship and with his professional advice in the matter of building work in a number of Fields.

Please come yourself and endeavour to constrain all the young people of your Church to come—the challenge of the S.B.M. comes with peculiar urgency to all under thirty, and to those nearer twenty it may be God's call for life service.

Let us pray continually concerning this important matter of new Missionaries, and for great blessing to attend the Thanksgiving and Annual Meetings.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

The L.Z.A. Annual Meeting will (D.v.) be held on Tuesday, October 23rd, at 2 p.m. in Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1. Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt will give an address, and the meeting will be open to **all ladies.** Please pray and plan for a very large attendance. It is earnestly requested that friends will sit in the pews close up to the platform, and only in the centre part of the Chapel for this meeting.

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MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.

2nd, Trowbridge; 3rd, Devizes; 6th, East Ham; 8th, Manchester; 9th, Bury; 10th, Accrington; 14th, Rattlesden; 15th, Stoke Ash 16th, Cransford; 17th, Hadleigh; 18th, Beccles; 21st, Cambridge, "Eden"; 23rd, Annual Meetings; 28th, Wellingborough; 30th, Streatham; 31st, Ilford.
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PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

6th, Croydon and Dist. Guild; 7th, Lewes; 8th, Manchester; 14th, Middlesbrough; 21st, Carlton; 23rd, Annual Meetings; 28th, Yateley; 30th, Streatham.

OTHER BRETHREN.

7th, Sleaford: PASTOR A. E. BROWN.
21st, Tring: PASTOR A. E. BROWN.
21st, Tunbridge Wells, The Hall: PASTOR R. ROBINSON.

L.Z.A.

MRS. KUHRT: 23rd, Annual Meetings.
MISS NUNN: 3rd, Over; 16th, Wetherden; 17th, Blakenham; 18th, Stowmarket.

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MORE MISSIONARIES

THE need for more Missionaries becomes increasingly evident. This is true in reference to the Lord's work in every land, and it is certainly the case as we consider our own loved Mission.

In fact, since our appeal for six new Missionaries was first made, one thing after another has added urgency to this great need and prayer of the Mission. This month it is ill-health on the Mission Field, always a factor to be reckoned with, which has brought this home to us with a new emphasis. Mrs. D. A. Thrower has suffered a serious breakdown in health, and she and Mr. Thrower must come home for furlough in England at once. In spite of this, we are anxious that our earlier plans for the home-coming of Mrs. Brand, Mrs. D. Morling, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morling and family should not be disturbed. Their furloughs are much delayed, and rest and change in England are greatly needed by them all.

It is obvious that all this will put very serious strain upon those Missionaries remaining in India, and we shall have to remember them much in prayer in this connection.

A very difficult period confronts us as we seek to maintain the work in the various Fields, and if we look further ahead it is true to say that all our hopes for the work depend upon additions to our Missionary Staff. This is but to reiterate what has been constantly in print of late, and it leads to one request—a plea for continued prayer that the Lord would raise up both men and women for this important work.

We would make a special appeal for the three men needed by the S.B.M. The first essential is that those applying should be convinced of the call of the Lord to the Mission Field and to India, with all its dreadful need and challenge, and to those thus moved of God and equipped by Him, we can offer the earnest prayerful support of many friends, true fellowship with all the workers at home and in India, and we can pledge, in faith, sympathetic and adequate provision for all material needs.

That the work makes most exacting and even sacrificial demands we do not deny, but this we do assert that the true Missionary is honoured with the most sacred trust that earth can give, and is engaged in a task that calls for all the qualities of manhood redeemed by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Here is a task worth doing and to which, in response to the call of God, we may surrender our lives. It may mean hardship, sacrifice and tears, and it will most certainly involve much temptation and the frequent assaults of Satan himself. In the work itself there will be abounding joy, even though it be won through disappointment and bitter conflict. At the start, and always, there will be much to bring home to us our limitations and to keep us humble, yet with it all there will be grace sufficient and a deathless desire to make known a

precious Saviour—the only Hope of fallen men. Then at the end, not human glory or material gain, but the joy and reward of the Master's "Well done!"

"I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

KOLLI HILLS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

H. A. HUCKETT.

A CONFERENCE to increase evangelistic zeal, develop church sense, and to promote fellowship amongst Christians living on the Kolli Hills was held at Valavanthi from August 4th to 6th, 1945. Much prayer and preparation preceded the Conference, and we know that many friends both in India and in England were remembering us at the Mercy-seat while the meetings were in progress. We realised the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and we believe that definite blessing will follow this effort. A month beforehand six speakers were chosen and a subject allotted to each man, together with an outline of the ground to be covered, to prevent overlapping. Arrangements were also made to provide food and accommodation for those coming from a distance.

More than 50 adults and about 30 children were present at the first meeting, which began at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th. Bro. Vigianathan spoke on "Salvation," followed by Bro. Rathnaswamy on "Believers' Baptism." On Lord's Day, August 5th, Bro. Moses gave a good message on "Witness-bearing," illustrated by incidents from every-day life on the Kollis, and supported by carefully chosen verses of Scripture. Pastor Selvanathan then gave a thoughtful address on "Church Membership," in which he emphasised the need for Kolli Hill Christians to support their own Church and witness to their own people, like the dog with a broken leg, which brought other dogs to the dispensary where its own wounds had been healed.

After a short interval, a Church meeting was conducted by the missionary, at which Bro. Stephen, of Ariyur, was re-admitted to Church fellowship, after a letter of apology he had sent had been read to and accepted by the Church. A Communion Service followed, 24 friends being present.

At 3.45 p.m. we met again for worship, and after prayer and praise, and the reading of the Word, an address was given by Bro. A. Sinnamuthu, on "Mission Schools." He stressed the need of faithfulness on the part of teachers, and indicated ways of getting more pupils to attend. A devotional message by Dr. Harris followed, based on Rev. 1: 10-20. Revised Church rules, recently drawn up by our friends at Namakkal, and with one or two amendments accepted by the Kolli Hills Church, were next read to the meeting and their implications briefly explained.

After this, three babies were handed to the missionary for naming, and prayer was offered for them and for their parents by two brethren in the congregation. The closing address was on "The Duties of Christian Parents," salient points being the need of prayer *for* and

with our children, of teaching them God's Word, and of training them in truthfulness, obedience and industry both by precept and example. The value of playing with them—somewhat rare in India—was also mentioned, and the desirability of sending them to our own S.B.M. schools, at least in their early years.

At the close of the service four members were elected to serve on the Christian Panchayat for the coming year. At 8.30 p.m. we gathered again in the chapel for lantern pictures, when scenes and stories from the life of Christ were shown and told. Pastor Selvanathan, Bro. Rathnaswamy, and Bro. John Michael were the speakers at this meeting. As we met for morning prayers on Monday, August 6th, our hearts were full of praise to God for His gracious help and guidance throughout the Conference. We would thank all friends in the Homeland who were remembering us in prayer at that time. Pray on, dear friends, that the Lord may send us a great revival in the Kolli Hills Church, and in all branches of our Mission work.

KEROSENE

E. ORCHARD.

LIFE, according to an old-time sage, is not a little bundle of big things, but a great bundle of little things. Among the variety of little things which make life so interesting, can be counted the ordinary duties of the house and workshop. When every little thing causes trouble, then life becomes a burden and a pain not to be endured without seeking some means of relief.

Kerosene, or paraffin oil, is one of the necessities of the frugal Indian countryside, and a dearth of this commodity means hardship and suffering not to be endured with equanamity. It is, therefore, no uncommon thing, in these days of rationing, to go to a school in some out-of-the-way place, and find the school coming to meet you, each child carrying a bottle, or a can, or an old tin; carrying anything, indeed, that will hold the precious liquid. Having met the youngsters in the way, you ask them where they are going, and undoubtedly the answer will be, " It's kerosene oil day! We are going for our ration."

So they return with their meagre supply for the week—a tea-cupful and a little to spare. So much to be done with so little that every drop is carefully preserved and used. Naturally, when one of the little things in life becomes so important in the minds of the people, all sorts of difficulties arise. The careful housewife goes to the village shop which is licensed to sell oil and presents her card. " No oil! It has not come from the central depot. It has all gone. The Government has cut our supply." Some such plausible excuse comes easily to the practised lips of the unscrupulous shopman, and serves to cover a multitude of sins against the unsuspecting villager, but when someone more used to the ways of the world arrives on the scene, then the wily shopman has to tell another story. A story scarcely believed even by the man himself, and his unsatisfactory explanation leads to his being reported for selling wrong quantities of oil, to the wrong persons, at the wrong price, on the wrong day!

It happened so in Theethampatti, a village set down among the

sands of the countryside; a village lost to the outside world, for it has no road. The whole village sat under a great neem tree to discuss the matter; the offending shopman, the Teacher, who had been incensed by his perfidy, the villagers who had been deprived of their source of light, and the Missionary, who had been brought in to act as a mediator. Long and intricate was the defence of the shopkeeper. Loud and ferocious was the denunciation of the people. But after a long debate on ways and means—punctuated, I must say, by lengthy discussions on quite irrelevant matters—we arrived at a reasonable compromise which satisfied the shopman's pocket and the people's sense of justice, and, most important of all, the demands of the control order concerned.

Just when the agreement was ratified, one of the crowd, moved by a spirit of violent antagonism to the shopkeeper started again on the old argument of the alleged inability of the man to keep his promise. "How great a matter a little fire kindleth . . ." The whole crowd rose at once in a frenzy of bickering, back-biting accusation. The case seemed hopeless, until a sudden happy thought came, and we suggested that everyone come to the shop to see what was for sale. The first thing seen was a great bundle of Indian sweetmeats tied together with string. A hundred cost no more than fourpence half-penny. While the shopman gave a token of his goodwill by distributing a ration of kerosene to everyone, the sweetmeats—desire of every Indian child's heart—were bought and distributed to the children, big and small.

We returned to the tree for another meeting. This time a happier spirit prevailed, and from the everyday sins which men sin against each other, were brought pointed lessons of Sin—the great barrier between man and God. The way of salvation was brought once again before that group of interesting and interested people. God does not lose touch with 'the everyday.'

I WAS BLIND

MRS. D. A. THROWER.

HAVE you ever noticed that the blind beggars who came to Jesus for sight lost their means of livelihood? They had most probably been blind for years, and knew no other way of making a living than by begging, and yet, once they received sight, it would be useless for them to sit by the roadside and beg. We who live in the East see much more in the parable at the end of Matthew 20 than we could if we only had experience of the West. The beggar problem is one of the curses of India. Even the pleasure of a simple shopping expedition is marred by the sights and sounds which confront one at every bus stop. You will see lepers in all stages of that fell disease, mothers with emaciated babies, blind and maimed children and adults, all advertising their deformities, which for very shame would be hidden behind walls in any well-ordered society.

In a land where there are no old-age pensions and few amenities for the sick and permanently disabled, the necessity for begging is a point one must concede. Poverty and dire need abound on every hand, and the Christian's conscience is often sorely perplexed as to the correct attitude to the problem, in view of the Master's command to

" Give to him that asketh of thee." The bestowal of a copper or two is at best a mere salve to the conscience. Moreover, this practice does not mitigate the evil, but often tends to aggravate it. For my own part, I must admit that I have not found a solution to the problem of the street beggar, but we have cause for thankfulness that a way was found of dealing with the beggars which came to the door before the scarcity due to the war increased their number. Some years ago I found out quite accidentally that the Indian way of bestowing alms is to give a handful of uncooked rice. I kept up this practice till one of our people, who started tithing, took the job from me. This sister now deals with all ordinary beggars who come to the compound, and has so educated them that they usually come and go without making the hideous cries with which they are in the habit of heralding their advent at a bungalow door.

Extraordinary beggars also abound. It is a pleasure to be able to say that we are not greatly troubled by them now, because we dealt with them in a way that they did not find popular. When we first came to live in Madras, it was astonishing how many sick people came to the city to be treated in the hospitals, who found they had no money with which to pay their fare home. In a genuine case of this sort, a child of God cannot shut up his heart against the suppliant. Many people give small coins to such applicants, but we have made it a rule never to give money to people whom we do not know. Sometimes quite respectable-looking people come in this way and ask for help. In our early days we gave food to such of these as were hungry, and offered to meet them at the railway station and buy their tickets for them. Well, you say, is this the way our missionaries spend their time? Yes, we went on many a wild-goose chase, and found that those who appeared most respectable were usually the most accomplished rogues. Nevertheless, let me assure you that we gained valuable experience, we had the satisfaction of obeying Christ's behest, and we convinced such members of the begging community that we were not out to be fooled. If we had not taken that trouble, we should still be pestered with that class of person, who usually squanders the proceeds of his deception in the devil's workshop.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND

FOR the various purposes of this Fund we have been able to send to India this year the sum of £135—£5 more than last year. This has been possible through the generous response once again of many friends, Churches and Sunday Schools, and our sincere thanks are expressed to all concerned. These are not days for luxuries, but we are happy to think that the children and friends in India will again be able to receive special gifts with our Christmas greetings when the season comes round. Those gifts will be governed by the possibilities of purchase in India, but we can be sure that, especially for the Indian workers, they will be of a practical and helpful character. We shall share the joy of the children in their toys or other articles.

In connection with this Fund, it is the wish of Council that there should be a special expression of thanks to Miss H. V. Harris for all her valuable help in receiving and acknowledging the gifts sent in. We gladly take this opportunity of thanking her for this loving service.

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Annual Meetings.—A full report of the great gatherings at Westminster Chapel will, God willing, be given in the December MISSION HERALD. We praise God for the blessing realised in answer to prayer.

The General Secretary will gladly supply copy or copies of the special Souvenir Programme used at these services. These programmes contain eight missionary hymns, and it is suggested that they might be used locally for special missionary meetings. The programmes will be sent out free of charge, though postage on quantities will be appreciated.

Mrs. D. A. Thrower.—It is with deep regret we announce the fact that Mrs. Thrower has suffered a nervous breakdown, and under the orders of her Doctor she must take furlough in England as soon as possible. She is too unwell to travel alone, so plans are being made for Mr. Thrower to accompany her home.

The latest news is that Mrs. Thrower is a little stronger and able to be about just a little, but she is still very weak. We deeply sympathise with our friends in this trial, and prayerfully hope for a speedy and complete recovery of health.

Mrs. J. M. Brand.—A cable message has been received indicating that Mrs. J. M. Brand will be sailing from India on October 31st for furlough in England. We trust she will have a safe and comfortable voyage, and we look forward with pleasure to welcoming her to the Homeland once again.

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The L.Z.A. Quarterly Prayer Meeting will (D.v.) be held at Park Ridings, Wood Green, on **Tuesday, November 27th,** at 7 p.m. Mrs. O. F. Clarke will preside, and it is hoped that many of our lady friends will gather for prayer.

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THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

MANY circumstances combined to make the Annual Meetings held on Tuesday, October 23rd, of special interest to all concerned. Chief among these, of course, was the fact that for six years we had met under the shadow and threat of war, finding our congregations reduced and our arrangements uncertain. This year our hearts were glad as we met without those fears and hindrances that have been ours for so long. The new place of meeting—Westminster Chapel, Buckingham Gate—also aroused much interest, and the faith of the Officers of the Mission was justified as good numbers gathered both afternoon and evening.

The business of the Mission was discussed by a good number of delegates at a morning session. The present Officers were re-elected, the Report and Balance Sheet adopted, other formal items attended to, and we regretted that time passed so rapidly that there was not room for discussion of matters of a more general nature.

The spacious room in which the Prayer Meeting for men was held was well filled at 2 p.m. Under the chairmanship of Pastor O. F. Clarke a most helpful and inspiring time was spent, and many brethren followed one another in brief and earnest prayers.

At 3 p.m. we united with the ladies in the Chapel, and it was most encouraging to see so many friends from far and near. The Vice-President, Mr. S. W. Anderson, was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Pastor W. S. Baker and the Scriptures were read by Pastor S. Monk. The Chairman welcomed the assembled company and voiced our feelings of gratitude that we were able to meet in happier circumstances.

The President, Pastor R. Robinson, led us in a united act of worship and thanksgiving, and the words with which he addressed us will be printed elsewhere in this magazine.

We had all looked forward eagerly to hearing once again Missionary W. H. Kuhrt, and we were not disappointed. We are thankful for all the instruction he has given and all the interest he has aroused, both in the large gatherings in London and in the smaller meetings up and down the country. The maintenance and increase of interest at home is as important in its way as the actual work of the field.

His address on " The Missionary and his Indian Colleagues " was based upon the words, " If any man's work abide " (1 Cor. 3: 14), and we understand that this very helpful address will be printed in full in a later issue of the MISSION HERALD.

The sight of the congregation gathered for the Evening Rally must have given real encouragement to the Officers of the Mission, as indeed it was encouraging to us all. The Chairman was, of course, our President, and once again we were thankful that removal to Suffolk has not

severed his connection with the work. The Scriptures were read by Mr. S. W. Anderson, and prayer offered by Pastor W. Chisnall.

The President gave us words of welcome, mentioned that a cable of greeting had been received from the Missionaries in India, and stressed once more the real need for new workers. He asked whether all the deeds of hazard, daring, adventure and endurance should be left to those engaged in scientific or sporting enterprise. The Report and Accounts were formally presented by Pastor J. K. Thorpe and Mr. W. J. Shipton respectively, and Pastor R. C. Smith offered a Thanksgiving Prayer.

It was interesting and helpful to have on the platform Capt. A. R. Dannatt, R.E., as a representative of those who through war circumstances have been able to see for themselves something of the work that our missionaries are doing. In his address, Capt. Dannatt referred to the great size and huge population of India, with its complex problems of race and religion, and then spoke of some of the things that he had seen and heard at our Mission Stations.

The closing address by Missionary Kuhrt was a fitting seal upon all that had been said and done during the day, and we can but hope and pray that it will be remembered by all who heard it and read carefully by all who take this magazine.

The Thankofferings for the day amounted to £255 6s. 2d.

L. R. GARRARD.

THE L.ZA. MEETING.

A quiet and yet vibrant spirit of Thanksgiving, Victory and Worship pervaded the atmosphere of the L.Z.A. meeting, which was under the capable chairmanship of our beloved President, Mrs. Silvester, who welcomed the many friends present.

Our Missionary-elect read verses from Isaiah 2, and was followed by Mrs. Champion leading us in prayer.

A concise and helpful report of the year was then presented by the indefatigable Secretary, Miss Nunn, which, though containing a sad reference to Miss Wilkins' resignation, told so gladly of the acceptance of Miss F. I. M. Caten, now in training at the Missionary School of Medicine. Miss Nunn also made reference to the absence through illness of Mrs. Simpson, who has been recently appointed a Vice-President of the L.Z.A., and to having received a letter from the Warboys branch expressing greetings but inability to send a representative.

Mrs. Anderson gave the Financial Report, which gave real cause for praise. In spite of fewer meetings the giving has exceeded other years. Following the adoption of the Reports, we gave God praise in the singing of the Doxology, which though unaccompanied was heartily sung by all gathered.

Miss Caten was then introduced by Mrs. Silvester, and in a brief word asked for prayer, as training days are not easy, but she is relying

on our prayer-help. The text, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day and forever" has been a great help to her. Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt then gave an interesting and helpful address based on the words in Acts 28: 30, 31, "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching . . . and teaching . . ." She prefaced her message by a poem, "The Indian Road," about the common folk amongst whom we chiefly work. "Paul, I imagine, was always accessible, but here we are told he specifically opened his house and heart to all comers. We try to keep our homes in India fairly open, but obviously we are apt to become a trifle starchy, and formal, and in any case people at a distance cannot easily visit us at headquarters. So camping in the villages is an attempt upon our part to make ourselves completely accessible to all in every place who desire to see and talk with us. On camp at any rate we live amongst the people and receive all who come." The gist of the remainder of the address dealt with: Preparation, Journey, Villages, Camping Conditions, Hindrance and Opposition. The message closed with the final verses from the poem:—

"And so He will meet the simple folk
As He travels the Indian road . . ."

Then those who had been listening took a further share in the Thanksgiving, and gave their offering, which amounted to £62 6s. 6d.

A most inspiring meeting closed with prayer and benediction offered by Mrs. O. F. Clarke, and brought to a conclusion what had indeed been a service of Thanksgiving. Yet not to a close, for we must continue in Prayer, Giving and Loving Obedience.

A. M. POOLE.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT, PASTOR R. ROBINSON,

AT AFTERNOON THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY.

The Council of the Mission felt it would be fitting that at this first Annual Meeting after the cessation of the terrible World War, we should devote a brief period to humble and fervent thanksgiving to the Lord our God for the great deliverance He has wrought.

For nearly six terrible, perilous years, we lived under the dark shadow of total war, the baneful influence of which affected every phase of our lives. What a revelation we have had! It would seem almost incredible that after over nineteen centuries of the Christian era, such atrocious acts could have been committed. Yet the lust for power will go to unheard-of lengths to attain its ends, utterly regardless of the sufferings of its victims. On the other hand, these years of war have brought to light exploits of valour, self-sacrifice and devotion which forever will brighten the pages of history.

We are now rejoicing that the conflict is over, the victory is won. But scars remain, and will remain. They are so many bereaved hearts

and homes. To-day, mingled with gladness and thanksgiving, some will find it difficult not to heave a sigh and shed a tear for those loved and lost. So we pause to offer a prayer for them all. God alone can heal the broken hearted and bind up their wounds. Let us also register the debt we own them who gave their lives to save us from a merciless foe, and whose sacrifice has preserved the priceless liberties of our beloved land.

Since God has granted us this great deliverance, what must be our attitude in the future? Surely we shall give Him a greater place in our thoughts and plans. It is not enough to turn to Him in times of national perplexity and helplessness, nor to acknowledge Him when it is evident he has done some great thing for us. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." "Happy is the people whose God is the Lord." "Them that honour Me, I will honour." It has been repeatedly impressed upon us by our statesmen that "winning the peace" will be more difficult than winning the war. If then, we really believe that *God* has given the victory, it must follow that His wisdom and power are needed to establish a lasting and prosperous peace.

Present national and international affairs supply ample proof of this. It is therefore incumbent upon us to pray for those who have momentous decisions to make and far-reaching plans to put into operation.

The war years have also intensified the problem of maintaining Christian witness both at home and abroad, though its need is as great as ever. The Strict Baptist Mission is no exception. As recorded in our Annual Report, the strain imposed on our missionaries through postponed furlough, inevitable because of transport restrictions, has resulted in impaired health and consequent curtailment of activities. It has been impossible to maintain every branch of work, not to mention advance and extension. We are thankful to our covenant-keeping God that He has enabled us to continue, and that all financial supplies have been forthcoming. Here and now, as representatives of the Mission, we offer Him our grateful tribute of praise for His sustaining grace, and unitedly implore His wisdom, guidance and power for the expansion of missionary enterprise in the sphere He has allotted to us.

And lastly, shall not a sense of personal gratitude urge us all to a new consecration of our lives to Him?

"My gracious Lord, I own Thy right
To every service I can pay;
And call it my supreme delight
To hear Thy dictates and obey."

May it please God, from the ranks of our Christian young men serving in the Forces, to call many to volunteer as heralds of the Gospel of the Cross, both among the Churches in the Homeland, and on our needy Mission Field.

Let us all, in penitence, confess our forgetfulness, negligence and sinfulness, come again to Him through our Lord Jesus Christ for His

free gifts of pardon and peace, resolving henceforth that, by His help, we will serve Him with reverence and godly fear.

"O give thanks unto the Lord;
Call upon His name; make known
His deeds among the people . . .
Glory ye in His holy name."

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Praise ye the Lord!"

ADDRESS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION.

MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT.

"*For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall perish: and who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this.*"—Esther 4: 14.

A whole nation in terrible danger: its future hanging upon the decision of one frail woman brought by providence into the court of a capricious, self-indulgent and despotic king. The temptation to suppose she might remain secure in her palace home while her co-religionists were being massacred outside must have been almost overwhelming, but Mordecai, her statesman cousin, saw the issues clearly and gave expression to them in terms of brutal frankness: "Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time . . . thou and thy father's house shall perish." The recent history of Europe has taught us the same lesson. We cannot afford to view dispassionately and as from afar the sufferings and tribulations of others. Does anyone really think that we can continue to be healthy, wealthy and wise when there is a great cancerous mass of corruption in the heart of Europe, to which continent we are, for good or for evil, inseparably linked? Some of you may be asking, "What are we to do about it?" Well, perhaps we are not in a position to do much for the stricken peoples of Europe.

But if we have no organisation for rendering effective help there, we have an organisation which is poised for action in India, where problems of even greater gravity for the peace and security of the world are before us. At various times during my furlough I have permitted myself to speak of the huge population of India. I do not apologise for having done so, but I realise that astronomical figures can only leave us either dazed or cold. They cannot arouse enthusiasm because they are so obviously beyond our comprehension, and the vast majority of this enormous mass of humanity must forever be beyond our reach. We can and must pray for them. We cannot evangelise them. But there are certain fairly well-defined areas for which we obviously have a direct responsibility.

You have heard a great deal this evening about the existing work

of the Strict Baptist Mission; but Paul was never able to content himself with existing work and yearned for the regions beyond. So ought we. Most of you will remember Mr. Morling's restless enterprising spirit. It was he who in the springtide of his days turned his back resolutely upon Madras City and his face towards the unevangelised and neglected regions beyond. It was he who opened up the work in Sendamangalam; he who first looked enquiringly up to the cloud-covered heights of the Kolli Hill range; he who first explored its jungly slopes and malarial valleys; he who more than twenty years ago insisted, in the face of some opposition, that we should add Namakkal to our obligations. And it was the same man who, fourteen or fifteen years later, led us into what was, for us, another new venture, viz., the Bible Institute. I shall never forget the day, now nearly eleven years ago, when we travelled together by road to Namakkal. As we passed through Musiri town, the headquarters of the large county of the same name which borders upon Namakkal, he waved his arm around with an eloquent gesture and said, " One of these days I hope we shall have strength enough to enter and occupy this county also. At the moment there is not a single Protestant missionary living in all this wide country of 135 villages and 312,000 people." He is no longer with us to lead, but I shall be sad and ashamed if we fail to fulfil his hopes and wishes in respect of Musiri; if we hold our peace while 312,000 people wait, in vain, for the Gospel.

But our picture is not complete. The Jewish people of ancient Persia in danger; the Indian people in darkness, and, to complete the picture, your Mission in distress. At various times during recent years we have looked longingly forward to the time when we should have sufficient strength to do this or that. And now we seem to have less strength than ever. To talk of strength and to talk of expansion seems just now to be a hollow mockery. We have only nineeen missionaries; not enough to maintain the existing work. Three of them are in England, and of the sixteen that remain in India twelve are now overdue for furlough, while at least two are quite seriously unwell. When they do come home it is possible that some will never go back. " If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time . . ."

Well, supposing we do hold our peace? Supposing, ostrich-like, we bury our heads in the sand and, trusting to our privileged position, ignore the pitiable plight of the people of Europe, the heathen around us, the 312,000 people of Musiri and your ready-to-break-down missionaries on the Field? I like Mordecai's sublime confidence in the future of his people. " Well, Esther, you may fail to rise to the grand and awful heights of your majestic opportunity. So be it. Only, your faithlessness cannot frustrate God's faithfulness. The foundation of God standeth sure. Then shall relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place." What a grand conception of his nation's destiny and what a magnificent faith in God's sovereignty! This sublime confidence has stood the harried Jew in good stead all down the ages. Sometimes misinterpreted, sometimes held without due balance, sometimes degenerating into a barren and wooden exclusivism, this

doctrine has, for all that, every now and again shone through the thick darkness of Gentile oppression and enmity—a light to lighten the Jewish remnant. "But don't think for a moment, Esther, that all God's plans, power and resources are exhausted when my proposal lies before you."

Has it not been with us as it was with Mordecai? A particularly great and comprehensive view of God's sovereignty working in history throughout the ages has helped to buoy up our spirits and to preserve us from those dreadful attacks of pessimism and blank cynicism that have from time to time overtaken people with a lesser faith. We believe that not one of those for whom Christ died, that not one of all His blood-bought people shall, at the last, be absent when the roll is called. Somehow or another, and we are often at a loss to explain how, we are sure that Christ shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. And if our Lord is to be satisfied, we believe we shall be satisfied too, though, again we confess, at the moment we are at a loss to know how so blissful a consummation is to be brought about. This doctrine has undoubtedly been misused by some, held without due balance, so as to appear at times to degenerate into an unlovely, hard and barren exclusivism. But, for all that, every now and again, and in these war years perhaps a little more clearly than for some time past, this sublime confidence in God's invincible grace shines through the murk and the mist of our unreadiness and inefficiency—a light to lighten the Lord's puzzled and much afflicted servants. But, do not let any company or section of the Lord's people presume to think that God's plan, power and resources are all exhausted within the small compass of our little programmes. No! if you are pleased to turn away, then shall relief and deliverance arise to Musiri from another place. We shall, of course, have the mournful consolation of criticising the church order, doctrine and missionary methods of those whom the Lord uses in our stead!

"But thou and thy father's house shall perish." It is just an inevitable law of the spiritual realm. Hold thy peace, shrivel up, and die! "He that saveth his life shall lose it." "There is that that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to povery." You do not need me to develop this theme. We can, unhappily, see the process going on around us. But I do now solemnly warn any Christian, any church or group of churches that persistently neglect evangelistic work at home and abroad that their condemnation is written here, "Thou and thy father's house shall perish."

