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TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE
JANUARY-FEBRUARY
1964

Our Missionaries:

MISS L. S. HAZEL

"These forty years thou hast lacked nothing—Thy God hast been with thee." Words spoken to Israel many years ago, but they could, with equal truth, be spoken to Miss Hazel, for with the coming of her retirement from India she marks forty years of the Lord's good faithfulness. Made to think seriously about spiritual realities through the witness of her mother, Miss Hazel was brought to know the Lord more fully when her Pastor, the late Mr. W. S. Baker, of Gurney Road, Stratford, London, preached on Romans 8. 28. She was baptised at the age of fifteen years, and has been in membership at Gurney Road, Stratford, since then.



A recent passport photograph of Miss L. S. Hazel who, after more than thirty-two years' service in India, returns, God-willing, to the Homeland in 1964.

Before her call to overseas service for the Lord, Miss Hazel was a clerk with the Northern Assurance Company, and in her work in India has found this to be a most useful training ground. Then she trained as a Nurse and Midwife at Mildmay Mission Hospital and sailed for India in 1931.

With the exception of a short time on the Kolli Hills, Miss Hazel has lived and worked in Sendamangalam area where she has become a familiar figure in the town and surrounding villages. Village Evangelism has been linked with the work of the Higher Elementary School and Hostel. Miss Hazel speaks of the warm welcome that she receives in the homes of the women, who, when they were young, lived and worked in the Hostel. She has had the joy of seeing some of these young people brought to the Lord, and confess Him in baptism.

The time has come when the work in India must be handed over to someone else, though Miss Hazel will be serving the cause she loves for some time, at least, through deputation work in Great Britain. The door to India and Malaya is open yet: may someone hear the Master say, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

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"The works of His hands are verity and judgement; all His commandments are sure"

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General Fund	2306	1	8	General Fund	2539	8	5
Special Funds	215	6	11	Special Funds	115	13	10
L.Z.A. ..	315	15	10	L.Z.A. ..	501	2	1
	£2837	4	5		£3156	4	4

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DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, GOD WILLING

Missionary E. Orchard, 5 Elsa Road, Welling, Kent.

JANUARY 5th, Tring; 7th, Woolwich; 10th, Borough Green F.O.Y.; 12th, St. Albans; 16th, Wetherden F.O.Y.; 17th, Colchester; 19th, Horham; 26th, Dorking.

FEBRUARY 2nd, Aylesbury; 9th, Fulham; 16th, Aldringham; 23rd, Zoar, Ipswich.

Mrs. E. Orchard.—FEBRUARY 25th, Woolwich.

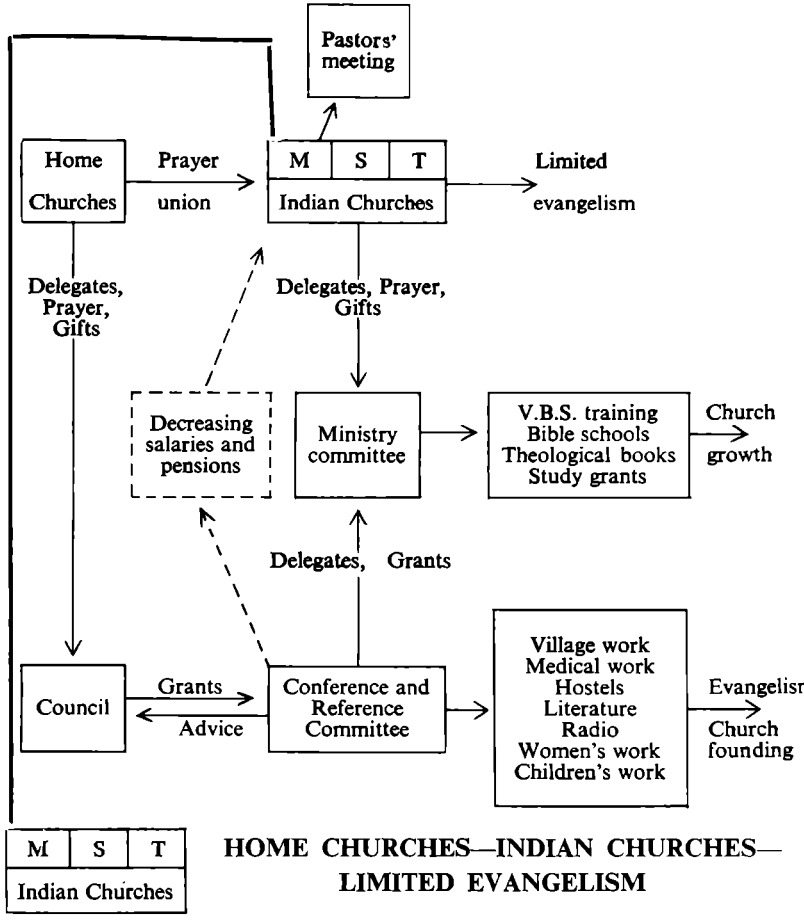
Pastor P. H. Crees.—JANUARY 5th, Dorking (Morning); 12th, Staines; 18th, Wattisham; 19th, Colchester; 21st, Homerton; 30th, Brighton Tabernacle.

FEBRUARY 8th, Warboys; 16th, Tring; 19th, Belvedere F.O.Y.; 21st, Mount Zion, Ipswich; 23rd, St. Neots and Little Staughton; 29th, Sleaford.

FURLOUGH ARRANGEMENTS, 1964

During 1964 we expect Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett, and Miss L. S. Hazel home on furlough. They, together with other members of the Mission's staff, will be happy to serve the churches, and their auxiliaries. For Miss Hazel's programme of meetings please write to Mrs. D. Symonds, 7 Dyke Road Avenue, Hove, 4, Sussex. Telephone: Brighton 59178. For our other friends write to The General Secretary, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

DIAGRAM illustrating the present state of Mission policy, objects, strategy and integration with Churches.



In the diagram drawn up to illustrate the present connection between the Home Churches and the S.B. Churches in South India, the only direct connection between them intimated is that of the Prayer Union, which, of course, is not really direct at all, but has its passage by means of the Throne of Grace. The Lord no doubt often hears and graciously answers uninformed prayers, but if we are satisfactorily to engage in intercession, we must acquaint ourselves as far as we can with the conditions prevailing in our Indian Churches and with the Churches' salient needs. The graph reminds us that the Lord's purpose for His Churches, as for individual believers, is witness; and we are pleased to note that to some extent evangelism is being carried on by some of our Churches in India.

"M" stands for Madras, and the line which separates it from "S" (Salem District) must be considered to be about 200 miles broad. And about 200 more miles separates the Salem area from parts of "T" (the Tirunelveli Mission Area). There is little coming and going between Christians in these different parts of the Tamil country, and they know little of one another's circumstances, difficulties, and way of life. Madras may be a city of villages, but the Madras family has an individual life which is unknown in most of the villages of the Tirunelveli and Salem Districts. One man works in a mill, another in the railway workshops, yet another serves in a retail shop, and another is a clerk, and so on.

The Madras Churches are, therefore, much more like our Churches in England than those in rural areas where almost all the members obtain their living as labourers on the land, and are very much at the mercy of the landowners. Their lives are hardly in their own control, and their income is not sufficient to enable them to live a healthy and vigorous life. Small industries springing up here and there are helping to provide alternative occupations for some, and some are teachers; but these are fortunate exceptions to the general rule. Our Churches in Madras are now self-supporting except for small amounts paid to four of the pastors. They occupy buildings put up and owned by the Mission, but they know that they may take full legal possession of them whenever they so desire. They have their Church officers, chosen by the Church, but often the elections cause bad feeling and sometimes the wrong people come to office as, of course, happens the world over. They arrange their special meetings such as anniversaries, and also recently they have been having Pastors' Meetings two or three times a year. The evangelistic outreach of these Churches may not be as vigorous as it could be, but there are signs that taking the Gospel to the unbeliever is not forgotten. The wife of one of our pastors feels a definite call to speak at women's meetings in various places, and she has received invitations to minister in this way in Churches over a wide area. The schools conducted by the Churches are also in some instances centres of evangelism. Also the pastor of the Ayyanarvaran Church, when he felt he could no longer continue to serve the Church there, commenced meetings in a house in an area where there is no other Christian witness, in the hope and belief that the Lord would use his efforts to the founding of a new Church.

Our pastors, when they visit members of their Churches who live in the villages, have Bible reading and prayer with them, and this is always a means of evangelism because in the villages of India no man lives to himself in isolation. When the pastor enters his member's house the invariable custom is for anyone who happens to be nearby to come to the doorway and listen to everything that is said and to watch everything that is done. Children will enter the house and sit on the floor with the children of the house, and the "family prayer meeting" will be shared by many others. The Gospels give such a picture of our Lord's ministry in Palestine nearly 2,000 years ago.

Travelling 230 miles south-west from Madras we come to the Salem area where conditions are very different. In this area there is only one



The men of the monthly Bible study group at Illupayurani, a suburb of Kovilpatti, Tirunelveli. Photo: H. J. Appleby.

Church which can support a pastor with Mission aid, Sendamangalam. Rasipuram have an honorary pastor, Kakkaveri is cared for by a Mission evangelist, and the Namakkal Church have gifted members who preach and conduct Church business without pastoral oversight. The village Churches are poor, scattered, and weak, and during the forty years that the S.B.M. has worked among these lowly people, we have never seen any great movement of the Spirit of God which we feel would be necessary to lift these poor people out of their life of defeat and low standards, and change the whole aspect of the work among them. Calculating and powerful masters have kept their hands on the lives of these people and prevented them from ever having wills of their own. Those who have not been prepared to submit to this suppression have left the area to work in distant parts and have in this way been lost to their Churches and villages. So that those who remain are mostly broken men and women with little initiative and little of the hope and joy of the Lord which we would so much like to see. The annual Women's Rally in this area is a happy occasion when women from all the Churches come together for Christian fellowship and instruction, and blessing from these gatherings goes back to the villages from which the women have come. Some of our young people who have become teachers have shown earnestness in evangelising the villages in which they have been stationed. We might well pray for those who are working in this area, and also that God will raise up some from among the people themselves whom He will use to the salvation of many in the villages.

Leaving this area and continuing in a south-westerly direction for another 170 miles or so, one comes to Kovilpatti in the Tirunelveli District. Some of our Churches in this area may be older than the Mission itself, having been founded by an Indian brother who worked voluntarily over the countryside more than 100 years ago. Their continuance in heathen surroundings for so long must be considered an evangelistic witness in itself. I knew one group that continued for, I think, thirty or forty years without a chapel, complaining all the time to our missionaries that they had had their chapel demolished to build one somewhere else, but never doing a thing to build another, until their employer, a landowner, in order to make them content if possible, made a substantial contribution towards a new chapel which the Mission erected. We have members in about fifty towns and villages scattered over an area of about 1,600 square miles. Some of the little groups really cannot be called Churches as they do not function as Churches. Among our members we have considerable differences of background, culture, education, and economic standing. In a place like Kovilpatti the members of the Church may be fairly comfortably off by Indian standards as they work in a cotton mill in the town. As the mill often works on Sundays, they may not be often at the Sunday services, and so they lose the help which regular worship could bring them. A good proportion of those in this Church are literate.



Thayilpatti, Tirunelveli, young men's meeting prepares for open air work. This group gathers for a monthly Bible Class under the care of our colleagues in Tirunelveli. Photo: H. J. Appleby.

But in several of our village Churches there is no one who can read well enough to be responsible for Sunday worship. This does not mean that they are unable to witness at all. One group some years ago were distressed at being asked to pay house tax that would have gone to the local temple, so they moved their village and built their new houses down each side of a street with their little chapel at the end of the street. Then, however, they did not have the ability to keep the chapel in repair or to conduct regular services in it. Yet I feel that their concerted action was a witness of the whole Church to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and may be called "limited evangelism". But how such Churches are to grow in grace without anyone who can read among them, and without pastor, evangelist or Biblewoman, I cannot imagine. The Lord may send someone to shepherd them from some other body than the S.B.M.

Although evangelism of an organised character is not, perhaps, prominent in any of our areas, I believe that there is in each area a witness going out from those who love the Lord to those who do not know Him. One only hears about such evangelism accidentally when talking with people about other things. Old Muthammal, for example, when she goes with the village women to weed in the fields near her home will be asked by them to tell them a story from the Bible. And she will narrate to them something she remembers of the creation of the world, or the sudden overthrow of the old world in the days of Noah, or of the coming of the Lord Jesus to save us from our sins. Then, if I know Muthammal at all, she will add that they are all a wicked lot and that the sooner they trust in the Lord Jesus to save them, the better it will be for them. And to as the Lord works in the hearts of these humble people the message is passed on, and the day will declare the wonders of God's grace in using the weakest of His servants to accomplish His great purposes.

George F. Champion,
Morupatti,
Tr. Metupalayam,
Tiruchirappali District.

LISTENERS WRITE

Many letters received in response to our broadcasts tell us of regular listeners who are encouraged and helped by them. There are requests for copies of messages and songs. A few letters contain criticisms. For example, one listener asks us not to use music without words. We receive a few suggestions for future programmes. Many listeners ask us to pray for them, usually that physical health may be granted, or that success may be achieved in examinations. Some letters indicate that the writers have had very little education.

A graduate in Madras wrote: "My wife and I are regularly listening to your spiritual broadcasts. The blessings we have received through this are immeasurable." A listener living on a tea or coffee estate on the Nilgiri Hills expresses his appreciation in the following words: "These messages are as a cool drink to weary people like us." A letter from Bihar State contained these words: "I hear your programme without fail every Wednesday. I am a Hindu. However, whatever happens I will not miss hearing your messages and songs . . . please send me copies of the songs." With the songs a booklet on the life of Christ was sent. In the next letter was the news: "My friends also have read the book." In one of his letters a boy in his final year in High School tells us: "It is



Recording instrumental and vocal music for the Radio programmes. Though India has adopted modern instruments she retains her traditional forms of music. Such service plays an effective part in the Radio Ministry. *Photo: H. J. Appleby.*

only after coming into this class that I am learning a little about Christ. The boys in the school are helping me in this."

We are asked for advice of various sorts. A graduate living in a village near the extreme south of India wrote (in English): "I am a High School teacher, handling English and mathematics. Can you give me a few suggestions as to how to serve God? How can I show my Saviour to my pupils—Christians, Hindus, and Muslims?" Another village teacher asked: "After death where does the soul go? Is there a separate place for it? Is there any connection between those in this world and departed souls? Some people say that there is. Please explain." With a letter answering his questions some Bible study lessons were sent. One of the lessons was relevant to his questions. He wrote a long reply: "I have entered into new life. . . . Here is the story of my life. . . . My only sister died in childbirth in August, in Malaya. . . . Because of this I asked those questions. You have opened my eyes. . . . Praise the Lord. The Bible studies (Things Hard to be Understood) you sent have changed my life. Previously I was a nominal Christian. Now I am a believer. . . ." The following request came from a man living in a town about 100 miles to the north of Kovilpatti: "I am one who hears your radio programmes. Recently a man has been coming from the Watch Tower Bible Society, saying that Jesus is not God . . ., and giving Scripture verses. Please

write with Scripture references to show that his statements are lies."

From a village several miles to the north-west of us a schoolboy wrote: "I am glad to hear your Bible studies on the radio. I am a Hindu. But I am fully believing in Jesus Christ. For some days I walked in the fear of God. But now I quickly get angry and evil thoughts come. I ask you please to pray for me that these may not come. Pray much for me. Pray that I may live as a good child of God. . . ."

Do I hear you asking, "Are there no letters from women?" We do have letters from women. Some of them share family problems. We rejoice in knowing that our programmes help them. A nursing sister wrote from an army hospital where she was a patient, "I was born in a Hindu family. From early childhood I went to a Mission School. I learnt about the Bible and Jesus, and trusted Him. Day and night I have my Bible near me. I am eagerly hearing your programmes. . . . I will trust the Lord as my God all the days of my life. . . . My loving thanks to your Church."

These extracts from letters are sent with the prayer that they may help you to thank God, take courage, and continue steadfastly in prayer.

Radio Ministry	*September* 1963	*October* 1963
Letters received	46	86
New correspondents	23	51
Old correspondents	23	35
Tamilnad ..	29	61
Other parts of India	—	19
Outside of India	—	6
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Professing Conversion	—	2

Olive R. Knight,
Kovilpatti,
Tirunelveli District,
S. India.

NEW YEAR PRAYER MEETING AND FAREWELL SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1964

at 6.45 p.m.

CHADWELL STREET CHAPEL : LONDON : E.C.1

Pastor E. J. Wood, with **Missionaries Mr.** and **Mrs. Kuhrt,** and **Mr.** and **Mrs. Grist,** and **Dr. R. Harris** will take part.

Valedictory Address and Prayer.

Come and join us in Praise and Prayer.

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Annual Report 1963: The 102nd Annual Report of the work of the Strict Baptist Mission is now on sale at 1s. 0d. per copy. This annual publication is more than just a report of work done; it is a handbook of information about all facets of the Mission's activities. It is factual account of God's work in a land which still has multitudes of people who have not heard the Gospel, and, as such, it is a stimulus to thoughtful prayer. Facts—and figures—to challenge the heart and mind are recorded here for all to read. May the Lord use this story of His faithfulness to stir His chosen messengers to their task, so that we may see men and women "thrust out" by the Lord for the work of the Mission overseas.

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UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER—1964

Ever since the inception of the Evangelical Alliance, in the year 1846, the Universal Week of Prayer has been observed in many countries throughout the world. As many may know, in 1963 an alternative date for its observance was suggested—the week preceding Whitsuntide. This proved satisfactory in many areas in Britain, while in other areas, and particularly overseas, the traditional date (the first full week in January) was retained. In 1964 the dates are May 10-17 and January 5-12.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meetings, 1963. Again the Lord favoured us with a bright, fair day, a great spirit of expectancy, and much joyful fellowship at these annual gatherings. Though much essential business was completed at the Delegates Meeting, the abiding impression is that of the Holy Spirit's power and presence manifest in each meeting. "CALVARY" was the arresting theme of Mr. P. A. Grist's ministry in the afternoon. It was good to be there.

The evening gathering was marked by warm-hearted singing of familiar and loved hymns of praise, and by two stirring messages. Dr. Harris had a revealing and challenging word from the Lord for us all in the words, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do", and Mr. W. H. Kuhrt gave a clear and moving account of his stewardship, and showed the nature of Gospel preaching under the headings: (i) God is one God, (ii) God is a Spirit, (iii) God is light, and (iv) God is love. Each of these statements were shown to oppose and reveal the falsehood of Heathenism and Idolatry.

Tamil Examinations. We await prayerfully the results of the Tamil Examinations which were taken by our friends Mr. Jim Jones and Miss Elsie Hardy during November and December, 1963. May the Lord bless His servants as they await the opening of the way to united and fuller service for the Master.

Mr. Douglas Crees. We heard with grief and bewilderment, on December 5th, 1963, of the death by drowning of Douglas, the elder son of our General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees. May the Lord graciously comfort our brother and his family in this sudden and grievous sorrow, and grant them His sustaining strength.

Australian Tour. We understand that Mr. H. J. Appleby is now back in India after a busy and momentous tour of Australia and Tasmania. May the Lord give wisdom to Council and Conference in all the possible developments which may stem from this Australasian tour and ministry.

Mr. M. Brown. Please remember in your prayers our Brother, Mr. Michael Brown, who recently was unanimously accepted by the Council of the Strict Baptist Mission for Missionary Training. Details of further training and future plans will, God-willing, be given at a later date.

Change of Address. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moon are now living at 54 Cromford Road, Wandsworth, London, S.W.18.

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Mission to the Tamil People

Missionary Surroundings:

PAST PUPILS



Sendamangalam youth group preaching in the open air.
Photo: By courtesy of Miss L. S. Hazel.

"Some five hundred or more scattered far and wide over India." What a picture of continuing influence do these words conjure up. Miss Hazel and her colleagues not only can look back to years of fruitful service among the girls of India, but can also look forward to fruit from the widening circle of past students and "Hostellers" who now have homes and children of their own. Many of these are Hindu homes, but much of what was learnt at school, and in the hostel remains and becomes a leavening influence in the communities among which these "Old Girls" live. Better still, some of these women have openly confessed Christ in Baptism, and others are "Secret Believers". A closer look at the picture on this page reveals that some are able and ready to stand in the open air and witness to their love for the Lord.

An "open door" is such an advantage, for it means that prejudice has been removed. It shows that friendship has been established, and invites further instruction. Wherever past students of the School and Hostel live, *there* is the open door of opportunity to preach and teach the Word of God.

"In the past thirty-two years," writes Miss Hazel, "many changes have taken place: some for the better, and some for the worse, but the grand old Gospel never changes." She goes on to speak of the high sense of privilege that she feels, to have had some part in the teaching and distribution of God's Word, which has had such a powerful impact upon the lives of so many girls.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

MARCH-APRIL
1964

Our Missionaries:



Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Champion. Mr. Champion is in membership with the Church at "Zion", New Cross Road, Deptford, London, and Mrs. Champion represents the Missionary interest of the Church at Whittlesey.

MR. AND MRS. G. F. CHAMPION

Figures—and facts—are interesting. Both Mr. and Mrs. Champion were early called by Grace, and being baptised, soon entered upon preparation for the long, fruitful years of service that they now look back upon in India. The Lord has enabled these two servants of His to give between them seventy-four years to the work of His Kingdom in India. Mr. Champion sailed for that land in 1928, and Mrs. Champion set out in 1926.

Before she went to India Mrs. Champion trained as a Nurse and Midwife, and completed the course at Mount Hermon Missionary Training College. Mr. Champion was trained at Kensit Memorial College, Finchley, and served as a Wycliffe Preacher for three years.

Mrs. Champion hails from the Fen Country, and has been an active member of the Church at Whittlesey for many years. Mr. Champion, who is London born, has been a member of the Church at Zion, New Cross Road, Deptford, since 1921. So, two Churches in very different parts of the country are united in their vision and work for the Master through these Missionary members.

Jacob of old cried before Pharaoh, ". . . Few and evil have been the days . . of my life . . ."; a natural understatement in the presence of greatness, but this did not mask the truth concerning all the goodness of God in the long life of the Patriarch. In the same way these servants of the Lord, whose whole lives have been used in the work of God, and who have many proofs of His goodness and mercy, cry, "It is grievous to think how little has been done, and how much more there is to do". Seventy-four years, together and separately, they have served the Lord, preaching and teaching in every village and town wherever the Lord sent them: in Poonamallee, Namakkal, Kovilpatti, Sendamangalam, on the Kolli Hills, and in Morupatti. The Lord has made them to know His leading; even so, ". . . how little has been done . . . how much more there is to do", is the natural reaction of those who know that the most sustained, and useful effort made, still falls short of the goal and would be fruitless without the gracious enabling of the Lord to do it, and the blessing of the Lord upon it.

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DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MARCH AND APRIL, 1964, GOD WILLING

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—MARCH 1st, Billinghay; 5th, Chelmsford F.O.Y.: 8th, Tunstall-Sudbourne; 11th, Tring; 15-16th, March; 17th-20th, Mabledon Conference; 22nd, Bradfield St. George; 29th, Cambridge, Eden.

APRIL 5th, Leiston; 9th, Egham; 12th, Ramsey; 19th, Potten End; 28th, Half-yearly Meetings, Ipswich, Bethesda.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. D. A. Thrower.—APRIL 28th, Half-yearly Meetings, Ipswich, Bethesda.

Mr. H. A. Huckett.—APRIL 28th, Half-yearly Meetings, Ipswich, Bethesda.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—APRIL 28th, Half-yearly Meetings, Ipswich, Bethesda.

Mr. Derek J. Moon, 54 Cromford Road, London, S.W.18.—APRIL 12th, Staines; 26th, Wandsworth, West Hill.

Mrs. E. Orchard, 5 Elsa Road, Welling, Kent.—MARCH 4th, District Prayer Meeting, Bromley; APRIL 16th, Meadvale, Reigate.

Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—MARCH 1st, West Hartlepool; 5th, Warbleton; 7th-8th, Redbourn; 12th, Croydon, Derby Road, W.M.; 15th, Yateley; 17th, Farnham; 18th-20th, Mabledon Conference; 22nd, Potton, Beds.; 25th, Aldbury; 29th, Dunstable.

APRIL 5th, Little Downham; 8th, Bedford, Providence; 12th, Sutton-at-Hone; 19th, Lewisham; 26th, Hitchin; 28th, Half-yearly Meetings, Ipswich, Bethesda.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Will friends please notice that **ALL** enquiries regarding arrangements for deputation meetings (except for Miss Hazel) should now be sent to the Deputation Secretary, Mr. E. Orchard, 5 Elsa Road, Welling, Kent. Apply to Mrs. D. Symonds for meetings on Miss L. S. Hazel's programme. (See Information Panel above.)

THE TREASURY — DECEMBER 1963—JANUARY 1964

Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth. . . Deut. 8. 18.

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THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

THE LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY ANNUAL GIFT WEEK

MARCH 1st—7th, 1964

"WHATSOEVER YE DO . . . DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS"
(Colossians 3. 17)

Gift Envelopes will be distributed by local L.Z.A. Secretaries, and a generous response will be deeply appreciated.

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WHAT SHALL I GIVE?

"*Whatsoever ye do . . . do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.*"
Colossians 3. 17.

All around was bustle and stir, for it was the first day of the Parthasarthy festival. The temple elephant was decked with gay trappings of crimson and gold, and on his back was erected a howdah glittering with tinsel and wreathed with flowers. The god Parthasarthy was then mounted beneath the canopy, and with great pomp and glitter the procession left the temple to parade the streets.

Crowds of people thronged the streets. One man ran out and laid a gold-bordered garment before the elephant. A woman followed, and taking off her gold necklace, placed it there in the road. A little child with a garland and a bunch of plantains did the same. Someone left cocoanuts, another a bag of money. Tramp, tramp, tramp, came the stately elephant, and gravely picked up with his sinuous trunk all the gifts placed in his path, and handed them over to the priest and other attendants of the god. Thus the costly gifts, amounting to many thousands of rupees, were gathered and taken back to swell the coffers of Parthasarthy's temple.

Among the spectators of this gorgeous scene was a little, elderly lady missionary. Some time afterwards she had the opportunity of seeing the elephant in its usual surroundings. She was told he was as gentle as a child, and would take anything she offered from her hand. In her bag she found a copper coin, and going fearlessly near the elephant she held it out to him in the palm of her hand. To the surprise of the bystanders

and the terror of the little lady, the elephant was infuriated, and might have struck her down. The priest was genuinely perturbed. "What did you offer him, madam?" he asked. She opened her hand and showed him the copper coin. "Ah!" said the priest, "we do not give copper to our god, madam. The god must have the best, so you must bring out your silver."

Parthasarthy demanded the best. Shall we give less than this for our dear sisters in India and for Christ, who gave and did so much for us?

Quoted from "Afterglow". *J. M. Thorpe, Vice-President.*

"UP OUR STREET"

It is time to go to the Bible Class. So I open our front door, and step out into the street. Immediately a little boy rushes up to me and says, "Bommae, ma, bommae!" He is asking me in Tamil for a Tamil-text-post-card. I tell him he must go to Sunday School, and then only will he be given a text-card to-day. As I start walking down the street, a woman standing in her doorway across the way calls out to me and says, "Oh, amma, you are setting out in the very hot sun!" She really wants to know where I am going. So I reply, "I am only going to a house close by." Soon I turn the corner at the end of the street, and as I pass by the house of the new midwife, I see that there is a little group of people sitting round a pile of picked cotton plants. They are separating the cotton from the stalks. I smile at them, and remark, "You all look very busy." They laugh back and say, "The work has to be done." Then I pass by the house of a Mohammedan family, and a little boy calls out, "Come, amma, come and eat!" I smile at him and say, "All right, give me the food." He runs out and pretends to put food in my hand, and I pretend to eat it. He laughs and is very pleased, and runs back to his house. I turn another corner, and reach the house of the girls who are studying the Bible with me. The door is shut, so I knock, and call one of the girls by name. A voice from within says that their father has only just returned home and is eating his food, so will I please wait a minute. Their father is a police-constable in our village, and has been on duty all midday.

I retrace my steps to the group separating the cotton, and ask, "May I wait here for a few minutes in the shade of your house?" At once they say, "Yes, come and sit down." I proceed to squat down beside them, but the midwife produces a chair and says, "Please sit down on this." I gratefully receive her kind offer, and ask after her family. She proceeds to tell me about each child, and then something she says suddenly gives me the opportunity to talk to her about the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell them that Jesus is the Only One in whom we can really trust, and upon Whose faithfulness we can always depend. As I am telling them how I have trusted Him myself for many years, and how that He has never failed me, someone from the police-constable's house comes to call me. So I get up, and thanking them for so kindly letting me sit awhile in their house, I proceed once more to the end of the street.

The girls who study the Bible with me each Sunday afternoon, live in rather a small house, which has only one windowless room, and a verandah running the length of the house in front. It is too dark inside to read, so we sit on a mat out on the verandah. This Sunday we have barely got started before a sudden wind starts blowing with such force that within a minute were are all covered with dirt and dust. We shake ourselves out, but the wind gives us no peace, and it is hard to concentrate. However we persevere, and soon the wind drops; but then it begins to drop with rain. This causes another commotion, because the things which have been left



Sugar-cane—a common sight, at some times in the year, in any village street. It is chopped into small pieces and eaten as a sweet by children and adults. Near the River Cauvery there is a large sugar refinery which draws its supplies of sugar-cane from all over the Salem District. Photo: George F. Champion.

outside in front of the house have to be rescued and brought onto the verandah before they get wet. At last we are able to continue the lesson. We are studying Genesis, and to-day we read how God kept His promise to Jacob, to be with him and bless him. We learn that if we put all our trust in Jesus Christ, He will be with us and bless us too. At last we finish the lesson, in spite of many interruptions, and after a word of prayer, I get up to go.

As I pass back down the narrow street, a young married woman, standing in her doorway, calls to me to come into her house. I step inside, and she introduces me to her husband. I discover that her

husband is the Tamil Pundit in the local High School, and that she herself once studied in our Mission School for girls in Sendamangalam. I invite her to join our Bible Study Group on Sunday afternoons. But she then reveals a tragedy in their family. Their one and only little baby son is not a normal child, and needs her constant attention; as a consequence of which she is rather tied to the house. After expressing my sympathy, I ask if she still has her school Bible with her because if so she could read it in her home, and find the help and comfort she needs. But she tells me that she has lent her Bible to her husband's younger sister, who is now studying in the Sendamangalam Mission School, so that she no longer has it with her. When I get up to go, she asks me to come again, which I promise to do.

A few houses further on I come upon a group of women sitting outside on their doorsteps and having a chat together. I stop to admire one of their babies, but am told that it has not been well, and could I give it some medicine. I tell them the time to come, and proceed on my way down the street. A few steps further on there is a little group of children sitting on another doorstep, and playing at cooking a rice meal. They have used the mud of the street for making their fireplace, cooking-vessels, and food. As soon as they see me, they invite me to come and eat, and with much glee they show me their eating arrangements on the doorstep. They scream with delight as I pretend to receive my portion and eat it. This is a very popular game up our street. The children also love to be picked up and given "aeroplane rides".

I pass on my way, and just as I reach the house next door to ours, the two sisters who live there call out and invite me to come and sit down for a minute. They ask me where I have been and what I have been doing. I tell them, and ask the younger sister if she still reads the Luke's Gospel we have given her. She says that she is always busy now. Her elder sister has three small children, and the last is only a few weeks old. They ask me to bring some of my family photos to show them one day. With a promise to do so, I make for home, but as I nearly reach the front door of our house, two little boys rush up to me and plead to be given flowers. "Poovu, ama, poovu!" they beseech me in Tamil. I tell them to run round to the back door, and they are each given a few flowers from our back-yard. Some of the "flowers" are really weeds, which flourish without having to be watered. But their bright red and yellow flowers give us and our street children very much pleasure. As I give them the flowers, I ask them to say the little verse they have learnt. At once they repeat the well-known words of Scripture, "God is love", and then they run off as happy as can be. So ends a typical Sunday afternoon's walk up our street and back again, with its opportunity for talking with some of the people who live in it.

M. E. Harris,
Belukurichi,
Rasipuram Post,
Salem District,
South India.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE"

Just recently Rajammal, a member of one of the Churches here, came in one morning to the dispensary. She was carrying her three-year-old son, who, a day or two previously had accidently knocked his toe against a stone and lost the nail. The wound had then become infected. After the toe had been dressed, the mother began to talk about her family problems and said her husband, who is a carpenter by trade, is complaining of pain in his right hand and has some difficulty in extending one or two fingers. This was causing him some difficulty in doing a full day's work.



Leper Girl.—This girl's hands have been corrected surgically by Mr. Paul Brand, the well-known authority on the treatment of this disease. Under his direction a great work of rehabilitation goes on at Karigiri Research Centre. Mr. Brand is the son of one of our Pioneer Missionaries, Mr. J. M. Brand, whose name will be always connected with the Kolli Hills, in Salem District.
Photo: George F. Champion.

I suggested that he came to the dispensary one morning and let me see it. After a week or so he did come in and in the course of the conversation, I found that about a year ago he had been to a town hospital about this same trouble. The Doctor had told him then that it was leprosy and given him a prescription to buy the necessary medicine at the Chemist's, so that he could commence treatment in his home immediately.

He put the prescription in his pocket and came straight home, without making any effort to buy the medicine, for he said, "I did not believe that the Doctor's diagnosis was correct".

The disease during the year became progressively worse, and again he was concerned as to what he should do and whom he should consult. I told him, after looking at his hand that there was every reason to believe that the Doctor's diagnosis was perfectly correct, but in the course of the months the prescription also had been lost.

During the next day he went to a local Doctor for another check-up and prescription. Even so, it was some time before he fully believed that the medicine prescribed was the correct one for his particular disease.

A year lost through unbelief! What grief! What sorrow! Yet many more years still are being lost to the Evil One, for the condition of this man is but the deeper reflection of the spiritual state of many in this

land who, because of their unbelief in Christ and His Power to save—cry, "I don't believe".

May the agonising prayer of one long ago yet become the heartfelt cry of many here. "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief" (Luke 9. 24.)

N. Hawes,
Paniadipatti, Satur, S.I.R., South India.

THREE SPRING MEETINGS God-willing PLEASE BOOK THESE DATES	**APRIL 28th—BETHESDA, IPSWICH.** **HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS** **Missionaries on Furlough will take part** Please apply to General Secretary for Tea Tickets (by April 21st) 2/- each. **MAY 20th. THE TABERNACLE, WEST STREET, BRIGHTON** **HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS** Watch for further details. **MAY 17th-18th—WILTSHIRE** **WHITSUN MISSIONARY WEEK-END** FURTHER PARTICULARS ADVERTISED LOCALLY

AMONG THE WOMEN IN MADRAS

Saturday, December 28th, found the Tamil Baptist Chapel at Ayanapuram a hive of activity, as some 110 women from eight Tamil Baptist Churches in and around Madras assembled for their Second Annual Rally. Some will remember reading of the first rally of this kind held at Kilpauk last year. Ayanapuram women, under the leadership of the Secretary, Mrs. Rathinam, had worked hard, and preparations had been well made. In a temporary matting structure nearby cooking activities were under way; mid-day meal and tea were to be served to all who attended.

At 9 a.m. the first meeting, which was mainly for prayer, commenced. This was a good beginning to the day. By soon after 10 a.m. most of the women had arrived, and the first main meeting begun. Mrs. Samson, wife of the Poonamallee pastor, presided. Singing was enthusiastic. In response to a roll-call, each group responded by singing a lyric or reciting verses of Scripture. It was good to notice women from Konnur and Numbal; neither of these Churches had been represented last year. Kolathur, Koyembedu, and Mannur were not represented. It was my privilege to speak at this meeting, and the women listened attentively.

During the mid-day interval, after food had been served and enjoyed, a Bible Quiz had been arranged, and there was keen competition for the three book prizes that had been promised.

The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mrs. Nissy Devenesem, wife of the Kilpauk Pastor. It was an answer to prayer that she was able

to be with us, as illness has left her partially disabled. The first part of this meeting was devoted to testimonies, when women from the various Churches told of the way they had been able to serve the Lord during the year. From some meetings women have been going out in groups to visit the sick, both Christians and Hindus. Others had been active in literature distribution, Sunday school work, cleaning the chapel, etc. The message brought by Mrs. Champion to this meeting was much appreciated. After tea, the gathering ended on a note of praise. At a business meeting that followed, the women from Poonamallee invited the rally to be held in their Chapel on the last Saturday in December, 1964. All expenses of the rally had been met, leaving a balance in hand towards next year's rally.



Mrs. Champion giving out medicines while on camp. This picture, taken some while ago, still typifies the kind of work that our lady Missionaries do in the villages.
Photo: George F. Champion.

During the following ten days it was my privilege to visit women's groups in the following seven Churches: Kilpauk, Vepery, Poonamallee, Tiruvarkadu, Sembiam, Mannur, and Konnur. This was my first visit to most of these places.

At Kilpauk the women meet regularly under the leadership of the Pastor's wife. In Vepery, in spite of the fact that the Pastor's wife had just over a fortnight previously given birth to her twelfth child, she led the meeting with enthusiasm. So far Poonamallee have not had a women's meeting; but they invited me to address the women there on New Year's morning. After the meeting, they discussed the possibility of starting a monthly women's meeting, and decided that four or five of the members could take turns in leading it. That same day in the afternoon I had

been invited to Tiruvarkadu, some three miles away. This is a village Church; twelve women were present, and have been meeting regularly all the year. They have been faithfully bringing their offerings, mainly in the form of rice. One-third of their collections has been given to the Church funds, towards the support of the Pastor. (This meeting was started as a result of Mrs. Thrower's and Miss Knight's visit a year ago.)

In Sembiam the meeting was somewhat disturbed owing to the fact that the Sunday School was being conducted in the next building at the same time. However, the nineteen women who gathered seemed keen to hear the message. It was a pleasure to visit Mannur and to see between fifty and sixty women present. Under the leadership of Mrs. Violet Aaron this meeting is flourishing. Many of the women were illiterate, but have been taught to memorise Scripture verses and lyrics. Konnur is a small group; no regular women's meeting is held, but teacher Mary Chellamony seeks to visit the Christian women regularly, encourages them to attend Sunday services, and teaches them in their homes. It was largely due to her perseverence that five women from that village attended the rally this year.

I trust that this news from Madras will encourage more prayer for the women's work in that area. In spite of many problems, and division in some Churches, it appears a real witness is being maintained by the women.

Ethel M. Flory,

Sendamangalam,
Salem District,
South India.

RADIO EVANGELISM. Follow-up figures for December, 1963.

Letters received, 83; new writers, 40; old writers, 43; from Tamilnad, 54; from other places in India, 20; from Ceylon, 8; from Malaysia, 1.

Copy of a message received on a postcard by Mr. H. J. Appleby:—

My dear Sir,

Thank you very much for the Gospel broadcast at 7.30 p.m. on 8.10.63. I was reading "The Lutheran Witness" paper at 7.30 p.m. about persecutions, trials, and temptations of Christians, when suddenly my ears were switched on to a radio programme in the next house. They very rarely turn to the religious programmes, for they are not serious about it; I don't blame them (he means, "I'm not finding fault with them"). But by chance a relative young boy of theirs turned to your religious programme. It is an old set and I could hear the feeble message and took notes. The message was clear and useful but the text verses were not clear for me to copy from my house. This subject is allied to what I had been reading, and taking notes. So please let me have the printed message. Thank you. God bless you.

Yours because His,

Joel Samuel.

QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING FOR LADIES

MARCH 3rd, 1964 (D.V.)

HAYES LANE, BROMLEY, KENT

Meeting commences at 7.30 p.m.

Speaker: MRS. E. F. ORCHARD

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Chadwell Street Chapel was well filled for the New Year's Prayer Meeting, and Farewell Service, on January 3rd. The President, Pastor E. J. Wood, helpfully guided a period of prayer in which a number of brethren led us to the Throne of Grace. Thanksgiving was mingled with many heartfelt petitions. After Dr. R. M. Harris, Mr. Kuhrt, and Mr. Grist had given short testimonies to the goodness of the Lord during furlough, Pastor L. R. Garrard was greatly helped in giving a Farewell message based on the words, "We took ship: and they returned home again", Acts 21. 6. Then each Missionary was given a word of encouragement and farewell by the President, and Pastor O. F. Clarke commended our friends to the Lord in prayer.

We are sorry indeed that no times of departure were given in the Strict Baptist Mission Herald for our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt, Dr. Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Grist and their children. This was due to sudden unexpected difficulties outside of our control, but they all kept their appointments with trains and boats, and are now again happily settled in India. The Lord was pleased to use the ministry of His servants while they were in the Homeland, and, as a result, we have a deeper knowledge of India in general, and of the Mission's work in particular.

Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. Huckett, and Miss L. S. Hazel are due home on the 16th March, 1964. We trust that their voyage on the "Arcadia" is refreshing in every way, and that they will come home endued with the Holy Spirit's power. We do not doubt that each of our Missionary colleagues will have a testimony to bear to the Lord's faithfulness, which reminds us to ask, "Have you included a Missionary meeting in your Summer or Autumn Programme in 1964?" We shall be happy to help you.

Conference took place between the 13th and 19th February, 1964, when many recommendations were prepared for Council's consideration. We earnestly ask you please to remember Council members as they deal with these important recommendations, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to right decisions.

