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TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY
1965

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH HIM . . .

Herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth . . . other men laboured and ye are entered into their labours. Who then is Paul and who is Apollos . . . I have planted, Apollos watered; but GOD gave the increase. . . .

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SPECIAL NOTICE: The new address of **The Deputation Secretary** is—

Mr. E. Orchard, The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire.

Application for *all* Mission deputation meetings and services (other than those for the Ladies Zenana Auxiliary) should be sent directly to this new address. All Lord's Days in 1965 are now engaged, subject to the Will of the Lord, but every help will be given to secretaries who would make mid-week arrangements for Missionary deputation meetings. Coloured transparencies illustrating the needs of the work can be used if friends so desire. Please make EARLY application.

THE TREASURY — OCTOBER—NOVEMBER, 1964

Thus saith the Lord; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them. . . .

	RECEIVED £	PAID £
General Fund . .	2074	2396
Ladies Zenana Auxiliary	391	747
Special Funds . .	205	117
	£2670	£3260

It was felt that a brief note from the Treasurer might "illuminate" the figures month by month. Although we give figures every two months, any period taken on its own can be misleading. Expenditure is fairly even throughout the year, but giving fluctuates, the best periods usually being January, and June-July. Up to the end of November we are down as compared with last year. We had encouraging offerings (including two large silver spoons) at the Annual Meeting, totalling £666.



Open-air Preaching in Malaya. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt display one of the posters used as visual aids in this ministry. The ministry of the Word of God among Tamils still continues in Malaya, though we have no Missionaries from the Strict Baptist Mission in that country. *Photo: John De Kock.*

MALAYAN FLASH BACK

On a Sunday afternoon in Namakkal the last thing we expected was a visit from Malayan friends. But there they were, as large as life; two young men, one of whom I knew and one of whom was a stranger to me. But both had been blessed through the work of our missionaries.

Luke Devasahayam belongs to a Kolli Hill family that went to Malaya many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Orchard visited this family faithfully and patiently in the home where they lived on Rengam Estate in South Malaya. But in those early years, although the parents Luke and Kirubai were lovingly appreciative of the visits that were made the children and especially this eldest son did not display any very great interest. During our time we noticed a distinct change in the attitude of Devasahayam and although he never said much we began to hope that the Lord was working in his heart. When the Indian evangelists, Mr. and Mrs. Devairakkam settled in that area and we commended this family to their care it quickly became evident that our hopes of Devasahayam and indeed of the whole family were well founded.

After a few words of greeting and some conversation with the young man I knew so well I turned enquiringly to the other young man and to my surprise and delight discovered that he belonged to the Roman Catholic family on Ulu Paloh Estate that had bought so many Bibles from us after hearing our Tamil Broadcasts. It was his father who came eighty miles to our home to buy the first copy and the young man sitting in our front room was the son who had later written for a further three Tamil Bibles and an English Bible. His name too is Devasahayam and his father's name Thinesu. We had asked Mr. Devairakkam whether he could look up this family and he looked them up to such good purpose that in course of time Devasahayam was baptized.

The two young men are in India taking a Bible School Course and had come for a flying visit to the Kolli Hills where Luke's son has a number of relatives. He also has a cousin in our Hostel here in Namakkal. After they had brought up to date some of our Malayan news and we had exhorted them to make the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God the centre of all their faith and witness we prayed for and with them and let them go. It was like a breath of fresh air to have their brief visit and to know that our labour had not been in vain.

W. H. Kuhrt.

FROM FIREWALKING TO FAITH

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In 1960, when I was at St. Mark's Secondary School in North Malaya, a fifth-form Indian student began attending the Scripture Union meeting held each week in the School House. He had been brought up in a Hindu home and was known as a kind of spirit medium in the local Hindu temple.

Torture in the Tropical Sun

As a very small boy he had been dedicated to the Hindu gods and, at the age of seven, he developed some bad sores on his legs. His parents persuaded him to take a vow and carry a Kavadi every year at the Hindu feast of "Thaipusam". The former is a decorated framework which is supported by long steel lances pierced through the flesh of the devotee. These are carried on a long pilgrimage through the streets in the boiling tropical sun. Relations and friends walk along beside the one who is carrying the Kavadi, and with songs and rhythmic clapping they assist him on his journey. Sometimes young men and sometimes old men take part in these ceremonies, but the older ones often faint by the way-side from the pain and heat of the pilgrimage. At the end of their journey it is usual for these devotees to do fire-walking.



The meeting continues. In this kind of ministry it is necessary to explain the origins of sin, and to assert the fallen nature of mankind. So often a meeting will begin with the story of Creation and the Fall, and go on until as full an explanation as is possible is made. Then this is followed by a distribution of literature and the sale of Scriptures and other Christian literature. *Photo: John De Kock.*

This young student, Veerasami by name, took part in this ceremony every year from the age of seven until he was sixteen. He carried the Kavadi, with its long pointed spears poking through his flesh, and walked on the hot coals many times, but "though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing". His parents thought that by his going through such self-torture they would persuade the gods to listen to their prayers. People often came around and watched him working himself into a frenzy and going into a trance before he participated in these ceremonies.

When I first met him at the school, he told me that the headmaster had given him a Bible the year before and that he had started to read it, although his English was far from good. As the weeks went by, he attended the Scripture Union meeting without fail. He also continued reading his Bible which, he told me, to use his own words, "warmed my heart". In August of that year he attended a Youth Camp at a secondary school in Taiping where he heard an address given by a missionary on the text, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life" (Rom. 6. 23). This address led Veerasami to see for the first time that he was a

sinner in need of God's forgiveness. Religion had lifted him up with pride, and there is no worse form of pride than this; whereas God's truth is always humbling.

" I was not looking for trouble "

During this Camp he came to me and said that he was a Christian believer and wished to be baptised. I told him he would have to start attending Church and baptismal classes. This he did regularly over the next few months and I recall on one occasion that he noticed the contrast of kindness and friendship found in Christian fellowship compared with those he knew through Hinduism. He was in his last year at school, and I knew it was important for him to be firmly linked with Christian fellowship before the end of the year. Rumours began to circulate around the town that if Veerasami were baptised, there would be trouble from the local Hindus. He began to ask me for a definite date for his baptism and, as I am no St. Paul, I was not looking for trouble, so I endeavoured to dissuade him from taking such a step unless he really thought it wise. After some consultation with Indian Christians in the Church, along with his continued persistence and desire for baptism, I eventually fixed a date and he was baptised into Christ and given the name of Peter.

Thrown out, he still honoured them

On his return home he was told by his father that he was no longer one of the family. He had become one of the low caste and they did not want him any more. He had to stay for some time with Christian friends but he never wavered in his faith.

In the following year he began to teach in the afternoon primary school. Soon he was earning money and, in accordance with the commandment, he "honoured his father and mother" by giving some of his money to them. Some time later his parents became reconciled to the fact that he was a Christian and they received him back home. Just before I left Malaya, I visited his home and we had prayer together. His mother was reading the Bible in Tamil, but she felt that she could not take the step of baptism as the father was still very much opposed to the Gospel. That young man is still an outstanding witness amongst his own people, and he is being trained for some form of full-time service for Christ.

Lester Pfankuch.

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"PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER"

"What is it like in your country? Thousands of people go to Church, don't they? . . . London is a Christian city, isn't it? . . . BUT, they don't worship idols, do they? . . ."

Such were some of the questions asked by Matron and Pastor's wife as we sat together chatting. With much surprise and sorrow they learned that so few in England were true Christians, so few went to Church and so few even thought about God. "We must pray very much for England," they said, "we thought they were all Christians there."

"Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." Such is the attitude of many in our Homeland to-day. Things have never been so good. There is plenty of everything available—but no place for God in the lives of many.

In India there is famine. Wherever one goes long queues are seen for rice and other grains. Prices have shot up. Most things can be obtained at black market prices, but who can afford it?

As we sat chatting, Pastor's wife said, "What shall we do? Rice is now three shillings and fourpence a measure instead of one shilling and eightpence. How can we buy it? We can't afford it. We can only lay our needs before the Lord in Whose Hands are all things. He will give us sufficient to eat. I believe that if we trust Him for our needs He will not let us go hungry".

Trials and troubles strengthen faith in true Christians but luxury and ease tends to spiritual weakness.

Remember the needs of India. Remember the many poor Christians who cannot afford to buy the food they need. They are praying for our country—will you pray for them?

Margaret M. Cook.

A HILL-FOOT EXPERIENCE

As the sun rises in a sky of cloudless blue, its dazzling rays light up a grey, bare hillside and glitters on the placid waters, lying still and silent at its foot. All around the green corn waves gently in the breeze: everywhere is hushed in silence.

Six women, all dressed in cotton or linen saris, and each carrying a bag of books in their hand, walk jungle fashion towards the pool. From an easterly direction come the beat of a drum and the faint strains of singing. To the north and west people are seen walking among the corn fields; they too draw near to the pool where now, the voice of praise re-echoes against the rocky hillside.

Nine women stand quietly by the waters edge, while others gather round, and the service commences with the singing of a lyric of praise. After prayer a portion is read from Acts, Chapter 16, and a suitable message given from verses 14 and 15. With the singing of that well known hymn, "I am not ashamed to own my Lord", Joyce, the daughter of a Biblewoman, steps into the water, for her desire this day is to publicly confess Christ as her Saviour by baptism; she was followed by Selvabarkiam, who hearing God's voice to her through Deut., Chapter 28. 1, 2, obeyed His commands and now unitedly sang—

> At the Cross! At the Cross! where I first saw the light,
> And the burden of my heart roll'd away;
> It was there by faith I received by sight,
> And now I am happy all the day!

A woman, dressed in white, now enters the pool: one Sunday she took up her water pot and closing the door of her Hindu home, went towards the well; on her way, she stood for a while at the door of a chapel,



Pavitram Tank. View towards Morupatti. This is an irrigation reservoir: the kind of place most suitable, after the rains, for the simple form of Believer's Baptism. Such a service is a Public Testimony on the part of the Church, as well as on the part of those confessing their faith in the Lord. *Photo: George F. Champion.*

the speaker that day was talking about the Water of Life, as she listened she was convicted of her sin and of her need of the Living Water of Life; now she too could sing, "Jesus, My God, I know His name, His name is all my trust". Leila Pushpam spoke of how she too with the Publican of old, had cried: God be merciful to be a sinner. Esther's testimony was that she loved Him, because He hath heard my voice and my supplication. Grace stepped forward to the strains of—

Firm as His throne His promise stands,
And He can well secure
What I've committed to His hands,
Till the decisive hour.

A young girl, Muttukaliammal by name, now hurries into the crowd, she had walked several miles carrying her sick child, but nothing would hinder her too from publicly confessing her Lord at this time. She said that when she was a small child she lived near the home of a Christian woman; whose life greatly influenced her, and she too had the desire to be a Christian. After some time she moved away from that village, but God brought her into contact with a Biblewoman, and through her visits Muttukaliammal, now called Esther, came to know the Lord of Life.

Selvabarkiam, rejoicing in Psalm 23. 3 steps forward to receive the blessing of obedience, she is followed by Ramalakshmi who was given the name of Ruth. Her testimony is that the Lord spoke to her through the life and experiences of Hannah. Annakili trusted Him because of the Words of Christ: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. With the singing of another lyric of praise and the benediction the service was brought to a close.

Miss M. Hawes.

THE GOSPEL

We were in the school chapel building in the small village of Terkukonarkottai. It was Saturday evening, about half-past nine. As I was staying for the week-end there had been a Women's Meeting instead of the usual family prayers conducted for the Christian community by the senior teacher. Most of the women had gone home, tired after a day's work in the fields and their household chores.

Two men came in. One of them looked elderly—by Indian standards, that is. Probably he is not much more than fifty years old. He said that he wanted to buy a lyric book. Thirty-five paysa was the price of the one which he bought. It had a bright orange and white paper cover and contained seventy lyrics. The book was for his son, and he asked me to write the boy's name in it. Then Devakirubai, the father, saw some Gospels. He decided to buy a copy of Luke. His work-strained but happy face was lit up by the small flames of a couple of hurricane

lanterns. "It was through this book that I became a Christian," he explained. A few questions helped him to tell a little more of the story. He bought a copy of Luke for half an anna at the festival time in the town of Sankarankoil. He did not know when, but it was before the school was built. He showed the book to older men, and read to them. From such a beginning the Christian community in that village has grown.

For a number of years Devakirubai was away on the mountains working in a tea plantation. At one time, he was very hard up and sold his Bible and hymn book to get a little money. He hopes to buy another Bible soon. We rejoice that Bibles are available at much below cost price because of the gifts of the Lord's children to those responsible for producing and distributing the Scriptures.

Olive R. Knight.



Selling Christian Literature in India. An essential part of the ministry of God's Word in the villages. The arrival of God's servants with their books always draws children and adults alike, and this provides an audience which listens with varying degrees of patience to the spoken Word, and then eagerly takes the Written Word. "He bought a copy of Luke for half an Anna (about an halfpenny)." Photo: George F. Champion.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It was good to have news of the steady progress which the various Mission "patients" have been making. Mr. H. J. Appleby is finding quiet and rest in Suffolk and the good English climate useful stimuli to returning health and strength. Miss Nellie Hawes is now well over the effects of her visit to hospital and looks forward to an active programme

of meetings, God-willing, later in the year. News from our colleagues, Mr. and Mrs. Champion, is also helpful and reassuring. May the Lord continue to help and bless each of our friends, and others of our colleagues who may have faced recently the weakening effects of ill-health.

A Malayan newspaper report that 200 Malay Moslems had professed faith in Christ, quickens the pulses of our prayers for Malaysia, and in particular for the Moslem population of Malaya. In his "Day of Prayer" letter Mr. J. Oswald Sanders, General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship of the China Inland Mission, asks, "Is this the long prayed for break in that country?"

Friends will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Thrower and Mr. and Mrs. Huckett expect to sail for India, God willing, on January 8th, 1965. We are grateful for the way in which our brethren and sisters have given such careful and valuable service in connection with the Mission's work while they have been on furlough. We believe that many Churches and individual supporters of the Mission's ministry have been enriched and quickened through the ministry of God's servants. The Lord's Name alone be praised, and to Him be the glory.

The recently issued Strict Baptist Mission Prayer Union Calendar provides a cycle of thirty-one days of information for prayers. Though mainly intended to be used by Prayer Union members, it is, in itself, a book full of useful information regarding the Mission and could well be used by every thoughtful supporter of the work as a guide to topical prayer. The price is 1s. 0d. per copy and copies can be obtained from the General Secretary, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

The 1964 Annual meetings of the Mission were marked by an awareness of the growing needs of the work and the question of stewardship was raised again and again. Greatly increased responsibility made us aware of our dependence upon the Lord for the daily sustenance of the work. JEHOVAH JIREH. The messages from God's Word, fitly illustrated by incidents from the field, were listened to with attention and profit. Miss Hazel spoke at the Ladies' Meeting, and Mr. Thrower in Public Meeting which followed. The evening meeting under the Chairmanship of the President, Pastor E. J. Wood, can best be reported in the Words of the Book which were used "The Lord said unto me, go . . . Now, therefore, go . . . go and tell . . . I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision". God gave through the generosity of His people over £660 during the day.

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Mission to the Tamil People

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

How ready and courteous was the Apostle to recognise the part that others shared in his life and ministry. "Your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now . . ." was his glad thanksgiving. The Gospel is not preached in isolation. Recognition of this fact does not weaken, but rather strengthens the work which we seek to do for the Lord. It is a humbling but encouraging experience to know that others have laboured and we are entered into their labours.

The more obvious "helps" to the ministry of the Mission—some of which have been gladly acknowledged on the front page—ought not to make us overlook the "hidden" ones. Think of the God-given men and women of other generations upon whose faithful ministry for the Master much of our present work depends. Their long and arduous labours make our pathway easy. We are entered into their labours. Remember, also, gratefully, in this present time, the great company of prayer-partners, and devoted workers for the furtherance of the Gospel in Churches, Sunday Schools, Youth meetings, Bible Colleges, and in other places, whose fellowship is a real strength to the work though much of their ministry is hidden.

Then how shall we estimate the value of the help which has come to us from other Missionary Societies, Missions and organisations devoted to the spread of the Gospel. Some of the work which we have been able to do, under the good hand of the Lord, could only have been done through the fellowship of other groups, and the work gains its strength and continuance through their help. From others—such as the Bible Societies, Publishing Houses, Printers, and Gospel Recordings Inc., we draw the means to wage our warfare. The Lord graciously bless them.

In some cases the Strict Baptist Mission supplies the means through which the Lord enables others to work for Him. The Far East Broadcasting Company is an example of this kind of fellowship; for, though the Company would continue to broadcast were the facilities not available, their work in the Tamil ministry is strengthened and helped by the regular supplies of Tamil programmes from the Mission Studio in Kovilpatti. Gospel Recordings, Inc. have also used with advantage the skills and equipment made available by the Mission. This is the enrichment which fellowship in the Gospel always brings. God is neither hindered nor helped by what we do; but uses what He wills to fulfil His sovereign purpose.

Make me as Thy pure air
That Thou dost pour Thy colours through,
As though it were not there.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

MARCH-APRIL
1965

WORK AMONG WOMEN
GIFT WEEK
1965



BUSY HOUSEWIFE. "*Take a little onion, tumeric, coriander, garlic, coconut, tamarind, pepper, mustard, chilli, mint, caraway seed, etc., and carefully mix in the way your mother showed you and. . . .*"

On every side the narrow dwelling lies open, on every part the rain drips down; yet, if the dame has noble gifts, praised by the townsfolk for her modest worth, such a housewife's blest abode is indeed *a home!*

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Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—MARCH 3rd, Cambridge, Eden; 4th, Carlton; 6th, Sleaford; 7th, Billinghay; 9th, Caterham; 14th, Ramsey; 16th, Farnham; 20th, Dunstable, S.S.; 21st, New Cross; 24th, Croydon, Derby Road; 25th, Guildford; 28th, Redbourn.