"And who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Mordecai was convinced that Esther's presence in the palace was no mere chance and that her coming there had not been intended solely for her personal aggrandisement, comfort and well-being. God had so arranged and overruled things that her particular gifts, talents, privileges and influence exactly suited the needs and distresses of the Lord's people at that time. "For such a time as this." Some days ago a company of Christian men were discussing evangelism in relation to the times in which we live, and they came to the conclusion that these times were profoundly different

from those, say, of 50 or 60 years ago. And, of course, all that they were saying was true: men do not accept to-day the arguments that would have sufficed then and they are not so willing to attend religious services. And yet, incontrovertible as their conclusions were, I felt deeply uneasy—afraid, lest my own evil heart should persuade me that my lack of success might be blamed on to the times, on to God's sovereign withholding of His Spirit, on to any and everything but my own prayerlessness and lack of whole-hearted consecration. The words with which Dickens begins his "Tale of Two Cities" were running through my head—"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Of course it was, even in the middle of the 18th century before the French Revolution. And so it is now. Undoubtedly, from some points of view, the very worst of times, but from your point of view and mine, as Christian men and women, the very best of times. Because if God's sovereignty means anything at all it means that He has designed your gifts, your talents, your strength of mind and body, your civic and political privileges and influences to meet the needs and distresses of His people in this year of grace, 1945. If you could have chosen your own times and had been foolish enough to have chosen to be a contemporary of Luther and Calvin, or Whitefield and Wesley, or Philpot and Spurgeon, you would have been a complete failure. And that is why we are not out to waste our time asking God to raise up another Whitefield or another Spurgeon. Those good and excellent men would not know what to do with themselves in this modern age. Why, they would have been run over half a dozen times getting from Victoria Station to this chapel! The modern missionary must not try to copy everything that Hudson Taylor did, nor even everything that David Morling did. God gave them, with their particular gifts and talents, to a generation that needed them and not you. God has given you, with your particular gifts and talents, to this generation in England and India—a generation that needs you and not the stalwarts of 40 or 50 years ago. Are you living in the palace with the king? You are, aren't you? You speak with Him familiarly every morning, noon and night. You do, don't you? You sit down to supper with Him, and He makes Himself known to you in the breaking of bread. Your hearts burn within you sometimes as He talks with you of the Scriptures that have found fulfilment in Himself. What a mercy and a privilege that you should have been translated out of darkness into the marvellous light and liberty of the King's palace! But what are you there for? With the King for your edification, your consolation and comfort and well-being? No! "with the King for His work." "And who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

"And so will I go in unto the king . . . and if I perish, I perish." Esther's great decision was made. Esther's heart leapt within her as the words of Mordecai set before her the wide and majestic sweep of God's purpose and challenged her to take her place in that plan. What a storm of emotion must have swept over that lovely, lonely girl imprisoned within the Persian harem and having contact with the outside world only through the frigid and effeminate chamberlains of

her court. But it was not merely a leap in the dark; it was not merely an emotional decision. The decision was backed up by three solemn days of fasting and prayer both within and without the palace. "So will I go in unto the king." Here I confess I tremble lest some young man, used to the simple heroism of Christian men among the Forces, should come to me this night, or to my friends, and find us not quite so heroic as he had hoped. Lest some young man, flinging health, home, prospects, ambition and comfort to the winds, should ask me or my friends to support him in some such way as Esther was supported. I wonder whether, even now, we know enough about prayer, self-denial and godly discipline to be able to meet the eager challenge of the kind of young man we are praying for and longing for. But, oh! brother, if God's spirit is striving with you now in regard to this solemn matter, try us. Make your demands of us. It may be God will bless us through your heroic and self-sacrificing devotion—bless us through you more than you through us.

And what will the King say to you, you who venture into the Holiest of all for the sake of His work? What will He say to the trembling suppliant? What will He say to the man or woman who flings every prospect to the winds for the sake of the dear Redeemer and for the sake of perishing men and women? What will He say! I know what He will say. He will hold out His golden sceptre and you will be permitted to touch it. He will ask you to tell Him what you want. He will promise you half of His kingdom, if you will but ask. He will say, "Ask of Me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." He will promise you exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think, if you will but ask. He will promise you a hundredfold now in this present life, houses, brethren, sisters, fathers, mothers, children or lands, if only you will leave them all for His sake and the Gospel's. A hundredfold in this present life—with persecutions!

SECRETARY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Annual Meetings.—This is a special Annual Meeting Report copy of the MISSION HERALD, but we should like to add our note of gratitude and praise to God for the wonderful answer to our prayers in connection with the meetings at Westminster Chapel. We deeply appreciate the magnificent response of friends from far and near, and we heartily thank all those who lovingly helped in so many different ways.

Christmas and New Year's Thankoffering.—Once again this annual appeal on behalf of the S.B.M. General Fund is made, and we are sure that there will be the customary generous response of Churches, Sunday Schools and friends. We can assure all friends that gifts will be used very prayerfully in the work and with the desire that the Lord may be glorified thereby.

Passage for Mrs. Champion.—It is with pleasure we announce the fact that arrangements have been concluded for the care of Mark and Rosemary, who now have to be left in England. Mrs. Champion will thus be able to join her husband in India, and in this connection a passage has been granted for Mrs. Champion. She will (D.v.) leave on the P. & O. boat "Strathaird," on November 16th. We trust she will have a safe and comfortable voyage, and we are sure that all our friends in India will be delighted to welcome her back.

Mrs. Brand.—From a cable received we assume that Mrs. Brand sailed from India on October 31st. We trust therefore that she will be with us here in England by the time the MISSION HERALD is published, and we know that relatives and friends will be delighted to meet with her again.

The Furlough of other Missionaries.—As is known, we anticipate early passages for Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, on the grounds of Mrs. Thrower's ill-health, though we are relieved to know that Mrs. Thrower is making progress towards recovery.

In addition to the above, it has become necessary on medical advice to plan for furlough for Dr. Harris as soon as possible. We have no news at present as to the granting of passages for these three friends, nor for Mrs. D. Morling, who is also waiting. It is our further hope that we shall be able to bring home early next year Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morling and family. We shall value the prayers of friends in connection with these plans and all that is related to them in carrying on the work in India.

Congratulations.—We express our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morling in the gift of a daughter, Moira Janet, on August 5th, 1945, and to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett, on October 20th, the gift of a son.

S.B.M. Magazines for 1946.—We are encouraged by appreciative comments re THE MISSION HERALD and of "Rays from the East," and we shall value attention to the matter of orders for 1946.

Mission Herald from the General Secretary, 2s. per year, post free; from local Missionary or Magazine Secretary, 1s. per year.

Rays from the East for Young People, from the General Secretary :—

6	copies	per issue	2s. 6d.	for the year, including postage.
12	,,	,, ,,	4s. 0d.	
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In order to introduce either magazine, we will gladly supply for distribution amongst friends of any Strict Baptist Chapel sample quantities for several months without charge.

The Annual Report.—We have been encouraged by the demand for the special Thanksgiving Report, being the record of the 84th year of the Mission's history, but now regret that we have no further copies for sale.

Will friends kindly use their copies to the utmost advantage, passing them on to others when they have finished reading them.

(Mrs. Champion duly sailed and Mrs. Brand safely arrived on November 21st).

ENGAGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1945

PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

2nd Stretham; 9th, Warboys; 16th, Staines; 30th, East Ham.

BRIGHTON.—The Tabernacle Branch of the Strict Baptist Mission will (D.v.) be holding a SALE OF WORK on Saturday, December 8th, in the Friends' Meeting Rooms, Ship Street. Sale to be opened at 3p.m. Tea provided. Proceeds in aid of Mission Funds.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God and the kindness of friends in the following

GIFTS RECEIVED from Sept. 21st to Oct. 30th, 1945.

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Hollyhocks, Tansy, Golden Rod, Lilies of the Valley, Mint, 2d. each. Iris, Lupins, Large Marguerites, Phlox, Hellenium, 6d. each. Chrysanthemums, 6d. each. Montbretias, 1s. dozen. Day Lilies, 1s. each. Small Sunflowers, Michaelmas Daisies, 6d. dozen. Lilacs, Flowering Broom, Peonies, 1s. each. Hand-painted Texts (any verse), *from* 2s. each, according to length of verse. Postage extra. Mrs. GREGG, BRANFOLD, STRENSALL, YORK.

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

Subscriptions and gifts for the general work of the Mission should be sent to the General Secretary, **Pastor J. K. Thorpe, 25, Empress Avenue, Wanstead Park, London, E.12.**

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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Koli Hill Christian Mother and her Baby.

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"IDOLS AND GRAVEN IMAGES."

By Miss Monica E. Harris, Kovilpatti.

EVERY year in India in the month of September, a big Hindu Festival takes place. It is held for nine days, and during those days, in each Hindu house, the people arrange all their tools, and books, and weapons, and household goods in order. Then they bow down and worship them.

Many Lights Outside.

One day while this Festival was being observed, I was invited to the house of a very rich Hindu family. I was taken to the house by an Indian lady, and we set out just after sunset. As we drew near to the house, which was situated just outside a large Indian city, we saw a splendid sight; the large two-storeyed Indian house was fully lit up with innumerable electric lights, which shone out brightly from every room and nook and cranny. It was very pretty and, at a distance, the house seemed like some beautiful gem or jewel sparkling and glittering in the midst of the surrounding darkness of the Indian night.

On arriving at the house, we were first of all invited into the large reception hall and requested to sit down. Then a serving-boy brought a tray full of Indian sweetmeats, which he set down before us; and we were requested to eat. My attention was then drawn to a small side-room leading off from the reception hall, which was brightly lit up with a big display of fairy-lights, strung across the room from one end to the other.

Heathen Darkness Within.

In the centre of this room was a kind of dais, arranged tier upon tier, and upon this was laid out all the family gods of the household. What a sight to behold! At first I was strongly reminded of our toy shops at home as they used to be decorated up for Christmas. What a lovely display of dolls! How the children would love to play with them! Then I remembered with a horrid shock that these were not toys, but Hindu gods. They were all set out for special worship. Even as I was looking, a woman came and stood before them; then suddenly she prostrated herself on the ground and bowed down and worshipped them. What a pitiful sight- How sad you would have felt, children! Yet with what sincerity and reverence she seemed to worship them, as if they were really worthy to receive such reverence and respect.

The Shrine.

As I looked more closely, I could see what a great variety of idols there were. Two images stood out from the rest and those were the images of Ramu and Sitha, an Indian man and woman, very beautifully carved out in marble, and having round

their necks the most beautiful and costly jewels. These were the principal family gods. The other idols were mostly rather grotesque and gaudy. Some were even revolting and disgusting, but all were set out in the most solemn and orderly fashion, and right in front of them all had been placed trays of fruit and flowers and sweetmeats—offerings to the gods.

The Worshipper.

I can almost hear some of you older boys and girls saying, "Poor ignorant heathen!" But in this case that cannot truly be said. This household cannot be called poor or ignorant. The head of the family is a rich well-educated man. He has been to England, Switzerland and other European countries, and knows much about civilization and Christianity. Yet in spite of it all, his soul is not enlightened, and he is still wrapt up in the gross darkness of heathenism and superstition. Satan has blinded the eyes of their mind, so that they should not see the truth.

Idol Worship.

What answer did we get to my question about their idols? Simply this; they say that they worship the same god as we do. They say that when they bow down to the idol, they are really worshipping God; the image is just there to remind them of God. Thus they explain away their idolatry, deceive themselves and mock God. Although they may say that they are really worshipping God and not the idols, yet we never see them worshipping God apart from an idol. Nor do we ever find in India a Hindu Temple or a Hindu priest where there is no idol. All their worship is connected with idols, and without a god which they can touch, in some form or other, there is no Hindu worship at all. Hence, whatever explanation they may give, the fact remains and cannot be denied that their worship is all idol-worship. This is in direct disobedience to God's Word. What does God say about idols? "Ye shall make you no idols, nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image of stone in your land to bow down unto it, for I am the Lord your God."

Children, will you pray more than ever before that these worshippers of graven images and idols in India may hear the Word of God and obey it, and cast away their idols and worship only the Lord Jesus Christ?

THESE LITTLE ONES.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Since writing to you last I have been ill, and have had to spend some time in hospital. God in His great goodness has again given me good health and strength, for which I praise and thank Him. What a blessing it is to be well and strong and to enjoy the use of all our faculties. It is our duty to take care of all these gifts.

Children in Hospital.

While in hospital I saw many little boys and girls who were there for treatment. Some were ill in bed, some were able to play around, because they were not ill in themselves, but were suffering from some disability such as the loss of a limb, and did not need to stay in bed all the time. One little girl had lost an arm; a little boy was there with a big growth on his eyelid, and a little girl with a tumour on her forehead. The last two were receiving X-ray treatment. I was greatly impressed by their cheerfulness in spite of their disabilities. All these, with many others, including men and women, were receiving treatment and being cared for by Doctors and Nurses who are trying to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. How much we have to thank Him for giving talents to men and women in the ministry of healing and especially for those who seek not only to heal the body but to uplift Him, so that men and women, boys and girls, may be drawn to Him. These little ones attended the services which are held in the chapel situated in the centre of that big compound.

Heathen Cruelty.

I want to take your thoughts now to the many children who are not so highly privileged as those mentioned above, living in the towns and villages of India, especially in the remote villages, where medical help is not easily obtained and where the people are not visited by the health and sanitary inspectors. Some have not even parents to care for them, and many get but a precarious living through begging.

As I was travelling one day, a missionary was telling a story of her missionary friend who was out visiting and in one house a poor little baby was moaning piteously. She asked the woman who was supposed to be looking after it what was the trouble. The woman said, "Oh, it has sore eyes, but they will be all right." Something made the lady want to look at the baby's eyes, she did not like the woman's unconcerned manner, so in an opportune moment she took off the dirty bandage. Imagine the horror when she discovered two nasty cockroaches which had been placed one on the lid of each eye. The woman's explanation was that the baby had been left with no one to love it so why should it not go blind and get its living by begging. To beg is so easy, and out in India it is oftentimes quite remunerative. This awful deed was confirmed by a soldier who was travelling with us who had also seen a similar thing done near to where he was stationed in another part of India.

"Little ones to Him belong."

When I was a very little girl, which is many years ago now, I remember so well sitting around our old Sunday School superintendent who always took the infants class, and repeating after her, "Jesus loves me, this I know." I am so glad that this lovely little hymn has been translated into Tamil and that even grown

ups are not ashamed to sing it in their meetings and it is certainly a favourite with the children. Because of this wonderful love we are trying to rescue unwanted little boys and girls on these hills. I hope to write to you about them from time to time, but I must leave off now.

May all who read this letter be brought to know something of the wonderful love of the Lord Jesus.

God bless you all,
With love from
AUNTIE BEE.

(*We shall be glad to hear from Auntie Bee whenever she can write to us about these boys and girls.*—EDITOR.)

"I HEARD YESTERDAY . . ."

By Gnanakkan.

" I heard yesterday . . ."

. . . That more than a hundred missionaries reached India safely after an uneventful journey from England. They will go to all parts of India; God grant them success in their labours.

. . . That the Christmas gifts bought through the Christmas Gift Fund were much appreciated by children and adults connected with our mission.

. . . That Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and their two sons are hoping soon to arrive in England for furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt have served the Lord Jesus faithfully and successfully in Tinnevelly District for ten and seven years respectively without home leave.

. . . That Mr. and Mrs. Orchard safely arrived at Kovilpalti after a journey by land and sea of nearly 10,000 miles. Mrs. Orchard has already commenced language study, and Mr. Orchard is preparing to take over responsibility for the work of the Tinnevelly and Ramnad Districts from Mr. Kuhrt.

. . . That the prices of rice and other foodstuffs in India are still very high. Rationing has commenced in some districts and towns.

. . . That the revision of the Tamil Bible continues, but its printing has been held up owing to lack of paper. Tamil Bibles are almost unobtainable.

. . . That a memorial stone has been placed in Vepery, Madras, Chapel to commemorate the work of Mr. and Mrs. Booth in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Booth were the first Strict Baptist missionaries in Madras and the present success of the work is due to the good foundations which they laid. The people remember Mr. and Mrs. Booth and tell many stories of their work and witness for the Master.

. . . The results of the Madras flood of which Mrs. Thrower wrote in "The Rays," can still be seen, by the marks left on walls and woodwork of the bungalows and other buildings, and by the dampness of the buildings.

COME UNTO ME.

In ancient days of long ago, men used to think the world was flat like a table, only with bumps for the mountains and hollows for the seas and the valleys. They thought that it was supported on giant pillars and that if you went far enough away from the middle you were in danger of falling off. We now know that the world is round like an orange, and that if one goes far enough from the place at which one starts one will come back to the starting point. Of course, you can never get to the centre of the earth for it is far down below us, far deeper than it would be possible to go.

There is another world in which each one of us live which has a centre, which we can reach. It is the world of our souls, or the spiritual world. Right at the very centre of this world stands the Lord Jesus Christ; it is His rightful place and in our Searcher you will find out how He laid claim to it. Each question is His call to us to draw near and to find our centre in Him. Read the chapters named very carefully, and as you read look out for these words. When you have found them write out **the whole verse,** and give the book, chapter and verse where found.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. Come unto me.
2. Hearken unto me.
3. Look unto me.
4. Abide in me.
5. Come ye after me.

The answers will be found in Psalm 34; John 15; Mark 1; Isaiah 5; Matthew 11; but not in the same order.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Find the answers to these questions also, and write out in the same way.

6. Learn of me.
7. Call upon me.
8. Follow me.
9. Come unto me.
10. Return unto me.

They are found in Luke 5; Isaiah 55; Matthew 11; Isaiah 44; Psalm 50.

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 prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until June, 1945, 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, 1945.

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 very fine papers were sent in but the number of entries was a little disappointing, especially as several scholars only needed this one entry to qualify for an Honours Certificate for regular searching. We welcome 23 new searchers, and one new School—Wivelsfield. The names follow in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1. Amy Hawes, aged 14, Korham S.S.
2. Ivy Scott, aged 12, Streatham S.S.

Special Mention: Ruth Jaegar, George Abbott, Joan Mary Taylor, Peter J. Wilkinson, Muriel Stannard, David Gower, David Clover, Malcolm Wood, David Church.

Very Highly Commended: Henry Baxter, Ruth Surridge, Barbara Bugg, Iris Humphreys, Roy Leaver, Betty Rhone, June Feast, Margaret Preece, Emily Reeve, J. Miller, Josephine Wright, Mary Cattermole.

Highly Commended: Bertha Etheridge, Winifred Manfield, Peggy Cooper, May Baxter, Aileen Young, Muriel Beckingham, Kathleen Walsham, Pamela Whitaker, Hazel Brownrigg, Freda Hare, Muriel Wilding, Gordon Reeve, Lorna Jordan, Hazel Pankhurst, Michael Bugg, Olive Worne, Peter Bugg, James Wharfe, Peter Jermyn, Hilda Grimwood, Mary Emmerson, Mary Everitt, Valerie Cole, Barbara Stower, Eunice Sawyer, Anette Baker, Peter Perkins, Peter Marshall, Ruth Laker, Edith Rogers, Joan Brightwell, Norma Saville, Jean Everitt, June Cox, David Wood, Margaret Jaegar, Margaret Burdon, Olive Till, Roy Miller.

Commended: Pearl Warne, George Hooper, Betty Langdale, Josephine Stokes, Irene Bridgestock, Margaret Childs, Joan Beadle, Brenda Elson, Judy Owen, Brenda Yates, Jean Sandice, Sylvia Weeks, Sadie Robinson, Gladys Leaney, Gwendoline Henson, Douglas Crees, Maisie Catling, Grace Catling, Doreen Sussex, Peter Chapman, May Barnes (omitted references). Answered Upper Group only : Phyllis Peters, Sheila Snelling, Lily White.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners : 1. Beryl Reeder, aged 11, "Bethesda" S.S., Ipswich.
2. Sheila Jackson, aged 11,"Providence" S.S., Clifton.

Special Mention : Sylvia Harrison, Myrtle Simmons, Margaret Simmons, Pauline Wood, Gerald Hawes, Anthony Frost, Mavis Beckingham, Derek Ball.

Very Highly Commended : Betty Manfield, Mary Bugg, Jasmine Pannifer, Ivor Parr, Sylvia Robinson, Mary Webb, Dorothy Rayner, Delphine Hammond, David Briggs, Margaret Stollery, Audrey Nuttall, Shirley Jordan, Paul Ballard, Rosemary Wool, Daphne Wilkins, Joyce Raper, Horace Frost, Jill Owen.

Highly Commended : Mavis Holben, John Daniel, Mervyn Wood, Kevan Skinner, Janet Cockbill, Patricia Brown, Brian Daniel, Michael Ellinl, Russell Manfield, Audrey Preece, Muriel Nunn, Eileen Culliford, Brenda Bourne, Joy Bugg, Betty Brown, William Lovitt, Colin Humphrey, Phyllis Bedwell, Marlene Coppock, Patricia Page, Stephen Heather, Shirley Betts, Pat Stroud, George Cooper, Patricia Mothersole, Doris Cox, Joyce Willenier, Lydia Endersby, John Skull, Jean Hughes, Brian Bartlett, Brenda Mayes, John Ellins, Dennis Taylor, John Pankhurst, Joan Bensley, Shirley Sawyer, Margaret Owen, Gerald Cooper, Ernest Candice, Joy Cooper, Sally Ryan, Daphne Brewster, Alan Preston, Gwen Crees, Jean Beckingham, June Brighty, Stanley Crees, Alan Hughes, Joan Hale, Eunice Skull, Pamela Miller, Tony Dawson, Leslie Jones, Jean Lithgow, Vivien Elson, Brian Heather, June Lovitt, Margaret Richardson, Jean Adams, Alan Norman, Shirley Bunce, Francis Wilson.

Commended : Audrey Sussex, Dorothy Weeks, Jean Bridgestock, Tony Russell, Lavina Doren, David Bysh, Brenda Harvey, Mary McReynolds, Shirley King, Margaret Hewitt, Terence Everett, Reggie Catling, Doreen Quy, Vera Poole, Barbara Ham, Roy Boosey, Pat Prince, Harold Chambers, Sheila Brown, Glenys Chambers, William Brown, Mary Willimer, Billy Coy, Vilma Lewis, Peggy Lovett (omitted references). Also tried : Joyce Cockman, Eugene Snelling.

Not for Competition : The Misses Dorothy Best and Rita Jordan, Edward and Donald Hughes, and Muriel Squires, sent answers to the October searcher.

March Sunday School still heads the list. Horham and Walthamstow tied for the second place; Little London came third.

HONOURS LIST FOR 1944.

Here is a list of 113 *names. It is an Honours List of Regular Searchers, for each of those named have done five or more Bible-Searchers during the year* 1944, *and they will each receive an Honours Certificate signed by Uncle Peter. If your name is not in the list, now is the time to start regular Bible Searching during* 1945, *so that your name may be in the next list.*

March : George Abbott, Irene and Jean Bridgestock, June Brighty, Ruth and Margaret Jaegar, Mary Miller, Sadie Robinson, Kevan Skinner, Peter Wilkinson, David and Pauline Wood. **Walthamstow :** Joy Arney, Henry and May Baxter, Phillis Bedweel, Doreen Quy, Iris Raper, Margaret Turner, Sylvia and Dorothy Weeks. **Horsham :** Maisie, Grace and Reggie Catling, Horace Frost, Amy Hawes, Emily Reeve. **High Wycombe :** David Church, Michael and John Ellins, Stephen and Brian Heather. **Polten End :** Norman Carter, Brenda Elson, Sylvia Harrison, Alan and Jean Hughes. **Hadleigh :** David Briggs, Colin Humphrey, Jasmine Pannifer, Muriel Wilding. **Nth. Caversham :** Shirley Bunce, Eileen Culliford, Ivor Parr, Brenda Rees. **Tunstall :** Peter ,Michael and Joy Bugg, Olive Warne. **Eldon Road, Wood Green :** Muriel, Jean and Mavis Beckingham, Mary Cattermole. **Crowfield :** Mary Emmerson, Hilda Grimwood, Muriel Nunn. **St. Neots :** Billy Coy, William Lovitt, Alan Norman. **Stratford:** Anette Baker, Geoffrey Ince. Alan Webb. **Watford:** Margaret and David Burdon, Margaret Richardson, **Bradenstoke:** Eunice and John Skull. **Bradford:** Kathleen Walcham, Pamela Whitaker. **Hertford:** Joan Brightwell, Josephine Stokes. **Leatherhead:** Hazel and John Pankhurst. **Otley:** William and Sheila Brown. **Prittlewell:** Roy Boosey, Davide Clover. **Rattlesden:** Winifred and Russell Manfield. **Redbourn:** Peter Flitton, Peter Marshall. **Somersham:** Barbara and Mary Bugg. **Stowmarket:** Dorothy Rayner, Sylvia Robinson. **Tring:** Derek Ball, Peter Chapman. **Park Ridings, Wood Green:** David Bysh, Tony Russell. **Yateley:** Margaret and Audrey Preece. **Aldringham:** Shirley Jordan. **Aylesbury:** Brenda Yates. **Bath:** Eleanor Parker. **Brentford:** Brenda Bourne. **Chadwell St.:** Florence Mackenzie. **Chalteris:** June Feast. **Chesham:** Mary Atkins. **Deeping St. James:** Freda Hare. **Fressingfield:** Bertha Etheridge. **Grundisburgh:** Donald Farres. **Guildford:** Margaret Nicholson. **Ilford:** Ruth Surridge. **Bethesda, Ipswich:** Beryl Reeder. **Tessness Heath:** Joan Taylor. **Needingworth:** Elizabeth Sandifer. **New Cross:** Ruth Williams. **North Finchley:** Joan Bea dle **Richmond:** Roy Leaver. **St. Albans:** Edward Rengert. **Staines :** Pearl Warne **Streatham:** Ivy Scolt. **Whittlesey :**Joyce Willinier. **Woking:** Hazel Brownrigg

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

The boys and girls of the Honours List have crowded on to my page this time and have crowded me out. I will forgive them this time, so long as they do it again. I was pleased to receive letters, and in some cases Christmas cards, from : Derek Ball, Emily Beeby, Audrey Curtis, Bertha Etheridge, June Feast, Margaret Hewitt, Edward Hughes, Patricia Mothersole, Tony Russell, Kevan Skinner, Muriel Stannard, Olive Till, Joyce and Mary Willimer, and Rosemary Wool.

The work which "Rays" does amongst the boys and girls would not be possible if it were not for the kindly interest taken by superintendents, teachers, and workers. We acknowledge with gratitude your help during the past year and ask for your continued support and prayerful interest. I should like to thank the following friends who have written to me : Miss E. Huskett, Mr. Leonard Mortimer, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge, and Miss C. Wright. With best wishes for 1945.

UNCLE PETER.

Abraham's Visitors

Feb.	5	M Gen. 18, 1-10
	6	Tu Gen. 18, 11-22
	7	W Gen. 18, 23-33
	8	Th Gen. 32, 24-32
	9	F Matt. 15, 21-28
	10	S Luke 18, 1-8
	11	Su John 16, 25-33

Sodom Destroyed, Lot Saved

Feb.	12	M Gen. 19, 1-11
	13	Tu Gen. 19, 12-22
	14	W Gen. 19, 23-29
	15	Th Luke 17, 26-37
	16	F 2 Pet. 2, 1-9
	17	S Luke 13, 1-5
	18	Su Psa. 118, 6-18

Abraham Tested

Feb.	19	M Gen. 22, 1-10
	20	Tu Gen. 22, 11-19
	21	W Heb. 11, 11-19
	22	Th Jas. 2, 17-26
	23	F Matt. 27, 29-38
	24	S Matt. 27, 39-44
	25	Su Matt. 27, 45-53

Review

Feb.	26	M Gen. 12, 1-9
	27	Tu Gen. 13, 1-12
	28	W Gen. 14, 13-24
Mar.	1	Th Gen. 15, 1-15
	2	F Gen. 18, 20-33
	3	S Gen. 19, 17-29
	4	Su Gen. 22, 7-19

Jesus Begins His Work

Mar.	5	M Mark 1, 14-22
	6	Tu Mark 1, 23-24
	7	W Matt. 4, 18-25
	8	Th John 1, 35-42
	9	F John 1, 43-51
	10	S Luke 4, 33-44
	11	Su Matt. 12, 22-30

Jesus and a Leper

Mar.	12	M Mark 1, 35-45
	13	Tu Lev. 14, 1-9
	14	W Lev. 14, 10-18
	15	Th Num. 12, 1-9
	16	F Num. 12, 10-16
	17	S Luke 4, 22-30
	18	Su Luke 17, 11-19

A Double Cure

Mar.	19	M Mark 2, 1-12
	20	Tu Luke 5, 18-26
	21	W Acts 8, 1-8
	22	Th Acts 9, 32-43
	23	F Psa. 103, 1-8
	24	S 1 John 1, 5-10
	25	Su Eph. 4, 25-32

What Does Easter Mean ?

Mar.	26	M Mark 16, 1-11
	27	Tu Mark 16, 12-20
	28	W John 20, 1-10
	29	Th John 20, 11-18
	30	F Rom. 6, 1-11
	31	S 1 Pet. 2, 17-25
Apr.	1	Su Rev. 1, 10-18

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



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SIGHT-SEEING.

By Beatrice S. Wade, Madras.

What do you think you would see if you were able to walk from the Madras Mission Compound along the main road to the centre of the town? The first thing that you would probably notice is that the sun was shining very brightly, and that you could feel its heat on your skin. Secondly you would be sure to notice the tall palmyra and coconut trees. The coconut trees grow as high as fifty feet. By standing near to the trunk of one of these trees and looking high up into the leaves, which only grow at the top of the tree, you would be able to see the young coconuts growing in their thick brown and green shell-like cases, and if you were like me, you would wish that just one would fall down to be eaten!

How they travel in India.

The next thing to notice is the different kind of ways in which people travel. There are buses and trams in Madras, but also bullock carts, which are covered by a half oval hood and pulled by one or two bullocks. People travel by sitting cross-legged inside these carts. It is slow travelling, for a bullock cannot be made to go quickly. Small carts are also used with horses to pull them. But what is rather surprising to see is the rickshaw, which is almost like a large barrow with a hood, a comfortable seat and two large wheels. They are used to carry people, and a man will pull one as far as five miles.

How they dress.

As you travel you would see many people along the roads wearing clothes you do not see in England. The women who have sufficient money wear beautiful silk sarees of lovely colours, but the poor people, especially the old folk, wear rough coarse material. The girls wear long skirts and blouses, and the boys English clothes, except that they have their shirt tails outside! The men also wear their shirts like this but they have a garment which is called a vashte, a long white piece of material, which is tucked in at the waist and reaches down to their ankles. Nearly everybody walks along the roads barefooted, but a few wear sandals. You would see many children who look as if they are playing at the seaside, quite a number of them not wearing any clothes at all!

The people themselves.

You would notice especially, the way many of the men and children have their heads shaved right back from their foreheads, as far as their ears, and then the remaining hair at the back of their heads is allowed to grow long, and they plait this into a bun. On their foreheads they paint red, yellow or white marks, which show that they worship certain gods.

As you watched the people you would see men and women carrying on their heads great bundles of wood, or grass, or baskets full of fruit or of cooking tins, ready for selling. Some women even manage to carry a child on their hips as well as the basket on their heads. If you passed a place where building work was going on, you would see women carrying bricks and other building materials. They twist a piece of material into a pad, and placing this on their heads, are then able to carry eight or nine bricks, or baskets full of heavy cement.

Further along, having passed many shops, mostly without windows and not very tidy or clean, you would probably see a little group of men and women sitting on the path. The men would be cutting into strips the leaves of the coconut trees and the women would be weaving these into baskets and winnowing fans. The winnowing fans are used in all Indian homes for sifting the stones away from the rice before it is cooked.