February 20th marked the much looked for day of the wedding of Mr. Jim Jones and Miss Elsie Hardy. We wait impatiently for pictures of this happy event, and would assure our dear friends that just as the prayers of many folk have followed them through these tardy years of waiting, so, now, that the Lord has brought them to this splendid day will prayers be made for them, that blessing may be upon their united life and testimony.

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Mission to the Tamil People

Missionary Surroundings:

MORUPATTI: THE FIRST YEAR BACK AGAIN

The intense cold just before we left England seemed to give us wonderful energy: we worked and walked without weariness, but soon that energy seemed to evaporate when we were back in the heat again.

We know that the Lord has brought us back to serve Him in this needy area, for there is no one, yet, to take our place. We were so grateful to Miss Hazel for asking us to stay in Sendamangalam while we got our rooms in Morupatti opened up and whitewashed. Then we moved in to take up the work again. As we turned off the short village street to our house a cry went up, "They've come! They've come!!" and all the men, women, and children crowded in to greet us. For weeks after our arrival we were meeting folk in different places who wanted to know when we came, and were asked so many questions about England.



Morupatti: The Mission van standing before the house in which Mr. and Mrs. Champion live. The imposing facade of the house belies the amount of room that our missionaries have to use. It is one room deep along the front, with a small room at either end.
Photo: George F. Champion.

Now nearly a year has gone, and we seem to have done so little. There are people in so many villages around, all waiting to hear the Good News of Salvation by Grace alone. At the end of December, from the 26th, we spent a week in Madras where Mr. Champion helped in the Bible School each day. So, the months go, and a great many things demand our attention and time. We desire your earnest prayers that we may spend our time wisely: that souls may be saved in many of the villages reached with the Gospel.

Everywhere we go the Tamil Text cards are eagerly received and the verses read aloud to those around. *Our God has promised that His Word shall not return to Him void.*

Ella A. Champion,
Morupatti, Tr. Metupalayam,
Tirichirapalli District, South India.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

MAY-JUNE
1964

Our Missionaries:

MR. & MRS. D. A. THROWER

Sharing the joy of Christian service long years before they shared the work of God in India, is the experience of God's servants, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, whose home-coming this year marks more than forty-two years of association with the Mission.



Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower, who arrived home on leave during March, are our senior Missionaries on the Field. They have spent 42 and 38 years respectively of varied and active service for the Lord among the Tamils of S. India. Mr. and Mrs. Thrower represent Courland Grove, Clapham, where they have been in membership for many years.

"First blessed of the Lord under the ministry of Pastor C. J. Welsford when about eight years old," says Mr. Thrower. "First brought under conviction at the age of ten and into liberty and a saving knowledge of the Lord at fourteen years," testifies Mrs. Thrower. Both our friends were baptised and active members of the Church at Clapham in their mid-teens—a most excellent preparation for the fruitful years of service which were to follow. Before going to India, Mr. Thrower was a shorthand-typist and a Teacher at Pitman's Commercial College, and Mrs. Thrower gained strength and purpose for her work from the many duties that fall to one who "lives at home".

The call of the Lord to India came to both Mr. and Mrs. Thrower before their twenty-first year. After serving in many capacities in almost every area of the Mission's work, for the last ten years, Mr. Thrower's exceptional gifts as a Tamil Scholar have been devoted to literature production. Mrs. Thrower had an influential ministry among the girls of Madras. To this day examples of the delicate network, which was the main production of the Industrial Class, can still be seen in some homes here in England. Mrs. Thrower was always ready to help, also, in the work done among village women. With the development of her husband's literature programme Mrs. Thrower has shared this ministry and has made a special study of the problems of distribution.

Out of their long experience, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower will be able to give a clear picture of the needs of the work in India.

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DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MAY AND JUNE, 1964 (God Willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—MAY 6th, Thame: 17th-18th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 20th, Kent-Sussex-Surrey Half-yearly Meetings, Tabernacle, Brighton; 24th, Chelmsford; 30th-31st, Royton.

JUNE 7th, Grundisburgh; 11th, Homerton; 14th, New Cross; 21st, Over; 23rd, Bermondsey W.F.; 28th, Waldringfield; 30th, Brixton, Solon Road, W.M.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. D. A. Thrower.—MAY 3rd, Reigate (Meadvale); 10th, Ilford; 17th-18th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 24th, Brentford; 31st, Irthlingborough.

JUNE 7th, Gt. Gransden; 13th, New Cross Missionary Prayer Circle, 61 Breakspears Road, S.E.4; 14th, Highbury; 21st, Guildford; 28th, Ipswich, Mt. Zion.

ADDRESS: 37 Sandmere Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

Mr. H. A. Huckett.—MAY 3rd, Kesgrave; 10th, Didcot; 13th, Croydon District Meeting, Derby Road; 17th, Rattlesden; 20th, Kent-Sussex-Surrey Half-year Meetings, Tabernacle, Brighton; 24th, Ipswich, Bethesda; 28th, Epsom; 31st, Bexleyheath.

JUNE 4th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hall; 6th-7th, Bedworth-Hinckley, Midlands Missionary Week-end; 9th, Woolwich; 11th, Bromley; 14th, Leyton; 16th, Homerton; 17th, New Cross; 18th, Horsham, Rehoboth; 21st, Beccles; 22nd, Hoxne; 28th, Greenwich.

ADDRESS: 61 Breakspears Road, S.E.4.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—MAY 17th-18th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 20th, Kent-Sussex-Surrey, Half-yearly Meetings, Tabernacle, Brighton.

JUNE 3rd, Stratford, Gurney Road; 4th-7th, Midlands Missionary Week-end, Bedworth, Hinckley; 10th, 11th, Suffolk and Norfolk Association Meetings; 18th, Leyton: 23rd, Potton; 25th, Whittlesey; 30th, Dorking.

ADDRESS: 4 Chichester Close, Bidwell Park Estate, Bexhill, Sussex.

Mr. D. J. Moon.—MAY 10th, West Ham.

JUNE 14th, Tabernacle, Brighton.

ADDRESS: 54 Cromford Road, London, S.W.18.

Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—MAY 3rd, Trowbridge; 6th, Eden, Cambridge; 8th, Haslemere G.B.C.; 10th, Ryarsh; 13th, Croydon District Meeting, Derby Road; 14th, W. Kingsdown; 17th-18th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 20th, Kent-Sussex-Surrey Half-yearly Meeting, Tabernacle, Brighton; 24th, Clayton West; 26th, Bury; 28th, Bedworth; 29th, Croydon, Derby Road, Y.P.S.; 31st, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hall.

JUNE 2nd, Blackheath and Charlton Baptist, B.W.L.; 7th, Cransford; 10th, Battisford (even); 10th, 11th, Suffolk and Norfolk Association Meetings; 14th, Crowfield; 17th, Aldringham, Leiston Mission; 20th, Guildford; 21st, Chesham; 15th, Rotherham; 28th, Haworth; 30th, Brighton, Tabernacle, Garden Meeting (Mr. and Mrs.).

Ladies' Prayer Meetings.—District Prayer Meeting at Mount Zion, Ipswich, Friday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. SPEAKER: **Mrs. D. A. Thrower.**

Quarterly Prayer Meeting at Hainault Road, Leyton, Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. SPEAKER: **Miss L. S. Hazel.**

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Will friends please notice that **ALL** enquiries regarding arrangements for deputation meetings (except for Miss L. S. Hazel) should now be sent to **The Deputation Secretary,** Mr. E. ORCHARD, 5 ELSA ROAD, WELLING, KENT. Apply to Mrs. D. Symonds for meetings on Miss L. S. Hazel's programme. (See information panel above.)

MISSIONARY COLPORTAGE

When the Lord commissioned His disciples He told them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature". The evangelist in 1964, as then, is not expected to sit in his chapel or at home, waiting for the unconverted to come to him. He has to GO. The message has to be taken to the people. The principle applies whether the preaching is by word of mouth or through the printed page. Especially is this true of literature evangelism. If books are not to remain on our shelves indefinitely they must be taken to the people just where they are. Distribution is basic to any vital literature outreach. *The Gospel message in print must first reach a man's hand if the good news is ever to reach his heart. Only when Christian literature is distributed can we hope that it*



NOTICE! NOTICE! Hands outstretched for Gospel tracts in an Indian country town. Photo: H. A. Huckett.

will begin to achieve its purpose. It is axiomatic that literature production, with all that it involves in writing or translation, printing, and publishing, will be of no avail unless efficient distribution matches the effort and expense of production. However great their potentialities may be, books that have no readers are but pathetic memorials to someone's wasted labour and capital.

Conscious of this, as well as of the tremendous strides towards full literacy that are being taken in the country, the missionary in India to-day is ever seeking practical and efficient means of taking his share in the responsibility of the Church to make Christ known through the medium of the printed page. Our Mission now possesses a vehicle, the primary purpose of which is to make literature available to the millions of people who are able to read in the Tamil country in 1964. In a day when the readership potential for Christian literature is greater than ever before in

the whole of history, we are glad to have the use of such a tool. This Bookmobile, as it is termed, is big enough to carry sufficient literature to enable it to be away from base for several days at a stretch. When we use it, we find that people are ready and willing to buy the books that are brought to them. We have freedom to publish and to distribute, and we find that when we do "go into all the world" with Bibles and portions and good books, distribution totals soar.

Opportunities

Missionary Colportage is not only directed at non-Christian; believers also are more literate than they were. In times past Church members in rural areas did not develop a "Reading habit". Even now, usually the village Christian is ill at ease in the unaccustomed surroundings of a book shop. With new roads opening up the countryside it is possible to take the Bookmobile to the familiar village street, and, in consequence, the Rural Christian feels more at home. In this way his interest is quickened in good reading.

Possibilities

The great asset of the Bookmobile is its versatility. A shop on wheels; it is bound to no location and can meet every need.

The road side is where India congregates. The van is able to go out to the crowd outside the temple, cinema, railway station, and the school, and becomes operational within a few minutes of stopping.

The village is where India lives. Though there may be no crowds, like those found at the city centres or the temple festivals. Many valuable contacts have been made by leaving the vehicle as a focal point for selling in the village street in the charge of one person, while other workers visit the houses systematically with an invitation to visit the Bookmobile.

It is often possible by prior arrangement with senior staff to visit colleges, schools, hospitals, and similar institutions, and with such sympathetic co-operation, results are invariably most encouraging. Exhibitions arranged by local authorities are golden opportunities for evangelism on a large scale for such events are patronised by large crowds. Church Anniversaries and conventions particularly when Pastors and Deacons give their full support, are occasions when useful sales of literature, and many fruitful contacts are made.

The outreach is almost boundless. For the sake of efficiency and economy when tours of several villages and adjacent areas are planned thought must be given to the kind of literature to be carried. The financial and educational standards of the people, their religious background, and age-range must be taken into consideration.

The area covered by literature evangelism extends beyond the area in which we have churches, but the Bookmobile acts as a spur to those Christians who, because of class-consciousness, do not readily engage in evangelism outside of their own community.

Auxiliary Equipment

In order that the greatest use may be made of the opportunities which such mobility gives; the vehicle is equipped with a public address system which allows us to amplify gramophone records, and tapeo messages, both spoken and sung. Film strips, and film slides are used occasionally. These means may be relied upon to draw the crowds, but usually the brightly covered books put on display will draw a crowd numerous enough to be conveniently managed.



A Mobile Bookshop. "Only when Christian literature is distributed can we hope that it will begin to achieve its purpose." The Mission vehicles in each area are often adapted as Mobile Bookshops. Mr. Field describes in this article a vehicle specially for Literature Evangelism.

Photo: H. A. Huckett.

Wayside Witness

The message goes out even when the vehicle is on the move: for tracts bearing our address are thrown "broadcast" to passing people when they would not cause obstruction to other traffic. Many enquiries have been received as a result of these "Shots at a venture".

Those able to judge inform us that in areas not so literate as the Tamil Country, more sales were made in seven weeks of touring with a Bookmobile than were made by the operation of six bookshops in twelve months. Our own vehicle on one tour last year realised £375 0s. 0d. in book sales. At Book Fairs, arranged in co-operation with the staff of Educational Institutions, thousands of pieces of literature have been distributed within a week.

LATROBE Particular Baptist Church came into being between 1960-1 as a result of a break away from other groups on doctrinal grounds. As its name implies, it is a Church holding the Doctrines of Grace and Particular Redemption, and practising restricted communion. The

TASMANIA

Pastor of this Church is Principal Lincolne. It has a membership of thirty-three and is, at present, closely associated with the Bible College of Tasmania.

MISSIONARY

The Bible College of Tasmania is situated in about 117 acres of meadow and woodland which was given to the College on its inception. The buildings have since been altered and improved for College use. The College has a mixed farm from which it draws milk, vegetables, and meat for the students and staff, and by which it also meets a part of its running costs. The staff, none of whom receive any remuneration from College funds, at present comprises fourteen persons including a dairy farmer, a gardener, a commercial artist, a printer, and a shorthand typist.



Bible College of Tasmania, Latrobe. The front face of the main building is shown here.

Photo: H. J. Appleby.



Mr. Les. Ryan and his fiancée, Miss Jeanette Broadby, who sail for India in early June, 1964.
Photo: H. J. Appleby.

MR. LES. RYAN. Twenty-eight years old. Member of Latrobe Particular Baptist Church. Baptised in 1957. Graduated from the Bible College of Tasmania after a three-year course, in December, 1962. Upholsterer by trade. Accepted by the Mission Council for service in India in March, 1964.

MISS JEANETTE BROADBY. Twenty-seven years old. Member of Latrobe Particular Baptist Church. Baptised in 1954. Graduated from the Bible College of Tasmania, after three-year course, in 1962. Trained in Nursing and Midwifery and has knowledge of shorthand-typing. Accepted by the Mission Council for service in India in March, 1964.

CANDIDATES

RESPONSIBILITY : In view of the large financial commitments and numerical weakness of our sister Churches in Tasmania and Australia, the responsibility for these new recruits to the work in India rests upon the Churches in Great Britain. This marks a departure from usual practice, but the Strict Baptist Mission Council feel sure that they will have the prayerful support of the home Churches in this venture of faith. The

ENGLAND

Mission looks to the Lord to supply the spiritual, physical, and financial needs of these two friends and of the two candidates in training here in England. *The expanding work of the Strict Baptist Mission requires a* 15 *per cent. increase in income during this year.*

The literature worker rejoices when he sees, as a result of his work, a growth of spiritual understanding among Church members, and a deepening interest in the Gospel among non-believers. Such a result underlines the relevance for the times of the Lord's command to be mobile.

Other kinds of work which cannot be left, prevent us developing this work: we but touch the fringe of the vast opportunity opened to us by this God-given equipment. We trust, however, it may be the Lord's sovereign purpose to raise up Indian brethren to share in this ministry and finally become responsible for it.

May the day soon come in answer to your prayers, and ours, when this vehicle, and others like it will be on the roads of the Tamil country every day, taking the Word of Life to the needy millions of this increasingly literate land.

John R. Field,
Literature Evangelism,
Kovilpatti, Tirunelveli District,
S. India.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 1964

It was very good to be back in India and to be present once again at our S.B.M. Conference held in "Queenshill", Kotagiri, in the beautiful Nilgiri mountains of S. India. The climate of Kotagiri is similar to an English hot summer (when you get one!); mornings and evenings are delightfully crisp while the daytime sun is pleasant. By Thursday, February 13th, all our missionaries had assembled. Accommodation and food were all that we could desire. We pay a tribute of gratitude to Miss Russell, the hostess of "Queenshill" who, despite an injured foot, personally attended to all our needs.

Conference began on Friday, 14th, with a whole day given to prayer. Over a number of years we have proved that this is the right way to begin. There were three sessions and during the day we were given short but challenging messages from Mr. Field and Mr. Grist. We earnestly sought the Lord's presence and we believe He gave it throughout our Conference. Saturday morning saw the beginning of a series of addresses by Mr. Champion on Paul's letter to Titus. In his introduction, Mr. Champion reminded us that this little letter is sometimes passed over in favour of the more popular and better known letters to Timothy. But, he said, in view of the fact that this letter to Titus is a very fine manual of Christian Behaviour it is essential that all Christians should know it well. In the last of the four addresses our attention was drawn to three simple but tremendous words. God meets our corruption and sinfulness (ch. 3. 3) with KINDNESS (3. 4), LOVE (3. 4), and MERCY (3. 5).

Saturday's Bible Study was followed by informal talks when ladies and men met separately. These informal talks always smooth out some of the problems and save a lot of time later on. In the afternoon we started work on our business proper.

On Sunday we worshipped morning and evening with the congregation of the near-by Union Church. Mr. Kuhrt and Mr. Huckett were the appointed preachers. Monday found us continuing our Conference sessions after devotions, and this was the pattern for the next three days. Perhaps it might be said that never in the history of the Mission have there been so many perplexing problems with so many complications, some of them legal. However, the hours wore on and the business was brought to a fairly satisfactory conclusion. We had asked for the Lord's guidance and blessing, and we are sure that we had them. One evidence of this was a large measure of unanimity.



Conference, 1964. *Back Row: Messrs. Kuhrt, Field, Huckett, Champion, Thrower, Jones, Appleby, and Grist. Middle row: Mrs. Kuhrt, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Huckett, Mrs. Champion, Miss Hazel, Mrs. Thrower, Dr. Harris, Mrs. Appleby, and Mrs. Grist. Front row: Misses Cook, Harris, Hawes, Knight, Flory, and Hardy (now Mrs. Jones).*

One evening had special significance when a farewell gift of an Indian carved table was made to Miss L. S. Hazel on the eve of her retirement after thirty-two years work in India. We shall certainly miss her and so will the Sendamangalam friends.

Thursday, February 18th, brought us at long last to the wedding day of Elsie Hardy and James Jones. Everyone loves a wedding and our missionaries are no exceptions. The Union Church was tastefully decorated with hill flowers, amongst which stood out the large white lilies which abound in the hills. Some were abroad early in the jeep seeking these blooms. Their efforts were rewarded by the lovely bank of flowers over the rostrum and the sprays in other parts of the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Thrower were acting parents. Mr. Grist was best man, while his little daughter Jennifer with

her friend Jacqueline Appleby made a charming pair of bridesmaids dressed in white with red accessories including halos. The groom looked suitably nervous while the bride looked unusually calm. As the petite bride walked up the aisle in her simple but lovely gown of white brocaded silk and short veil, and holding her sweet bouquet of hill flowers we were prepared by appropriate music for the solemnity of the next half hour. Mr. Champion was conducting the marriage ceremony and after joining our friends in holy matrimony he gave a short homily. In the course of his remarks Mr. Champion was both grave and gay, and although they may not have been heard by the bride and groom (I believe they seldom are on such occasions) others of us greatly appreciated them. Whether we have been married for twenty minutes or twenty years we all need to be reminded of the need of love, wisdom, and tact. When the wedding party moved out to be photographed, one small bridesmaid caused amusement by nearly losing her halo! In the interval between the service and the breakfast the wedding cake, which had arrived without damage from England, was cut and the happy pair were felicitated. Then into the dining room where a delicious wedding breakfast was set out, and shortly after the meal Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones set out for their honeymoon and for life and work together in India. They are now in Paniadipatti and will have started serious work in the many villages clustered around their new home.

So another Conference has come and gone. As you and we work together for another year in the service of the Lord may we "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things" Titus 2. 10.

Doris A. Kuhrt,
Namakkal,
Salem District,
South India.

DEEDS OF COVENANT

A point arises in regard to gifts made under Deed of Covenant, which we feel in fairness to our friends should be mentioned. It is generally thought that those who subscribe under Deeds of Covenant are able to benefit the Mission without any additional cost to themselves. Broadly speaking, this is true, but in the case of taxpayers whose only income is earned income (salaries, wages, or business profits) the existence of a Covenant may result in a slight restriction of the Earned Income Relief. Thus a slight additional amount of tax might have to be paid, dependent on the individual circumstances of the giver. This would not apply to those givers who have sufficient investment income to cover the gross amount of their gift under Deed of Covenant.

N. Cox, Hon. Treasurer.

AREA MEETINGS

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GOD WILLING

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WE SHOULD VALUE YOUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT

MAY 17th-18th. WILTSHIRE

WHITSUN MISSIONARY WEEK-END

Meetings at Bradenstoke, Hilmarton, Swindon, Trowbridge, and Devizes. Details advertised locally.

MAY 20th. BRIGHTON

The Tabernacle, West Street.

HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS

2.15 p.m. Ladies Meeting addressed by Miss L. S. Hazel. Men's Prayer Meeting conducted by Pastor A. J. Wade.

3.30 p.m. United Devotion Service. Speaker: Mr. D. A. Thrower. TEA for ticket-holders only. 2/- each. Please make early application for tickets, sending payment to the General Secretary.

6.30 p.m. Missionary Rally and Welcome to Missionaries. Speakers: Mr. H. A. Huckett, Mr. D. A. Thrower, and Miss L. S. Hazel.

JUNE 6th-7th. MIDLANDS

MISSIONARY WEEK-END

June 6th. Bedworth, commencing at **3 p.m.** Speakers: Miss L. S. Hazel and Mr. H. A. Huckett. Special Services at Hinckley and Bedworth on Lord's Day,

June 7th. Further particulars from Mr. A. Bucknall, Ashbourne, Saunders Avenue, Bedworth, Nuneaton, Warks.

THE TREASURY **FEBRUARY—MARCH 1964**

'. . . as ye abound in everything . . . see that ye abound in his grace also.'

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Mission to the Tamil People

Missionary Surroundings:

THE MAKING . . . OF BOOKS

In England the picture book and the strip cartoon are the craze. They have displaced serious reading. The man in the street is losing the benefits of literacy; but in India, where new literates are waking to the satisfying experience of being able to read, there is a wide open opportunity of evangelism through books.

There is endless material at hand for the Christian writer, translator, and publisher. John was right when he said, "There are many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written everyone, I suppose, that even the world could not contain the books that should be written". There is no famine of material.

The problem is two-fold. To supply an emerging need with right kinds of books. This means that the needs of villagers, both Christian and Non-Christian, must be taken into account as well as the more sophisticated tastes of townsfolk. Then this ministry of books must create a hunger, and then stimulate the hunger that it creates,



BUSY WITH BOOKS. Village boys and men crowding round a Christian worker (in striped shirt) as he distributes literature. *Photo: H. A. Huckett.*

for serious reading, where at present it does not exist. Our Missionary colleagues have this problem always before them, and they need heaven-given wisdom to know how best to use the limited resources at their command, to the best advantage.

Most of the literature available to the Christian worker in the East comes from the pen of writers in the West. There has still to arise a School of Christian authorship in the East. The crying need of India is for Nationals of that country whose God-given gifts may be used to interpret the deeper truths of the Christian Scriptures to their own country men. Until that happy day comes a heavy task is laid upon Western Translators to explain adequately in Eastern idiom the writings which have become the golden heritage of the Christian Church in the West. Here, indeed, is a field too wide adequately to be explored by one man, or a group of men. It is the task of the whole body of Christian Scholarship—in which we Strict Baptists can play our part, through the gifts and grace of God so freely given to us.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

JULY-AUGUST

1964

THE MIGHTY MASSES OF INDIA



HINDUS 383 Million

New Hindu Temple just outside of the town of Kodaikanal on the Palani Hills, South India.

Photo: George F. Champion.



Tamil Baptist Chapel, Mannur, Madras. Photo: Percy H. Crees.

CHRISTIANS 10 Million

MOHAMMEDANS 46 Million



Mohammedan Mosque near Morupatti. Photo: George F. Champion.

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DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1964 (GOD WILLING)

General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees.—JULY 4th, Fulham; 9th, St. Albans; 12th, Over; 19th, Clifton; 26th, Basildon. AUGUST 30th, Wattisham.
Address: 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

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Mr. D. A. Thrower.—JULY 5th, Aylesbury; 8th, Hastings; 12th, Prittlewell; 15th, Wimbledon; 19th, Haslemere; 26th, Brighton, Ebenezer. AUGUST 15th-29th, F.O.Y. House Party.

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

Mr. H. A. Huckett.—JULY 3rd, Rishangles; 5th, Stowmarket; 8th, Wood Green, Park Ridings. AUGUST 2nd, Yateley; 9th, Brockley, Suffolk; 16th, Pemberton.
Address: 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

Mrs. E. Orchard.—JULY 15th, Wimbledon. AUGUST 10th-21st, Pioneer Camp.

Mr. D. J. Moon.—JULY 12th, Smarden.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—JULY 1st, Warboys; 11th, Croydon Friends; 14th, Horsham; 15th, Clapham, Courland Grove. AUGUST, F.O.Y. House Party.
Address: 4 Chichester Close, Bidwell Park Estate, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.

Deputation Secretary, Mr. E. Orchard.—JULY 5th, Islington, Chadwell St.; 9th, Two Waters; 12th, Margate; 14th, Stoke Ash; 15th, Wimbledon; 19th, Charsfield and Sutton, Suffolk; 26th, Newquay. AUGUST 10th-21st, Pioneer Camp; 29th, Royton; 30th, Preston.

We should be most grateful for the warm-hearted support of friends in the locality of the meetings, and earnestly ask you to remember this ministry in your prayers.

DAY OF PRAYER 1964

SUNDAY
JULY 5th

A DAY OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

WE EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT EVERY CHURCH, AT HOME AND OVERSEAS, GIVE SOME TIME ON THIS DAY FOR SPECIAL INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING.

PRAISE GOD **THAT** AN EFFECTUAL DOOR REMAINS OPEN TO US; **THAT** EVERY SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL NEED HAS BEEN MET; **THAT** PRAYER IS BEEN ANSWERED FOR NEW WORKERS.

PRAY EARNESTLY **THAT** PASTORS AND OTHER CO-WORKERS OF OUR MISSIONARIES MAY BE A BLESSING TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE. **THAT** EVERY NATIONAL WORKER MAY BE ENCOURAGED BY A SENSE OF GOD'S DIRECTION IN HIS OR HER MINISTRY. **THAT** THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MAY NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE WORK OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN THAT COUNTRY. **THAT** OUR MISSIONARY COLLEAGUES MAY KNOW THE LEADING OF THE LORD IN THEIR CORPORATE, AND INDIVIDUAL MINISTRY. **THAT** NEW MISSIONARIES WHO RECENTLY HAVE ARRIVED IN INDIA MAY BE HELPED OF THE LORD IN LANGUAGE STUDY.

TIRUVELARAI

Several times we have passed a hill which has on it the base of an unfinished temple tower. This large brick structure had so interested us that we had often determined to visit the hill when an opportunity occurred. We made the visit yesterday, and were duly impressed with all we saw. As we stopped in front of the unfinished tower, two Brahmins came out through the gateway, and were evidently eager to show us round. This was natural enough as the hill is off the main road and except for the festival season, in the month of April-May, the temple guardians can have little to do.



"On every high hill . . . under every green tree. . . ."
Photo: By courtesy of Miss R. Appleby.

The tower led into the temple enclosure which was surrounded by a wall over twenty feet high, and the temple itself stands in the middle of the enclosure. We did not enter the temple. In recent years Hindus have been less willing to show non-Hindus round their shrines than they were formerly. So we walked round the temple and looked at the walls and the other buildings within the square which is probably 200 yards long each way. Evidently the place had been built up as a fortress, and the gateways in three of the sides have been filled up, which seemed to suggest to us that the hill had been threatened by an opposing army on at least one occasion. As we went round to the southern side of the fortress, the men with us began calling out the name of their god to demonstrate the clearness of the echo. We called out the name of Christ, but the Brahmins did not appear to appreciate this, and the echo was given a rest.

On this side of the hill a hall had been carved out of the solid rock. This was very tastefully done, and pillars had been left at the entrance to the rock-hall. At each end an alcove had been excavated and no doubt these were used for holy men to sit and lecture their disciples at one time. We thought what nice little chapels for Christian worship these would make and wondered if the time might come when many such places will be used as places of worship "of our Lord and of His Christ".

As we returned to the gateway under the unfinished tower, we were asked to sit on the granite floor as, they said, there is always a delightful cool breeze blowing there. We seated ourselves and found that what they said was true. We had been asked as we walked round what our occupation was. We had replied that it was telling people about God, and now, sitting under the tower which testifies to the failure of some man to attain his ambition, we talked to the temple priests of the only One Who can bring true satisfaction and completion to the hearts and lives of those who trust Him. We left with these priests copies of the Scriptures in Tamil and English, hoping they would read them during their spare time, of which they seemed to have an ample supply, and that the Holy Spirit will use the Word to enlighten these young and old men in the things concerning Himself.

George F. Champion,
Morupatti,
Tr. Mettupalayam,
Tiruchirapalli District,
South India.

HOW SHALL I PRAY?

That the Christians may be so strengthened by the Holy Spirit's power that they may resist the pressure of the temptations that come to them day by day and are so little understood by even the wisest Missionary.

That our Missionaries may be given grace to live day by day that those around them may *see* the power of God and the wisdom of God in them.

Ella A. Champion.

PLEDGE OF PRAYER



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Prayer Fellowship

"Please pray for me!"

Do people say this to you? I often hear the Tamil equivalent of these words, and am reminded again and again of my responsibility to pray for many people. Perhaps you are wondering why people ask me to pray for them. What are the problems which make them conscious of their need of help by prayer? I will give you some examples.

A girl about twenty years old is trying to maintain Christian standards in a Hindu village where she is working among pre-school age children. The Lord has helped her to be patient in many difficulties, and her work has satisfied her superiors, but her salary is inadequate. She signed a contract to work for two years. So did other girls, but many of them have given up and this girl is tempted to do the same. There are several younger children in the family and she wishes to help her parents financially. She asks prayer about all these matters, and that she may be obedient to the Lord.

A mother of eight children says that the Lord has always met their needs. (If you saw the children you would probably say that they looked under-nourished.) Two teenage sons have recently finished school. There is very little work in the village where they are living. If they go to a town there is not only the problem of finding work, but also the difficulty of obtaining suitable accommodation. The family income cannot stretch to financing further training, for which government scholarships, if obtained, would not cover all expenses.

The Women's Meeting in a village chapel was over, and I was talking to the youngest of the four of us who had been present. "I shall have to go to my mother's for the birth of my baby. My mother-in-law does not speak to me," she said. They both live in the same house. It is not surprising that that young wife whose first baby died when seven days old asked me to pray for her. May the Lord grant to her and to her mother-in-law, and to many others in similar circumstances the love and patience that they need to live happily together.

An older friend tells me of her family affairs. Her husband works in a cotton mill, and has been granted permission to continue working although he has passed the normal early retiring age. His wife is truly thankful for this. The daughter and elder son are married and have small families. The only other surviving child is a lad of about twenty, who is crippled and whose mental development is very much retarded. The patience with which his mother cares for him is evidence of the help she receives from the Lord. She is fond of children and welcomes them, from Christian and Hindu families, to her house for family prayers. I think you now have enough information for it to be obvious why she asks for help by prayer.

"Please pray for my son. You prayed for him when he was ill before and he got better." It was an illiterate village woman who spoke to me after the Sunday morning service. She went and fetched her two and a half years old son. It was obvious that he had conjunctivitis, and in reply to questions his mother said that he had diarrhoea. We prayed for the little one, and later in the day sent appropriate medicines. The Lord graciously healed him.

"Pray for me," says an Indian brother or sister who is endeavouring to tell others of the Lord Jesus, and the salvation He gives. Some of these friends are speaking week after week to Christians and Hindus in their own and neighbouring villages. Others of them travel a long way by cycle, bus, or train, in response to invitations to minister to Christian congregations, or to tell the message of salvation in unevangelised areas.



Miss O. R. Knight telling two children "the stories of Jesus". An interested woman looks on. *Photo: Ruth M. Harris.*

Many say, "Pray for me". There are many more who may not actually use those words, but what I see of their condition, physical and spiritual, stirs me to pray for them. As in many other tasks, it is easier to begin than to continue. So may the Lord give us the patience and grace that we need in this most important and exacting ministry.

Olive R. Knight,
Kovilpatti,
Tirunelveli District,
S. India.

PANIADIPATTI

Paniadipatti by any standards is a desolate place. From Kovilpatti, which is the main centre of S.B.M. activity in the Tirunelveli District, it is twenty or more miles by road to Paniadipatti, but to walk cross-country it is less than ten. Except you travel by Jeep or Land Rover, the only way of reaching the village is by bullock cart or on foot, for the last part of the journey is across rough country. On my first visit to our new home we passed many women at work in the fields, for agriculture is the main occupation in this area. Chillies, cotton, and groundnuts are all grown in their season. The feature of this landscape is the open unprotected wells from which the crops are irrigated during the largest part of of the year. After a three-mile walk I caught the first sight of the bungalow. It seemed to be a large house set in the midst of a number of smaller buildings some of which seemed to be in ruins. Most of these small houses are uninhabited, but were used at one time by a thriving girls' hostel and school. They have not been used for many years. Although off the beaten track, Paniadipatti is the centre of many villages in which the S.B.M. has worked for many years. As a result of this ministry a number of Tamil Baptist Churches have come into being. It is among these Churches and in the villages where we feel our work lies.

We intend to follow well-tried and proven methods of making the Gospel known. Among these are the following:

(*a*) *Personal Contacts.* This means that you have to make yourself known to the people about you and seek to share the ordinary events of your life with them. We look to the Lord to lead us to many through these contacts, that we may tell them the Good News of Salvation.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones. A happy Wedding Day photograph of Jim and Elsie Jones whose home is now at Paniadipatti.
Photo: By courtesy of Mrs. D. A. Kuhrt.

(*b*) *Literature Distribution.* This ministry used together with open-air witness usually draws a crowd of people eager to read almost any book. Many new literates are ready for the Gospel.

(*c*) *Ministry in the Churches.* This is a regular part of the life of a Missionary in these parts, and claims a great deal of his time and energy. For a new missionary still grappling with the intricacies of the language preparing a sermon demands a great deal of book work.

Besides the out-reach that these forms of ministry give you, there are always those who come to you with their problems and difficulties. For example, after being here only a few days I was approached by a third party about a broken marriage. "Would I help?" So often one feels inadequate to face a task like this, but we trust in an adequate God, and commit ourselves and these problems to HIM.

Some problems arise that we cannot deal with. Yesterday my wife came running to me, and said, "A woman has just walked into the dining room, fallen on her knees, and is praying". We just waited until she had finished. Then she asked for a drink of water, and after she had drunk it she lay down on the floor and went into a kind of trance, all the time crossing herself on the forehead and gesticulating with her hands. After some time she came round and we were able to get her to go outside. Then providentially Bible-woman Grace came along and relieved us of the responsibility for the woman who, I fear, was not in her right mind.

There are encouragements and discouragements in such work. Pray that the Lord will give us understanding, and a balanced judgment to

do His work. We realise that the Lord has a plan both for us and those among whom we live. We believe, also, that His plan includes many experiences calculated to bring us closer to Him that we may be the better fitted for His service in the coming years. Pray for us.

Jim Jones,
Paniadipatti,
Satur, Ramnad Dt.,
S. India.

EDITOR'S MISCELLANY

Half-annual Meetings. This year's experiment of leaving London for the half-yearly gatherings allowed some keenly interested supporters of the Mission to share in these meetings, who would not otherwise have been present. The numbers attending the meetings held at Bethesda, Ipswich, and at The Tabernacle, Brighton, were disappointingly small, but there was an excellent spirit of prayerful fellowship at both places. The Lord enabled our colleagues from the field to give clear and convincing testimony to the Lord's faithful provision for every need on the field, and the messages at every service were a careful presentation of facts concerning the work which compelled attention, and were greatly appreciated. The overall impression of these meetings was that the need grows greater for more God-sent workers for each part of the Mission's ministry. Again we would earnestly commend the Master's instruction for the filling of this need. *Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest.*

Pastor N. R. E. Samson. It was with sorrow and a sense of loss that we heard of the death of our friend Edwin Samson. He had been connected with the Mission in one way or another practically all his life, and though at times his motives were not clear, he was a man of capable leadership, and served his own Church and community in Poonamallee devotedly. He was called to the Pastoral office only a short time before he passed into the Presence of the Lord, but before becoming Pastor of the Church he was an active worker, particularly among the children in the Sunday School. He had the distinction of becoming first of all a teacher, and then the Headmaster, Correspondent, and Manager of the school in which he was a pupil. May the Lord graciously comfort our sister, Mrs. Thanammal Samson, and grant her a real sense of His Presence in her loneliness.

Missionary Candidates. In a recent Council meeting, Miss Phyllis White and Miss Yvonne Conacher both from Latrobe, Tasmania, were unanimously accepted for service in India. Both of God's servants have a certain amount of further training to do. We would commend these new missionaries to the prayerful concern of the Churches, and ask that special prayer be made for all the material and spiritual needs of this demanding ministry.

Radio Ministry. The figures for the first half of 1964 are as follows: Total letters received 281, New Writers 155, Old Writers 126, Writers from Tamilnad 204, Writers from other parts of India 43, from Ceylon 23, from Overseas 21. Please remember the many people who listen regularly to the Gospel through these Broadcasts, and pray that grace and wisdom may be given to those responsible for answering correspondence.

Mr. Nehru. The death of the Prime Minister of India leaves that country without a Statesman of World stature, and opens an era of uncertainty for many people. The Living God, in whose hands are the lives of all men, on more than one occasion, has used men who did not acknowledge His power to fulfil His Sovereign purposes. He called the Idolatrous King Cyrus, "My Servant, whom I have chosen . . .". In his day the Prime Minister of India was used by God to create and maintain conditions that were helpful to the progress of the Gospel in the vast areas of the Republic of India. Although changes are inevitable—we need not fear the future, for the purposes of God do not change.

End of Financial Year. The Mission's Financial Year ends on 31st July and contributors are asked to note that amounts for inclusion in this year's accounts should reach the Hon. Financial Secretary, Pastor W. H. Pounds, 36 Fontaine Road, London, S.W.16., by that date.

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Mission to the Tamil People

THE TRIDENT, THE CROSS, AND THE CRESCENT

Hinduism has a multitude of sacred signs and symbols, but the Trident dominates them all. Behind this symbol lies a wide variety of worship from erotic festivals to esoteric mysteries: from the wild fears of the Animist to the trance-like devotion of the Yogi: from the age-old culture of the Brahmin to the shapeless stone idol of the untutored villager. Here lies the resilience and power of Hinduism. It receives all and recognises everything from a nominal conformity to fervid devotion as its due. Scholarly philosophers, illiterate labourers, public figures, the ordinary man in the street: high, low, rich and poor, all in some measure or another acknowledge its authority. The Trident's colours glow with a virile power.

The Cross, once the means of a shameful death, has passed through the alchemy of history and has changed its shape as well as its meaning. It is seen now as the sign of Western culture. The symbol of the Colonial Powers, who so often subjugated the Eastern World by the sword in the hands of their soldiers and the cross in the hands of their priests. The past dies hard. The Cross in India to-day still stands for a Western religion, and, what is more sad, it stands for much false teaching and empty nominality. We are now unable to divest ourselves of a symbol which has lost its original meaning.

Praise God! In the great mass of nominal Christianity in India there is a remnant of true believers whose lives and testimony will yet be used of God to the fulfilment of His glorious purposes of Grace. This elect company is the salt of Indian society, the light in the immense and growing darkness. Set in the midst of the idolatry of Hinduism on the one hand, and the falacies of Islam on the other, this Election of Grace is maintained alone by the Sovereign power of the Living God.

The Crescent moon with the star nestling in its bosom moves the hearts of many nations as no other flag does. To-day Islam is the official faith of nations that people an unbroken area of the world from North Africa to Outer Mongolia. Abraham's attempt to bolster the promise of God by marrying Hagar has left a legacy of fearful consequences to the world of our day. In the heyday of Muslim dominion India knew the power of the Crescent, and to-day, after a history of racial strife that led to the emergence of the Islamic state of Pakistan, there remains in India a powerful minority which is controlled by the three-fold call of the Minaret. Islamic law governs the life of this people: Arabic is the language of their worship, Tamil, or some other dialect, the language of their work-a-day world. The followers of the Prophet Mohammed are almost impervious to the Gospel.

The natural growth of the Christian community in India will but add to its numbers statistically: but we may pray believing that the Lord of the Harvest will take out of all three of these communities His own redeemed people through the preaching of the Gospel.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

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A Tamil Christian Family
Photo: George F. Champion.

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Men and Boys of the SEMBIAM, Madras, Church.

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OCTOBER 3rd and 4th, Walsall; 6th, Homerton; 8th, Whittlesey; 11th, Hadleigh; 14th, Brighton, Ebenezer; 18th, Whitton, Ipswich; 19th, Chelmondiston; 25th, Halstead; 27th, Annual Meetings; 31st, Hounslow.

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Mr. D. A. Thrower.—SEPTEMBER 6th, Stonham and Mendlesham; 10th, Staines; 13th, Horsham; 20th, Swindon; 26th, Newick; 27th, Bermondsey; 29th, Manor Park.

OCTOBER 4th, Colchester; 7th, Chingford; 11th, Rishangles; 14th, 15th, 16th, Beccles; 18th, Stoke Ash; 20th, Fressingfield; 25th, Wellingboro'; 27th, Annual Meetings; 29th, Halstead.

Mrs. D. A. Thrower.—SEPTEMBER 17th, Brentford L.Z.A. Annual Meeting; 26th, Newick. OCTOBER 14th, 15th, 16th, Beccles.

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OCTOBER 1st, Brentford; 4th, 5th, 6th, West Ham; 8th, Warbleton; 11th, Cransford; 14th, Brighton, Ebenezer; 18th, Chatteris; 22nd, Ramsey; 25th, Cambridge, Eden; 27th, Annual Meetings; 29th, Meopham, Zion.