APRIL 1st, Warbleton; 2nd, Borough Green F.O.Y.; 4th, Leiston, Faith; 7th, Bedford, Providence; 9th, Warboys F.O.Y.; 11th, Staines; 12th, Thame; 18th, Thornhill; 25th, Bradfield St. George; 27th, Half-yearly Meetings; 28th, Croydon, Derby Road.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPUTATION MEETINGS AND SERVICES

We are glad to say that arrangements can now be made for **Miss N. Hawes** to visit Churches. Until June, when our colleague begins normal furlough ministry, she is available to speak in East Anglia and Essex about the work of the Lord among TAMILS. **Miss L. S. Hazel** continues, God willing, her valuable work, and is available to speak on behalf of the Mission particularly in Sussex and the South-east. **Miss E. M. Flory** arrives home, D.V., in March, and will be commencing Deputation ministry in June. Please contact:

Mrs. D. Symonds, 7 Dyke Road Avenue, Hove, 4,

in connection with meetings for our friends mentioned above.

All available Lord's Days in 1965 are now fully engaged, but friends in the Churches are invited to think of a mid-week meeting in which up-to-date information about the work can be given. All enquiries regarding General Deputation work should please be addressed to the Deputation Secretary:

Mr. E. Orchard, The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedford.

QUARTERLY PRAYER MEETING FOR LADIES

A warm invitation to all ladies is given to attend the next meeting which will, God-willing, take place on MARCH 23rd, at 7.30 p.m., in Grove Hill Baptist Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Speaker: Mrs. N. Perry, of Greenwich.

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

THE LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

ANNUAL GIFT WEEK

MARCH 7th-13th, 1965

"BRING YE ALL THE TITHES . . . AND PROVE ME NOW"
(Mal. 3. 10)

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

These gifts and all amounts for the L.Z.A. should be sent to:

Miss R. FROMOW, 216 Gordon Avenue, Camberley, Surrey.

The text chosen from Malachi 3. 10 for this year's gift week envelopes reads, "Bring ye ALL the tithes into the storehouse . . . prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it".

What a privilege and responsibility is ours to have a share in this loved work of proclaiming the Gospel to the women of South India. We notice in these words: the command of the Lord, the proof of obedience to that command, and the great blessing which accompanies obedience.

Since I have been in England I have been impressed by the large amounts of money which so many people earn. My readers, when you receive your wage packet, is your first concern to "prove the Lord" by your obedience in this matter to Him. Our time, our strength, our being, our doing, our speaking are all under His control—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" is the command to His redeemed children.

There are still vast numbers, particularly of women and children in the Tamil parts of South India who have only heard the Gospel of the Grace of God once or twice, and many others who have never heard at all. This vast spiritual need is illustrated by the immense physical need. I quote from a letter received from India: "What shall we do? Rice is 3s. 4d. a measure instead of 1s. 8d. How can we afford to buy it? We cannot. We can only lay our needs before the Lord in whose hands are all things. He will give us sufficient to eat. If we trust Him for our needs He will not let us go hungry." Such words surely cannot leave our hearts—and pockets—untouched.

I know a family in India, each member of which tithed their income. As this tenth was put aside for the furtherance of God's Kingdom they

proved Him by an outpouring of blessing which resulted in spiritual and material prosperity.

As I look back over the years to these special appeals for help I remember Hostels, Sunday Schools, individual village women who have received blessing through the sacrificial giving of God's people here in the Homeland. Think of the way in which the vehicle, which is used for the work among village women and children, was provided. By this means many of you share in the proclamation of the Gospel in the villages.

Money is not the only thing of value: your time—yourself? May it be the Lord's purpose through this gift week to lay His Hand upon someone whom He will take to India to teach the women and children. As you open this issue of *The Herald* and find the envelope inside, do not try to absolve your responsibility by the use only of a coin—that is but a token—think and pray that the Lord may lead you fully to understand His mind and will for you in this work for Him. May be He is requiring of us that which demands that we cease to be patrons, and become partners in the work among the Tamils in India and elsewhere. Such a time of examination may lead us to the prayer—prayed with understanding:

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my love, my LORD I pour,
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be,
Ever, only, Lord, for THEE.

L. S. HAZEL.



DILIGENT SHOPKEEPER. "She is like the merchants' ships: she bringeth her food from afar." Foodstuff, fruit, grain, sweetmeats, condiments: these are her stock in trade. Her shop: the verandah floor of the village temple, or a sack spread in the friendly shade of a tree, or a rough and ready shack pitched near her house.

FURLOUGH FLASHES

Welcome. We were received with snowy weather but warm handshakes on our arrival in London in March, 1964. Official welcome gatherings at Ipswich and Brighton instead of the usual one in London constituted a much appreciated change, for these spring rallies (together with the Wiltshire week-end) gave us heart-warming contacts with many of our friends in the provinces.

Fellowship. Renewed fellowship with many old and new friends in many places during the furlough as usual, proved to be both a rich and an enriching experience. We gladly take this opportunity of thanking all who so warmly and helpfully welcomed us to their Church fellowship and to their homes.

Holiday. The two weeks that we spent at the Burnham-on-Sea F.O.Y. House Party will be long remembered as a time of great joy and blessing. It is no new thing for love matches to be made at house parties, and we certainly fell in love with our young friends during those happy days.

Farewell. We are grateful to all who participated in the S.B.M. Farewell gathering at the Angel Baptist Church on January 1st, and particularly to Pastor A. G. Cook for the helpful, constructive message which he gave on that occasion. On the following evening our friends at our own Church at Courland Grove, Clapham, staged a less formal send-off which deeply touched our hearts. Some of the members of the F.O.Y. class delighted us with a song composed by themselves featuring various aspects of our furlough. The refrain, which we were assured was not to be taken too literally, was certainly calculated to speed us on our way. It ran thus: "Hurray! They're goin' away".

VENTURE IN THE VOYAGE

There's a venture in the voyage,
And though the seas are wide
The Master knows His business.
There's land the other side.

Pastor A. G. Cook's message at the Farewell Meeting on January 1st was a brief but helpful exposition of the phrase, "He increaseth strength" (Is. 40. 29). The address, which was to us a spiritual tonic, dealt with strength of vision, strength of vocation, and strength of venture.

On the voyage back to India our gracious God did indeed increase for us and our colleagues the strength of venture, enabling us to venture forth with renewed vision to continue in the vocation to which He has called us.

On the second Sunday of the voyage, Mr. H. A. Huckett conducted a service in the ship's lounge; the captain read the lessons. The service

lasted no longer than thirty minutes, but was more helpful and satisfying than many a service of thrice that length. The address, which we are sure was a means of help and blessing to many of those present, was a brief exposition of Romans 10. 12, 13.

The children's party was a time of delight to the sixty and more youngsters aboard. The concluding part of the proceedings consisted of recitations by a number of the tiny tots, some of which were highly amusing. Several said nursery rhymes, but one little Indian girl's contribution was certainly the best of the bunch. She recited the whole of the carol "Away in a manger" without a mistake.

We enjoyed fellowship with a number of other Christian workers during the trip, and altogether the voyage was a good one. Landfall was made at Bombay at noon on January 28th, and we proceeded to the Nilgiris by train and bus. For us there was a new type of venture in this voyage, for we set out from England not knowing where we could reside after reaching Kotagiri. But the Master knows His business; there's land this other side, and He has a home for us in it—of this we are sure. As we write we are spending our days viewing houses and endeavouring to locate the one of His choice.

David and Marty Thrower,

Nilgiri Hills, South India.



CAREFUL WORKER. "She worketh willingly with her hands . . . and giveth meat to her household." Tea-picking on the Nilgiri Hills.

FURLOUGH REFLECTIONS

The speed of life in England to-day makes it very difficult to reflect about anything at all when one is deeply involved in furlough activities. From the vantage point of the voyage back to India it is possible to see in retrospect some of the main features of our stay in the Homeland. First came the period of integration—the arrival in England—re-union with the family—getting to know them individually once again—learning how to shop and finding one's way round in a country where so many changes have taken place. It was very cold when we first arrived, but the beauties of spring soon burst upon us in bloom and blossom against a background of glorious green.

We were deeply impressed by the warm welcome we received from the friends at West Ham and Devonshire Drive at the beginning of our furlough and in over fifty other Churches which we visited later. Many Churches have gone down in numbers, and some, alas, in spiritual vigour. In a few places there was a refreshing sense of spiritual power and life, and one felt that an impact was being made on the neighbourhood around. Generally speaking, however, one has to admit with sorrow that the level of spiritual life at home has sadly deteriorated. Sunday School work is an uphill task these days, but we did go to one or two Churches where children gathered in good numbers, though teachers were in short supply. Valiant attempts are being made in some Churches to reach young people who are completely outside Christian influences.

We noted with approval that some of our chapels have been renovated or are entirely new. They looked very attractive, but we were sorry to see some places looking very drab and not at all worthy of the Lord Who is worshipped in them. Surely God's house should be as attractive and well cared for as our own homes. There is also a need for more reverence to be shown in our places of worship BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER services. In one place we saw people chewing while we were preaching, and in another, sweets were passed round while the service was in progress. Talking before the service starts is checked in one place we visited by a deacon announcing a chapter for reading and meditation. This practice could well be adopted in all our churches.

Interest in the Mission has been increased amongst F.O.Y. members through the Bookmobile Campaign and through the Rallies held in Suffolk, Wiltshire, and other counties. Interest seems greatest where

churches have missionaries on the field, through whom up-to-date information about the work can be obtained and prayer stimulated. Giving for the work of the Mission has improved, but it has not increased in proportion to the commitments we are now facing in India. In view of the great increase in earned income in many homes it is surprising that there is not more sacrificial giving to the Lord. We gratefully acknowledge that there are some who do give sacrificially.

We were constantly impressed by the great plenty that abounds on every hand, shops bursting with food supplies, comforts, and amenities of every kind. It was such a sharp contrast to the poverty, often extreme poverty of our Indian brothers and sisters. It made us feel guilty and ashamed of having so much when they have so little. We have more than enough to eat, while they often go hungry. Many in India would be really grateful for what is thrown away in the west.

We much enjoyed our furlough and the happy fellowship we had with so many friends in the home churches. We have many happy memories to carry back with us. We shall value the prayer support of all the Lord's people as we face another term of service for the Master in India.

H. A. Huckett,
Namakkal, Salem District,
South India.

HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS

APRIL 27th, 1965 (D.V.)

Afternoon 3.30. Evening 6.30.

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

Speakers: **Mr. H. J. Appleby, Miss E. M. Flory** and **Pastor P. Day** (Stowmarket)

Tea tickets 2/- each from General Secretary: **61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4**

THE TREASURY **DECEMBER 1964—JANUARY 1965**

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund Including £970 legacies	£3722	£2276
Special Funds	406	359
Ladies Zenana Auxiliary	569	509
	£4697	£3143

We have received many encouraging gifts during December and January, and the legacies of £970 have helped to make it a good total on the received side. One of the encouraging things is the amount of gifts from Sunday Schools and similar sources. £311 came from Sunday Schools, etc., in these two months. How this cheers us.

Anonymous gifts gratefully received:
Putney £1 10s.; Guildford £5; No postmark £2.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Amalgamation of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary with the General Work of the Strict Baptist Mission.

After long, prayerful, and careful discussion between the Missionary Conference on the Field, and the Council at home, and the Ladies Zenana Auxiliary Committee the following announcement of intention has been authorised.

At a special meeting of delegates arranged for April 27th, 1965, the proposal that the L.Z.A. shall be amalgamated with the S.B.M. is to be discussed. Our friends and subscribers are asked to kindly note:

1. The proposal was first made by the Ladies Zenana Auxiliary Executive believing it to be the will of the Lord, so they asked the Council to consider the matter.

2. The proposal was then submitted to the Conference of missionaries in India for their prayerful consideration and a favourable reply was received.

3. The Home Council, knowing the ladies themselves to be in favour, and having the agreement of Conference are submitting the proposal to the delegates meeting for discussion and decision on April 27th, 1965.

4. The proposed arrangements will allow the continuation of the important work amongst women and girls in India, and ladies will also have an active part in the administration at home through the Annual General Meeting of delegates and the Council of the Mission.

5. The proposal if accepted will simplify the administrative work of the Mission and result in a saving of time and money.

PERCY H. CREES,

General Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY

With the coming to India of three friends from the Australian Churches a new page in the history of the Mission has been turned. This statement of fact demands the widest publicity in order that the strongest support through prayer may be given to our friends of the Strict and Particular Baptist Churches in Australia in their venture of faith. Recently, we had news through Pastor J. L. Lincolne, of Latrobe, that, "On November the 7th, 1964, the Australian Auxiliary of the Strict Baptist Mission was formed with Mr. Obed Evans as President, Mr. Bryan Crawford as Secretary, and Mr. David Austin as Treasurer. This is a cause for much rejoicing among us and the unity and eagerness of all the churches represented was most encouraging. Churches represented were Ryde, Geelong, Latrobe, and Launceston (newly formed). Any enthusiasm was not just in forming an Auxiliary but a seeking to know, and answer



REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FIELD OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES. Mr. Les. Ryan who lives at Namakkal, Salem District, South India, and his fiancée, Miss Jeanette Broadby, who lives at Kovilpatti, Tirunelveli District, South India, are both busy at Tamil study in preparation for future work in South India. Recently they were joined by another member of one of the Australian Churches, Miss Phyllis White.

to, our responsibility in the work. We are thankful to be with you in this, and for your grace in receiving us."

The coming together of the Australian Churches to carry forward the work of the Gospel under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in obedience to the revealed will of the Lord is as significant as was the meeting in Keppel Street Chapel over a hundred years ago that gave birth, under the blessing of God, to the Strict Baptist Mission.

Though the friends in the Australian Churches are content to work together with us in this new beginning, nothing ought to be allowed to mask the nature of their determination to be obedient to the command of the Lord. By coming together in this way prayerfully and practically to support those of their own number they do but fulfil a New Testament pattern of fellowship in service. Our missionary colleagues sent out from the Australian Churches, Mr. Les. Ryan, Miss Jeanette Broadby, Miss Phyllis White, and Miss Yvonne Conacher, will not only represent their Churches on the field but will have a special responsibility, through the Mission, to report back to their friends in Australia how the Hand of the Lord has been upon them in the work. Only by this kind of fellowship will they be an extension of their own Churches' witness to the power of the Saving Grace of our Lord, and so a New Testament pattern of work be maintained.

The work of God done among the Tamils by the Mission has been of interest to some of the Australian Churches for many years, and regular support for the work has been given. Though the financial total of this support has not been large, it is an evidence of much interest sustained without the encouragement of regular and personal deputation ministry

from the field. Now we may hope that with these very live and personal links which have been established there will be a growing practical support for the work. God always first lays upon the mind of His people a burden for some particular work in His Kingdom, and then provides the means to do that work by exciting the interest in the work that demands its support.

EDITOR'S MISCELLANY

New Year Prayer Meeting and Farewell Service. It was good to see the floor of Chadwell Street Chapel full, and people in the gallery for this meeting. A happy freedom in prayer, and a sense of the Lord's Presence made it a memorable gathering.

Tamil Text Cards. Nearly all children in India save stamps, so when you use stamped postcards for your Tamil Texts, please try to leave the stamp exposed. This excellent suggestion from Mrs. Champion, if acted upon, would save many a useful card from being destroyed by the keen stamp collector whose loyalties are divided by the stamp and the card!

Radio Programmes. Praise God that in answer to prayer most of the difficulties over jamming of broadcasts have been overcome, mainly by a repeat broadcast of our Tamil programmes at a different time of day. December figures were: Letters received 113, new writers 56, old writers 57. In nine of the letters correspondents enquired the way of Salvation.

Honorary Philatelist. This title belongs to our good friend Mrs. F. May, of 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts., who has prepared a number of approval sheets and packets of Foreign Stamps. She will send on approval to any address, and payment can be made to her for stamps retained. Mrs. May is still eager to receive any used British and Foreign Postage Stamps and these will be sold to help forward the work of the Gospel among Tamil speaking people.

Missing Projector and Slides. Miss Hazel is happy to report that her projector and slides have been found. She is most grateful to the many friends who prayed about this matter. In these practical things our gracious God still is a prayer-answering God.

Health of Missionaries. We have been concerned to hear of recent visits to Hospital by Mrs. Grist and Mrs. Field, but news of them is reassuring. Mr. Appleby and Miss Hawes both continue towards full health and strength. Please remember often in your prayers our friends in India who are under such strain in these days from lack of suitably balanced diets: some foodstuffs are extremely difficult to obtain.

Resignation of Financial Secretary. We regret very much that our brother, Pastor W. H. Pounds, has had to resign under doctor's advice, owing to ill-health. Please lay the matter of a successor in this important office before the Lord in prayer, that in answer to prayer alone God's choice may be made known.

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Mission to the Tamil People

BITTERNESS

One day before the little hut she called home, we came upon one with bitterness in her heart, and shadows in her eyes. We sat down beside her, but she neither looked nor spoke as we addressed her. Nearby was a child, and we held out inviting hands to the toddler, who crept up to us, took fast hold of a finger, and laughed. The baby's laugh was irresistible, and the hard lines relaxed about the mother's mouth, and she was induced to tell us the following story. The Mission School had been in existence some little time in that village, and she had sent her eight-year-old boy to learn. But one day sudden fear possessed her when the villagers told her that the gods would be avenged on her for sending her boy to a Christian School. She hurried the boy to the little temple under the palmyras, with an offering of three coconuts for the goddess. She broke the first coconut, and a stab went through her heart when she found the inside brown and rotten. She hurriedly took the second—oh, surely that would be all right!—but, no Shola-ammal was still unappeased, and the nut proved a bad one. The third one—"Oh! cruel goddess, give me peace in the third one," she cried, and broke the shell with trembling haste. She hardly dared look inside; but there it lay—dry and brown and decayed. Then despair fell upon her, and wailing she brought her boy home, for he was not to be hers much longer. The days passed, and the boy fell ill, and she watched him slowly, slowly slipping away. Each day found him weaker and more precious to the mother's heart. She gave him no medicine, asked no human aid, for Shola-ammal's hand was upon him. So he died, and darkness enclosed her, and her heart became harder than those rejected coconuts in the temple court.