Animals and Beggars.

But what of the animals? Surely you would notice them, for they sit so comfortably at the 'bus stand, or outside their owner's front doors. The goats have the habit of wandering about the streets, but the cows and buffaloes usually take less risk and keep to the sides of the road or the path.

While you were looking around you would be saddened by hearing so often the words "Amma, Amma." There are many beggars who call out in this manner, many with arms and legs bandaged and sores on their bodies, which makes you feel quite certain that they are suffering from leprosy, and you realise how kind the Lord Jesus was to have touched a leper man, when His word alone would have healed him.

Indian gods.

The shrines and temples would interest you, for in them are placed the gods which so many people worship, instead of worshipping the True God. They are of many kinds, some very large with a number of carved figures, some small brick buildings, and as you pass them you can see the idol inside. Some of the idols are made of stone in the shape of an elephant. Garlands of flowers are placed around the neck of the elephant god and, round about on the floor, little mounds of grain and saucers of oil are laid as an offering. Sometimes an idol is placed at the side of the pathway in a kennel-like building.

The Homes of the People.

But what of the homes in which the people live? You would see in Madras that many are built rather like English houses, except that there are many verandahs and windows (the windows having no glass), but only wealthy people are able to live in these homes. The poor people, if they live in brick

houses, only have one room, no matter how large their family. The very poor people live in homes, the walls of which are made of mud and the roof of palm leaves. These are one-room houses, and as you enter them you must "duck" your head, as the entrance is not very high. These homes have no doors or chimneys. The people cook their food in earthenware pots, which are placed on two solid blocks of mud, the firewood being burnt between them. The smoke from the fire has to go out through the door or cracks in the roof. If you passed these homes in the evening when the cooking is being done, you might think they were on fire as you would see the smoke rising from the roof! But really a curry and rice meal is being cooked for the family. Should you take a peep inside these homes you would not see any tables or chairs. The family sit on mats to eat their meals and to lie on at night.

And so you would return to the Mission Compound feeling interested in what you had seen, but perhaps desiring all the more to ask the Lord to show you how to become able "fishers of men."

"I HEARD YESTERDAY . . ."

By Gnanakkan.

. . . That Mr. and Mrs. Champion and Miss Wilkins hope soon to return to India. God grant them a safe passage, and great joy as they commence this new term of service in the land to which God has called them. Mr. and Mrs. Champion expect to go to Tinnevelly District.

. . . That our Missionaries met in Conference from the 20th to the 22nd of February. This Conference is usually an annual event. The work of the S.B.M. in India is discussed and plans for the carrying on of the work are made.

. . . That one of the young men who were studying in The Indian Bible Institute spent several months as the Tamil assistant of an Indian Army Chaplain in North India. He has now once again returned to his work in Madras.

. . . That is takes nearly three hours to travel six miles by bullock cart in some parts of Tinnevelly. Miss M. E. Harris uses this form of transport when she visits the scattered villages in the Tinnevelly area. God grant her much blessing in the work and all necessary health and strength.

. . . That during the Christmas holidays sixteen friends were baptised in Madras. These friends will have joined one or another of our Churches in that area. So we pray, "May the Lord Jesus strengthen the witness in Madras and elsewhere by calling out 'those other sheep.'"

. . . That some boys and girls bring eggs to the Sunday services as a "Collection." This is due to the fact that many people are too poor to bring money. Such gifts in kind are either sent to the poor members of the Christian families or they are

sold, and the money given to the work of spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus in India.

. . . That the Director of Public Instruction, Madras Government, recently died. He did much to help the backward classes in India towards complete literacy. He was a man who appreciated Mission Schools and on more than one occasion said publicly how much he valued the work which they did.

. . . That there is a great need for trained Indian teachers in our schools. Many men have volunteered for the Army and Air Force in India and others have clerical and technical work to do with the present struggle. This has taken some of the best teachers in school work, and left only a skeleton staff in our schools. The Mission looks for new teachers among those young men and women who are now in training.

GOD OR GODS.

When a man in India goes to worship his god or his "Swami," as he terms it, he may be going to worship one of many hundreds. The Hindus have a separate god or goddess for very many things. There is a goddess for prosperity; another for smallpox; there is the monkey god, the elephant god; there is Brahma, the creator, and Siva, the destroyer. And the people of India live in fear of them all; they are afraid of the anger of a god and, because of their fear, they bring their gifts and offerings to the god, or to the priest. Worship brings no joy or peace to them, no consciousness of sins forgiven, but merely a temporary relief from their fear and dread.

It is because of the good news of God's grace that our missionaries go to India. They go to tell them of the One True God, Who so loved the world that He gave His only Son; they teach that in Him alone can the heart of man find peace and joy and rest. In this Searcher, you will find texts from God's Word which shew how different is our God from all other gods.

Lower Group, age under 12.

In each of the questions some words have been left out. In the first question one word is missing—in the second question, two words; and so on, up to six words. Read the chapters through very carefully, and when you have found the words, write them out, including and underlining the words that were missing, and giving the book, chapter and verse where found.

1. That they might know the only true God.
2. The Lord is God of gods.
3. Who is like thee among the gods?
4. The Lord is a great King above all gods.
5. The Lord is the living God.
6. I know that our Lord is above all gods.

The answers will be found in John 17; Deuteronomy 10; Exodus 15; Psalm 95; Jeremiah 10; Psalm 135.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Follow the instructions given in the Lower Group. and answer these questions also, starting with seven missing words.

7. There is none beside thee.
8. The Lord is to be feared above all gods.
9. Thou art exalted above all gods.
10. We know there is none other god but one.
11. Great is the Lord above all gods.
12. There is no God beside me.

The answers will be found in II Samuel 7; Psalm 96; Psalm 97; I Corinthians 8; I Chronicles 16; Isaiah 45.

(See note on next page.)

BIBLE SEARCHER (continued).

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 prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until August, 1945, although they are welcome to compete and their entries will be listed and marked 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, 1945.

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR THANK-OFFERING ENVELOPES.

The following friends have sent the contents of their Envelopes to me, and I gladly acknowledge their receipt, thanking them on behalf of the Mission :—

Billinghay, per Mrs. M. Burns; Epsom Downs, "Mount Zion" S.S.; Somersham, per Miss H. F. Reeder; Walthamstow, per Miss M. Gearing; Walton-on-the-Naze, per Mr. H. A. Jeffs (S.S. Envelope Collection and Christmas Sunday School Collection); Yateley and Eversley S.S. per Miss Ruth Newman (direct to Mission Secretary).

Personal—"Anon," an old friend; Mary Hanks; Edward and Donald Hughes; Lydia Endersby; Winifred Manfield; and Mrs. Mary Powell.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

We regret that there was an error in the chapters given for the Lower Group, though we were pleased to see that many scholars were able to find the answer in Isaiah 45. But if you were not able to do so, you have not lost marks for this reason. We give a welcome to 44 new Searchers. The names follow in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners : 1. Hazel Pankhurst, aged 12, "Mount Zion" S.S., Leatherhead.
2. Joseph Hewitt, aged 13, "Zion" S.S., Courland Grove, Clapham.

Special Mention : Betty Brown, Barbara Bugg.

Very Highly Commended : Josephine Stokes, Geoffrey Ince, Muriel Beckingham, Amy Hawes, George Abbott, Andrew Layzell, David Church, Joan Taylor, Peter Wilkinson, Brenda Elson, Betty Langdale, June Sinclair, Kathleen Walshaw, Hazel Brownrigg.

Highly Commended : Pamela Whitaker, Hilda Grimwood, Peter Rengert, Douglas Crees, Bertha Etheridge, David Gower, Joan Osborne, Jean Everitt, Iris Cartwright, Margaret Beadon, May Baxter, Gwendoline Morgan, Olive Warne, Malcolm Wood, Peggy Cooper, Grace Catling, Brenda Yates, Barbara Higgs, Ivy Johns, Emily Reeve, Audrey Barber, Harry Baxter, Rhoda Griffiths, Freda Hare, Sheila Jackson, Ruth Jaegar, Elizabeth Sandifer, Joan Brightwell, Primrose Cooper, Ruth Watson, Ruth Surridge, Margaret Jaegar, Lorna Jordan, Gladys Leaney, Gordon Reeve, Ivy Scott,

Edith Rogers, Margaret Aston, Edward Rengert, Joyce Cornelius, Sylvia Gladstone, Esther Reeve, David Clover, Donald Farres, Alan Cutmore, Roy Leaver, Olive Till, Peter Marshall, George Hooper, Michael Bugg, Peter Flitton, June Cox, Grace Pannell, Peter Bugg, Dorothy Endersby, Joan Pike, Margaret Childs, Peter Chapman, C. Stevens, Margaret Burdon.

Commended : Aileen Young, Joyce Brodden, Margaret Preece, Irene Bridgestock, David Pilgrem, Betty McKenna, Joyce Reeve, Lydia Meeks, Mavis Cornelius, Barbara Thurgood.

Sent references only : Dorothy Rayner, Valerie Cole, G. Clark. Answered Upper Group only : Doreen Allick, Barbara Stower, Mildred Ovendern, Pamela Ward, Jean Watkins, Brenda Bird, Audrey Curtis, Sybil Peck. Answered Lower Group only : Pearl Warne, Iris Norton.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners : 1. Doreen Quy, aged 10, Church Hill, Walthamstow.
2. John Ellins, aged 11, " Zion " S.S., High Wycombe.

Special Mention : Michael Ellins, Beryl Reeder, Mary Bugg.

Very Highly Commended : Margaret Scrivener, Alan Preston, Mavis Holben, Mavis Beckingham, Audrey Nuttall, Brenda Mayes, Jean Beckingham, Dennis Taylor, Sylvia Kingsland, Gerald Hawes, Joan Chadwick, Ivy Harrison.

Highly Commended : Daphne Wilkins, Freda Allick, Enid Shrimpton, Mary McReynolds, Shirley Betts, Gwendoline Crees, Joy Arney, Michael Pleasance, Andrew Phillips, Anthony Frost, John Daniel, Keith Impey, Fred Cooper, Brian Heather, Pamela Miller, Kevan Skinner, Beryl Beadon, Sylvia Baldwin, Donald Pearson, Daphne Rayner, Ernest Candice, Peter Bacon, Zeta Abbs, Shirley Bunce, Stephen Heather, Brian Daniel, Joy Cooper, Eileen Culliford, Sylvia Harrison, Horace Frost, Doreen Judd, Muriel Nunn, Brenda Bourne, Joy Bugg, Margaret Roper, Margaret Simmons, Margaret Richardson, Sylvia Robinson, Jasmine Pannifer, Derek Ball, Janet Ovenden, Patricia Brown, William Everitt, Iris Faugh, Myrtle Simmons, Patricia Marsh, Joan Kirkman, David Briggs, Joan Hale, Jasmine Harvey, Doris Gee, Jean Medlock, June Lovitt, John Jupp, Sylvia Anderson, John Medlock, Colin Humphrey, Audrey Preece, Joyce Willimer, David Bysh, Brenda Harvey, Rosemary Hale, Alan Norman, Stanley Crees, Ivor Parr, Nancy Barber, Pauline Wood, Mary Layzell, Alan Hughes, Alan Peebles, Gerald Cooper, Kathleen Perkins, Joyce Pannell, Kenneth Philpot, Kathleen Lawson, David Bendon, Neville Peebles, David Surridge, Shirley Jordan, Sheila Brown, Doris Cox, Eunice Skull, Joan Moss, Florence Mackenzie, Sylvia Gladding, William Brown, Gwendoline Bradnam, Jean Bridgestock, William Lovitt, Dorothy Weeks, Ken Hindhaugh, Roy Boosey, Gladys Morgan, Jim Dennis, Ronald Westacott, Billy Lancaster, Mary Lancaster, Brenda Peebles, An entry from Onslow Road, Guildford, John Skull, Peggy Howell, Margaret Grover, George Cooper, Joan Bensley, Maurice Crowhuish, Alan Webb, Paul Ballard, Margaret Law, William Howlett, Phyllis Owens, Cecil Saunders, Walter Jupp, Kenneth Saunders, Kathleen Taylor, Cecil Wrangles, Clifford Temple, Sheila McKenna, Pauline Norton, Ivy Bacon, Sylvia Barker, Mervyn Wood, Kathleen Moss.

Commended : Eunice Pilgrem, Ruth Williams, Bertha Ovenden, Pauline Bird, Jean Hughes, Doreen Wrangles, Doreen Whiteman, John Howell, Tony Dawson, Lavina Doren, Olive Goodman, Josephine Simpson, Margaret Howell, Patricia Page, Billy Coy, Jean Clarke, Donald Saunders, An entry with Notting Hill postmark, Jill Syer. Sent references only : Delphine Hammond, Mary Willimer, Maureen Went, Rosemary Wool, Joyce Cockman, Derek Knight.

Not for Competition : Miss Dorothy Best.

N.B.—An envelope arrived with Whepstone (?) postmark, but without any enclosure.

March Sunday School still heads the list, with St. Neots second. Four Schools tied for third place : Clifton, Horham, Little London, and Walthamstow.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Not long ago, I saw a branch of a flowering apple that had been cut off from its tree during the winter. It was lying on the ground, but even so it was still pushing out little leaf buds and little pink flower buds, just as were the buds on the proper tree. It was certainly making a very promising start and, if it could have gone on like that, it would bear both flower and fruit. But, sad to say, it never could do that, for it was cut off from the roots and would never grow. There will come days of testing cold wind, of hot scorching sun, and those brave little buds will shrivel and die for, as Jesus once said: "Yet hath he not root in himself." In spite of a brave start, the branch had no roots which would go down into the soil to bring up moisture and sap to feed the buds.

Without Jesus Christ, each one of us are like that branch for we have no root in ourselves. Our roots are not of the kind that live in damp, cold soil, but they are roots which go down below the surface of everyday life into a secret place from which the food of our mind and our soul is drawn up. If we are to grow up to be real men and true women, our roots must go down into that which is real and true. You will not find the real and the true anywhere else than in Jesus Christ. Only from Him can you receive the food which your soul needs for its life; food which will enable your life to grow, to flower, and to bear fruit. Read what Jesus said about this in John 15, verses 1-11, and then ask Him in prayer to make you a branch of His true vine so that the sap of His grace may flow into your life.

I was pleased to receive so many letters from you last month, and would thank these boys and girls for them :—

Audrey Curtis, Jim Dennis, Bertha Etheridge, Sylvia Gladstone (we shall miss you, Sylvia), Amy Hawes, Jean Hughes, Doreen Judd, Edith Mayhew, Kathleen Perkins, Beryl Reeder, Gordon Reeve, Margaret Richardson, Ivy Scott, John Skull, Kathleen Taylor, Pearl Warne, Ruth Williams, A. Willimer, Rosemary Wool and Aileen Young. Also I would like to thank the following friends for their welcome letters :—John Baker, M. G. Brigg, J. Christie, J. A. Dunnett, E. Ellins, A. Marjoram, Miss Eva Rance (your children have given splendidly), Leslie G. Reeder, W. H. Trowbridge, Herbert Wolverson, and Miss C. Wright.

With every good wish to you each,

UNCLE PETER.

Jesus, Publicans and Pharisees			Raising the Dead			Two Miracles		
Apr.	2	M Mark 2, 13-20	Apr.	23	M Mark 5, 21-34	May	14	M Mark 7, 24-30
	3	Tu Mark 2, 21-28		24	Tu Mark 5, 35-43		15	Tu Mark 7, 31-37
	4	W Mark 7, 1-13		25	W John 11, 1-10		16	W Luke 7, 1-10
	5	Th Luke 14, 1-6		26	Th John 11, 11-20		17	Th Acts 10, 1-8
	6	F Luke 18, 9-17		27	F John 11, 21-33		18	F Acts, 10, 9-20
	7	S 1 Tim. 1, 12-20		28	S John 11, 34-44		19	S Acts 10, 24-33
	8	Su Matt. 9, 9-17		29	Su 1 Thess. 4, 9-18		20	Su Isa. 35, 1-10
The Sower			**Death of John the Baptist**			**Glory and Suffering**		
Apr.	9	M Mark 4, 1-9	Apr.	30	M Mark 6, 14-20	May	21	M Mark 9, 1-9
	10	Tu Mark 4, 10-20	May	1	Tu Mark 6, 21-29		22	Tu Mark 9, 10-19
	11	W Matt. 13, 24-30		2	W Matt. 10, 16-22		23	W Mark 9, 20-29
	12	Th Matt. 13, 33-43		3	Th Matt 10, 23-33		24	Th 2 Pet. 1, 10-21
	13	F Psa. 126, 1-6		4	F Luke 7, 19-28		25	F Mal. 4, 1-6
	14	S Acts 16, 16-24		5	S 1 Pet. 4, 12-19		26	S Matt. 21, 17-22
	15	Su Luke 8, 1-11		6	Su Acts 7, 51-60		27	Su Isa. 6, 1-8
Jesus and the Powers of Evil			**The Power of the Creator**			**Isaac Grows Rich**		
Apr.	16	M Mark 4, 35-41	May	7	M Mark 6, 30-39	May	28	M Gen. 26, 1-6
	17	Tu Mark 5, 1-10		8	Tu Mark 6, 40-50		29	Tu Gen. 26, 12-22
	18	W Mark 5, 11-20		9	W Mark 6, 51-56		30	W Gen. 26, 23-33
	19	Th Eph. 6, 10-18		10	Th Matt. 16, 6-12		31	Th Psa. 62, 1-10
	20	F 1 John 3, 1-11		11	F Psa. 78, 15-25	June	1	F Gen. 17, 1-8
	21	S 1 John 4, 1-10		12	S Psa. 107, 21-31		2	S Gen. 17, 15-21
	22	Su Rev. 20, 1-10		13	Su Psa. 50, 1-12		3	Su Gal. 4, 19-31

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BELIEVING OR SEEING

By Mrs. M. Thrower, Madras.

AS I was passing along an Indian village road one evening, I saw a Hindu mother teaching her little child to fall down before a filthy black stone idol. The small boy was learning to perform the simple ceremonies connected with the worship of a Hindu god. Later on, as he grows older he will be told that the image or idol is nothing in itself, but is a help in worship and will lead him to the knowledge of the True God. Hindus often say: "We all worship the One True God Who is a Spirit, but we need something to see, to help us worship Him."

Has God provided something, which will help those who want to see the object they worship? Yes, He has. In Col. 1, 15, we read that the Lord Jesus Christ is the *Image* of the invisible God. Also in Hebrew 1, 3, that Jesus, God's Son, is the *express image* of God.

Now some of you children will say, "Yes, that was all right for those people who lived when Jesus was on this earth, but now that He is in heaven we cannot see Him. That is correct in a way, but in another sense it is not true. Let me ask you a question or two. Could you let me know what sort of men Hitler, Stalin and Churchill are? Would it be hard for a boy or girl who is fond of history to write an essay on Wellington, Clive or King Alfred? I think not. Now although you have not seen these characters by your natural eyes (apart from any of you who have seen Mr. Churchill), your mind's eye gives you a fairly accurate picture of what they are, or were, like. In the same way we have wonderful word-pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bible, so that we can picture Him in all His beautiful life and character. Moreover, the Bible is such a wonderful Book and the Lord Jesus such a wonderful person that we not only get to learn *about* Jesus, but we come to love Him too.

Now, dear children, do you see what I am aiming at? I want you to see how God's plan of an *Image* for worship is so much better than one of man's making. The idol which that small child worships becomes dirtier with every act of homage, for with every fresh anointing, more dirt and dust stick to it. Hence, its appearance is ugly and repulsive. Not so our mental picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can read about Him over and over again and our reading makes us love and worship Him. The more we learn of Him the more beautiful He appears. Because our image of Him is a spiritual one, it does not become spoiled, but keeps all its original beauty and lustre.

Will you thank God for giving us such a wonderful Image to worship and pray that our Indian children also, may soon know Jesus Swami in the same way?

"I HEARD YESTERDAY . . ."

By Gnanakkan.

. . . That Christian Missions are in charge of most of the Leper relief work done in India. There are fifty-five Institutions to help the many thousands affected by this terrible disease.

. . . That Mr. Champion is on his way to India. Mr. Champion knows India well. He has served the Lord Jesus for many years in this land, and God has blessed his work. By the time these notes are in print he will, D.V., have reached India. God bless his work in the coming years.

. . . That there are two hundred and twenty-five languages, apart from dialects, in India. Of these seventy-five are principal languages. Complete Bibles exist in only fifteen of these languages ; New Testaments in twenty, and Bible portions in forty-three. While this must be recognised as a great achievement, a comparison between the number of languages and the number of Bibles in those languages shows that there is yet much to be done. Recently the Auxiliaries of The British and Foreign Bible Society, in India, have been reconstituted so that now India has her own Bible Society.

. . . That Mrs. Brand is hoping to start for furlough in England as soon as conditions permit. Mr. and Mrs. Brand were pioneer missionaries on the Kolli Hills, where Mr. Brand gave his life in the service of the Lord Jesus. Mrs. Brand has done many years of service in South India ; on the Kolli Hills ; in Sendamangalam, and in Madras.

. . . That Tuberculosis is on the increase in India. More than half of the work done to combat this dread disease is in the hands of Christian Missionaries.

. . . That Mr. Watts who worked for a number of years as Organising Secretary of The India Sunday School Union is to be the preacher at the Tinnevelly Harvest Meetings. These services will take place from June 25th to July 9th, 1945.

. . . That there are less than 16 missionaries to each million of people in India. That is there are less than 6,000 missionaries for the whole of India. Many of these are in Educational and other institutional work ; about half of this number are doing direct evangelism in the villages of India. We are reminded that our own mission is in urgent need of young men and women who have received a call to serve the Lord Jesus in India.

. . . That Mr. Huckett (Uncle Arthur), our missionary on the Kolli Hills, has been elected to the Salem District Board. To be a member of this Board is equivalent to being a member of a County Council in England.

. . . That the number of converts from Hinduism to Chris-

tianity is causing several Hindu Societies to increase their opposition to the work of Christian missions. In Namakkal area this opposition is very strong. Let us pray that the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus may be so firmly established in India that the kingdom of darkness may have no power against it.

. . . That several girls from the Hostel in Sendamangalam have been baptised. This Hostel and School have been the means through which a number of girls have been brought to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Miss L. S. Hazel is in charge of both the Hostel and School.

. . . That a kindergarten class started in connection with the S.B.M. School in Kilpauk, Madras, is doing excellent work. Little girls and boys who are not old enough to attend the big school attend this class.

THE MAN WITH A LAMP.

By Mr. A. J. Robbins.

For too long a time, we have had too much darkness. How glad are we now that the "black-out" restrictions are taken away and we can all let our lights shine out freely. It cheers up those who are in the street outside when they see our light shining out into the darkness. Only a short time ago, I heard people saying, "Did you see the light down the street last night? What a change it has made!" The street lamps had been lit once again and the lamplighter had been busy riding around on his bicycle. At each lamp-post he stopped, and, putting up his long pole to the lamp, he touched a lever and the bright light shone out. Cyclists, too, have not to worry about their lamps. It does not matter how bright they are, so long as they shine.

The Bible has much to say about lights shining out into the darkness. The Bible itself is a great light, for in Psalm 119, v. 105, we read, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Jesus is a great light, for in John 8, v. 12, He said, "I am the Light of the World, he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." Also, He said, in Matthew 5, v. 16, "Let your light so shine before men," meaning that if He has given us a light, we should let everyone see it. We are like the man with the pole, we cannot do much, but if God's Word is within our hearts, and if we are following the Lord Jesus Christ, we can bring our little light to the Spirit of God and through us there will come light to our work, to our homes, to our town, so that the light of Jesus, shining through us, changes the lives of those around us and brings a blessing to many people.

Who would like to be a lamplighter? What a blessing if we can show someone the road to heaven, or tell someone the way

to the Kingdom of God. There is no occupation more honourable than to be a lamplighter. There is so much darkness all around. Let us pray that God will make us each lightbearers indeed. Our missionaries are lamplighters or lightbearers, they leave their homes and go to different parts of the world, where the darkness is at its deepest and they shed the light of Jesus where they go.

In a parable, Jesus told the story of ten bridesmaids who were waiting for the bridegroom to come and the wedding to begin. Five had oil in their lamps; they were wise, their light was shining, for it was night. Five were foolish; they had no oil. At midnight there was a cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." All ten rose to go in to the wedding but only five went in. The other five had no light to bear and they were left outside in the darkness. Jesus told this story so that we may know how very necessary it is for us to be ready to meet Him when He comes, that our lives may be showing His light.

THE VOICE OF THANKSGIVING.

We hope to see a record entry this time as the Searcher is very easy, and all the answers are found in the Book of Psalms. Read through the Psalms that are named very carefully, and when you have found the words, write out the *whole* verse and give the number of the Psalm, and the verse where found. The Psalms are not in the same order as the words.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. The voice of thanksgiving.
2. It is a good thing to give thanks.
3. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving.
4. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving.
5. O give thanks unto the Lord.

The answers are found in Psalms 118, 100, 147, 26, 92.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

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

6. Let us come . . . with thanksgiving.
7. I will . . . magnify him with thanksgiving.
8. Unto thee do we give thanks.
9. Offer unto God thanksgiving.
10. We . . . will give thee thanks.

The answers are found in Psalms 50, 75, 79, 95, 69.

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 prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until November, 1945, 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, 1945.

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

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

Dear Boys and Girls,

I hope not one of you will forget the month of May, 1945, for as long as you live. The first few days of the month brought news so great that we could not take it all in. It told how the German army and the Nazi party fell into ruins before the attack of the British, American and Russian armies. They were like a high house of which the foundations were broken—first there came a crack in the wall, then the crack widened, a wall began to totter, and in the end all the house came crashing to the ground in utter ruin. Never in modern history has a mighty nation collapsed so quickly or so utterly.

On May 7th we first heard the news of Germany's surrender, on May 8th and 9th we all rejoiced greatly, and then, on May 13th, came the crowning day when great services of thanksgiving to God were held over all the country, led by the King and Queen, who went to St. Paul's Cathedral in London to thank God publicly for so great a deliverance.

I want each one of you to remember the Day of National Thanksgiving, Sunday, May 13th, 1945, in such a way that you may never forget it as long as you live. It is unlikely that you will ever know another national day of such importance and such gladness. Our King said that we as a nation had been delivered by God's Hand. Our greatest general, Field Marshal Montgomery said, "This is the Lord's doing : it is marvellous in our eyes." These two great men meant that, if it had not been for God's mercy to us as a nation, each one of us, both old and young, would have fallen into the hands of a cruel enemy who would have tortured and killed us. Ever since 1939, when war began, we have been able to see the hand of God shielding and protecting us. Now that peace has come in Europe, we would turn to God at once and thank Him with all our hearts for saving us out of the hand of our enemies. There is much that is deeply sad, sorrow has come to many homes; but not since 1588, when the Spanish Armada threatened our island home, has so wonderful a deliverance been seen by us.

Now, I want you to think of the end of this European War not so much as an Allied victory, not so much as a time for waving of flags, it is all that, but it is far more. It tells us of the majesty of the God whom we worship, that we may "know that the Most High ruleth in the Kingdom of men." Above all the noise of armies and guns, beyond all the united war effort, God sits upon His throne. No army marches beyond the reach of God's hand, or wins any victory if He does not will. Let us give to God the glory for this victory.

This victory speaks to us of God's mercy. In spite of all our war effort, we might have been defeated. It is true that our cause was just, but it is only too true that we have sinned deeply against God as a nation. We have not honoured God as we ought. We have not worshipped God in His house on His day as we should. We have not received, nor believed His holy Word, the Bible, as we should. We have turned to our own way and yet in His great mercy God has given us so great a victory. This is an answer to the prayers of Christian men and women in many lands. God has been far more gracious than we deserve.

All this is written down here so that it may help you boys and girls to remember. If we understand God's mercy, it should give us a spirit of true thankfulness to Him. This thankfulness should not be forgotten by us but it should lead us to humble ourselves before God and to seek to obey Him. In I Samuel, ch. 7, we read of another great national deliverance. The Philistines had conquered the Israelites and they treated them so badly that the Israelites came to Samuel and asked him to cry unto the Lord for them. Samuel did so, the people confessed their sin and held a great day of national prayer. After that, God thundered upon the Philistines and the people of Israel chased them back into their own land. This was so great and so notable a deliverance that Samuel took

a large stone and set it up so that everybody could see it for years and years to come. Samuel called the name of that stone, "the Stone of THE HELP," or "Ebenezer," and every boy and girl in the land when they heard about that stone, or saw it, remembered how God Helped them on that day to so great a victory; they never forgot it for the stone was always there to remind them of it.

We do not set up stones nowadays, but our memory may last even longer than a stone, especially that which we remember as boys and girls. Remember this great Victory; remember it was God who gave it. "Forget not all His benefits."

I was pleased to receive letters from: Sheila and William Brown, Audrey Curtis, John Ellins, Mary Emmerson, Freda Hare, Joseph Hewitt (glad to hear your news), Winifred Manfield, Hazel Pankhurst, Shirley Ranson, Emily Reeve, Gordon Reeve, James Wharfe, Edith Wilson and Rosemary Wool. Also, I should like to thank these friends for their letters and ask them to accept my acknowledgment: Mrs. Barker, Mr. J. Christie, Mrs. E. Ellins, Miss S. H. Gladstone, Miss Florence Hamilton, Mr. W. J. Parker, Miss E. Skull, Pastor R. Smith, Miss M. Thornton and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

With every good wish,
UNCLE PETER.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

Some very fine entries were sent in for this Searcher. But some scholars who usually do well, made a mistake in the answer to Question 12. The correct answer is found in Isaiah 45, verse 21. We are pleased to see increasing entries from several schools, and we welcome 50 new searchers. Here are the names in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1. Hazel Brownrigg, aged 15, Woking.
2. Eleanor M. Parker, aged 15, Bath.

Special Mention: Grace Dickinson, Gwendoline Morgan, Peter Wilkinson, Peter Marshall, Joan Mary Taylor, Primrose Cooper, David Gower, Ruth Jaeger, Joan Brightwell, Winifred Manfield.

Very Highly Commended: An entry without name or address, Beryl Thurnell, Emily Reeve, John Pankhurst, David Wood, Josephine Stokes.