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Mr. D. J. Moon.—OCTOBER 6th, Streatham, Hambro Road.

Pastor J. K. Therpe.—OCTOBER 18th, Warboys.

Mrs. E. Orchard.—SEPTEMBER 15th, Richmond L.Z.A. Annual Meeting; 21st, Brockley Pres. W.M.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—SEPTEMBER 1st, Croydon Area Meeting (Derby Road); 2nd, Bexley Heath; 3rd, Two Waters and Hammerfield; 5th, Brighton, Tabernacle; 8th, Mendlesham Green; 9th, Horham; 10th, Ipswich (Mount Zion); 15th, Wellingboro'; 16th, Irthlingborough; 22nd, Epsom; 23rd, Downe; 24th, Belvedere; 30th, Wandsworth (West Hill).

OCTOBER 1st, Staines; 2nd, Tring; 3rd, Girl Covenanters; 6th, Watford (Tabernacle); 13th, Ipswich (Zoar); 14th, Laxfield; 15th, Occold; 21st, Hounslow; 22nd, Yateley; 26th, St. John's Wood; 27th, Annual Meetings; 31st, Chelmsford.

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OCTOBER 1st, Dorking Y.P.S.; 4th, Willenhall; 6th, Ponders End; 8th, Wood Green, Eldon Road; 11th, Hailsham; 13th, Farnham; 14th, Handcross; 18th, Whittlesey; 19th, Leyton, F.O.Y.; 25th, Bromley, Hayes Lane; 27th, Annual Meetings; 28th, Deeping St. James; 29th, Stamford.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

103RD ANNUAL MEETINGS

AT

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL

ON

OCTOBER 27th 1964

11 a.m. 2 p.m.

3.15 p.m. 6.15 p.m.

TEA TICKETS 2/- BOOK ROOM

THE HEALING MINISTRY AND EVANGELISM

They were standing outside our front door, a man poorly dressed and his little daughter, puffy and pale, desperately anaemic. As I opened the door the man handed me a little scrap of paper on which was written in Tamil "Christalarler, Belukurichi". For five years, he told me, he had been going here and there seeking healing for his daughter and then someone had said, "Go to the Christians in Belukurichi". The thing that thrilled me—true it was only a little thing—was that they had not written "Vellikarer", white people, but "Christians".

Away back in the early days of the history of Israel, God had revealed Himself to His people as "I am the Lord that healeth thee". We see our Lord Jesus Christ when He was on earth, full of love and compassion, healing the sick and making them perfectly whole. He cared for their suffering bodies as well as their needy souls.

In this day and generation, although miraculous healing rarely takes place as it did in the early Church, yet God still calls some of us to heal as well as to preach. God has put into this world many means which can be used to heal and He has given men the ability to discover them



Leper Girl. *Photo: George F. Champion.*

and apply them. These means we use. The thing which counts is the spirit in which they are used. Surely God would reveal His love and compassion on the sick and the suffering through His servants to-day. How much we need your prayers that we may show this love, for it is easy to have high notions and yet fail to put them into practice.

The medical services in India are expanding, but there is still a desperate need for medical help in many of the villages. There is plenty of opportunity for a healing ministry along the lines of general practice, only with more scope than is usual under the National Health Service in the United Kingdom. There are so many patients who can be healed by simple means and put back on the road again.

When patients come to us, gathering in the courtyard of our house, they come with a sense of need which is physical and material, and they expect us to help them. It is we who realise their spiritual need. As we give the morning message there are usually all sorts of things happening to divert people's attention—crying babies, late-comers, neighbours who want to have a chat over something of mutual interest, it is against such a background that we seek to teach the people about our Lord Jesus Christ. In spite of all there is to distract people's minds during this brief time, rarely longer than a quarter of an hour, there are nearly always some who show a real interest. Time and time again, when the Word of God has been read, explained, and applied with the help of local colour, someone has acknowledge that the word has just fitted their circumstances. Perhaps someone in England has been praying. What a privilege it is to open up the Scriptures to some who may have never heard before and to seek to introduce them to our incomparable Lord.

You, who send us out from the Churches in England to minister here in India, pray that the Holy Spirit might fill us day by day and endue us with fresh power from on high, for as we repeat the message over and over again it is possible to become like automatons.

After telling the people about our Lord, then comes the opportunity to reveal His love and compassion as we deal with each patient individually. It is just at this juncture that one can nullify all one has said by impatience, sharpness, or lack of gentleness.

This morning we have had a number of very poor patients, dirty and illiterate, their undernourished children suffering from coughs, diarrhoea, and sores. It needs much patience, firstly to elicit a correct

history, and then to get across to them just exactly how to take the medicine. Even then we know that they are needing so much more than a few days medicine and there are so many around us in this plight. Amongst the patients who came this morning was a woman whose foot we had had to open up two days ago. To-day she was very much better. We have visited her home, in a very poor part of the village, several times. This woman can read, her husband is a teacher, and they have a New Testament in the home. So here was a good opportunity to encourage her to read the Word of God and have family prayers in the home. There are frequent opportunities for a personal word, especially as we hear of some of the difficulties that people are up against. Those who can read, or have someone at home who can read, are encouraged to buy a Gospel or an S.G.M. booklet of Scripture portions, a display of which is kept by the dispensing table.

While on camp, as we go from village to village preaching the Word, we are bombarded with questions or information concerning sick folk; in fact, wherever we go in this area it is the same, whether in the bus or on foot. This gives us close personal contacts but sometimes one feels that it is difficult to get beyond the material need to a deeper spiritual level. Truly the salvation of a soul is a miracle which only the Holy Spirit can bring about.

The results of this work are only known to God. There are some people known to us, who, although they have not been baptised, have come to put their trust in Jesus Christ.

At present our only contact with people living on the Kolli Hills is through the medical work. Many of those who come are known to us, having been for treatment in the past to Vazhavanthi. One's relationship to them is that of family doctor. It is all very interesting to hear, through these patients, of people we know on the Kollis—this morning it was grim news about a local quarrel—but we long to see in them an interest in the things of God, an awakening in their hearts, and awareness of their need of salvation through Christ.

Pray that God, Who has committed to us the healing ministry, would enable us to fulfil His will and glorify His Name.

Ruth M. Harris,
Belukurichi,
Salem Dt.

SENDAMANGALAM

"Ding, dong! Ding, dong!"—There goes the first bell for the Sunday morning service. The Christians hear it in their homes, get themselves ready, lock up their doors, and proceed to the chapel. The chapel is a fair-sized building, standing near our Girls' Higher Elementary School. As everyone sits on the floor, the building holds quite a number of people, but even so it is hardly big enough to hold all the people that sometimes attend. On a normal Sunday morning there is usually well over fifty people there besides the Hostel children and some women with babies who sit outside. The Hostel girls, Bibles and Hymn Books tucked under their arms, march in a long crocodile, two by two, into the chapel and sit together at the front. They often sing a lyric before the service actually begins. At 8.30 a.m. the second bell is rung and the service is started. The singing of the lyrics and hymns goes with a swing, led by the Hostel girls acting as a choir and with sometimes a tambourine to help to keep time, played by the Matron. The service, which is usually conducted by Pastor Paul Raj, lasts for a little over an hour and then the children and teachers go off to the school for their Sunday classes. A Covenanter class is held for the older girls and this group is connected to the Girl Covenanters in England. The leader is at present Miss Samuel, the



Pastor Paul Raj talking to some of the younger members of his congregation.

Photo: Margaret M. Cook.



The front porch and entrance to the Chapel at Sendamagalam.

Photo: Margaret M. Cook.

Headmistress of our School. In the afternoon the second service of the day is held at 4.30 p.m.

Once a month, after the evening service, a number of the Church members go out for open air witness. Sometimes they go into Sendamangalam and have open air meetings and give out tracts locally. At other times they go further afield to other nearby villages but this usually means that only those with cycles or some other means of transport can go. We are glad that this witness continues. Pray that God may bless their efforts.

From time to time, on a Monday evening, a women's meeting is held in the chapel. This is run by the Pastor's wife and the teachers and is chiefly for the Christian women in the part of the town called Rajapuram, where many are illiterate. It is good to see up to thirty women attending these meetings. Once in a while they have a tea—coffee or tea to drink and some Indian sweetmeats to eat.

Every Tuesday evening a cottage prayer meeting is held in one or other of the Christian homes. Pastor usually conducts this and special prayer is made for the particular family in whose house we meet, as well as other, more general, needs.

On Thursdays the week evening service is held in the chapel. This generally takes the form of Bible Study followed by prayer. At the moment, Pastor is going through the Book of Isaiah. He is a good teacher and these systematic studies are a help to us all.

The teachers of the school are all Christians and although they are not allowed to teach Christianity in school hours now, yet they have many opportunities of talking with the children both before and after school. Prayers are held at these times when many Hindu day scholars attend.

Of course, the girls who come to stay in our Hostel in order to attend the school, have every opportunity to study the Bible and to learn about the Lord. We have quite a number of Hindu and Roman Catholic girls, and even three Muslims this term. They all attend the chapel services, both on Sundays and in the week.

Will you join us in prayer for the Sendamangalam Church and the Christian witness in this place? At the time of writing, the Evil One is doing all in his power to spoil things. We know that Satan is not interested unless the Lord has a work going on, so we are encouraged to believe that the work in Sendamangalam is indeed *His* and He is able to bless it. Pray that the witness that has been so bright may continue to shine out to the blessing of those around, so many of whom are without God.

Margaret M. Cook,
Sendamangalam,
Salem District, South India.



Some of the congregation leaving after service. The Church at Sendamangalam has passed through many changes, and has seen days of weakness as well as strength. Pray that rivalries, the result of differing social backgrounds, may be lost as this Church grows unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Photo:
Margaret M. Cook.

LIGHT AND SHADE AT TIRUVERKADU

A procession of Indian Christian men and women was wending its way across the rice fields to the place appointed for the baptism of two young friends. The glorious green of the growing rice, the blue of the sky and the medley of colours worn by the women made up a scene that was drenched with the brightest of sunlight, though happily, at nine o'clock in the morning, it was not too hot.

Pastor Daniel should have been baptising two of his own children, a girl and a boy, but the girl had spent the whole of the previous day feverishly seeking entrance to a Pre-University course. She had been successful but had become so ill that she was quite unable to attend any service or to be baptised. We were again both impressed and depressed by the enormous pressure of young people upon the limited accommodation in schools and colleges.

In many parts of the country water had been scarce and cuts in power drastic but here, a dozen miles from Madras City, there was no shortage. Electric pumps were sending lavish streams of sparkling water into the irrigation channels and the scene was as fair as one could wish. The baptistry was an improvisation. A friendly farmer had dug out a large hole and was keeping it full of water, and it was there in this lovely setting that Mr. Daniel baptised his son Isaac. But the friendly farmer, who was at one time a leading deacon and financial pillar of the Church, has quarrelled with his brothers and does not now attend the chapel services.

Tiruverkadu has recently been in the news because an ancient temple there has been restored and a motorable road now links the village with the trunk road. The lavishly decorated temple tower dominates the countryside. Some of the great ones of the land honoured the occasion of its re-dedication with their presence. The little school chapel in which we worshipped is sadly in need of repair and only a handful of very humble people gathered but, in spite of everything, to meet there is to be with members of that "little flock" to whom our Lord promised the Kingdom.

Wilfred H. Kuhrt,
Namakkal, Salem Dt., South India.

MISCELLANY

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones. It sometimes happens, in spite of every care, that mistakes creep into the "Herald". It has been pointed out that Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married on Thursday, the 20th of February and not on the 18th. Acknowledging the mistake gives us a further opportunity of wishing our friends every blessing during these early days at Paniadipatti.

Radio Evangelism. The May/June figures—38 letters received—show a sharp decline in response from our ministry over the air. Mr. Grist writes: "This considerable drop is due to the fact that though listening is fairly clear up to the beginning of the Tamil Gospel programmes, they are then blocked out." Please make this a matter of earnest prayer, that interference may soon cease.

Used English Bibles. We would again call attention to the request which appeared in the November/December issue of "The Strict Baptist Mission Herald". Mr. J. R. Field will be happy to receive any used English Bibles, which may at present be lying idle because their owners have more than one to use. They can be used for free distribution to Tamils who read English. Please send direct to India by Book Rate post to, Post Box 8, Kovilpatti, Tirunelveli District, S. India.

Miss N. Hawes. In recent months our colleague Miss Nellie Hawes has been unwell, and she has been recommended to come to England for treatment. Arrangements are already in hand for her journey home. She expects to be staying at her mother's home:

White House Farm, Southolt, Horham, Diss, Norfolk.

Miss Hawes has supplied Sunday School teachers and Women's Meeting leaders with Tamil Texts from the stock which friends sent her. If friends who have shared Miss Hawes' ministry in this way care to continue, she will be happy to supply addressed labels for packets of cards. NO WRITTEN MESSAGE OR ADDRESS SHOULD BE ENCLOSED IN THE CARDS SENT IN THIS WAY. We know that Miss Hawes' many friends will pray for her during this time in hospital and ask for complete restoration so that she may soon return to her loved work in India.

✸ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

ANNUAL "RAYS" RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1964

AT

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

Time: 3.30 p.m.

Chairman: PASTOR P. H. CREES

Speakers: **Missionaries H. A. Huckett and Miss L. H. Hazel**

Special Item

MISSIONARY "QUIZ" for boys and girls, with prizes

Tea and lemonade will be provided but bring your own "eats"

Tube to "Angel" Station

THE TREASURY

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THE LIGHT

It was but a fretfully burning oil lamp but it threw back the shadows, and kept the darkness at bay. Its tiny clay reservoir soaked through with oil and needing replenishing often, served its purpose adequately for the flame burnt on and maintained its fight against the darkness, which cannot abide even the smallest light.

Much that the darkness hid the light revealed, and, though the flame flickered, the revelation hurt so much that it sent the mind in troubled search of peace. Strangely, that small lamp burned in a stronghold of evil throwing the grotesque shadows of idol worship away from it to the walls and ceiling of that Hindu shrine.

All of which is a parable for both Christian families and Churches are like lamps. "Ye are the light of the world," said our Glorious Master. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid!" Christian families do not often live in Christian communities, but are "lights in dark places". Living among non-Christian neighbours, they are "pools of light whose frontiers are impenetrable". Their light sometimes burns but dimly; their capacity is small, they often need to be replenished with that grace and power from above which keeps their light burning, but they burn on: a clear testimony in the containing darkness which surrounds them.

The local Church is but an extension of this family witness, burning, may be, with a more intense light and, therefore, penetrating the darkness a little further, but needing just as surely the replenishing power of God's Holy Spirit, that its witness may remain clear. Though the darkness beyond the range of the light is not penetrated, it does not—and cannot—obliterate the light. ". . . and the darkness comprehended it not."

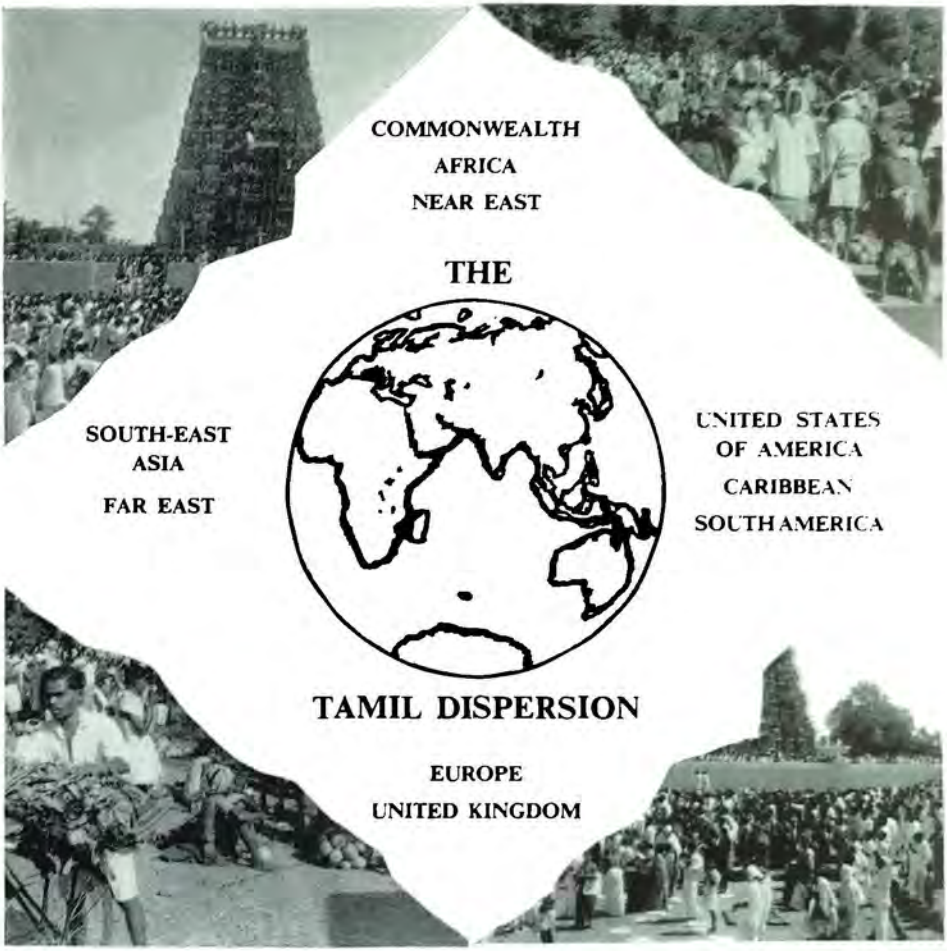
A picture too idealistic to be real. No, my friend, but a fact which must be accepted. Realism demands that we assess the life of Christian families and Churches in other lands by standards which we know. Think of your own life—is there no weakness there? Think of your own Church witness—is it uncompromised by failure? The same Lord who in His pity and patience does not withdraw His grace from us, will not desert these hard-pressed children of His in their special needs.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER
1964

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You are warmly invited to attend any of these meetings which may be in your locality. Please pray for God's blessing upon this ministry.

Ladies Zenana Auxiliary.—Quarterly Prayer Meeting, November 3rd, 1964 (D.V.), at Zion, New Cross Road, Deptford, S.E.14. Meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. SPEAKER: **Mrs. H. A. Huckett.** All ladies are welcome.

GUIDANCE

One of our biggest problems is in what way and to what extent we should help people. Poor old Muthammal, of whom we have spoken before, still comes in for first Sunday in each month, but she finds the seven mile walk each way difficult. So she walks the three miles to Prahasam's (a fellow Church member) village, and stays there the night, and then comes on in the morning. As there are often robberies, and sometimes murders committed on this road (there was one a short time before this article was written) she always tries to walk with other people for the last four miles to Morupatti.

Last October there were very good rains, and though there has been no rain since, there is still water in all the wells: but the heavy rains caused many mud walls to fall down. One of these was a wall of Muthammal's one-roomed home. Since then she has lived in her damaged house for she has nowhere else to go. She has never asked for money. Once, when I asked her whether she had had the wall rebuilt, she said that the man was asking too much to do it. We have felt anxious about her for some time as we know that field work is almost too hard for her to do. She has applied for a small Government pension, but these are so few in number, and there are so many thousands clamouring for them that, so far, she has not been given one. Would you please earnestly pray that, if it is the Lord's will, Muthammal may get this pension soon? The Church here consists of six Indian members, who work very hard to support their own families, but they do what they can for each year they give Muthammal a new cloth—they cannot do much more than this. We have felt that we ought not to give her money as this would create a wrong impression, and we are unable to help all the time.



The village well. Drawing water is a social occasion.
Photo: by courtesy of Miss R. Appleby.

This brings me to the reason that I am sharing this experience with you. A fellow missionary sent some help for Muthammal, and we wondered, at first, whether we would give it to her little by little (but then felt that she needed about two pounds immediately) and tell her it was to help her build the wall. We asked the young fellow, who is a cousin to Prahasam, in whose house Muthammal stays on her way to service here, to take the money by cycle, as we had no time to go, yet felt led to send it. He took the money and returned, and this is his story. "When I got there Amma was sitting in her house reading her Bible. I asked her what she was doing, and she said she was asking the Lord to show her that she was not forsaken. As her sight was not good she was unable to find work in the fields. Without work where was her food to come from? Then I opened the envelope, he continued, and showed her the money. She wept and prayed, and praised the Lord, and I did, too, Amma, for she said the village council had just decided that as she had no money and no pension that they would repair her wall. So, she said, what else has the Lord sent this money but to supply my need of food. Something for me to live on in these hard times—and she praised the Lord again."

We trust this experience will be a blessing to the lad whom we sent to Muthammal for he is asking for baptism but does not yet appear to have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in his life turning him to the Lord for mercy and forgiveness. Out of all this comes the title of this article, for if we had followed our normal practice we should definitely not have sent that amount of money to help Muthammal as it might make her look to us and not to the Lord for help. But the Lord's ways are not our ways, and "the ways of the Lord are right". He caused us to send that money just when Muthammal needed it in a special way, and so established her faith in HIM. These words are for us—"He who lendeth to the poor lendeth to the Lord".

Ella A. Champion,
Morupatti, Tiruchirapalli District,
South India.

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Your presence and fellowship on this occasion will be greatly appreciated.

DORKING MISSION MEETINGS

(Oddfellows Hall, High Street, Dorking, Surrey)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1964

(God willing)

2.30 p.m. Sale of Work. **3.30 p.m. Ladies' and Men's Meetings.**

(Men's Meeting in Chapel Schoolroom)

6 p.m. Public Meeting

Tea will be served during the interval of meetings.

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME

JOY AT CHRISTMAS

The number of letters received during Christmas week from listeners to our Tamil radio programmes was only thirteen—not a record breaking number. However, as you read extracts from three of them you will understand how they increased joy and stimulated praise and prayer.

On Christmas Eve two "Letters" arrived. One was an air-letter written in English, from an estate in Lower Perak, Malaysia. "I have been listening to your radio programmes quite regularly. I say most sincerely that your programmes are very encouraging to our spiritual life. On more than one occasion I heard programmes on certain subjects which were real solutions for our problems. That is to say, when we were having some problems we heard a sermon on the particular subject. May God bless your endeavours. . . ."

The second "letter" was a card from a young lady in a village about a hundred miles north of Kovilpatti. She wrote, "I was born in a Hindu family, but have recently become a Christian and received baptism. I am surrounded by Hindus, but I want to know more about the Bible. If there are Bible study lessons I should like to write them. Please send them. I very humbly ask you, please, to help me to know more and more about Jesus, and to be established in Jesus for the whole of my life." The concluding words were in English, "Thanking you, Yours faithfully, . . ."

It was on December 25th that a letter was received from a village to the west of Kovilpatti. A group of Christians wrote, "Praise the Lord. We rejoice greatly as we receive God's blessing daily through your broadcasts. We are very very eagerly waiting to know about God's glory. Our souls are thirsting to hear God's word. . . . We thank you very much. . . . We request you to broadcast a service with a sermon for an extra half an hour each day. It is good for us and for others that you are broadcasting God's word. We hope there will be a special service for Christmas. . . . There are more than sixty Christian families in our village but only four radio receivers. Many Christians and non-Christians hear your messages. Our chief reason for buying a radio was so that we could hear God's word daily. But some days we have been disappointed. . . . This broadcast must be regular. You must help in this. Through these broadcasts many people are rejoicing. . . ."

(It should be noted that our Tamil broadcasts are on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings only, a total of 1¼ hours weekly. Other suppliers produce programmes so that each evening from 7.30 to 8.00 IST., the Far East Broadcasting Company is beaming Tamil programmes to India.)

Christmas week is over. The letter which arrived on December 30th was from a young man in the army. He first wrote to us in November, and this is his third letter. He is probably in what is described as an "operational area". "We praise the Lord for the food you are giving to our souls through your broadcast sermons. I wish to make a request. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I wholeheartedly believe that He bore my sins, was nailed to the cross, and shed His blood for me. I belong to a Hindu family. All the members of my family are Hindus. I only am a Christian. This displeases all of them. They think that I am making a big mistake. I am not able to give them a suitable answer. I am expecting that you will help me in this matter by giving me advice. Please pray for me that the Lord Himself will give me strength so that I may stand firm with Him."

Are YOU not now rejoicing—and praying?

Olive R. Knight,
Kovilpatti, Tirunelveli District,
South India.



The Indian Way. Road out of Kovilpatti.
Photo: Olive R. Knight.

BURIED TALENTS

The preacher read to us the story of the man who went to a far country after leaving some talents in the charge of his servants. All but one of the servants made fine use of their talents, and increased their value 100 per cent. This one poor man had no ideas of trade, and could think of nothing better than to bury his talent in the earth.

It was the buried talent that the preacher wished to talk about. Curious to know what might be made of this, we sat forward expectantly. . . .

* * *

There are talents God has given us. We are to use them and make them profitable. But, for shame, so often even we bury them in the earth!

Consider Cain. Was not young brother Abel a great talent given to Cain? But Cain spurned the gift, cried, "Am I my brother's keeper?"—murdered Abel, and buried him in the earth!

Consider Achan. God gave him the opportunity to give riches and wealth to the tabernacle. The ability to give to God is a talent He gives us. But Achan took that talent—and secretly buried it in the earth under his tent!

Consider John Baptist. God gave him to Herod, to be a warning of sin and a guide to right. What a priceless talent that was! But Herod, drunken and crazy with lust, spurned his talent, ordered him dead and buried him in the earth!

The application of the sermon was driven home by the preacher.

Are you careful to make your children profitable to the Lord? How much have you got hidden in your home that should be given to the house of God? When God sends you a rebuke, through His servant, do you resent it? Beware, oh beware, lest at the last you be found as miserable as that servant who buried his talent! . . .



The boys and the burden-bearer. The boys are on their way to school but the stone burden-bearer remains to ease the lot of many a tired head as the load is lifted and left for a while on the stone. *Photo: Olive R. Knight.*

And so the sermon was ended. A little unusual, perhaps, yet who is to say that the exegesis of our Western mind is the only right one? Perhaps our Eastern brother has three points we in the West could well ponder much more than we do. The missionary for one, thought he heard the Voice of His Master, speaking in Tamil that night!

H. J. Appleby,
Kovilpatti, Tirunelveli District,
South India.

"BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO . ."

There are moments when suddenly and dramatically the book of the Revelation leaps to life before our eyes. A Christian young woman who had gained an arts degree and a teaching degree and who has been working in other parts of the country came home to our town and joined the staff of a large high school in order to be able to live with her aged parents.

Each day's school begins with an assembly in which songs of devotion are sung to various deities and national heroes and sometimes the names of these deities are set alongside the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ in the same prayer or song. Our friend felt so unhappy about this that she withdrew from the assembly and spent the time in her class room. She was rebuked by her superiors and when it became clear that she would have to attend assembly she resigned her post.

Her parents who are greatly inconvenienced by her leaving home have, nevertheless, supported her in her stand. She has now found work thirty miles away and a friend has moved into her home and will, at least to some degree, supply to the parents the comfort and help they expected from their daughter. And so for this family things have worked out all right but they do not always work out so well and the time may come when "no man may buy or sell or work save he that has the mark" (Rev. 13. 17).

Not all teachers feel its necessary to take such drastic action by way of protest. We who are in easier circumstances can hardly tell them what they should do but manifestly all who live and work in such an atmosphere of syncretism need our prayers. And it is not surprising if we preach more and more frequently from the books of Daniel and Revelation. We find ourselves increasingly in a situation like that of the early Church and in a position where the apocalyptic writings speak with urgent relevance to our times and temptations.

"The Lamb shall overcome . . . and they that are with Him, called and chosen and faithful." Rev. 17. 4.

W. H. Kuhrt,
Namakkal, Salem District,
South India.

THE TREASURY **JUNE—JULY 1964**

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EDITOR'S MISCELLANY

Health of Missionaries. Just recently we have been much perplexed by the fact that several of our Missionaries have been taken out of the work by ill-health. A letter from Mrs. Champion reports that she had a fall which resulted in a fractured ankle. Our friend will be more or less immobilised for some eight weeks, and, in the nature of things, cannot expect a quick return to her normally active life. We deeply sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Champion in these days of testing, and pray that the Lord will graciously show His Sovereign purpose in this trial.

Miss Nellie Hawes, who arrived home on September 22nd, has recently had surgical treatment in Mildmay Mission Hospital. We understand that she is making normal progress, but, again, it will be some months before our colleague will be able to resume her normal activities. May the Lord be very near to His servant in these days, and make her to know His sustaining grace.

Before this issue appears in print Mr. and Mrs. Appleby and family will have arrived, D.V., in the Homeland. They have come home early because of Mr. Appleby's need for complete rest. Amoebiosis resulting in prostration and weakness demands that Mr. Appleby is not asked to take part in any public engagements. We are sure that his many friends in the Churches will understand this and give our brother the rest that he needs. Arrangements already made for meetings before May, 1965, will need to be revised, but the Churches involved in these altered plans will be advised as soon as possible, and alternative arrangements will be made as far as we are able.

The withdrawal of God's servants from the work on the field has thrown a heavier burden on those that remain. Please pray that with these extra burdens everyone of our colleagues may be given wisdom, grace, and strength to continue the work.

Salem District Women's Rally. A note from Miss Ethel Flory asks for prayer that the women from the various villages, who will be gathering

together for fellowship during the first week of **November**, may be greatly helped and blessed of the Lord, and that much good may result from this time together.

Mission Stamp Corner. The Mission is able to sell **British** and **Foreign** postage and revenue stamps of all values. Please save all your used postage stamps. They should not be separated from the wrapper or envelope, but a small amount of the paper should be torn or cut off with the stamps to save them from damage. Please send your stamps to:—

Mrs. F. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts.,

who has promised to help the Mission in this way. Everyone can help. This is something you can do without much cost to help the work of the Mission.

Lushington Boys' School, Ootacamund, Nilgiri Hills, S. India. Staff wanted. This evangelical school exists primarily for the education of missionaries' sons and serves Christian Missions throughout India. Staff needed:

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A matron or housekeeper for mid-1965.
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Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moon. We learn with real sorrow that Mr. and Mrs. Moon have resigned from the Mission. It is good to know that in our disappointments the Lord has His own appointment. Though Mr. and Mrs. Moon are unable to return to India they retain their deep interest in the work. May the Lord give them rich blessing in the work at West Hill, Wandsworth, and make them a blessing.

Mr. John Clarkson. The Lord has answered prayer in constraining yet another young man to apply to the Mission for service in India. Mr. Clarkson has been accepted for training, and expects to commence his course at the London Bible College next year. He is a member of the Church at Zoar, Hounslow, Middlesex. God willing, we hope to have further news of all three of the Candidates in training in our next issue. In the meantime we would ask for the Lord's good provision for each of these his servants.

Judy Symonds. We share the sorrow and deep sense of loss that Mr. and Mrs. D. Symonds have experienced in the home-call of Judy. We thank God for her bright life and testimony, and pray that God's comfort may be granted to her parents and family.

Pastor A. J. Lankester. Our dear brother's sudden death as a result of an accident has left us baffled and sad. He will be sorely missed in many ways, in many places. May the Lord who is too wise to err, too good to be unkind, graciously comfort Mrs. Lankester.

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Mission to the Tamil People

THE TAMIL DISPERSION

Right from the time that the ancient Dravidian Races were slowly pushed Southwards down the great land masses of India by the invading armies which poured through the north-west and north-eastern mountain passes in India, until to-day the Tamil people have been migrants.

The major part of the population has, of course, remained in South India and in North Ceylon—some 22 millions of people—but a glance at the names of places in the lists given on this page show how widely the remainder—more than 10 million Tamils—have wandered from their source. In each of the places mentioned there are ponderable pockets of population which are Tamil in origin and speech.

While, naturally, as a Mission, we concentrate our limited forces in areas where there is the greatest volume of Tamil speaking people, we must retain a world vision—for the need, even among Tamil folk, is world-wide. There is little, at present, that we can do about placing missionaries in these places, for our resouces are already stretched to supply the need in India, but we can reach out to this people by

1. PRAYER: Let us not under-estimate the value of this ministry.
2. LITERATURE: For a number of years the Mission has been engaged in this ministry among the dispersion, but there is still a widespread need.
3. RADIO MINISTRY: The Mission's responsibility has grown greatly in this field during recent years, but there are many limiting factors.

We can best meet the challenge which the Tamil dispersion presents, by remembering that the need is there! The name places on this page provide enough material to excite the thought and prayer of any imaginative servant of the Lord. They should keep us busy in prayer for the millions of Tamil people living OUTSIDE as well as INSIDE of India.

Remember, for instance, the work of God brought into being through the ministry of Tamil David in Africa. Think of the Tamil Christian groups which still gather regularly for worship in Durban and East London. Remember those servants of God who use Tamil literature, produced by the Mission, in places far away from the Tamilnad. Think, also, of the ministry of the Word in Malaya—a ministry which still goes on though we have no Strict Baptist missionaries there. Pray for Mr. G. D. James, Miss Joyce Coldwell, Miss Genie Othites—all working among Tamils in Malaya—and so, I could go on. . . .

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SUNDAY ON THE KOLLI HILLS

Tamil Text Cards Used

by Mrs. H. A. Huckett, Namakkal, South India

We started at a quarter past six on Sunday morning, only a short while after it was light. For we were going to the Kolli Hills where several teachers and friends had been having a week-end camp, and Mr. Huckett was engaged to speak at the Sunday services at Vazhavanthinadu.

First of all, we had to travel eighteen miles to the foot of the hills. And then there were fourteen miles of a most thrilling road which took us up the hills to Solaikadu. Years ago we lived and worked on the Kolli Hills which are 4,000 ft above the plains. It is much cooler up there by reason of the height, but the sides are so steep that we either had to climb the mountainous tracks on foot, or be carried up there on the shoulders or heads of Indian men in a sort of stretcher called a "dholi".

Nowadays the Indian authorities have made a new road up the sides of the Kolli Hills, so that one can drive up from the plains. It has sixty-nine hairpin bends and climbs up all the way. Anyone who suffers from car-sickness would not enjoy the journey at all, but we do not suffer in this way and so were all right. Most of the new roads in Britain are quite flat, or nearly so, but this road is very steep and even dangerous in places, for it is cut out of the cliff, and there are very steep drops at the sides of the road. On the way up we saw some lovely flowering trees and bushes, and we much enjoyed the sight of many pretty birds and the sound of their songs.

After arriving at Solaikadu, we had an hour's walk across the hills through patches of forest, across fields, and the wet, flat ground where "paddy" or rice is grown, and also there were some streams to cross. Two of the Christians from the Settlement had come to guide us, for it would have been very easy to lose our way. When we arrived at Vazhavanthinadu everyone was very pleased to see us and gave us a good welcome. They had some coffee and plaintains ready for us, which were very refreshing after our long journey.

Presently the teachers, who had been out in the early morning preaching in the villages, arrived back. Then we all joined together in the morning service. The singing was good and the Kolli Hill folk enjoyed it; they like to sing quickly up there. Then Mr. H. A. Huckett gave a message from the Epistle to the Hebrews chap. 3, verses 1 and 5, in which we are

bidden to think upon Jesus Christ, who is not only our great High Priest but is also the great Leader of our profession of faith. There was a good congregation and even the Brahmin priest and his wife from Koilur came in. This man has heard the Gospel many times and has said that he is interested in Christian teaching, but he is bound by his caste and the Hindu religion.

At midday we all had curry and rice, sitting together on the floor. Our "plates" were large leaves, and our "knives and forks" were our fingers; but that saved any washing-up and all we had to do was to throw away the leaves and rinse our fingers in water. At two o'clock, Mr. Huckett conducted a Bible Class, and most of the folk came to that. It was good to notice how some of the women listened so eagerly and were so quick to find and to read the references. There were many boys and girls there too. Most of them were quiet, but some of the babies were not. I gave all the children Tamil Text Cards and they were very pleased with them, for they very seldom have anything pretty like these.

By the time the Bible Class was over it was time for us to return back to Namakkal but a storm had blown up, and rain and hail began to fall. We were wondering how we should walk back, when a Government official came along in a jeep, and so we were able to ride in it also. It was packed with eight people inside it, and the track was very steep and rough in places. Also there were tree roots and large boulders to get round, and some very steep and sharp bends to negotiate; so we had an exciting drive and were thankful to get back to Solaikadu safe and dry. Our van was waiting there for us and we soon got in and drove back to Namakkal.

So ended another day spent in the Lord's service. It was very interesting for us to be on the Kolli Hills once again, for we spent over seven years up there and it brought back many memories. In those days our children were young and were with us up there on the hills.

WHAT DO YOU SING?

by Miss Olive Knight, Kovilpatti, South India

There was a temporary shelter made of plaited leaves supported on bamboo poles outside the Kalingapatti Tamil Baptist Chapel. Special meetings had been arranged by the Church, and this shelter had been put up because the chapel was not large enough to accommodate the local congregation and visitors from other villages.

At the beginning of an evening meeting, I watched and listened as boys and girls demonstrated some of the things they had been taught. They sang the songs they had been taught about the Bible and about heaven, and then one after another they recited verses from the Bible, and said the references. The boys and girls sang and spoke up clearly, so that we could all hear the words easily.

A few weeks later I visited Kalingapatti again. It was Sunday morning. When the service and Womens' meeting were over, I walked along the dusty village street. There were thatched houses and tiled houses. The houses were of various shapes, though in that part of the village they were all small. At first I was surprised to see that the walls of the houses were strongly built of stone. Then I remembered that nearby there were rocks, from which pieces could be blasted and chiselled without great expense.

While I was sitting on a bench just inside a very small house some little girls came and sat in the doorway. They looked pleased when asked to sing, and they sang some of the songs they had learnt in Sunday School. One of the women who heard them said, "They are always singing those songs. The never sing cinema songs."

Children in many places in South India cannot help knowing cinema songs. They may hear them broadcast over the public radio receiver. Gramophone records of these songs are played and the sound is amplified by loud speakers to help celebrate such events as weddings, the opening of new shops, or moving into a new house.

When you are playing, or perhaps helping with the work in your home or garden, what do you sing?

TAMIL TEXT CARDS WANTED

Our Missionaries in India can use many thousands of picture post cards and Christmas cards with slips pasted on the back bearing Tamil Texts.

You can all help our Missionaries by saving your picture post cards and the picture part of your Christmas cards, and then pasting these slips bearing texts in Tamil upon the back. Pictures should be avoided which show drinking, hunting, or smoking scenes; or those in which Mary and Saints wear haloes. Also comic pictures, or those with fairies, should not be sent. Postcard size pictures form the most convenient size.

Tamil Texts may be obtained (price 1s. per 100), from the General Secretary of the Mission; or from "Uncle Peter". Full instructions for forwarding are given in the Mission Herald for November-December, 1963 or, if in doubt packets of finished cards may be sent to me: "Uncle Peter", 57 Cedar Close, Bagshot, Surrey.

TAMIL TEXTS FOR COLOURING

Here is another way in which you can help the boys and girls of India. Some of you can use paint brushes and crayons cleverly, for I have seen some of your work.

The Mission Secretary has a number of Bible Texts, with large lettering, printed in Tamil writing. All you have to do is to colour in the writing and the picture, and send the texts to me. I will then send them out to India for you. Or, if you know how to send them, and have the right address, you can send them yourself.

The cost of 100 texts for colouring is one shilling. They can be obtained from the General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees, 61 Breakspears Road, Brockley, London, S.E.4, or from myself.

GOOD NEWS TO ALL PEOPLE

How easy it is for us to think that the Lord Jesus came into the world to save the boys and girls of our own land, and to forget about the boys and girls of other lands. When Jesus was born at Bethlehem the angels announced to the shepherds that all people were to share in the great joy

of the good news. God had sent His Son into the world to save and to redeem a people for Himself from all countries; for His love for boys and girls does not depend on the colour of their skin—"All are precious in His sight".

As you answer the questions in this Bible Searcher will you remember this? And will you think of our Missionaries in India, as they tell boys and girls of the Good News this Christmastide?

Lower Group, age under 12

You will see that some words are missing from each of the following sentences. The black strokes will show you how many. Write out the sentences, including the missing words, and give the book, chapter, and verse, where found. Then turn to Luke, ch. 2 and find the words that were missing, and write out the verse **in full.**

1. I, even ——, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. Isaiah 43.
2. She shall —— forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus. Matthew 1.
3. We declare unto —— glad tidings. Acts 13.
4. That bringeth —— —— —— good, that publisheth salvation. Isaiah 52.
5. They rejoiced with exceeding —— ——. Matthew 2.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Answer the Lower Group questions first. Then read the following chapters and search for the words "glad tidings" and "good tidings", and write out the verses **in full.** 2 Kings 7; Isaiah 40 and 61; Luke 1 and 8.

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 April, 1964, although their entries will be marked and listed with the others. Put your name, age, address, and Sunday School on your paper and post in an envelope (unsealed) bearing a 2½d. stamp to UNCLE PETER,

57 CEDAR CLOSE, BAGSHOT, SURREY.

If you send a letter with your entry you must put on a 3d. stamp. TWO OR MORE entries can come in one envelope (unsealed) bearing a 2½d. stamp, provided the weight does not exceed 2 ozs.; over 2 ozs. and under 4 ozs. will cost 4d.