We knew not how to reason with or comfort that despairing one; but God gave words, and she listened.

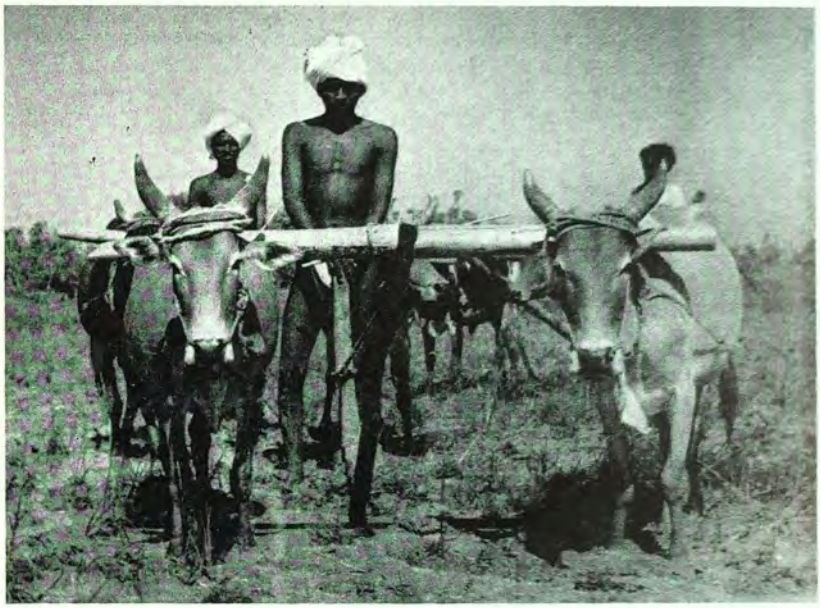
WINIFRED BOOTH.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

MAY-JUNE
1965

AGRICULTURISTS ARE THE LINCH-PIN OF THE WORLD, FOR THEY SUPPORT ALL OTHER WORKERS WHO DO NOT TILL THE SOIL.

The Tamil Classic—Tirukkural.



Ploughing. *Photo: By courtesy of H. J. Appleby.*

DOTH THE PLOUGHMAN PLOUGH ALL DAY TO SOW? DOTH HE OPEN AND BREAK THE CLODS OF HIS GROUND? WHEN HE HATH MADE PLAIN THE FACE THEREOF DOTH HE NOT CAST ABROAD THE FITCHES, AND SCATTER THE CUMMIN, AND CAST IN WHEAT IN THE PRINCIPAL PLACE, AND BARLEY AND RYE IN THE APPOINTED PLACE?

ELISHA . . . WHO WAS PLOUGHING WITH TWELVE YOKE OF OXEN BEFORE HIM AND HE WITH THE TWELFTH. . . .

NO MAN, HAVING PUT HIS HAND TO THE PLOUGH, AND LOOKING BACK, IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

FRONT COVER: *Ploughing. The plough, made of wood with an iron-tipped shard, has not altered very much from the one used in India in the time of Elisha. So light that it can be carried by one man. Without any means of balance except that provided by the firm, experienced hand of the ploughman, it is drawn by a yoke of oxen whose pull under the pressure of the man's hand drives the ploughshare into the ground. Quite often to save going over the same plot of land again to get the right tilth a number of ploughs will be at work together.*

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MAY AND JUNE, 1965
(God Willing)

You are earnestly invited to share in this ministry by prayer and in fellowship with God's children when the services or meetings are held in your neighbourhood.

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—MAY 2nd, Reigate, Meadvale, Jireh; 16th, Rattlesden; 23rd, Horsham; 25th, Brixton, Solon Road.

JUNE 2nd, Stratford, Gurney Road; 6th, 7th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 9th, Shalford; 12th, 13th, Midlands Missionary Week-end; 20th, Beccles; 27th, Ipswich, Mt. Zion and Grundisburgh (afternoon).

Pastor D. J. Moon.—MAY 30th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hill.
JUNE 27th, Greenwich.

Pastor A. W. Whayman.—June 27th, Waldringfield.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. H. J. Appleby.—MAY 2nd, Kesgrave; 6th, Chelmsford, F.O.Y.; 9th, Ipswich, Bethesda; 12th, Croydon, District Meeting; 13th, Hounslow; 15th, 16th, Royton; 18th, Bedworth; 19th, Hinckley; 22nd, New Cross Prayer Circle; 23rd, Woolwich; 24th, New Cross W.M.; 25th, Homerton, W.M.; 30th, Bromley.

JUNE 6th, 7th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 13th, Islington, Chadwell St.; 14th, Leyton; 16th, High Wycombe (afternoon and evening); 20th, Richmond, Salem; 23rd, New Cross, Box-opening; 24th, Epsom; 27th, Haslemere; 30th, Wood Green, Park Ridings (afternoon and evening).

ADDRESS: 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel.: TIDeway 1841.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—MAY 5th, Lewisham; 6th, Basildon; 13th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hill; 18th, Gadebridge.

JUNE 27th, Lewisham (Children's Hour), Belvedere S.S.; 29th, Brighton, Tab.

ADDRESS: 4 Chichester Close, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. Tel. Bexhill 5039.

Miss N. Hawes.—MAY 27th, Ipswich, Whitton.

JUNE 7th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 9th, 10th, Suffolk and Norfolk Association Meetings; 23rd, Staines.

ADDRESS: White House Farm, Athelington, Diss, Norfolk.

Miss E. M. Flory.—JUNE 2nd, Beccles; 6th, 7th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 9th, 10th, Suffolk and Norfolk Association Meetings; 11th, 12th, 13th, Midlands Missionary Week-end; 17th, Whittlesey; 23rd, Clapham, Courland Grove; 24th, Croydon, Derby Road; 27th, Ipswich, Mount Zion.

ADDRESS: 100 Back Hamlet, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—MAY 2nd, Chelmsford; 9th, West Ham; 12th, Croydon District Meeting; 16th, Brentford; 23rd, Clayton West; 24th, Thornhill; 25th, Bury; 27th, Rotherham; 30th, Tottenham.

JUNE 2nd, Cambridge, Eden; 3rd, Wivelsfield; 6th, 7th, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 9th, 10th, Suffolk and Norfolk Association Meetings; 13th, Leyton; 20th, New Cross; 22nd, Burnley; 26th, 27th, Haworth.

ADDRESS: The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedford. Tel.: Sharnbrook 575.

PRAYER MEETING FOR LADIES. The next quarterly Prayer Meeting will be held, God-willing, at West Hill Baptist Chapel, Wandsworth, on JUNE 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. D. J. Moon will be in the chair, and Mrs. H. J. Appleby will speak. ALL LADIES WELCOME.

Mr. Jones, writing from PANAYADIPATTI, pin-points a problem of Christian behaviour under provocation:

ANBINAGARAM—ABODE OF LOVE— A VILLAGE BELIES ITS NAME

For some time there has been trouble between the Roman Catholics and Baptists in ANBINAGARAM. A few months ago the Roman Catholics applied to the local government for land on which to build a chapel. The only vacant land in the village is next to the Baptist Chapel. The Baptists (rightly, we think) do not want the Roman Catholics next door to them, and so lodged a petition against the grant for land. Last month a high official in the local government department came to the village to view the site, and also to interview both sections of the community. The official, who was a Hindu (Brahmin) was not impressed by the behaviour of the Christian community. The Hindus cannot understand why Roman Catholics and Protestants cannot live peaceably together. In their minds Roman Catholics and Protestants belong to the Christian caste.

This proposed building project has increased the friction between the two sections of the community. There has been a great lack of Christian understanding and charity on both sides. We believe that the officials will have a difficult time in trying to reach a decision over this matter. Please pray that the Lord's Will may be done. Please pray too that a spirit of charity may be displayed by all concerned in this problem.

S.B.M. CONFERENCE, 1965

Although this is an "official" report of the S.B.M. Conference, 1965, for me this year's Conference was touched with sadness and joy. Sadness because our colleagues who are in England could not be present and joy because our Australian friends were with us, for the first time.

We did praise God that despite travelling difficulties caused by anti-Hindu demonstrations, all the missionaries were able to assemble at Kotagiri by the evening of the 11th February.

On Friday we had a day of prayer, and during the following days of Conference we had a period of devotion before each session of business. Every morning Mr. Huckett gave helpful talks on a chapter from the Book of the Revelation and our other brethren conducted the afternoon meetings.

At every Conference important decisions regarding our ministry in India have to be made. This year was no exception to the rule; and we can say that each one of us who were present, experienced the Lord's help.

At the first address in the first prayer session, we were reminded of the Ark of the Lord being in the midst of the Children of Israel. The Ark was a sign to the people that God was in their midst. We were exhorted to keep the Lord in our midst and always in the centre of our life and service. Truly at this Conference the Lord was in our midst.

Elsie L. Jones.



The Piccotta or Water Lift. A man-powered arrangement built out of a tree stump, bamboo, stone, straw rope, and leather iron-clad bucket. Balancing on the fulcrum the man brings his weight down first one side then the other, and so the water is lifted out of the well and is poured into the thirsty channels that feed the fields.

Photo:
By courtesy of H. J. Appleby.

WILTSHIRE WHITSUN MISSIONARY WEEKEND

June 6th and 7th

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

MIDLANDS MISSIONARY MEETINGS

June 12th and 13th

Details from Mr. A. Bucknall, Ashbourne, Saunders Avenue, Bedworth, Nuneaton, Warks.

MY DEATH—A WITNESS

Recently a funeral procession wended its way through the streets of the village of Nallipalayam. Instead of the usual drumming, wailing, and devil-dancing, Christian hymns of victory were being sung; texts such as "I know that my Redeemer liveth" were being called out. This was probably the first Christian funeral in that village. The Lord had called to Himself Periathambi, the old washerman, who for years had been a secret believer in the Lord Jesus.

It was in 1961 that I first heard about him and started visiting his home. Years ago he had been washerman for the Namakkal missionaries and boarding home; different Christians had witnessed to him, and the Lord worked the miracle of salvation; he became a child of God. He began to attend services in the chapel. But when faced with the question of baptism, he evaded the issue, through fear of his Hindu relatives.

When I first went to see him, and enquired the way to his house, it was a joy to hear two different people say, "Do you mean the Christian dhobie (washerman)?" Evidently he had been living in such a way that the Hindus recognised him as a Christian. He was by this time old, unable to work, and spent most of the time lying or sitting on his string cot, reading from the four Gospels, or singing from his hymnbook. He kept these books carefully tied up in a clean white cloth, to prevent insects damaging them. One day he asked, "Who will read my books when I am gone?"

Latterly he became increasingly weak. He was praying the Lord to take him home. His great fear was that his Hindu relatives would burn his body according to Hindu rites. "I want my death to be a witness," he would say. Within three or four months of his death, he had asked to be baptised: "I should have been baptised years ago, but was afraid. Now God has given me courage. Maybe He is waiting for me to obey Him before He answers my prayer and calls me home". But this wish was not to be granted; he soon became bed-ridden. To him the Lord could say, "Thou didst well that it was in thine heart". While man judges by actions, God sees the intentions of the heart.

On Friday, 10th April, his house was crowded with Hindu relatives and neighbours, performing Hindu rites over his lifeless body. A group of seven Christians came to the house, sympathised with the mourners,

and requested permission to hold a Christian burial service. Permission was given, on condition that the burial took place on their local burning ground, and not in the Christian burial-ground. Although many Hindu ceremonies had first been performed, the words of the Christian burial service rang out in that home, bringing the challenge of the Living Christ before all. The old man's last wish was fulfilled. His death was indeed a witness. We overheard people saying to each other, "He used to tell us there is only one God". "He would not eat food offered to idols. He would rather go hungry." *Ethel M. Flory.*



Irrigating crops. The deep, open well into which slides the heavy leather and iron bucket; the protesting squeak of the wooden wheel, the shouts of the farmer, the dull clop of the hooves of the bulls as they move down the slope hauling the heavy load of water to the top of the well, the tinkling music of the water as it splashes back into the deep well, and the sudden turbulent rush as the pent up water is released from the bucket into the channels—these all are never to be forgotten sounds of the Indian countryside.

Photo: By courtesy of H. J. Appleby.

THE MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Ministry Committee is appointed by the Strict Baptist Mission Conference and consists, usually, of some seven or eight missionaries and some nine or ten Indian brethren. It exists to pray and work for a more adequate ministry in the Tamil Baptist Churches. At our recent meeting in the middle of January we made the following arrangements:

Sunday School Teachers' Training.—For a number of years now we have been able to send six of our young people annually to a Vacation

Bible School Training Course held in Madurai. This is a very popular event and every year we are faced with the task of selecting six candidates out of perhaps three times as many applicants. This year, already, more than two months beforehand we have seven applications—five from Madras and two from Tirunelveli; four girls and three men.

Short Term Bible School.—For some years now we have had one or two such schools annually. Numbers have been satisfactory but regional representation has not always been what we would like nor the quality of the students. This year we are to have a school for eight days in Panayadipatti and we hope that most of the students will be from that area. Both this school and the V.B.S. Training are to take place in May when school teachers normally have their long summer holiday. But school work has been sadly disrupted this year by the language agitation and it is almost certain that schools will have to work for part of May and our plans could be upset.

Pastors' Conference.—Our most senior pastor, Mr. S. Devanesam, has been urging that we do something of this sort for the deepening of the spiritual life of the pastors and to bring them together in Christian fellowship. Arrangements have now been made to hold a three-day conference in Poonamallee at the end of September. It is expected that five or six men will attend from the Madras area and four from the Salem area.

Church Workers' Convention.—Although not part of the Ministry Committee programme the Committee gave its blessing to a plan that Pastor S. Paul of Sendamangalam has in mind for gathering together deacons and other Church leaders of the Salem area for three days in July or August. Whereas all the above are financed by the Mission, Mr Paul is confident that this Salem area convention can be wholly provided for out of funds available to the Namakkal and Sendamangalam Churches.

Annual Day of Prayer.—It was simple enough to fix the date (July 11th) and to make the necessary arrangements for publicity. But it is notoriously the hardest thing in the world really to pray.

"The Church of Jesus Christ to-day makes her witness in a world of three billions of people, and is harassed by the size of its task. On all sides we hear of insufficient youth workers, of too few ministers, and of the shortage of missionary candidates. A demoralised Church

resorts to panic measures to plug the gaps in its man-power. And all the time Jesus repeats His simple and sole remedy for our disorder—"Pray ye therefore . . .".

(*Quoted by permission from Scripture Union Notes for February 25th, 1965.*)

W. N. H. Kuhrt.

TAMIL TEXT CARDS

Those who receive Tamil Text Cards in India would like to acknowledge this help to their ministry, so, please write your name and address either inside the wrapper before packing the cards or on the outside in some such way as "If undelivered please return to sender", followed by name and address, or just "Dispatched by" and name and address.

USED STAMPS ALWAYS NEEDED

Our Honorary Philatelist reports a good response to this appeal for stamps. Used British and Foreign stamps are still needed. Please send to **Mrs. F. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts.,** who also will be pleased to supply approval sheets and packets to collectors. When removing stamps from envelopes or covers please be careful not to damage the stamps, as damaged stamps are practically valueless. Cut away the stamps with a margin of paper all round, and do not worry about removing the stamp from the paper. Send it as it is!

THE ICON

The scorching sun crept slowly into the meridian, and the somnolent courtyard before the Government Offices was gradually bereft of the little shade that the almost leafless trees could offer. The busy rattle of the bobbin and treadle of the tailor's machine filled the still air with noise. He sat in the shop just opposite the court. There was something attractive about the man which enabled us to dispense with the usual formalities of introduction, and I soon found myself seated comfortably in the small shop watching the man and his little assistant. The man had a knowledge of life enriched, as I soon discovered by his proximity to the local court. Doubtless many participants in small causes had shared their plans and plaints with him. We talked of people and places; of private

and popular opinions, of family and civic life, and touched on many other subjects concerning all of which the man had a rich philosophy of his own. I drew from it with profit and delight.

He told me among other things that that day for him was an auspicious one for he was going to initiate a friend into the secrets and symbols of his trade. I waited with interest the coming of the novitiate. He came carrying a small bundle. The owner of the shop took down a rather dusty picture of a popular goddess and put it up against a wall in the corner. After dusting it with a corner of his vashtie and lighting a lamp before it, he had a friendly argument with the newcomer as to which of them should do the ceremonies. Finally the pupil undid his bundle and took out the offerings; a small bundle of bananas, a piece of camphor, some sandalwood water, a jasmine garland, a half a coconut, betel nut and leaves, and the sacred ash. The coconut was taken from its shell and put reverently before the picture: then the camphor was lit in the coconut shell and waved to and fro while all three stood in an attitude of worship. The sandalwood water was sprinkled on the picture and devotees, and finally the other offerings were made one by one to the goddess. At last a stick of lighted incense was thrust into a corner of the picture and the whole place was permeated with the scent of worship. The teacher and pupil greeted each other and sat down before the icon to share out the offerings that had been made. They asked me to have the bananas, and on my refusing, gave them to the diminutive assistant who had been an eager participant in all the acts of worship.

"One has ever to be learning," said the pupil, "I have learnt engineering, and now I must give my hand practice at this new trade." The master took three small sticks and breaking them to the size of needles gave the pupil his first lesson. "Cotton not too long, not too short; needle between thumb and first finger of right hand, thimble on right hand third finger, and then make a stitch and bring your needle up and by your right ear. Do not stitch your ear!" The lesson proceeded satisfactorily under the guidance and by the helpful comments of the master. Imaginary stitches went gaily into imaginary garments, and the student became expert at missing his right ear with the needle!