Highly Commended: Anette Baker, Muriel Stannard, Pamela Whitaker, Malcolm Wood, Barbara Bugg, Jean Howells, Janet Harwin, Margaret Nicholson, Ivy Scott, Kathleen Walshaw, Iris Humphreys, Hazel Pankhurst, Esther Reeve, Daphne Sollice, Margaret Jaegar, R. Leaver, Margaret Preece, Amy Hawes, George Abbott, David Church, Freda Hare, Pearl Warne, Margaret Burdon, Mary Emmerson, James Wharfe, Valerie Hymas, David Pilgrem, Bertha Etheridge, Ruby Hawes, Mary Everitt, Judy Owen, Roy Miller, Alan Cutmore, Geoffrey Ince, Dorothy Rayner, Joan Pike, Muriel Beckingham, June Feast.

Commended: Henry Baxter, Una Lambert, Gordon Reeve, Brenda Yates, May Baxter, Olive Worne, John Neilson, Peter Bugg, Edith Rogers, Jean Everitt, Iris Cartwright, Audrey Darnell, Jenny Hooper, Muriel Wilding, Peter Flitton, Joyce Reeve, Edith Wilson, Joan Osborne, Aileen Young, Margaret Childs, Audrey Self, Grace Catling, Betty McKenna, Ruth Surridge, Doreen Allick, Ruth Watson, Jean Bowler, Michael Bugg, Brenda Elson, Barbara Thurgood, Grace Pannell, Irene Bridgestock, Jean Birch, Margaret Faulkner, Shirley Ranson, Peggy Cooper, Joan Tunks, Hilda Hawes, Patricia Marsh, Brenda Bird, Iris Norton, Barbara Higgs, Doreen Sussex. Answered Upper Group only: Sylvia Smith, Sheila Jackson, Priscilla Ovenden.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1. Margaret Turner, aged 11, Church Hill, Walthamstow
2. Zeta Abbs, aged 10, Fressingfield S.S.

(*Continued on next page.*)

Special Mention: Vivien Elson, Derek Ball, Irene Rudd, Enid Shrimp-

ton, Myrtle Simmons, Beryl Reeder, Michael Ellins, Doreen Jeffery, Florence Mackenzie, Alan Preston, Andrew Phillips, Ruth Williams, Joyce Abbott.

Very Highly Commended: Ivy Harrison, Wendy Hoy, Kevan Skinner, Kenneth Reeve, Joy Cooper, Joy Bugg, P. Ballard, Pamela Lloyd, Muriel Nunn, Ivor Parr, Betty Wicks, Alan Webb, Joan Bensley, David Briggs, Jean Adams, Audrey Burgess, Sylvia Harrison, Mary Bugg.

Highly Commended: David Surridge, John Skull, Pearl Walsh, Winifred Oxborrow, Sheila Barber, George Cooper, Gerald Cooper, Kathleen Poole, Rosemary Wool, Eunice Skull, Gillian Franklin, Sylvia Gladding, John Ellins, Audrey Preece, Joyce Willimer, Mavis Holben, Betty Manfield, John Daniel, Anthony Frost, Michael Pleasance, D. Mortimer, John Courts, Brian Daniel, Russell Manfield, Brenda Bourne, Eileen Culliford, Jean Smith, Daphne Rayner, Sylvia Robinson, Raymond Beckingham, Jean Beckingham, Mavis Beckingham, Alice Driscoll, Eunice Pilgrem, Ruth Skull, Peter Self, Doreen Quy, Margaret Law, Mary Layzell, Sheila King, Delphine Hammond, Joy Arney, Shirley Harwin, Patricia Wilkinson, John Wilson, Sheila Brown, Billy Coy, Peggy Howell, Lavina Doren, Margaret Howell, Gladys Morgan, Jean Bridgestock, Brenda Harvey, Pauline Bird, Joyce Pannell, Kathleen Perkins, Dorothy Bell, Pat Collins, Mary Willimer, Fred Catlin, Sheila McKenna, Ivy Bacon, Cecil Wrangles, Jean Parslow, Colin Humphrey, Sheila Edwards, Phyllis Bedwell, William Brown, Louis Walker, Audrey Nuttall, Peter Bacon, June Welsher, Jean Hughes, Pat Russell, Christine Atkins, Shirley Betts, Doreen Wrangles, Margaret Simmons, Margaret Richardson, Billy Everitt, Mary Atkins, Dorothy Weeks, Phyllis Owens, Jill Syer, Mavis Meeks, Tony Dawson, Sally Cluff, Daphne Brewster, Alan Hughes, Joyce Cockman, Betty Hope, Muriel Carter, Mary Hanks, Shirley Bunce, Patricia Harris, Brenda Mayes, Jasmine Pannifer, Janet Ovenden, Alan Norman, Phyllis Carter, Dawn Wright, Patricia Page, John Howell, Doreen Sadler, Charles Reeve, Stephen Heather, Freda Allick, Nancy Barber, Priscilla Phipps, David Bysh, David Robinson, Joyce Raper, Roy Boosey, Patricia Miller.

Commended: Hazel Goodall, Dorothy Redding, Margaret Land, Audrey Sussex, Brian Heather, Josephine Fibbins, Valerie Tripp, Mary McReynolds, Dorothy Richardson, Brenda Kees, Margaret Owen, Maureen Robins, Rita Farnham, Kathleen Lawson, Margaret Hughes, Lily Taylor, Raymond Page, Dorothy Humphrey, Shirley Swift, Doris Benton, Brenda Peebles, A. R. Peebles, Neville Peebles, Joyce Paul, Rosemary Lovett, Southoe S.S. (no name). Omitted references: Gillian Cross, Kitty Seabrook, David Burdon, Joan Mackenzie, Rita Hands, An entry from March.

Jacob and Esau

June 4 M Gen. 25, 27-34
5 Tu Gen. 27, 1-14
6 W Gen. 27, 15-23
7 Th Gen. 27, 24-33
8 F Gen. 27, 34-46
9 S Prov. 3, 1-12
10 Su Prov. 3, 13-26

Jacob's Vision

June 11 M Gen. 28, 1-9
12 Tu Gen. 28, 10-15
13 W Gen. 28, 16-22
13 Th Hos. 12, 1-6
15 F Gen. 35, 6-15
16 S Num. 23, 16-23
17 Su Psa. 121, 1-8

Serving for a Wife

June 18 M Gen. 29, 1-9
19 Tu Gen. 29, 10-20
20 W Gen. 29, 21-30
21 Th Gal. 6, 1-9
22 F Prov. 18, 14-24
23 S Deut. 32, 7-14
24 Su Prov. 19, 14-21

Jacob Leaves Laban

June 25 M Gen. 31, 1-7
26 Tu Gen. 31, 11-21
27 W Gen. 31, 22-32
28 Th Gen. 31, 33-42
29 F Gen. 31, 43-50
30 S Gen. 31, 51-55
July 1 Su Psa. 124, 1-8

The Journey Back

July 2 M Gen. 32, 1-8
3 Tu Gen. 32, 9-16
4 W Gen. 32, 17-23
5 Th Psa. 37, 1-11
6 F Psa. 37, 23-31
7 S Psa. 37, 34-40
8 Su Psa. 20, 1-9

Jacob Meets Esau

July 9 M Gen. 32, 24-32
10 Tu Gen. 33, 1-11
11 W Gen. 33, 12-20
12 Th 2 Cor. 12, 1-10
13 F Psa. 128, 1-6
14 S Prov. 16, 1-7
15 Su Psa. 103, 1-12

Back in Canaan

July 16 M Gen. 35, 1-10
17 Tu Gen. 35, 11-15; 19-20
18 W Gen. 35, 21-29
19 Th Psa. 105, 1-14
20 F Psa. 116, 1-14
21 S Gen. 17, 1-8
22 Su Psa. 107, 1-8

Seeing yet Blind; Blind See

July 23 M Mark 10, 17-22
24 Tu Mark 10, 23-31
25 W Mark 10, 46-52
26 Th Matt. 6, 19-26
27 F Luke 12, 15-21
28 S 1 Tim. 6, 6-12
29 Su John 9, 30-41

Riding into Jerusalem

July 30 M Mark 11, 1-11
31 Tu Psa. 118, 14-26
Aug. 1 W Zech. 9, 9-17
2 Th Psa. 148, 1-14
3 F Psa. 24, 1-10
4 Isa. 62, 1-5; 10-12
5 Su John 12, 12-19

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SPECIAL MEETING
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LANTERN TALK by Missionary W. H. Kuhrt

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ALL "RAYITES" WHO CAN COME ARE WELCOME

AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY.

These are days when our hearts go out in gratitude and pride at the understanding which exists between the great American people and our own country. Here is the story of a young American who went to India and to Burma over a 100 years ago. His name was Adoniram Judson, and he was a student in the town of Boston. In those days there was no missionary society, and missionaries were thought to be strange people, but Judson was one of a company of young men whose motto was "We can if we WILL," or, as we sometimes say, "There is no such word as can't." God was calling him to go and preach the Gospel to the heathen, and the first thing which he did was to be baptized as a confession of his love to the Lord Jesus and to show his desire to obey him.

He then put off in a boat to England, but on the way was chased and captured by a French pirate. However, he arrived in England and from there he took a ship to India, landing in Calcutta. The men of Calcutta were afraid that a missionary would upset the Indian people, and they ordered Judson to go back to England by the next boat. But Judson knew that God had sent him to India, and he knew also that God makes no mistakes, so he did not take the next boat back. He hid himself for two months, and at last got on a boat going to the Isle of France in India. They were chased by a government boat, were arrested and brought back. But soon after, by the kindness of a friend, they got another boat and this time were about to get away. But the Isle of France was not the place which Judson sought, so he boldly decided to go back to India. This time he got a ship going to Madras and landed there. The authorities were at once told that

Judson had landed, and they tried to get hold of him and to put him on a boat for England. But he was too quick for them, and escaped away from Madras in an old leaky ship that was sailing to Rangoon in Burma. A fearful storm arose, and the tossing of the ship made Mrs. Judson so ill that she nearly died on board ship. The ship was driven by the storm into a narrow creek in the Adaman Islands, and this saved Mrs. Judson's life. After a time the storm died down, and in due course they reached Rangoon, the chief port of Burma.

Burma, in those far-off days, was ruled by a heathen king, and there were very few white men there at all. No missionary had ever before been to tell the Burmans of the love of Christ. They could not understand Judson's words; nor could he understand theirs. It took six long years for Judson to learn the Burmese language, and then he went to the capital city of Ava and started a Christian mission, the first of its kind in all Burma. Soon after that, war broke out with the British and our armies started to invade Burma. Immediately, the king of Burma flung all white men, including Judson, into a filthy prison. Their hands and feet were loaded with heavy chains and were fastened to a bamboo.

—To be continued.

"I HEARD YESTERDAY . . ."

By Gnanakkan.

. . . that Miss Wade has passed her first Tamil Examination with good results. May the Lord Jesus help her as she continues to study for the second examination, and bless her as she takes up more and more responsible work for Him in the land of her adoption. In this connection let us remember also the Tamilian Teachers—they are called Munshis—who teach our Missionaries. They need patience and understanding for this important work.

. . . that the Harvest Meetings in Tinnevelly were largely attended, and that God's blessing was upon all the arrangements that were made. The subject this year was "Christianity in the home." The special preacher started the series of talks by asking the question, "What have they seen in thy house?" Owing to rationing there was some difficulty about feeding the crowds that came, but this was overcome by the kindness of the local authorities who made a special grant of rice.

. . . that Mr. Champion, who has had to return to India alone, is hoping to take up work in Tinnevelly in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Orchard expect to relieve Mr. and Mrs. Morling when they go on furlough early next year. Accommodation on ships is very limited but our missionaries are

in urgent need of furlough, so we pray that the passages required may soon be granted.

. . . that The Day of Prayer for six new Missionaries was held in each area of our Mission Fields as well as in the Homeland. The need for new Missionaries is urgent. They are needed, not only to maintain the work which our mission has already in hand, but also to enable us to fulfil the commission " Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel . . . " Carey, that Great Baptist Missionary to India said, " Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God."

. . . that the Viceroy's Conference of leading political parties and men is making good progress. Each delegate is now consulting his party or group concerning the panel of names, which each one has been asked to submit. This list of names will be used by the Viceroy in selecting a New Council and Central Government. May wisdom and courage be given from God to the leaders of the people and the Viceroy at this critical stage in the long history of India.

. . . that there is renewed talk of constructing a road from the plains to the Kolli Hills plateau. If this is done, it would very greatly change the conditions of living on these primitive hills. The adventurous journey up the side of the hills in a roughly-made canvas dholie would doubtless give place to more modern forms of travel. When these economic and social advances come, may there also come a great spiritual awakening, otherwise such progress will bring only evil in its train.

. . . that a special Bible School conducted by Mr. A. J. Morling and Mrs. D. Morling was held in Namakkal during July. The workers in this area, living, as they do, in widely separated villages find great help and encouragement in coming together for Bible Study in this way. During August, special meetings are being held for village Christians in the Namakkal area. Previous meetings of this kind were made a great blessing to many people. May these August meetings also prove to be the means of Salvation and help to many more of the people in the villages along the banks of the Cauvary.

GOD'S VOICE IN THE STORM.

Not for years, have we in this country, known such a heavy thunderstorm as we had on the night of Saturday, July 14th, and during the early hours of the next morning. Most boys and girls who read " Rays " will remember it. But even so, it was nothing like so heavy as the storms which come upon India during the monsoon. The monsoon is the rainy season in India.

On October 22nd, 1908, the skies were a dull, dark grey; great columns of heavy clouds towered up one above the other; the thunder rolled and lightning flashed, and then began a rain such as we in this country never know. Torrents of water fell from the skies all that day and through all the night. It continued just as heavily throughout the next day and night, and it did not stop. Great tanks of water overflowed their banks, and the roads were changed into little rivers. People began to wonder if the city of Madras was going to be swept away in an awful flood, causing destruction and death to thousands. Men and women began to whisper their fears to each other, and boys and girls heard it, as they always do when grown-ups try to whisper their secrets, and they too began to be afraid. One little girl, whose name was Gnana-thee-pum, had heard it. She was only thirteen years old, and was terrified. As the thunder rolled and the rain beat down, she crept away into a dark corner of her home, too fearful either to eat or to drink.

Gnana-thee-pum was a good girl. Ever since she was a baby, she had been taken to chapel each Sunday, and now she loved to go and to join in the hymns and learn her lessons in the Sunday School. She was always very regular, and was a bright, happy girl. But now a fearful thought came into her heart, as she hid in that dark corner of her home. It was this, "If the flood should come, and I should die, what would become of my soul? Where should I spend eternity?" In her distress, she prayed to the Lord Jesus, begging Him to pardon her sins and to receive her soul, if she should die. And there in the midst of the storm, whilst the thunder rolled and the rain swept down, she found peace and happiness in the Lord Jesus Christ. She was not afraid now, for she knew that, if a flood should come, and if she should die, she would go straight to be for ever with the Lord Jesus. She had found out that the Lord Jesus is a refuge from the storm, and she felt quite safe in Him. On the first Sunday morning in the month of December, Gnana-thee-pum publicly confessed her love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptized in the Mission Chapel at Vepery.

HOLIDAYS.

It was William Cowper who wrote concerning holidays—

"The fall of water, and the song of birds,
And hills that echo to the distant herds,
Are luxuries excelling all the glare
The world can boast, and her chief favourites share."

He knew how to enjoy a good holiday, and it was in this way too that our Lord spent his holiday, for we read that He took his disciples away to a place which He alone knew. How they would have enjoyed the

time together, for our Lord knew all about the flowers, the birds, and the animals. He who made these things, understood them all and no doubt the disciples were astonished as He opened to them the wonders of the things which He knew. Holidays, after all, are times when we may learn something new. Best of all the holidays are those in which we learn from the Lord Jesus. So in this Searcher we may learn much from the Bible about holidays.

Lower Group, under 12.

Read through the chapters named very carefully, and see how many verses you can find where the following recreations and amusements are mentioned. In some cases the words may not be exactly the same, but if you read carefully, you should have no trouble in finding the answers.

1. Building on the sand.
2. Playing in the street.
3. A walk in the country.
4. Reading a book.
5. Swimming.
6. Fishing.

The answers will be found in Matthew 7; Zechariah 8; Mark 16; Jeremiah 36; Isaiah 25; John 21.

Write out your answers in this way:—

Building on the sand is found in . . .
Playing in the street is found in . . .

and so on; and give book, chapter and verses, where the answers are found. Then, under your list, write out in full *one verse only* which tells of something you hope to do during your holiday.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Find the answers to these questions as well as those set for the Lower Group. Write the answers out in the same way, but you need only choose *one* verse to write out in full.

7. Working in the garden.
8. Sitting by the sea.
9. Camping.
10. Sailing in a ship.
11. Needlework.
12. Gathering flowers.

The answers will be found in Solomon's Song 6; Genesis 2; Exodus 28; Mark 13; Exodus 15; Luke 8; but in this part the words and chapters are not in the same order.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prize-winners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until January, 1946, 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, 1945.

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

BIBLE SEARCHER RESULTS.

We were very pleased to find entries from several schools that have not been represented for a long time. We also welcome 57 new searchers; but we miss the names of many scholars who usually send in their entries so regularly. Here are the names in order of merit:—

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1. Ruth M. Surridge, aged 13, "Ebenezer" S.S., Ilford.
2. Muriel Beckingham, aged 13, Eldon Road S.S., Wood Green.

Special Mention: Doreen Allick, Aileen Young, May Baxter, Kathleen Walshaw, Muriel Stannard, Hazel Brownrigg.

Very Highly Commended: Josephine Stokes, Jean Birch, George Abbott, Brenda Elson, Ruth Williams, Malcolm Wood, Joseph Hewitt, Ivy Scott, Mary Emmerson.

Highly Commended: Beryl Bourne, Barbara Bugg, Grace Dickinson, Betty Brown, Peter Chapman, David Gower, Valerie Hymas, Sheila Jackson, Margaret Turner, Mary Miller, Myrtle Simmons, Anette Baker, Olive Worne, Pearl Warne, Emily Reeve, Ivy Johns, Ruth Jaegar, Roy Leaver, Joan Brightwell, John Neilson, Ruth Watson, Eleanor Parker, Joan Taylor, Mary Everitt, Beryl Thurnell, Margaret Jaegar, Alan Cutmore, Joan Osborne, Roma Leeks, Iris Cartwright, Rosemary Phipps, Joyce Brodden, Margaret Preece, Gladys Leaney, Valerie Cole, Pamela Mayhew, Betty Langdale, Shirley Ransom, Brenda Green, Maureen Robins, Norma Saville, Margaret Childs, Audrey Darnell, Marjorie Hobbs, Grace Pannell, Amy Hawes, Geoffrey Ince, Margaret Law, Margaret Burdon, Harry Baxter, Brenda Yates, Eileen Finch, Jenny Hooper, E. Ashwell, Molly Hawkins, Joan Pike, Amy Miles, Mavis Darnell, Douglas Crees, Grace Catling, Barbara Thurgood, Priscilla Ovenden, Brian Dowthwaite, Jean Adams, Phyllis Owens, Sylvia Weeks, Una Lambert, Judy Owen, Roy Miller, June Welcher, Peter Flitton.

Commended: Brenda Bird, Michael Bugg, Mavis Cornelius, John Pankhurst, Iris Norton, Ellen Pack, Jean Arney, Beryl Smith.

Answered Upper Group only: Peggy Wise.

Sent references only: Roland Sheppard, Dorothy Jobson, Eileen Watkins.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1. Brenda Mayes, aged 11, "Providence" S.S., Clifton, Beds.
2. Florence Mackenzie, aged 10, "Mount Zion" S.S., Chadwell Street, E.C.1.

Special Mention: Vivien Elson, Beryl Reader, Daphne Wilkins, Jean Beckingham, Freda Allick.

Very Highly Commended: Audrey Nuttall, Mavis Beckingham, Eileen Culliford, Peter Dickinson.

Highly Commended: Alan Preston, Dawn Wright, Neale Sands, Pat Russell, Fred Catlin, Sheila Brown, Enid Shrimpton, Kevan Skinner, Donald Pearson, Shirley Betts, Patricia Harris, Joy Drinkwater, Mark Champion, Lavina Doren, Jasmine Pannifer, Gillian Franklin, Patricia Stroud, Zeta Abbs, Joan Bensley, Joyce Abbott, Mary Atkins, David Briggs, Brenda Bourne, Derek Ball, Colin Humphrey, Margaret Simmons, Margaret Smith, Joyce Willimer, John Whitaker, Doreen Quy, Mary Taylor, Sylvia Sands, Ivor Parr, Olive Payne, Stanley Crees, Patricia Whittington, Ronald Westacott, Paul Ballard, Marlene Coppock, David Surridge, Gwen Roberts, Daphne Rayner, Robert Miles, Margaret Owen, Audrey Preece, Olive Goodman, Sylvia Robinson, Roy Boosey, Gwendoline Abbott, Ivy Harrison, Andrew Phillips, Ruth Robinson, Rosemary Wool, Netta Kappler, Jean Hughes, Kenneth Flint, Shirley Anderson, Margaret Richardson, Ruth Skull, Mollie Capon, Pauline Bird, Janet Ovenden, Muriel Nunn, Dorothy Weeks, Betty Wicks, J. D. Munro, Malcolm Jones, Josephine Fibbins, Billy Coy, Kathleen Lawson, Patricia Page, Joan Mackenzie, John Ellins, William Brown, Peggy Howell, Sylvia Meeks, Catherine Owen, Gwen Crees, Pamela Close, Shirley Bunce, Michael Ellins, Alan Webb, Eunice Pilgrem, Alan Hughes, Molly Wool, Jill Syer, David Burdon, Denise Brannan, Mavis Meeks, Sheila Jones,

Joy Bugg, Audrey Taylor, Marina Hanger, Joyce Pannell, Joan Robinson, Mary Willimer, Maureen Bryant, Brenda Turner, Alan Norman, Betty Mason, George Knight, Barbara Reed, Phyllis Bedwell, Valerie Cubitt, Edna Lucas, Kathleen Perkins, John Skull, Bronwen Owens, Pamela Franklin, Jean Hazell, Sheila Edwards, Eunice Skull, Mavis Holben, E. Usher, Margaret Scrivener, Beryl Beadon, Frank Baker, Joyce Paul.

Commended : Maureen Cornelius, Mary McReynolds, Maud Ward, Rita Hands, Tony Dawson, David Bysh, Sheila McKenna, Pearl Walsh, Tony Russell, Kathleen Poole, Joyce Cockman, Raymond Page, Brian Rayner.

Sent references only: Brenda Andrews, Audrey Burgess, Shiela Barber, Gwendoline Powell, Pamela Robbins, Joyce Raper, Doreen Jeffrey, Ronald Cook, Margaret Walton, Maureen Shaw.

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

March Sunday School heads the list once again. Ilford and Walthamstow tied for second place; and Chadwell Street came third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

During the war, our Annual Meeting for boys and girls who are near enough to London, has had to be put off because of the danger from enemy raids. Now that danger is no longer with us and so we are again holding our meeting. You will find the announcement on another page for Saturday, September 15th, at "Mount Zion" Chapel, St. John's Wood Road, London, N.W. It is to be a very special meeting this year and our missionary, Mr. W. H. Kuhrt, is going to show us some interesting lantern slides concerning missionary work in India. We want to see the schoolroom crowded out, so be sure to be there and ask your teacher to make up a party from your school. All boys and girls are welcome.

I was pleased to receive letters from the following boys and girls:—Zeta Abbs, Doreen Allick, Hazel Brownrigg, Mark Champion, Brian Dowthwaite, Mary Everitt, Joseph Hewitt, Malcolm Jones, Betty Langdale, Eleanor Parker, Doreen Quy, Shirley Ransom, Joan Robinson, Mona Shaw, Josephine Stokes, Margaret Turner and Ruth Williams. Also from these friends:—Mr. Robert Davis, Mr. W. Key and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

I hope that many of you will be able to enjoy the first real holiday since the war.

Yours sincerely,

UNCLE PETER.

Pride and Humility			Jesus Anointed			In Pilate's Hall		
Aug.	6	M Mark 9, 33-37	Aug.	27	M Mark 14, 1-9	Sept.	17	M Mark 15, 1-11
	7	Tu Mark 9, 38-42		28	Tu Luke 8, 1-8		18	Tu Mark 15, 12-20
	8	W Mark 10, 13-16		29	W Luke 7, 36-43		19	W Isa. 53, 1-6
	9	Th Mark 10, 35-45		30	Th Luke 7, 44-50		20	Th Isa. 53, 7-12
	10	F Prov. 16, 13-20		31	F 1 Chron. 11, 11-19		21	F John 18, 12-18
	11	S Matt. 23, 1-12	Sept.	1	S Luke 10, 38-42		22	S John 18, 19-27
	12	Su Luke 14, 7-15		2	Su John 12, 1-8		23	Su John 18, 28-40
The Vineyard			**The Last Supper**			**Jesus Crucified**		
Aug.	13	M Mark 12, 1-12	Sept.	3	M Mark 14, 10-16	Sept.	24	M Mark 15, 21-32
	14	Tu John 7, 25-31		4	Tu Mark 14, 17-25		25	Tu Mark 15, 33-39
	15	W John 7, 32-39		5	W 1 Cor. 11, 23-29		26	W Mark 15, 40-47
	16	Th John 7, 40-53		6	Th Exod. 12, 1-10		27	Th Psa. 22, 1-11
	17	F Matt. 21, 33-46		7	F Exod. 12, 11-20		28	F Psa. 22, 12-21
	18	S John 1, 1-11		8	S Luke 22, 14-23		29	S Luke 23, 39-49
	19	Su Acts 2, 22-33		9	Su John 6, 47-56		30	Su John 19, 19-27
In the Temple			**The Betrayal**			**Saul Meets the Lord Jesus**		
Aug.	20	M Mark 11, 15-19	Sept.	10	M Luke 22, 1-6	Oct.	1	M Acts 8, 1-8
	21	Tu Mark 12, 35-44		11	Tu Mark 14, 32-42		2	Tu Acts 9, 1-9
	22	W Matt. 6, 1-8		12	W Mark 14, 43-50		3	W Acts 9, 10-22
	23	Th John 2, 13-22		13	Th Psa. 55, 12-23		4	Th Acts 9, 23-31
	24	F 2 Chron. 7, 12-18		14	F 2 Sam. 15, 31-37		5	F Acts 11, 23-30
	25	S 2 Chron. 8, 9-15		15	S Matt. 26, 47-56		6	S Gal. 1, 11-24
	26	Su Luke 19, 41-48		16	Su Psa. 41, 1-13		7	Su Phil. 3, 1-10

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AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY (II).

Continued from our last issue.

Over one hundred of these poor people were pushed into one dark cell, and many died. Outside in the city, Mrs. Judson worked hard to get her husband out. She called on the chief ladies of the town; she saw princes and governors but nobody would help her. So she did all she could to help those inside the prison, and each day, for seven months, she came to that awful prison bringing food and comfort to those inside. She was as an angel of hope to those poor people. Her sweet face, her spotless dress, and the fresh flowers in her hair brought new hope to that dark, dreary prison.

Then Judson was taken away and was flung into a far worse prison, where he spent nine terrible months. He was driven there in the burning heat, and when Mrs. Judson found him, all the skin on his feet was blistered away by the burning hot road. At last, relief came. The British soldiers had arrived but they could not speak to the king of Burma, nor could he speak to them. Judson escaped to the British camp, and he was just the man needed to tell the king of Burma, in his own language, what the British wanted to say to him. Judson was treated splendidly by the British, who could not do enough for him now. But a heavy loss now fell upon him. His brave wife, whose name was Ann, had worn herself out trying to help her husband whilst he lay in prison, and both she and her sweet little baby girl died. This was the heaviest blow of all for Judson, much worse than all that he had suffered in prison, but he did not give up his work for the sake of the Lord Jesus.

For another twenty years after his wife had died, Adoniram Judson worked on in Burma, teaching the people and preaching to them about the love of the Lord Jesus, and telling them how He came from Heaven to die and to forgive them their sins. God always blesses those who are true to Him. Judson travelled all over Burma, and journeyed up into the great hill ranges where a white man had never been seen before, preaching and teaching all the time. During the first ten years of his work, he saw little by the way of result. Only one small church of eighteen people had been converted from heathenism. When he died in 1850, after twenty more years of work, there were over 7,000 Burmans in 63 churches who had been baptized on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus, besides the many who had believed in Him and had passed into the glory before Judson himself.

Adoniram Judson had suffered much and sacrificed everything for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had suffered the loss of all things for the sake of his Master and his Lord. But love is stronger than all things which oppose. In the end the victory was won, and at the age of 61, Judson went to be with Jesus, whom he had served so faithfully and for so long.

I'LL HAVE BOTH.

By George F. Champion, Kovilpatti.

When we used to have Christmas boxes sent out from England for our school children, after sorting out the clothes, toys, books and other articles, we would decide how many of each we could give to each school. Then, as some of you have seen in Mr. Thrower's photographs, the boys and girls would be lined up to receive their Christmas gifts. It often happened that we could give the boys in the higher standards the choice between a mouth-organ and a ball, and as the boys came up to the table we would say, "Which will you have, mouth-organ or ball?" Sometimes a boy, not understanding our offer, would say, "I'll have both." "Oh, no you won't," we would reply, "you may have one or the other, but not both. Hurry up and make up your mind; which will you have?" And then the boy, rapidly deciding which he wanted the more, would take one of the two and move away.

Both on His Head.

I was reminded of those incidents when I was talking to a Hindu gentleman the other day. The old Indian custom is for men to wear their hair cut away at the front but with a tuft left on the crown of the head. During the last few years, however, the custom has been changing, and most men now have their hair cut as we do in Europe. But some of the more old-fashioned men, who generally observe their Hindu customs carefully, still have their hair cut in the old way to show their desire to remain true to their country's traditions and to their country's gods. The gentleman to whom I was talking is a Tamil teacher in Kovilpatti, and a prominent man in the town I should think. As I talked to him I noticed that he had his hair cut in our western fashion, and I thought of him as one of the progressive people of the place. During the Victory celebrations, he was speaking loudly and telling most people within a fairly wide range what they should do, and as I was sitting near him, he turned to the right, with his back towards me, to speak to someone in that direction. I was then surprised to see

that he still had the traditional tuft of hair on the top of his head. It was then that I thought of the school boys trying to get both mouth-organ and ball. This man wanted to be considered up-to-date by the up-to-date group in Kovilpatti, but he also wanted to be thought faithful to the old Indian traditions by more conservative people; so in the front of his head he was western, and at the back of his head he was eastern in appearance.

CHRIST DOES NOT ALLOW OF BOTH.