CLOSING DATE—DECEMBER 31st, 1963

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

We are very sorry that there was a mistake in the reference given for question 2; it should have been Psalm 65. But it was very encouraging to see that so many of you were able to give the right answer. The few who could not find the answer have not lost marks for that reason and we are glad that you sent in your entries. We welcome twenty-four new searchers, and we were pleased to have entries from Bethersden and West Hill, Wandsworth, once again. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Jean Ashley, aged 14, Westmeston S.S., Hassocks.
2. Geoffrey Dennis, aged 14, "Enon" S.S., Woolwich.

Special Mention: Peter Jarritt, Rita Parker, Christine Morris, Pamela Bedford, Mary Lawrence, Janet Christie, Trevor Clarkson, Mary Paul, Rosemary Payne, Ann Barton, Joyce Orchard, Margaret Jordan.

Very Highly Commended: Kathleen Kelly, Judith Shepherd, Barry Hills, Patricia Hammond, Jennifer Clarkson, Vivienne Pain, Margaret Justice, Graham Wright, Keith Ellis, Rosemary Parris, Adrian Clarkson, Gillian Lawrence, Jill Clements, Janet Eldridge, Ann Satchell, C. Jacobs, Pamela Griffin, Peter Muddell, David Agley, Julian Kime, Yvonne Flint, Paul Grimwood, Lesley King, Margaret Gadd, Gloria Cross, Jane See, Shirley Bowden, Marion Goold, Anne Cossins, Doreen Clover, Ann Hales, Kenneth Browne, Anne Osborn, Christine Cordle, Valerie Dunnett, Margaret Mann, John Woods, Martyn Relf, Beryl Wilcox, John Huggins, Robin Woodford, Rosemary Foster, John Howells, Malcolm Cordle, Jean Mitchell, Jill Brown, Gillian Trevena, Jeremy Dutton, Lula Sotires, Maria Evans, Ronald Goddard, Peter Rodwell, Sylvia Hartwell.

Highly Commended: Linda Chapman (Brighton), Margaret Gooderham, Linda Simpson, Susan Smith, Daphne Burgess, D. P. Harmer, Diane Mann, Anthony Rose, Philip Starnes, Barbara Newlyn, Pauline Stokes, Marion Grimwood, Julia Lupton, Susanne Westley, Margaret Broad, Sheila Pearce, Margaret Mills, David Veale, Peter King, John Bennett, Keith Harrington, Barbara Payne, Jennifer Lott, Rosalind Foster, Gwendoline Reeve, Ruth Scoggins, Alison Christie, Norma Sullivan, Marilyn Dudley, Keith Chaplin, B. L. Orchard, Margaret Reeve, Richard Steward.

Commended: Barbara Edwards (omitted last answer), Sylvia Reeve, Wendy Hindle, Pauline Dodge (answered Lower Group only), John Eckenhoff sent references only).

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Mary Bater, aged 8, Hayes Lane S.S., Bromley.
2. Monica Jarritt, aged 10, Potton S.S., Beds.

Special Mention: Elizabeth Hammond, Joy Thrower, Ruth Layzell, David Morris, Mary Garrard, Andrew Ottley, Evelyn Barton, Marilyn King, Robert Woods, Barbara Hammond, Peter Geall, Wendy Chapman.

Very Highly Commended: Rosalind Wilkinson, Andrew Varley, Paul Smith, Kathryn Bradding, Hazel Galloway, Christine Richards, Lorna Murdon, John Layzell, Elizabeth Starnes, Michael Vaughan, Valerie Clover, Lois Clarkson, Heather Payne, Robert Paul, Keith Maltby, Jennifer Satchell, Myra Evans, Robert Chambers, Sylvia Chapman, Alan Parris, Martin Dowding, David East, Ruth Gadd, Susan Woolcott, Jean Smith, Rosemary Scrivener, Stephen Cooke, Keith Ransome, Stephen Hart, Elizabeth Kindred, Linda Josling, Caroline Muspratt, Pauline Mann. Paula Chapman, Rosemary Cross, Joan Bollans, Ann Blakeman, Ruth Goodwin, Raymond Grimwood, Evelyn Gentry, Michael Hewitt, Andrew Goodwin, Arthur Dodge, Janice Burt, Melvyn Barnes, Sally Chapman, Julie Dodge, Marion Copsey, Paul Hart, Keith Payne, Vivienne Reynolds, Susan

Mathews, Andros Sotires, Grace Justice, Philip Clarkson, Joy Chapman, David Bennett, Eileen Mathews, Jacqueline Maltby, Christine Relf, Anne Sherman, Maureen Gar, Jacqueline Batchelor, Susan Woodford, Stephen Woodford, Miriam Baker, Roger Parritt, Susan Risiolt, Michael Wayman, Kevin Frost, Jane Booth, Janet Bowler, Anita Jafrate, Lorna Bass, Susan Reed, Pat Ruffold, Dorothy Putman, Linda Bloor, Linda Chapman (Waldringfield), Annette Farenden, Andrew Hewitt.

Highly Commended: Gillian Goodwin, Susan Shepherd, Susan Dack, Margaret Scoggins, Christopher Chapman, Susan Dodge, Keith Lamb, Trevor Hart, Mervyn Harris, Joan Justice, Sheila Cross, Pamela Rowe, Stephen Kingston, Annette Chuter, Christina Markwick, Peter Davidson, Anthony Wood, Christine Robinson, Gillian Naunton, Joyce Roberts, Pauline Jakes, Bernard Gooderham, Wendy Christie, Lyn Weston, Leonard Carter, Janice Blowers, Jeremy Thompson, Linda Fountain, Christina Papapavlou, Malinda Cross, Pauline Justice, Pat Turner, Philip Barber, Veronica Elderkin, Jackie Davies, Raymond Hart, Rosemary Barnes, Peter Dodge, Paul Jermyn, Irene Bunton, Keith Sillett, Linda Boulter, Barbara Davies, John Dennis, Evelyn Dodge, Roy Galloway, Laurence Gray, Philip Turner, Tony Hindle, Graham Wilkinson, Gillian Maidstone, Mary Arnold, John Buss, Diana Hosier, Irene Bland, Gillian Treadgold, Richard Haynes, Stella Rodwell, Sandra Beerenwinkel, Kathleen Elms, Philip Baker, Kathleen Jafrate, Diane Martin, Philip Norris, Robert Edwards, Hazel Batchelor, Jacqueline Cossins, Peter Tanfield, Elaine Della, Monica Gooderham, Thomas Buss, Mary Barnard, Marion Frost, Carol Barber, Anthony Botton, Graham Bemment, David Blyth, Kelvin Reynolds, Angela Chapman, Christine Frost, Angela Blaxall, Angela Ransome, Lesley Mann, Linda Boteler, Susan Boteler, Darry Blowers.

Commended: Linda Tanfield, John Markwich, Susan Burgess, Elaine Cole, Diane Burdett, Richard Clarkson, Paul Putman, George Kephalas, Carmen Reid, Gillian Sandford, Dawn Strutt, Vivian Sherman, Jacqueline Martin, Susan Sandford, Yvonne Steward, Linda Webb, Lesley Cole, Stephen Humphreys, Jennifer Starnes, Sheila Logan.

Not for Competition: The Misses Faith Bennett, Rachel Collins, Pauline Marjoram. Also Dyldrie Barnes, Valerie Barker, and Maureen Blagden, who sent answers to earlier searchers.

Woolwich sent in the highest number of entries this time. Hammerfield came second; March third. All very close.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls.

By the time you receive this issue of "Rays", Christmas with all its fun and enjoyment will be very near. In bygone days, we used to have a large party in our home on Christmas Day, and many visitors would come. How exciting it was to listen for the first knock on the door, and then guess which of the aunts or uncles or cousins was standing outside. But when Boxing Day came, we ourselves would become visitors and we would all get on a tramcar, run up on to the top deck, and then go swaying and jolting along the tramlines to visit grandmother, and see more aunts and uncles. How we all, both old and young, enjoyed visiting each other!

It is one of the good old customs for people to visit one another at Christmas, and all this has come about because it was on the first Christmas Day that the most Wonderful Visitor who ever visited us came from Heaven to earth. In one of the most beautiful songs in the Bible, Zacharias sings of "the Dayspring from on high who hath visited us". This is picture language, and the picture which is drawn for us has for its background a world that is covered in darkness—the darkness of ignorance and sin. And then, just like the sunrise, the true Light visited the world and began to overcome the darkness—that Light was "the Dayspring from on high". First of all, there came a tiny gleam from the cradle at Bethlehem—this was the dawn of a new age for the world of darkness. Then the Light grew stronger as the Lord Jesus grew to be a man, and went out to preach the good news of the Gospel. His enemies tried to put out the Light when they nailed Him to the cross, but on the third day He rose again triumphant. And that Light which shone out on the Resurrection morning will never grow pale. It is shining today in the hearts of all who love the Lord, and it will shine for ever and ever in the Heavenly land; for even there, we are told, "the Lamb is the Light thereof".

Gradually His light has been carried all over the world—by Missionaries from many lands and by the translation into many tongues of the Scriptures. But there are yet many millions of souls who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death" to whom the Heavenly Visitor has not yet come—many in our own land of Britain and many more in India. We are praying that this very Christmastide the Sun of Righteousness, the Lord Jesus Christ, may arise upon many hearts the wide world over.

"To give light to them that sit in darkness
And in the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace."

I was very pleased to receive letters from the following boys and girls:—David Agley, Miriam Baker (may the ankle be better in time for Christmas), Graham Bemment, Margaret Broad, Diane Burchett, Patricia Hammond, Margaret Jordan, Eileen Mathews, Margaret Scoggins, Pauline Stokes (yes, we shall be glad to receive your entries), Beryl Wilcox, Anthony Wood.

It was also a pleasure to receive letters from the following friends:—Mrs. E. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. E. Dennis, Mr. F. Driscoll, Mr. Harry Griffin, Pastor J. H. Hewitt, Mr. K. A. Impey, Mr. A. Mitchell, Mrs. M. Ottley, Mrs. E. E. F. Rayner, Mrs. Starnes, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

Once again it is my privilege to wish all our friends and all our readers and Bible Searchers a very happy Christmas. May God's blessing rest upon you during the year which lies ahead, and may the Lord Himself reward you for all that you are doing for the sake of the boys and girls in order to bring them to a knowledge of Bible truth.

With every good wish,
UNCLE PETER.

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RATS!

by Miss N. Hawes, Paniadipatti

It was round about midnight, when suddenly there was a clear thud which shook the cot frame in which I was sleeping. I struggled for my torch which was under the pillow, and in doing so felt another tremor of the cot as if some foreign body was springing away from the mosquito fittings above. I looked around but could see nothing.

At 3 o'clock the following afternoon, several patients came to the camp room asking for medicines. One of the first patients gave me two eggs, which I immediately placed on top of my food basket; and continued with the medical treatment. After an hour or so, my eyes wandered over the heads of the patients to the food basket and I noticed with some surprise that the eggs had disappeared. Who, I wondered, had taken and tied them in their saris? No one present knew anything about their disappearance and so the matter was dropped.

Later that evening, I pulled the food basket out from against the wall, and there on the ground were two empty egg-shells, whilst a scuttling of feet from under the basket revealed the true culprit. A bold rat had been stealing in broad daylight. It warned me to be on my guard, in future, against such unexpected enemies, and reminded me too that the enemy of our souls is ever on the watch to deceive us and to destroy us.

Not very long afterwards, I met another such visitor who, for some time, had been paying us nocturnal visits in our home; but, so far, had evaded our efforts to catch him. One night, we placed a trap on a window-sill and during the night he ran in after the tasty morsel inside and was trapped. All through the night, he took his revenge, and in the morning we found in his cage the entire bottom end of a new curtain which was hanging nearby. He had his revenge, but it cost him his life.

"I will get my own back", are words easily spoken, but let us never forget that bitter words often lead to dangerous actions and death. Let us rather seek the Lord's help and strength in expressing far nobler action in the words, "I forgive".

One evening, while I was preparing the evening meal, another rat ran into the kitchen and got locked in during the night. When I opened the door next morning, chewed carrot and potato skins were strewn on the floor. I immediately searched the kitchen but could find no sign of the visitor. While I was standing just outside the kitchen door, the rat walked out from behind me and turning its head it looked at me with two twinkling eyes, which said plainer than words, "You can't catch me, I'm too clever!" Two mornings later there were signs that our visitor had again returned to the kitchen, so I shut myself in and prepared for a really thorough search. After looking almost everywhere without success, I was beginning to feel that once again I had been check-mated; when I looked up at the wooden window shutters that were open to let in the light, and there I saw the tail of a rat. I carefully pulled the wooden shutter away from the wall and found the rat hanging upside down; caught by its own tail—too clever at last!

I wonder if some of us are trying to cover up our own mis-doings by our own cleverness and cunning. If we are, do not let us forget the Word of God which says: "Be sure your sin will find you out". The Lord's eye is everywhere, and it is He who will have the final word in the battle between right and wrong, between good and evil. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1964

All boys and girls enjoy a camping holiday. This kind of holiday is waiting for you at the "Pioneer Camp", to be held at Mundesley-on-Sea, Norfolk.

The Camps are run by the National Strict Baptist Sunday School Association and are held from Friday, July 31st to Monday, August 10th; or from Monday, August 10th to Thursday, August 20th.

There is a Boys' Camp and also a Girls' Camp. Any boy or girl over eleven years of age on April 1st next, is eligible to apply.

If you would like to know more about these splendid holiday camps, ask your Sunday School Teacher, or write to the Hon. Camps Secretary:— Pastor John Skull, 29 Broadway, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk.

"HEADS ! ! !"

By Mary E. Grist

Go and get a fairly big book—one of your own, not Mummy's or Daddy's because you might drop it. Now stand up very straight and, looking in front of you, carefully balance the book on your head. Is it steady? Good. Now very slowly and smoothly, your hands by your sides, walk across the room. Can you do it? If you can then you would get on well out here and be like all the Indian boys and girls, and grown-ups too!

They find it very easy and convenient to carry things on their heads, and it is amazing, too, to see the great weights they can bear. If you ask a porter, or coolie as he is called here, to carry your heavy case to the train, up it will go on to his head. Then I have seen people who go to a shop to buy only a small packet of something, but perch that on their head, too.

Have you ever tried to carry a pail of water? It's heavy, isn't it? Imagine, then, carrying a pot of water, much heavier, on your head. That is what many Indian women do.

The other day I saw a group of women going home from work carrying their luggage on hips and heads. One of them had an empty, shallow mud pot. She was carrying it—or shall I say wearing it—upside down on her head! I must say that it really suited her and looked as good as any Paris model!

As I sit here, I see a man who has been walking up and down, up and down, past my room for several days now. At the back of the house is a large pile of earth and stones left over from building. He is taking this to fill in the deep ruts in the compound path. How does he carry it? In a wheelbarrow? No. That's right—you've guessed it—on his head. What a long task it is for him, carrying just a little at a time in a small tin bowl! But he's quite content. It's the custom.

Boys and girls going to school very often put their books on their heads. It certainly teaches them to walk upright. Several times I have watched the Namakkal Hostel boys going to Church. Some of them had their Bibles balanced on their heads. The Word of God was **on** their heads. I wonder how many of them have it **in** their heads and really know for

themselves what God is saying in that Book. How many of them have His words stored in their brains so that it is always there to refer to and to pass on to others? I know that some of them can recite certain chapters—they have it **in** their heads. Will you ask Jesus that these boys, and other Indian children too, may learn to love God's Word and through it to love Him?

And what about you? Does your Sunday School teacher ask you to learn verses and chapters? Do learn all you can and see that God's Word is really in your head. And may the time soon come when you will treasure it in your heart.

Missionary Philip Grist, with Mrs. Grist and their family, are now on their way back to India by boat. We wish them God-speed and pray that His blessing may rest upon them.

HONOURS LIST FOR 1963

We are very pleased to see an increase in the number of scholars who have gained Certificates for regular entries. We would specially congratulate Rachel Collins, who has now reached the age limit with the splendid record of ten years consecutive entries. We also congratulate Peter Muddell, nine years, and David Harmer, Pauline Marjoram, Gwendoline Reeve, and Norma Sullivan, eight years. As you know, special prizes are awarded each year to those who have the best records, but have not previously won a prize. This is to encourage you to send in your entries regularly, and this time the prizes have been gained by: Margaret Reeve, aged 13, Tunstall; Philip Starnes, aged 14, Lewes; Marilyn Dudley, aged 13, Clifton; Janet Christie, aged 15, Farnham; Martyn Relf, aged 14, Lewes; Marion Grimwood, aged 15, Crowfield; Paul Grimwood, aged 13, Crowfield. If your name is not in the following list why not make a start now and be sure of a Certificate this year. You must send in five entries at least, during the year.

Brighton Tabernacle: Linda and Paula Chapman, Jeremy Dutton, Barry Hills, Janet Eldridge, Rosemary, Heather, Barbara, and Keith Payne, Susan Smith. **Horham:** Sylvia, Wendy, and Joy Chapman, Robert Chambers, Marion and Christine Frost, Margaret, Bernard, and Monica Gooderham. **Crowfield:** David Bennett, Marion, Paul, and Raymond Grimwood, Trevor, Raymond, Stephen, and Paul Hart. **Greenwich:** Annette Chuter, Jennifer, Trevor, Adrian, Philip, Richard, and Lois Clarkson, Peter Geall. **Lewes:** John and Thomas Buss, Keith Ellis, Martyn and Christine Relf, Philip and Elizabeth Starnes. **Woolwich:** Geoffrey and John Dennis, David Harmer, Christina Papapovlou, Lula and Andros Sotires, Gillian Trevena. **Basildon:** Ann and Evelyn Barton, Maureen Blagdon, Ann Blakeman, Maureen Gar, Pamela Griffin. **Bradenstoke:** Sandra Beerenwinkel, Diane Sharp, Linda and Peter Tanfield, Linda Webb, Lyn Weston. **March:** Christopher Chapman, Sheila Cross, Pauline Jakes, Lorna Murdon, Graham and Rosalind Wilkinson. **North Finchley:** Elaine Cole, Christina and John Markwick, Diane Martin, Susan Risiott, Paul Smith. **Ryarsh:** Faith and John Bennett, Susan and Peter Dodge, Rosemary and Alan Parris. **Watford:** Stephen Cooke, Myra Evans, Margaret Jordan, Margaret Mills, John and Robert Woods. **Hammerfield:** Gloria and Rosemary Cross, Annette Farenden, Dorothy Putman, Barbara Davies. **Bethesda, Ipswich:** Patricia and Barbara Hammond, Anne Sherman, Wendy Thompson, Beryl Wilcox. **Mt. Zion, Ipswich:** Leonard and Irene Carter, Gillian Naunton, Rosemary Scrivener, Joy Thrower. **Streatham:** Kenneth Browne, John and Ruth Layzell, Christine Morris, Mary Paul. **Two Waters:** Linda Bloor, Linda Fountain, Rita Parker, Jane See, Barbara Williams. **Aldringham:** Rosalind and Rosemary Foster, Peter King, Pauline Marjoram. **Cuckfield:** Margaret and

Ruth Gadd, Keith Harrington, Christine Tizzard. **Richmond:** Anne and Jacqueline Cossins, Ann and Jennifer Satchell. **Waldringfield:** Sheila Atkinson, Linda Chapman, Peter and Stella Rodwell. **Wetherden:** David and Roger Armstrong, Valerie Clover, Andrew Ottley. **Yateley:** Margaret, Pauline, Grace, and Joan Justice. **Aldbury:** Philip Barber, Jacqueline and Hazel Batchelor. **Aylesbury:** Jill Brown, Martin and Christopher Dowding. **Badingham:** Valerie Dunnett; Sheila Pearce, Ruth Scoggins. **Belvedere:** Joyce Orchard, Michael Vaughan, Michael Wayman. **Bermondsey:** Paul Jermyn, Anne Osborn, Linda Simpson. **Billinghay:** Keith and Jacqueline Maltby, Anthony Wood. **Bromley:** Mary Bater, Jean King, Barbara Newlyn. **Chadwell Street, Clerkenwell:** Gillian Maidstone, Jacqueline Martin, Pauline Stokes. **Clifton:** Mary Arnold, Janet Bowler, Marilyn Dudley. **Farnham:** Janet, Alison, and Wendy Christie. **Kesgrave:** Robin, Stephen, and Susan Woodford. **Laxfield:** Rosemary and Melvyn Barnes, Kevin Frost. **New Cross:** Vivienne Pain, Judith and Susan Shepherd. **Gurney Road, Stratford:** Shirley Bowden, Jill Clements, Clive Jacobs. **Tunstall:** Gwendoline, Sylvia, and Margaret Reeve. **Warboys:** John Huggins, Richard and Yvonne Steward. **Brentford:** Anita Jafrate, Norma Sullivan. **Courland Grove, Clapham:** David East, Christine Robinson. **Derby Road, Croydon:** Mary and Gillian Lawrence. **Eastbourne:** Peter Muddell, Jean Mitchell. **Epping:** Elizabeth Hammond, Susan Woolcott. **Gosbeck:** Philip and Graham Hart. **Hadleigh:** Mary Garrard, Linda Mitson. **High Wycombe:** Eileen and Susan Mathews. **Mendlesham Green:** Miriam and Philip Baker **Potton, Beds.:** Peter and Monica Jarritt. **Tring:** Kathryn Bradding, Graham Wright. **Clapham:** Rachel Collins. **Chippenham:** Julian Kime. **East Ham:** Pat Turner. **Grundisburgh:** Trevor Rockett. **Highbury:** Marion Goold. **Hilmarton:** Jean Smith. **Middlesbrough:** Stephen Kingston. **Prittlewell:** Graham Bemment. **Rishangles:** Sally Chapman. **Royton:** David Agley. **Staines:** Ronald Goddard. **Wattisham:** Keith Chaplin. **West Ham:** Joan Bollans. **Westmeston:** Jean Ashley. **Fressingfield:** Angela Blaxall, Susan Keeble.

LITTLE THINGS

The Bible teaches that we must not look down upon small things. Indeed, the Apostle James tells us that a great ship is steered by a small rudder; a big horse is turned about by a small bit placed in his mouth; a little tongue is like a little fire: it can start a terrible amount of trouble and bring much disaster.

Some grown-ups think that little people do not matter very much, but Jesus did not think like this. He drew a little child to Him, and set him in the midst because He loved the boys and girls. And as you do this Searcher, do not forget to look for other "little things" in the chapters named, for they are all very important if you are to earn full marks.

Lower Group, age under 12

Search in the following chapters: 1 Samuel 2; 1 Kings 17; Psalm 114; Matthew 19; John 21; and see how many "little things" you can find. For instance, amongst other things, you will find "a little cake" and "little children" mentioned. Write out your answers like this:—

"a little cake is found in . . ."

"little children are found in . . ."

and so on, in each case giving the book, chapter, and verse or verses where found. Then underneath your list write out **one verse only**—a verse where "little children" are mentioned.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Follow the instructions given for the Lower Group. Then search for more "little things" in the following chapters: Genesis 43; 1 Samuel 20; 2 Kings 5; Matthew 15; Revelation 10; and list them in the same way. Now

read very carefully. If you are a BOY, write out **in full** the verse where a "little lad" is mentioned. If you are a GIRL, the verse where a "little maid" is mentioned.

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CLOSING DATE—MARCH 2nd, 1964

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

We were very pleased indeed to see that so many of you remembered to send in your entries, although some of you were in such a hurry that you forgot to read the instructions right through. We welcome forty new searchers, and all the names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Keith Harrington, aged 13, Cuckfield S.S.
2. Christine Morris, aged 12, "Providence" S.S., Streatham.

Special Mention: Peter Muddell, Margaret Mills, Christine Tizzard, Janet Eldridge, Margaret Jordan, Sheila Pearce, Gillian Trevena, Mary Lawrence, Jean King, Joyce Orchard, Jean Ashley, Barbara Payne, Ann Barton.

Very Highly Commended: Trevor Clarkson, Rita Parker, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Vivienne Pain, Margaret Justice, Patricia Hammond, Mary Paul, Margaret Gooderham, Marian Goold, Jill Clements, Barbara Newlyn, Ann Kimber, David Armstrong, Rosalind Foster, John Huggins, Graham Percy, Valerie Dunnett, Rosemary Payne, Shirley Bowden, Graham Wright, Adrian Clarkson, Gillian Lawrence, Martyn Clark, Alison Christie, Linda Brown, Jennifer Clarkson, Ronald Goddard, Ann Satchell, Judith Shepherd, Robin Woodford, Geoffrey Dennis, Gloria Cross, Rosemary Foster, Philip Kilmister, Julian Kime, Jean Mitchell, Jayne Hollinger, Jeremy Dutton, Ruth Scoggins, Lula Sotires, C. Jacobs, Paul Grimwood, Janet Christie, Rosemary Parris, Peter Jarritt, Marylin Dudley, Margaret Reeve.

Highly Commended: Peter King, B. J. Hills, Keith Ellis, Sylvia Reeve, Beryl Wilcox, Gwendoline Reeve, Marion Grimwood, Joan Bollans, Susan Smith, Linda Clover, Yvonne Staines, K. Browne, Andrea Hart, Keith Chaplin, Martyn Relf, Margaret Gadd, Jane See, Norma Sullivan, David Agley, Jennifer Burton, Philip Starnes, Barbara Williams.

Commended: First a special note for Anne Osborn, Linda Simpson, Catherine Goldsworthy, and B. T. Orchard. You will find the answer in Luke 1. v. 19. Janis Musgrave, David Harmer, Shirley Agers, Kathryn Jones. The following omitted to write out the verse in Luke 2 where the missing words were found: Miriam Baker, Maria Evans, Kathleen Kelly, Mary King, Elizabeth Martin, Pamela Griffin, Brian Metcalfe, Sylvia Hartwell, Janet Langridge, Trudy Hope, John Bennett. Rosemary Scrivener answered Lower Group only.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Elizabeth Hammond, aged 11, Epping S.S.
2. Sheila Cross, aged 8, "Providence" S.S., March.

Special Mention: Mary Garrard, Linda Chapman, David Monk, Lorna Murdon, Jennifer Satchell, Christine Relf, Barbara Hammond, Andrew Ottley, Sylvia Chapman, Valerie Clover, Ruth Layzell, Evelyn Barton.

Very Highly Commended: Wendy Thompson, Rosalind Wilkinson, Edwin Mayhew, Julie Reed, Raymond Hart, Christine Frost, Mary Bater, Stephen Cooke, Yvonne Steward Karen May, Jacqueline Maltby, Heather Payne, Graham Bemment, Myra Evans, Glenys Mayhew, Gillian Naunton, Maureen Gar, Philip Clarkson, Susan Woolcott, Roger Armstrong, Stephen Woodford, Keith Payne, Marlene Farrow, Michael Wayman, Linda Josling, Janet Bowler, Paul Hart, Stephen Hart, Christine Robinson, Linda Boulter, Trevor Hart, Ruth Gadd, Marion Farrow, Catherine Collins, Ruth Goodwin, Raymond Grimwood, Ann Blakeman, Paul Heasman, Andrew Goodwin, John Markwick, Andros Sotires, Graham Hart, Wendy Chapman, Andrew Hewitt, Susan Dack, Christopher Rookyard, Lois Clarkson, Peter Geall, Marion Frost, Annette Farenden, Graham Wilkinson, Rosemary Barnes, Susan Noble, Richard Clarkson, Christopher Chapman, Anthony Woods, Jean Smith, Susan Hayday, Monica Jarritt, Paul Jermyn, Christina Papapavlou, Mary Arnold, John Layzell, Janice Burt, Joy Chapman, Diane Martin, Barbara Brown, Christine Smith, Gillian Treadgold, Philip Hart, Gillian Goodwin, Monica Gooderham, Linda Mitson, Robert Paul, John Dennis, Susan Reed, Dorothy Putman, Lorna Bass, Joy Thrower, Jeanette Moore, Christopher Dowding, David Morris, Joan Justice, Marion Copsey, Adrian Perry, Susan Shepherd, Susan Mathews.

Highly Commended: Pauline Jakes, Jeffrey Perry, Paula Chapman, Susan Woodford, Alan Parris, Rosemary Cross, David Bennett, Leonard Carter, Roger Parritt, Andrew Orchard, Sandra Beerenwinkel, Sharon Cottage, Sharon Lee, Janet Birch, Andrew Varley, Paul Putman, Pauline Mayhew, Grace Justice, Wendy Christie, Angela Percy, Jill Reuter, Barbara Davies, Keith Maltby, Martin Dowding, David Keeble, Trevor Rockett, Melvyn Barnes, Irene Carter, Eric Bater, Lesley Mann, Susan Walsh, Kathryn Bradding, Philip Turner, Stephen Kingston, Paul Smith, Bernard Gooderham, Elizabeth Starnes, Ruth Price, Georgie Kephalas, Thomas Buss, Ziad Bandak, Sheila Atkinson, Robert Clover, Michael Vaughan, Diana Hosier, Gillian Maidstone, Elaine Cole, Pauline Mann, Jackie Davies, Sally Chapman, Angela Blaxall, Christine Kephalas, Pauline Justice, Melvyn Page, Stephen Mayhew, Christina Markwick, Susan Burgess, Peter Tanfield, Linda Bloor, Michael Arthur, Janet White, Pat Turner, Kevin Frost, Diane Sharp, Miriam Pyke. Kathleen Burch, Linda Fountain, John Buss, Julie Barry, Jennifer Noble, Josephine Collins, Philip Norris, Julie Dodge, Heather McManus, Donald Walsh, Susan Garner, David Blythe, Lesley Cole, Sharon Risiott, Susan Risiott, Linda Webb, Richard Goodchild, Pamela Parker, Kathleen Elms, Philip Walsh.

Commended: Most of the following omitted to write out the verse where the missing words were found: Guy Gissing, Lyn Weston, Christine Newcombe, Susan Dodge, Robert Chambers, David East, Marilyn King, Valerie Steel, Alan Piper, Kay Saxby, Stephen Humphreys, Jeremy Thompson, Roy Galloway, Dawn Strutt, Heather Bottley, Janice Blowers, Anita Jafrate, Diane Burdett, Arthur Dodge, Peter Dodge, Linda Tanfield, Kathleen Jafrate, Janette Barker, Pat Ruffold, Susan Sandford, Susanne Jones, Keith Ransome, Barry Blowers, Graham Inman, Carol Gunmer, Angela Chapman, Michael Hewitt, Ruth Steward, Hazel Galloway, June McReynolds, Jennifer Starnes, Ricky Crombie, Rita Whitmore, Gillian Sandford, Pamela Downing, Janet Sandford, Philip Baker, Pat Davenport, Tony Bettles, Keith McReynolds, Janet Frost, Rosemary Budd, James Coomber, Ann Laurence, Ann Casey, Susan Keeble, Brian Byers, Belinda Love.

Not for Competition: The Misses Jill Brown, Rachel Collins, Pauline Marjoram, Christine Phillimore, Pauline Stokes.

Woolwich Sunday School again heads the list, North Finchley were a close second, Belvedere and Hammerfield tied for third place.

Graham and Philip Hart, Diane Kure and Sharon Risiott, sent late answers to the October Searcher.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls.

Let me say first of all how pleased I am to see a large increase in the number of regular Bible Searchers during the past year. No less than 226 Searchers have qualified for the Honours Certificate for regular Bible Searching. I am especially pleased to see the large number of family entries, where brothers and sisters have entered regularly together. It is also a joy to welcome seven new schools to our band. May the Lord bless both our schools and their scholars.

Very recently, I heard a strange story of a cat who belonged to one of our Searchers. He was a beautiful, pure white puss and loved his master. Every time he came home, puss was waiting to welcome him, and waiting also for his master to make a fuss of him. For nine years puss and his master lived together in the same home, until master moved to another house not very far away. Everything was done to make puss happy, he had his own blanket and his own basket; he was given the food which he liked best; his master made an extra fuss of him. But puss was not happy in the new home. Four times he wandered away and each time he was brought back, but it was of no use. He finally wandered away never to return, and left his master altogether. It was certainly not the fault of his master—it was just the wayward nature of puss.

When I heard this sad story, I could not help thinking how much like each of us was this prodigal puss. Just like the younger son in the beautiful story Jesus told, puss left his home and wandered away. Why did he do this? It was because it was in his nature to cling to the things of his old home rather than to his master. We too have within our hearts an old nature which leads us away from our true Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, and makes us cling to earthly things instead of Him. All the time we do this we cannot be really happy; indeed like poor puss, we shall one day die in misery and wretchedness.

Nothing could be done to bring puss back, but this need not apply to us. For the Holy Spirit of God can enter right into our hearts and give to us a new nature. This new nature (which Jesus spoke of as being "born again"), will lead us to seek the Lord. He will hold us so closely in His loving hands that, although we may go in and out, we shall never wander right away from His loving care. Rather, we shall follow our Master and listen for His voice, until He has led us to the new Home which He is preparing for us, where we may dwell with Him for ever.

I was pleased to receive letters from:—David Agley (we shall miss your entries, David), Diane Burdett, Jennifer Clarkson, Rachel Collins (God bless you in all your future), Keith Harrington, Monica Jarritt, Jean Mitchell. I would like to thank the following for their kind Christmas wishes and some very nice cards:—The Blakeman family, Mary Bater, Rachel Collins, Ruth Gadd, David Harmer, Margaret Jordan, Gwen, Sylvia, and Margaret Reeve, Christine Relf, Margaret, Pauline, Grace, and Joan Justice, and Beryl Wilcox. Also may I thank these friends for their much-appreciated letters:—Mrs. Blakeman, Miss C. Budd, Mr. J. Christie, Mrs. E. Dennis, Mr. H. W. Harmer, Mr. Colin Mann, Mrs. Ethel Robinson, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge, and Miss E. Wilderspin.

May God bless you all,

UNCLE PETER.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

This picture shows some of the boys and girls of Hammerfield Sunday School, near Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire, where there is a little group of regular Bible Searchers. The friends at Hammerfield are building a new chapel, for there is a great need in this district for Bible teaching, and there are many boys and girls who have recently come to live there.

Mrs. Boxall, of 37 Sunnyhill Road, Hemel Hempstead, is the pastor's wife, and is herself an old Bible Searcher and prizewinner. If anyone would like to send a gift to help on the new building, she will be pleased to receive it, or if sent to "Uncle Peter", he will forward it on to Mrs. Boxall.

FOUR YOUNG MISSIONARIES

All Bible Searchers and readers of "Rays from the East" will be glad to hear that four young people have joined the staff of the Strict Baptist Mission, and hope shortly to be going to India.

Two young men are from this country. Their names are Mr. Colin Howells and Mr. Michael Brown; both of them have been regular Bible Searchers and both have been in the Honours List, so that we can well claim that they are old "Rayites". We wish them both the Lord's richest blessing; and so that we can take a real interest in them, we are asking them each to send a message to "Rays".

Mr. Colin Howells is a member of the Strict Baptist Church at Hayes Lane, Bromley, and is a son of Pastor M. M. Howells. Colin used to be a regular Bible Searcher when he lived at Walthamstow, where he was baptised in the year 1960. He is now studying at South Wales Bible College at Barry, near Cardiff.

Mr. Michael Brown is a member of the Strict Baptist Church at "Eden", Cambridge, where he confessed the Lord Jesus by baptism. From a very early age, Michael can remember hearing the voice of the Lord calling him to follow Him. He too is studying hard, in order that he may come to know more about the Bible, and thus be able to teach others.

Then, from right the other side of the world, two more young people are coming to India, in order to serve the Lord and to work with our missionaries there. They are Mr. Les Ryan and Miss Jeanette Broadby, of Tasmania.

Many prayers have been going up to the throne of God that He would lead some young people to yield their lives to Him for service in India; and now those prayers have been answered. God has called two from England and two from Tasmania and, if all goes well, they will one day meet in India.

Both Les and Jeanette are members of the Particular Baptist Church at Latrobe in Tasmania. If you turn up the map of Australia, you will see that the State of Victoria is at the south-eastern corner of Australia; south of Victoria is the Bass Strait, 140 miles

wide; and on the south side of this strait lies the great island state of Tasmania. It is a very large island for it is nearly as large as the whole of Scotland, and 320,000 people live there. You will see that Tasmania looks very much like a large, heart-shaped island. Latrobe is right at the very centre of the top, or northern coastline.

These two young people have been studying their Bibles at the Bible College of Tasmania which is at Latrobe, and have completed the college course. They are therefore quite ready to sail for India, and will do so in the early summer of this year.

All "Rays" readers will welcome each one of our four new missionaries. We pray with all our hearts that God will bless them each, and we give them a hearty welcome to the pages of "Rays" hoping that, in the days to come, they will write to tell our boys and girls what great things the Lord is doing through them in India.

You will all have a new interest in Tasmania now; and in our next issue we shall hope to tell you more about the beautiful country which Les and Jeanette are leaving behind them, as they journey to India.

WATER IN THE MILK

"Uncle Arthur", Namakkal

One of the blessings that Moses asked God to give Joseph as a tribe was that their land might enjoy "the goodwill (or 'manifest favour') of Him Who dwelt in the bush"—Deut. 33. 16.

Goodwill is an important and valuable asset in business, and here in India a "connection" with the Mission bungalow and those who reside there is usually considered to be worth keeping. We have had an interesting illustration of this with our milkman. He is an old man who has been supplying the bungalow with milk for a number of years, but recently his cow went dry and the animal was not due to calve for about two months. Rather than lose our custom, he told his daughter to buy milk elsewhere and bring it to us as if it were his own.

Unfortunately, the bought milk was well diluted with water, but the woman insisted that it was their own milk—only the cow did not get enough to eat owing to the lack of rain! Hence the milk was thin. We told her to put the water into the cow and not into the milk.

After several weeks of futile argument, the old man himself came and told us what had really happened and that it was not his own milk at all. He did it to retain the goodwill of the bungalow—and very nearly lost it! In fact we did go to another person one day, but her milk was worse still, and she openly admitted that there was not enough to go round for all her customers, so she had to water it!

How thankful we should be that we do not have to resort to such practices to retain the goodwill of our God. He loves us not because we are lovable or nice to know, but because He just wants to love us and wants us to love Him in return. The song the

angels sang on the first Christmas morning ended with the words, " . . . goodwill towards men". The outstanding proof of God's goodwill towards men is that He gave His only Son to die for us, to be our Substitute and to bear the punishment due to us because of our sins. Always remember that when Jesus suffered on the Cross, God was suffering too, for Jesus IS GOD.

This is the wonderful message of God's self-sacrificing love which missionaries take to India, and how happy we are when we see people really believing this message and when we see the great change that takes place in their lives when they have real faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, instead of worshipping idols, they begin to desire the "sincere milk of God's Word", and instead of lying and cheating, they try to live honestly. They no longer try to earn God's goodwill by deeds of merit, for they know that they have got God's goodwill, and because of that they try to please Jesus day by day.

When you take the milk in tomorrow morning, would you like to pray this prayer: "Make my heart clean and pure, Lord Jesus, like this milk, and please give the boys and girls of India clean hearts, too".

GREAT THINGS

Our last Searcher was about "little things". This time we want you to search for some of the "great things" which are mentioned in MATTHEW'S Gospel. Both Matthew and Luke loved to tell of the great things which the Lord had done.

If in our last Searcher, we learn that nothing is too small for the Lord to think of, then in this issue we will remember that nothing is too great for His power to control. Do you remember that beautiful third verse of Psalm 147, which tells us that the Lord "heals the broken in heart"—just as mother will stitch up a tear in a broken doll, so the Lord will mend the damage and the breakage that sin and sorrow make in our lives.

The next verse of Psalm 147 tells us about things which are immensely great, for it says that:—

"The Lord telleth the number of the stars;
He calleth them all by their names."

And after that verse, there follows a wonderful verse which includes all things both small and great:—

"Great is our Lord; and of great power:
His understanding is infinite."

The word "infinite" means beyond our power to understand, or to measure. And so let us worship the Lord as we do this Bible Searcher, and let us remember that the greatest of all the great things of God is that He knows and understands the heart of each one of us, whether small or great.

Lower Group, age under 12

1. Great joy.
2. Great multitudes.
3. A great tempest.
4. The great commandment.
5. A great earthquake.

They will be found in Matthew, chapters 2, 4, 8, 22, 28. Write out your answers in this way,

Great joy is found in . . .

Great multitudes is found in . . .

and so on, giving the chapter and verse where each is found. Extra marks will be given for careful searching if you find any of these "great things" more than once in the chapters named, and also if you find any other "great things" in the same chapters that are not already mentioned. Then choose the story that you like the best, and write out **one verse** where a "great thing" is mentioned.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

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

6. A pearl of great price.
7. Great faith.
8. Great possessions.
9. Great signs and wonders.
10. A great stone.

They will be found in Matthew, chapters 13, 15, 19, 24, 27. Extra marks will be given in this part also, but instead of choosing a story and writing out a verse write out **in full** the reply that Jesus gave to the lawyer's question "Which is the great commandment?"

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, 1964, although their entries will be marked and listed with the others. Put your name, age, address, and Sunday School on your paper and post in an envelope (unsealed) bearing a 2½d. stamp to UNCLE PETER,

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CLOSING DATE—APRIL 30th, 1964.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

We were very pleased with the response to this Searcher. There were over 450 entries. Some of the entries were very good indeed, but there were many who sent a list of the "little things" mentioned in the chapters and forgot to write out the required verse. We welcome seventy-eight new Searchers, many of whom were very young; and we were pleased to see entries from a new School—Bradford-on-Avon. The names follow in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Judith Shepherd, aged 13 years, "Zion" S.S., New Cross.