Meanwhile an animated conversation took place on the reasons for not eating the bananas. We thread our way through intricate arguments concerning the nature of God. Ever and always the conversation came



"Where the water runs there is life." Day after day of patient toil by man and animal maintains life and growth in the fields. Photo: By courtesy of H. J. Appleby.

back to the picture. I learnt about the goddess's history, of the way in which she had prospered the tailor, and of the dreadful day when her icon was found a broken and mangled heap on the floor. "Squirrels have no knowledge nor respect of divinity. They think only of their young and of their nests" was the kindly explanation of the man. We went back over the devotions, and I sought an answer to the question why the goddess could not share in the offerings so liberally and devoutly made to her. For a moment the man was quiet and then thoughtfully he said, "God was not made for the rough and tumble of this life". We talked about the God who lived among men and shared their lives; who grew in stature, who ate and drank, and slept, who understood men and their deep needs, and who, for that reason, was approachable. Little by little we came to Calvary, and told in the powerful words of the fourth Evangelist the story of Love which gave its greatest and best, because God—the Living God—knew men at their best and worst, and was prepared to give to the uttermost, both in life and death, for their salvation.

The story finished, and the man said quietly, "Then surely we must know more of this God". I left him with the witness of Luke concerning "Those things which are most surely believed among us". I left him—but I am certain God did not. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GENERAL

General Secretary: PASTOR P. H. CREES, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel.: TIDeway 1841.
From whom information regarding all parts of the Mission's Ministry, Literature, Prayer Union, and areas of work can be obtained.

FINANCIAL

General Work Hon. Treasurer: MR. N. COX, 90 Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Tel.: Tunbridge Wells 22551.
Hon. Financial Secretary: PASTOR W. H. POUNDS, 36 Fontaine Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16. Tel.: Pollards 3344.
(*Special notice.* Pastor Pounds continues to receive ALL payments for magazines, donations, and contributions to the funds of Mission.)

Women's Work L.Z.A. Financial Secretary: MISS R. FROMOW, 216 Gordon Avenue, Camberley, Surrey. Tel.: Camberley 5086.
To whom all monies designated for the work among women, and girls should be sent.

DEPUTATION

General Work Deputation Secretary: MR. E. ORCHARD, The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedford. Tel.: Sharnbrook 575.

Women's Work L.Z.A. Acting Secretary: MRS. D. SYMONDS, 7 Dyke Road Avenue, Hove, 4, Sussex. Tel.: Brighton 59178.

THE TREASURY — FEBRUARY—MARCH, 1965

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund, including £1814 legacies	£3587	£2088
Special Funds	159	40
Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary	289	577
	£4035	£2705

As will be seen above, we have been much helped this two-monthly period by friends who have been called home, but who, by remembering the Mission in their wills, have thus made valuable contributions just at this time of special expansion. We now face some heavy remittances to India in April—and other months too, as our commitments on the field grow. We are very much cheered as we see splendid progress being made by the F.O.Y. as they collect for the purchase of the Bookmobile. We thank God for their gracious enthusiasm.

Anonymous gifts gratefully acknowledged: Lewes, 4s.; Dudley, 10s.; Aylesbury, 5s.; Hadleigh, £5; L.Z.A., Guildford, £5; Manningtree, £1 10s.; Woking, £1.

DEEDS OF COVENANT. Deeds of Covenant with the Strict Baptist Mission, as a Charitable Body, are not affected by the budget changes, except to give the Mission an advantage because of the change of rates. If you have not made a deed of covenant NOW is the time to do so.

Miss E. M. Flory.—Our colleague, Miss Flory, arrived safely in England after a refreshing voyage, and is now preparing for a strenuous programme of meetings in many places. Please pray for the ministry Mission deputation that the first-hand knowledge, and the personal testimonies of God's servants now in the Homeland may be greatly used for the good of the work in India.

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Mission to the Tamil People

THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH

One-seventh of the population of the world lives in India. Her constant problem is too little fertile land for too many people. She is second only to China in rice production, but eats more than she grows, though, by any standards, she eats all too little. The threat of famine often lies at her door.

439 million, and 350 million of this vast number live in more than 700,000 villages, and take their livelihood from agriculture. There are some stretches of the country, particularly in the valleys among the foothills and in the river deltas which are remarkable for their fertility and beauty, but there are also great areas of fragmented small-holdings from which many families take but a precarious living.

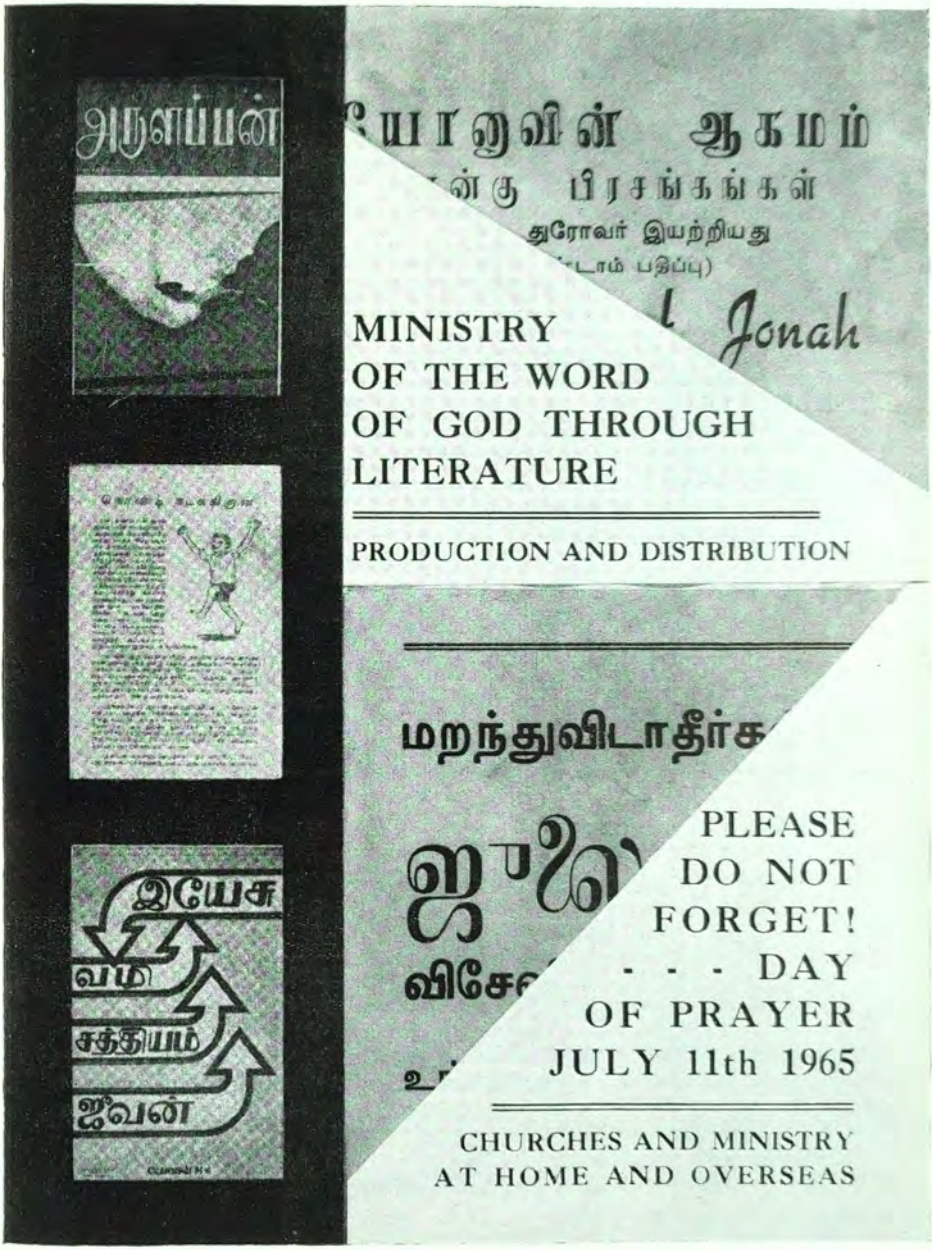
The Strict Baptist Mission's work lies almost entirely within this kind of "Famine-area". The land is almost entirely rain-fed, but the rainfall is practically confined to a short six weeks in the year. At such times the irrigation wells, which have been sunk to supplement this meagre supply from the clouds, are full, but as the weeks and months go by the farmer looks often with increasing anxiety at the falling water levels in his wells. There are few if any lush valleys in this area such as Elisha's wonderful patrimony in the "Valley of the Dance" (1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21).

Indeed, many thousands of families throughout this area are landless labourers: every member of the family sharing in some way or another the daily toil dictated by the rotation of crops, and the seasons of the year. Too often their total income serves only to prevent them from going hungry—there is little to spare for any small luxury. Under nourishment produces inertia, and inertia apathy, and apathy indifference to anything that has no bearing upon the struggle to live. Here lies the cause for some of the problems connected with development of leadership in the Churches, for many men have to move away from their homes for work, and are absent for long periods from worship with the local Church with whom they are in fellowship. Many women work all day in the fields, and late into the night in their homes and have neither patience nor time for the culture of the mind, or the nurture of the soul. The cares of the family tend to erode the foundations of Christian witness and life.

But here and there the mantle of Elijah falls upon these followers of the plough; these Indian counterparts of Elisha. They come from no Abel-Meholah, but the same Spirit who so mightily worked in the son of Shaphat also works in the lives of these our brethren and sisters. May He work often—and gloriously—so that the mantle of Elijah may become the symbol of the power and presence of the Living Lord of their lives. May the Jordan that separates them from their task be smitten anew with the cry, "Where is now the Lord God . . .".

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

JULY-AUGUST
1965



STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1965
(God Willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—JULY 4th, Stowmarket; 5th, Hoxne; 11th, Brockley, Suffolk; 17th-18th, Guildford; 25th, Brighton, Tabernacle.
AUGUST 29th, Wattisham.
Pastor D. J. Moon.—JULY 18th, Pemberton.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. H. J. Appleby.—JULY 4th, Highbury; 7th, Potton End, afternoon and evening; 9th, Rishangles; 11th, Whitton, Ipswich; 13th, Colchester; 18th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 25th, Basildon; 29th, Sutton-at-Hone, afternoon and evening.
ADDRESS: 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel: TIDeway 1841.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—JULY 6th, Kesgrave; 7th, Hastings; 13th, Horsham; 20th, Homerton; 22nd, Walthamstow.
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Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—JULY 7th, Bedford, Providence; 11th, Smarden; 18th, Wandsworth, West Hill; 21st, Swanick Shore; 25th, Prittlewell.
AUGUST 8th, Newquay; 22nd, Ryarsh and West Kingsdown.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Mission will gladly help you to arrange deputation meetings or services. Please write to—

THE DEPUTATION SECRETARY,
The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedford.
Tel.: Sharnbrook 575.

Or to—

MRS. D. SYMONDS,
7 Dyke Road Avenue, Hove, 4.
Tel.: Brighton 59187.

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

THE TREASURY — APRIL—MAY, 1965

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund (including Legacies £150)	£1596	£2510
Special Funds	203	272
Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary	821	1096
	£2620	£3878

The above figures include the offerings at our half-yearly meetings, £315 in all. Each month sees special items we have to meet in India, over and above the regular commitments. The above figures include £27 for tyres for the Jeep and £86 grant towards our literature work. We have two more months to go before our vear ends on July 31st. June and July usually see our Financial Secretary busy as local secretaries send in their remittances, and this we trust will be reflected in our next figures.

Anonymous gifts gratefully acknowledged: April 20th (postmark indecipherable) £5; "For the Lord's work" £5; L.Z.A. Aylesbury, £10.



THE MAKING OF BOOKS

What strides have been made in the art of literature production since the first book printed in England was produced by Caxton in the year A.D. 1477. The present-day array of types, papers, block-making processes, and the like, are completely bewildering to the uninitiated. And yet we wonder whether the advance is, after all, as epoch-making as is often taken for granted. The history of the period four times as far back as Caxton's day reveals that half the population of the Roman Empire consisted of slaves, many of whom were better educated than their Roman masters. It was an era of great activity in the literary sphere, a time when a room full of educated slaves could produce (by hand, of course) one thousand copies of a small book in a month. Well, well! Even to-day, two thousand years later, many producers find it impossible to get as speedy results with all our facilities for churning out copies by machinery.

However, such bodies as the S.B.M. Literature Committee have been able to produce a certain number of items of Christian literature for the Tamil people. Let us look at a few recent examples:

A few weeks ago the second edition of our *Directory of Worship* came from the printers, the labour of revision, etc., having been carried out by the Committee during the writer's absence—on furlough. This little book has been thoroughly revised and considerably enlarged and should prove invaluable to our Indian brethren in the ministry of the Churches. It now contains fifteen sections and provides suggested orders of service (with suitable Scripture readings) for the ordinances of believers' baptism and the Lord's Supper, the dedication of infants, the receiving of

members into Church fellowship, marriage and burial services. As soon as we showed a copy to our friend, Pastor D. Dorairaj, of the Kotagiri Tamil Baptist Church, he ordered six for himself and his colleagues.

Both the English and Tamil editions of Dr. E. F. Kevan's S.B.M. Conference addresses on the Lord's Supper have met with a good reception, nearly four hundred copies of the English impression and one hundred and fifty of the Tamil having been sold since they appeared a year ago. This small book, which only costs 2s. 6d., contains a great deal of valuable and important information concerning this ordinance instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ. Copies are available at the Mission office.

A Tamil translation of *The Dawn of World Redemption* by Erich Sauer, also appeared last year. This book features our first attempt at a four-colour cover design. It is a study textbook for Bible students, which traces the progress of the divine revelation of redemption throughout the Old Testament period. It runs to 220 pages, contains 22 chapters, and has been supplied with indexes to Bible texts and topics that have a total of considerably more than 2,000 entries. This contribution to evangelical theology has already been issued in a number of European languages, the English edition being one of the translations from the original German. But the S.B.M. Tamil edition is the first appearance of the book in any of the Indian vernaculars. The work follows the Biblical revelation of God's plan of salvation for sinful man from pre-creation eternity right through to the fulness of the times at which the Saviour appeared. It deals with the creation, the fall, the two ways of life that emerged with Adam's first two sons, Noah, Babel, Abraham, Moses, and the law, the law's purpose in the scheme of redemption, the ministry of the prophets and the preparation of the nations for the coming of Messiah. Two hundred copies, price at Rs. 2, were sold during the ten months that followed the publication of the book.

A second impression of *A Scientific Enquiry* is now in the hands of the printers. This volume consists of nine radio talks by an Indian Christian professor of mathematics named D. S. Spurgeon, M.Sc., which were delivered with educated Hindus specially in mind. They comprise three addresses on each of the following topics: Is there a God? Is the Theory of Evolution Correct? and Is the Bible True? This material has been broadcast by the Far Eastern Broadcasting Co. of Manila more than once. We are much encouraged that a second impression of these talks has been called for in less than two years.

David Thrower.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

The Missions' Financial Year ends on July 31st and contributors are asked to note that all amounts for inclusion in this year's accounts should be sent before that date as follows:

For General Fund, Magazines or Annual Reports—to the Financial Secretary, Pastor W. H. Pounds, 36 Fontaine Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16.

For Women's Work—To
Miss R. Fromow, 216 Gordon Avenue, Camberley, Surrey.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

As from August 21st, 1965, Pastor B. D. Rowland, of 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, will, D.V., become the Financial Secretary in succession to Pastor W. H. Pounds and all contributions to the General Fund and payment for Magazines or Reports should then be sent to him at that address.

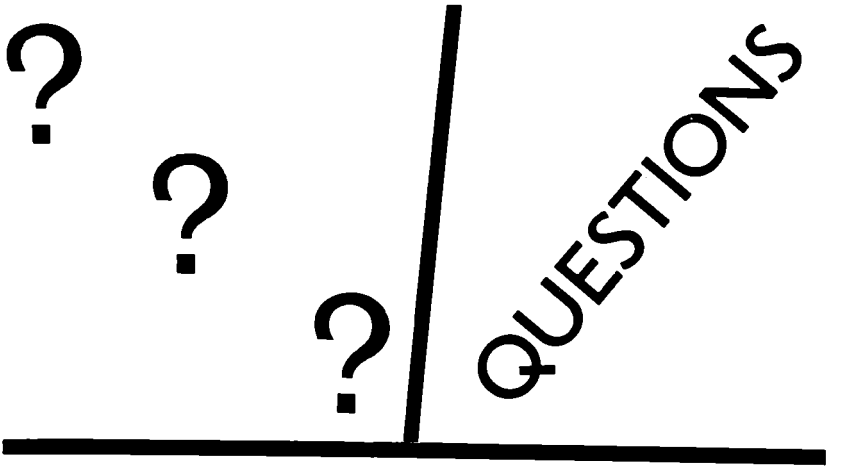
THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

"RAYS" RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1965, at 3.30 p.m.
ANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH
LONDON, E.C.1

MISSIONARY SPEAKER: MR. H. J. APPLEBY
MISSIONARY DEMONSTRATION BY BASILDON SCHOOL
ROLL CALL : : DRINKS PROVIDED

Reserve the date
Advertise the Rally
Your scholars are invited
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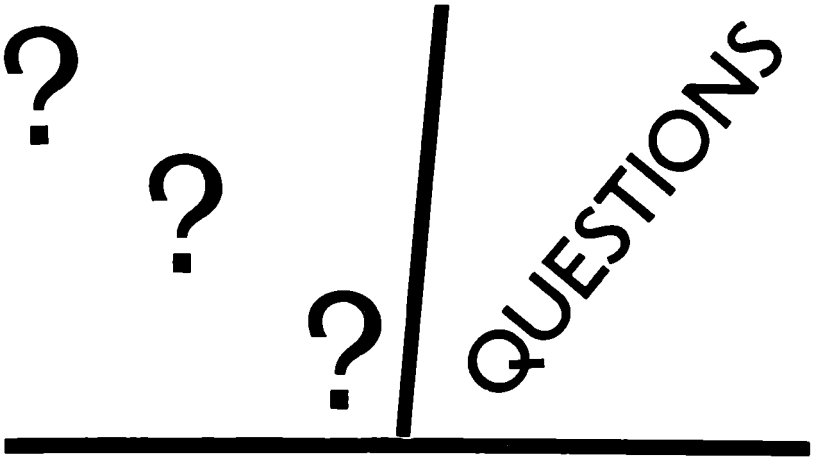
A HINDU PRIEST ASKS

One morning we parked our van immediately behind twin temples. One was dedicated to the popular elephant-headed god and the other to one of the many demonesses that are worshipped in South India. Not far away a long line of some ten or a dozen large and fierce-looking clay images kept watch and ward over the temples and over the whole village. The back of our van which was open and served as a temporary book shop, pointed away from the temples down the street on either side of which there were small coffee shops and knots of people.