That does not matter very much in the matter of the way we wear our hair does it? But there are many things in life where it is a very serious error to try to be two things at once. And the Lord Jesus Christ, in Matthew 6, 24, points out one pair of alternatives, both of which cannot be accepted. He says, "Ye cannot serve God and money (mammon)." A lot of people try, but the Lord says it is impossible to serve both, and we must consider which we will serve. "No man can serve two masters," our Lord says in the beginning of that verse. We cannot be servants of God and also of the devil. We cannot follow God's commands, and at the same time live in subjection to worldly interests.

I wonder whose servant you are? You cannot choose both the pleasures of this world, and also the joys of heaven. So if you sometimes think, "I'll have both," remember that it is impossible, and that it far wiser to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," than to seek your pleasures and satisfaction in this world. This world is passing away, but the treasure laid up in heaven will never be spent up.

THREE LITTLE ONES.

By Miss Beatrice L. Mowle, Namakal.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

In one letter to you I said I would write to you about some of the little ones in our Boarding Home, little ones we believe God has given us to care for. First I will tell you about three little girls who were our babies for a long time.

Gnanatheebum means "Light of Wisdom." She came to us when she was only a month old, so she knows no other home, than the one we have given her. For a long time she was the pet of the home, now I am afraid, poor little girl, she has to take her place with the older girls. She is a little girl of about 3½ years and attends our nursery school. Although she cannot talk very much she tries to take her place with the other little ones, and in her little way tries to be helpful. Sometimes she can be very



Hostel Girls grinding, whilst Baby looks on.

naughty, especially when she is not allowed to have her own way. Perhaps we all are guilty of this fault when our wills are crossed. Even grown ups find it hard to say to the Lord Jesus, "Thy will be done," and to mean truly the words when they sing, "Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine."

Rachel came to us when she was eight months old. Her mother was very ill and too weak to look after her baby. Rachel also was very weak and small, weighing only 8½ lbs. We believe the Lord has spared her life for some purpose. Though she is not so bright in some ways as Gnanatheebum she has a sweet little nature. She never pushes forward when the children have any special treat such as sweets, etc. She is quite content to wait her turn. Many of the older children can learn a lesson from this little one.

Violet Rajamony will be five years next April, so next June, when we return from the Hills, she will be going to school. Watching her at play makes me think she promises to be a good little housewife and a real little mother. Baby Peter is very fond of her because she plays with him when the older girls are busy. She likes to be made a fuss of, and sometimes we have to let her know there are other little girls who like to be noticed as well. She is a bright and happy little girl, and very fond of flowers.

Now we have three other babies who have come to us just recently. You have heard of little Peter. He was the first of these three to come. He is in great danger of being spoilt by all; he is so attractive in every way. I may tell you about the coming of some other little ones in another letter. I know they would all be pleased to send their loving salaams to all little readers of "Rays from the East."

A VICTORY SEARCHER.

Here is a Victory Searcher to remind us once again of the goodness of God in giving us such a wonderful victory. Perhaps you wonder what that has to do with Bible Searching. Once upon a time in the 93rd Psalm, David was celebrating a great victory. He spoke of his enemies as if they were great floods which had lifted up themselves, but, he said, "The Lord reigneth," and "the Lord is mightier than the noise of many waters." But David ends this little Psalm in a strange way. He says first that "God's testimonies are very sure," or, as we should say, "God's Word is ever true." He next says that "Holiness becometh God's house." Why did he say this?

David knew truths which we must not forget to-day. Victory is only blessed as we bless God for the truth of His Word. Victory is only secure as we go into God's house to bless Him for it, and, as we seek to serve Him "in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life." Think this over as you do your Searcher and as you thank God for this great Victory.

Lower Group, age under 12.

You will notice that in each of the sentences given below a word has been left out. Read the chapters through very carefully and, when you have found the sentences, write them out, including and underlining the word that was missing, and giving the book, chapter and verse where found. The words that were left out will then form another sentence, which is found in 2 Samuel, 23. Say in which verse it is found, but you need not write out the words again.

1. His holy arm hath gotten him —— victory.
2. The —— hath wrought salvation.
3. This work was —— of our God.
4. The Lord saved them by —— great deliverance.
5. The Lord hath done —— things for us.
6. This is the —— that overcometh the world.

The answers are found in Psalm 98; 1 Samuel, 11; Nehemiah, 6; 1 Chronicles, 11; Psalm 126; 1st Epistle of John, 5.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Your questions are the same as those given for the Lower Group, but we want you to write out all the verses *in full;* and also the verses in 1 Corinthians, 15, where the word *"victory"* is found.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prize-winners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until March, 1946, 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, OCTOBER 31st, 1945.

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RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

The number of entries for this Searcher was a little disappointing, but perhaps this was partly due to the holiday. We regret that there was an error in one of the books given in the Upper Group, but we were pleased to see that most of you were able to find an answer, either in Matthew, or in another chapter in Mark. Those who could not give an answer to the question did not lose marks for this reason. We welcome 46 new searchers. The names follow in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners : 1. Joan Taylor, aged 15; Lessness Heath.
2. Anette Baker, aged 13, Gurney Road, Stratford.

Special Mention : Barbara Bugg.

Very Highly Commended : Margaret Preece, Joan Brightwell, Ivy Scott, R. Leaver, Dorothy Rayner, Beryl Reeder, Bertha Etheridge, Emily Reeve, Sheila Jackson, Mary Emmerson, Ruth Jaegar, Amy Hawes, David Church, Hazel Brownrigg, Eleanor Parker.

Highly Commended : Margaret Turner, Margaret Jaegar, Joseph Hewitt, Henry Baxter, Ruth Surridge, Irene Bridgestock, Myrtle Simmons, Ivy Johns, May Baxter, Betty Langdale, William Mackenzie, Gwendoline Bradnam, David Knight, Grace Pannell, David Gower, Pearl Warne, Yvonne Syer, Edna Pawsey, Doreen Hobbs, Beryl Bourne, Ruth Williams, Aileen Young, Geoffrey Ince, Brenda Green, Olive Worne, Phyllis Parrott, Muriel Beckingham.

Commended : Valerie Hymas, Iris Cartwright, Brenda Yates, Eileen Flack, Brenda Elson, Jenny Hooper, Maureen Robins.

Omitted verse: Freda Allick, Doreen Allick, Margaret Burdon, Priscilla Ovenden. Answered Lower Group only: Grace Catling.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners : 1. Alan Webb, aged 10, Gurney Road, Stratford.
2. Eileen Culliford, aged 11, Park Ridings, Wood Green.

Special Mention : Valerie Cubitt, Jean Hughes, Alan Hughes, Ivy Harrison.

Very Highly Commended : Jean Bridgestock, Joyce Rushby, Mary Bugg, Zeta Abbs, Florence Mackenzie, Irene Cole, Joy Arney, Josephine Fibbins, Betty Manfield, Alan Preston, Ruth Skull, Betty Wicks, Brenda Mayes, Kevan Skinner, Brenda Bourne.

Highly Commended : Anthony Frost, Nora Jaegar, Andrew Phillips, Gordon Reeves, Colin Abson, Doreen Farmer, Rosemary Hale, Janet Cockbill, Sylvia Baldwin, Florence Daire, Lavina Doren, Rosemary Wool, Joan Mercer, Leonard Pawsey, Doreen Quy, Margaret Scrivener, Joyce Willimer, Jean Warden, Margaret Simmons, Patricia Smith, Margaret Runceman, Audrey Preece, Sylvia Harrison, Colin Humphrey, Delphine Hammond, Colin Driver, Joyce Abbott, Gillian Cross, John Skull, Kitty Seabrook, Joyce Warden, Doris Gee, Brian Daniel, Michael Ellins, David Briggs, Janet Ovenden, Barbara Thutborn, Audrey Mills, Rosemary Knight, Iris Gee, John Ellins Sheila Cox, Marion Ellmore, Brenda Andrews, Mavis Holben, Beryl Warren, Sheila Brown, Beryl Royston, Sheila Rich, Margaret Richardson, Jean Beckingham, Muriel Nunn, John Cox, Ellen Durrant, Eunice Skull, Shirley Smith, Sylvia Robinson, Olive Goodman, Jose Baker, David Surridge, Daphne Rayner, Molly Faulkner, Joan Moss, Joyce Raper, Vera Poole, Kathleen Perkins, Coral Ingram, Wendy Smith, Brian Rayner, Mary McReynolds, Kathleen Rayner, Shirley Betts, Edward Cartwright, Betty Mason, Valerie Stone, Joan Chadwick,

Pamela Read, Audrey Nuttall, William Brown, Sylvia Ellmore, Gwen Roberts, Mary Willimer, Iris Ellmore.

Commended : Ivor Parr, Barbara Carpenter, Phyllis Bedwell, Shirley Guy. Omitted verse : Mervyn Wood, John Watkins, Edward Brearley, Brian Heather, Patricia Page, Joan Taylor, Stephen Heather, Shirley King, Mary Down, Joan Bensley, Vera Wolfe, Joy Bugg, Tony Russell, Wendy Church, David Bysh, Anne Read, Sheila Day, Rita Hands, Brenda Rees, Michael Ashbolt, Roy Boosey, Alan Norman, Kathleen Lawson, Dorothy Bell, Stella Church, Eileen Parratt, Marian Tyner, Joy Pawsey, Kenneth Laud, Sheila Edwards, Patricia Pachman. Sent references only : Jasmine Pannifer, Iris Cordery.

Not for Competition : Miss Dorothy Best. The name of Mary Bugg was omitted from the last list. She received Special Mention.

March still heads the list, but Walthamstow were only one behind. Chadwell Street and Ilford tied for the third place.

LETTER FROM 'UNCLE PETER.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

You will all be glad to hear that we had a splendid meeting in the Schoolroom at St. John's Wood Road on Saturday, September 15th. About 120 boys and girls came from different parts of London and fifteen schools were represented. Many teachers and friends came with their scholars and the school hall was full. Mr. Kuhrt gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Mission in India and showed us many lantern pictures taken in the Tinnevelly field in which he has been working. The time available went all too quickly and after a cup of tea, provided by the kindness of friends, we went home again glad to have seen a little more of the great work which God has given us as Strict Baptists to do through the devoted labours of our missionaries.

I was pleased to receive letters this month from the following boys and girls :—Doreen and Freda Allick, Murial Beckingham, William Brown, Joseph Hewitt, Jim Kelby, David Knight, Edith Mayhew, Dorothy Rayner, Gordon Reeves and Ivy Scott. Also, these friends wrote to me and I gladly acknowledge their letters :—Mrs. Bugg, Miss Clarkson, Miss A. G. Mallows, Mrs. E. Rayner, Miss E. Saunders (so glad to hear of your work, we welcome the children's Bible Searcher entries), Mrs. Scrivener, Mr. S. Taylor and Mr. W. K. Trowbridge.

Yours very sincerely,

UNCLE PETER.

The Beginning of Paul's First Journey

Oct.	8	M Acts 13, 1-13
	9	Tu Acts 13, 14-22
	10	W Acts 13, 23-31
	11	Th Acts 13, 32-42
	12	F Acts 13, 43-52
	13	S Acts 8, 9-17
	14	Su Acts 8, 18-25

What Happened at Lystra

Oct.	15	M Acts 14, 1-10
	16	Tu Acts 14, 11-20
	17	W Acts 14, 21-28
	18	Th Acts 3, 1-11
	19	F Isa. 35, 1-10
	20	S Rom. 1. 14-23
	21	Su Rev. 22, 1-9

Starting the Second Journey

Oct.	22	M Acts 15, 1-6
	23	Tu Acts 15, 7-12
	24	W Acts 15, 13-21
	25	Th Acts 15, 36-41
	26	F Acts 16, 1-8
	27	S Acts 16, 9-15
	28	Su Phil. 1, 1-11

Paul and Silas Imprisoned

Oct.	29	M Acts 16, 16-24
	30	Tu Acts 16, 25-32
	31	W Acts 16, 33-40
Nov.	1	Th 2 Cor. 1, 1-10
	2	F 2 Cor. 6, 1-10
	3	S Jer. 38, 1-6
	4	Su Jer. 38, 7-13

Paul Talks to Wise Men

Nov.	5	M Acts 17, 1-9
	6	Tu Acts 17, 10-15
	7	W Acts 17, 16-21
	8	Th Acts 17, 22-34
	9	F 1 Cor. 1, 17-24
	10	S 1 Cor. 1, 25-31
	11	Su Isa. 29, 13-19

What Happened at Corinth

Nov.	12	M Acts 18, 1-11
	13	Tu Acts 18, 12-22
	14	W Acts 18, 23-28
	15	Th Matt. 10, 5-15
	16	F 1 Cor. 2, 1-8
	17	S 1 Cor. 2, 9-16
	18	Su 2 Cor. 12, 11-19

The Third Journey ; At Ephesus

Nov.	19	M Acts 19, 1-10
	20	Tu Acts 19, 11-20
	21	W Acts 19, 21-31
	22	Th Acts 19, 32-41
	23	F Acts 20, 17-27
	24	S Acts 20, 28-38
	25	Su Eph. 2, 1-10

What Happened at Jerusalem

Nov.	26	M Acts 21, 17-26
	27	Tu Acts 21, 27-40
	28	W Acts 23, 1-10
	29	Th Acts 23, 11-22
	30	F Acts 23, 23-35
Dec.	1	S Luke 23, 13-23
	2	Su Matt. 5, 8-16

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We hope each of you may have many Christmas presents but we want to give at least ONE to each of our brown boys and girls in India.

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LITTLE CREATURES WITH A MESSAGE.

By Mr. W. H. Kuhrt.

Proverbs 30: 28. "The spider taketh hold with her hands and is in king's palaces."

Do you like spiders? They are rather unpleasant, repulsive, loathsome creatures aren't they? But if you ever come across one just as he is about to spin his web, have a little patience with him for all his ugliness and meanness, and watch while he makes his ingenious home.

If you ever take the trouble to look at the Revised Version of the Bible you will find that, instead of writing spider, they have written "lizard." "The lizard taketh hold with her hands and is in kings' palaces." Now we have these lizards in our house at Kovilpatti. That isn't exactly a palace, but all the same we have the lizards and they do take hold with their hands and they live in people's houses.

HUNTING AT HOME.

They are little creatures about six inches long and, when they are small, they are rather pretty. As they get larger, they become bloated in appearance and rather horrid. They

have longish tails and four legs, complete with five toes each, which make them look very much like hands. It is with these hands, or feet, that they take hold and they can move very rapidly across ceilings and up and down walls. They chase the small insects which disport themselves in the lamp-light upon the wall, and, when they are near enough, they dart forward with amazing speed and seize their unsuspecting prey in their mouths. If anyone catches hold of their tails, they leave their tails behind them and run off. We usually become quite fascinated with these little creatures and love to watch them stalking their prey. In fact, if we should chance to kneel down for our family prayers, just as one of these lizards is on the point of springing, it is very difficult even during prayer, to resist the temptation to look up and have just one last look to see if, after all, he succeeded or not.

A Lesson to Pilgrims.

Well, whether it is a spider or a lizard doesn't matter very much. In either case it is a somewhat objectionable little creature, making its home in a king's palace. What has all that got to do with us? Here John Bunyan comes to our help. You may remember that he wrote a wonderful book called "Pilgrim's Progress," and that that book has two parts. In the second part, where we have an account of Christian's wife and children going on pilgrimage to the Celestial City, we find that, when they reached the Interpreter's House, they were shown a lot of little rooms, in each of which were things illustrating the Christian life. The Interpreter is really your Pastor who makes gospel mysteries plain to you by all sorts of wonderful word pictures called illustrations.

A Spider's Story.

In one of these wonderful little rooms, Christian's boys could see nothing at all and told Mr. Interpreter so, but when he turned to Christiana their mother and asked her, she made no reply for she had espied what the others had not troubled to notice. In one corner of the beautiful room, there was a very large and very horrible spider and Christiana, seeing it, knew what it meant and, Bunyan tells us, the water stood in her eyes. He meant, by that rather quaint saying, that she began to weep because she knew that she was like the spider and yet, though loathsome and horrible because of sin, she was permitted to live in the palace of the great king. That made her feel at once humble and proud, sad and glad, so that she wept, partly for sorrow at her own sinfulness, and partly for joy at her own blessedness.

As Christ Sees Us.

Now you may think that you aren't a bit like a spider and that you are not after all such a very bad fellow. Well, comparing you with others, I don't suppose you are, but when we come to compare ourselves with the Lord Jesus and to peer a little more closely into our own hearts, we begin to discover all sorts of meanness and deception and, if we are taught by God Himself, we shall soon come to the conclusion that in His sight we are indeed no better than spiders. But, and this is where it is all so wonderful, we are enabled by His goodness to take told by hands of faith and live in His palace. Isn't it wonderful that Jesus should love spidery people and make it possible for them to live with Him in happy fellowship?

And from my smitten heart, with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love,
And my own worthlessness.

"I HEARD YESTERDAY . . ."

By Gnanakkan.

. . . that Mrs. D. Morling, who is waiting to return to England for furlough, has been placed in category six. We hope that soon she will be able to get away for a well earned rest. During this term of service the Lord Jesus has blessed her ministry. She shared with her husband, the late Missionary D. Morling, the very important work of training Indian men and women for Christian service among their own folk. Mrs. Morling is at present working among women and girls in the Namakkal area.

. . . that Mrs. E. C. Brand has sailed for furlough in England. Mrs. Brand has been waiting for some months for a passage. The larger part of her extended term of service since her furlough has been spent in Madras, where her work was much appreciated. While she is on furlough many boys and girls will have opportunity to hear about the work she has been doing in India.

. . . that Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, has visited England, by the invitation of the British Government. This has raised great hopes among many sections of the Indian peoples. Coupled with his going to England, is the persistent demand for elections. Let us pray for India that she may find a happy and God-honouring solution to her great problems.

. . . that the health of some of our Missionaries is causing great concern. Mrs. Thrower has recently spent some time in The General Hospital, Madras, and Dr. Harris also has been in hospital. Others of our Missionaries are feeling the strain

of prolonged service on the Mission Field. Let us continue to ask the Lord Jesus to send the new Missionaries, who are so urgently needed. Let us pray, too, for those Missionaries, still in India, who are needing rest and change.

. . . that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings—mentioned in this column in the last issue of "Rays," which were to have been held in the Namakkal area, did not take place. May God, who is not bound by circumstances, make possible the holding of these special meetings for village Christians at some future time and bless the messages which shall be given.

. . . that Missionary and Mrs. A. J. Morling have a new little daughter whose name is Moira Janet. Moira has a brother—Alec, and a sister—Jean. Jean, and of course, Moira, have never seen England, but it is hoped that soon Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Morling will be able to come home on furlough. Then, many readers of "The Rays from the East" will be able to meet Mr. and Mrs. Morling and their children.

. . . that Mr. and Mrs. Huckett, our Missionaries on the Kolli Hills, have a new little son whose name is Peter Eric. We understand that John and his sisters are very pleased with their new brother. Mr. and Mrs. Huckett have been living on the Kolli Hills for the greater part of this term of their service in India. We are glad to know that they and their children have been preserved from the deadly fevers of the hills, and we pray that they may continue to have God's blessing resting upon them.

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

Nearly two hundred years ago, a poet whose name was John Newton, wrote these words:—

"What think you of Christ? is the test
To try both your state and your scheme,
You cannot be right in the rest,
Unless you think rightly of Him."

John Newton was once an African slave-driver, but he came to know the Lord Jesus. No truer lines than those above were ever written. I wonder if you can understand what John Newton means. He tells us that it does not matter who you are or what you are; you may be good, or wise, or clever, or regular in attendance at God's House—all of these things are good—but there is a test with which God tries each one of us. This is the test, "Do you think rightly of Jesus?" Upon the answers of our heart to this question depends the salvation of our eternal souls. In this Searcher are a few of the answers made by some who met and knew Jesus. Think over these answers as you do your Searcher and ask yourself if you can give that answer too.

Lower Group, age under 12.

1. Unto you is born —— a Saviour.
2. My Lord and my God.
3. I believe that thou art —— the Son of God.
4. This was a righteous man.
5. Thou art —— the Son of the living God.
6. Thou art a teacher come from God.

These words will be found in Matthew 16; Luke 23; John 20; Luke 2; John 11; John 3; but not in the same order. As you search for the words try and find out also, who spoke them. Then write out your answers in this way. Divide your paper into two columns. In the first column put the name of the person or persons who spoke the words. In the second column, put the book, chapter and verse where the **words,** not the **names** are found.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

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

7. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of **God.**
8. This is —— the Saviour of the world.
9. This is the Son of God.
10. Never man spake like this man.
11. This is my beloved Son.
12. Thou are the Son of God.

Write out your answers in the same way as the Lower Group. They will be found in Matthew 14; John 1; Acts 8; John 7; Mark 9; John 4.

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 May, 1946, 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, 1945.

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RESULTS OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER.

We were pleased to see a few more entries this time, though not so many as we would like to see. The papers, on the whole, were very good, though very few scholars discovered that the missing words appeared twice in the chapter named. There were 68 new searchers; and all the names are given in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16.

Prizewinners: 1. Brenda Elson, aged 13, Potten End S.S.
2. Valerie Hymas, aged 13, "Ebenezer" S.S., Ilford.

Special Mention: Barbara Bugg.

Very Highly Commended: Delphine Hammond, Amy Miles, Beryl Thurnell, David Gower, Emily Reeve, Ivy Scott, Joseph Hewitt, Gladys Leaney, Harry Baxter, Primrose Cooper, Joan Brightwell, Donald Payne, Norah Hester.

Highly Commended: Brenda Wright, Iris Cartwright, Eileen Flatk, Geoffrey Ince, Ruth Surridge, Beryl Reeder, Myrtle Simmons, Joyce Willimer, Ronald Holder, May Baxter, Jenny Hooper, David Knight, Andrew Layzell, Irene Bridgestock, Ray Leaver, Anette Baker, Pearl Warne, Mary Emmerson, Peter Chapman, Margaret Turner, Freda Allick, Aileen Young. Ruth Jaegar, Doreen Hobbs, Doreen Allick, Bertha Etheridge, D. Bridges, Margaret Preece, Jean Self, Sheila Jackson, Janet Clarke, Peter Flitton, Jean Adams, Norman Fendt, Brenda Green, Patricia Bloodworth, Olive Worne, Sheila Snelling, William Brown, Margaret Burdon, Barbara Bloodworth, Michael Bugg, Margaret Grover, Ruth Williams.

Commended: Muriel Beckingham, David Church, Betty Brown, Wendy Payne, Eileen Finch, Fred Worsell, Margaret Jaegar, William Mackenzie, Mary Spratt, Phyllis Parrott, Dorothy Rayner, James Sperinck, Maureen Robins, Brenda Yates, J. Sainsbury, Grace Pannell, Mary Judd, Beryl Bourne, Madeline Ball, Nita Ransome, Maisie Zealand, Kathleen Lawson, Jean Birch, Sylvia Warden, Robert Sinclair, Phyllis Owens, Loretta Goodenough.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1. Mary Bugg, aged 8, Somersham S.S.
2. Daphne Rayner, aged 9, "Bethesda" S.S., Stowmarket.

Special Mention: Joan M. Mercer, Joyce Abbott, David Surridge.

Very Highly Commended: Sylvia Robinson, Ivy Harrison, Mary Willimer, Andrew Phillips, Alan Preston, John Skull, Vivien Elson, Malcolm Church, Colin Abson, Sally Cluff, Sylvia Baldwin, John Harman, Daphne Halsey, Wendy Hoy, Kevan Skinner, Eileen Parratt, Joy Bugg, Mavis Beckingham, Michael Ellins, Winnie Tropman, Ruth Skull, Florence Mackenzie, Tony Russell, Jasmine Pannifer, Margaret Richardson, Doreen Quy, Mary Taylor, Margaret Simmons, Audrey Preece, Rosemary Knight, Coral Ingram, Donald Ealey, Audrey Cushnie, Eileen Culliford, Jean Bridgestock, Jean Beckingham, Gwen Boyton, Audrey Mills.

Highly Commended: Adrian Minter, Janet Cockbill, Robert Miles, Doreen Jeffrey, Doreen Laud, Stephen Heather, Brenda Bourne, Valerie Cubitt, Colin Humphrey, John Ellins, Janet Ovenden, Annie Tye, Frances Pearce, Gordon Reeves, Brenda Andrews, Jean Hughes, Brenda Turner, Anthony Frost, Pamela Miller, Joyce Rusby, Enid Shrimpton, Rosemary Wool, Mollie Capon, Brenda Mayes, Muriel Nunn, Alan Webb, Margaret Scrivener, Pamela Read, Shirley West, Jill Syer, Alice Cutter, William Coy, John Courts, Olive Hughes, Shirlev Betts, Audrey Taylor, Margaret Hicks, Ivor Parr, Mary Layzell, Alan Hughes, Peter Dickinson, Shirley Hicks, Anne Read, Kathlyn Spikins, Zeta Abbs, Alan Norman, Phyllis Bedwell, Edward Cartwright, Brenda Salmon, Joyce Raper, Brian Heather, Eunice Skull, Roy Boosey, Valerie Tripp, Dorothy Charge, Wendy Church, E. Hart, John Watkins, Colin Driver, Mavis Bone, Vera Brown, Maureen Day, Edward Dillow, Margaret McQueen, Denis Greenwood.

Commended: Joyce Warren, Patricia Bundy, Lavina Doren, David Briggs, Stella Church, Sheila Day, Neville Russell, Roy Stannard, Rita Hands, Pauleen Wilson, Sylvia Meeks, Elsie Worrell, Rita King, Donald Pearson, Kathleen Poole, Patricia Harris, Mark Champion, H. Griffiths, Josephine Fibbins, Mary McReynolds, Bernice Wignall, Joan Wigzell, R. Advent, June Crathern, Eunice Spratt, Maureen Went, Sheila Brown, Greta Galer, Josephine Pask, Fred Catlin, Mavis Meeks, Betty Launchbury, Hilda Burns, Marian Tyner, Leah Griffiths, Audrey Bloomfield, R. Furlonger, Kathleen Rayner, Jean Warden, Joyce Pannell, A. Bone, Pearl Walsh, David Bysh, Bronwen Owens, Maureen Pasfield, Joan Taylor, Irene Kerslake, Gwen Roberts, Sheila Watkinson, E. Snelling, Iris Cordery, Ann Brown, Gillian Cross, Mavis Holben, Rosemarie Dixey, Kathleen Brett, Margaret Walton, Betty Restell, Harold Elston, Margaret Frowen, Phyllis Hibbett, Maureen Cotton, Edward Baker, Pamela Boreham, Marion Green, Shirley Stannard, Kathleen Burns, Peter Wire, John Hands, Barbara Cooper.

Not for Competition: The Misses Dorothy Best, Rita Jordan, Joan Taylor.

Chesham and March Sunday Schools tied for the first place this time. Walthamstow came second; Chadwell St., third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER.

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Not long ago when I was in the port of Southampton and was walking along the main street, I turned a corner and saw a wonderful sight. Looking down the street towards the docks, one could see many streets and shops and houses, but behind them all, far above and far greater than them all, there arose the mighty shape of the Cunard liner "The Queen Elizabeth," crowned by two huge red funnels and marked by two great masts. She is the world's largest liner and was built on the River Clyde during the early days of the war. During the war she has been all over the world carrying soldiers from one country to another and, when I saw her, she had called in at the port of Southampton to take on board 20,000 American soldiers, and then take them back home to the United States of America. In order to see this wonder ship more closely, I got on a small ferry steamer which went behind the stern of "The Queen Elizabeth," and so was able to see more of her. As one stood on the tiny ferry boat gazing up at the great liner, one could not help feeling proud that the flag which was flying at her masthead was the Red Ensign, with a Union Jack in the corner of it. Wherever she goes, all over the world, she flies the British flag and, as she is admired by all who see her for her strength and her beauty, she confesses that she belongs to Britain. As men in foreign parts look upon and admire "The Queen Elizabeth," so they will think well of the country to which she belongs. She is a kind of ambassador, sailing all over the world with a message from Britain. And as I looked upon this great ship and thought of all the men in distant parts who had admired her, I thought too of other ambassadors who go to distant shores the wide world over. I thought of men who carry not a flag but a message of love to all nations. I thought, not so much of a country, but of a King, who sends His servants into all the world as His ambassadors. They try to shew the world what their Lord is like and seek to lead others to admire Him. It needs a fine ship to represent Britain, and it needs men whose lives are clean and strong to represent the Lord Jesus Christ. It is only those who know the Lord Jesus that can shew Him forth to others, and great is their responsibility. They need our help, our prayers, our understanding. Will you pray for our missionaries, for they are part of the great band of ambassadors for Christ in distant lands?

I was very pleased to receive letters from Doreen and Fred Allick, Muriel Beckingham, Margaret Coe, Joseph Hewitt, Myrtle and Margaret Simmons, and the following friends: Mr. J. Christie, Mr. R. J. Davis, Miss A. G. Mallows, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge and Miss Muriel Westcott.

When Christmas comes may you each have a very happy day and, if any whom you love are still away on their country's service, may it not be long before they too come home.

Wishing you each and all a Merry Christmas,

UNCLE PETER.

Paul before Agrippa			What Does Christmas Mean?			"I am the vine"		
Dec. 3	M	Acts 25, 1-12	Dec. 17	M	Luke 2, 1-12	Dec. 31	M	John 15, 1-7
4	Tu	Acts 25, 13-21	18	Tu	Luke 2, 13-21	Jan. 1	Tu	John 15, 8-14
5	W	Acts 25, 22-27	19	W	Luke 2, 22-32	2	W	John 15, 15-21
6	Th	Acts 26, 1-11	20	Th	Luke 2, 33-39	3	Th	Rom. 6, 16-23
7	F	Acts 26, 12-21	21	F	Isa. 9, 1-7	4	F	Eph. 2, 1-10
8	S	Acts 26, 22-32	22	S	Luke 1, 46-55	5	S	Eph. 3, 14-21
9	Su	Matt. 10, 16-25	23	Su	Luke 1, 67-75	6	Su	Zech. 4, 1-7
The Voyage to Rome			**Malta and Rome**			**"Behold the Lamb of God."**		
Dec. 10	M	Acts 27, 1-12	Dec. 24	M	Matt. 2, 1-11	Jan. 7	M	John 1, 6-14
11	Tu	Acts 27, 13-26	25	Tu	Matt. 2, 12-18	8	Tu	John 1, 15-23
12	W	Acts 27, 27-36	25	W	Acts 28, 1-10	9	W	John 1, 24-34
13	Th	Acts 27, 37-44	26	Th	Acts 28, 11-22	10	Th	Gen. 22, 1-10
14	F	Psa. 107, 23-31	27	F	Acts 28, 23-31	11	F	Gen. 22, 11-19
15	S	2 Cor. 11, 24-33	28	S	Rom. 1, 1-9	12	S	Exod. 12, 21-28
16	Su	Isa. 43, 1-10	29	Su	Rom. 1, 10-19	13	Su	Rev. 5, 11-4

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"O Son of God, our Captain of Salvation,
Thyself by suffering school'd to human grief,
We bless Thee for Thy sons of consolation,
Who follow in the steps of Thee their Chief.