2. Margaret Mills, aged 14 years, Tabernacle S.S., Watford.

Special Mention: Barbara Newlyn, Trevor Clarkson, Gwendoline Gadd, Christine Morris, Joyce Orchard, Catherine Goldsworthy, Linda Woollard, Vivienne Pain.

Very Highly Commended: Miriam Baker, Margaret Gadd, Keith Ellis, Jill Clements, Paul Thompson, Christine Cordle, Ann Barton, Jean Ashley,

Barbara Payne, Gillian Lawrence, Mary Paul, Graham Wright, Patricia Hammond, Janet Eldridge, Malcolm Jarvis, Christine Tizzard, Lilian Boxall, Jennifer Clarkson.

Highly Commended: Peter Muddell, Keith Harrington, Barry Hills, Gwendoline Reeve, Christopher Rudd, Lula Sotires, Sheila Pearce, Alison Christie, Janet Christie, Daphne Burrows, Susan Hemmaway, Rosemary Payne, Margaret Jordan, Ann Satchell, Rosalind Foster, Rosemary Foster, Keith Chaplin, Margaret Reeve, Adrian Clarkson, Shirley Agus, Suzanne Husband, Pamela Griffin, Janet Noble, Linda Fountain, Valerie Dunnett, Sylvia Hartwell, Marylin Dudley, Richard Steward, Christine Burns, Doreen Clover, Paul Tanfield, Janis Musgrave, Julian Kime, Raymond Grimwood, Paul Grimwood, Rosemary Jarvis, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Linda Clover, C. Jacobs, Beryl Wilcox, Carol East, Gillian Trevena, Sylvia Reeve, Graham Percy, Martyn Clark, John Bennett, Ruth Scoggins, Philip Kilmister, Marion Grimwood, Michael Wicks, Rita Parker, Raymond Upchurch, Margaret Justice, Kathleen Portlock, Rosemary Scrivener, Mary Felton, Yvonne Staines, Alan Noble, John Howells, Norma Sullivan, Peter Rodwell, Rosemary Parris.

Commended: Philip Starnes, Joan Bollans, Jeremy Dutton, Gloria Cross, David Harmer, Martyn Relf, Yvonne Flint, Brian Wallace, Angela Ransome, Julia Lupton, Anne Osborn, Maria Evans, Peter Jarritt, Malcolm Cordle, Andrew Collins, John Huggins, Kathleen Kelly, Susan Hayday, Robin Woodford, Robert Evemy, Robert Toseland, Robin Harvey, Norman Stone, Geoffrey Dennis, Kenneth Browne, Jane See, Wendy Hindle, Ronald Goddard, Margaret Gooderham, David Veale, Patricia Cook, Trudy Hope, Philip Ransome, Diane Thompson, Margaret Broad, Peter King, Ivan Davidson, Linda Bloor, Angela Blaxall, Philip Robinson, Kathleen Dean, Heather Witchell, Janet Gardner. Linda Haydon, Valerie Staniforth and Janet Westney answered Upper Group only. Answered Lower Group only: Carole Walsh, Rosemary Burgess, Sandra Bolt, Linda Walsh, Lucy Capsalis, David Parker.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Barbara Hammond, aged 9, "Bethesda" S.S., Ipswich.
2 Evelyn Barton, aged 11, Fryerns S.S., Basildon.

Special Mention: Linda Mary Chapman, John Dennis, Andrew Cooke, Susan Mann, Robert Paul, Rosalind Wilkinson, Eric Bater, Wendy Page, Rosemary Cross, Ruth Layzell, David Morris, Myra J. Evans, Jacqueline Batchelor, Mary Bater.

Very Highly Commended: Hazel Batchelor, Heather Gardner, Michael Muspratt, Paul Heasman, Nigel Agus, Julie Dodge, Paul Hart, Joan Justice, Bryan Upchurch, Sally Chapman, Kathryn Bradding, Andrew Ottley, Annette Farenden, Sheila Cross, Lorna Murdon, Susan Mathews, Valerie Clover, Susan Shepherd, Keith Payne. Stephen Hart, Roy Galloway, Christopher Chapman, Faith Rogers, Elizabeth Hammond, Brenda Cross, Pamela Fountain, Mary Bemment. Andrew Hewitt, Roger Parritt, Stella Rodwell, Philip Clarkson, Melvyn Page. Stephen Bradbury, Lois Clarkson, Wendy Chapman, Roger Armstrong. Roger Taylor, Paul Jermyn, Elizabeth Kindred, Georgie Kephalas, Graham Bemment, Barbara Davies, Philip Barber. Christina Papapavlou, Richard Clarkson, Roger Pask, Susan Fisher, Joyce Roberts, Paul Smith. Susan Stibbs, Jackie Davies, Dawn Strutt, Christopher Dowding, Heather Edwards, John Markwick, Susan Walsh, Eileen Mathews. Janet Couch-Johns, Michael Hewitt, Pauline Jakes, Jane Farmer. Michael Wayman, Tina Ponting, Susan Alcock. Kathleen Elms, Diane Martin, Linda Webb, Felicity Lawler. Kevin Frost, Elizabeth Starnes, Susan Beerenwinkel, Peter Geall, Gillian Naunton. Heather Bottley, Peter Tanfield, Gordon Muspratt, Andros Sotires, Julia Blagdon, Stephen Cooke,

Graham Wilkinson, Jean Smith, Ann Blakeman, Martin Dowding, Dorothy Putman, Lesley Cole, Julie Farenden, Jeremy Jarvis, Peter Robdrup, Peter Pask, Paul Putman, John Layzell, Richard Underwood, Maureen Blagdon, Mary Arnold, Robert Chambers, Alan Burrows, Stephen Woodford, Veronica Elderkin, Malinda Cross, Linda Tanfield, Hazel Galloway, Ian Fraser, Margaret Scoggins, Jeremy Thompson, Philip Baker, June Price, Miriam Pyke, Teresa Ponting.

Highly Commended: Elaine Cole, Robert Woods, Gillian Sandford, Anthony Coppen, Pat Davenport, Susan Sandford, Ruth Gadd, Sylvia Chapman, Janet Sandford, Susan Burgess, Janet Schad, Doris Burton, Christina Markwick, Jane Bowerman, Julie Barry, Wendy Christie, Alan Ransome, Gillian Maidstone, Susan Noble, Jesse Ponting, Lorraine Kiehl, Robert Clover, Timothy Crawford, David Bennett, Valerie Rodwell, Elaine Goodchild, Joy Thrower, Sharon Risiott, Raymond Hart, Christine Frost, Marion Frost, Anthony Wood, Wendy Thompson, Alan Parris, David East, Diane Sharp, James Cowie, David Monk, Diana Hosier, Trevor Hart, Jill Harvey, Beryl Mumford, Jacqueline Maltby, Keith Maltby, Jennifer Noble, Margaret Worster, Monica Jarritt, Karen Loubell, Jane Booth, Caroline Muspratt, Kathleen Richards, Susan Woodford, Lyn Weston, Franklin Grynkewicz, Diane Seabrook, Valerie Richards, Lynn Harvey, Rosalind Worster, Christine Smith, Angela Percy, Yvonne Steward, Arthur Dodge, Bernard Gooderham, Susan Garner, Mary Bowen, David Ponting, Philip Collins, Leslie Mills, Thomas Buss, Melvyn Barnes, Rosemary Barnes, Joy Chapman, Elizabeth Crick, Jennifer Satchell, Paula Chapman, Mary Garrard, Heather Payne, Susan Risiott, Richard Clack, Stephen Kingston, Grace Justice, Monica Gooderham, Susan Woolcott, Richard Haynes, Carol Barber, Rosemary Ransome, Michael Raper, Tony Summers, Tony Hindle, Susan Keeble, Andrew Orchard, Linda Mitson, Glenda Stevens, Colleen Wright, Pauline Mann, Lesley Mann, Jean Harris, Susan Dodge, Paul Gilbert, Pauline Justice, Leonard Carter, Philip Leach.

Commended: Many of the following omitted to write out a verse where "little children" are mentioned. Jane Dennett, Karen May, Christine Robinson, Kathleen Watts, Christopher Rookyard, Julie Reed, Michael Vaughan, Christine Relf, Annette Chuter, Martin Alcock, Philip Norris, Alan Piper, Patricia Freshwater, Linda Boulter, Lyn Reed, Ruth Price, Keith Sillett, Peter Dodge, Valerie Newman, Jill Reuter, Jane Wicking, an entry from 3 Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh, Janet Birch, Ellen Badrick, Ruth Steward, Stuart Kennedy, Carol Thornton, Kathleen Burch, Maureen Harris, Geoffrey Cole, Kathryn Coulson, Belinda Love, Ronnie Copping, Claire Wicking, Janet Bowler, Evelyn Dodge, Peter Davidson, Susan Reed, Corinne Stibbs, Susan Green, Jeanette Mooer, Graham Hart, Janice Burt, Gregory Collett, John Buss, Josephine Collins, Angela Freshwater, William Brooks, Janice Blowers, Maureen Gar, Gordon Collett, David Blackman, John Copping, David Keeble, Barry Blowers, Christine Godfrey, Joanne Brooks, Angela Chapman, Marion Stains, Pamela Parker, Glynda Larter, Philip Hart, Alan Garner, Pat Ruffold, Vivienne Reynolds, Adele Breen, Julia Hassan, an entry without name from Park Ridings, Wood Green (age 8½), Jacqueline Martin, Graham Cross, Robert Mott, Christopher Wicking, Terry Collette, Gary Collins, M. Blaxall, Kelvin Reynolds, Sandra Collins, Michael Copping, Russ Crombie, Susan Taunton, Lorraine Black, Gillian Gardner, Cathie Ferguson, Angela Munn.

Not for Competition: The Misses Jill Brown, Christine Phillimore and Pauline Stokes. Late answers to the December Searcher: Christine and M. Cordle, Elizabeth Kindred.

Additions to Honours List: Jennifer Lott (Streatham), Elizabeth Kindred (Cransford). We are sorry that the name of Jennifer Clarkson was omitted from those who had gained Certificates for the eighth consecutive year.

North Finchley sent in the highest number of entries this time. Warboys came very close and Woolwich came third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

How would you like to live with your doctor each day? Some of you grumble very much if you are taken to see him, and some of you are always afraid that he will give you a prick in your arm. Here is a story of a boy who would have died if his doctor had not taken him home to live with him. For some years after he was born, his mother cared for him, and did everything that her love could do, but the lad had a serious complaint for which there was no cure. Sad to say, the day came when his mother lay dying. She called her doctor, Dr. Alexander Bowie, to her bedside and made him promise to look after her delicate son.

Dr. Bowie took the lad home with him and by skilful care, sometimes at night as well as by day, the lad was able to live with as little suffering as possible. This went on for thirty years until the doctor could do no more, and the lad, now grown to be a man, also died. To the surprise of the good doctor, when the Will of the young man was read, he heard these words: "I give £12,000 to my doctor, to whom I owe my last thirty years of life".

This is a story of gratitude, and something more. It shows that life, even to a young man who is suffering, is a sweet and wonderful gift. Are we grateful enough for the life which God has given to us day by day, or do we take this blessing for granted? Let us remember that we owe our very breath, that we breathe something like twelve times each minute of the day and night, to the Lord Jesus. And let us also remember that He has an even greater gift which He can give. It is the gift of His forgiveness for our sins, a gift which He purchased for us by His death upon the Cross. And with that precious gift of forgiveness, the Lord also gives us the gift of Eternal Life. May the Lord shew us how much we owe to Him, and may He teach us each to be truly grateful for all that He has done for us. The best gifts that any boy or girl can have, can be received only from God, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May I thank all the friends, as well as younger readers, who have sent in packets of Tamil Text Cards. They are all most welcome and will all be sent to India. Many are already on their way.

I was pleased to receive letters from these boys and girls: Janet Christie, Trudy Hope, Elizabeth Kindred, Stephen Kingston, Karen May, Pauline Stokes (so glad you are better), Janet Westney and Beryl Wilcox (so glad to hear your good news). Also it was a pleasure to receive letters from the following friends and helpers: Miss Sesca Ballard, Mrs. Edna Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mr. J. Christie, Mr. S. G. Comber, Mrs. E. Dennis, Mr. S. Hogwood, Mr. K. A. Impey, Mrs. D. S. Munford, Mr. M. F. Relf, Mrs. D. A. Scrivener, Mr. R. S. Stallwood, Mr. V. A. Steward (so glad to have an increased number of entries, "Well done, Warboys!"), Miss G. Taylor and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

With every good wish to you all, from

UNCLE PETER.

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FROM THE EAST
for young people



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Read his message on page four

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A LAND OF POWER AND PROGRESS

When Les Ryan and Jeanette Broadby leave Tasmania for India early in this month of June, 1964, they will leave behind them a beautiful and progressive country, and will go to a land of heat and dust, a land where millions upon millions of people dwell, a land which is struggling along the uphill road.

The great sub-continent of India has a history which goes back thousands of years, but Tasmania is a young country. Although it was discovered by the Dutchman Tasman in 1642, Tasmania did not become a self-governing state until 1856. Even though it is a large island, being 190 miles wide and 180 miles long, it is the smallest in area of all the states of Australia.

Yet within this small area there lie many happy and industrious towns and cities. The west coast of Tasmania is very much like the west coast of Scotland, consisting of beautiful mountain scenery interspersed with great lakes and clear, clean rivers which abound in fish. The eastern coast of Tasmania is more like the western lands of England, and it is there that the lovely crisp Tasmanian apples are grown, that English boys and girls like to eat at this time of year.

Most of the people in Tasmania are of British descent, and they have very cleverly harnessed the lakes and rivers to give a wonderful supply of cheap electricity. In the very centre of the Tasmanian island there is a high plateau rising to over 5,000 ft. and the water power from a chain of lakes and rivers has been linked together, so that electric lighting for the homes and electric power for the factories can be used in any part of the island.

The little town of Latrobe, from which Les and Jeanette have come, is in the centre of the northern coast of Tasmania, where many of the best farms are to be found. In the rich soils of the many river valleys, the people of the northern coast grow their crops of barley, wheat and potatoes, besides the many millions of pounds of raspberries and currants which find their way into tins and are then sent into all parts of the world.

It may be that Les and Jeanette will tell us more about the happy and pleasant land of Tasmania, which they have left behind. We want them to know that all the young readers of "Rays" will follow their course with prayerful interest as they now give themselves to the work of their Lord and ours in India. Just as, long ago, the disciples by the lake of Galilee left their nets and followed Jesus at His bidding, so Les and Jeanette from Tasmania, and Colin and Michael from England, have heard the voice of the Lord Jesus saying unto them, "Come ye after Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men".

ARE YOUR TAMIL TEXT CARDS USED?

Uncle Peter would like to thank all the helpers, and the boys and girls, who have sent Christmas cards and picture post cards, with Tamil Texts pasted on the back—Also many of you have sent to him some of the coloured texts printed on thin paper. All of these have been sent to India and here are two letters from our Missionaries to tell you how useful they are.

The first comes from Mrs. David Thrower from Kotagiri, and reads thus:

"Thank you for the packet of cards which has recently arrived. We have an ever-increasing demand for these Gospel messages. There is no doubt that children like them because of the pretty pictures, but they also have a Scripture message which is the Word of Life. This seed of the Kingdom is being sown in hundreds of young hearts, and we have the Lord's own promise that it will not return to Him void."

The second letter is from Mrs. Champion and also tells us how the text cards are used amongst Indian boys and girls. Mrs. Champion writes as follows:

"Each year some of the Sunday School boys come along to ask, 'Can we do the decorations?' They love to get hold of pieces of coloured paper and cut them up and hang them on the verandah and in the office, which is also used as a Chapel. And what a noise they make! But they certainly enjoy it.

"This year we had five Sunday School treats. The first, and also the largest, was for Mr. Champion's boys—What a crowd! Twice as many as were on the register tried to get in.

"Then there was my Saturday Girls' Class and the Girls' Sunday School, but these two put together do not come to as many as Mr. Champion's Sunday School. Also it was such a pleasure to go out to Mr. Prahasam's village and give a treat to his Sunday School boys. After that we went to see the children who gather each month in Mr. Puliniandi's house.

"Each of these children had a special card from those we had picked out and had saved during the year. So when you are sticking texts on cards and you find one which is extra good, don't cut it up but send it to us for Christmas. We need so many.

"We also used the Tamil Text Cards by giving one to each little shop here in Morupatti and in Mettupalayam. Then again, on Christmas eve all the women in Morupatti came to say 'How do you do?', and each one of them was given a text card and five sweets, just as the boys and girls are.

"Now what is it that makes us so pleased about the use of these Tamil Text Cards? It is because God's Word is on each one, and they are going into hundreds of homes. We were also able to give to quite a number of them, nicely coloured texts which they can put on their walls. There were many other meetings besides these. We also hired a loud speaker and, by means of this, carols and hymns were broadcast in the villages, also Mr. Champion showed

Bible pictures. Finally, the Christmas morning service was broadcast to the village folk."

Here then is the answer to the question whether your Tamil Text Cards are used. And here also is the need for more, thousands more. For there are many thousands of India's boys and girls who have never heard God's Word, and God may use a Tamil Text Card which you have sent to be a means of blessing to them.

So then, please! Get busy once again; and may God's blessing be upon those who send the cards and those who receive.

TO ALL READERS OF "RAYS"

Here is a message to all "Rays" readers from an old Bible Searcher, Mr. Colin Howells. Colin is now studying at the South Wales Bible College and hopes one day to go to India as a missionary of the Strict Baptist Mission.

Do you remember the story in the Old Testament about the boy Samuel, and how God called him? Samuel heard that call and answered, and God still calls people to-day. He called me when I was eleven years old, and some of you are that age, aren't you? He spoke to me and showed me that I needed the Lord Jesus, so that one day I would go to be with Him in heaven. I answered that call and asked Him to receive me, which He did. I knew that He would keep me from doing those things that were wrong when I was in school.

Every two months I used to do the Bible Searcher, and as I now look back to that time not so very long ago, I can see how that it helped me to find my way around the Bible; but most of all, it taught me to love God's Word.

Now God has called me again and told me that He wants me to work for Him in India; so now I am in college preparing for the work to which He has called me. How I thank God for those hours that I spent doing the "Rays from the East" Bible Searchers!

THE SECRET OF TRUE WISDOM

God's Word tells us that there are two kinds of wisdom. They are each like two paths which lead up to the top of a mountain. The first wisdom is the "wisdom of the wise", and it leads us up the long path of human learning until we come to the top. And at the top all that we can see is the glory of man, which God has shown to be just a dead end. Man's wisdom does not lead him anywhere because with all his searching he cannot find God.

The other kind of wisdom is the wisdom of God, and this is seen at the top of the hill called Calvary, where the Lord died for us upon the Cross. It is here that the love of God reaches down to deal with the sin of man. It is at the Cross of Jesus that sinful souls may be saved through believing and trusting what he has

done for them upon the Cross. Therefore, if we would praise wisdom, let us praise the wisdom of God who has made a way for us to receive the everlasting prize of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. And if we would be truly wise, let us be "wise unto Salvation".

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named, and as you read, search for the following words. When you have found them write out each verse **in full,** and give the book, chapter and verse where found.

1. The Lord giveth wisdom.
2. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom.
3. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
4. Teach us . . . that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
5. The holy Scriptures . . are able to make thee wise.

They will be found in Proverbs chaps. 2, 3, 9; Psalm 90; 2 Timothy chap. 3.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

First answer the Lower Group questions. Then search for these words and write out each verse **in full,** giving the book, chapter and verse, where found.

6. The testimony of the Lord . . . making wise the simple.
7. Wisdom is better than rubies .
8. That . . . God . . . may give unto you the spirit of wisdom.
9. In whom are hid . . . wisdom and knowledge.
10. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.

They will be found in Psalm 19; Proverbs 8; Ephesians 1; Colossians 2; James 1.

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 October, 1964, although their entries will be marked and listed with the others. Put your name, age, address, and Sunday School on your paper and post in an envelope (unsealed) bearing a 2½d. stamp to UNCLE PETER,

57 CEDAR CLOSE, BAGSHOT, SURREY.

If you send a letter with your entry you must put on a 3d. stamp. TWO OR MORE entries can come in one envelope (unsealed) bearing a 2½d. stamp, provided the weight does not exceed 2 ozs.; over 2 ozs. and under 4 ozs. will cost 4d.

CLOSING DATE— JUNE 30th, 1964

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

We are pleased to see that the entries keep up well although there are still a number of Searchers who do not read the instructions. We welcome fifty-six new Searchers, and we are pleased to see Somersham represented once again. Here are your names in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Jennifer Clarkson, aged 14, Devonshire Drive S.S., Greenwich.

2. John Huggins, aged 14, Warboys S.S.

Special Mention: Trevor Clarkson, Margaret Mills, Barbara Newlyn, Ann Barton, Rita Parker, Valerie Dunnett, Rosemary Payne, Rosemary Parris, Christine Tizzard.

Very Highly Commended: Joyce Orchard, Margaret Gadd, J. R. Buss, Ann Satchell, Janet Christie, Malcolm Jarvis, Vivienne Pain, Jean King, Sheila Pearce, Jill Clements, Rosemary Jarvis, Jean Ashley, Mary Paul, Alison Christie, Peter Muddell, Christopher Rudd, Janet Eldridge, Adrian Clarkson, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Jordan, Jane See, Gillian Trevena, Christine Burns, Patricia Hammond, Carol Jones, Linda Brown, Keith Ellis, Anne Osborn, Peter Rodwell, Pamela Griffin, P. Jarritt.

Highly Commended: Jeremy Dutton, Gillian Lawrence, David Harmer, Kathleen Dean, Dianne Thompson, Judith Shepherd, Martyn Relf, Carol East, Raymond Upchurch, Graham Wright, Keith Harrington, Marylin Dudley, Lilian Boxall, Keith Chaplin, Ruth Scoggins, Paul Tanfield, Philip Starnes, Lula Sotires, B. L. Orchard, Linda Simpson, Margaret Reeve, Angela Ransome, Robin Woodford, Alan Noble, John Bennett, Andrew Collins, Yvonne Staines, Janet Noble, C. Jacobs, Miriam Baker, Peter King, Barry Hills, Susan Hayday, Catherine Goldsworthy, Janet Westney, Paul Moore, Christine Morris, Paul Grimwood, Beryl Wilcox, Linda Chapman, Daphne Burrows, Sandra Bolt, David Bell, Barbara Payne, Ann Cossins, David East, Ronald Goddard, Linda Bloor, Doreen Clover, Susan Smith, Ivan Davidson, Christine Drayton, Cynthia Barber, Philip Kilmister, Norma Sullivan, Gwendoline Reeve, Angela Blaxall.

Commended: John Bollans, Marie Evans, Linda Fountain, Wendy Hindle, Richard Steward, Robert Toseland, N. Stone, Sylvia Reeve, Raymond Grimwood, Brenda Wheeler, Wendy Haslam, Margaret Collins, Kenneth Browne, Christine Wheeler, Coral Lucas, Margaret Broad, Margaret Gooderham, Christopher Hodson, Jasmin Catlin, Heather Caley, Doris Burton. The following omitted the verses which answered the lawyer's question. Patricia Double, Janet Gardner, an entry from Bradenstoke. Answered Upper Group only: William Brooke, Angela Stiff, Francesta Parks. Answered Lower Group only: Philip Leach, Karen Loubell, David Parker, Evelyn Dodge.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Sylvia Chapman, aged 11, Horham S.S.

2. Christopher Chapman, aged 10, "Providence" S.S., March.

Special Mention: Linda Chapman, Ruth Layzell, Barbara Hammond, Beryl Munford, Pauline Jakes, Sheila Cross, Philip Morris, Lorna Munden.

Very Highly Commended: Christine Smith, Ian Fraser, Wendy Chapman, Christopher Dowding, Linda Mahoney, David Bennett, John Layzell, Philip Clarkson, Martyn Dowding, Susan Fisher, Roger Pask, Gillian Naunton, Julie Dodge, Dawn Strutt, Annette Farenden, Diana Hosier, Rosemary Cross, Dorothy Putman, Michael Wayman, Christopher Rookyard, Andrew Cooke, Kathleen Richards, Susan Mann, Andrew Ottley, Paul Heasman, Annette Chuter, Barbara Jones, Graham Collins, Alan Parris, Roger Parritt, Mary Jones, Stephen Cooke, Stephen Kingston, Graham Bemment, Paul Smith, Joan Justice, Ruth Gadd, Evelyn Barton, Stella Rodwell, Paul Jermyn, Peter Geall, Valerie Richards, Wendy Christie, Christina Papapavlou, Tony Summers, Anthony Coppen, Heather Gardner, David Morris, Andrew Orchard, Susan Mathews, Christine Relf, Pauline Justice, Mary Bemment, Mary Bater, Sally Chapman, Linda Tanfield, Graham Wilkinson, C. Stibbs, Jane Cleasby, Rosemary Ransome, Lorraine Kiehl, Janet Orchard, Kathryn Bradding, Elizabeth Hammond, Janet Bowler, Pamela Fountain, Heather Garrard, Eileen Mathews, Karen Parkins, Paul Hart, Ellen Badrich, Julie Reed, Paul Robdrup, Grace Justice, Heather Edwards, Susan Shepherd, Myra Evans, Robert Paul, Linda Parkins, Valerie Clover, Maureen Blagdon, Sheila Atkinson, Keith Maltby, Monica Jarritt, Angela Freshwater, Patricia Freshwater, Shirley Gadd, Susan Stibbs, Jacqueline

Maltby, Yvonne Steward, Christine Robinson, Roger Armstrong, Susan Noble, Eric Bater, Joy Thrower, Julia Blagdon, Elizabeth Kindred, David Pain, Stephen Hart, John Markwick, Gillian Maidstone, Malinda Cross, Rosalind Wilkinson, Wendy Page, Heather McManus, Joy Chapman, Anthony Wood.

Highly Commended: Evelyn Gentry, Ann Blakeman, Stephen Woodford, Susan Burgess, Christina Markwick, Melvyn Page, Jenett Moor, Susan Woodford, Keith Payne, Teresa Ponting, Susan Risiott, Maureen Gar, Jean Smith, Bryan Upchurch, Tina Ponting, Janice Rogers, Susan Woolcott, Hazel Batchelor, Jennifer Satchell, Kevin Frost, Janet White, Roger Taylor, Julia Hassan, Philip Collins, Susan Keeble, Maureen Handscombe, Brian Byers, Linda Boulter, Alan Adams, Mary Arnold, Janice Burt, John Dennis, Jill Ford, David Monk, Jill Reuter, Heather Payne, Sharifa Mohammed, Thomas Buss, Philip Barber, James Cowie, Andrew Hewitt, Janet Schad, Jeremy Jarvis, Peter Davidson, Stephen Brardbury, Gordon Collett, David Blackman, Julie Farenden, Rosemary Chapman, Ian Chapman, Ruth Summers, Stephen Summers, Valerie Dack, Brenda Cross, Carol Barber, Jacqueline Batchelor, Julia Barber.

Commended: Elaine Seeney, Raja Bandak, Robert Clover, Susan Garner, Kathryn Coulson, Richard Clack, Alison Healey, Julie Barry, Cynthia Cantwell, Susan Walsh, Irene Carter, Marion Staines, Linda Mitson, Melvyn Barnes, Keith Wright, Michael Arthur, Patrick Ryan, Julie Dean, Keith Ransome, Monica Gooderham, Rosemary Barnes, Sheila Oxborrow, Heather Bottley, Paula Chapman, Robert Chambers, Tony Hindle, Arthur Dodge, Leonard Carter, Diane Martin, Veronica Eiderkin, Alan Burrows, Lois Clarkson, Colleen Wright, Kathleen Burch, Susan Dodge, Lyn Weston, Linda Josling, Bernard Gooderham, Michael Hewitt, Lesley (Nth. Finchley), Ruth Steward, Marianne Dawson, Alan Piper, Claire Batchelor, Glynda Larter, Marlene Farrow, Elizabeth Starnes, Josephine Lavender, Michael Blaxall, Marion Farrow, Janet Goodchild, Jacqueline Mallord, Richard Goodchild, Stephen Woolcott, Janet Follington, Jennifer Noble, James Coomber, Peter Dodge, Trevor Rockett, Carol Thornton, Valerie Huggins, Keith McReynolds, Claire Weston, Susan Alcock, Jane Wicking, Pamela Parker, Claire Wicking, Michael Stokes, Sharon Risiott. The following omitted to choose and write out a verse. Carol Pryke, Anne McReynolds, Kathleen Elms, Lesley Bollans, Linda Webb, Pat Turner, June McReynolds, Laurence Geeson, Karen May, Joyce Roberts, Linda Card, Hazel Sparkes, Janet Topp, Colin Martin, Margaret Walsh, Stephen Sandford, Dorothy Greenwood, Jamie Ryan, Ronnie Copping, Diana Aldous, Sheila Stockings, Angela Chapman, Marilyn Wade, Jacqueline Cossins, Linda Cartwright, Jennifer Starnes, Pat Ruffold, Joanne Jafrate, Tristan Driver, Ian Evemy, Elaine Cole, Bobby Cowie, Sharon Sorrell, Jesse Ponting, Kathleen Jafrate, Joanne Brooks, Jimmy Barrett, Robert Aldous, Lynn Harvey, Carol Gunner, Philip Baker, Gillian Gardner, Keith Sillett, Christopher England, David Ponting, Anita Jafrate, Anthony Bolton, Janet Sargent, Simon Tanfield.

Not for Competition: The Misses Jill Brown and Linda Parker.

Anthea Camps answered the February Searcher.

Warboys heads the list this time, with Nth. Finchley second; Fressingfield third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

I wonder how many of you have seen a real live lion. The lion is known as the king of the beasts, for there is no animal that can stand against a lion. He is stronger, and swifter, and more crafty than any land creature. Because of his speed and fierceness of attack, he is the terror of all the animals; and his roar strikes fear to their hearts. Besides which his quick spring and his strong grasp of his prey is so deadly that none can escape from him.

It is for this reason that the Apostle Peter tells us that our enemy the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may swallow up. He was seeking to swallow up people in Peter's day, and he is still doing it. Like a lion, once he gets hold of a boy or girl, he never lets go. He holds to them with all his strength and the strongest of us cannot escape his deadly fangs.

And yet the Bible tells us of another Lion who is stronger than the devil. If we turn to Revelation chap. 5, we see a marvellous scene described. God is seen upon the throne and in His right hand is a book or scroll which is sealed up with seven seals. The seals closed the book, which was the book of His purposes towards mankind, and nobody in heaven or earth could open it. Only One in all creation could do this, and He was the Lion of the tribe of Judah—none other than our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. As John watched this great scene in his vision, he saw that which amazed him. The grandeur and majesty of the strong Lion melted away, and John saw in the very centre of heaven a Lamb, so wounded as if it had been slain. It was not the Lion who took the book and opened it but it was the Lamb, who died for sinners on the Cross of Calvary. All God's purposes are committed to Him and the final victory shall not rest with the roaring lion but with the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world". One day, the Bible tells us, the Lamb of God shall overcome the roaring lion, the devil, and shall utterly destroy him.

These things are written for you boys and girls to read, so that you may know that we should not be misled by appearances. It may seem that the devil, the roaring lion, is having his own way at present, rending and tearing and swallowing up the souls of people. What really matters, however, is the final victory of the long war between God and sin, between the Lamb and the lion—and that final victory shall be won by our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life upon the Cross to buy us back and to rescue us from the power of the enemy. Is your life under the power of the roaring lion who will be destroyed, or are you a follower of the Lamb who shall reign for ever and ever?

I was pleased to receive letters from:—Janet Gardner (this month's is the third Searcher), Kathleen Kelly, Jennifer Orchard, and Margaret Reeve. Also, I was glad to hear from the following friends and thank them for their letters:—Mrs. E. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mr. J. Christie, Pastor J. H. Hewitt, Mrs. L. Jefferson, Mr. G. Leng, Mrs. P. Levey, Mr. Leslie Reeder, Miss J. E. Smith, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

May the Lord grant you each His blessing,

UNCLE PETER.

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★ **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

ANNUAL "RAYS" RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1964

at

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

Time: 3.30 p.m.

Chairman: **Pastor P. H. Crees**

Speakers: **Missionaries H. A. Huckett and Miss L. H. Hazel**

Special Item

MISSIONARY "QUIZ" for boys and girls, with prizes

Tea and lemonade will be provided but bring your own "eats"

Tube to "Angel" Station.

ANOTHER LETTER TO ALL READERS OF "RAYS"

Here is another message to us all from an old Bible Searcher and prizewinner, Mr. Michael Brown. Michael comes from Cambridge and is now studying at the London Bible College. He hopes that before long He may be able to go to India as a missionary of the Strict Baptist Mission.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Did you sleep well?—I wonder how many times you have been asked that question; and I wonder how often you have thanked God for a restful night's sleep. If you have lain awake at night you will know how the hours seem to be like days almost, and perhaps in the stillness, try as you may, you cannot get to sleep even by "counting sheep!"

Well, I am afraid I cannot advise you, for I am a very bad sleeper myself; but I have proved what comfort verses of Scripture, some of which I learned through doing "Rays" Bible Searchers, can be at such times.

I am sure that what you learn now from God's Word, you will find easiest to remember. I found it helpful when doing Bible Searchers to try to learn some of the verses I found.

It was through the Bible Searchers that I first gained a real interest in God's Word, and I am sure that you will find that time spent in this way will prove invaluable in training you to use God's Word. It will also help you to understand some of the truths to be found in the Bible.

Go on with your Bible searching and God bless you abundantly.

FULL HANDS

by Missionary George F. Champion, Morupatti

The weekly market is a very busy place, and I had been standing a little distance away from the Earthenware Pot section near where they sell rush mats, and where the Kolli Hills men and women stream in with their net-bags slung over their shoulders, determined to get the best price they can for Kolli Hills bananas, oranges, pineapples or guavas according to the season.

A man led past two huge humped oxen which he might have unharnessed from his cart to let them graze in the bed of the empty lake which stretches almost as far as you can see towards the foot of the Kolli Hills in the north, when I looked down and saw standing against me a little boy, four or five years old, looking about on the ground to see what he could find.

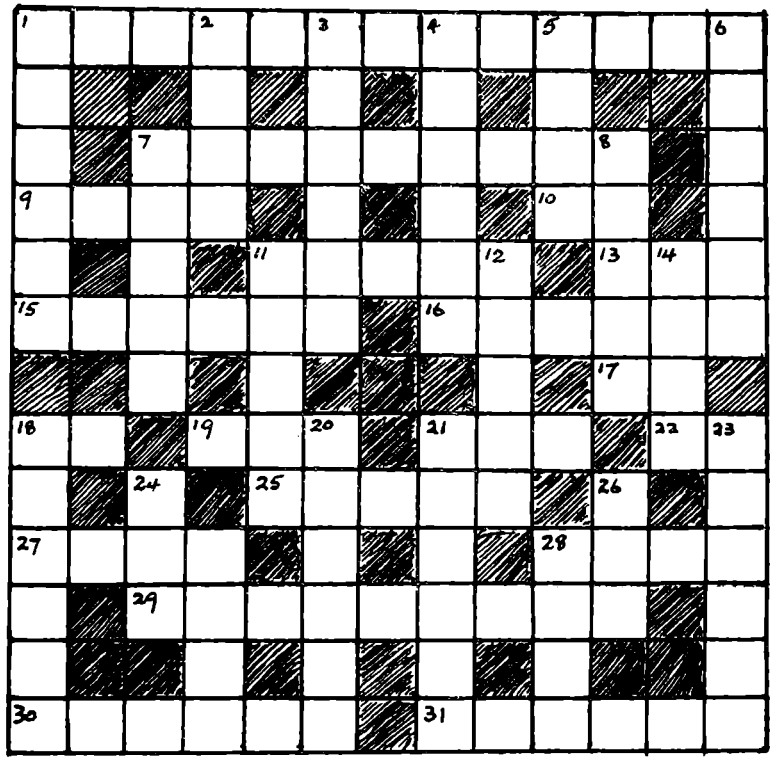
He had no clothes on at all, and did not feel the need of them, because the heat was quite enough to keep him warm. In his left hand he had two empty match boxes, so he could not hold anything more in that hand, and in his right hand he had about half a dozen jack fruit seeds. These are about the size of Brazil nuts without the shell, so when he saw another seed on the ground, he had great difficulty in getting it into his hand without dropping those he was already holding. In fact he "had his hands full".

As you go through life you will find, almost without your noticing it, that you will have your hands full with various necessary and often unnecessary things. The important thing is to try to see that your hands are not full of useless and unworthy things. The little boy in the market felt that he had done well to fill his hands with empty match boxes and jack fruit seeds. And a boy of four or five years of age is quite right to do that kind of thing. But if I were to fill my hands with such oddments, I should be quite wrong; God expects a different attitude from me at my age to that of a little boy of four or five years old.

Perhaps one of the things in which we need God's help most is guidance concerning how we shall fill our hands. Possibly, the secret is to seek to do everything for Jesus' sake as Paul advises us, in 1 Corinthians 10. 31. It is interesting that in the Old Testament the expression, "consecrate them" (as in Exodus 28. 41), and "consecrate yourselves to-day to the Lord" (in Exodus 32. 29) is literally, "fill their hands", and "fill your hands to-day to the Lord". So when you find that you have "got your hands full", it is worthwhile asking, "With whose business are my hands full; the devil's, or just my own, or are they really filled with work for the Lord Jesus Christ?"

"RAYS" CROSS-WORD

Missionary Harry Huckett who once edited "Rays" as "Uncle Arthur" has kindly designed for us this Cross-word Puzzle, the first to be published in "Rays". The answers to the clues will test your



CLUES TO CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Our oldest Mission Station in Salem District.
7. Where Mr. and Mrs. Champion live.
8. A name for Satan.
10. Part of the Address of Kovilpatti missionaries.
11. Millions in India worship these.
13. A godly king.
15. Chewing betel-nut does this.
16. Indian young men.
17. Initials of a well-known missionary in the S.B.M.
18. Initials of our Mission.
19. The "B.B.C." of India.
21. Very welcome in India.
22. After-thought.
25. Term used in Radio-Evangelism.
27. Eastern Ruler.
28. A tree found in India.
29. A new chapel has been built here.
30. Taught in Senda Girls' School.
31. To admit boys into a hostel.

DOWN

1. A missionary must not mind these.
2. Every Indian house has one.
3. A potter does this.
4. How boys and girls should dress.
5. The white variety are very destructive.
6. Where Pastor Devenesam lives.
7. Tamil word for "hill."
8. What a missionary must never be.
11. Where the S.B.M. is working.
12. The kind of joys true Christians know.
14. Books are sold in this at Kovilpatti.
18. Some are very poisonous.
20. Food costs are doing this.
21. To appoint a substitute.
23. Surname of Sendamangalam Headmistress.
24. A tree on the Nilgiri Hills.
26. An Indian god.
28. Two married missionaries.

knowledge of missionary work. When you have found all the clues and filled them in, write your name, age and address in the space below, cut out this page, and post it in a sealed envelope (postage 3d.) to:

"UNCLE PETER", 57 Cedar Close, Bagshot, Surrey.

A prize will be given for the first correct solution to reach "Uncle Peter" before August 31st, 1964.

Name ..... Age .....

Address .....

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The correct solution will be published in the October-November issue of "Rays from the East". Send your entry to "Uncle Peter" even if you cannot find all the clues.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

What a wonderful time is harvest In spite of great red combines crawling across the fields instead of pairs of patient horses, we feel just the same as we ever did about harvest. It is a time of joy and rejoicing, when field and orchard, farm and garden, yield the "kindly fruits of the earth". All these joys arise because someone has sown living seeds or planted living trees. Life has been entrusted to a living soil, and the result is life more abundant.

So it is with the Spirit of God. He sows His living seeds of trust in the Lord Jesus; He plants within our heart the knowledge of God; and the great harvest of His blessed work is known as the Fruit of the Spirit.

As you do this Bible Searcher, ask the Lord to sow His seed within your heart in order that, one day, His fruit may appear.

Lower Group, age under 12

You will see that a word has been left out of each of the following sentences:—

1. Without ———— it is impossible to please him. Hebrews 11.
2. That ye may abound in ————, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Romans 15.
3. Above all these things put on ————. Colossians 3.

First find the words and write out each verse **in full,** including the missing words and giving the book, chapter, and verse, where found. Then turn to 1 Corinthians, ch. 13, and find the verse where the three missing words are mentioned, and write out this verse also.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Please note that you are to do this part only, NOT THE LOWER GROUP. Search for the following sentences, and the missing words, and write out the sentence only—**not the whole verse,** and give the book, chapter and verse where found.

1. Let us love one another: for ———— is of God.
2. These things have I spoken unto you . . . that your ———— might be full.
3. My ———— I give unto you.
4. With ———— forbearing one another in love.
5. Thy ———— hath made me great.
6. The fruit of the Spirit is in all ———— and righteousness and truth.
7. Even so ————, if it hath not works, is dead.
8. Be . . . gentle, showing ———— unto all men.
9. (Add) to knowledge ————.

They will be found in 1 John 4; John 15; John 14; Ephesians 4; Psalm 18; Ephesians 5; James 2; Titus 3; 2 Peter 1. Then turn to Galatians 5 and find the two verses where all the missing words are mentioned and write out these verses **in full.**

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CLOSING DATE—AUGUST 31st, 1964.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Much of the work that was sent in reached a very high standard, particularly in the Upper Group. We were very pleased to see Grove Hill, Tunbridge, represented again; and we welcome forty-eight new searchers. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Philip Kilmister, aged 14, Bradenstoke.
2. Margaret Broad, aged 14½, Borough Green. S.S.
3. Lula Sotires, aged 13½, "Enon" S.S., Plumstead.