When we had finished our preaching a man who bore upon his forehead the mark of his god, came forward and challenged us with a stream of questions. Usually we are listened to with the utmost patience and courtesy and even on this occasion there was no attempt at heckling; the questions came only after the preaching was over. The questions resolved themselves into three main difficulties as follows:

1. If, as you say, Jesus Christ came into this world only 2,000 years ago, by what name was God known in the ages before Christ?
2. If, as you say, we have sinned, why should we not bear the punishment of our own sins. Why should someone else take the sinner's place as you say that Jesus Christ did?
3. Even if it were necessary that someone should take the sinner's place and even if it were possible, how can God be hanged on a tree and treated so shamefully? That doesn't sound very god-like.

It isn't always easy to answer questions on the spur of the moment. To answer wisely, patiently and humbly needs your prayers on our behalf.



A CHRISTIAN PASTOR ASKS

Recently we invited readers of our Tamil magazine to write essays on the subject: "Weaknesses in the Tamil Baptist Churches and how to deal with them". Ten responded to the invitation and the first prize winning essay which was from one of our Pastors included the following questions and criticisms.

1. The system of electing Church officers by vote is wrong and has resulted in undesirable people pushing themselves to the front. The missionaries should show us a more scriptural way.
2. Greater care should be exercised before baptising people and receiving them into Church fellowship.
3. The neglect of the weekly prayer meeting is a great source of weakness.
4. The habit of attending only one service (usually the morning service in India) on the Lord's Day is greatly to be deplored.
5. Regular Bible Reading should be encouraged by a wider use of Scripture Union Tamil Notes and weekly Bible Study Classes should be arranged in all congregations.
6. The duty of Christian stewardship in respect of money needs constant emphasis.
7. Conventions should be arranged twice annually in each area of the Mission and the missionaries should not be afraid to spend a little money in this way; it would not be wasted.

8. Each congregation should attempt some Gospel work amongst Hindus at least once a month.
9. The misuse of Church funds in some places amounts to a scandal and is a grave source of weakness.
10. Far too many marriages are still arranged according to the customs of caste instead of according to the rule of Scripture.
11. Why cannot missionaries join the local Tamil Church in the town or village where they live? They could then have a larger say in the affairs of the Church.
12. Until a proper solution is found to the problem of dealing with chapels, houses, and land that were purchased and built in years gone by for the good of the Indian Christian community there will continue to be suspicion and resentment in the minds of many of our Church members.

Let us pray, he concludes, that glory may be brought to the great Head of the Church through the Tamil Baptist Churches.

W. M. H. Kuhrt.

Idol Ganesh. The elephant-headed god. The god of good luck attended by priest who gives worshippers dedicated flowers. One of the most popular of the many idols worshipped in South India.



STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

NORTHERN GATHERINGS

WILL, D.V. BE HELD AT

MOUNT ZION CHAPEL, PRESTON

(Great Avenham Street)

ON

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1965

at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

TEA PROVIDED AT 2/6 EACH.

CHAIRMEN: **Pastor J. Marsden** (Preston)
Mr. J. Allen Miller (Southport)

SPEAKERS: **Missionary H. J. Appleby.**
General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees.
Deputation Secretary, Mr. E. Orchard.

MISSION BOOKSTALL IN SCHOOLROOM

Special Note.—If you hope to be present at tea time, please inform MR. L. SOWERBUTTS, 16 RIVERSIDE, PRESTON, LANCS.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Half-Annual Meetings. The attendances at these meetings were disappointingly small, but from the outset a real sense of the Lord's Presence was felt. The special business meeting in the morning of the day called together a representative gathering of delegates, and the matter of the Amalgamation of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary with the Strict Baptist Mission brought to a happy conclusion in the hope expressed that this may be the beginning of a new forward movement in every part of the work.

The Men's Prayer Meeting, and the Ladies' meeting followed and were times of deepening fellowship. Pastor C. C. Pond, of Beccles, brought the needs of India and the Homeland before us, and prayer followed prayer as the Holy Spirit laid these burdens upon our hearts. Miss Nellie Hawes was the speaker in the Ladies' Meeting and effectively laid before her hearers the spiritual needs of the villages around Paniyadipatti.

The afternoon meeting was under the chairmanship of the Vice-President, who out of his long association with the Mission, spoke with authority about the things that make us afraid and the place of our confidence (Psalm 56: 3). Mr. Appleby was much helped of the Lord as he opened up the subject of Grace (II Cor. 12: 9). We hope this will appear in print in due course.

The evening of welcome to the Missionaries home from the field was a challenging meeting. Miss Flory and Mr. Appleby vividly and pungently laid the needs of work and our response to those needs before us, and Pastor Peter Day, of Stowmarket, brought the closing message of the day and spoke in the Power of the Spirit from Jer. 1: 5-10.

Tamil Examinations. Our warmest congratulations to Mr. Les. Ryan, and Miss Jeanette Broadby on securing good passes in these important examinations. May the Lord go on to bless and help our colleagues in their further studies and work.

Radio Ministry. Please pray that blessing may come from special advertising of the Tamil programmes: that the Word of God sent through the post may be blessed, and interest created in the programmes.

THE PROBLEM

ii. Cor. 12: 9.

There is something of a problem here. Consider the story that the Apostle tells in the context. He speaks of a tremendous spiritual experience. Heaven came pouring into his soul like a river of ecstacy. He touched the very edge of the glory of God. He heard angels singing unutterable things, and he stood singing with them. It was a magnificent hour: he might not talk much of it—indeed, for fourteen years he was silent about it: but he never could forget the feel of that weight of glory.

Then came the thorn. From singing with the angels, now he battles with a devil. This was a worrying and perplexing thing. It got in the way of his service. Surely he could work so much better, if only he were physically fit? It was irksome to have his body constantly hindering what he felt his soul should do. So he prayed. I suspect that he prayed over this problem full fourteen years. I take it that to pray thrice is not a literal three prayers, but rather an expression indicating long and earnest praying.

Do not be misled by the word "Thorn"—it was something crippling, not just a sliver. Here, then, was the Apostle in a crisis experience. It was a physical crisis, for the thorn was in his flesh; it was a mental crisis, for it sorely buffeted him; it was a spiritual crisis, for his prayers were unanswered—Why was the Lord of the Damascus Road silent now? Then, suddenly, Paul saw, in a flash of inspiration, what it was that God had been saying all through those fourteen years of struggle. "He hath said. My grace is sufficient for thee". And now Paul was at rest.

Do you see the problem? Exactly how does God's grace help a man with a thorn? How does theology take away physical pain? When a heart is shattered by some tragic providence, when a mind is flung into a torment because of a thorn, how does it help to tell them that the grace of God is sufficient?

I imagine most of us have felt aware of that problem at some time. It is not possible to be involved in Christian work for long without meeting some tragic things in the lives of people, and when they talk to you through their tears, and ask you, Why it whould be so? Do you not feel it is all too easy to tell them the grace of God is all they want?

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These extracts from the message of the Lord through Mr. H. J. Appleby at the afternoon meeting on May 27th, 1965, will be continued in our next issue, God-willing.

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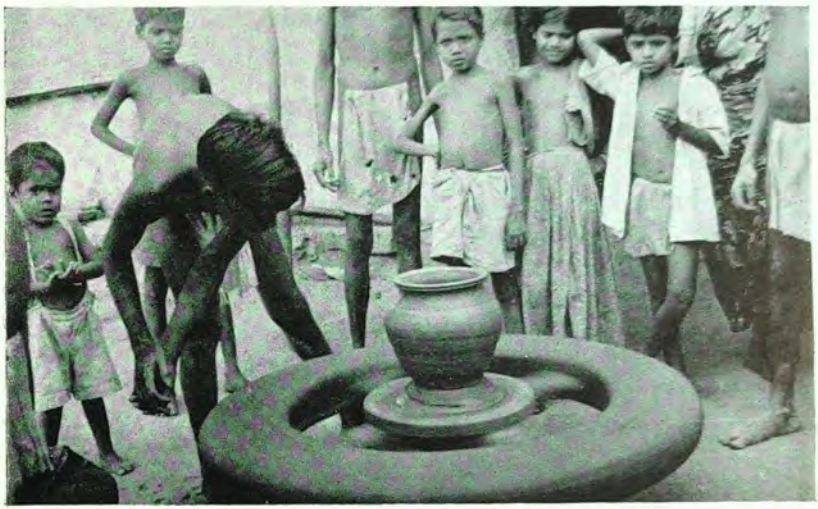


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"WOE UNTO TO HIM THAT STRIVETH WITH HIS MAKER . . . SHALL THE CLAY SAY TO HIM THAT FASHIONETH IT, WHAT MAKEST THOU? . . ." Isa. 45: 9.



The Potter. *Photo: Philip A. Grist.*

FREQUENT MENTION IS MADE OF THE POTTER IN SCRIPTURE. WHEN GOD WOULD SHEW HIS ABSOLUTE DOMINION OVER MEN AND HIS IRRESISTABLE POWER OVER THEIR HEARTS, HE HAS OFTEN RECOURSE TO THE SIMILITUDE OF A POTTER, WHO MAKES WHAT HE PLEASES OF HIS CLAY: SOMETIMES A VESSEL OF HONOUR, AND SOMETIMES OF DISHONOUR: NOW FORMING IT, AND THEN BREAKING IT; NOW PRESERVING IT, AND THEN REJECTING IT. Psalm 2: 9. Rom. 9. 21. Cruden.

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MORUPATTI



Rain cloud over Morupatti.
Photo: George F. Champion.

Although all readers of the S.B.M. Mission Herald are well aware of our location in a general way, perhaps it might be of interest to state our position more particularly than is usually done. At Morupatti we are about 11 degrees north of the equator, and 78½ degrees east of Greenwich, on the plains of India, about 500 ft. above sea level. But as we are 90 miles from the sea in the south-east in the Palk Strait, and 100 miles from Tranquebar in the east, sea breezes do not come our way. Also the great north-east and south-west monsoon winds do not reach us without obstruction, as we have about five miles to our north-west, and to the north the Kolli Hills mountains with their peaks over 4,000 ft., and to the north-east the Pachais mountains with their peaks over 3,000 ft. In the middle of the year, however, we are thankful for a strong wind from the west funnelled to us through the pass between Mahadevi Hill and the southern edge of the Kolli Hills, and this wind modifies the heat both by day and night for some weeks.

About twenty-five inches of rain may fall during the year, and if this rain fell regularly during most of the months of the year, I believe that this could be a very attractive part of the world in which to live, but the land is not so blessed. About five inches of rain will fall between the first of January and the end of June, probably in two heavy storms, and the next three months may give another nine inches, also in one or two heavy rain storms, leaving the remaining ten or eleven inches to fall rather better distributed in October, November, and December. This last three month period is the time of the year when agricultural activity is most in evidence, and then there is probably so much water about that we are quite cut off from the villages which lie to the north of us.

towards the pass between the Kollis and the Pachais ranges of mountains. We are forty-three miles from the nearest railway station, and the nearest white people to us, are our missionaries in Namakkal and Sendamangalam, twenty-five miles away.

I opened out a pair of compasses to a three mile stretch on the map, put the steel point on Morupatti and drew a circle in pencil, enclosing, if my arithmetic is correct, about twenty-eight square miles of country. I then counted the villages I had encircled, and found that I had netted twenty-six, or almost one for each square mile. Inside the circle there were three large villages of three or four thousand persons each, and if the other villages may be assumed to have two to three hundred people each (Morupatti has about 500), we must have clustered round us about



Morupatti van which is used as a mobile book shop and enables Mr. and Mrs. Champion to reach the villages in their area. *Photo: George F. Champion.*

15.000 people, hardly any of whom are Christians; and no doubt several thousand of them were not even born when we first came to Morupatti in 1957. If instead of stretching the compasses to a mere three miles I had opened them out to six miles, I suppose I should have encompassed about 100 villages with a population of some 60,000 persons, and it would still have been true that nearly all of them would have been strangers to the Gospel of God's grace, and would have had little opportunity of hearing of our Lord unless we get to their villages. As yet there is no Indian Church to undertake the evangelism of this area. Since we came here we have only heard of one attempt, apart from our work, to bring the Gospel to the people round us here. A man back from Malaya on a visit called on his relatives in some of the villages to tell them of the Lord.

When he went back he gave us the names of his people and asked us to keep in touch with them if we could. This we shall be trying to do in the few weeks that are left before we come home on furlough.

George F. Champion.

THE PROBLEM ILLUSTRATED

(ii Cor. 12: 9)

(Further extracts from a sermon preached by Mr. H. J. Appleby at Westminster Chapel on the occasion of the Half-Annual Meetings of the Mission.)

Yet this word remains, and it is God's only word to a man in a crisis. "My grace is sufficient for thee." God would not mock His servant Paul with words that had no meaning. There is something here that must have significance even in physical pain and mental anguish. If that were not so then Christian faith is useless. Our faith is no use unless it can help us when our world shatters in fragments at our feet. Somehow our understanding of the grace of God has to reach down into the tangled situations of our daily lives to help us with thorns, and tragic twist of Providence.

There is a school teacher in a little village two miles from Kovilpatti. Faithful is his name, and a faithful soul is he. But once he staggered, and I am not surprised. He and his wife teach in the village school all day long. They arrange and cook the free mid-day meal for many of the children which the Government demands. They have eight children of their own. He conducts Sunday and mid-week services: she conducts the women's meeting. And sometimes he takes long cycle journeys to join others in open-air work. One day his wife, Pearl, had to come into Kovilpatti to stay for some days. We invited her to stay in our house. I could not understand why he was so reluctant to agree. She came . . . but the next day we had to take her home again. She was mentally ill. I knew then why he had been reluctant for her to come to us; and I also suddenly knew something of the tremendous burden he had been secretly carrying for some time. It was a terrible thing to see the ignorant Hindu village women crowding into that village home exciting the woman at the very time she most needed stillness and rest. Brother Faithful came to see me, now that I knew his secret. He was nearly broken. He asked me why the Lord had allowed his wife to become possessed with a devil. I wonder, could you have told him that it was not devil possession, but something that had happened within the grace of God? Why, oh why, must there be such agony in the one little Christian home that sought to serve the Lord more than most others I know? How does God's grace help to ease a situation like this.

There was a Bible-woman in Kovilpatti whose name was Precious Mother. As we grew to understand something of her and her husband, we found evidence of the work of the Lord in their lives that we began

to love. We were conscious of a sense of fellowship developing between that family and our own. We had a respect for the work that she tried to do. But then tragedy struck that home. She seemed to have some awareness that it was coming, but that did not soften the blow for others. She died in hospital. Five children and a new-born babe . . . without a mother. A thirty-five year old husband whose world had suddenly collapsed; a useful piece of women's work at end, and all the time a nagging suspicion that a few more precautions at the hospital would have given the story a very different ending. I wonder, could you have gone into that house of weeping and talked to them of God's sufficient grace? It tore at my heart to hear that brother cry out, "O God, must you still punish me for my sins?" All I could do then was to hold him and weep with him. How does the theological concept of grace replace his wife, their mother, our Bible woman?

I need not multiply examples; you will have plenty of your own that you can quote to me. This thing is a great problem, and the only light we have to help us on this sort of problem is this word, "My grace is sufficient". How does this grace help with these sharp stakes in the flesh? How is grace sufficient when a man's world shudders to a halt?

Perhaps we should notice that these thorns, and bewildering Providences *are* all within the sphere of God's grace. Observe how Paul writes. ". . . There was given unto me. . .," he says. This messenger of Satan was given to Paul—and God was the Giver. The Indian brother who once wrote to me and said, "By the grace of God I have had three days fever", was probably saying something more profound than he knew. These thorns and puzzling Providences are not outside the grace of God. The devil is in them certainly; but God is in them more. The grace of God includes them all in its scope; if that were not true then God is not properly God.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

104th ANNUAL MEETINGS

at

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL

on

OCTOBER 26th, 1965

11 a.m. 2 p.m. 3.15. p.m. 6.15 p.m.

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I am not now talking of circumstances that arise as the result of some wilful disobedience or sin on our part. Troubles that we bring on ourselves are not God-given thorns, though they are not outside the plan of God, of course. The problem that concerns me now is to try and discover how the thought of God's grace can be an adequate recompense for the perplexing Providences that come to us without apparent reason. How can God's grace bring us rest, when our service is apparently hampered by some crippling thorn? That is the problem.

INDIA HOLDS OUT HER HANDS

(We are glad to be able to print this article from the pen of Miss Joyce Huckett who visited her parents in India *en route* to her present location in New Guinea where she works with The Wycliffe Bible Translators, by whose permission this article appears in our pages.)