Those whom Thy Spirit's dread vocation severs
To lead the vanguard of Thy conquering host;
Whose toilsome years are spent in brave endeavours
To bear Thy saving Name from coast to coast."

J. ELLERTON.

FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT.

AFTER six Annual Reports issued under the dense cloud of war and its perils, reaching to our very doors, it is with deep relief and profound gratitude to Almighty God that this is sent forth in calmer and safer days. "The Lord hath done great things for us."

Yet it would be foolish to deny that these years have been most difficult and have imposed a great strain upon all branches of Christian work and witness. The S.B.M. is no exception. So many arrangements have been thrown out of gear, resulting in deferred furloughs of our missionaries, consequent ill-health and increased problems in the allocation of workers to the various Fields. Our General Secretary has also felt the stress of constant responsibility and anxiety, though we now rejoice that his health is restored.

Council has been heartened by the faithful support of so many friends, and hoping for more favourable conditions, is eager again to "go forward." We are conscious of the absolute need of Divine guidance, for drastic changes may take place in the Government of India, which may have an adverse effect upon missionary effort. But the work is the Lord's, and if He has purposed that the S.B.M. is to be the instrument in gathering out of the millions of India a people for His name. He will provide both the messengers and the opportunity.

The Report now in your hands is a plain record of the work being carried on, a perusal of which, we are assured, will quicken interest, provoke prayer, and call forth adequate support. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matt. 9: 37-38).

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IN presenting this 84th Annual Report of the Strict Baptist Mission it is our desire first of all to record our gratitude to God for the restoration of peace both in Europe and the Far East. In this our earnest prayers have been answered, and we praise God for His mercy to us all in the ending of hostilities and in deliverance from cruelly aggressive enemies and the threat of power-enforced modes of life so utterly contrary to the Christian ideal and opposed to the furtherance of the Gospel.

Our Annual Meetings are characterised by Thanksgiving, and in this we all join with sincerity and deepest feeling.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake."

"O bless the Lord, my soul!
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die."

We further praise God for all the blessing realised in the work of the Mission through another year. His servants have been sustained, the work of each Field has been largely maintained, and manifest spiritual blessing has attended the efforts put forth.

In spite of all the difficulties and dangers of shipping, Mr. and Mrs. Orchard and Mr. Champion have been able to return to India after furlough here, and Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and family safely arrived in the Homeland for their long overdue period of rest. The deputation ministry of each of these Missionaries has been deeply appreciated by us all, and a keener interest in the work has been stimulated in the many Churches visited.

The Lord has indeed graciously aided us in the work at home, and the Officers and Council of the Mission would sincerely thank all friends for their constant prayers and practical help. The evident love and sympathetic support of so many friends have inspired and encouraged all workers at home and in India, and we daily thank God for our fellowship together in this ministry.

Disappointment has attended some of our efforts and hopes, but we seek grace to accept such experiences not as though they were final, but rather as stages on the way to a clearer apprehension of the Lord's will and a more zealous and successful accomplishment of His purpose. We have been saddened by the resignation of Miss Wilkins after her prolonged first term of service in India, but this loss, and other indications of our need of more Missionaries, have been the means of leading us to wait upon the Lord in definite and continuous prayer that He may send forth more labourers into His harvest. In our appeal of faith we are asking for six new Missionaries—three men and three women. In spite of losses and ever-present difficulties, we believe the Lord is calling us to advance in His Name. Unevangelised areas, as well as development in our present spheres of work, are the Macedonian call to which we would respond with prayerful and consecrated determination and zeal.

We deem it to be part of the answer to our prayers that Miss F. I. M. Caten has recently been accepted as a prospective L.Z.A Missionary, and we believe that the Lord will move others to respond to this call.

During the year, we have again proved the goodness of the Lord in financial matters, and we desire to glorify Him. In addition to all the regular needs of the work, we have been able to meet out of income heavy building expenditure at Madras and Sendamangalam, and we gratefully acknowledge all the loving gifts of Churches and friends with which we have been entrusted throughout the year. There have been special Victory Thankofferings, and it is our desire to use these and any similar gifts that may be received for expansion of the work in India. As this may become possible under the guidance of God, we trust that there will be a corresponding increase in our annual income for the carrying on of such work.

In contemplating the future a deep sense of need fills our hearts. The task before us is great and the powers of opposition are strong, but our Sovereign Master has foreseen these conditions and their possible effect upon us, and He has, therefore, given us the declaration of His almighty power and the guarantee of His unfailing Presence as He sends us forth in His Name—"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth . . . and lo, I am with you alway . . ."

With deep thanksgiving for the lessons and blessings of the past, and in reliance upon the Lord for His guidance, provision and help, we would with resolution, courage and consecrated effort go on to teach and preach as He commanded.

"Onward, then, and fear not, children of the day!
For His Word shall never, never pass away!"

THE WORK IN INDIA

Madras and Poonamallee Field

VICTORY

BY D. A. THROWER.

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory."

IN this year of celebrations of national victories it is also fitting for us to extol the triumphs of the cross of our Saviour. In spiritual as in other types of warfare, attack is the best form of defence. It is, therefore, our duty to invade the devil's lair and, in the name of our Captain, to carry off the spoils. Let us briefly review the battles, skirmishes and guerilla activities of the soldiers of the cross associated with the S.B.M. in this Field. In this connection we would record our deep appreciation of our Council's recent call for advance, and of their God-honouring action in appointing a day of prayer for this purpose.

Churches.—Membership: During the year 26 believers received baptism, and the registers show a nett increase of 17 in the five churches, i.e. from 476 to 493. A growth of little more than 3% is not satisfactory and, as I said last year, we need special prayer concerning this matter. Please pray that the Christians may multiply healthily.

Finance.—Early in 1940 we started to help our people out of debt into habits of saving and systematic giving. The campaign was commenced because we felt that the serfdom in which a large proportion of our Indian Christians live is a denial of the power of Christ to save the whole man and the whole life. Our people's bondage is as real as was that of the Israelites in Egypt. We, therefore, asked the Lord to use us in emancipating these His people from the devil and his agents. A sum of money was dedicated to this project, and much time spent in investigating necessitous cases. The work started among members of the Indian staff and later spread to others belonging to our Churches. The result to date is that debts totalling about 4,000 rupees have been cleared, and dozens of families either completely delivered from the terrible scourge or started on the way to a more honourable and happy life. The writer is at present handling 41 savings accounts (36 of which are in the Post Office Savings Bank) with balances in hand totalling Rs.2,010. Our friends are not encouraged to hoard cash, but to have it available in time of special need. Consequently, balances

fluctuate greatly and do not in any case represent the total amount saved. Friends who have not seen the campaign in action are sometimes sceptical as to its value, but we who have seen the furtive, hunted look disappear and a manly independence replace cringing and begging, are sure that the Lord is with us in the fight.

The income of the Churches reflects the reform referred to above. This increase is, no doubt, partly due to a glut of ready cash in these war years, but this does not fully account for the facts. The total offerings of our people to Church funds (apart from Mannur, which is still cared for by the Volunteer Fellowship) was Rs.2,493 during the past twelve months, the average giving for the various Churches being: Vepery (173 members), Rs.6/2/0 per member; Poonamalee (82 members), Rs.5/5/0; Sembiam (108 members), Rs.4/3/0; Ayanapuram (101 members), Rs.3/8/0. In making these calculations no account has been taken of nearly Rs.600 contributed to the Volunteer Fellowship and the Gospel Society (the Indian Workers' fund which is responsible for the Korattur School). The above figures represent an increase of nearly 50% in about two years. Persistent instruction regarding debt, saving and systematic giving is undoubtedly beginning to bear fruit. Is not this a spiritual victory?

Men's Meetings and Street Preaching.—Mid-week meetings for men are held in five villages. Two are led by the missionary, two by the preachers, and the fifth by a deacon of the Sembiam Church. In two of the centres the Tamil Concordance and, in a third, Pilgrim's Progress are used as textbooks. Street preaching and tract distribution are carried on regularly by the preachers.

Schools.—The ten day schools and twenty Sunday schools continue with little change, except for increased difficulty in securing and retaining the services of suitable Christian teachers. The problem is particularly acute in respect of secondary grade workers needed for the higher classes of the Poonamallee school. We are thankful, however, that it has been possible to maintain all the schools throughout the year, and thus give the Word of God to about a thousand children daily. Government teaching grant to the schools totalled Rs.5,756.

In each school there are several tiny tots who attend with their elder brothers or sisters, but who are not old enough to be entered in the registers, or to learn anything that is taught in the first standard. The result is that the teachers are hampered by the presence of these infants, while the latter lose invaluable time. With a view to removing the difficulty for the teachers and meeting the need of the tinies in one place at least, a Nursery School was opened in the Kilpauk Mission compound a year ago. The teacher and her twelve little folk make a charming picture, and the transformation in the habits and disposition of the children is wonderful to see.

Distinguished Visitors.—While it is customary for missionaries on furlough to visit Churches in the homeland, it is not usual for those associated with our Churches in England to visit the fields of the Mission in South India. It has, however, during the past three years, been our unbounded joy to welcome such distinguished visitors, who come to us almost as deputations from our home constituency, although their voyage expenses are paid by H.M. Government. A reference to our diary shows that 21 Service men, eleven of whom were connected with Strict Baptist Churches in England, visited us during the year. We enjoyed refreshing social intercourse with these friends and, in varying degrees, choice spiritual fellowship also. Several fell in love with the work, and with Indian friends whom they met. A number joined in worship at our Tamil services, and received the emblems of our Lord's broken body and poured out blood from the hands of Indian brethren. It is certain that more than one of these fellow-soldiers have forged life-long links with the Mission Field and the Indian Church. They have also made generous gifts to the funds of the Mission. Will not all this strengthen our ranks?

Kilpauk Girls' Sewing Class.—The funds of this class, which was disbanded two years ago are being used in the following ways:—They provide the stipend of the sewing mistress, who conducts the village women's meetings and also continues to maintain contact with the girls of the class. The funds also support the nursery school teacher, and have been further utilised to enable seven girls to become trained, three as ordinary school teachers, two as nursery school teachers, one as a needlework mistress, and one as a Biblewoman.

Activities started in the Mission compound to teach some of the girls (and others) the dignity and value of manual labour have resulted in the funds of the above class owning five goats, some poultry and several ducks. Each of these efforts has been attended with an encouraging measure of success, and we have also begun to make this plot of ground (about two acres) productive and profitable.

Literary Work.—In addition to supervising the activities of the Churches, the evangelistic work of the preachers, and the schools, we are assisting in other parts of the battle-line. For instance, the remaining parts of the Tamil Bible Concordance (Part I only of which has so far been published) are now being prepared for printing. We hope that paper will soon become available for this. In the meantime the First Part has been sold out. The Concordance should promote the study of the Word of God among Christians throughout the Tamil area. Favourable reviews have appeared in several papers and magazines in this country. We might also mention that the printing of the Tamil Bible (or rather, the proof reading of same) has been entrusted to us by the Bible Society. About a third of the

matter was passed for printing during the year, and we shall value special prayer concerning this work and that of the Concordance. Both are whetting the sword of the Tamil Church.

Visit to Kolar Gold Fields Church.—At the request of our Missionary Conference (which sends a deputation to the Kolar Church each year) we visited our friends there in September last. The Church is indigenous and is independent of outside funds. Mr. Christopher, the pastor, and his wife, have faithfully shepherded this little flock for eight years. We were pleased to see the development that had taken place since our previous visit in 1938. This year one of our preachers and his wife spent their four weeks vacation assisting our friends at Kolar. Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. Christopher and their people, most of whom are employed as coolies in the mines. Further information about the Kolar Church has been given in an article in the MISSION HERALD.

BY GEORGE F. CHAMPION.

UNTIL the end of March I was still **in England,** engaged in the happy occupation of visiting the Churches. It is a joy once more to be able to thank all those who took me into their homes or in any other way helped to make my stay in England so rich in pleasant memories. I have an increasing admiration for those in our Churches who, year after year, work and pray for the S.B.M. and keep alive among members of Church and congregation a keen interest in the Lord's work in southern India. It is certainly a privilege to be able to bring information concerning that work to the Causes where this interest is in evidence.

My voyage back **to India** commenced in the early days of April and continued until the latter part of May. The vessel in which I travelled was a small cargo ship, and the voyage was quiet and without incident; so much so that towards the end we would have welcomed almost any kind of diversion. Victory Day was celebrated by a rather special supper, after which we sat in the dining room and talked until some of us were so drowsy that we made our way to the open deck to get a breath of fresh air in order to avoid falling asleep. I spent the mornings in study and the afternoons in reading. We were sincerely thankful for the small library which seaman's societies had placed on board. It was with a great sense of relief that I reached Madras, though my arrival coincided with about the hottest time of the year, when the daily maximum temperatures were ranging between 100 and 106 degrees.

I have now been **in Madras** for two months, renewing my acquaintance with the Field, in which I have not stayed for more than a few days at a time since I first came to India in 1928. It would be more than merely surprising if I did not notice considerable change and development since those days.

The Lord has bestowed His blessing on the labours of His servants, establishing work of long standing and bringing into being churches and congregations where before none existed.

In the course of our preaching programme I have been to all our main preaching places, and have preached to each congregation in turn. It has also been possible to take round some of our Strict Baptist friends from Home who have called on us during my short stay in the city.

In a few days' time I expect to be in the Tinnevelly Field, where I hope to continue my new term of service in early August. I shall value the prayers of all friends during the coming days.

Namakkal and Sendamangalam Field

BY A. MORLING.

"Is our king going to win?" "Why has victory not come before this?" "When will my boy come home on leave?" These are questions that we are frequently expected to answer when visiting the villages, and if any supplementary information is given, it is always accepted with real eagerness. Virulent nationalists once hoped that the British would lose the war, but when the Japanese invasion was imminent, and their methods of treating helpless countries was revealed, even those enthusiasts considered the present administration preferable!

We here are engaged not in a local skirmish, but in a very prolonged campaign in the very heart of the enemy's country. Everywhere there are indications of the subtle power that we resist—temples, shrines and demon worship abound on every hand. Here in Namakkal the deities range from a vermilion-smeared stone to the grotesque figure of Hanuman, the monkey god! Priests, ascetics, religious mendicants do a thriving trade, and a large proportion of those in the enemy's ranks shamelessly display their badges on their foreheads—sometimes a highly-coloured trident, often a broad smear of holy ash, but most frequently a spot of brown, black or red, or a dab of sandal-wood paste just between the eyebrows.

Our Foes.

The greatest problem in this campaign is not the myriads of people around us, whether they be high-, low- or out-caste, but we strive "against principalities, against powers, . . . against spiritual wickedness in high places." The Hindu has been aptly described as a bundle of superstitions, and these lead him to fear evil spirits, ghosts and omens. It can be easily understood that, because of this, illiterate Christians have the greatest difficulty in absolutely transferring their faith from charms, incantations and spells. A few weeks ago, just before commencing a Communion Service, I noticed a string tied round the upper arm of one of our members at Selur. I asked him

to place the charm on the table before me or leave the chapel; to my surprise and joy he at once removed and gave it to me! Afterwards I learned that it cost him Rs.23, and was for protection against snake-bite. There are lucky and unlucky months, days and hours which control marriages, journeys, selling and buying, starting new work, etc., etc. A few minutes ago a man that should have been here yesterday in order to purchase some Mission property, called in to say that he would come to see me in the morning: the reason for his failing to appear yesterday being that Monday is an inauspicious day for monetary transactions!

Perhaps the greatest is caste, a constant, implacable foe. The very citadel of Hinduism. There are indications on all sides that its fetters of steel are beginning to weaken, yet its influence can be clearly seen in the smallest details of Hindu life. To cast off idolatry is comparatively easy, but the minutest rules of caste must be unwaveringly followed in all weddings, and because of this we are constantly faced with the problem of irregular marriages. Periasolaipalaiyam has given us untold anxiety in this respect, but at last we can report that within a year the first Christian weddings have been conducted there. Sermons, Church discipline, private interviews and warnings all failed to produce the desired results; we had to ascertain when marriages were being considered and then boldly assume the right to take part in the numerous negotiations that preced them—a delicate task fraught with difficulties and snares. However, these efforts, unorthodox though they be, are proving successful, and they are helping to remove some of the monotony of a village preacher's life!

The enemy is also making good use of customs, priestcraft, debt and drink, and now money, which in some homes is being received in unprecedented amounts from relatives in the forces, is causing many to grow haughtily independent and indifferent. In addition to these, the foe has great experience in deftly handling the weapons of ignorance, vice and prejudice.

Our Forces.

In these two Fields we have 5 preachers, 9 preacher-teachers, 32 teachers, 2 colporteurs and 18 Biblewomen, and one of our chief tasks is to maintain these friends in the highest degree of efficiency and to utilise their capabilities to the utmost advantage. Our co-workers, like ourselves, need to guard against the tendency to grow accustomed to the offensiveness of idolatry and to the heinousness of many Hindu customs and practices. To this end, systematic instruction regarding the Word is given each month, and whenever possible special classes are conducted dealing with subjects that are vitally connected with the well-being of the work. During last August a retreat was held for a number of our younger men who needed extra help, and for four days we concentrated our energies

on the study of certain parts of the Book. From the early part of next July, for a period of about a month, we hope to conduct a Bible School for men and women who have not had the privilege of the B.I. training. When this proposal was made known to to our workers, and volunteers solicited, we very soon had applications for more places than could be granted, and immediately they realised this the request was made for the school to be repeated the following month!

For several years we have felt that the members of our Churches needed to realise that as Baptists they had a special contribution to make to the strengthening of the Church of Christ here in India, that their beliefs and practices were founded more closely and surely than others on the Word of God, that they must soon assume greater responsibilities in evangelization and in the administration of Mission work. With this object in mind, we have been trying to show them the advantages of an Association of Tamil Baptist Churches, and also brought this matter before our last Conference, urging the necessity of forming such a federation. Moreover, when Missions are preparing to hand over greater powers and responsibilities to our Indian friends, it behoves us too to be in readiness for probable post-war developments. May we solicit your prayerful help regarding this vitally important proposal?

Owing to lack of teachers, the school at Kunnamalai has been temporarily closed, and a number of others are very short-staffed. In our schools we have 782 scholars and these receive Bible lessons in accordance with a syllabus adapted to the needs of children from Hindu homes. Please pray that all our teachers may be conscious of the wonderful opportunity the Master has given them and the solemn responsibility that this of necessity entails. In addition to our day schools we expect a Sunday School to be held in every place where Mission workers are stationed. To-day the value of schools is being questioned, and those who query the spiritual usefulness of schools ignore the fact that the examination of candidates for immersion often reveals that the conversion of men and women can often be traced back to our schools and hostels. The work at Vadakaraiyathur and Irukkur are more recent illustrations of the above: the former is related to the Periasolaipalaiyam and the latter to the Selur School. This year the Government Grants for our schools in Namakkal and Sendamangalam were Rs.2,680 and Rs. 1,116 respectively.

The Namakkal Gospel Extension Society is entirely responsible for the work at Selur, where we have a school of 47 children and a Church, the members of which number 14. This year the society has collected Rs.451-2-8 for the work it is conducting there The Sendamangalam G. E. Society supports the colporteur working at Muttanchetty and, strange to say, owns the building at Pavetheram where two men and two women have joined the Church. This society has collected Rs.217-14-6

during the year under review. In most of our stations the work is conducted amongst the Pariahs, who have been more responsive to the Gospel, but at Muttanchetty and Pavetheram it is in the Pallar section of the village where our work mostly lies. According to the Hindus the Pallars, though out-castes, are a degree above the Pariahs, nevertheless, a member of this community would emphatically deny such a statement.

Advances.

The efficiency of an army is often judged by the territorial gains it effects, and in the conflict in which we are engaged it is our definite duty to fulfil the command given in the last verses of Matthew's Gospel. The Master does not merely expect of us faithful service, but successful service. Surely the latter must follow the former, and yet how many of us there are that like to console ourselves with the thought that our work is not lacking in faithfulness, and thus it must meet the demands and approval of the Saviour. Early in the year two believers were added to the Church at Periasolaipaliayam and five others formed the nucleus of the Irukkur Church. Our friends in this village waited patiently for a long while, and now we learn that others in their hamlet wish to be baptized. All of those at Irukkur are men, and we have tried to place before them the utter necessity of their teaching their wives and children to fear and love the Lord. In February a young teacher in our H.E. School and a daughter of one of our Namakkal deacons were baptized. On this occasion we hoped that others from the Namakkal cheri would have joined them in witnessing to their faith in Christ, but hindrances developed and so our hopes did not materialise. Soon after Easter a teacher in our Sendamangalam H.E. School and four girls from the Hostel were immersed. All gave a clear testimony and confirmed the fact that conversion is often made up of several definite stages; different incidents, messages and persons being used to bring the required conviction of sin and assurance of salvation. Some boys from this Hostel have asked for immersion, but as their time with us here in Namakkal was rapidly drawing to its close, we felt that it was better for them to wait and see how they conducted themselves in a less sheltered life.

However, the usefulness of evangelistic work cannot be correctly assessed merely on the basis of statistics or on the opening of a new work. We all desire to see souls making a bold stand for the Master, and when regular work is started in a new village it gives us encouragement, and to the work, impetus. To-day, much of the speculation regarding the conclusion of this war is based on reports concerning the internal conditions obtaining in the enemy's country, upon the probable speed of deterioration of power and command. In many of our stations there are evidences of God's working power, and yet with shame and sorrow we have to confess that fifth

columnists are not limited to the ranks of those engaged in earthly warfare. The enemy without is not nearly so formidable and destructive as that within. Though signs of weakness are discernable in the opposing forces, yet new devices and new methods of stratagem are being evolved. These are not days for retrenchment, but for continuous and increasing reinforcements, and as our convictions grow concerning the severest part of the struggle lying ahead, so our determination to exert greater efforts and work longer hours must become more resolute.

"The battle is the Lord's," hence we must banish sluggishness, suspicions and fears, and renew our efforts to establish fresh triumphs for the Cross.

Kolli Hills Field

By H. A. Huckett.

"*There we saw the giants*"—Num. 13: 33.
"*We are well able to overcome*"—Num. 13: 30.

Caleb's confidence was founded on faith in the invisible but invincible God. He saw the giants, the sons of Anak, but he saw also the Lord, and seeing *Him*, he was not afraid. There are many "giants" on the Kolli Hills, and they are not all *outside* the Church; some, alas, are inside. Here are a few of them: caste, lying, impurity, laziness, quarrelling, intemperance, etc. Praise God that these and many other foes were conquered at Calvary, so that in the strength of Christ, we too can say, "We are well able to overcome them."

The war in Europe is over; the fight with Japan is ending; but the battle we are engaged in—the battle between light and darkness, truth and error, God and Satan, still goes on. There is no discharge in that warfare.

Preaching in the Villages.

During the past year the Gospel message has been proclaimed in more than 80 villages, and over 12,000 people have heard the Word. Eight evangelistic camps have been conducted and contacts made with people in villages seldom visited. Four tents were pitched at Koilur for the August festival, 3 missionaries and 13 Indian workers taking part in the meetings that were held. Over 100 Gospels, 30 lyric books, one New Testament, 20 catechisms and other booklets were sold, and about 400 free tracts given away to the people who attended the festival. We had interesting conversations with several seekers after truth, some of whom seemed not far from the Kingdom. Lantern slides were used at night to press home the claims of Christ. We felt that the camp had been well worth while.

Teaching in the Schools.

Kolli Hill parents do not appreciate the value of education. Minding cows, planting paddy, and selling their produce at the hill-foot are more important to them than the three R's. When the District Collector was here recently, he asked some folk near Ariyur whether they had any requests to make. They replied, "We want a road, and we want a cinema, but we don't want a school." Their apathy towards even secular education makes it hard for us to maintain Mission schools on the Kollis, but we are glad to report that the schools at Valavanthi, Ariyur, and Valappur are still functioning, and the Word of God is taught daily to the children who attend. Two of our old scholars, who are now trained teachers, Sinnamuthu and Sandoshie, were married in April, and under their enthusiastic leadership the school at Ariyur has greatly revived, and there are now nearly 40 children under instruction. They have also started a Sunday School which is being well supported.

Our schools are points of light in the surrounding darkness of heathenism. Please pray for the teachers that they may be faithful in work and witness. We received Rs.515 in Government grant in 1944.

Healing in the Dispensary.

The Valavanthi Dispensary has continued to render timely help to many sufferers, and during the year ending 31st July, 1945, 5,831 patients were treated. The Gospel has been faithfully proclaimed to those attending the dispensary, and many personal talks with patients have taken place. Renewed efforts to obtain an Indian doctor have met with no success. Hence, Dr. Harris has continued as Medical Officer in charge, and we are very grateful to her for helping us out in this way. The compounder who left us in June, 1944, has returned, but still has frequent attacks of fever. A Kolli Hill girl trained by Dr. Harris assists in the dispensary and with midwifery cases.

Witness by the Church.

Pastor Selvanathan continues to render faithful service amongst Christians on the Settlement and in evangelistic work in the villages. He has also preached in the out-stations and visited Church members there. A Bible Class for enquirers was started in January, and though none has as yet come forward for baptism, we believe that a work of grace is going on in several hearts. Mr. Thrower was the speaker at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, held on October 7th, 1944, and Mr. and Mrs. Thrower were the Lord's messengers to us in the Convention Meetings which followed. We much enjoyed this fellowship with our Madras missionaries.

In association with other Churches, Lord's Day, 11th February, was observed as Hospital Sunday, when offerings

amounting to Rs.20 were received and sent to the Vellore Medical College Fund. The Kolli Hills Church Account shows that a sum of Rs.414-4-11 was contributed in collections and subscriptions during the past year.

In August, 1945, a Conference of Christians living on the Kollis was held at Valavanthi. Addresses were given on the following subjects: Salvation, Believer's Baptism, Witness-bearing, Church Membership, Mission Schools, and the Duties of Christian Parents. A committee (or panchayat) was elected by ballot vote to deal with matters requiring disciplinary action within the Christian community. God-willing, it is hoped to hold an annual Conference of this kind to promote fellowship and develop Church sense amongst the rather scattered groups of Christians on the hills.

Training the Young.

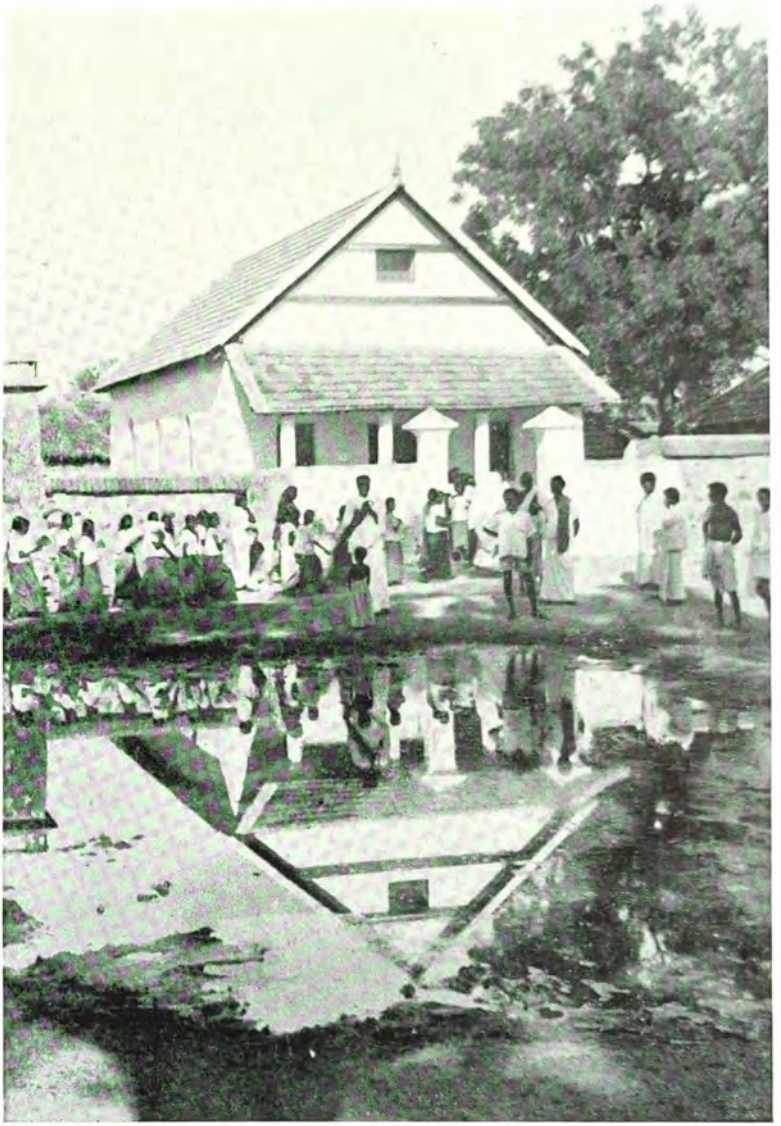
There are eleven boys in our Boys' Boarding Home, excluding two lads who are in the Namakkal Hostel and one who is studying in an Industrial School near Madras. Six of the eleven are orphans for whom the Mission is entirely responsible. The boys cook their own food under the supervision of a Boarding Master, whose wife also helps in caring for the smaller boys. The boys have their own garden, rear chickens, and attend our Valavanthi School. Dr. Harris looks after their medical needs.

In the Girls' Home we have recently been able to construct a fireplace and chimney to provide warmth and comfort in the rainy season, when the hills are shrouded in mist and everything is very damp and dismal out of doors.