Special Mention: Robin Woodford, Gillian Lawrence, Christine Morris, Valerie Dunnett, Peter Muddell, Margaret Jordan, Jane See, Jennifer Clarkson, Ann Satchell, Linda Chapman, Anne Osborn, Joyce Orchard, Judith Shepherd, Janet Eldridge.

Very Highly Commended: Linda Clover, Ruth Gadd, Ann Barton, Andrew Collins, Rosemary Foster, Rosalind Foster, Trevor Clarkson, Patricia Hammond, Yvonne Staines, Sally Malham, Alan Noble, Janice Rogers, Janice Goodchild, Margaret Justice, Paul Grimwood, Margaret Reeve, Margaret Gooderham, Barbara Payne, Jean Ashley, Rosemary Jarvis, Vivienne Pain, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Gadd, Adrian Clarkson, Malcolm Jarvis, Janet Noble, Sylvia Reeve, M. Farrow, Jill Clements, Rosemary Payne, Barbara Newlyn, Pamela Griffin, Rosemary Parris, Susan Greenslade, Alison Christie, Gwendoline Reeve, Keith Chaplin, David Veale, Sheila Pearce, Rilla Sommerville, Janet Christie, Barbara Williams, B. L. Orchard, David Harmer, Ronald Goddard, Angela Hansome, Keith Ellis, Dorothy Putman, Catherine Goldsworthy, Norma Sullivan, Derek Baker, Doreen Clover, Jeremy Dutton, Yvonne Flint, Diane Thompson, Angela Blaxall.

Highly Commended: Rosemary Cross, Peter King, Marylin Dudley, Josephine Drury, Peter Jarritt, Barry Hills, Rosemary Scrivener, Mary Paul, Pauline Pyrke, Robert Toseland, Daphne Burrows, Wendy Pallant, Geoffrey Dennis, Miriam Baker, Heather Caley, Christine Drayton, Christopher Rudd, Linda Haydon, Philip Starnes, Madeleine Carr, K. Browne, Lynn Harvey, Peter Rodwell, Martyn Relf, J. R. Buss, John Bennett, D. J. Wiles, Susan Fisher (Waldringfield), Linda Bloor, Linda Fountain, Paul Tanfield, Evelyn Dodge, Kathleen Dean, Kathleen Portlock, Raymond Upchurch, Philip Robinson, David Parker, Raymond Grimwood, Christopher Hodson, Roger Taylor, Christopher Crane.

Commended: Eileen Judge, Evelyn Gentry, Bernard Gooderham, Karen Loubell, Doris Burton. Answered Upper Group only: Iris Ball, Wendy Hindle, Marilyn Merrie.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Susan Woodford, aged 11, Kesgrave S.S.
2. Linda Chapman, aged 9, Waldringfield S.S.

Special Mention: Annette Farendon, Lorna Murden, Carole Blake, Susan Fisher, Jacqueline Batchelor, Christine Relf, Tony Hindle, Sylvia Chapman, Barbara Hammond, Evelyn Barton, Peter Geall, Philip Clarkson, Kathryn Jasper.

Very Highly Commended: Andrew Cooke, Kathleen Richards, Ruth Summers, Philip Collins, Jamie Dyan, Beryl Munford, Andrew Ottley, Paul Heasman, Raymond Hart, Heather Gardner, Rosalind Wilkinson, Ruth Layzell, P. J. Wiles, Julie Reed, Barbara Brown, Stephen Kingston, Keith Payne, Stella Rodwell, Jill Reuter, Alison Healey, Monica Jarritt, Elisabeth Skelton, Philip Walsh, Stephen Cooke, Joy Chapman, Jane Dennett, Wendy Chapman, Jean Smith, John Layzell, Linda Mitson, Barbara Jones, Jane Wicking, Mary Bater, Janet Bowler, Heather Payne, Ann Blakeman, R. Armstrong, Sheila Cross, Keith Maltby, Christopher Crane, Benjamin Sommerville, Lynn Elliott, Heather Edwards, Anthony Coppen, Sara Jardine, Karen Parkins, Sandra Agombar, Valerie Rodwell, Patrick Ryan, Rosemary Barnes, Valerie Richards, Susan Shepherd, Philip Hart, Hazel Batchelor, Jacqueline Maltby, Christopher Chapman, Robert Paul, Carol Pryke, Robert Chambers, Marilyn Cadman, Mary Garrard, Anthony Wood, Karen Wells, M. Dowding, John Dennis, Elizabeth Hammond, Jennifer Satchell, Tony Summers , Philip Barber, Maureen Blagden, Wendy Christie, Paul Gilbert, Paul Jermyn, Kevin Frost, Thomas Buss, Alan Burrows, Graham Bemment, Kathryn Bradding, Maureen Gar, Mary Bemment, Valerie Haslam, Christine Smith, Trevor Hart, Graham Wilkinson, Yvonne Steward, Richard Clarkson, Joy Thrower, Jane Bowerman, Ivan Chapman, Ellen Badrick, Paul Brown, Pamela Fountain, Marion Frost, Diana Hosier, Valerie Clover, Myra Evans, Pauline Jakes, Barbara Davies, Eric Kerchen, Susan Noble, Julia Fahey, Stephen Summers, Christina Papapavlou, Ann Wilson, Andrew Hewitt, Philip Baker.

Highly Commended: Michael Wayman, Ricky Crombie, Ruth Price, Brian Claridge, Andrew Orchard, David Monk, Lois Clarkson, Susan Walsh, Andros Sotires, Susan Dodge, Diane Kirkam, Elaine Cole, Susan Lloyd, Lorraine Kiehl, Christopher Wicking, Michael Hewitt, Susan Mann, Rosemary Chapman, Julie Dodge, Jackie Davies, Christine Frost, Kathleen Watts, Simon Petilt, Christine Edwards, Linda Parkins, Jeffrey Perry, Alan Parris, Paul Smith, Steven Sandford, Sandra Bolt, Marion Staines, Sally Chapman, Pat Turner, Sandra Beerenwinkel, Marie Hill, Ian Norman, John Markwick, Grace Justice, Janet Schad, Robert Clover, Janet Sargent, Stephen Hart, Christina Markwick, Angela Chapman, Jennifer Noble, Jane Cleasby, Trevor Rockett, Dawn Strutt, Julie Blagdon, David Morris, Linda Mahoney, Roseann Lambert, Mary Arnold, Linda Webb, Donald Harvey, Robert Goodall, Leonard Carter, Jeremy Jarvis, Claire Batchelor, Karen May, Eric Bater, Joan Justice, Graham Hart, Shen Sabri, Pauline Justice, Monica Gooderham, Kathleen Jafrate, Ian Fraser, Ronnie Copping, Eddie Dudley, Susan Risiott, Paula Chapman, Julie Barry, Franklin Grynkewicz, Heather McManus, Claire Wicking, Jeffrey Wilson, Christopher Dowding, Bryan Upchurch, Irene Carter, Lyn Weston, Carol Barber, Gillian Maidstone, Stephen Woodford, Irene Wood, Linda Tanfield, John Copping, Geoffrey Cole, Anne McReynolds, Elizabeth Starnes, Diane Martin, Stephen Woolcott, Brenda Cross, Peter Tanfield, Gaynor Charman, George Kephalas, Pauline Elms, Raja Bandak, Christine Drayton, Philip Walsh, Christopher Crane, Susan Crane, Geoffrey Cole, Keith Sillett, David Ponting, Rose Ponting, Teresa Ponting, Jesse Ponting, Christopher Brown, Julie Dean, Susan Stembalski, Shirley Gadd, David Parker, Keith McReynolds, Susan Burgess, June McReynolds, Susan Crane, Heather Bottley, Melvyn Barnes, Richard Clack, Janet Moore (answered Upper Group), Julie Farrenden, Dawn Yarham, Gay Yarham, Gillian Naunton, Christopher Rockyard.

Commended: Pamela Parker, Leslie Barber, Julie Allen, Lynne Penegelly, Willie Robinson, Kathleen Elms, Sharon Risiott, David Scott, Alan Adams, David Blackman, Ruth Steward, Pat Ruffold, Julia Hassan (omitted references), Joanne Jafrate, Raja Bandak, Carol Thornton, Kevin Mitchell, Alan Beerenwinkel, Lesley Cole, Philip Norris.

Not for Competition: The Misses Jill Brown, Yvonne Hucklesbee, Linda Parker.

North Finchley sent in the highest number of entries. Warboys came second. Hammerfield third.

An empty envelope addressed to me was included with Wood Green entries.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

I once heard of some boys and girls who were staying in the country with their uncle for the summer holidays. One morning, at breakfast, uncle was saying that one of his favourite apple trees had borne no fruit for the past two years. So the boys and girls made up their minds that uncle should have a surprise. They got hold of some rosy-red apples from the village shop, and then looked very carefully round the garden to find the tree with no apples on it. When they found one, the boys held the apples in their place and the girls tied them neatly to the twigs of the tree with fine green cotton, so that the apples nestled amongst the leaves just right.

When uncle came home that night, he was of course taken down the garden path to be shown that his favourite tree had, after all, some fruit on it. Of course he looked very pleased and smiled very happily. He then said, "Now that's grand. I am ever so pleased to see the fruit, but it is the first time I have ever seen apples on a pear tree!" You see, uncle knew the difference between the leaves of an apple tree and a pear tree, but the boys and girls didn't. He was not to be taken in quite so easily. Besides which, he remembered the words of the Lord Jesus when he said, "By their fruits, ye shall know them". For the Lord knew that you cannot "pick grapes off thorn bushes, or figs off thistles". He also knew that a rotten tree bears diseased fruit, and that only a good tree can bear good fruit. It was therefore quite useless to tie apples on a pear tree, and just as useless to waste good fruit by tying it on to a rotten tree.

And yet there are many, many people trying to do just that. For the Bible tells us that sin has entered like a disease into the heart of each one of us; and there is therefore not one of us that can bear good fruit in our lives. It is all spoilt and blighted by sin.

If you want to get good fruit off a diseased tree you must first cleanse the tree, and there are diseases of fruit trees which go so deep that even the cleverest scientists cannot cleanse it. But the Lord Jesus is able to put a New Life into sin-diseased souls. He can cleanse away the old, diseased nature by His Holy Spirit, and in its place He can implant His own new nature, so that old things pass away and all things become new. He can cause our sinful souls to bring forth the good fruits of love to God; He can cause us to bear the fruits of joy and peace through believing in Him.

Yes, the Lord Jesus often works this wonderful and glorious change in the hearts of boys and girls. He has done it for many in this country: He has also done it for many in India; and in other countries too, throughout the wide world. Has He done it for you, or are you still bearing the crabbed fruits of sin?

I was very pleased to receive letters from:—Philip Baker, Philip Collins, Janice Goodchild, Barbara Hammond, Vivienne Pain; and from the following friends:—Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. A. J. Christie, Mr. Norman Cox (so glad to receive Searcher entries), Mrs. E. Dennis, Mr. H. W. Harmer, Mrs. Doreen Elston, Miss E. Newman, Miss J. Smith, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge, Mr. D. J. Endersby, and Mrs. Naunton.

May the Lord bless you each and may you all enjoy your holidays. I am looking for a record number at our Annual Meeting this year. It will be a special one this year.

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS

FROM THE EAST

for young people



An Indian woman making bricks
(read the article by Miss O. Knight)

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TWO SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each will interest some of you: both will interest all of you.

1. BADGE FOR BIBLE SEARCHERS

The Council of the Strict Baptist Mission has agreed that there shall be a "Rays from the East" Badge, and our Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees has obtained a splendid design in red, white and blue showing a map of India in miniature, and the head of an Indian man in the centre.

These badges will be available very shortly and will be awarded to all Bible Searchers who have done five or more Bible Searcher entries in any year. Our year begins with the February Bible Searcher, so get into training with the present issue. If you have done three or more Searchers this year, and enter for the remaining two Searchers in October and December you will receive one of these very smart badges.

2. "RAYS" STAMP CORNER

Many of you are keen young stamp collectors and will be interested to know that you may help the Strict Baptist Mission by sending used stamps.

A good friend of the Mission: Mrs. F. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts., is willing to help boys and girls in this matter and will receive all the USED British and also foreign stamps which you can send to her. So now begin right away and cut out the postage stamps from any letters you can get hold of—don't forget to ask the owner's permission first. Do not tear off the stamps, but cut around them with a pair of scissors leaving a narrow margin on each side. When you have got a nice box full, ask your Sunday School Secretary or Superintendent, or your Mission Secretary to send them to Mrs. May at St. Albans. All stamps of whatever kind will be sold in order to help the Mission.

ON A SUNDAY MORNING

by Missionary Olive Knight, Kovilpatti

The sun was shining in a clear blue sky and the wind was blowing from the south-west when I started off to chapel. Outside our gate I turned left to go south along the road to the village called Mandithope. I should like to tell you about some of the things I saw.

There had been torrential rain for about one-and-a-half hours, two days earlier. A short distance along the earth road, two bullock carts were slowly bumping along over rocks which had been washed bare. On a small plot of land a man was guiding a wooden plough pulled by a pair of bullocks. Another man was walking along with a small handleless basket in his left hand. He put his right hand into the basket and appeared to take something from it. As I came closer I could see that he was letting seeds trickle through his fingers into a freshly dug furrow. I wondered how many grains fell into the furrow and how many were blown farther away by the wind. (Are you remembering a parable told by the Lord Jesus?)

Not far ahead there was water right across the road. I followed the tracks left by others who had gone off the road to avoid going through that large puddle. The detour took me near a man who was making bricks. He was squatting on the ground. He put a wooden shape on to the hard, smooth earth, and then pressed the prepared mud into it. When he lifted the mould, two more bricks had been shaped, and had started drying. Nearby, sun-dried bricks stacked on their edges, with air spaces between them, were waiting to be baked in the kiln. A few yards away, a man was busy splitting tree trunks and branches with an axe. I expect he was preparing firewood for the kiln.

The next time I went along that road I took some photographs. The picture on our front cover shows a woman preparing clay for making bricks. Behind her on the ground is the wooden mould into which she pressed the clay. She first made the mould wet, so that the clay did not stick to it.

As I cycled on, I noticed improvements in the road. Several culverts (pipes to carry rain water under the roadway) had been put in and the necessary edging built to the road above them. Work had begun on the building of an Irish bridge. A mason was chipping more pieces of rock to suitable sizes for the completion of that work.

The building, in which Christians were gathering for worship, had whitewashed walls and a red-tiled roof. In the shade of a tree just outside, one man was using an axe and another was hitting a wedge with a sledge hammer in order to split wood. Their noisy work continued, but did not appear to disturb those who had come for the service. A teacher who was married recently had returned from his holiday. He and his wife were there together for the first time. (They came together but as they entered the chapel the bride came to the right to sit with the women and her husband

sat with the other men on the left). A young man, home on leave from the army was present with his wife and baby son. The preacher's wife came in with her new baby. This precious little girl, who has seven brothers looked quite attractive in her bright pink frock. We all rejoiced and praised God. The sermon (see Revelation chapter 2, verses 8 to 11), reminded us that God knows His children's difficulties, and that we are commanded to be faithful unto death.

STUCK IN THE RIVER

by Missionary Jim Jones, Paniadipatti

Hello boys and girls! This is the first time that I have had the pleasure of addressing you through "Rays" and so I would like to say a special "Hello" to you all.

The story that I want to share with you took place a few weeks ago. It was on a Sunday morning and I had arranged to visit a small Church in a distant village. My wife and I set out in the Mission jeep early before it became very hot. We passed through the village of Panayadipatti and, although it was early, we saw some children already standing in the chapel entrance. Having come through the village we drove along a bullock cart track for a while and then we came to the river which we had to ford. At this time of year there was only two feet of water in it, but when the rains come in October the river becomes very deep. Beyond the river, there was a long stretch of sand which we had to cross in order to reach the other bank. Changing into four wheel drive we cautiously approached and went down the river bank into the water. All was well for a while, and then suddenly we felt ourselves and the jeep to be sinking into the water. Underneath the water, the sand was loose and there was not any firm foothold for the tyres to grip. Although we changed the jeep's gear into a higher ratio, so that more power would be available, it was to no avail. The more we tried to extricate ourselves the deeper we went into the sand. We got out of the jeep and began to dig the sand away from the wheels with our hands. Soon, we were not the only people digging, because some boys who had been playing nearby came and gave us the benefit of their assistance. With the sand cleared away, I tried to move the jeep. The wheels turned, the water splashed, but the jeep did not move. In fact we sank deeper into the sand!

Then along came two men. "O sirs, will you help us?" I asked. They put down their bundles and joined us in the water. Then a man who was a Christian appeared on the scene. He

was a stranger to us, but we found out that he was a brother of a man whom we knew. This man stood his cycle on the river bank and, just as he was about to join us, two more men came along. One of them was obviously a Hindu priest. He wore a saffron robe and around his neck was a string of beads that are used in Hindu worship. He carried in his hand a kind of ceremonial pot. Much to our surprise, he put the pot on the ground and came with the other man to help us.

Then we all gathered around the front of the jeep in order to lift the front wheels so that a stone could be placed under them. After much heaving, the stone was put into position. Some of the boys who put the stone under the wheel said that they deserved 2d. each for their effort! I started the engine and the jeep began to move slowly out of the sand. I did not go too fast in case the wheels slipped back into the sand. When I had reached the other bank and was on firm, dry land the boys gave a shout of delight! Before we continued on our journey we thanked all those who had helped us. To every one, adults as well as boys, we gave a tract which showed clearly the way of Salvation, and we also gave them a Tamil Text Card. The boys did appreciate the picture card Some of them hid the card that they had received behind their backs so that they could get another one!

I have written this little incident so that you may be encouraged in knowing that your labour in preparing and sending these "picture" cards to the Missionaries in South India, is not wasted; and through our distribution you are indirectly responsible for the Gospel being spread in this country.

Keep up the good work boys and girls, just in case I should get stuck again and should have no Tamil Text Cards with me.

BIBLE DAYS

We want you to search for some of the special days mentioned in the Bible, and we hope you will think about them as you do your searching.

Lower Group, age under 12

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

They will be found in Exodus 20; Esther 9; 2 Kings 7; 2 Corinthians 6; Mark 16; Nahum 1; and if you read very carefully you may find some of the days mentioned more than once. Write out your answers like this:

1. The Sabbath day is found in . . .

and so on, in each case giving the book, chapter and verse where found. Then underneath your list write out **in full** the verse which answers Question 6.

Upper Group, aged 12 and under 16

In addition to the above questions, search for the following days and write out your answers in the same way as the Lower Group, writing out **in full** the verse which answers Question 12.

7. A good day.
8. The last day.
9. The day of redemption.
10. The day of the Lord.
11. The day of judgment.
12. The perfect day.

They will be found in Esther 8; John 6; Ephesians 4; 1 Thessalonians 5; 1st Ep. John 4; Proverbs 4.

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CLOSING DATE—OCTOBER 31st, 1964

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

It was most encouraging to see so many entries from our younger readers. Nearly half of the total number of entries came from boys and girls under ten years of age. We welcome thirty-five new Searchers, and we were pleased to see entries from Chatteris, Horley and Charlwood. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Trevor Clarkson, aged 13, Greenwich S.S.
2. Margaret Gadd, aged 14, "Zion" S.S., Cuckfield.

Special Mention: Margaret Justice, Margaret Jordan, Joyce Orchard, Christine Morris, Susan Hayday, Jennifer Clarkson, Judith Shepherd, Stephen Woodford, Pauline Ann Jakes, Margaret Broad, Mary Paul.

Very Highly Commended: Rosemary Payne, Martin Dowding, Adrian Clarkson, Janice Goodchild, Dorothy Putman, Angela Blaxall, Robert Brown, Rosemary Cross, Kathleen Dean, Marian Goold, Paul Grimwood, Margaret Gooderham, Lula Sotires, Beryl Wilcox, Gwendoline Gadd, Daphne Burgess, Lynn Harvey, Jill Clements, Margaret Reeve, Glynis Backhouse, Gillian Lawrence, Jane See, Alan Parris, Ann Barton, Julia Lupton, Shirley Blaxall, Rilla Sommerville, Martyn Relf, Sheila Pearce, Ruth Scoggins, John Huggins, Rita Parker, Janet Eldridge, Yvonne Staines, Janet Christie, Rosemary Parris, Robin Woodford, Jean Ashley, Alan Noble, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Barry Hills, Valerie Dunnett, Joan Bollans.

Highly Commended: Roger Armstrong, David Harmer, Martyn Relf, Janet Noble, Barbara Payne, Raymond Upchurch, Linda Allen, Raymond Grimwood, Keith Chaplin, Susan Woodford, Sheila Pearce, Patricia Hammond, Sylvia Reeve, Philip Kilmister, David Veale, Miriam Baker, John Bennett, Josephine Drury, Peter Jarritt, Marylin Dudley, Pamela Putman

Pamela Griffin, David East, Ruth Gadd? (enclosed with entry from Cuckfield), J. R. Buss, Daphne Burrows, Bernard Gooderham, Pamela Surridge, Philip Leach. The following sent correct references but omitted to write out the verses in Galatians 5 where the missing words were found: Rosemary Jarvis, Susan Plummer, Janice Rodgers, Lilian Woods, Vivienne Pain, Anne Osborn, Jeremy Dutton, Wendy Hindle, Geoffrey Dennis, Yvonne Flint, Gwendoline Reeve, Madeleine Carr. Daniel McParland omitted references. David Parker answered Lower Group.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Paul Smith, aged 11, North Finchley.
2. Susan Fisher, aged 11, Basildon S.S.

Special Mention: Anthony Wood, Barbara Hammond, Marion Frost, Elizabeth Hammond, Monica Jarritt, Sylvia Chapman, Evelyn Barton, Christine Parr, Glenys Mayhew, Joy Thrower, Kathleen Richards, Maureen Blagdon, Sheila Cross, Lorna Murden, Andrew Cooke.

Very Highly Commended: Ruth Summers, Bryan Upchurch, Ivan Chapman, Carole Blake, Heather Gardner, Ruth Layzell, Margaret Scoggins, Alan Burrows, Franklin Trynkewicz, Andrew Ottley, Peter Geall, Dawn Strutt, Evelyn Seal, John Layzell, Linda Mahoney, Stephen Kingston, Gillian Naunton, Heather Payne, Jeremy Skelton, Valerie Richards, Mary Bater, Suzanne Cox, Colin Rose, Carol Baalham, Belinda Love, Christine Smith, Linda Mitson, Christina Markwick, Robert Chambers, John Dennis, Judith Orchard, Rachel Orchard, Christopher Brown, Rosemary Chapman, Robert Paul, Sheila Stockings, Lynn Elliott, Sara Jardine, Annette Farenden, Julie Blagdon, Linda Chapman (Waldrinfield), Diana Hosier, Christopher Chapman, Teresa Ponting, Graham Wilkinson, Monica Gooderham, Maureen Gar, Richard Underwood, Jill Reuter, Jacqueline Maltby, Susan Shepherd, Susanne Jones, Glynis Dodd, Jane Wicking, Keith Maltby, Mary Garrard, Susan Burgess, Christopher, Rookyard, Michael Wayman, Graham Bemment, Pamela Parker, Lois Clarkson, Graham Hart, Melvyn Barnes, Stephen Cooke, Stephen Hart, David Monk, Colleen Wright, Jill Harvey, Philip Hart, Philip Baker, Mary Arnold, Jesse Ponting, Myra Evans, Ellen Badrick, Christine Frost, Philip Paye or Page (Gosbeck), Rosemary Barnes, David Bennett, Susan Noble, Angela Chapman, Paula Chapman, Julie Farenden, Janice Ryan, Rosalind Wilkinson, Valerie Rodwell, Jennifer Noble, Joy Chapman.

Highly Commended: Patrick Ryan, John Justice, Sally Chapman, Glynda Larter, Wendy Chapman, Christopher Dowding, Mary Bemment, Paul Jermyn, Philip Clarkson, Jean Smith, Karen May, Lorraine Kiehl, Pauline Mayhew, Elizabeth Kindred, Tony Hindle, Philip Norris, Tony Summers, John Markwick, Jane Dennett, Linda Tanfield, Diane Kirkham, Thomas Buss, Kevin Frost, Gillian Treadgold, Keith Payne, Tina Ponting, Jane Goodrich, Stephen Summers, Paul Hart, Grace Justice, David Ponting, Janet King, Ann Blakeman, Stephen Woolcott, Ronald Baalham, Carol Barber, Claire Wicking, Ian Fraser, Christine Relf, Jane Wilding, Susan Risiott, Susan Lloyd, Linda Cobbold, Roy Lloyd, Kathryn Bradding, Stephen Mayhew, Felicity Lawler, Gordon Collett, Shirley Boucheron, Irene Carter, Julie Dean, Andrew Orchard, Kathleen Jafrate, Peter Tanfield, Marion Staines, Elizabeth Starnes, Barbara Davies, Faith Evans, Leonard Carter, Pauline Elms, Alison Rand, Linda Webb, Elaine Cole, Christine Godfrey, Yvonne Steward, Eric Bater, Susan Stembalski, Jane Cleasby.

Commended: Janet Bowler, Lyn Weston, Joanne Jafrate, David Thurlow, Trevor Fidett (omitted references), Leslie Barber, Kathleen Elms, Pat Ruffold, Patricia Freshwater, Gay Yarham, Keith Sillett, Dawn Yarham. The following omitted the verse in 1 Corinthians where the missing words were found: Paul Brown, Stephanie Thatcher, Linda Chapman (Brentford), Karen Parkins, Beverley Douglas, Anne McReynolds, Susan Thatcher, Dawn Midhurst, Ann Starn, Stephen Bradbury, Gregory Collett, June Mc-

Reynolds. The following omitted to write out the verses in full: Brenda Cross, Gaynor Charman, Judith Quinton, Raymond Chaplin, Tina Boshell, Lesley Cole, Neil Fraser, Marion Girling, Julia Hassan, Jackie Davies, Richard Newman, Sharon Risiott, Claire Weston, Mark Hassan, Susan Fitzgerald, Steven Sandford, Christopher England, Keith McReynolds, Maralyn Hibbert. Also tried: Ruth Steward, Jennifer Starnes.

Not for Competition: The Misses Jill Brown, Lilian Boxall and Yvonne Hucklebee: Mr. Peter Muddell. Late entries for June Searcher: Christopher England, Janet Couch-Johns, Elizabeth Kindred, Joyce Roberts.

Hammerfield Sunday School heads the list this time; North Finchley came second; Warboys third.

RESULTS OF CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION

Answers were received from: Michael Dowding, Janet Eldridge, Linda Chapman, Susan Smith, Ann Staley, Judith Osborne, Barbara Payne, Robert Paul, Elizabeth Kindred and Margaret Justice. The correct answers are as follows:

Across: I, Sendamangalam; 7, Morupatti; 9, Liar; 10, S.R.; 11, Idols; 13, Asa; 15, Stains; 16, Youths; 17, E.O.; 18, S.B.; 19, Air; 21, Dip; 22, P.S.; 25, Aired; 27, Amir; 28, Palm; 29, Rasipuram; 30, Sewing; 31, Enroll.

Down: 1, Smells; 2, Door; 3, Moulds; 4, Neatly; 5, Ants; 6, Madras; 7, Malai; 8, Irate; 11, India; 12, Solid; 14, Shop; 18, Snakes; 20, Rising; 21, Depute; 23, Samuel; 24, Fir; 26, Ram; 28, Pair.

The Prize is awarded to Martin Dowding, of Aylesbury.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

There is little room for any letters this time beyond my acknowledgements of your welcome letters but I would like to let you all know what a splendid Annual "Rays" Rally we had on Saturday last in London. Missionary, Miss S. Hazel, gave us an interesting talk on Indian fruits and Missionary, Mr. Harry Huckett, kept us all alive with "Twenty Questions on the Mission".

I was pleased to receive letters from the following boys and girls: Miriam Baker (glad to hear your good news), Angela Blaxall, Janet Eldridge (thank you for coloured texts), Myra J. Evans, Ann Honeysett (thank you for Tamil Texts), Margaret Jordan, Peter Muddell (yes, Peter, carry on). Also I would like to thank these friends and helpers for their letters: Mrs. E. R. Barkaway, Miss Sesca Ballard, Mrs. E. J. Blakeman, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. N. S. Clark, Mrs. Audrey A. Cooke, Mr. Norman Cox, Mrs. J. Dobson, Mr. H. W. Harmer, Miss A. Hewett, Mrs. L. M. Markwick, Mr. S. W. Payne, Mr. R. Payne (so glad to welcome Searcher entries), Miss J. E. Smith, Mrs. Symonds, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge, and Mr. D. P. Ward.

We are much looking forward to the Annual Meetings of the Mission to be held on October 27th, and shall hope to see some of you there.

With all good wishes from

UNCLE PETER.

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1 Sam. 30. 6.

103rd PSALM

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, Bless His holy Name."

verse 1.

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

PASTOR P. H. CREES

FOR a number of years the titles of the reports have indicated the tremendous challenge of the days in which we live. There have been urgent calls to prayer because of the pressing needs. The challenge and the call to prayer is not less this year, for the need of the Tamil people is not less and the power of the Devil is not slackening. But this year we are much encouraged in the Lord and we earnestly desire to give thanks to our Covenant keeping God for His faithfulness and the answers to our prayers.

We have much to encourage us in the situation in India itself. The wise and generous leadership of Mr. Nehru has passed into the hands of a like-minded man, Mr. Shastri. Whilst it is too early to judge, we thank God that at least for the time being, the door of India is still wide open to the Gospel. Moreover, whilst Chinese forces are still on the borders of India, they have been restrained by the mighty hand of God and this has been a great blessing, not only to India, but to the whole world.

Again we are encouraged in the Lord because of the faithful ministry and devoted service of our mission staff in India. They serve the Lord in very trying and often very discouraging circumstances, but the Lord has kept them loyal and true. As we read their reports we rejoice that there are causes for thanksgiving and we would encourage them and ourselves in the Lord our God.

We have also been much encouraged by recent events in Tasmania and Australia. Mr. John Appleby's visit was owned and blessed of God and we owe a great debt to our brother in that he was such a good ambassador. Four young people, trained in the Bible College of Tasmania, have been accepted as missionaries. We rejoice that they are Strict and Particular Baptists and love the doctrines of Grace. Two of them are already on the field in India, Mr. Les Ryan and his fiancée Miss Jeanette Broadby. The other two are ladies who have been accepted by the L.Z.A. and Council, Miss Yvonne Conacher and Miss Phyllis White, and we hope that they will be in India at the beginning of next year.

The two young men from England who had only just applied when I was writing last year's report have been accepted and they are now in training for the service of the Master. They are Mr.

Colin Howells, son of Pastor M. M. Howells, and Mr. Michael Brown, of Cambridge. As many of you know, we have been praying for ten more missionaries and we now have the joy of praising God for answering prayer and sending us six out of the ten. Little did we think that the Lord would bring four of them from the other side of the world and that their training would be almost complete; we can only marvel at His grace and mercy. So we are encouraged indeed to go on praying for the other four, believing that if God gives the men He will also give the money. While I am writing about answers to prayer I must say a word of deep appreciation to our very many prayer partners for they must surely be encouraged in their daily ministry. You will be glad to know that their number increases weekly and when the volume of believing prayer increases there must be greater blessing.

The last encouragement that I have room to mention is the vision that our Fellowship of Youth have seen in the challenge of Christian literature for India. In a very few years' time we shall need another Bookmobile to facilitate the sale and distribution of God's Word to the towns and villages of our area and this is likely to cost about £2,500. The Committee of the Fellowship of Youth have accepted this challenge and are busy already to find ways and means to raise this sum for the work of the Lord in India. We are encouraged not merely because of this unexpected way of meeting a future need but because many of the youth in our denomination have missionary interest and vision and this speaks well for the future. So we close our report saying "Praise God from whom all blessings flow". P. H. Crees.

MR. N. COX (Treasurer)

WHENEVER the Lord touches the hearts of His people in blessing, it makes them **willing-hearted in their giving.** The Corinthians, in their abundance of joy (and deep poverty) "abounded unto the riches of their liberality". And in the wilderness, the Israelites, "as many as were willing-hearted", brought their gifts.

We have the great privilege of receiving many hundreds of such sanctified gifts in the year, and it is a heart-warming experience to receive letters showing the prayerful love there is for the work of our Mission.

With the acceptance of further missionaries, and added commitments, it has been necessary to point out that, to maintain the work, **at least £2,000 a year more will be required.**

The response of friends, young and old, has been wonderful. We can say with thankfulness that there is no despondency in the camp.

Many are willing to help, and to guide them we mention the following:

1. Much of our income comes from Mission Boxes. **Is your box in a prominent place where it reminds you daily of our missionaries?** Or is yours a box-less home?
2. Those who give regularly and who pay income tax, can increase their giving at little or no cost to themselves by signing a Deed of Covenant, which is merely an agreement to contribute for seven years. A covenant gift of £5 is worth £8 3s. 3d. to the Mission. **You can sign a deed of covenant for even an annual gift of 10/-.**
3. Our local Mission Secretaries are a wonderful band of workers and we owe them a deep debt of gratitude. If in your Church or district there is no Mission Secretary, **perhaps this a job for you**—encouraging prayer, circulating literature, shepherding the gifts, dealing with the boxes.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

MRS. O. SYMONDS

L.Z.A. ANNUAL REPORT—1964

AT the beginning of this year, we welcomed home Miss L. S. Hazel. We praise God for her long and faithful service in India, and especially for her work amongst the girls at the Hostel in Sendamangalam. Now, after thirty-two years, Miss Hazel is remaining in England to serve the Churches for a further two years. We hope that those Churches who have not in the past had a visit from a missionary on furlough will invite Miss Hazel to speak about her work.

We have been praying for women missionary candidates, realising that there would be a serious gap on the Field when Miss Hazel returned to England. Our God is faithful, in that He has sent us two candidates from Australia—Miss Phyllis White and Miss Yvonne Conacher. Both these young women will, God willing, be ready to go to India in 1965. Miss White has completed her course at the Bible College of Tasmania, and Miss Conacher expects to finish her studies at the end of this year. There will, of course, be two years of language study when they reach India, but we are encouraged by these tokens for good and continue to pray that others may come forward—perhaps from our own country?

Dr. R. Harris, on her return from furlough, rejoined her sister Miss M. E. Harris at Belukurichi. From there they have been camping and working in the villages on the foothills of the northern part of the Kolli Hills, and reaching out, as the Lord leads them, to the Kolli Hills themselves. Miss M. M. Cook is now living at Sendamangalam, where she has charge of the Hostel girls. Miss Hawes is taking furlough on medical grounds and we would ask your prayers for her speedy recovery and for the continued good health of all our missionaries.

Our new President, Mrs. A. W. Whayman, has received the loving and loyal support of the L.Z.A. Executive during the year. We have welcomed Mrs. Thorpe as Vice-President and Mrs. Perry as Minute Secretary; also two new members, Mrs. G. E. Gould and Miss R. Humphrey. We are glad that both Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Driscoll are remaining on the Committee, though no longer holding office.

Miss R. Fromow reports that our financial position is satisfactory, but we realise our dependence upon the Lord for all our monetary needs. We thank all the friends who have supported the Mission in this way throughout another year.

Our thoughts turn to India and the needs of its peoples. How vast is the field, how tight the grip of Satan and how insignificant our Mission. Yet God is working His purpose out. A letter from India tells of a young Indian girl who has heard the call to full-time service for the Lord and has enrolled for a two year residential course at a Bible College. This news would have rejoiced the hearts of those first missionaries who were so concerned for India's women and children. Now we see some of the fruit of their labours and can encourage ourselves in the Lord, knowing that though we are weak, He is strong and the victory is His also.

MADRAS AREA

PASTOR D. W. AARON
PASTOR D. ASIRVATHAM
PASTOR M. T. DANIEL
PASTOR S. DEVANESAM
PASTOR B. G. SAMUEL

W. N. H. KUHRT

FOUR brief visits in the last eighteen months, chiefly for business, constitute my only qualification for writing about Madras. However, on each such visit it has been possible to preach at one or more of the Churches and to meet leaders of all of them and so to gather some general impressions. It is always an encouragement to find that all of the Churches and congregations, including even the weakest, still exist. It is a further encouragement to discover that the leaders of most of these groups are anxious to seek one out, to share their problems and have the comfort of our prayers.

KILPAUK: Pastor Davanesam had a slight heart attack some months ago on top of the diabetic trouble from which he suffers. He has thus been prevented from preaching for a good many weeks and has had to cease his ministry in the village Church at Koyambedu. A most pleasing feature of the Church life at Kilpauk is the loving concern shown for the Pastor and his family in their time of trouble. They have bought a large table fan for his use in the home to help him sleep at nights and they are collecting money for the installation of an amplifying set so as to save his voice. We were able to attend only evening services but excellent Sunday morning congregations are reported with proportionately large offerings.

VEPERY: We had two visits from the Pastor but cannot claim to know much about the recent history of this Church.

AYANAPURAM: For some years the relationship between Pastor Asirvatham and some of the important members of his flock has been an uneasy one and it was no great surprise when recently the Pastor withdrew to start a new congregation elsewhere. Pentecostal tendencies in the Pastor and his family combined with a lack of wisdom in administration helped to bring about this division. I was able to speak on two evenings at the old chapel and was encouraged to find it had been beautifully redecorated and that the baptistery had been put into good repair. The meetings were very well attended and, on the surface at any rate, there seemed some

hope that this section of the Church might flourish under the leadership of Mr. E. R. Moses. However besides a concern for Strict Baptist tradition and for orderly worship there may also be a less spiritual concern for the land and houses attached to the chapel and this possibility causes us some disquiet.

We had no chance to visit the newly established congregation in the swarming Railway Colony or to visit the Church at Kolathur both of which remain under the oversight of Pastor D. Asirvatham. However I was invited to visit them later in the year for several days of Bible teaching.

TIRUVERKADU: It was a pleasure to be able to help this struggling Church and Pastor once again. On Sunday morning a good congregation gathered from some four or five villages that are within the sphere of influence of Pastor Daniel and we were asked to take part in a series of services that lasted three and a half hours! A few people have been baptised during the year and we were present at the baptism of the Pastor's eldest son. It was reported that the Pastor had received on an average a stipend of Rs39 a month. The chapel still badly needs re-roofing but a building fund is in existence.

NUMBAL is also under the care of Pastor Daniel. We were not able to visit this village but most of the congregation was present at the Tiruverkadu anniversary services. Amongst them came a young woman recently baptised from a Hindu family and another young woman who has been converted but who is not permitted by her Hindu father to be baptised.

POONAMALLEE: Last March it fell to my lot to be present at the funeral of Pastor N. R. E. Sampson. It was a sad occasion and yet I was glad to be in Madras at just that time and so able to represent the Mission. Pastor Sampson had worked hard and successfully to bring what was once our Mission compound and Higher Elementary School to a high pitch of efficiency and the appearance of the place reflects great credit upon all concerned. We understand that the Pastor's widow has assumed management and intends to carry on the school administration. For the time being the aged catechist Mr. A. L. John continues his work in the Church.

MANNUR: We were not able to visit this flourishing cause but the Pastor, Mr. Aaron came to see me and attended the second of the two meetings at Ayanapuram. He assured me that the chapel had been extended and electrified and that the extended chapel was

still hardly large enough for all who gather. In some of the seven scattered villages that contribute to this considerable congregation small prayer halls have been erected where Sunday evening and week night services are held. But here too Pentecostal tendencies cause disquiet. However, for the moment, we rejoice in the good that is undoubtedly being done and wait to see how things will develop. Mr. Aaron continues to take some responsibility for the tiny Church at Konnur.

SEMBIAM: We were able to visit this Church on the Sunday before Easter and were much encouraged by the attendance and by the spirit displayed. On that Sunday four men and four women gave testimony before the Church and all were baptised on Easter Sunday. Some of these testimonies were most impressive. The Church has to endure, with what patience it can muster, the constant annoyance of a one time member who nurses a grudge but it is likely that in the course of time this nuisance will yield to prayer and to good sense.

SALEM AREA

MR. AND MRS. W. H. KUHRT
MR. AND MRS. G. F. CHAMPION
MR. L. RYAN
MISS E. M. FLORY
MISS M. E. HARRIS
DR. R. M. HARRIS
MISS M. M. COOK

MR. and MRS. W. H. KUHRT (Namakkal)

REFRESHED AND ENCOURAGED

WHEN Paul set out on his long voyage to Rome he was much refreshed by the kindness of friends who saw him off (Acts 27. 3) and was encouraged by the Roman brethren who met him upon arrival. Refreshment at one end of the voyage and encouragement at the other! This is our happy experience and this must constitute the burden of our brief report. We have been for far too short a time (less than ten weeks!) in Namakkal to attempt any report upon the affairs of that sphere of our Mission's activities especially as our last residence here was more than sixteen years ago. We can, however, report upon the goodness of God to us during the past eighteen months.

"My God shall supply ALL your need" is a true word and we are glad to testify to His generous supply in respect to such matters as health, home and happiness. Mrs. Kuhrt arrived in England from Malaya in a much more serious state than we suspected but she was restored to normal health at the Mildmay Mission Hospital and has kept well ever since. The unprecedented and excessive heat of March and April made us feel very weary, but our annual hill leave which is just drawing to a close as we write, has done us a great deal of good and we are both able to face the work which awaits us with confidence and with courage.