The long shrill blast of a siren rent the stillness of the small hours. The apparently lifeless black branches of the tall margosa trees suddenly sprang to life with the harsh "Caw! caw! caw!" of a myriad crows. Both siren and crows heralded a new day, but they had a deeper significance. They were an insistent reminder that this was India where men live in the dark fear of evil spirits and demons who must be kept at bay, and whose "hope" of the after-life might be dashed to re-incarnation as a crow. Later when the sun rose and the newly harvested grain was spread out to dry on the roads or courtyards, *the crows could expect an unmolested banquet, for who knows whether the spirit of his ancestor might*



Welcome and Farewell. A photograph taken at Kakkaveri in December, 1963, when Miss Joyce Huckett visited India and met old friends. *Photo: H. A. Huckett.*

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION
NORTHERN GATHERINGS

WILL, D.V. BE HELD AT

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(Great Avenham Street)

ON

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1965
at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

TEA PROVIDED AT 2/6 EACH.

CHAIRMEN: **Pastor J. Marsden** (Preston)
Mr. J. Allen Miller (Southport)

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MISSION BOOKSTALL IN SCHOOLROOM

Special Note.—If you hope to be present at tea time, please inform MR. L. SOWERBUTTS, 16 RIVERSIDE, PRESTON, LANCS.

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not be feeding before his eyes. Outside each house the women were up early drawing in chalk intricate geometrical patterns, further decorated by bright yellow pumpkin flowers, each in its own "vase" of dung. The "kolam" would also assist in keeping the demons out of home and hearth.

Soon the roads were thick with vehicle, man and beast bent on their daily round of toil. An occasional lorry, inviting all following traffic to "Sound Horn" or even to "Horn Soundly", mingled with the tangle of men, bicycles and goats. The inevitable bullock-cart, whose driver may not have aroused from his nocturnal slumbers, jogged along at tortoise-like pace. Indian bullocks have an amazing road sense—they have to! Where the road led out to the village well, the women, armed with large brass waterpots gleaming in the morning sun, took their place in the moving mass. Lively groups of chattering schoolboys threaded their way through the crowds—no "creeping like snails unwillingly to school" in India!

Suddenly the approach of a green Willy's station wagon is heralded by excited cries of "Notis! Notis!" and dozens of hands are held out to receive the gaily coloured tracts floating from the off-side window. Then one or more passengers alight from bicycle luggage racks or crossbars to run after the floating pieces of paper. A man in the back of a bullock-cart sees his opportunity and jumps down—no risk of missing the cart by retrieving a tract! Not everyone is successful but those who *are*,

read out aloud for all and sundry to hear the precious words of Life sown by all waysides. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Ps. 126. 6). Have you wept with the seed-bearers that there may be sheaves gathered in to the Lord of the harvest?

The day wore on and the sun reached its blazing zenith. Here and there groups of men were stretched out in sleep in the shade of the banyan trees lining the road. This was the quietest part of the day when even the crows could only manage an occasional throaty caw. In the late afternoon the Willys reached a small town and was once more enmeshed in thronging crowds. A long sugar queue suddenly drew the attention of its occupants and the van stopped. An ominous hissing sound soon drew attention elsewhere. But even good can come out of a puncture in India where one never lacks an interested crowd of spectators. While the puncture was being mended at the front, medicine for souls was being sold at the back. In no time the small pile of Gospels had run out, and the missionary wished she had been better armed. Other booklets went like hot cakes. Newly literate India is hungry for literature and Indian youth will spend remarkable sums on books. What a responsibility lies on us who may have a major part in making a people literate to provide good books to feed the new hunger of the mind. Above all, we must give the translated Word to satisfy the hunger of soul of men and women who need the Saviour.

It was evening when the Willys made its way home. The road ran along by the great river Cauvery, its muddy waters now bathed in a golden light. Low on the Eastern horizon the moon rose and all but disappeared in eclipse. Along the river's edge were many groups of people bathing in the sacred waters, for the Cauvery is one of the "seven sacred life-giving rivers" of India. The moon's eclipse was the signal for bathing to gain merit and wash away sins. Ringing through one missionary's heart on that homeward run were the words of Jesus, "Ye will not come to ME that ye might have life". *Joyce Huckett.*

COMMENT

Financial Secretary: Pastor Pounds who has so ably served the Mission in the office of Financial Secretary relinquished his responsibilities on August 21st. We wish our brother much blessing in his ministry for the Lord at Hambro Road, Streatham, where he has been Pastor for many years. Pastor A. D. Rowland, whose address is found under "For your information", will, we are sure, be a worthy successor in this office.

James Richard Jones. We congratulate warmly our colleagues Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones on the arrival of James Richard. He was born on July 16th. The Lord graciously bless our friends and their little one.

Denominational Festival, 1966. The Mission plans to share in this untied witness, and our representatives will look forward to meeting new and old friends. The Lord grant guidance and wisdom to all those involved in forward planning for this project. The venue is hoped to be St. John's Wood Chapel, and the proposed dates are May 24th to 28th inclusive, subject to the Lord's Will.

Increased Postage Charges and Cost of Herald. We regret that owing to increased postage charges the cost by post of single copies of the "Herald" will be 4s. 0d. per annum for the six issues. The cost of quantities sent in bulk remains the same.

Miss Carole Newlyn. We rejoice with the Church at Bromley in that the Lord has called another of their members to serve Him with the Mission overseas in India. "A brief but impressive service was held . . . when Carole was set apart for the Lord's service. After Carole had given an account of her call to the mission field, Pastor Howells read from Acts 13, and Mr. Appleby offered a dedicatory prayer as Pastor, Church Secretary, and the Senior Deacon placed their hands on Carole." We shall follow with prayer and interest God's servant as she prepares for the Mission field.



Miss Phyllis White who hails from Tasmania and is serving the Lord with the Strict Baptist Mission. Pray that she may be helped in the study of the Tamil language and blessed in her witness for the Master.

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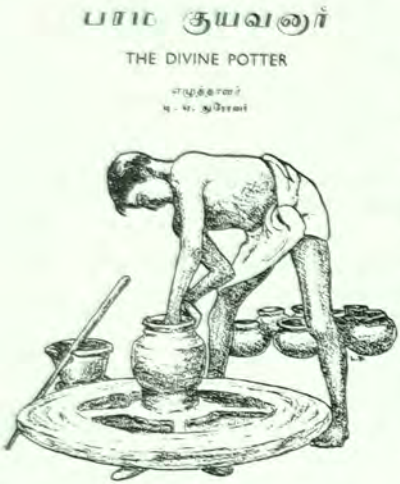
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31st July is the end of our Financial Year, and June and July is the time when many Local Secretaries "balance their books" and send in their remittances. It has been very wonderful to see how from all quarters have come gifts, great and small. The Lord has graciously stirred the hearts of our friends, and we believe this indicates much prayer for the work also. How we praise Him for meeting our growing commitments with growing support. It encourages us as we face further expansion.

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THE POTTER



"If the daughter-in-law breaks the pot it is a gold pot, but if the mother-in-law breaks it, it is a mud-pot." So runs the Tamil proverb which not only delineates character, but also shows what a large place the potter's work has in every house. The mud-pot is everywhere and used for everything.

It is remarkable how much skill goes into the making of the simplest "chattic" for the kitchen, and what strength, in the hands of the potter, can be produced from such unstable material. A rightly balanced mixture of clay and sand and water: flawless construction under the deft fingers and quick eye of the potter, and right firing, these all bring to the finished article a strength and usefulness so uncharacteristic of its origins that the work of the potter has become the symbolism of the Sovereignty of God.

We are but a mass of clay without much form or use until the Potter takes us for His own purpose and forms what most suits His Sovereign end. Out of the formless clay He brings an infinite variety of strength and usefulness. The form expresses the will of the Potter. "We are the clay and Thou our Potter: and we all are the work of Thy Hands. . . ." "Shall the clay say to Him that fashioneth it, what formest Thou?"

Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth,
Who choosest for Thine the weak and the poor;
To frail earthen vessels and things of no worth
Entrusting Thy riches which aye shall endure.

Those vessels soon fail, though full of Thy light,
And at Thy decree are broken and gone;
Then brightly appeareth Thy truth in its might,
As through the clouds riven the lightenings have shone.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER
1965



HOW SHALL THEY HEAR...

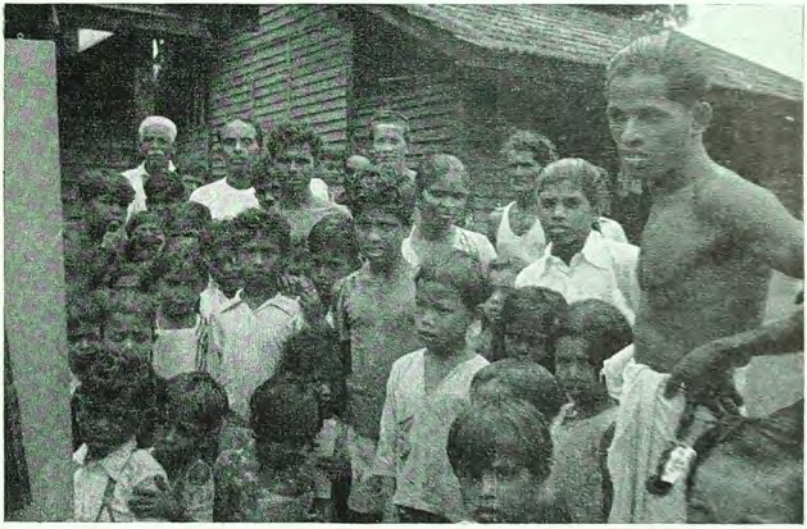


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STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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DEPUTATION

Deputation Secretary: MR. E. ORCHARD, The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedford. Tel.: Sharnbrook 575, who will gladly assist in arranging meetings and services in any part of the country. A team of experienced men and women who have a first hand knowledge of the work is available to help you. *Please send all enquiries to the Deputation Secretary.*

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

SPECIAL NOTICE. The changes which take place on October 26th, 1965, as a consequence of the amalgamation of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary with the Strict Baptist Mission will, we believe, be for the greater efficiency and progress of the work as a whole. Although the Ladies' Auxiliary no longer functions as a separate body, *our Lady Missionaries continue, as before,* their invaluable work, and *will continue to need* the prayerful support of all their friends in their special ministry among the women and girls of South India as well as in the work they do in the Fellowships of the Indian Churches. WE BELIEVE THAT THE INTEGRATION OF THE WORK will lead to an increase of blessing and usefulness both at Home and in India. *Those who have supported the work of our Missionaries in India through The Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary are earnestly asked to continue that support prayerfully and practically.*



Miss Yvonne Conacher.

We are happy to publish a photograph of Miss Yvonne Conacher who hopes to arrive in India from Australia in November. Her address in India will be Strict Baptist Mission, P.O. Box 6, Kovilpatti, Tiruneveli District, S. India. She joins her colleagues Mr. Les. Ryan, and the Misses Jeanette Broadby and Phyllis White, all of whom represent the Churches in Australia. The Lord bless these dear friends in all their service for Him among the Tamils of South India.

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together, in your prayers to God for me . . . that they that have not heard shall understand.

Romans 15: 30, 21.



NARCHEYTHI TAMIL BROADCASTS

EVANGELISM AND FOLLOWUP MINISTRY.

"Will you please pray for me?" No doubt you have been asked that question. Many Radio Follow-up letters contain this request. Several thousands of letters have been received since we began broadcasting in 1958 and I should think that 75 per cent. of them contain some such clause for prayer. Thank God He remembers each person by name and He knows every detail of their needs. We can only pray for our listeners in a general way, but pray we must.

As I think of requests for prayer, some specific requests have impressed themselves on my mind. A friend in Ethiopia wrote asking us to pray for the salvation of his soul. It is a great thrill to write to an enquirer about the way of salvation, but this man gave no address apart from Addis Ababa. He had a very common Indian name and to try and contact him would almost have been as absurd as writing to Mr. Smith, London. God knows where he is and although we cannot contact him personally, we can pray.

Then there was the lady who asked prayer for her son who was keeping bad company. She was concerned too that he was wasting so much money on smoking. As an apparently Godly mother, she longed for her boy's conversion. Without doubt, this request will touch the heart of many and we can truly sympathise with this mother and intelligently pray for her and for her son. Praise God that Christ died for the "chief of sinners".

Sometimes students write and ask us to pray that they may be given success in examinations. Thank God that we can bring every detail of our lives to Him in prayer. We desire for these students success and advancement in their careers and yet are burdened with the fact that new life in Christ is of far greater importance. Thus we pray that such may see that there is absolutely no profit in success in this life if the soul is eventually lost.

"Pray for me." Certainly! But what for? Ninty-nine per cent. of the prayer requests are for material things. I only recall this one man asking us to pray for the personal salvation of his soul. I may well have forgotten others. However, scores of enquirers have been shown through the means of follow-up letters their true spiritual state before a Holy God—dead in trespasses and sins. They have also been pointed to the One Who said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me".

Does this challenge you to prayer? Will *you* pray that God might glorify Himself through the salvation of souls? Pray specifically that those who over the years have been shown the way of salvation may have their eyes opened to see Jesus.

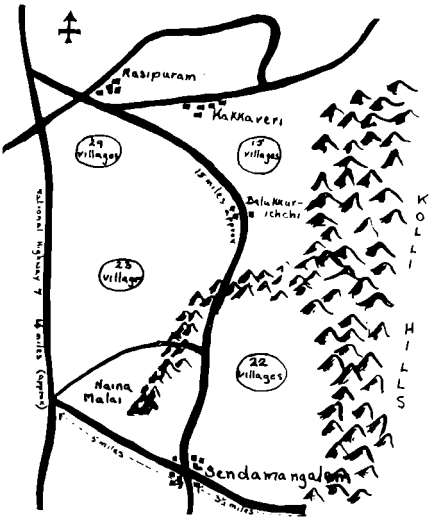
"Can we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high—
Can we to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

God forbid!—Are we not willing to deny ourselves that we may exercise a ministry of real sacrificial prayer for thousands who in these days are listening to the Gospel story through the means of Radio? Is the Evil one to have a monopoly of the air?

We need wisdom, also. "Brethren pray for us!" The Word says, "Be thou faithful. . . ."

Philip A. Grist.

Footnote: Total number of letters received during SEPTEMBER, 158. A Roman Catholic was called by Grace through the Radio programmes and the follow up ministry by letter. The Tamil Pastor of the church at Ootacamund was the final link in this ministry and rejoiced to lead this friend to the Saviour.—Editor.



VILLAGE EVANGELISM

W. N. H. KUHRT.

Though urbanisation is rapidly advancing in India as in every other part of the world, seventy-five per cent. of the population of India still lives in villages. Although there is nothing either in the name or in the constitution of our mission which requires us to confine ourselves to rural work, it does so happen that, for the most part, our missionaries have been so located that they could hardly avoid the challenge of village evangelism and it has usually been an important part of our work. But many duties come our way and direct evangelistic contact with the villages can quite easily be crowded out.

A few months ago we moved from Namakkal to Sendamangalam and, somewhat to our surprise as well as relief, found ourselves without most of those duties of administration that tend to clutter up some of our missionaries and without any of those specialised ministries that keep others so fruitfully occupied. Looking around for something to do was a novel experience; however, we hadn't far to look. Scores of India's half a million villages were within easy reach of our new home.

We didn't stop to work out any very elaborate plans for we have sometimes found that over careful planning takes up all one's time and leaves one too exhausted to carry out the plan! Neither did we stop to count the number of villages. We simply decided upon the area we would attack and within a month of our settling in we started off one morning on our first foray. The area lies entirely to the north of Sendamangalam as the sketch map will show and lies between National Highway No. 7 to the west and the Kolli Hills on the east with a second class road which runs roughly parallel to the highway cutting the area into two unequal portions. After we had visited twenty-five villages and felt a little more confident we pored over a large-scale map and counted up the number of

villages we might have to deal with. There were eighty-seven. At the time of writing we have been out twenty-four times and have had sixty-five meetings in forty-six different villages. Our total sales of literature are Rs. 132/48.

Although we have made a few evening trips most of our work is done in the morning. We get away by 6 a.m. and, if our first objective is not too far, we can sometimes be on the job by 6.30 a.m. The excellent Roman roads are said to have helped the Apostle Paul, though, plainly, his objective was not the villages but the cities of his day. Somewhat to our surprise, in view of the hard cycling and bullock cart travel of twenty-five years ago, we have been able to reach all but three of our forty-six villages in the van and we gratefully reflect that the Government's very proper concern for rural communications is not only opening up the villages to health services and to the cinema but also to the Gospel.

In these days literature distribution receives very great emphasis and hardly more than it deserves. But there are still many people in the villages who cannot read and if they are to understand anything at all we must preach. So we do not often go to a village without preaching and, in fact, it is the preaching which persuades many people to buy books. It is a rewarding experience to have a crowd of women, many of whom are quite illiterate, hanging upon one's words. It is sometimes possible to visit three or even four villages in a morning and then, to round off our work, we try to park the van conveniently near some elementary school before 9 a.m. and near some high school before 10 a.m. Although we sell a great deal to adults there is no doubt that a high proportion of sales is to school children.



Carvings of idols said to have been discarded by Hindus in Kerala, South India, converted through the ministry of the Apostle Thomas A.D. 52. *Photo: H. A. Huckett.*

In most villages we get a friendly reception and a patient hearing. The size of our literature sales is sufficient proof of the tolerance with which our message is received. However, it is not always so. In one village a local priest challenged us with shrewd questions and in another noisy and persistent interruption led to our abandoning our efforts while, a few days ago, an indignant headmaster drove scores of his eager pupils away from our mobile book shop and told us that we really ought to keep our wares within the confines of our own compound and not cause a disturbance on the public highway.

We hesitate to say what our plans are; we are not sure that we have any! We shall try and preach in all eighty-seven villages, I suppose, and when we have done that we may start again but we sometimes wonder if we shall have covered the villages of even our small part of India before the Son of Man arrives.