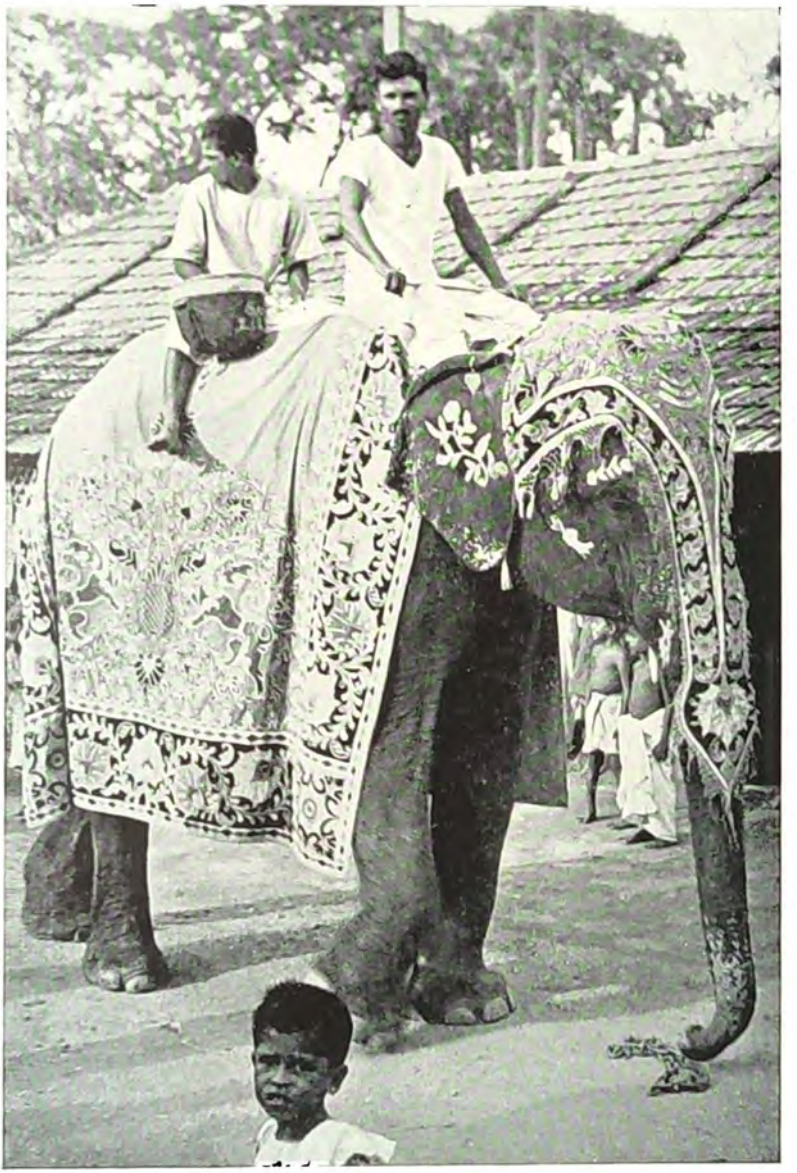
Agricultural work, which provides food and employment for Christians on the Settlement, has also taken up a good deal of the missionary's time during the year. We try to grow as much paddy as possible, as the price of rice is now three times the pre-war figure. Indian and English vegetables are also grown with varying degrees of success. There are many adversaries both in the soil and above the soil!

Once again we would thank friends in the Homeland and in Australia for their generous gifts to the Christmas Gift Fund, which enabled us to provide cloth for our workers at Christmas time, and small prizes for the children, as well as a feast for all.

What is the future of the work on the Kollis? "Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith." Sometimes we try to hold both. At all events, we do have this assurance: The living seed of the Word has been sown on the Kollis for the past 30 years, and by the Holy Spirit's power it has sprung up in some hearts and borne fruit in redeemed lives. And we know that Jesus said: "*My sheep* shall *never* perish; neither shall any pluck them out of my hand." With this confidence we go on.



REFLECTIONS.
S.B.M. Chapel at Paniadipatti.



SPLENDOUR.
Elephant at the head of Hindu Procession.

Tinnevelly Field

BY E. ORCHARD.

" At the beginning . . . of harvest . . ."

THE dusty smell of chaff blown in the winds, the muffled beat of oxen's hooves, and the gentle rustle of trodden straw recalls a familiar scene in the Tinnevelly area at this time of the year. The grain has been reaped, and the oxen, goaded on by a harsh shout, are going their weary round treading the corn. There is great business to be done at Harvest time. It is a parable; every conscientious sowing has its harvest, so let us turn to the work which has been done during the past year.

Church Work.

The work of each of the Churches has been maintained. In two places new groups of Christians have been formed. In the first place much earnest work done by an ordinary villager resulted in his friends' conversion. Now there are regular services held in the village and eager service for the Master has been willingly given. In the second place a group of very backward men and women are having systematic and regular teaching every Sunday. Much progress is seen here also. In some Churches where there was a fair prospect of harvest the seed has been smothered by worldly attractions. Fierce persecution has swept over some of the Churches, but the Grace of the Living God has been sufficient for His children. There have been 19 additions by baptism and the contribution of the Churches toward the cost of their ministry was Rs.2,288. Still there is the urgent call of the Beyond. Earnest men of God are constantly moving out from their own villages with the Word of Life, and bringing new villages within the circle of their work. " The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few."

School Work.

Every school has been working throughout the year. Some have lost strength, others have gained new life. The monthly reports show a general increase in the number of children under daily instruction. Sunday Schools conducted in the villages where we have day schools, and in some places where we have not, add considerably to the value of regular Bible teaching. The present staff for our schools numbers 44, and the grant-in-aid received during the years amounted to Rs.7,103. Two schools have suffered badly during the war from caste opposition, but on the other hand one school which was almost closed through Roman Catholic influence is now established on a strong footing. " Say ye not there are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

Evangelism.

For a Mission which works, as we do, in the villages, no work is more important than this. In doing this so great work, Churches, Schools and Hostel all play their part, but the most direct form of evangelism is that done through colportage and preaching. This type of work has been done throughout the year. Owing to the scarcity of paper and the delayed reprinting of the Tamil Bible, colportage has been sadly hindered, but this difficulty has thrown us and our workers back upon personal testimony as a means of evangelism. The seed is, still, the Word of God.

Hostel.

This institution continues to serve its useful purpose in providing a place where students from the nearby Government Teacher Training School can stay. There are at present 16 members in residence. Three of these are Hindus. The rest are Christian boys from our own Churches and other Missionary Societies. There has been almost constant difficulty over the rice ration for this Hostel, but in spite of that the boys are happy, and are interested in the morning and evening worship, which they attend regularly. The evening worship is conducted by each of the boys in turn.

The fierce crackle of burning straw and the pungent smell of smoke heralded a fire. Rushing outside we saw a tragedy of work almost completed and then destroyed. Seven fine stacks were burning. The flames, fanned by a strong wind, threatened to involve all the stacks on the floor. Jealousy and party spirit had done their work, for the stacks had been set on fire as a revenge for some previous action by the owners. A valuable harvest was lost, and people would go hungry. So, it becomes us to watch, for Satan is a strong and subtle foe. He ever seeks to deprive us of the reward of harvest. At the time of the final harvest may we reap the joyous fruits of our labours, for even if the labourers be few they have a mighty Lord of the Harvest.

"HOME THOUGHTS"

BY W. H. N. KUHRT.

IT was with mingled sorrow and relief that we relinquished our work in Kovilpatti on New Year's Day. My last duty was to speak at the inaugural gathering of a new Young Men's Meeting. It was while on our way to this meeting that we met the postman who brought us a summons to be in Bombay within a fortnight. We had not dared to hope for a passage so soon.

Our last few months in India were much cut up by sickness and extra leave, so that it was almost a surprise to be in Kovilpatti complete with family for the welcome arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, and for Christmas, when, apart from our missionary colleagues, we had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Ralph Plail.

One of my last interviews was with a lad who, after many unpromising years, had made good in an aircraft factory. He spoke of his love for the Lord and expressed a desire to follow Him. One of the last reports brought me was from Pastor Devairakkam, who had had the joy of baptizing four men and six women in connection with the Church at Tulukkankurichi.

And now, after ten years away and seven years to a day in charge of the Tinnevelly Field, we are back again in the Homeland. It would be useless now to try and describe all the feelings with which we endured our 5½ weeks' voyage, met our friends, and saw for ourselves the battered city of our birth. And it would be equally useless to attempt to express adequately our gratitude and thanks for all the prayerful sympathy and love that have been shown us. It has been a joy and privilege to speak on more than 70 occasions already of the Lord and His work in South India. It looks as though by the end of November I shall have visited not less than 75 of our Churches.

But our eyes already begin to turn again in the direction of India. Three of our colleagues are sorely needing furlough, and there is much work still to be done. So it is our ambition to return as early as possible in 1946. Will you please join us in prayer that nothing may hinder. "There remaineth yet much land to be possessed."

Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY MISS P. P. NUNN.

ANOTHER year has passed—momentous in the history of nations—and our thanksgiving has abounded to God, "for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory."

Our missionary endeavour during the same period has been continued, as we have sought to uphold those still in the front line of the spiritual battle. We greatly regret that one missionary, Miss M. E. Wilkins, has fallen out of the ranks, after just over eight years of service in India, service whole-heartedly given and blessed of God.

We gladly welcome Miss F. I. M. Caten as a prospective L.Z.A. Missionary, the first of three we have asked the Lord to send us in His time for the augmenting of our depleted staff and to prepare for advance. Miss Caten has entered for the course of study provided at the Missionary School of Medicine.

We regret that Mrs. Brand and Mrs. D. Morling, due for immediate furlough, have not at the time of writing been offered a passage to this country. The other missionaries, also long overdue for furlough, must therefore still continue in their service in India. We praise God for His grace which has sustained them hitherto.

Gratefully we acknowledge the help given in deputation work in the Home Churches by Mrs. Champion and Mrs. Kuhrt. While the regular United Prayer Meetings have been maintained, we would urge the continuance of *Branch* Prayer Meetings as a part of L.Z.A. endeavour, over and above the daily definite prayer offered by the members of the L.Z.A. Prayer Union. The membership of this steadily increases, and the Secretary will be glad to enrol others who, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will undertake the responsibility of definite daily intercession.

The membership of the L.Z.A. Executive has been altered by the appointment of Mrs. Stanley Simpson to the office of Vice-President, and by the resignation of Mrs. R. B. Hewitt, owing to her removal from London.

Financial gifts have adequately accompanied prayerful service rendered in different ways by very many friends, and we acknowledge the goodness of God, the Inspirer of all.

MADRAS FIELD

BY MRS. E. C. BRAND.

"But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they His counsel."

AS I sit by the sea and review the past year, thinking too of the Homeland across the ocean, where by this time I expected to be with my dear ones, I am reminded of the above words. Those who would sail, cannot; the fields are white, the labourers are few, and some tired, but so far no way through the deep appears. "They understood not the counsel of the Lord." Praise Him, it is true and sure to all those who wait for Him.

An Indian sister has left the service, I fear, for worldly prospects. Can one blame? A little family, debts to be met, and an offer of a splendid salary for Army sewing! I have had sweet fellowship with Devamonnie in service, but her life has been a struggle with weak health, both of herself and her children. God forgive her if the temptation has been too strong. for "They know not the thoughts of the Lord." Still, we contemplate, in spite of our reduced staff, a time of study and prayer by the sea at Ennore, for last year we experienced a time of blessing and refreshment there as we studied the wonderful subject of Faith.

We have in various places about ten sisters' and young peoples' meetings led by our Biblewomen and Esther. who, we hope, will soon be coming on to the staff. She is helping Kamalam by taking her around with her. She, too, should join us in this work, we hope, as one of our Biblewomen. She is young yet, but can work with others.

In outside villages we have had encouraging times among children in schools where there is no other Christian influence. It is good to hear the little ones repeating texts and stories from the Bible. There have been baptisms and marriages in the village Churches. We are trying hard to combat the evil of our people marrying Hindus; there have been some disastrous failures among us in this respect. We thank God that the brother who failed last year has been restored again to membership by the chastening hand of the Lord. We can praise Him when we see disaster turned into the blessings of repentance, and the wanderer returns to the Father's house.

We ask your prayers for all backsliders, for all who seek. and for all who of their own heart's desire are doing voluntary work. Each of our Biblewomen gives her time on Sunday for Sunday School work. Annammal, in Numbal, has been able to hand over her Numbal Class to one who was therein converted. and is now keen to carry on. Pray for him, please, that his witness in his own village may be blessed, while our sister seeks a new field of action and goes over a big stretch of fields

to Kollaparkum, where she feels sure a class among Hindu children constitutes her next call.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more labourers into His harvest.

NAMAKKAL, SENDAMANGALAM AND KOLLI HILLS FIELD

BY MRS. O. M. MORLING.

"Thou shalt remember."

WHEN the year now under review opened, I was alone in Namakkal, in charge of the Boys' Hostel and of the zenana work in Namakkal town. But a few weeks later, Dr. Harris being transferred to the Kollis, the work of the village Biblewomen passed into my charge. My son and daughter having returned to their station, resumed the Hostel work, so I was set free to go out to the villages.

During the past twelve months we have had two Biblewomen working in Namakkal town and eight in villages ranging from fifteen to twenty-five miles from headquarters. Here in town the work is to a great extent in the caste quarters. Our two helpers visit in a large number of homes and have been the means of many true conversions, though they have not resulted in additions to the Church. One case is that of a young woman who had been learning to read and has been studying the Word for two or three years. Recently she was convicted of her sinful condition, and found salvation through our Lord. She told the Biblewoman of this and also confessed it to her husband. He, being a bigoted Hindu, was very angry, destroyed her Bible and banished the Biblewoman from the home. His wife, however, found solace in going to a neighbour's house where we visited. Two or three months later, while the Biblewoman was passing down the street, the husband called her and said that his wife's conduct had improved so much since she had professed her change of faith, that he would like her to resume her study of the Bible, so we are now visiting weekly.

All of our Biblewomen in the village divide their time between evangelising caste Hindu women and instructing non-caste women connected with our Churches. Work in some of our Churches recently has not been encouraging. The evil one has been busy in three definite ways. 1st, through ease from life-long poverty. Sons in army service are receiving good salaries and are sending generous amounts of money to their parents; this has tended to worldliness and sloth. 2nd, the withdrawal of the Prohibition Act means that drink is available everywhere, and is a snare to the weak. 3rd, there is a spirit of so-called Nationalism which has become almost a religion and is poisoning the minds of some. These things bring

much sorrow and discouragement to true Christian workers and call for earnest prayer. We have, however, not been without blessing. Some give real evidence of growth in grace, and three women have been baptized. We know of others also who are the Lord's children, but are not able to profess Him publicly. There is, too, a number of seekers who, we hope, will be coming into the Church in the near future. Pray, dear friends, to the Lord of the harvest that He will thrust forth more women labourers into His harvest.

SOWING YET REAPING

BY MISS L. S. HAZEL.

AGAIN we raise our Ebenezers to our gracious God for His wonderful upholding aud sustaining through another year. It has not been easy, but we are so thankful that some of the war clouds have been lifted.

Boarding Home.

God has wonderfully supplied all the needs of our little Home, both in sending us girls and providing for them through the difficult war period. This year we had the great joy of witnessing the baptism of four of the girls and an old girl, who is now on the teaching staff. Others, we believe, are concerned about these things. Matron still continues to be with us and is a great help to the girls with regard to spiritual and other matters; she really mothers them. Our numbers still keep up to the limit, i.e. 50, and I have had to refuse some owing to lack of room.

Day and Sunday Schools.

This year we had cent. per cent. passes in our 8th Std. public examination results, which was a record. We have on the roll over 200 girls, who are daily being taught the Scriptures, as well as the usual school curriculum, by a faithful band of seven workers. The year in question has not been easy owing to shortage of staff, with which difficulty we are still faced. It is marvellous, though, the ready response there has been amongst the Hindu girls for New Testaments. Owing to Government paper restrictions, Bibles cannot at present be printed and bought, but the people are calling out for God's Word. Please pray that these restrictions may soon be removed and the written Word go forth once again with no uncertain sound. We get occasional visits from old scholars, and it is a real joy to hear them testify that they are reading His Book. We still deplore the lack of scholars to Sunday School, and this is a matter for much continued prayer.

I have a large Covenanters' Class which, of course, is on the change each year as old girls are removed and new ones

take their places. One new feature of our work which is about to be started is a Nursery School in a small way for the under five-year-olds. This will be conducted by two of the old 8th Std. girls, under careful supervision, and by this means there will be yet another channel for the Gospel to get into the hearts of the tiny tots.

Village Evangelisation.

This is being faithfully carried on by nine Biblewomen. In some of the villages we have those reading God's Word for themselves from Gospels and tracts. We also have candidates who are waiting for baptism, which is most encouraging. The work of the Biblewomen is not easy, they visit the same homes week in and week out, and are not always met with a glad welcome. They need to be kept daily in close touch with their Master, to go forth fresh in His service, bringing home the sheaves.

We go forward into the future with confidence in Him who has said, " Prove Me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

A LOOK FROM THE TOP

BY MISS B. S. WADE.

ON the Kodaikanal Hils there is a rugged cliff path from which the plains 7,000 feet below may be seen. Standing on this narrow path, I was engulfed by thick white clouds, so that not only were the plains invisible, but also the wooded area directly below me. While I waited, a number of clouds cleared, allowing a slight glimpse of the distant scene. Yet a little longer, and still more of the clouds parted, till the rays of the sun could be seen pouring down on the scorched plain.

By the means of this past year's Tamil study, there has been the opportunity to observe some of India's scenes as a " Look from the top." I have realised, as yet only in a small way, what the plains can possess—the idolaters, the temples, the grasp of caste, Satan's power, the lassitude, the uncleanness, the degradation of the peoples of non-caste origin, the deadened spiritual outlook of the women so long embedded with Hinduism, the struggle of young believers as they face new principles. To my eyes it has been a scorching scene.

But at the same time, as not only from the rugged cliff could I see the heated plains, but also groves of palm and other trees—ever a blessed sight !—so likewise the realisation of men, women and children growing up unto Him has been a blessed knowledge to me as a newcomer to India.

At present Tamil is still my main work. Now that the first year's study and examination are completed, the second year's

syllabus opens out with fuller interest. I have the privilege of seeking to teach 12 to 18 little folk on Sundays, of lending a hand with the Hostel children's minor injuries, and of occasionally visiting in the villages with the Biblewomen.

May we not all take a " Look from the top . . ." as requested of the Church in S. of S. 4: 8, and rejoice that amidst a sin-stricken country God's sovereign grace may be seen at work.

BY MISS B. L. MOWLE.

IN a very special way I must begin my report by saying how great is the Lord's goodness. Last year the report was written under a cloud, while I was waiting to go into hospital, not knowing what the future had in store for me. Good health and strength have again been given, joy in service, and a deep realisation of the Lord's guidance and help.

We praise the Lord for those of the Kolli Hill Christians who are serving in the Mission. Chinnamuthu and Sunthoshie are both teachers in our school at Ariyur, and when I go there Sunthoshie will come round visiting with me. Ruth is a teacher in our school at Valavanthi. She and her husband are in charge of our Boys' Home. Elizabeth is Matron in our Girls' Home, and Barkiam has special charge of the little ones and the babies. Kantham helps in the dispensary and is very useful in looking after the women and children when they are ill. She was at Sendamangalam some time working under Dr. Harris and her trained nurse. Mary is a Biblewoman, she lives in our most distant out-station. As she is a Kolli Hill woman, she knows how to approach her own people in an understanding way. Biblewoman Souriammal has a very lonely life, as there are no Christians in the station where she and her husband are working. She is a Pastor's daughter and I believe is very faithful in her work. Biblewoman Novomonie is an old Sendamangalam Hostel girl. She comes from the Church at Sirunellikoil (Namakkal). She works in the villages around Valavanthi. For some time we concentrated on just one village, giving regular teaching, this we are hoping to do with each village in turn.

Last December a little baby boy of 1½ months was given to us. The Lord blessed the attention given to him, and he is now getting on well. Ten minutes after my arrival from the May leave a baby girl of ten days was given to us, and now she is progressing well under Barkiam's care. Two days after that a baby boy 5½ months was brought, weighing only 6½ lbs. He was with us for only three weeks. Two days after the Lord had taken him, his father came to see him. We had hoped that through this little one we would come into close contact with the father. The Lord's ways are not our ways, and we can only pray that even this short contact with the father may bear fruit to the Master's praise and glory.

As well as the Sunday School, two classes a week are held for our boys and girls in the Homes. Other children come to these classes also.

Monthly meetings are held for the Christian women, and an opportunity is given to them to take part.

Please join us in prayer for our Kolli Hill Christians and for the little ones given to us, that each one may become a true witness and seek to win others to the Lord Jesus. " The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.

MEDICAL WORK ON THE KOLLI HILLS AND AT JEDARPALYAM

BY DR. R. M. HARRIS.

SINCE writing last year's report, the medical work in the Namakkal area has undergone some changes. Owing to the fact that in spite of every effort having been made, no doctor could be found for the Kolli Hills dispensary, I have filled that place now for a year. This change has meant the closing of the Sendamangalam dispensary, except for the treatment of the Hostel girls and Compound folk, which Miss Wade has now undertaken. The dispensary at Jedarpalyam has been run by Compounder and his wife, with very occasional visits from me.

This report, therefore, deals with the medical work on the Kolli Hills and at Jedarpalyam.

The Kolli Hills Dispensary.

There are several factors which make medical work on the Kollis different from that in other parts of the Namakkal area.

In the first place, the prevalent diseases are different. Here malaria is rife, especially during the months of May and June, with another increase in the incidence in September. It greatly complicates matters when one is trying to make a diagnosis, for everyone gets malaria, but they may have something else as well!

There seems to be a lack of any sort of moral code. One of the causes of this is that it is not uncommon for a grown woman to be married to a small boy. A large proportion of our patients come for the treatment of venereal disease. As a Christian hospital, thank God, we have a message as well as a medicine. One of the most important causes for this appalling state of immorality is that these people receive no moral help, no guidance in life, and no strength to overcome temptation from the gods they worship, and this fact they freely acknowledge when challenged with it. All this has made me realise more deeply than ever the meaning of Redemption.

Dental extractions rank high in our list of treatments. Lack

of calcium in the soil, and therefore in the water, results in much dental caries, for these people do not take much in the way of milk, and those foods which would otherwise protect them. This trouble brings patients to us from villages scattered all over the Hills (for who can bear an aching tooth?), some of which are not otherwise reached with the Gospel message.

Another factor which makes work on the Kollis different from that on the plains is that there are no roads. The population of 23,000 is sparsely scattered in small hamlets all over the Hills, which comprise an area of 250 square miles. This means that a very sick patient has to be carried in to hospital, as there are no vehicles, also that visiting patients is not a very easy business.

The customs of the Kolli Hills people are different in some respects from those one finds on the plains. They do not let us enter their homes. We were called to a midwifery case the other day, and we had to deal with it on the front door step—not that there was any back door! They are also extraordinarily casual. The afore-mentioned patient's husband did not come to call us to his wife, only to get a bottle of medicine which he was wanting! It was a good thing we realised the urgency of going along to see her. There is nevertheless something very attractive and lovable about these Kolli Hill people. They are friendly, rather naïve, and approach one as their equal, there is nothing cringing about them.

Medical Work at Jedarpalyam.

Compounder and his wife continue to run the work at Jedarpalyam. Do pray for them. I am only able to visit them about once in two months, instead of 2½ days in every week as previously. They are not infrequently called to some very difficult cases, and they find the responsibility a great burden at times. They have, however, had some very good results, and their work in this village is appreciated.

Both on the Kollis and at Jedarpalyam we look for a rich outpouring of God's blessing. Pray for us.

TINNEVELLY FIELD

BY MISS M. E. HARRIS.

IT seems many more than twelve months ago that my last annual report was written. Yet the past year has been one full of happiness for me, as I have been able to carry on with the women's work in the villages, and gradually get to know the people more intimately. It is a great joy now, when arriving at a village, to be greeted no longer as the "new Missiammal," but as an old acquaintance and friend.

During the past year the Biblewomen have continued faithfully with their work, and have had many encouragements and

signs of blessing. The village women have shown a real interest in the Bible lessons they are learning, and on the whole are more ready to repeat these lessons to me when I visit in their houses than they used to be. Many have expressed the desire to testify openly of their love to the Lord, and during the past year thirteen women have made a public confession of their faith by baptism and have been received into Church fellowship. Others also have been interviewed and are waiting only for an opportunity to give their testimony also. Eleven women have been learning to read with the Biblewoman, and of these one is already able to read the Bible fluently.

Altogether I have stayed in fourteen different camping stations, and have visited in thirty-five different villages, combining always medical work with evangelistic.

The number of Biblewomen on the staff is now twelve. Two elderly Biblewomen have retired, and two new ones have been put on the staff. Two transfers have taken place, and work opened up in two new centres. All the twelve Biblewomen wrote the Scripture examination and obtained pass marks, five obtained prizes. One Biblewoman came out top with good marks, together with a Biblewoman in the Madras Field. They all continue to put their heart and soul in the work, in spite of their various personal troubles and family difficulties which have arisen during the course of the year. They are a faithful band of workers, and need your prayers. So I, with them, would beseech you in the words of Scripture: " Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you " (2 Thess. 3 : 1).

L.Z.A. MISSIONARY-ELECT

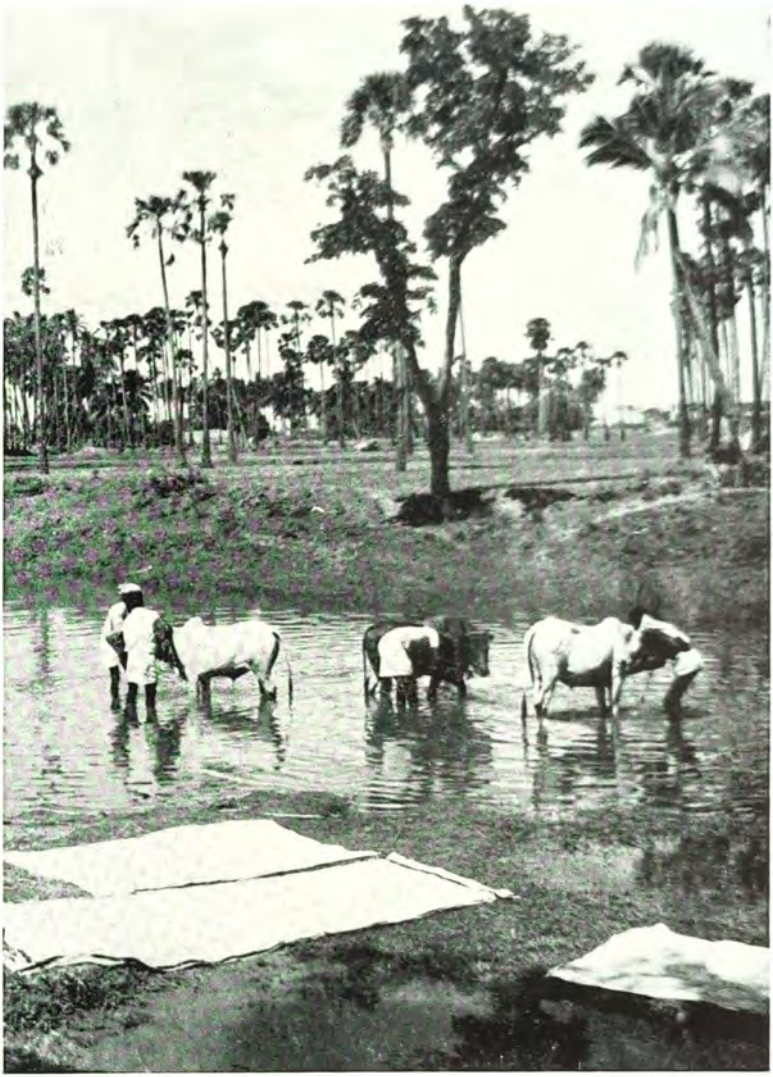
BY MISS F. I. M. CATEN.

" I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

THUS spake Paul, the greatest of all missionaries, and I feel that, in a humble way, I can echo his words, for early this year I was brought to realise the need of India and my own responsibility thereto. My response to that vision was, " Lord, here am I, send me." Accordingly, I applied to the L.Z.A. Committee and was accepted. My call has already been published in the " Mission Herald."

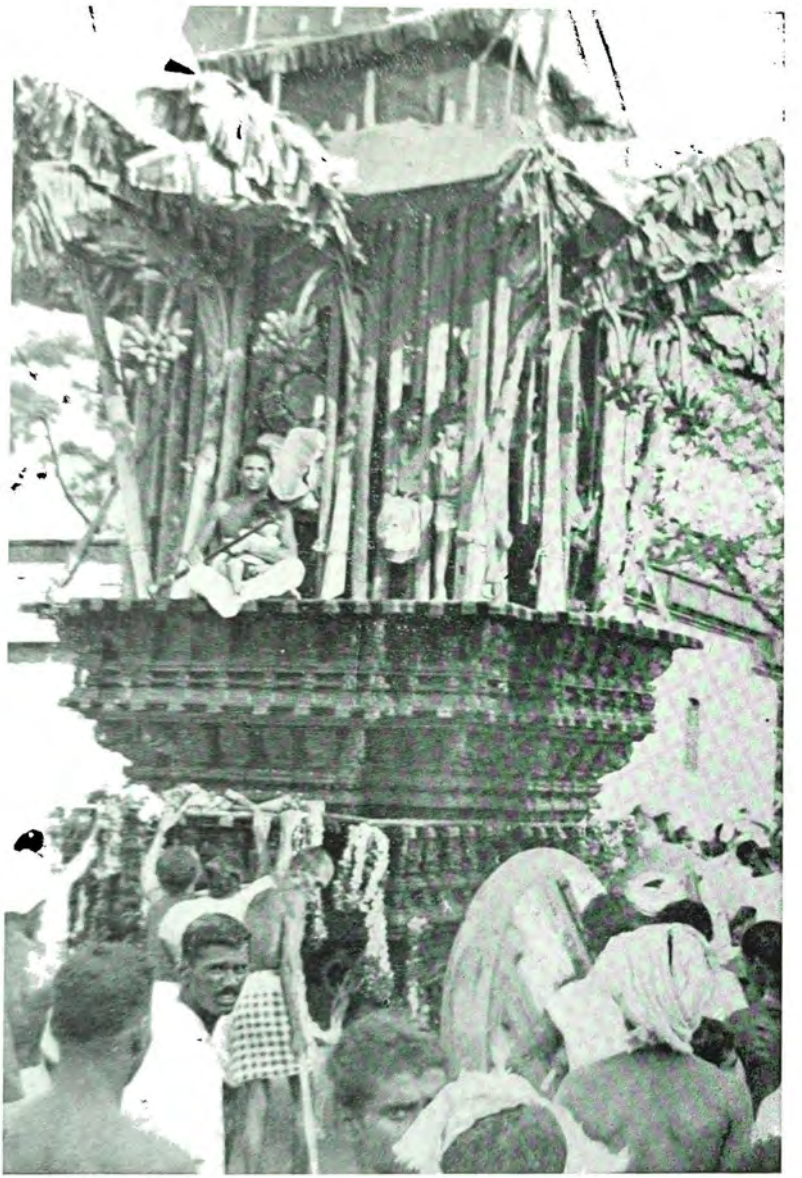
Now I am seeking to prepare myself by Bible study and medical training to be ready to go forth to India as soon as the way is open.