Once again we had the comfort of spending our furlough in the Mission Home in Brockley and, to our delight, had both of our sons living with us for considerable periods so that we were able to make a home for them as well as for ourselves. Time would fail us to mention all the homes in which we were made welcome but at least we can say that they were very many and stretched from near Land's End in the far South-West to Liverpool and Royton in the North. We try our best to make India our home and we hope we are not entirely unsuccessful, but the "home-coming"

once every five years is a very blessed experience, not only because our own families welcome us, but because so many hundreds of our fellow believers conspire together to refresh us.

The Lord not only restored Mrs. Kuhrt but also granted renewed health to Mrs. Kuhrt Senior and this contributed greatly to our happiness while at home and to our peace of mind when setting out again for the fifth time last January. The marriage of our elder son in the middle of furlough, and the provision of a suitable home for our younger son almost on the eve of our sailing were further evidences of God's willingness to supply every need which ministered much to our happiness and peace of mind.

And then, after all that, to be met in India by the brethren and to be permitted once again boundless opportunities of service has made us, like Paul, thank God and take courage. By the time this report reaches your hands it will be thirty and twenty-seven years respectively since we first sailed for India. We thank God for His goodness to us throughout all those years and take courage for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Champion (Morupatti)

WE may as well state at the beginning of this brief record of our year's work, that since we returned from furlough we have had no baptisms nor additions to our Church here. This, we feel, is not as it should be in a pioneer evangelistic area, and we pray that the coming year may witness the Lord's working by His Spirit in the hearts of the people in and around Morupatti. We have, during the year, lost one member by death. On February 5th, NARAYANASWAMY who had been in failing health for some months, suddenly passed away one morning while his wife and little boy were at school. We had a Christian funeral for him, and our little group of believers were thankful that we were in Morupatti at the time to conduct it. On the Sunday following we had our morning service in the house, and were able to deal with the Christian hope of eternal life and the resurrection of the body. Susannah, Narayanaswamy's widow, has had a very hard time during the last few years, and she has been most courageous in all her difficulties.

One of her troubles was the wild life of her son DASS, who brought shame on her family and also on us all. His unchristian behaviour was no doubt to some extent the result of a sense of

frustration and futility, as he was unable to obtain employment into which he could put his heart and energies. He decided just over six months ago that the army would probably be the best place for him, and he was able to join a branch where he learns a trade. He now seems happy, and we believe that the disciplined life will do him good. He tells us that he reads the Bible daily and prays, and goes to Christian worship each Sunday. We thank God for this provision for him, and pray that he may be brought into newness of life by God's gracious working in him.

PRAGASAM carries on with his Sunday School of about a dozen boys, and when we examined them at Christmas time, we were very pleased with their knowledge of the Scripture lessons he had taught them and the Christian lyrics. This is a good outlet for Pragasam's spiritual energy and we are gratified that he is persevering with this work for the Lord. His cousin still expresses a desire to be baptised and we are hoping to see signs that the Lord has truly dealt with him.

THANGAMMAL really was in the depths a few weeks ago, with no food in the house and a wall of her one room fallen down exposing her to the view of all and sundry. She has had to bear ridicule at the best of times, and her condition then seemed to give the enemies of the Lord plenty of opportunity to blaspheme. Then, in her extremity, when she was on her knees crying to the Lord, members of the Local Board decided that they ought to put her wall up for her, and within an hour or two a gift from one of the Lord's people many miles away was brought to her, supplying her with money to buy food for a few weeks until work would again be available in the fields. Her prayers were turned to praises, and observers were greatly impressed at the way the Lord Jesus can look after those who trust in Him.

PALANIYANDI still looks a little puzzled when we tell him that we hope his wife and daughter will soon be able to declare their faith in the Lord. But Mrs. Champion has been teaching them regularly month by month during the past year, and they are proving better pupils than they themselves feared a year ago. A score of boys and girls gather to encourage and prompt them during their lesson, so the Gospel message and several of our lyrics are becoming known to the young people in the village. JOSEPH and his daughter still welcome us each month with the rest of the family when we go to Urakkarai to a Sunday evening service followed by the Lord's Supper. Only Joseph and his daughter and

Palaniyandi are members with us in Urakkarai, but we bring over Susannah and also Pragasam and Thangammal if they have come to Morupatti that Sunday for the morning service. This enables our scattered members to meet each other and have Christian fellowship together as they could not do otherwise.

In our VILLAGE VISITING we are now covering again the ground we have been over before, though we have been to some villages for the first time. On two occasions contacts have resulted in young men coming to our Sunday services. One of these two men has been more than once and says that he has every intention of becoming a Christian. A proportion of our Sunday School boys and girls come very regularly, and we hope that it may be because they realise the importance of the teaching given.

We have been invited to various functions in the locality and we have tried to use these occasions for giving a Gospel message. When invited to a wedding we may give a New Testament or a Bible as a wedding present, and such gifts have always been well received. Gospels are still eagerly bought by the crowds we see at the festivals, and text cards and tracts have been widely distributed. At one festival a man told us that he had bought a Gospel from us in a village some time before. "Have you read it?" we asked. "Yes," he replied. "What does it say?" we further questioned him. "It tells us about Jesus Christ," he said as he walked away. But he stopped and came back to add, "And it tells the way to heaven". May the Lord set his feet upon that way.

MR. L. RYAN (Namakkal)

WE are writing to you from on board the "Sydney" a day and a half from Singapore. On Sunday, May 17th, the Church at Latrobe had a special service for us. There were forty-seven present and the Lord was pleased to draw near to His people. For our part we will never forget this time.

We left Tasmania on May 23rd. When we arrived in Melbourne we went to the Strict Baptist Church at Collingwood and had a good time of fellowship with them. We also had fellowship with God's people at Geelong.

At Ryde Church, Sydney, Jeanette spoke at the ladies' meeting on Thursday morning (June 4th) and in the evening we went to a combined prayer meeting at the Smithfield Church. On the Friday night we travelled with Pastor John Wilson forty miles

to Glenbrook where we had a time of fellowship with Mr. K. Ainsworth and his family. On the Saturday afternoon both Jeanette and I took part in a meeting for the Sunday School pupils and their parents, answering questions Pastor Wilson asked us about going to India. We were with them at Ryde for both services on the Lord's Day, and gave testimony to the Lord's leading and commission to us. On the Monday night a Valedictory Service was held and we left Sydney for Bombay on Wednesday, June 10th.

We do praise the Lord for His goodness to us in past days and pray that we might "rejoice in the Lord always". May His praise be continually on our lips.

Dr. R. M. Harris (L.Z.A., Belukurichi)

IT is June 1964 and I am back in India with the fellowship of 1963 now a wonderful memory, kept green as one reads of last year's contacts, when writing up this year's events, in a five year diary.

I have come back to India realising afresh that many in the Churches, both old and young, are with us in prayer, and in providing the means which enable us out here to minister to those who are sick in body and needy in soul. This is a real encouragement.

I wrote last year's report while on furlough in the doldrums of a dearth of recruits, but since, God has graciously heard and answered prayer. It is thrilling to think that by the time you read this, God willing, Les Ryan and Jeanette Broadby, both from Australia will already be with us in India, and not only that, but there are others who have been accepted, praise God.

In April my sister and I camped in Nadukombai. Here we met Rasai and her family, and were able to have times of fellowship, prayer and Bible reading with them, encouraging them in the Lord. Although they witness to those around them they have, as yet, made no public profession of faith. They are bound up together with their relations by caste customs, and with fellow-villagers at festival times, when it is simply "not done" for the family to be unrepresented. They need our prayers.

On my return to Belukurichi early in the year, there was a rumour that we might have to leave our rented house in the near future. Although this rumour has faded out for the time being, it has alerted us to the fact that we are only in Belukurichi tempor-

arily. We are ready to move as soon as God gives us an indication as to when and where He would have us go. Until that time we know that God still has a work for us to do in Belukurichi.

Concerning the Kolli Hills, for which God has burdened us, we are confident that God is even now working out His purposes, and will open the way for us to go up there when He has a work for us to do.

"To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

MISS M. E. HARRIS (L.Z.A., Belukurichi)

"Encouraged . . . in the Lord." 1 Sam. 30. 6

CERTAINLY, during the past year, we have had many occasions for encouraging ourselves in the Lord our God. When we look back over the months, we can remember innumerable times and places, in which the Lord has given us the great privilege of sowing the Good Seed of His Holy Word in the homes and hearts of many hundreds of different people, young and old.

Although our hearts continue to yearn for the great privilege of sharing in the joyful work of harvesting, the Lord has seen fit to keep us still at the important work of ploughing and sowing—praying and preaching—in this very needy area.

Village Visiting and Bookselling. Last year Margaret Cook and I continued the work of visiting and selling books in the villages around us. We visited in twelve different villages altogether, which are within walking distance of this village, and from which patients come to us for medicine. In eight of these villages there are elementary schools, and we always visited these first before school began; and sold Gospels and Scripture books to the school children, after telling them all a Bible Story. Then, in every village, we did house to house visiting and tract distribution; and we talked with the different groups of people, who gathered to see us, and preached to them the Gospel of Salvation.

Camping. During the past year we have done three more camps in the Nadukombai, and have continued to visit and teach the Kolli Hills people in the villages there. The children are no longer scared at the sight of us, and, more often than not they come running out to meet us, as we approach their villages. Many of

them can now repeat Scripture verses from memory, and can also sing choruses with appropriate actions.

Medical Work. Until my sister, Dr. Ruth Harris, returned from furlough, Margaret Cook and I continued to give medical help to the best of our ability. But now that my sister has returned, the work has resumed its normal proportions, and the patients are coming to us in ever increasing numbers.

Sunday Services. These have continued to be held regularly once a month, and have been conducted by a visiting preacher or pastor. From the beginning of March this year, we have been having a meeting on the other Sundays as well, which is conducted in a more informal manner, and without the help of any outside preacher. These meetings have been attended by five or six local teachers and their families, and also by one or two others, who have been coming to us as patients during the week, or who have just come along out of interest.

Sunday School. This continued to be conducted by the two teachers for a few more months last year. Then, for various reasons, they lost interest in the work, and finally gave it up altogether. In answer to earnest prayer, the Lord raised up another worker, a lady teacher called Pushpam, who is a member of the Rasipuram Church. Pushpam has been conducting the Sunday School since November of last year, and we praise the Lord for her joyful interest in all the children, and her willing service for the Lord her God.

Sunday Bible Class. This was continued until April of the present year, when the father of the girls, in whose house the class was conducted, was transferred with his family to another village. We are now prayerfully waiting on God for guidance concerning the next step to take, in order to start another Bible Class for some of the many teenage girls in this village.

Kolli Hills. During the past year most of our contacts with the Kolli Hills' people have been down on the Plains. They have been down to us for medical help from all parts of the Hills. Whenever they come, we have made a point of always teaching them from God's holy Word. But we believe that God's time for our returning to live up on the Kolli Hills again is steadily approaching. Until then we are holding fast to the precious promises which God has given us concerning His work up there, and we continue to commit our way unto the Lord, and to "trust also in Him, for He shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37. 5).

Miss E. M. Flory (L.Z.A., Namakkal)

"BUT David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." Paul "thanked God, and took courage"—when on the way to prison!

There are times when, like David, we are brought to a place when everything tends to drive us to despair; then it is we prove that our God is able to encourage us in Himself, independent of our circumstances. But the Lord knows our human nature, and our craving for some tangible form of encouragement, and graciously from time to time sends across our pathway those for whom we can thank Him and take courage. So it was with Paul; true he was going to prison; but his heart was cheered by fellow believers meeting him on the road. In this report some of the things that have caused encouragement will be included, and also there will be mention of situations where our sole source of encouragement is in the Lord.

During the year prayer has been answered and we were able to continue our ministry in this land without serious hindrances. A number of Indian brothers and sisters are maintaining their witness for the Lord, often in isolated villages where they have little opportunity for fellowship with other Christians.

Last year we had to report that Sunday school and Sunday services in Velur had been discontinued. During the year these have been recommenced in the home of a Christian high-school teacher and his wife. The friends running the Sunday school in Pothenur have been able to obtain a larger house with suitable accommodation in the courtyard for the sixty or more children who meet each Sunday afternoon.

Sirunellikoil Church has been much in the prayers of friends; at one period during the year, Biblewoman Navamonie David had to leave her home there temporarily, owing to threats made by the "Christians" there. These threats appear to have had their roots in jealousy. The Lord has given Navamonie courage to return, and to recommence her Sunday school and visiting. Her faith is an inspiration as she is convinced the Lord is going to work in that place. In Mohanur two daughters of the preacher Vethamonie and his wife Jeevarathinam were baptised last year. One of these young girls having heard God's call to service, has been accepted for training in a Bible school, beginning in July. Jeevarathinam is as active as ever visiting in caste Hindu homes, and also teaching Christian women. A Sunday school is held in their home.

In Selur the monthly Bible class has been continued, but the

women there have not seen their way clear to recommence their women's meeting. This is partly due to lack of literate women, but also I fear, to lack of real desire. This Church is still being troubled by the lack of harmony among the teachers in the school there. There is a probability of brother Enoch returning to Selur, and many believe he would be used to make peace.

In Paramathi retired Biblewoman Navamonie helps her husband with the Sunday school in their home; numbers attending the weekly service have decreased owing to a number of Christian officials being transferred elsewhere. The sad thing about Paramathi is the lack of any local Christians in spite of many years of Christian witness there. Several ex-Sendamangalam hostel girls are living in Paramathi; although they are Hindus and not allowed to attend the services, they welcome me to their homes, quickly produce Bibles and hymnbooks which are evidently valued possessions!

In nearby Irakkur one or two Christian families meet each Sunday for worship. When I am able to visit them, there is always the opportunity of talking to a group of children who crowd around. This is one of the places where more could be effected by a regular ministry. In Vadakaraiattur, Stephen-raj's wife still attends services and shows interest in Bible teaching; but the family is constantly distressed by economic difficulties. As far as outward appearances are concerned, Peria-solipalayam offers a heart-breaking situation; but that is just the sort of situation in which the Lord delights to intervene and afford a transformation.

In Namakkal it has been a means of encouragement to me to meet with a small group of Christian women, many of them elderly, for Bible study and prayer. When the Lord sends the longed-for blessing to the Namakkal Church, it will be in no small measure in answer to the prayers of these sisters. Last year in August the annual women's rally was held in Namakkal. During the three days of meetings the women worked well together, and a happy spirit pervaded the gatherings. Women from eleven Churches enjoyed fellowship together, and were inspired by messages given by Mrs. Champion and Mrs. Violet Aaron. Since the rally it has been sad to see the Namakkal women's meeting lapse; at first it was decided to have it monthly instead of weekly, but for several months now it has not met at all. This is partly due to dissatisfaction caused by the results of recent election of deacons and deaconess. Two members of the Church, the Biblewomen, still go each week to the Poet's house to lead the meeting; the family

there make us as welcome as ever, but although they tell us they believe in the Lord Jesus, they have not made a break with Hinduism.

In evangelistic ministry I have rejoiced in fellowship with Indian sisters who cheerfully and voluntarily give their time to this ministry. There have been occasions when we have been deeply conscious of being led to prepared hearts. There was, for instance, the woman who had been to a Christian hospital for an operation, and there heard about the Lord Jesus. She was so impressed that the doctors and nurses prayed before her operation, and she wanted to know more about this Jesus. Another woman had been visited by a Biblewoman twenty years ago, and was so pleased to meet someone again to teach her about the Lord. There is the Mohammedan woman who heard about Christ from a Christian patient in the next bed while she was in hospital. Now not only her home is open to our visits, but she gathers her neighbours from the whole street. A washerman who, though he had been a secret believer for years, had never confessed Christ, passed away during the year, but not before he had testified to his neighbours and friends that he belonged to Christ, and wanted a Christian burial. Another secret believer in Pothenur has said, "I do love the Lord and long for the day when I shall have courage to be baptised". No, we do not meet such cases every day; often our task consists in patiently sowing the seed without seeing any results, but such occasional contacts do encourage us.

Before closing this report I would like to mention the privilege I had at the end of December to visit Madras, and take part in the Second Annual Women's Rally there, held at Ayanavaram. During the following ten days it was possible to visit women's meetings in seven of the Madras churches. These churches have many and varied problems, but there is no doubt a witness is being borne by the women, and in many cases they are contributing much to the spiritual well being of the churches.

The year has seen changes in personnel here in Sendamangalam. We were all sad to bid farewell to Miss Hazel at the end of February after thirty-two years in India, mostly spent in Sendamangalam. She is missed increasingly as days pass. Miss Cook has been welcomed to Sendamangalam in her place and we have been happy to welcome Miss Joyce Coldwell of the O.M.F. to share our home during her six months stay in India. Following this she will, God willing, return to Malaya for ministry among Tamil people. We praise God for all the fellowship we enjoy in service together.

Summing up this report, the closing note must be one of praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father; in assurance of His continued faithfulness in the future, "we thank God and take courage".

MISS M. M. COOK (L.Z.A., Sendamangalam)

The Hostel and School

AT the beginning of this year I came to Sendamangalam in order to learn and take over the work of the S.B.M. Hostel. It was a sad day when Miss Hazel left us, but we do thank God for all that she was able to do for Him during the many years she was here and especially amongst the girls in the Hostel. I felt quite inadequate to take over the work from one who was so experienced, but realising that I did not have to try to do anything in my own strength, I was able to look to the Lord, seek His wisdom and strength and encourage myself in Him to go on in spite of the many difficulties. As I write this, we are at the beginning of a new school year (it begins in June) and new children are joining the Hostel. They come from a variety of backgrounds. We have quite a number from Hindu homes, some from Roman Catholic families and we expect two Muslim children soon. Pray with us that the Hostel may be a means of Grace to them and that they may come to know the Lord while they are with us. Matron Davabarkiam is coping well with a new set of girls this term; some of the trouble makers have left which makes things easier for us.

The School continues to be a witness in the village as many girls who attend hear the Gospel message through their Christian teachers. In spite of the Girls' High School being so near, quite a lot of new children have joined our school for this new term and for this we thank the Lord.

The Church

The work in Sendamangalam continues under the guidance of Pastor Paul and the Lord is helping him to be faithful in his ministry in spite of attacks from the Evil One who seeks to spoil the Church's witness in various ways. During the year more believers have been baptised and added to the Church. The Hindu Tamil Pundit whom Miss Hazel mentioned as being a regular attender last year, was baptised in December along with two others. We praise God for these tokens of His blessing. The week-evening

prayer meetings and Bible studies continue to be held regularly and also Sunday School for the children after the Sunday morning service.

Outside Work

Since I came here in January, the work of the Hostel has taken up most of my time. I have not been able to do very much visiting further afield. I have, however, been able to continue the fortnightly Bible Class in Kakkaveri which Miss Hazel was running. Here it is an encouragement to see so many teenagers attending and together we are studying the life of Christ. It is good to see their interest now but it will be even better when we see them coming to know the Christ of Whom they are studying.

We have been able to get out a few times into the villages to sell Christian literature and hope that we shall have more opportunities for this in future days.

Situations may change, we know not what the future holds, but, praise God, we are still free at present to proclaim His message in this land. There are still many opportunities and open doors so we will encourage ourselves in our faithful God and go on in HIS strength.

TIRUNELVELI AREA

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RADIO EVANGELISM

WE reach immeasurably farther than we see. And so do other people! That can be a rather frightening thing to contemplate.

If the Israelites had kept spiritual things first, they wouldn't have wanted Saul for a king. And if Saul hadn't been king, David wouldn't have been in exile among the Philistines. And if David hadn't been thus exiled, he wouldn't have needed to use doubtful diplomacy to maintain himself at Ziklag. If Saul had destroyed the Amalekites when he was told to, Ziklag couldn't have been sacked by them, as it was. And if Ziklag hadn't been destroyed, David's men wouldn't have cursed him the way they did . . . if only! . . .

Can you imagine anything of what David could have thought, that day, in the smoking ruins of his home? Wouldn't it be just the most natural thing in the world for him to blame everyone else for his fate? He was, after all, only in that predicament because so many other people hadn't done what they should!

There are two possible applications of this; one is to ask how many Ziklags I have been the ruin of, because I didn't kill the Amalekites when I should have done; the other is to find out how to behave when my Ziklag is smashed to pieces because someone else didn't destroy those marauding Amalekites when he was told to! The first application ought to make us very careful; the second should certainly make us very prayerful.

There have been a good many times when we've been aghast at the presence of Amalekites in the work of the Churches—distressing collapses in church life, believers carried off captive by superstitious and unbelieving customs, breakdowns of plans, and loss of time and energy in the preservation of mere bricks and mortar.

All have been situations forced upon us during the year, by Amalekites! . . . if only! . . .

No! We do not need that "if only! . . ." David drew new strength from faith in his God. Then he was off in hot pursuit of the marauders. And the one great wind of purpose that blows steadily through the tangled branches of our circumstances is the sovereign good pleasure of our Lord. From faith in this we draw fresh strength, and continue to pursue the foe. The worst the Amalekites can do does but work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose, precisely because His purpose is so sovereign over all. Even tears can sparkle in that light.

This is not wishful thinking. There have been skirmishes in which we recovered things the Amalekites had carried away—though we still can only dream of the day when we shall certainly recover all . . .

In the studio, basic tasks have gone on during the year—recording, editing, programme building, equipment maintenance. The recurring problems have harassed—poor electricity supply, shortage of parts, mediocre material, customs duties on tapes, difficulties in reception. We have often had need, sitting in our battered Ziklag, to draw new strength from our Lord.

He does not fail us. Letters have told of blessing; and the gift, to the studio, of a new portable recorder, is solid testimony to the encouraging of the Lord!

Finally, we thank you who read this, for all your prayer, thought, and love. David did not forget his supporters at the base. "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff." There is a promise for you!

For you who are in London, and for you who are in Suffolk, and for you who are in Wiltshire; for you who are in the Midlands and the North; for you who are in the East and in the South; and for you who are in Australia too! The half of the blessing is for you.

For you, too, reach immeasurably farther than you see!

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. GRIST (Kovilpatti)

STRENGTHENED and encouraged in the Lord our mighty Captain, it was our privilege to return once again to the place of God's own appointing. Little faith so often gave way to great fear as we set out into the unknown future. But there was an

inner peace that we were following the Master, and following Him meant that all would be well.

The memory of fellowship with so many friends in the homeland remains as something very precious. The knowledge of prayer support is a comfort at all times, and we do want to thank all praying friends. May God Himself give you the grace to pray in the Spirit.

Opposing circumstances are not naturally encouraging and if we are to be honest, much of the work is barren. Desolation in all quarters still meets our eyes. The enemies of the cross are ever seeking to overthrow and we are inclined to sigh, "How long, O Lord?" Yes, how long before the enemy will be frustrated in his evil purpose? How long before there will be a spiritual breakthrough, when dry bones will be quickened and barren work receive the dew from on high? Then we remember that our Lord is victorious, and His eternal, sovereign purposes for India are ripening fast and will all be fulfilled in the end. Nor do these purposes depend on our poor, weak faith, and we recall the words of Kelly when he wrote: "Why those fears? behold 'tis Jesus holds the helm and guides the ship". We are encouraged, for our Master is the perfect Commander in every perplexing situation and He already views the redeemed Church, called out of every nation, complete in Jesus Christ. This thought is a source of spiritual uplift.

How many thousands, dare we say millions, heard the Gospel by means of the radio during the past year? We cannot tell. Throughout 1963 and into 1964, response to the broadcasts grew and some spoke of very definite spiritual experiences of the might and conquering grace of God. For an example of this, it is a joy to be able to give further news about a young man mentioned in the 1963 Report (page 33). This Hindu listener in Bombay asked: "Can my sins be forgiven? Can I become a Christian?" For some months this young man continued correspondence with us, and his letters revealed a continuing interest in spiritual things. He moved to the east coast and subsequently joined the navy. Once again we were able to put him into touch with Christian friends. He writes that he has been brought to know the Lord and has been baptised.

Through the medium of this report we record our gratefulness to Miss Olive Knight in undertaking the added task of dealing with the increasing follow-up correspondence during 1963. At the time of writing (mid-June, 1964) response has dropped to practically nil and the reception of programmes is very poor. This is a cause of

concern and in our weaker moments we are tempted to wonder whether the door to Radio Evangelism is closing. Once more, however, we are encouraged in the abiding truth that our sovereign Lord opens doors which no man or devil can shut, and closes doors which all the prayers in the world will not open, if this is His own eternal purpose. Thus, our eyes are looking towards the Throne seeking to know the will of the Lord.

Day by day it is our prayer that we may constantly rejoice in our dear Redeemer. How often the Scriptures exhort us to rejoice and in such a blessed state, the things of earth, yes, the many soul-distressing circumstances, will become strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.

MR. and MRS. J. R. FIELD (Kovilpatti)

"WHY art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in GOD . . ." Ps. 43. 5.

Faith sees beyond the most dismal circumstances to the One Whose purposes are ripening fast. When all that the worldling can see appears to be dismal defeat, and when there seems to be little sign of the slow grinding of His mills, the believer hopes in God, and believes that we shall yet praise Him. We look above to the One Who reigns, and rejoice that He is in control.

We can look back, too, and praise Him for all that He has done. Gloomy prognosticators still surround us, but we know that the fears of ten years ago have not been realised, and to-day in India, the Lord has not only kept the door open for us, but has raised up new fellow-labourers to enter into His vineyard.

It is with confidence in our Master that we pen this report. We dare not suggest that we are satisfied with our labours or the results of them in the past year, but our Lord makes no mistakes, and we have seen His hand at work. We have been conscious that He has stretched out His restraining hand, defending His Church from the onslaught of the Evil One, rather than building it up. His sword, rather than His trowel has been at work.

The Churches

During the month of May cyclonic winds whipped the roofs off many buildings, and some of our chapels were heavily damaged. This put the new sense of proprietorship (which has been growing in some of the Churches) to the test, and in some cases has proved

that Church members feel a concern about the buildings in which they worship.

This sense of responsibility is also, we hope, exemplified in new efforts to live together in peace which seem to be budding in one or two strife-ridden communities. In a few Churches the Lord's Supper service has been held again after a lapse of months or years, and there are several places where young people are asking for baptism. It is unhappy that these observances of the ordinances seem to be evidences of a desire to conform to an expected norm of congregational behaviour, rather than of a spiritual vitality.

We cannot be happy until we see the standards of God's Word taking the place of tradition and convention in the minds of Church members. Legalism has usurped the place that the Gospel should have in the thinking, preaching and actions of the Christian community. Outward reformation and the restraint of open wickedness, good as these are, cannot take the place of inwrought revival and renewal by the Spirit of God. Opportunities to conduct services for worship on Sundays are often more than we can cope with, but desire for Bible study, apart from one or two exceptions, is sadly lacking.

Understanding of and sympathy with our present policy of encouraging self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating Churches is growing, and there is no doubt that people in the Churches are losing the spirit of antagonism that once seemed universal. Perhaps this is the first breath of a wind of change that will bring abundance of spiritual blessing in the Lord's appointed time.

Literature Distribution

Opportunities of literature evangelism are very many, and various means are employed to take the truth to the people. Certain document difficulties have curtailed the work with the Bookmobile, but we hope that soon these will be overcome and the literature outreach thus extended. At the present time we are visiting homes in Kovilpatti with portions of the Scriptures, and great possibilities are before us. Many interesting contacts have already been made and it is evident that right here "on our doorstep", both ignorance of the Gospel and interest in Christianity are widespread.

Scripture distribution has increased in volume and we have sent out from the Depot hundreds of Bibles during the past year. S.B.M. publications are still not selling as we should like, but new

sales channels have been opened, and we hope that this will lead to our books becoming more popular. Readers who know English, seem to appreciate the publications of the Banner of Truth Trust and the I.V.F. and Tyndale Press, and many of these volumes have left our shelves.

Free grants of books have been made to enable heads of institutions to have Christian books in their staff libraries, and we are grateful to friends who have made such action possible.

Tracts bearing our address, which we distribute wherever we go, have resulted in many enquiries reaching us through the post, and further printed matter has been sent to many addresses.

Missionary Staff

In answer to prayer, the team of missionaries working in the area has been strengthened. The return of colleagues from furlough, the presence of newly qualified young fellow-workers in Panayadipatti, and the arrival in Kovilpatti of a new recruit from Australia have all brought us encouragement, and consequent possibilities of a widened outreach with the Gospel.

The Forward March

We prayerfully believe that these evidences of the Lord's favour are like the little cloud seen from the top of Carmel, soon to grow big with mercy and break with blessings on our heads. So we encourage ourselves in the Lord.

"With force of arms we nothing can,
Full soon were we down-ridden;
But for us fights the Proper Man,
Whom God Himself hath bidden.
Ask ye, Who is this same?
Christ Jesus is His Name,
The Lord Sabaoth's Son;
He and no other one,
SHALL CONQUER IN THE BATTLE."

MISS N. HAWES (L.Z.A. Paniadipatti)

"Encouraged . . . in the Lord." 1 Sam. 30. 6

AS we think back over the past year, we have reason to recall the many promises which the Lord has used in encouraging and strengthening us. We recall the different circumstances, some

of them difficult, through which the Lord has led us, before we have found encouragement in Him.

We may always encourage ourselves in the Lord

There have been times during the year when we have realised more deeply than at other times the hardness and coldness of hearts that know not the Saviour's love and forgiveness, and we have had to turn to the Lord and to His power for encouragement. Then again, when we have come into contact with those who have sought to turn His children from the faith, and leaders have left their sphere of service and have not been replaced, then the Lord Himself has encouraged us as we have sat at His feet and found new strength and new courage in the knowledge of His Presence and Omnipotence.

We may encourage one another

The three Biblewomen continue service when they are able. All are now working voluntarily and as we have had the opportunity of visiting, talking, and praying with them we have found encouragement together. They have had the use between them of a Phonette (a motorless, governed record player, designed to be wound continuously by hand) and Tamil Records which they have used with profit in the villages. Biblewoman Gnanatheebum (retired) of Tullukankurichi has been ill again during the year, and at one time both she and her husband were ill and unable to walk, but the Lord has yet again graciously granted to them a measure of restoration. It is always an encouragement to have fellowship together with this aged couple and to see their stedfast faith in their Saviour and Lord.

We have been able to camp and visit in most of the villages during the year. It has been an encouragement to meet the local congregations and to hear that women's meetings are being held regularly where possible and that in some places the numbers have increased. Prayer is still needed for Bundavapatti, Paraipatti, and Ramatevanpatti where there is no regular ministry.

We may encourage others

At the end of the year we concluded the Bible School Course for 1963. This was not so well attended as I had hoped but sickness hindered those who would have come. We have been able to visit those who have taken this course and are continuing in the ministry of the Word. Where possible we have sought to give further in-

struction in the Word as opportunities arose, and encouraged the women to read Christian books along with the study of God's Word. There have been those who have been helped through various practical and medical ministries. Then others have been helped and blessed through the reading of the Tamil Magazine, Tamil text cards, and tracts. Yet others have found the assurance of salvation as the Word of Life has been opened up to them.

So we encourage ourselves and one another in the Lord, knowing that our Master is in control of every situation and He will be victorious.

MR. and MRS. J. B. JONES (Paniadipatti)

". . .Encouraged . . . in the Lord." 1 Sam. 30. 6

THE theme of this year's Annual Report is one to which we feel we can add a hearty "Amen". The past year has been a divided and a varied one. Language examinations are now over, although language study is not. Marriage has come and brought with it many blessings. Responsibilities for field work have been taken up for the first time. In all matters we have experienced the Lord's blessing and therefore we are encouraged.

At the time of writing we are still in the process of making our "first calls" on the many Churches which surround us here in the Paniadipatti area. First impressions are often misleading and so we shall confine our remarks about the Churches to a few salient points.

Having visited the Churches at Thayilpatti, Eruvarpatti and Melapudur, we feel that the work of the Lord is progressing in these places. Two places that appear to be much in need of prayer are Kothanachiyapuram and Vallampatti. In the Churches at Paniadipatti, Tulukankurichi, Kandiapuram, Anbinagaram and Sivasangapatti the Church routine continues.

We have been encouraged to find that there is a small number of men and women who are vitally interested in the Lord's work in this area and who are seeking to advance the Kingdom of God in practical ways as best they can with their limited time and resources.

As we have been going about the area we have had it brought to our notice very forcibly, that there are a greater number of believing women than there are of men. There are always more women than men at the meetings. This is we believe, a wonderful

testimony to the work of our L.Z.A. ladies now and in past days. Please join with us in prayer that the Lord will manifest His grace and saving power in the lives of many men in this area.

Tamil text cards have proved to be very useful and are in great demand by the boys and girls. May we say this public "thank you" to all who have been responsible for preparing and sending cards to us.

Miss O. R. Knight (L.Z.A., Kovilpatti)

THE precious privilege of finding encouragement in the Lord has been mine throughout a year in which many tasks have pressed upon me.

Until the beginning of March 1964, when Mr. Grist resumed responsibility, I was dealing with the increasing number of letters received from listeners to our Tamil radio programmes. Consequently there was only limited time available for the work among women in this area during the first eight months of the period under review. Occasionally it was necessary for me to help the radio ministry by recording programme material.

Last year's report mentioned ten Biblewomen. In October Biblewoman Sellathai died a few days after giving birth to a healthy girl. Sellathai's death was a shock to many of us. One of the Christian women said that she had been challenged to consider whether she was ready to meet the Lord. Five of the Biblewomen have received their final payments from the Mission, two are receiving pensions, and two are still receiving small allowances. They continue to serve the Lord in various ways such as conducting Women's Meetings and Sunday Schools and teaching in the homes of Christians and Hindus. Other women serve the Lord in these ways, but some who would like to do so are hindered by sheer physical weakness after fulfilling their responsibilities in their homes and as school teachers. For this reason the Women's Meetings in Mandithope and Illupayurini have not been conducted regularly.

The Women's Meeting held in Kovilpatti Chapel was poorly attended and finally ceased. Through visiting I have discovered that most of the women connected with our Kovilpatti Church live in three different areas, but those within each area are quite near each other. The biggest group is in a crowded part of the town. As some of the women do match factory work and Sunday is the weekly holiday, we have started having a meeting in one of

their homes on Sunday afternoons when I am in Kovilpatti. On the north-eastern edge of the town is a new estate of houses for workers in one of the cotton mills. I have been meeting our members there on Thursday afternoons twice a month seeking to strengthen and encourage them in their witness. More Christian families connected with our Church live on the south-eastern outskirts of the town. I have visited these homes also. One of the women, who is a trained teacher, has commenced a children's meeting.

Because of the state of affairs in the Kovilpatti Tamil Baptist Church it has seemed right to spend a larger proportion of time visiting women members of the Church and congregation. On my way to them I often distribute tracts. This has led to conversations with Hindu and Muslim women who have sometimes invited me into their homes. It has been a joy to tell them of the Saviour.

Camping was the work which was most seriously curtailed due to extra time given to radio correspondence. Nevertheless I have stayed in a few villages and hope to have camped in more before you read this. Some villages near Kovilpatti have been visited on Sunday mornings, when there have been opportunities to meet the women after the service. During visits to a village where there is no Christian congregation we have had fellowship with a Christian nursery school teacher, and have also spoken to Hindus.

At times the vastness of the task has been almost overwhelming, and the little that could be done seemed comparatively insignificant. Yet the Lord has graciously granted courage and strength to continue serving with Him in and around Kovilpatti.

Miss J. Broadby (Kovilpatti)

"SINCE God made real to my heart the knowledge of His great redeeming love and mercy, whereby Christ, the Lord of Glory died for me and shed His own precious blood, He has also given an increasing desire that my life should be lived to the praise of His glory. To this end I believe God led me into nursing training and later to Bible College, where in both places He kept me by His grace alone.

"At the end of my third year at Bible College, God spoke to me about serving Him in India. After waiting on the Lord, it became

clear to me that this was indeed the place God had appointed for me.

"Having arrived in India, Les and I are confident that as God has sent us here, so He will strengthen and keep us, for His own Name's Sake. May God give us grace in all things to live to the praise of His glory."

ENGLISH MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

MR. COLIN HOWELLS (BROMLEY)

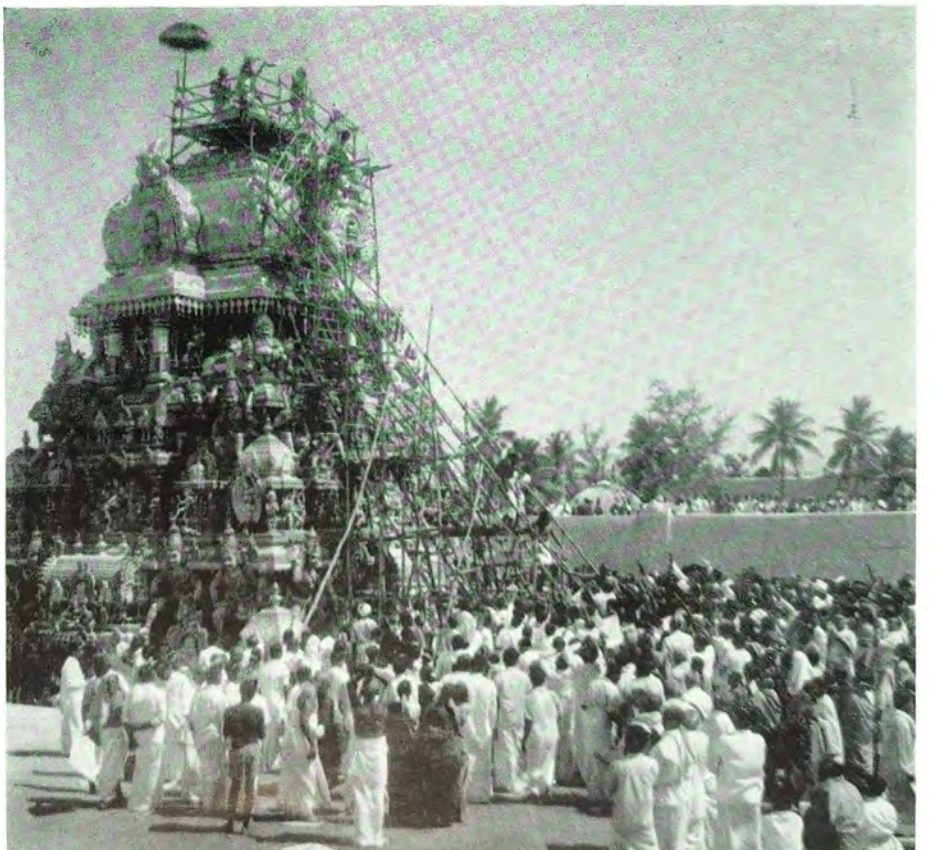


MR. MICHAEL BROWN (CAMBRIDGE)





CROWDS ASSEMBLE AT THE RE-DEDICATION OF MADURAI TEMPLE AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF REDECORATIONS. THE TEMPLE TOWERS ARE COVERED WITH STATUES, EACH OF WHICH IS CAREFULLY PAINTED IN BRIGHT COLOURS.



THE CLIMAX OF DEDICATION WHEN "HOLY" WATER FROM "SACRED" RIVERS IS POURED OUT OVER THE TOP OF THE TOWER.

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MR. AND MRS. D. J. MOON

MR. and MRS. H. A. HUCKETT

IT is a good thing to encourage oneself in the Lord as David did at Ziklag, when his men wanted to stone him, and it is good to encourage others in the things of God. We read that King Josiah set the priests in their charges and encouraged them to the service of the house of the Lord. Our hearts go out in praise to the Lord for the encouragements He has given us during the past year in the work at Namakkal.

We left India for furlough on February 28th, so the period covered by the following report is about eight months.

1. ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE CHURCHES

RASIPUR—Under the spiritual leadership of Pastor D. Rajarathnam, ably assisted by his wife, Padma, and other members of the family, this Church continues to make progress. Tracts are distributed and Gospels sold in the town by some of the Church members, and the Church is also responsible for the evening services at Belukurichi and for the Sunday School there. On one occasion we were invited to shew a film-strip on the Life of Christ, and when we arrived we found a crowd of about 300 children and adults to whom we proclaimed the Gospel message. We must admit that the normal attendance is not so great as that.

The chapel at Rasipur has been electrified, and last December there was a special service of dedication and thanksgiving for this and for the long awaited service connection from the Electricity Department. Our daughter, Joyce, who was in India at that time was asked to switch the current on. She gave a short message appropriate to the occasion from Rev. 21. 23. In April there were four more baptisms at Rasipur.

At **KAKKAVERI** the members are mostly very poor and for this reason are easily attracted by the lure of material gain. The Roman Catholics have got hold of some of the Christians there by offering them gifts of clothing, food, money and educational help for their children. One of the deacons told me that the priest had spent a long time talking to him along those lines, but that he had refused to deny his Lord. He has a wife and six young children.

Preacher William acts as under-shepherd to the flock at Kakkaveri and tries to help them in the Christian life.

In **SENDAMANGALAM** Pastor and Mrs. S. Paul Raj continue to hold the fort for God and there have been several baptisms during the past year. Many were blessed through some Convention Meetings conducted by Pastor Victor Benjamin from Ooty, and one backslider was restored.

At **MOHANUR,** the faithful witness of Mr. and Mrs. A. Vethamonie is bearing fruit. During the year, two of their daughters were baptised, and one of these is now taking Bible Training with a view to whole time service for the Master. In addition to the Church members, Christians working in the town sometimes attend the services with their families, and we often see trainees from the local training school for teachers gathering with us for worship on the Lord's Day.