NEW YEAR PRAYER MEETING AND FAREWELL SERVICE

DATE: **JANUARY 7th, 1966 (God-willing)**
PLACE: **CHADWELL STREET CHAPEL, E.C.1.**
TIME: **6.45 p.m.**

Please endeavour to be present to share in the fellowship of prayer for God's work among the Tamils, and bid "God-speed" to our colleagues returning to the work in India.

DORKING MEETINGS

At the ODDFELLOWS' HALL, High Street (D.V.) on
SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER
Sale of Work 2.30 p.m.
Afternoon Meetings at 3.30 for Ladies (in the Hall)
and for Men (in Chapel)

Evening Meeting 6.15. Mr. H. J. Appleby and Mr. E. Orchard. Collection for the Mission. Sincere Welcome. Car park near by.

STREATHAM ANNUAL SALE OF WORK

The Annual Sale of Work on behalf of the STRICT BAPTIST MISSION will be held (D.V.) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, at Immanuel Church Hall, opposite Streatham Common. Miss Flory will open the sale at 3 p.m. Sale closes at 6 p.m.

THE PROBLEM EXAMINED. ii. Cor. 12: 9.

(Further extracts from a sermon preached by Mr. H. J. Appleby in Westminster Chapel, on April 27th, 1965.)

. . . It is necessary to remind ourselves that the alternative to living under Grace, is to live under the covenant of works. These two types of life are quite different, and it is this difference that we must understand clearly. Different principles govern life under Grace from those which govern life under the covenant of works. We fall into serious error when we try to apply the principles that belong to life under works, to the life under grace.

The man who has the life of Christ in his soul is related to God in an entirely different way from the man who does not know Christ. The basis of the relationship between the believer and his God is the grace of God. . . . The only way that the unbeliever can get into a vital relationship with God is to work for it; and he fails before he begins. Yet we fall into the error, so often, of thinking of our relationship with God as though we were, in fact, working for it. . . .

It comes to this then: whenever we are trying to grapple with a thorn, or a bewildering Providence, we must take a firm stand on the fact the grace is sovereign. Grace cannot be truly grace unless it is sovereignly given. Augustine was right: "Grace can in no way be called grace, if it is not in everyway grace". Under grace we have no right to argue what we do, or do not, deserve. If we want grace then we must also submit to sovereignty. This is something which has fallen out of our thinking in these days. . . .

When considering anything that God does, under grace, we must never make judgements based on a philosophy of works. This is the first, the negative, part of understanding how God's grace can be sufficient. We must remember that we are under a grace that is sovereign. Grace will never be sufficient for us unless we banish all thoughts based on works. And yet you will be surprised, if you examine your thinking carefully, how easily . . . we receive grace and talk works. We question Providence; we argue about thorns; we invent conditions. God will be unjust, we sometimes say, if He does not do this, or that or the other. That is not the language of grace: it is the language of works. Our thorns, our difficult Providences will always remain an agony to us, as long as we talk that way. We can get no further until we have come as far as this—if we are living by grace we must humbly submit to the sovereignty of the Giver of grace. Under grace we have no right to grumble. . . . If we insist (on such a right) we are outside of the realm of grace, and stand in the realm of works: but never forget that the wages of works, is at the end, death.

Sovereign grace has far more than this negative implication. Because the realm of grace in which we live is sovereignly ordered, it must, therefore, last beyond the mere limits of time. The very sovereignty of it preserves it from decay. Under sovereign grace, then we are concerned with eternal results. . . . Whatever happens under grace is more concerned with eternity than with time. This means that no thorn, no difficult Providence, is ever an end in itself. It is always the beginning of something that stretches right on into eternity beyond time.

May I remind you, again, that life under the convenant of works is constantly taken up with the limitations of time. The end of all time will mean the end of all works. There is nothing more that can be done after time has stopped. So that every circumstance in the life of the unbeliever is an end in itself. His life is full of full-stops. He has only the shortness of each moment to live for. There is nothing more.

At this point we begin to see something more of the sufficiency of grace. Whenever you are considering a thorn, or a bewildering Providence, you must understand that you are looking only at the beginning of something whose end is out of sight. Therefore, it is never reasonable to despair. . . . Grace is sufficient, because it makes every thorn, and every hard Providence, into a process and not an end.

Perhaps this may shed some light on why it is that the best people so often suffer the most trying Providences. The best people are precisely those with eternal life in their souls. They have to be made fit to stand the weight of an eternal glory. Therefore, they suffer much in the workshop of this life. The unbeliever has only this life. He needs little enough preparation for that. Therefore, it is the saints, not the sinners, that suffer the thorns and trials. You cannot make a crown unless you first hammer the gold.

Now I would not suggest that unbelievers have no troubles; nor would I suggest that one cannot be a true believer unless one has great trials. But the fact remains so often true—the wicked flourish and the righteous suffer. Both in the Scriptures, and in daily experience, you will find this strange emphasis. Consider Psalm 73 vv. 3, 5, 12, 16, and 17. There you have it clearly put. Observe that the sufficiency of grace was shown up at once, as soon as the Psalmist saw that the sinner's life comes to a sudden end. Subject of God's grace! Yours is a life that cannot be measured in years. The thorns are only the tiny processes of grace which are carrying you on to glory for evermore. Surely then, such grace is sufficient? It is sufficient because it is working toward a future: it is not limited to the present. Pity the man who is outside of grace. . . .

MISCELLANY

THE GENERAL SECRETARY. Pastor P. H. Crees has had to undergo surgical treatment in The Miller General Hospital, Greenwich. We are indeed glad to say he is now recovering from his operation, but it will be some time before he is able fully to take up his work again. Please pray that the Lord will give healing and renewed strength.

MISS PHYLLIS WHITE. A letter from India says that Miss White hails from Queensland and not Tasmania (as reported in our last issue). Our apologies. This gives us the opportunity of reminding our readers to pray for The Bible College of Tasmania, Latrobe, where Miss White and our other Australian colleagues were trained.

"MISSION HERALD" AND "RAYS", 1966. Owing to increased postal charges the cost of single copies of The "Strict Baptist Mission Herald" will be 4s. 0d. and single copies of "Rays from the East" will be 2s. 6d. per annum. The cost of bulk supplies will remain the same.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS. Mrs. F. May reports the sale of over £20 of used stamps during the year. We still value this means of helping the Mission's work. Please send your used stamps to Mrs. F. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts., who will be glad to supply approval sheets and packets of stamps to collectors.

F.O.Y. DENOMINATIONAL FESTIVAL. We understand that this Festival is now postponed until 1967. Please pray for all those involved in the necessary planning and preparation for this Festival.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY. Pastor A. D. Rowland writes of the encouragement he has received through the many expressions of prayerful support from the friends in the Churches. He mentions TWO ways in which the work of the Mission office be made easier. (i) By sending all moneys for magazines, and gifts to the work DIRECT to him at 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk. This would save time and postage, as everything of this nature sent to the General Secretary's Office only has to be sent on to the Financial Secretary. (ii) By making out cheques and Postal Orders to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and not to any person by name. This ensures that such items pass more quickly through the Bank.

THE TREASURY — **AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1965**

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund	£651	£1888
Special Funds	61	234
Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary	125	521
	£837	£2643

We always find that these two months are quiet ones from the "Treasury" side, although, of course, our requirements in India continue and grow. Perhaps this is an opportunity to say "thank you" to our many hundreds of box holders. We do value the regular giving done in this way, and we also believe that the box on the mantelpiece is a constant reminder that our mission seeks your regular prayer as well as your regular pence.

Anonymous gifts gratefully acknowledged: Ipswich, £6 10s. 0d.; Well-wisher, Hoxne £5; A.K. £1.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1965

God-willing the following services and meetings are planned

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—NOVEMBER 12th-15th, Missionary Week-end, Hildenborough Hall; 20th, Dorking; 21st, Wetherden; 28th, Finchley.

DECEMBER 5th, Bierton; 19th, Sutton-at-Hone.

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MISSIONARIES

Mr. H. J. Appleby.—NOVEMBER 3rd, Chingford; 5th, Ipswich, Zoar, F.O.Y.; 7th, Occold; 11th, Meopham; 12th-15th, Missionary Week-end, Hildenborough Hall; 16th, Brighton, Tabernacle; 18th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hill; 20th, Dorking; 21st, Gt. Blakenham; 22nd, Tunstall/Sudbourne; 23rd, Leiston; 25th, F.O.Y. Rally, Suffolk South (Whitton); 26th, F.O.Y. Rally, Suffolk West (Stowmarket); 28th, Stretham, Cambs.; 29th Greenwich.

Mrs. H. J. Appleby.—NOVEMBER 11th, Meopham; 12th-15th, Missionary Week-end, Hildenborough Hall; 16th, Brighton, Tabernacle.

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Pastor J. K. Thorpe (Vice-President).—NOVEMBER 14th, Horham.

Pastor G. Gould.—NOVEMBER 14th, Tring.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—NOVEMBER 28th, Borough Green.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—NOVEMBER 6th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 7th, Swanley/Sutton-at-Hone S.S.; 9th, Stratford, Gurney Road; 14th, Tring; 17th, Potten End; 23rd, Bermondsey; 30th, Woolwich.

DECEMBER 7th, Cottenham; 8th, Cambridge, Eden; 9th, Stretham, Cambs.

ADDRESS: 4 Chichester Close, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. Tel.: Bexhill 5039.

Miss E. M. Flory.—NOVEMBER 2nd, Chatteris; 6th, Streatham; 9th, Wetherden; 10th, Colchester F.O.Y.; 12th-15th, Missionary Week-end, Hildenborough Hall; 16th, Brighton, Tabernacle; 17th, Greenwich; 19th, F.O.Y. Rally, Suffolk North (Cransford); 24th, Laxfield; 25th, F.O.Y. Rally Suffolk South (Whitton).

ADDRESS: 100 Back Hamlet, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Miss N. Hawes.—NOVEMBER 1st, West Ham; 12th-15th, Missionary Week-end, Hildenborough Hall; 15th, Horham (evening); 16th, Over; 17th, Little Downham; 25th, F.O.Y. Rally, Suffolk, South (Whitton).

ADDRESS: White House Farm, Athelington, Diss, Norfolk.

Mrs. E. Orchard.—NOVEMBER 12th-15th, Missionary Week-end, Hildenborough Hall.

Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—NOVEMBER 1st-8th, N.E. England Mission Week; 9th, Trowbridge, Zion; 10th, Bradenstoke; 12th, 13th, 15th, Missionary Week-end, Hildenborough Hall; 14th, Croydon, Derby Road; 15th, Horham (Evening); 16th, Fressingfield; 19th, F.O.Y. Rally, Suffolk North (Cransford); 21st, Bury; 24th, Sheffield; 28th, Rotherham.

DECEMBER 2nd, Poynings (Evening); 12th, Cottenham/Willingham; 19th, Horham.

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Mission to the Tamil People

. . . WITHOUT A PREACHER? . . .

"We are firmly persuaded that Paul might plant and Apollos water, in vain, in any part of the world, did not God give the increase. We are sure that only those who are ordained to eternal life will believe, and that God alone can add to the Church such as shall be saved.

"Nevertheless, we cannot but observe with admiration that Paul, the great champion for the glorious doctrines of free and sovereign grace, was the most conspicuous for his personal zeal in the work of persuading men to be reconciled to God. In this respect, he is a noble example for our imitation."

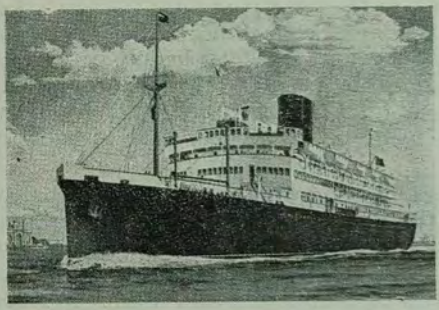
William Carey.

. . . AND HOW SHALL THEY PREACH EXCEPT THEY BE SENT? . . . PRAY YE, THEREFORE . . .

RAYS

FROM THE EAST

for young people



S.S. "Circassia" leaving Bombay

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LEFT BEHIND

by Mrs. G. K. Huckett, Namakal

Have you ever gone to the Sunday School Outing and been left behind? It sometimes happens! Have you ever got to the station just in time to see the train going out? You have been left behind! Horrible experience, isn't it? It would be worse still if you landed in another country and got left behind when the ship sailed again. That is what happened to two seamen at Aden.

We steamed into Aden quite early in the morning. Many people went ashore sight-seeing and shopping. Shore-leave was given to some of the sailors, too. All had to be back on the ship by noon. Twelve o'clock came, and we steamed out to sea again, passing on the way a big P. & O. liner called the "Orcades", lying at anchor in the harbour. The "Orcades" was flying two yellow flags, so we wondered what illness they had on board.

After we had got out to sea, suddenly the ship slowed down and the engines stopped. I looked out of the porthole and saw a light-house and some rocks which we had passed earlier. After about an hour or so, we heard the engines start up again and on we went. Later, we found out what had happened.

Two seamen had gone ashore at Aden to do some shopping. They got back to the quay just after the last launch for the ship had left. They were left behind! They had spent their money, they had lots of goods, but they hadn't got any cash left to hire a private boat. They even had their return tickets for the launch, but it had gone, and they were left behind. They were too late. So they had to go to the Anchor Line Agents and confess their plight.

Then a radio message was sent to the ship that two seamen were left behind. The captain had to stop the ship and wait for them to be brought out in a launch. We had gone some distance and that was why we had to wait so long. When they arrived they had to climb up the ship's side on a little rope ladder with all their parcels and must have felt very ashamed of themselves for giving so much trouble and not obeying orders. We heard that the captain fined them, and that they will probably be dismissed at the end of the voyage. How awful to be left behind like that in a strange and troubled country, no money, no home, no friends. What was the use now of all those things they had bought? All because they did not take note of the time and heed the warning they were left behind.

Jesus speaks of some who will one day be left behind. It is in Matthew 24. 40 and 41. Two will be in the field. One shall be taken and the other left. Two women will be working together. One will be taken and the other left, when our Lord Jesus comes again. In the Gospel of Luke, we are told the same things and more also; for there the Saviour says that there will be two in one bed, and one will be taken and one left behind. How awful to be left behind and not taken up to be with Jesus in heaven. That will never happen to anyone who is really trusting in Jesus, for

such belong to Him and He will never leave anyone behind who belongs to Him. God says: "They shall be mine . . . when I make up my jewels", and you can read that in Malachi 3. 17. Seek Him now, and you will never be left behind, or left out of heaven.

COME ON CAMP WITH US IN INDIA—II

By Dr. Ruth Harris, Kolli Hills



Now we turn left, and go down the tarred road which leads to the Kolli Hills. There are fields on either side of the road but only one or two buildings. On the corner of the road is the little coffee shop where there are always people sitting about, drinking a cup of coffee while they wait for a bus, or are waiting for the cycle which they want to hire to be repaired.

On the opposite side of the road there is a small farmhouse but it is not at all like the lovely large farmhouses of England. This Kolli Hill farmhouse has one or, perhaps, two rooms, mud walls, and a thatched roof. It has no door but just a bamboo mat hung across the open gap, which is the doorway. This farmhouse is where we get our milk, and there are one or two cows standing outside now. We called on the family who live here one Sunday, and sitting on mats on the floor, we told them stories from the Bible and tried to teach them some Tamil lyrics, or hymns.

There is also another farmhouse a little farther along the road. This one is up a steep bank and is on the left-hand side. Here lives a family of five—grandma, father, mother, and two boys, aged six and nine. You will be glad to hear that this family has come to love the Lord Jesus. The father and the old grandmother first heard about Him when they went to the big Christian hospital at Vellore, and they brought a Bible back with them.

Some time ago, the father became very ill with T.B. in his chest and throat. It was then that we first came to know them and were able to help him with medicine, so that he is now almost well. After that, the youngest boy had a thorn pierce his knee which became so swollen and painful that we had to send him to Vellore to have the thorn removed. These people praise God for the healing which He has given them and they know that it was the Lord Jesus who sent us to help them.

We must now hurry on to get to a more distant village, so we do not stop to talk to our friends save to greet them and say "Good morning".

To be continued

WHO WILL PROVIDE

by Mrs. Doris A. Kuhrt, Namakal

By the time you read this another Christmas will have come and gone. You will have had many good things to eat and I wonder if you have spared a thought for the children in India, many of whom are often ill-fed and undernourished. Take water, for instance—you do not have to worry about water unless the pipes freeze like they did in January 1963, but that is unusual. WATER means Life in this country; yet by some strange act of nature, this usually dry part of India has had almost too much rain this year, and in consequence much precious water has been wasted. Tiny seedlings have been washed away and overflowing lakes have caused floods. One can have too much of a good thing, as the saying goes, even rain in India!

We heard recently that the people in a nearby village had regretfully decided to "cut the bund". That is a serious decision to make. It means that the water in the huge lake just outside the village rose so high that the villagers decided to lose the water rather than have their village flooded by an overflowing. So the lake's walls of mud and brick were broken down and the water ran away and was wasted.

This reminded me of a story from the ancient tales of India, where an old poetess was asked to give a word of blessing to the king at a time of national rejoicing. Everyone extolled the king but this woman merely remarked, "May the bund rise". She puzzled everyone by repeating this several times, and when asked for an explanation she explained it like this:

"When the banks are raised the water is high,
When the water rises rice flourishes,
When the rice flourishes the people prosper,
When the people prosper the king prospers."

The Bible says take no thought, that is, do not worry about food and clothing, your heavenly Father will provide. Are you praying that your missionaries will help the Indian people to believe this?

The old poetess was a wise woman and I hope you will read another story about her in the next magazine.

WHATSOEVER

"Whatsoever" is a word that is seldom used except in the Bible and there is a good reason for this. When men speak concerning a matter, they find it necessary to allow for exceptions to their rules, for they do not apply to all men in all cases.

But when God speaks to us in His Word, He speaks with complete authority. His Word is true for all men in all cases, there are no exceptions. The perfect Law of God applies as much to-day as it did 3,000 years ago: it applies to the old or the young; it applies to the learned and the unlearned—to all races, all peoples,

all languages. It will apply until time shall cease; and in that great day it shall be proved that whatsoever the Word of God has said shall never pass away.