My desires are to devote my strength and life to the spread of the Gospel among India's women and children, and to show forth by my life and testimony my great love to Jesus Christ, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



CHARM.

Villagers washing bullocks. Washing drying on bank.



CHALLENGE.
The Idol-Car in Procession at Kovilpatti.

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	493	26	1	9	29	9	3	20	1145	12	30
Sendamangalam	4	96	5	—	3	13	8	3	6	364	4	35
Namakkal	12	199	6	—	12	11	10	2	16	660	12	90
Kolli Hills ...	1	48	—	1	5	3	3	8	5	137	4	81
Tinnevelly ...	42	954	19	3	38	15	12	3	38	2020	48	87
TOTAL	64	1790	56	5	67	71	42	19	85	4326	80	323

DOCTRINAL BASIS, OFFICERS OF THE MISSION, MISSIONARY STAFF

together with

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND BALANCE SHEET

Presented at

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Association

held at

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL,
LONDON, S.W.1

ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1945

DOCTRINAL BASIS

1.—The eternity, equality, and distinct personality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and the unity of the Godhead.

2.—The plenary and verbal Inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, and their infallible authority in all matters pertaining to faith and worship.

3.—The fall of mankind in Adam—their guilt and condemnation—together with their entire and universal depravity, by which they were alienated from God, and are unable, in and of themselves, to turn to Him.

4.—Eternal and personal election unto salvation

5.—Particular redemption by the vicarious sacrifice of Christ.

6.—Justification by grace, through faith, by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7.—Regeneration and sanctification by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of Divine truth. Saving faith is not a legal duty, but the sovereign and gracious gift of God.

8.—The absolute necessity for a holy life, as the result of true faith and the evidence of regeneration.

9.—The final perseverance of true believers.

10.—The preaching of the Gospel to every creature of the fallen race of Adam is a Divine command and a solemn obligation.

11.—The necessity of baptism by immersion, on a profession of repentance and faith, in order to Church fellowship and admission to the Lord's Table. The congregational order of the Churches.

12.—The resurrection of the dead, and the universal judgment, the everlasting punishment of the wicked, and the everlasting happiness of the righteous.

RULES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Please note : All cheques, etc., should be made payable to "The Strict Baptist Mission," and crossed.

NOTICE IN REFERENCE TO BEQUESTS

We believe there are many of our subscribers who would like to continue their subscriptions even after the Lord has taken them home, and although this is a somewhat delicate matter, yet for the sake of the Lord's cause, we mention how it can be done—viz. : by bequeathing

a Legacy to the Mission.

The following Form of Bequest is therefore recommended to those who may be desirous of thus assisting the Mission :

FORM OF BEQUEST.

"I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION (founded in London in the year 1861), the sum of £ , free of duty, for the promotion of the objects and work of the said Mission; and I direct that the said Treasurer's receipt shall be taken and deemed a sufficient discharge for the same."

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

1944 £	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Balance at Bank, 21st Sept., 1944—		
	Home Safe Deposit	500 0 0	
	Current Account	600 19 11	
	Deposit Account	1,500 0 0	
	Cash in P.O. Savings Bank	1,250 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	
	£1,000 0s. 0d. 3% Defence Bonds	1,000 0 0	
7,177			7,129 3 11
5,875	General Fund	6,208 5 5	
125	Legacy	12 0 0	
130	Christmas Gift Fund	136 17 6	
	"Herald" Fund (see Payments) ...	— — —	
142	Young People's Guild of Service	156 18 0	
300	Sustentation Fund	220 0 0	
524	Pension Fund	520 13 7	
7,097			7,254 4 6
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
2,643	General Account	2,997 15 7	
6	Medical Account	11 6 0	
2,649			3,009 1 7
£16,925			£17,392 10 0

1944 £	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	General Fund—		
4,183	India	5,766 13 5	
1,161	Home	1,234 7 0	
5,345			7,001 0 5
129	Christmas Gift Fund ...		129 19 6
208	Voyage Fund		468 14 9
	"Herald" Fund—		
398	Payments	426 8 9	
276	Credit Receipts ...	270 16 5	
122			155 12 4
—	Young People's Guild of Service ...		8 7 6
	Pension Fund—		
—	Purchase of £300 3% Savings Bonds		300 0 0
			8,063 14 6
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
2,328	General : India	2,235 0 1	
160	Home	170 18 11	
40	Medical : India	24 15 5	
1	Home	2 2 0	
155	Voyage	1 4 11	
			2,434 1 4
	Balance at Bank, 20th Sept., 1945—		
	Home Safe Deposit	100 0 0	
	Current Account	717 11 10	
	Deposit Account	1,100 0 0	
	Cash in hands of Secretary	10 0 0	
	Cash in P.O. Savings Bank	1,698 18 4	
	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	
	£1,000 0s. 0d. 3% Defence Bonds	1,000 0 0	
7,129			6,894 14 2
£16,925			£17,392 10 0

GENERAL FUND.

1944	INCOME.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£			
	To Balance brought forward		721 18 5
	,, Contributions—		
3,642	Churches	3,707 4 10	
902	Personal	1,199 2 11	
403	Miscellaneous	341 9 9	
4,949		5,247 17 6	
781	,, Income Tax Refund	785 7 10	
134	,, Interest on Investments ...	115 17 0	
3	,, Interest on Deposit Account ...	6 9 2	
6	,, Interest on Home Safe Deposit	3 15 7	
—	,, Interest on P.O. Savings Bank (2 years)	48 18 4	
			6,208 5 5
	,, Transfers from—		
200	Pension Fund	300 0 0	
—	Guild of Service	200 0 0	
100	L.Z.A. General Account ...	100 0 0	
			600 0 0
£6,614			£7,530 3 10

1944	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£			
	By Remittances to India for Salaries and Payments on		
4,183	Mission Account		5,228 4 11
—	,, Remittances to India for Repairs to Buildings		538 8 6
392	,, Missionaries on Furlough ...		426 3 10
25	,, Missionaries' Life Insurance ...		50 16 0
58	,, ,, Children's Allowances		90 16 0
94	,, Deputation, Ministerial and General Expenses ...		82 4 4
521	,, Secretary's Salary, Office Expenses, Stationery, Postages, etc.		525 4 10
69	,, Cost of Advertising		59 2 0
			7,001 0 5
	,, Transfers to—		
460	Voyage Fund	300 0 0	
87	"Herald" Fund (Deficit) ...	120 12 4	
			420 12 4
721	,, Balance carried forward ...		108 11 1
£6,614			£7,530 3 10

Special Thankoffering Gifts included in above : £16 17s. 6d. from Churches, £79 15s. 0d. Personal. TOTAL : £96 12s. 6d.

VOYAGE FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ...	963 17 2	By Mr. Kuhrt's Passage	185 12 9
,, Transfer from General Fund ...	300 0 0	,, Mr. Kuhrt's Baggage and Fares	11 9 11
		,, Mr. Champion's Passage	81 7 5
		,, Mr. Champion's Baggage and Fares ...	18 4 6
		,, Mr. Orchard's Passage	137 19 2
		,, Mr. Orchard's Baggage and Fares	34 1 0
		,, Balance carried forward	795 2 5
	£1,263 17 2		£1,263 17 2

"HERALD" FUND.

1944. £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	To Subscriptions—		
195	Heralds	189 17 2	
57	Rays	58 1 10	
23	Reports	22 17 5	
276			270 16 5
	,, Deficit transferred from—		
87	General Fund	120 12 4	
35	L.Z.A. General Fund ...	35 0 0	
			155 12 4
£398			£426 8 9

1944. £		£ s. d.
	By Cost of Printing—	
276	Heralds ...	277 14 7
82	Rays	92 14 2
39	Reports ...	56 0 0
£398		£426 8 9

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE.

1944 £		£ s. d.
	To Balance brought forward	277 6 10
142	,, Contributions from Societies and Members	156 8 0
		£433 14 10

1944 £		£ s. d.
—	By Cost of Printing	8 7 6
—	,, Transfer to General Fund	200 0 0
277	,, Balance carried forward	225 7 4
		£433 14 10

SUSTENTATION FUND.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	To Balance brought forward—		
	Investments	6,810 18 8	
	Cash in hand	171 15 6	
			6,982 14 2
	,, Interest on Investments ...		220 0 0
			£7,202 14 2

		£ s. d.
	By Investments (at Cost)—	
	3% War Stock	750 0 0
	3½% Local Loans	1,000 0 0
	3½% War Stock	1,000 0 0
	2½% National War Bonds	950 0 0
	3½% War Stock	3,110 18 8
	,, Cash in hand carried forward ...	391 15 6
		£7,202 14 2

Special Note.—This Fund can only be drawn upon in a **special emergency**, and then only to a **limited amount** in any one year.

"BEQUEST" FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ...	... 2,903 9 1	By Balance carried forward	... 2,915 9 1
,, Legacy received during year ...	... 12 0 0		
	£2,915 9 1		£2,915 9 1

INDIA BIBLE INSTITUTE FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward	£31 2 6	By Balance carried forward	... £31 2 6

CHRISMAS GIFT FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward ...	... 4 4 6	By Remittance to India	129 19 6
,, Contributions	... 136 17 6	,, Balance carried forward	11 2 6
	£141 2 0		£141 2 0

PENSION FUND.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward—			By Investments (at Cost)—	
Investments	14,049 1 0		£1,067 14s. 5d. 2½% Consols	831 0 0
Cash in hand	659 18 8		£935 1s. 3d. 3½% L.C.C. Stock	800 0 0
		14,708 19 8	£211 1s. 9d. 4% Funding Loan	200 0 0
,, Interest on Investments ...		520 13 7	£2,000 0s. 0d. 5% New Zealand Stock ...	2,000 0 0
			£2,861 5s. 9d. 3½% War Stock	2,821 14 3
			£2,199 10s. 8d. 3½% Conversion Loan ...	1,909 14 3
			£2,671 5s. 4d. 3½% Conversion Loan ...	2,725 12 0
			£500 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock	519 15 9
			£1,000 0s. 0d. 3% Savings Bonds	1,000 0 0
			£1,000 0s. 0d. 3% Defence Bonds	1,000 0 0
			£300 0s. 0d. 2½% Consols	241 4 9
			£300 0s. 0d. 3% Savings Bonds	300 0 0
			,, Transfer to General Fund	300 0 0
			,, Balances of Cash carried forward	580 12 3
	£15,229 13 3			£15,229 13 3

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

1944 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
698	Balance, September 21st, 1944 ...		567 13 0
1,947	Contributions	2,205 2 1	
348	Gift Week	366 7 8	
			2,571 9 9
346	Income Tax Refund		426 5 10
£3,341			£3,565 8 7

1944 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2,328	Indian Expenses		2,235 0 1
109	Missionary at Home		79 18 4
18	Deputation Expenses ...		23 3 10
35	Home Expenses		32 16 9
—	Miss Oaten—Outfit Grant ...		35 0 0
	Transferred to—		
20	S.B.M. "Herald" Account ...	20 0 0	
15	S.B.M. Report Account ...	15 0 0	
100	S.B.M. for Rent	100 0 0	
50	L.Z.A. Medical Account ...	50 0 0	
100	L.Z.A. Voyage Account ...	200 0 0	
			385 0 0
567	Balance in hand ...		774 9 7
£3,341			£3,565 8 7

Special Thankoffering Gifts included in above: £27 from Churches; £25 Personal. Total: £52.

MEDICAL ACCOUNT.

£		£ s. d.
244	Balance, September 21st, 1944 ...	259 18 3
6	Donations	11 6 0
50	Transferred from General Account	50 0 0
£300		£321 4 3

£		£ s. d.
26	Grant	11 5 5
13	Nurse	13 10 0
1	Donation to M.S.M.	2 2 0
259	Balance in hand	294 6 10
£300		£321 4 3

VOYAGE ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.
Balance, September 21st, 1944	568 0 0
Transferred from General Account ...	200 0 0
	£768 0 0

	£ s. d.
Miss Wilkins' Baggage ...	1 4 11
Balance in hand	766 15 1
	£768 0 0

BALANCE SHEET as at 20th September, 1945.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	108	11	1
Voyage Fund	795	2	5
Young People's Guild of Service	225	7	4
Sustentation Fund	391	15	6
"Bequest" Fund	2,915	9	1
India Bible Institute Fund	31	2	6
Christmas Gift Fund	11	2	6
Pension Fund	580	12	3
Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—			
General Account ...	774	9	7
Medical Account ...	294	6	10
Voyage Account ...	766	15	1
	£6,894	14	2

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances at Bank and in hand—						
Home Safe Deposit	100	0	0			
Current Account	717	11	10			
Deposit Account	1,100	0	0			
Secretary	10	0	0			
				1,927	11	10
Cash in P.O. Savings Bank				1,698	18	4
				3,626	10	2
Investments (at Cost)—						
£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			
£1,000 0s. 0d. 3% Defence Bonds ...	1,000	0	0			
				3,268	4	0
				£6,894	14	2

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 September, 1945.

52, The Broadway, Stratford, E.15.
3rd October, 1945.

STANLEY W. SIMPSON, F.S.A.A.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

21st SEPTEMBER, 1944 to 20th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Abercwmboi—			
General ...	1	15	0
Acton Friends—			
L.Z.A.	11	8	6
Accrington, "Ebenezer"—			
General	8	10	9
L.Z.A.	4	7	8
Accrington, "Zion"—			
General	4	0	0
Aldringham—			
General ...	2	5	6
Askett—			
General ...	2	0	0
Aylesbury—			
General	15	11	3
L.Z.A.	12	15	6
Baguley—			
L.Z.A.	2	5	0
Bath—			
General ...	22	10	10
Beccles—			
General	20	0	6
L.Z.A.	3	12	0
Guild of Service...	2	6	0
Becontree—			
General		10	6
Bedford, "Providence"—			
General	6	11	0
L.Z.A.	8	9	1
Bedford Friends—			
General	5	12	9
Bedford Rally—			
General	25	14	8
Bedmond—			
General ...		11	0
L.Z.A. ...		8	0
Bedworth—			
General ...	16	5	0
Belvedere—			
General	47	17	1
L.Z.A.	6	0	0
Guild of Service...	8	13	4
Benwick—			
General ...	3	2	0
Bermondsey—			
General	9	2	11
L.Z.A.	14	5	0
Bethersden—			
General ...	4	18	0
L.Z.A. ...	3	2	0
Bexley Heath—			
General	4	15	3
L.Z.A.	1	4	6
Bible-Spreading Union—			
General	6	0	0
Bierton—			
General	16	5	0
L.Z.A.	7	0	0
Billericay—			
General ...	4	7	6
Billinghay—			
General	33	2	0
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Bilston—			
General	4	12	6
Blackburn—			
General ...	9	0	0
Blakenham—			
General	2	1	10
L.Z.A.	7	4	0
Borough Green—			
General ...	24	4	3
Bradenstoke—			
General	28	19	11
L.Z.A.	8	5	7
Bradfield St. George—			
General	4	12	6
L.Z.A. ...		5	0
Brentford—			
General	52	7	9
L.Z.A.	56	18	0
Guild of Service...	9	6	0
Brighton Branch—			
General	12	10	0
Brighton "Ebenezer"—			
General	38	2	0
L.Z.A.	22	10	6
Guild of Service...		5	0
Brighton Tabernacle—			
General	20	0	0
L.Z.A.	24	4	0
Brixton—			
L.Z.A. ...	5	4	0
Broadstairs—			
L.Z.A.	2	10	0
Brockley, Suffolk—			
General	28	12	10
L.Z.A.	3	0	0
Bromley—			
General	11	16	5
L.Z.A.	10	18	7
Guild of Service...		5	0
Bury, Lancs.—			
General	4	6	0
L.Z.A.	18	18	1
Cambridge, "Eden"—			
General	37	2	11
L.Z.A.	8	0	0
Cambridge, Tenison Rd.—			
General	4	8	1
Cardiff—			
General		2	6
Chadwell Street—			
General	67	4	2
L.Z.A.	100	4	5
Guild of Service...		10	0
Charsfield—			
General ...	1	0	0
Chatteris—			
General	27	14	9
L.Z.A.	13	8	1
Chelmsford—			
General	14	8	6
L.Z.A.	6	7	6
Cheltenham, "Providence"—			
General	12	8	0
L.Z.A.	1	0	0
Chesham—			
General	21	6	1
L.Z.A.	15	1	3
Gui'd of Service...	6	14	4
Chingford—			
General	3	4	2
Chorley—			
General	5	0	0
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Clapham, Courland Gr.—			
General	33	14	6
L.Z.A.	12	3	6
Guild of Service...	25	0	0
Clapham Junction—			
L.Z.A.	2	7	4
Clayton West—			
General ...	10	4	0
Clifton—			
General ...	1	0	0
L.Z.A. ...	2	0	0
Colchester—			
General	1	12	0
L.Z.A.		5	0
Collingwood, Aus.—			
General	4	3	5
L.Z.A.	3	0	0
Collier Row—			
General	2	0	0
Cottenham—			
General	17	7	6
L.Z.A.	3	7	3
Cransford—			
General	3	15	0
L.Z.A.	27	2	9
Crawley—			
General ...	4	1	9
Crowfield—			
General	8	6	6
L.Z.A.		5	0
Croydon, Derby Rd.—			
General	6	18	3
L.Z.A.	10	16	0
Croydon District—			
General	4	14	8
Guild of Service...	2	16	1
Croydon, "Salem"—			
General	2	8	6
L.Z.A.	6	3	3
Croydon, Tamworth Rd.—			
General	23	8	0
L.Z.A.	4	10	0
Deeping St. James—			
General	14	0	3
L.Z.A.	10	1	5
Dennington—			
General ...	1	0	1
Devizes—			
General ...	45	6	9
L.Z.A. ...	12	2	10
Dorking—			
General ...	47	5	8
L.Z.A. ...	49	2	0
Downe—			
General	28	17	1
Dunstable—			
General	14	0	0
L.Z.A.	17	10	0
Eastbourne—			
General	3	12	6
L.Z.A	3	9	6
East District Rally—			
General	9	4	9
East Ham—			
General	21	13	1
L.Z.A.	14	12	4
Egham—			
General	6	11	0
Ely—			
General	2	12	3
Epping—			
General		10	0
Epsom—			
General	47	0	10
L.Z.A.	147	15	7
Erith—			
Guild of Service...		12	6
Eversley—			
General	1	11	0
Fressingfield—			
General ...	2	6	4
Friston—			
General	1	14	6
Fulham—			
General	10	11	6
L.Z.A.	12	17	6
Gaddesden Row—			
General	1	10	5
Glemsford—			
General ...	2	0	0
Gravesend—			
General ...	1	16	6
L.Z.A. ...	1	17	6
Grays—			
General	14	8	8
L.Z.A.	7	6	1

Great Granaden—
General 22 16 0
Greenwich—
General 28 15 8
L.Z.A. 5 15 0
Guild of Service... 1 2 0
Grundisburgh—
General 6 11 6
L.Z.A. 8 11 2
Guild of Service... 11 0
Guildford—
General 58 2 6
L.Z.A. 21 8 9
Guild of Service... 6 14 6
Hadleigh—
General 13 4 0
L.Z.A. 1 0 0
Hadleigh Heath—
General 9 17 6
L.Z.A. 4 12 9
Hailsham—
General 18 16 6
Halstead—
General 9 19 6
L.Z.A. 1 12 6
Handcross—
General 2 3 3
L.Z.A. 18 6
Hartley Wintney—
General 5 16 11
L.Z.A. 3 15 0
Harwich—
General 2 3 0
L.Z.A. 3 5 0
Haslemere—
General 29 17 7
L.Z.A. 6 8 6
Hastings—
General 29 19 10
L.Z.A. 17 5 11
Haworth—
General 20 17 6
L.Z.A. 3 15 0
Hebden Bridge—
General 5 15 6
L.Z.A. 1 6 0
Hedge End—
General 1 0 0
Hertford—
General 10 0
Highbury—
General 40 12 1
L.Z.A. 48 2 9
Guild of Service... 5 6 6
Highgate Rd.—
General 12 0 0
High Wycombe—
General 12 9 0
L.Z.A. 9 16 1
Hinckley—
General ... 6 13 0
Hilmarton—
General ... 6 17 3
Hitchin—
General 5 0
Homerton Row—
General 7 5 4
L.Z.A. 5 8 11
Horham—
General ... 102 0 0
L.Z.A. ... 7 2 6
Horley—
General ... 1 17 0
L.Z.A. ... 15 6
Horsham—
General 20 14 5
L.Z.A. 14 15 11
Hounslow—
General ... 25 10 11
L.Z.A. ... 20 19 6
Hoxne—
General 15 2 5
Ilford—
General 8 15 3
L.Z.A. 10 0
Guild of Service... 1 0 0
Ipswich, "Bethesda"—
General 100 18 10
L.Z.A. 31 15 9
Guild of Service... 10 5 0
Ipswich, "Mt. Zion"—
General 22 13 6
L.Z.A. 1 1 0
Ipswich, "Zoar"—
General 20 0 0
L.Z.A. 29 4 2
Irchester—
General 11 0
Irthlingborough—
L.Z.A. 2 1 9
Ivinghoe—
General ... 2 2 3
Kenninghall—
General ... 6 7 0
Kesgrave—
General ... 8 17 0
L.Z.A. ... 4 5 0
Kilburn—
General 7 2
King's Langley—
General 48 0 0
L.Z.A. 11 9
Guild of Service... 8 11 7
Kingston-on-Thames—
General 1 3 0
L.Z.A. 8 14 3
Laxfield—
General 26 7 6
L.Z.A. 4 17 3
Leatherhead—
L.Z.A. ... 4 18 4
Lee Common—
General 7 14 11
Leicester, "Providence"—
General 25 7 9
L.Z.A. 10 0
Leicester, "Zion"—
General 3 4 8
L.Z.A. 8 18 0
Leigh-on-Sea Friends—
L.Z.A. 5 10 6
Leiston—
L.Z.A. 2 2 0
Lewes—
General ... 2 6 0
Lewisham—
General ... 3 0 6
L.Z.A. ... 4 1 7
Leyton—
General 18 14 0
L.Z.A. 12 0 0
Guild of Service... 32 0 5
Little Downham—
General 10 10 8
Lockwood—
L.Z.A. 1 15 0
Lode—
General ... 19 6
Loughborough—
General ... 18 0
Long Marston—
General ... 9 7 6
Maidenhead—
General 2 6
Maidstone, "Providence"—
General 14 6
Manchester District—
General 6 0
L.Z.A. 4 4 0
Manor Park—
General 53 4 3
L.Z.A. 7 11 5
Marsh—
General 14 5 4
L.Z.A. 17 14 8
Guild of Service... 1 0 0
Mayford—
General ... 5 0 0
Meopham—
L.Z.A. 2 13 6
Middlesbrough—
General 13 19 3
Morley—
General ... 12 6
Needingworth—
General 8 17 0
Newcastle-on-Tyne —
General 6 10 0
New Cross—
General 84 14 4
L.Z.A. 40 5 4
Guild of Service... 2 9 5
Newick—
L.Z.A. 1 7 6
Newquay—
General 8 6
L.Z.A. 3 12 0
Noddfa—
General 3 16 0
Norbiton—
General 1 14 8
L.Z.A. 3 15 0
North Finchley—
General 81 5 0
L.Z.A. 37 5 6
Guild of Service... 3 0 0
Norwich—
General 2 13 0
L.Z.A. 1 15 6
Notting Hill Gate—
General 4 16 6
L.Z.A. 5 2 6
Guild of Service... 1 6 0
Nuneaton—
General 10 0
Nunhead—
General 15 0
L.Z.A. 7 0 0
Occold—
General 14 2 7
Old Hill, "Ebenezer"—
General 11 6 6
Old Hill, Spring Meadow—
General 2 8 4
Otley—
General ... 19 0 0
L.Z.A. ... 10 15 7
Oundle—
General 1 5 0
Over—
General 16 12 6
L.Z.A. 14 7 7
Pemberton—
General 22 10 10
L.Z.A. 2 2 0
Ponders End—
General 5 12 6
L.Z.A. 9 16 0
Poplar Hospital—
General ... 10 0
Porth—
General ... 5 0 0
Potten End—
General ... 33 18 3
L.Z.A. ... 22 1 9
Potton, Beds.—
General 12 1 4
L.Z.A. 9 18 11
Portsmouth, "Rehoboth"—
General 7 4 9
Poyning—
General 19 0 3
Prahram, Aus.—
General ... 1 4 0

Preston -
General 7 4 6
L.Z.A. 6 5 0
Prittlewell—
General 22 4 0
L.Z.A. 20 0 0
Ramsey—
General ... 7 15 1
L.Z.A. 2 15 0
Guild of Service... 9 1
Ramsgate—
General ... 5 2 11
Rattlesden—
General 9 6 3
L.Z.A. 2 3 6
Raunds—
General 3 19 4
L.Z.A. 1 10 0
Readers of "The Christian"—
General 17 8 0
Reading Friends—
General 3 10 3
L.Z.A. 2 5 0
Redbourn—
General 8 9 2
Reigate—
General ... 2 0 0
Richmond—
General ... 34 11 0
L.Z.A. ... 35 14 0
Rochdale—
General ... 7 6
Rotherham—
General ... 2 6 0
Rowley Regis—
L.Z.A. ... 10 0
Royton—
General 22 5 0
Rushden—
General ... 3 4 6
L.Z.A. ... 2 18 6
Ryde, N.S.W.—
L.Z.A. ... 4 0 0
Salhouse—
General ... 1 16 0
Scleddy, Pem.—
General 11 13 9
Siddal—
L.Z.A. ... 1 0 0
Slaithwaite—
General ... 12 0
Sleaford—
General 4 7 3
Smarden—
General 6 3 0
Smithfield, N.S.W.—
General 1 0 0
Somersham—
General 2 8
L.Z.A. 6 13 8
Guild of Service... 7 6
South Chard—
General 1 17 6
Staines—
General 18 5 6
L.Z.A. 1 2 6
Stamford—
General ... 41 15 3
L.Z.A. ... 7 4 1
Stevenage—
General ... 2 0 0
L.Z.A. ... 8 8 0
Stoke Ash—
General 17 7 2
L.Z.A. ... 4 0 6
Stowmarket—
General 21 3 5
L.Z.A. 4 3 5
Stratford—
General 38 11 9
L.Z.A. 49 1 6
Guild of Service... 5 7 9
Streatham—
General 11 4 10
L.Z.A. 9 0 7
Stretham, Cambs.—
General 12 2 0
St. Albans—
General ... 3 18 7
L.Z.A. 3 17 6
St. Clears—
L.Z.A. 3 10 0
St. John's Wood—
General 178 3 11
L.Z.A. 98 14 9
St. Neots—
General 20 3 7
L.Z.A. 19 16 6
Guild of Service... 1 10 0
Sudbourne & Tunstall—
General 37 3 5
L.Z.A. 3 16 9
Sudbury—
General ... 15 6
L.Z.A. ... 8 6
Suffolk Rally—
General ... 17 8 6
Sunderland—
General 2 1 6
Sutton-at-Hone—
General 2 8 7
L.Z.A. 1 2 2
Sutton, Cambs.—
General 18 19 3
Sutton (Surrey) Friends—
General 7 0 0
L.Z.A. 21 16 6
Swindon—
General 23 0 4
L.Z.A. 11 4 1
Guild of Service... 1 1 0
Sydney, Belvoir St.—
General 31 14 5
L.Z.A. 8 19 6
Tadworth—
General 16 13 7
L.Z.A. 7 17 4
Tenterden—
General 19 0
Thame—
General ... 6 16 0
Thornden—
General 10 0
Tollington Park—
General ... 5 12 1
L.Z.A. ... 4 4 5
Tottenham—
General ... 12 3 6
Tring—
General 52 10 5
L.Z.A. 27 16 4
Guild of Service... 5 0
Trowbridge—
General 14 14 3
Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hall—
General 40 1 0
L.Z.A. 31 12 11
Two Waters—
General ... 4 2 0
Waldringfield—
General 9 7 6
Walsall—
General 18 16 0
L.Z.A. 3 0 0
Guild of Service... 1 1 0
Walsham-le-Willows—
General 10 0 0
Walthamstow—
General 12 19 1
L.Z.A. 22 18 10
Walton-on-Naze—
General 8 1 0
L.Z.A. 3 0 0
Wandsworth, Chatham Rd.—
General 2 6
Wandsworth, West Hill—
General 2 0 0
L.Z.A. 8 0 0
Warboys—
General 19 1 0
L.Z.A. 7 11 10
Warrington—
L.Z.A. 6 2 6
Watford, "Beulah"—
General 5 3 7
Watford Tabernacle—
General 87 12 11
L.Z.A. 45 0 0
Guild of Service... 6 0 0
Wattisham—
General 5 3 6
L.Z.A. 3 3 6
Wellingborough—
General 54 16 8
L.Z.A. 17 14 6
West Ham—
General 29 5 3
L.Z.A. 6 13 0
Guild of Service... 5 0 0
West Hartlepool—
General 13 0 0
West Hoathly—
General ... 2 17 6
Wetherden—
General ... 6 8 3
L.Z.A. ... 2 5 0
Whittlesey—
General 45 18 7
L.Z.A. 7 7 8
Willenhall—
General 16 11 1
Willingham—
General 2 1 0
L.Z.A. 1 19 2
Wimbledon—
General 36 12 10
L.Z.A. 82 8 11
Wisbech—
General 17 0
Wood Green, Eldon Rd.—
General 12 17 9
L.Z.A. 1 7 6
Wood Green, Park Ridings—
General 15 4 10
L.Z.A. 4 17 6
Guild of Service... 4 7 0
Woolwich—
General 6 2 0
L.Z.A. 4 15 0
Yateley—
General 40 4 5
L.Z.A. 14 4 6
Yorkshire Friends—
General 7 17 6
L.Z.A. 32 1 6

PERSONAL.
General 1,199 2 11
L.Z.A. 544 18 6
LEGACIES.
General 12 0 0
L.Z.A. 12 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS.
Special Collections, Refund of Income Tax, Interest on Investments, etc.
General... ... 1,301 17 8
L.Z.A. 521 13 8
CHRISTMAS GIFT FUND 136 17 6
PUBLICATIONS.
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PENSION FUND ... 520 13 7

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