2. ENCOURAGEMENT IN YOUTH WORK

Just as God used Jonathan to strengthen David's hand in God, we have been encouraged by the interest shewn in youth work by some of the younger members of our Churches. Three young men from the Namakkal area attended the Vacation Bible School in Madurai from the 2nd to the 11th May this year and found the training very helpful. Their own lives, too, were enriched by the fellowship enjoyed. Without any urging on our part, I. Peter of Selur and several other young men visited the Kabila Malai Festival and sold Gospels and other booklets to the milling multitudes who go there for idol worship.

In some of our Sunday Schools, young teachers have surprised us by the new choruses which they have taught the children, and we have been encouraged to hear scholars repeating portions of Scripture which they have learned by heart. It has amazed me, times without number, to notice how quickly some of the Hindu boys in our Namakkal Hostel can find Scripture references and read the verses correctly when asked to do so. They know their Bibles. We have also been impressed by the enthusiasm with which some of the boys go out on their own with Gospels and other books at festival times and sell them.

3. ENCOURAGEMENT IN LITERATURE WORK

Christian Literature, especially the Word of God, is like living seed. When it is sown, the results are not seen immediately. The

seed is hidden, buried in human hearts, but under the power of the Holy Spirit it germinates, springs up and yields a harvest. During the past year, hundreds of Gospels and other booklets have been sold and thousands of tracts distributed from the Namakkal van and in other ways. We know of more than one Hindu who has been saved by the reading of a tract. Daniel, our helper at Namakkal (he is a convert from V. attur) often encouraged us by his keenness in literature distribution and his real ability in selling Gospels to people who gathered round the van when we were out on book-tours.

In Namakkal, we have published in Tamil five sets of the Lansdowne Bible Studies—more than fifty lessons in all, and these have been despatched by post all over the Tamil country. We usually send out about 800 of each issue. Some of these Bible studies are being used in our Radio programmes from Manila, and we have been encouraged to learn through the Follow-up Department that listeners have been helped by these lessons and some have written in asking for copies of them.

4. ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE HOME CHURCHES

The faithful prayer support and the regular giving on the part of friends in the home Churches have been a stimulus to us to press on in the grand work of proclaiming the Gospel in South India—part of the great unfinished task of reaching all nations (Matt. 24. 14). Like Paul before Agrippa we can say: "Having therefore obtained help of God, we continue unto this day, witnessing. . . ."

Packets of picture postcards with Tamil texts on them have been an encouragement to us, also English magazines which, after reading, we have passed on to Indian friends.

New recruits from Australia and from Britain are a further source of encouragement to us. May God add to their number.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. PRAY YE THEREFORE. . . ."

MR. and MRS. D. A. THROWER

"ENCOURAGED . . . IN THE LORD"

WE could not have a more suitable caption for this year's Report, for we have great cause to praise our God for His goodness to us and to take courage from His faithfulness.

Before we left India in February last we had the satisfaction of

seeing the fruit of our labours in the publication of a number of new titles in Tamil and of two also in English. These items, produced by our Literature Committee during the first eight months of the year under review, are translations of the books "The Dawn of World Redemption" by Erich Sauer and "Sin and Salvation" by Lesslie Newbigin, and of four addresses on The Lord's Supper by Dr. E. F. Kevan, Ph.D.; also Poster No. 4, "Christ is Risen" and a pamphlet prepared by members of our Ministry Committee entitled "Pastor and Church". The last-mentioned contains Scriptural and practical advice for pastorless churches regarding the need for men of God to care for the flock of God and concerning their choice and appointment. English editions of the addresses on The Lord's Supper and of the poster are now available in England at 2/6 a copy in both cases.

The manuscript of the commentary on the Minor Prophets (referred to in earlier reports) was duly completed before we left India, and we are deeply grateful to the many friends who have supported us by their prayers while we have been engaged in this task. Please continue to pray that blessing may attend this project as the Commentary is eventually printed and distributed in connection with the eight evangelical Book Clubs operating in as many Indian languages.

Our furlough period, which commenced on March 16th, is proving a time of inspiring fellowship with old and new friends, and the beauty of the English springtime thrills us both more than ever before. The kindness with which we are welcomed wherever we go brings us great joy and encouragement and the blessings of health and strength for the ministry of these furlough days stir in us a spirit of praise to our gracious God.

Miss L. S. Hazel

"Josiah encouraged them to the service of the House of the Lord."
(2 Chron. 35. 2)

HOW quickly the months have passed, it hardly seems a year ago we were asked to write our previous contribution for the Annual report of the S.B.M. The surroundings were vastly different then from those in which the writer finds herself to-day. The glorious sunshine, with a cloudless blue sky, a tropical heat that almost sapped one's strength and vitality, the land parched and

dry, crying out for water from the heavens, which sometimes seemed as brass; poverty, idolatry, the noise and glamour of Hindu festivals, frequently the passing of funeral processions to the burning ground with the beating of drums, all night and day vigil of the mourners' wail and jazz music from the loud-speakers, noisy fireworks, and not least the smells, this was India.

These things come to mind as one sits in the peaceful atmosphere of a Sussex bungalow which is to be my future home. The beauty of the gardens laden with roses of every variety is a different picture, but still India's sisters have become my sisters.

Deputation work has now begun in earnest and I would thank friends who have so kindly welcomed me into their homes, and who will be continuing to do so in the months that lie ahead. It is nice to meet old and new friends interested in our Mission and we pray that those Churches where we have no entry, may welcome us into their midst.

During the past year in India the Church and people of Sendamangalam have had their difficulties, problems, disappointments and encouragements, but we do praise God for Pastor Paul Raj, who in spite of jealousies and attempts to divide the members, is with his wife Soundari, faithfully holding on and keeping the unity. These with Miss E. Samuel the Church Treasurer, are key workers filled with the Holy Spirit and a true desire for the furtherance of the Gospel in their needy land. Three women and two men have been admitted into Church fellowship after Baptism, and two added by transfer. Last October we received great blessing at the Annual Harvest meetings by a visit from Brother Victor Benjamin of the Tamil Baptist Chapel at Ootacamund. As a result of his ministry several Hostel girls were blessed and backsliders were brought back to the Lord. At times we have had the fellowship of Government Christian Officials worshipping with us.

The cottage prayer meetings each Tuesday conducted by Pastor, Sunday morning classes for the women after the service, and the regular visits to their homes by Soundari are all part of the activities. Another feature of the work is the monthly women's meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m. at which a speaker gives the message, or sometimes the meeting is thrown open for testimonies, this latter being most encouraging as one and another has told what the Lord has meant to them in their family and individual life. A yearly rally is held in the various places where quite a number of our women meet together for fellowship. Last year this was held in Namakkal and our guest speakers were Mrs. Champion and Mrs.

Aaron from our Chapel in Mannur, Madras. Village evangelism, each third Sunday afternoon, led by Pastor and his band of men and women helpers, with messages of testimony, the Gospel in song, and distribution of tracts have been times of blessing.

Camps have been made at Kakkaveri in conjunction with the fortnightly Bible class for teenagers and others, making this a centre from which numerous villages and towns have been reached with the spoken and written word. This has been made possible by the invaluable help of our Station Wagons. By these means thousands of pieces of Gospel Literature have been sold or freely distributed, which are God's silent messengers in the homes after the Missionary or Indian worker has moved on.

School, Sunday schools, Covenanter Class and Hostel evangelism have a big part in service amongst the young. Under the good supervision of Matron Devabarkiam, 30-35 girls received bodily and spiritual care in the home this past year. Several testified to blessing received. As usual the girls are encouraged in the importance of hygiene, truthfulness and the fear of the Lord. Daily prayers are conducted both morning and evening with the regular attendance at God's House, Sunday School and Covenanter Class. Pray for Devabarkiam as she continues this work, that she may grow in wisdom and be further used in His hands to bring these girls from the darkness of heathenism into His glorious Light.

We do praise God for the continued valuable help of Miss E. Samuel, Headmistress of the school for about twenty-three years. For the past ten years the school has been completely handed over into her competent hands. Her wise judgment in dealing with the many problems, sometimes rifts amongst the staff or disciplinary action needed for the pupils, has proved timely and helpful. She has a very high standing both with Officials and parents. The tone of the school is always at the highest level, putting Him first in all decisions that have to be made. Although Scripture teaching is not allowed within the school hours, 400 to 500 girls and boys come under daily instruction in these matters before the afternoon sessions, and a Scripture class is held each Saturday midday at their own request for the Hindu children of the upper Standards. Pray that God's blessing may continue to be realised through this invaluable ministry of Miss Samuel with her helpers.

It was in February, 1964, that the L.Z.A. work in Sendamangalam was handed over to Miss Cook and with very mixed feelings the writer had to say goodbye to those dear friends whom she had known and loved in the Lord, whose burdens and joys she had

shared, and the home in Sendamangalam which had been her home with all its associations for the past thirty years. This was a terrible wrench, most of all from the dear girls in the Hostel, part of the number of over 500 with whom she had had personal contacts, but God gave all needed Grace.

We do praise Him and take courage for those whom we know are His, saved by Grace and called to service amongst their Indian Sisters. Some have been called to Higher service in His presence. Our thoughts also go out to those girls who are scattered all over Tamil Nad, who have had this opportunity of hearing and learning the Way but have not responded.

May your hearts be touched and may you be encouraged to the service of the Lord in co-operation with our Indian Brothers and Sisters. If the Lord tarry and health and strength is given, it will be my great privilege to serve our Mission here in the Churches, and may we together praise Him, encouraged by all the blessings of the past, pressing forward into the unknown future under His guidance and leadings.

The Harvest truly is great, the labourers few, have you not heard His call and will you not respond?

DEPUTATION SECRETARY, MR. and MRS. E. ORCHARD

IN giving a picture of the Mission's activity in the Churches, it is a joy to record the eager anticipation with which many friends prepare for their annual Missionary Sunday or week-day meeting. This preparation in many cases begins almost as soon as the day which highlights the year has passed. Such a regular contribution to the life of the Mission is an evidence in itself that the Mission is a mission of the Churches, and forms part of their common desire to obey the command of the Lord to go into ALL the world and preach the Gospel to EVERY creature.

A few figures would not be out of place: two Missionaries from the field and two workers in the Homeland have given full-time service, and several other friends, connected in one way or another with the Mission in an official capacity, have given occasional service on the Lord's Day and in mid-week ministry. Altogether some 141 Sunday engagements have been fulfilled, and 226 mid-week arrangements have been carried out. A Sunday engagement has usually involved preaching twice and giving two addresses to

young people, but sometimes it has meant three sermons, and two or three addresses. The mid-week engagement list shows a great variety from F.O.Y. class meetings to Women's Fellowship meetings, from Darby and Joan Club meetings to Christian Union meetings in day schools. Film slides and literature have been used in illustrated talks, but the well tried methods have also been much to the fore. Preaching services, Prayer Union meetings, discussion groups have all made demands upon the time and thought of God's servants given to this ministry.

This report, of course, takes no account of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary deputation programme, for that part of the work is dealt with under a separate report, but when both sides of this ministry are taken into account, a picture emerges of growing and deepening interest in the spread of the Gospel among the Tamil speaking population of the world. The work of the Lord among the TAMILS will grow only so fast, as the burden for this work increases in the Churches. "A right understanding of the Sovereignty of God in the election and redemption of His children, leads to an increasing obedience to His revealed Will in all matters touching His Kingdom."

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moon

THE title for this year's report well describes our position as we write our annual report. When I wrote last year I had to ask the question "Why . . .?" Though the answer to that question is still not known, during the past year we have known the encouragement of the Lord's guidance in all things. I praise God that my wife has made good progress in recovery and that she has had no setbacks over the past year. We praise Him together for the gift of our daughter, Alison Ruth, born in September, 1963, and for the happiness that she has brought to us.

During the year it has once again been my pleasure to visit a number of Churches on behalf of the Mission. However, while I do enjoy these visits and the opportunities for fellowship that they give, knowing that we shall be in England for some time it was our prayer that the Lord would lead us into a more regular and settled ministry. This prayer, too, He has answered in leading us to Wandsworth and into fellowship and ministry there with the Church at West Hill. This means that the amount of deputation

work I shall do in the future will have to be limited but I do still hope that I shall be able to visit some Churches next year on behalf of the Mission.

As we look towards India, news from our fellow missionaries and news from the nation, makes us realise that many things have changed in the two years since we have been home. The door, however, is still open, the Gospel has not changed, our God is still the same. Who among you will join in the work that we may go on together, encouraged in the Lord?

MISSIONARIES ELECT

Mr. Colin Howells

"ENCOURAGED IN THE LORD" best sums up this past year at College, for many are the encouragements which I have received by God's grace. Throughout the year, the going has by no means been easy. In fact, the very opposite is true. But the Lord has undertaken in a wonderful way, and so, looking back, I can see the way that He has led me. The Lord has encouraged me especially in the preaching of His Word, and also in going from house to house with the Gospel. I cannot say that many have been saved, but even so, we have seen signs of the Lord working, and have been given cause to praise His Name for His dealings with one and another. And so, as I come to the end of my first year, I can say "Amen" to the words of the apostle, "My grace is sufficient for thee!"

Mr. M. Brown

THE past year has been, as far as I have been concerned, one primarily taken up with preparatory study for entrance into the London Bible College. Although it may appear that this year has been perhaps one of inaction, it has provided me with a valuable opportunity I might not otherwise have had of getting to know the Churches in the Cambridge area more thoroughly, and of realising their prayerful interest and support.

As a Mission we can give thanks and praise to God for answered prayer. As an individual I can thank Him also that He has encouraged me exceedingly, giving to me in abundance the strength and help I so much needed to enable me to participate in my studies. I can testify to having had the presence of the Holy Spirit with me through the past year, and this above all else I believe to have been due to the prayers of His people. Let us continue to pray that the Lord will give to His servants faith, hope, and encouragement in the days to come.

Miss Yvonne Conacher (Tasmania)

IT is a joy and privilege to be able to share with you the goodness the Lord has bestowed upon me over the last few months.

Truly, I can say, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised".

I am "Encouraged in the Lord" as I look back over the last few months at College and see the way He has led me, causing me to know of His presence and enabling grace. Circumstances have not always been easy, but, in them all, God reveals Himself in a glorious way, as I have hoped and trusted in Him. The Lord is teaching me to be more dependent upon Himself and not to look to people. It is a lesson I am continually learning. It is a joy to have this time of preparation, where under the guidance of the Holy Spirit I can learn of Him.

MISS PHYLLIS WHITE (Australia)

IT was of God's goodness to me that I spent this first term back at the Tasmania Bible College: it was good to have fellowship with the staff and to get to know them more intimately than was possible as a student. Even in this time there were many lessons that had to be learned—some hard, some easy. But the presence of God has been sweet through them.

The Lord has indeed gone before in my coming to Sydney for the medical lectures. Brother John Wilson drove me to the University on Friday and through the University I got an interview for a job. On Monday afternoon I was employed, just that quick; isn't it wonderful? After working there a week they now allow me, whenever I desire, to make up my lecture time after work. This is all indeed the Providence of our Almighty God. "Encouraged . . . in the Lord" this is true right through.

DOCTRINAL BASIS

OFFICERS OF THE MISSION

L.Z.A. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR LOCATIONS

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 27th, 1964

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 Personal Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, 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 300, 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; £40 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.

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We believe there are many of our subscribers who would like to continue their support 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:

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"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."

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

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1963	CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	General Fund—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963	4268 8 10	
	Less: Debit Balance on Income and Expenditure Account	1732 14 1	
4268			2535 14 9
	Sustentation Fund—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		
7720			7720 10 4
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		
220			219 10 9
12208			10475 15 10
	REVENUE RESERVE		
	General Fund—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		
6937			6937 12 3
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		
2000			2000 0 0
21145			19413 8 1
	ACCUMULATED INCOME		
	Pension Fund—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963	161 11 0	
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	37 7 7	
162			198 18 7

1963	FIXED ASSETS	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	General Fund Investments (At cost)—		
	Quoted:		
2843	£2986 4 6 3½% War Stock	2843 12 0	
371	£400 0 0 3½% Conv. Stock	370 12 0	
1875	£3000 0 0 2½% Consols	1875 0 0	
1621	£2000 0 0 3% Savings Bonds, 1960/70 ...	1620 15 3	
100	£100 0 0 3% Savings Bonds, 1965/75 ...	99 13 6	
	(Market Value £4974) (1963, £5382)		6809 12 9
	Sustentation Fund Investments (At cost)—		
	Quoted:		
6720	£7000 0 0 3½% War Stock	6720 10 4	
1000	£1000 0 0 2½% Treasury Stock, 1975 or after	1000 0 0	
	(Market Value £4392) (1963, £4899)		7720 10 4

	Sustentation Fund—								
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		814	15	10				
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure								
815	Account		270	0	0				
						1084	15	10	
	Radio Evangelism Fund—								
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		48	4	7				
	Less: Transfer to Income and Expenditure-								
48	Account		48	4	7				
						—	—	—	
	Young People's Guild of Service Fund—								
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		53	19	0				
	Less: Balance of Income and Expenditure								
54	Account		53	19	0				
						—	—	—	
	L.Z.A. General Fund—								
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		859	4	10				
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure								
859	Account		665	1	9				
						1524	6	7	
	L.Z.A. Medical Fund—								
	Balance as at 1st August, 1963		65	5	11				
	Less: Balance of Income and Expenditure								
65	Account		33	8	4				
						31	17	7	
23148	Carried forward ...					22253	6	8	

	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary								
	Investments (At Cost)—								
	Quoted:								
	£300 0 0 2½% Consols (Market Value £124)								
220	(1963, £139)							219	10	9
220	(1963, £139)									
								14749	13	10
	Current Assets—									
792	Sundry Debtors	1163	14	5						
1355	Cash at Bank and in Hand (Overseas) ...	1322	11	8						
1	Cash at Post Office Savings Bank	1	4	6						
	Cash at Bank—									
3500	Deposit Account ...	3000	0	0						
2776	Current Account ...	1955	16	9						
80	Cash in Hand (Floats) ...	80	0	0						
								7523	7	4
23254	Carried forward ...							22273	1	2

BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

1963		£ s. d.	1963		£ s. d.
£			£		
23148	Brought forward	22253 6 8	2325	Brought forward ...	22273 1 2
	L.Z.A. Van Fund—				
	Balance as at 1st August,			E. J. S. RAPLEY } Members of the	
12	1963	11 10 0		E. J. WOOD } Council of Management	
	Current Liabilities—				
94	Sundry Creditors	8 4 6		P. H. CREES Secretary	
23254		£22273 1 2	23254		£22273 1 2

NOTES:

(1) Indian Rupees have been converted into sterling at approximately 1/6d.

(2) For Balance Sheet purposes no value has been placed upon land, buildings, vehicles, etc.

(3) The Pension Fund is governed by its own Trustees and the income therefrom is held in trust on their behalf by the Mission. Annual allocations are notified by them.

(4) The Sustentation Fund can only be drawn upon in an emergency and then only to a limited extent in any one year.

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

We have examined the books and accounts of the Strict Baptist Mission for the year ended 31st July, 1964, and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Mission so far as appears from our examination of those books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from Mission stations overseas. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the above Balance Sheet with the notes pertaining thereto and the annexed Income and Expenditure Accounts which are in agreement with the books of account, and returns, give the information required by the Companies Act 1948, in the manner so required, and give a true and fair view of the state of the Mission's affairs as at the 31st July, 1964, and of the deficiency for the year ended on that date.

We have inspected certificates representing all the investments held by the Mission

Ipswich,
1st September, 1964

SCRUTTON AND GOODCHILD,
Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1964

GENERAL FUND

1963 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1963 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
6297	Indian Expenses	7651 4 6			Contributions—Churches &		
1331	Passages	1800 4 11		8273	Schools	8491 9 11	
—	Outfit	100 0 0		1802	Personal	2085 0 3	
347	Indian Christian Literature, etc.	319 6 1		463	Income Tax Refunded ...	560 19 2	
			9870 15 6		Sundry Receipts, sale of		
	Office Expenses, Literature			134	Literature	69 12 0	
1431	Purchases	1380 4 8		55	Annual Reports	54 19 8	
940	Missionaries on Furlough	842 12 8		2570	Legacies	1318 2 4	
254	Childrens' allowances ...	206 0 0					12580 3 4
1200	Deputation Expenses ...	1236 16 5		318	Investment Interest (Gross)		331 11 9
	Life and National Insurances (Balance was paid			39	Rent		39 0 0
22	by Pension Fund) ...	66 12 1			Transfer From—		
115	Advertising	175 19 4		55	L.Z.A. General Fund ...		55 0 0
32	Audit Fee	31 10 0			Excess of Expenditure over Income—		
174	Annual Reports	180 13 7			Carried to Capital		
457	Secretary's Indian Visit ...	— — —		275	Account		1732 14 1
—	Australian Expenses ...	51 6 0					
778	Cost of New Car (Deputation)	— — —					
	Cost of new Duplicating Machine (Net) (Balance of £23 15 0 paid by						
—	L.Z.A.)	100 0 0					
			4271 14 9				
	Transfers To:—						
243	Publications Fund ...	248 13 5					
69	Mission House Fund ...	347 5 6					
294	Van Fund	— — —					
			595 18 11				
13984			£14738 9 2	13984			£14738 9 2

PENSION FUND

1963		£ s. d.	1963		£ s. d.
£			£		
13	Pension Paid	— — —	596	Investment Interest (Gross)	610 9 2
546	National Insurance of Missionaries	573 1 7			
	Excess of Income over Expenditure—				
37	Carried to Accumulated Income Reserve	37 7 7			
596		£610 9 2	596		£610 9 2

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD OF SERVICE FUND

1963		£ s. d.	1963		£ s. d.
£			£		
86	Remittance to India	53 19 0	1	Contributions	— — —
				Excess of Expenditure over Income—	
—			85	Carried to Accumulated Income Reserve	53 19 0
86		£53 19 0	86		£53 19 0

PUBLICATION FUND

1963		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1963		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£				£			
	Printing—				Sales—		
508	"Heralds"	458 1 5		305	"Heralds"	270 9 8	
239	"Rays" ...	244 15 5		155	"Rays" ...	138 13 9	
			702 16 10				409 3 5
					Transfer from—		
				242	General Fund	248 13 5	
				45	L.Z.A. General Fund ...	45 0 0	
							293 13 5
747			£702 16 10	747			£702 16 10

L.Z.A. GENERAL FUND

1963 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1963 £		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
2505	Indian Expenses	2283 4 7		3203	Contributions	3230 12 10	
155	Passages	450 10 3		210	Income Tax Refunded ...	216 8 10	
			2733 14 10	554	Gift Week	546 17 8	
291	Office Expenses	279 2 3		11	Literature Sales	6 2 9	
239	Missionaries on Furlough ...	257 2 9		10	Legacies	120 0 0	
74	Deputation Expenses ...	68 15 6					4120 2 1
37	Publication	— — —		8	Investment Interest (Gross)		7 10 0
—	Part of Cost of New Duplicator (Net)	23 15 0					
			628 15 6				
	Transfer to:—						
55	General Fund ...	55 0 0					
45	Publication Fund	45 0 0					
320	Reserve Fund ...	— — —					
			100 0 0				
	Excess of Income over Expenditure— Carried to Accumulated						
275	Income Reserve ...		665 1 9				
3996			£4127 12 1	3996			£4127 12 1

L.Z.A. MEDICAL ACCOUNT

1963 £		£ s. d.	1963 £		£ s. d.
2	Subscription—M.S.M.	2 2 0	22	Contributions	15 0 0
11	Grants	46 6 4		Excess of Expenditure over Income—	
			9	Carried to Accumulated Income Reserve	33 8 4
13		£48 8 4	13		£48 8 4

SUSTENTATION FUND

1963 £		£ s. d.	1963 £		£ s. d.
	Excess of Income over Expenditure—		270	Investment Interest (Gross)	270 0 0
270	Carried to Accumulated Income Reserve	270 0 0			
270		£270 0 0	270		£270 0 0

MISSION HOUSE FUND

1963 £		£ s. d.	1963 £		£ s. d.
174	Repairs	347 5 6	105	Insurance Claim	— — —
			69	Transfer from General Fund	347 5 6
174		£347 5 6	174		£347 5 6

RADIO EVANGELISM FUND

1963 £		£ s. d.	1963 £		£ s. d.
372	Equipment and Maintenance	135 7 7	277	Contributions	87 3 0
			95	Transfer from Accumulated Income Reserve	48 4 7
372		£135 7 7	372		£135 7 7

ABSTRACTS OF RECEIPTS

1st AUGUST, 1963 to 31st JULY, 1964

Abercymboi—			
General ..	1	15	0
Accrington—			
General	13	18	0
L.Z.A.	17	10	0
Acton Friends—			
General ..	3	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	8	2	6
Aldbury—			
General ..	9	12	1
Aldringham—			
General ..	17	7	0
Askett—			
General ..	4	16	0
L.Z.A. ..	1	4	6
Attleborough—			
L.Z.A. ..	1	1	0
Aylesbury—			
General ..	56	16	6
L.Z.A. ..	28	0	0
Badingham—			
General ..	2	14	6
L.Z.A. ..	2	18	2
Basildon—			
General	68	4	0
L.Z.A.	12	8	0
Bath—			
General	28	0	10
Beccles—			
General ..	91	18	8
L.Z.A. ..	8	19	3
Bedford—			
General ..	47	3	0
L.Z.A. ..	4	0	0
Bedworth—			
General ..	41	3	8
L.Z.A. ..	10	10	0
Belvedere—			
General ..	89	8	2
L.Z.A. ..	12	16	2
Bermondsey—			
General ..	22	1	3
L.Z.A. ..	16	2	6
Bethersden—			
General ..	64	10	0
Bexleyheath—			
General	43	15	6
L.Z.A.	12	5	0
Bible Spreading Union—			
General	10	0	0
Bierton—			
General .	34	5	10
L.Z.A. ..	13	0	0
Billinghay—			
General ..	30	11	0
Bilston—			
General ..	4	15	0
Blackburn—			
General ..	11	17	0
Blakenham—			
General ..	18	12	5
L.Z.A. ..	25	4	6
Blaxhall—			
General	8	7	8
Bodle Street—			
General	18	0	
Boncarth (Pem.)—			
General	3	0	0
Borough Green—			
General ..	51	13	10
L.Z.A. ..	6	8	0
Bradenstoke—			
General	59	11	4
L.Z.A.	22	13	3
Bradfield St. George—			
General	51	2	11
L.Z.A.	3	17	6
Brentford—			
General	73	4	10
L.Z.A.	116	6	7
Brighton, "Ebenezer"—			
General	63	10	0
L.Z.A.	17	13	0
Brighton, "Tabernacle"—			
General	193	0	0
L.Z.A.	94	17	3
Brockley, Suffolk—			
General	34	2	0
L.Z.A.	8	0	0
Brockley, S.E.4 (Presbyterian)—			
General	10	0	
Bromley—			
General	23	8	9
L.Z.A.	20	16	7
Buckland Common—			
General	3	7	6
Burnley—			
General ..	3	4	0
Bury, Lancs.—			
General	7	9	3
L.Z.A.	11	5	9
Cambridge, "Eden"—			
General	88	8	8
L.Z.A.	11	17	3
Cambridge, Tenison Road—			
General	15	9	6
Carlton—			
General ..	21	9	6
Caterham—			
General	9	14	5
Chadwell Street—			
General	42	0	0
L.Z.A.	34	5	0
Charsfield—			
General ..	25	0	0
Chatteris—			
General	31	13	3
L.Z.A.	19	1	7
Chelmondiston—			
General ..	5	0	0
Chelmsford—			
General ..	27	11	4
L.Z.A. ..	75	5	9
Chertsey—			
General ..	5	0	0
Chesham—			
General	15	15	5
L.Z.A.	16	10	0
Chingford—			
General	18	12	6
L.Z.A.	2	2	0
Chorley—			
General	4	11	6
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Civil Service C.U. (Board of Trade Br.)—			
General	1	5	0
Clapham, Courland Grove—			
General	151	19	7
L.Z.A.	31	2	2
Clayton West—			
General ..	9	5	0
Clifton—			
General ..	55	2	7
L.Z.A. ..	4	3	10
Colchester—			
General	44	12	3
L.Z.A.	10	0	
Colnbrook and Longford—			
General	6	3	0
Cottenham—			
General ..	7	15	6
L.Z.A. ..	5	0	0
Cransford—			
General	13	1	5
L.Z.A. ..	14	6	0
Crowfield—			
General	21	17	6
L.Z.A.	3	4	0
Croydon, Derby Road—			
General	44	5	10
L.Z.A.	56	1	8
Croydon District—			
General	13	16	2
L.Z.A.	10	10	6
Croydon, Tamworth Road—			
General	111	8	8
L.Z.A.	29	1	0
Cuckfield—			
General	7	15	0
L.Z.A.	3	0	0
Deeping—			
General	9	18	0
Devizes—			
General	26	14	0
L.Z.A.	7	9	0
Didcot—			
General	3	10	0
L.Z.A.	1	10	0
Dorking—			
General	179	3	2
L.Z.A.	189	14	7
Downe—			
General	23	10	0
L.Z.A.	3	10	0
Dunmow—			
General ..	17	0	0
Dunstable—			
General ..	41	17	7
Eastbourne—			
General	13	1	0
L.Z.A.	15	4	0

East Ham—			
General	48	8	6
L.Z.A.	10	5	6
Egham—			
General	18	15	4
Enfield Highway—			
General	3	3	0
Epsom—			
General	58	6	9
L.Z.A.	93	19	4
Farnham—			
General ..	6	3	0
Fressingfield—			
General ..	31	1	8
L.Z.A. ..	2	7	6
Friston—			
General	10	0	0
Fulham—			
General	16	7	3
L.Z.A.	6	0	0
Gaddesden Row—			
General ..	3	18	6
Gadebridge—			
General	74	19	9
L.Z.A.	14	14	2
Geelong, Australia—			
General	8	0	0
Glemsford, "Ebenezer"—			
General	2	7	6
Gravesend—			
General	2	0	0
L.Z.A.	2	0	0
Grays—			
General	3	0	0
L.Z.A.	7	5	0
Great Gransden—			
General	21	10	8
Great Yeldham—			
General ..	9	2	6
L.Z.A. ..	1	10	6
Greenwich—			
General ..	86	11	6
L.Z.A. ..	49	10	8
Grundisburgh—			
General ..	16	5	0
L.Z.A. ..	10	15	0
Guildford—			
General	124	7	0
L.Z.A.	21	11	5
Hadleigh—			
General	47	16	6
L.Z.A.	16	7	6
Hadlow—			
General	5	15	5
Hailsham—			
General	25	11	0
L.Z.A.	1	7	6
Halstead—			
General ..	24	4	9
L.Z.A. ..	8	5	0
Hammerfield—			
General ..	1	10	0
Handcross—			
General	8	19	0
L.Z.A.	1	4	6
Hartley Wintney—			
General ..	6	10	0
Harwich—			
General ..	6	0	0
Haslemere—			
General	65	4	8
L.Z.A.	11	17	6
Hastings—			
General	3	1	6
L.Z.A.	20	13	6
Haworth—			
General	32	7	7
Hebden Bridge—			
General	3	0	0
Hedge End—			
General ..	2	16	9
Highbury—			
General	58	0	0
L.Z.A.	52	11	2
High Wycombe—			
General	18	9	6
L.Z.A.	20	9	10
Hilmarton—			
General	5	0	0
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Hinckley—			
General	31	3	0
L.Z.A.	10	0	0
Hitcham—			
General	3	0	0
Hitchin—			
General ..	14	8	8
Homerton—			
General	37	0	9
L.Z.A.	2	10	0
Horham—			
General	107	10	0
L.Z.A.	24	0	0
Horley—			
General	6	11	6
Horsham—			
General ..	11	4	0
L.Z.A. ..	20	12	9
Hounslow—			
General	65	14	10
L.Z.A.	117	6	0
Hoxne—			
General	14	5	8
Ilford—			
General	97	0	0
L.Z.A.	3	15	0
Ipswich, "Bethesda"—			
General	458	13	11
L.Z.A.	150	5	10
Ipswich, "Mount Zion"—			
General	63	15	8
L.Z.A.	35	7	6
Ipswich, "Zoar"—			
General	67	6	3
L.Z.A.	57	16	4
Irthlingborough—			
General	18	3	0
L.Z.A.	12	15	5
Ivinghoe—			
General ..	2	0	0
Kesgrave—			
General	90	6	9
L.Z.A.	60	4	7
Kings Langley—			
General . ..	63	9	0
L.Z.A.	3	0	0
Kingston-on-Thames—			
General	12	6	0
L.Z.A.	1	1	0
Latrobe, Tasmania—			
General	4	15	6
Laxfield—			
General ..	39	6	11
L.Z.A. ..	25	16	6
Lee Common—			
General	5	10	5
Leicester, "Zion"—			
General	1	0	0
L.Z.A.	3	4	0
Leiston—			
General	39	11	3
L.Z.A.	4	2	6
Lewes—			
General	5	0	0
Lewisham—			
General	24	11	9
L.Z.A.	1	19	3
Leyton—			
General	90	11	4
L.Z.A.	33	11	3
Little Downham—			
General	15	7	3
Little Staughton—			
General	5	11	1
Lode—			
General ..	4	18	6
Long Marston—			
General ..	6	0	0
Lymm—			
General	1	10	0
Manchester District—			
L.Z.A.	26	13	0
Manor Park—			
General ..	10	7	0
L.Z.A. ..	11	9	0
March—			
General	42	13	7
L.Z.A.	9	8	1
Margate—			
General	8	0	0
Mendlesham Green—			
General	15	5	6
L.Z.A.	4	14	0
Meopham—			
General ..	25	9	6
L.Z.A. ..	8	19	9
Middlesbrough—			
General	59	4	3
Morcambe, Lancs.—			
L.Z.A.	1	0	0
N.S.B.S.S.A. Camp—			
General	6	7	2
Naughton—			
General ..	3	0	0
Needingworth—			
General ..	2	11	6
L.Z.A. ..	2	4	0
New Barnet—			
General ..	65	0	0
Newcastle—			
General ..	11	6	0
New Cross—			
General ..	158	7	4
L.Z.A. ..	37	9	9
Newick—			
General ..	19	17	0
L.Z.A. ..	2	0	0
Newquay—			
General ..	3	3	0
Norbiton—			
L.Z.A. ..	13	0	0
Northampton—			
General	24	1	6
North Finchley—			
General	71	10	0
L.Z.A.	28	4	6
Norwich—			
General	3	8	6
Notting Hill Gate—			
General	16	4	0
Occold—			
General	42	6	3
L.Z.A.	6	10	0
Old Hill, "Ebenezer"—			
General	23	19	3
Old Hill, Springmeadow—			
General	15	0	0
Otley—			
General	10	5	9
L.Z.A.	8	14	0

Over—			
General ..	39	6	10
L.Z.A. ..	18	2	9
Pemberton—			
General ..	3	0	0
Ponders End—			
L.Z.A.	7	7	0
Portsmouth, "Rehoboth"—			
General	18	7	0
Potten End—			
General ..	34	5	6
L.Z.A. ..	2	14	0
Potton—			
General	26	11	3
L.Z.A.	13	13	0
Poynings—			
General	19	11	3
Prayer Fellowship, The 108 Vassal Road, S.W.9—			
General ..	2	0	0
Prittlewell—			
General ..	25	1	3
L.Z.A. ..	16	9	0
Ramsey—			
General ..	109	15	3
L.Z.A. ..	4	13	0
Rattlesden—			
General	44	17	1
L.Z.A.	7	11	9
Readers of "The Life of Faith"—			
General ..	2	5	3
Redbourn—			
General	6	0	0
Reigate—			
General ..	41	17	3
Richmond—			
General ..	26	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	38	17	0
Rishangles—			
General	44	10	9
L.Z.A.	2	1	0
Robert Stockwell Trust—			
General	20	0	0
Rochdale—			
General ..	2	7	6
Rotherham—			
General ..	9	10	6
Royton—			
General	40	12	0
L.Z.A.	4	13	0
Ryarsh—			
General	23	4	0
Ryde, Australia—			
General ..	28	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	10	0	0
Slaithwaite—			
General ..	4	4	6
Sleaford—			
General	9	1	3
Smithfield, Australia—			
General	2	0	0
Somersham—			
General ..	10	0	0
South Chard—			
General ..	5	15	0
Staines—			
General ..	22	10	5
L.Z.A. ..	12	18	9
Stamford—			
General ..	30	13	3
Stoke Ash—			
General ..	42	5	9
L.Z.A. ..	75	3	9
Stoke Golding—			
General ..	10	5	0
Stonham Parva—			
General ..	10	8	0
Stowmarket—			
General ..	63	9	8
L.Z.A. ..	18	12	0
Stratford—			
General	66	12	5
L.Z.A.	50	3	4
Streatham, Hambro Road—			
General	150	4	9
L.Z.A.	63	9	6
Stretham, Cambs.—			
General ..	16	0	1
L.Z.A. ..	3	17	1
St. Albans—			
General	18	15	0
St. John's Wood—			
General ..	57	4	0
L.Z.A. ..	90	4	6
St. Neots—			
General ..	10	14	1
Sudbourne—			
General	51	16	3
L.Z.A.	27	15	10
Sudbury, Suffolk—			
General	7	5	0
L.Z.A.	4	11	0
Sunderland—			
General	2	19	7
Sutton-at-Hone—			
General	13	10	6
L.Z.A.		10	0
Sutton, Cambs.—			
General	11	6	5
Sutton, Suffolk—			
General	1	12	0
Sutton (Surrey) Friends—			
General	11	12	0
L.Z.A.	12	0	0
Swindon—			
General ..	32	4	11
L.Z.A. ..	104	15	11
Tenterden—			
General	1	17	6
Thame—			
General ..	24	2	6
Thorndon—			
General ..	2	3	1
Thornhill—			
General	2	3	9
Tips End, Cambs.—			
General	1	15	0
Tottenham—			
General ..	35	10	7
L.Z.A. ..	1	5	0
Tring—			
General ..	72	18	3
L.Z.A. ..	19	11	2
Trowbridge—			
General	41	11	6
L.Z.A.	16	15	0
Tunbridge Wells—			
General	140	12	3
L.Z.A.	34	19	6
Tunstall—			
General	36	17	8
L.Z.A.	4	5	5
Turves—			
General ..	4	18	0
Two Waters—			
General ..	10	14	11
Waldringfield—			
General ..	25	12	4
L.Z.A. ..	2	12	6
Walsall—			
General	40	12	6
L.Z.A.	3	10	0
Walthamstow—			
General	10	6	2
L.Z.A.	10	0	0
Wandsworth, West Hill—			
General	37	5	6
L.Z.A. ..	28	12	3
Warbleton—			
General	43	16	6
Warboys—			
General	175	10	10
L.Z.A. ..	39	14	6
Warrington—			
General	2	0	0
Watford, "Beulah"—			
General	11	6	5
Watford "Tabernacle"—			
General ..	108	13	5
L.Z.A. ..	72	2	6
Wattisham—			
General ..	88	9	10
L.Z.A.	27	16	6
Wellingborough—			
General ..	43	9	2
L.Z.A. ..	10	2	6
West Ham—			
General ..	105	19	6
L.Z.A.	26	13	0
West Hartlepool—			
General ..	49	2	9
L.Z.A. ..	3	10	0
Wetherden—			
General ..	55	11	8
L.Z.A. ..	3	0	0
Whitestone—			
General ..	2	18	0
Whittlesey—			
General	65	13	8
L.Z.A.	22	16	10
Whitton—			
General ..	23	16	0
L.Z.A. ..	15	11	6
Willenhall—			
General ..	31	6	4
L.Z.A. ..	11	17	0
Willingham—			
General	7	3	5
Wiltshire Rally—			
General ..	21	8	2
L.Z.A. ..	21	8	1
Wimbledon—			
General ..	26	17	6
L.Z.A. ..	30	7	9
Wivelsfield—			
General	3	0	0
Wooburn Green—			
General		7	6
Wood Green, Eldon Road—			
General	7	10	0
L.Z.A	3	0	0
Wood Green, Park Ridings—			
General	23	2	3
L.Z.A.	9	6	7
Woolwich—			
General	32	4	6
L.Z.A.	7	0	6
Yateley—			
General	51	9	6
L.Z.A.	14	19	3
Yaxley—			
General	7	7	0
Young Life Campaign Bedford Br.—			
General	3	2	8
Young Life Campaign Trowbridge Branch—			
General	1	0	0

Fellowship of Youth—			
North Suffolk—			
General ..	7	10	0
L.Z.A.	7	10	0
South Suffolk—			
General ..	7	4	0
West Suffolk—			
General	14	15	6
House Party—			
General ..	16	18	5
National S.B. Women's Fellowship—			
Cambs. and E. Midlands—			
L.Z.A.	4	4	0
Suffolk Area—			
L.Z.A. ..	4	4	0

Personal—			
General Fund ..	2085	0	3
L.Z.A.	487	3	0
Legacies received—			
S.B.M.—			
Mr. J. E. Ashby	500	0	0
Mrs. L. E. Littleton .	100	0	0
Mrs. A. Whitelegg	40	16	2
Miss M. A. Smith ..	40	3	7
Mrs. J. Clarkson	25	0	0
Miss E. L. Langford (final instalment) ..	512	2	7
Miss E. Adams	100	0	0
	£1318	2	4
L.Z.A.—			
Mrs. L. E. Littleton ..	100	0	0
Mrs. J. Clarkson	20	0	0
	£120	0	0

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