Seven times in Psalm 119, the writer asked God to teach him His "statutes"—or His commandments, or orders. Will you, as you do this Searcher, ask the Lord to do the same for you? "Teach me Thy statutes".

Lower Group, age under 12

In each of the chapters named there is at least one verse in which you will find the word **"Whatsoever"**. Read through the chapters very carefully, and when you have found all the references you can, **start at the word "Whatsoever", and write on to the end of the verse,** giving the book, chapter and verse where found. These are the chapters: Ecclesiastes 9; Matthew 7; John 2; Galatians 6; Colossians 3.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Please read this very carefully. First of all, follow the instructions given for the Lower Group and write out the answers. Then search for the word "Whatsoever", in the following chapters, but note that in this part we want you to write out **the whole verse,** and say where it is found. The chapters are: John 15; Romans 15; Ephesians 6; Philippians 4; 1st Epistle John 3.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until August 1965, 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, 1965.

Result of Last Bible Searcher

What a splendid "Beginning" for 1965! There were 476 entries. We welcome 83 new Searchers; and we were very pleased to see the return of several Schools that have not been represented for a long time. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Barbara Payne; aged 13, "Tabernacle" S.S., Brighton.
2. Rosemary Jarvis; aged 13, Old Baptist S.S., Bradford-on-Avon.

Special Mention: Gillian Lawrence, Joyce Orchard, Robin Woodford, Trevor Clarkson, Sheila Pearce, Rita Parker, Jill Clements, Adrian Clarkson, Andrew Collins, Carol Cooper, Michael Kendall, Vivienne Pain.

Very Highly Commended: Heather Payne, Susan Foster, Patricia Hammond, Ann Staley, Judith Shepherd, Rosemary Foster, Jane See, Alan Noble, Pauline Jakes, Monica Jarritt, Elizabeth Hammond, Hilary Worsell, Robert Chambers, Ruth Goodwin, Margaret Gooderham, Shirley Fuller, Susan Woodford, Kathleen Kelly, Christine Morris, Jeremy Dutton, Janet Eldridge, Ruth Scoggins, Marilyn Ford, Ann Barton, Sylvia Reeve, Margaret Gadd, Jennifer Clarkson, Ronald Goddard, Madeleine Carr, Rachel Cox, Rosemary Payne, Paul Smith, Susan Woolcott, Cynthia Cantwell, Christine Burns, Julia Lupton, Constance Budd, Stephen Woodford,

Marion Kendall, Peter Havers, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Barry Hills, Maureen Lowe, Barbara Williams, Yvonne Staines, Valerie Dunnett, Philip Kilmister, Margaret Broad, Lynn Harvey, Linda Fountain.

Highly Commended: Josephine Drury, D. Steele, John Dennis, Ruth Gadd, Hazel Cordle, Sylvia Chapman, Roger Armstrong, Peter Jarritt, Kathleen Portlock, Margaret Reeve, David Harmer, Marylin Dudley, Rosemary Budd, Ann Blakeman, Linda Moss, Linda Bloor, Peter King, David Veale, Peter Rodwell, Susan Noble, Miriam Baker, Kathleen Dean, Brian Metcalfe, Yvonne Flint, Martin Dowding, Dorothy Putman, Peter Tanfield, Paul Tanfield, Roger Taylor, Andrew Dawson, Tony Summers, Wendy Hindle, Susan Fisher (Waldringfield), Joan Bollans, David East, Alan Parris, Deirdre Killick, Paula Chapman, Raymond Grimwood, Alison Christie, Susan Smith, Robert Brown, David Parker, Ivan Davidson, Philip Baker, Lorraine Kiehl, Paul Grimwood, Susan Fisher (Basildon).

Commended: Susan Hayday, Angela Blaxall, Evelyn Dodge, Shirley Steel, Raymond Upchurch, John Bennett, Pat Jeffery Grist, Linda Turrell, K. Browne (gave two wrong answers), Tony Hindle (omitted one answer), J. R. Buss, Bernard Gooderham. Answered Upper Group only: Pat Ruffold. Answered Lower Group only: Lorraine Price, Jasmin Catlin, James Cowie, Gail Randall.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. John Layzell, aged 10, Hambro Road, S.S., Streatham.
2. Marion Frost, aged 10, Horham S.S.

Special Mention: Philip Clarkson, Lorna Murden, Mary Bater, Paul Gray, Heather Wicks, Graham Wilkinson, Rosalind Wilkinson, Barbara Hammond, Ruth Layzell, Ruth Sapsford, Linda Chapman, Heather Gardner, Glenys Mayhew.

Very Highly Commended: Andrew Ottley, J. Dennett, Annette Chuter, Gillian Frost, Elizabeth Wood, Colleen Wright, Valerie Richards, Lydia Pyke, Monica Gooderham, Maureen Gar, Margaret Sear, Maureen Blagden, Philip Collins, Andrew Cooke, Raymond Hart, Barbara Wright, Joyce Pain, Christine Smith, Mary Bemment, Shelagh Norris, Martin Page, Miriam Pyke, Jean Smith, Lesley Summers, Philip Page, Claire Taylor, Lynn Elliott, Kathleen Richards, Beryl Munford, Wanda Kosmalski, Sandra Reeve, Jennifer Starnes, Joy Mutimer, Susan Mann, Dawn Strutt, Linda Savers, Peter Geall, Sheila Cross, Pamela Fountain, Julie Blagden, Valerie Clover, Stephen Kingston, Paul Brown, David Bennett, Myra Evans, Stephen Hart, Jill Reuter, Audrey Wheeler, Anthony Wood, Alan Garner, Jacqueline Taylor, Stephen Foster, Evelyn Barton, David Thurlow, Graham Bemment, Debbie Gramlick, Bridget Frost, Sharon Rivers, Claire Wicking, Christopher Rookyard, Alan Burrows, Philip Hart, John Markwick, Wendy Chapman, Christopher Mitchell, Marion Drury, Gillian Naunton, Philip Wiles, Roy Lloyd, Gerald Budd, Sara Jardine, Ruth Summers, Kathryn Appleby, Andrew Goodwin, Mary Toms, Elisabeth Skelton, Pauline Elms, David Morris, Heather Edwards, David Monk, David Gurd, Rosemary Barnes, Susan Shepherd, Jacqueline Maltby, Susan Dodge, Gerald Roffey, Richard Underwood, June Lambert, Christine Relf, Keith Maltby, Graham Hodgson.

Highly Commended: Wendy Christie, Patrick Ryan, Kathleen Watts, Christopher Dowding, Christine Feilden, Peter Davidson, Linda Mitson, Angela Taylor, Suzanne Cox, Lesley Hudson, Ian Evemy, Gillian Goodwin, Kathleen Burch, Sally Chapman, Paul Hart, Pauline Steele, Joan Justice, Jane Farmer, Andrew Hewitt, Pauline Mayhew, Margaret Green, Tari Milton, Tina Ponting, Grace Justice, Margaret Woolsey, Jane Chambers, Peter Brown, Felicity Lawler, Linda Beaumont, Elaine Hewitt, Patrick Manderson, Eric Bater, Valerie Rodwell, Christine Parr, Graham Hart, Graham Milne, Gabrielle Valtorta, Annette Farenden, Paul Cartwright, Joy Chapman, Peter Dodge, Karen Mead, Michael Wayman, Mary Jones, Stella Rodwell, Roy Galloway, Christine Edwards (Downe), Angela Chapman, Alan Milton, Marion Jackson, Linda Jordan, Trevor Fidgett, Karen Parkins, Jamie Ryan, Andrew Pearce, Kevin Frost, Peggy Gates, Janet Burns, Michael Hewitt, Angela Duke, Rosemary Chapman, Stephen Woolcott, Joy Thrower,

Dawn Medhurst, Yvonne Steward, Kathryn Farrow, Richard Clarkson, Andrew Toms, Paul Jermyn, Janet Bowler, David Blackman, Jeremy Jarvis, Marion Staines, Two entries, age 9 and 10, from High Wycombe; Lois Clarkson, Angela Ransome, Jennifer Williams, Mary Arnold, Phillippa Evans, June Goodrich, Jane Wicking, Jacqueline Andrews, Judith Orchard, Jean Armstrong, Arthur Dodge, Linda Tanfield, Malinda Cross, Elaine Maunsell, Rachel Orchard, Philip Turner, Julia Hassan, Peter Kosmalski, Janet Goodchild, Lyn Weston, Linda Wilmer, Susan Risiott, Trevor Hart, Pamela Parker, Ian Hutton, Joanne Jafrate, Christine Frost, Christine Lambert, Ellen Badrich, Annette Bull, Pamela Fuller, Christopher Harvey, Stephen Mayhew, Christine Edmonds, Jill Harvey, Ivan Chapman, Christine Edwards (Yateley), Christine Newcombe, Linda Ward, Christine Robinson, Christopher Chapman, Andrew Orchard, Ann Kercher, Mark Hassan, David Wright, Gary Moore, Thomas Buss, Keith Payne, Heather Bottley, Elizabeth Pearson, Stephen Summers, Irene Carter, Cathie Ferguson, Jennifer Noble, Alison Fisher, Teresa Ponting, Richard Clark, Rosemary Howe, Linda Edmonds, Hazel Galloway, Brenda Molloy, Richard Kosmalski, Paul Thompson, Susan Gates, Kathleen Jafrate, Linda Cobbold, William Paddon, Jane Grainger, Tony Randall, Linda Parkins, Jeannette Bunton, Valerie Steel, Debra Marven, Neville Eastol, Stephen Cooke, Quinton Morwood, Julie Barry, Keith Bunton, Janice Dockree, Elaine Cole, Diana Hosier, Jane Cleasby, Sally Thomas, Ronald Carter, Leslie Barber, Deborah Kelly, Mary Bower, Bernard Fenn, Kim Liddard, Julie Dean.

Commended: Keith Ransome, Diane Feilden, Steven Carr, Lesley Cole, Rose Coomber, Marian Edwards, Melvyn Barnes, Elizabeth Starnes, Janet Green, Philip Norris, Linda Webb, Susan Walsh, Claire Weston, Carol Barber, Susan Lloyd, Linda Killick, Theresa Finneran, Keith Green, Julia Barber, Christina Markwick, Sandra Ransome, Paul Thrower, Susan Boggis, Ronnie Copping, Ruth Steward, Karen May, Debra Boggis, Berys Bird, Noel Warmington, Leonard Carter, Judith Lawrence, Lynne Pengelly, Janice Jennings, Elaine Jarvis, Linda Price, Peter Garner, Graham Cross, Judy Hartley, Carol Payne, Simon Tanfield, Sandra Copeland, Teresa Burnard, Jimmy Barrett, Renford Warmington, Michael Peachey, Diane Elliott, Amanda Hassan, June McReynolds, Denise Copeland, Sharon Risiott, Rosamund High, Kathleen Elms, James Coomber, An entry from Aldbury, age 9, Philip Walsh, Gary Kellythorn, Keith Manns, Nicky Sampson, Kenneth Kiehl, Sandra Giles, Stephen Webb, William Mould, Steven Sandford, Tony Ewer, Bryan Upchurch, Bernardette Duke, Dawn Yarham, Gaye Yarham, Julie Farenden, Penny Punter, John Manns, Surjan Singh, Stephen Bradbury.

Not for Competition: The Misses Jill Brown, Lilian Boxall and Yvonne Hucklesbee.

North Finchley heads the list once again. Hammerfield came second; Warboys, third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Doubtless, many of you have been looking at the newspaper each day to get the latest news of Goldie. In case you do not know who he is, Goldie is the name of a Golden Eagle from the London Zoo. On Saturday, February 27th, he escaped from his cage, made a dash for freedom, and soared into the tree-tops of Regents Park. For twelve whole days and nights, Goldie enjoyed "the way of an eagle in the air" and kept half the world wondering what he was going to do next.

There was a time when Goldie used to soar amongst the clouds in the snow-clad mountains of Finland. He was only two years old then, and his wings were strong and his flight swift. But for the past five years Goldie had been shut up in a cage in the Zoo and his wings had become so weak that, when he escaped he could only flap from tree to tree and several times came to rest on top of a lamp-post. As Goldie used his wings,

however, he became stronger each day until he could do a 20-mile flight over St. John's Wood and North-West London.

But Goldie was fond of rabbit. And so it was that very early in the morning of Wednesday, March 10th, the keepers of the Zoo tied a rabbit to some thin wire, placed it on the ground near Goldie's tree, and then waited. As soon as it grew light, they gave the wire a pull—the rabbit moved. Goldie swooped down; fastened his talons in it, and—oh dear!—Goldie was captured and put back in his cage. His freedom came to an end and he was a prisoner once more. Perhaps the sight of the snow on the ground reminded Goldie of the happy days when he roamed over the Finnish mountains, and made him long to be able to spread his beautiful wings and soar once again. I wonder if you ever feel like that. David did (see Psa. 55. 6); he did not want to be free merely to please himself, but he wanted to be free from the evil power of sin. For it is sin that cages our soul and cramps our lives. Have you sometimes made up your mind that you will be free? And have you ever tried very hard to do your best to keep free from sin? Have you been able to keep free, or have you just got back into the old cage again?

Do not be discouraged if you have failed, for you are only finding out what each one of us have also discovered, that just like Goldie, our own inner desires lead us back into captivity, even though we do not want to become trapped. Most important of all, don't do what Goldie has done. Don't be content with being a captive. For there is One who can set you free. He can do for you what you cannot do for yourself. He can rescue you from the power of the evil one. The Lord Jesus said, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed". So it is that when we put our whole faith and trust in the Lord Jesus our powers return, and we can renew our strength because "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He insureth strength". Let us remember the beautiful words that Isaiah wrote in chapter 40. v. 31:

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run and not be weary;
They shall walk and not faint."

I was very pleased to hear from the following Bible Searchers: Miriam Baker (so glad to hear your good news), Monica Jarritt, Sharon Rivers and Hilary Worsell. Also from the following friends: Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. Christie, Mr. Norman Cox, Mr. Harold Harmer, Pastor Joseph Hewitt, Mr. D. A. Jermyn, Mr. F. G. Laming, Mrs. F. Pain, Mr. Don. J. Payne, Mrs. P. Relf, Mrs. Nora Purdie (so glad to hear from "Potten End-ers" once again), Mrs. D. A. Scrivener (many thanks for lovely parcels of texts and stamps), Miss J. E. Smith, Miss Grace Taylor, Pastor J. K. Thorpe and Mr. W. K. Trowbridge. With very sincere appreciation do I thank you each for all your interest and help in this work for our boys and girls.

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A NEW PAINTING BOOK

The Strict Baptist Mission have just published a new painting book for boys and girls, and its picture cover is illustrated on the front cover of this magazine.

Eight pictures and one map in Book 1 illustrate Paul's first missionary journey, and each picture, which is drawn in outline ready for colouring, is briefly described, together with a reference to the Book of the Acts. The drawings are the work of our friend, Mr. L. F. Lupton. They are not only well-drawn but are more accurate in historical detail than most Bible pictures.

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This is just the right book to give to boys and girls who love colouring with paint or with crayon.

Seeing that this is the first time that the Mission has published a book of this kind, "Rays" is offering THREE SPECIAL PRIZES **for boys or girls under 12.**

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Do not forget to write your name and address on the inside front cover. The books will be returned to you again, and each of the three prizes will consist of a copy of "Red Indian Peril", another thrilling story written and illustrated by Mr. L. F. Lupton.

Entries must be received on or before July 12th.

COME ON CAMP WITH US IN INDIA—III

By Dr. Ruth Harris, Kolli Hills



As we continue down the road, we gain a clear view of the Kolli Hills, rising up before us on our left. They are very beautiful with their forest covered slopes, and in the rainy season we may see the river rushing down over the steep rocks in white cascades, or waterfalls.

We can now see men and women, also boys and girls, bringing water up from the river for their cooking. Big pots, little pots,

brass pots, earthenware pots, pots of all sorts, shapes and sizes, are being carried on their heads, and perhaps one on the hip as well. We know most of the people we meet, and they also know us, since we have been here a number of times. Because you are walking along the road with us, they are sure to want to know who you are. You cannot understand a word they say, because they are speaking in Tamil. They are very pleased, however, when I tell them that you have come out from England to visit them.

Here, we turn right off the tarred main road and go right down a sandy slope which leads to the river. This is where the children love bathing and splashing about in the water, especially later on in the day. Now, you can see people washing their clothes in the stream, and some of them are filling pots with water to take home. Just a little lower down the river, where it bends away from the road under some trees, there are several washermen and washerwomen; we call them dhobies in India. They have piles and piles of clothes and get the dirt out of them by beating them on stones. Most of them have come from villages several miles away. Their work is very hard—it is hard on the clothes too!

Now we cross the river which is usually not more than about 10 to 15 feet wide, and does not reach higher than our knees; although during the rainy season it can be a wide, deep, swirling torrent. If you are wearing rubber sandals like we are, you can wade through without taking them off. Up we go again, up the sandy bank, and then down again across a little stream with coconut palms growing nearby. We then follow along a narrow path—mind how you go for there is a drop of about 3 feet, on the right of the path, to where the rice is growing in muddy water! The luscious green rice fields stretch for acres. On the left of our path, the tapioca plants are growing up like small palm trees, 8 to 10 feet high; you will be interested in these, because tapioca is made from the roots of these trees.

Our path now takes us by a well; where, under the welcome shade of coconut palms a man is driving his bullocks up and down a short slope. The bullocks (as in our sketch at the head of this article) are attached to a large leather bag by ropes which pass over a small wooden wheel. As the bullocks move backwards up the slope, the leather bag falls back into the water. It then fills itself from the well and is drawn up as the bullocks go down the slope. It then empties itself, when it gets to the top, through a funnel into a channel which leads the water into the fields of rice and provides the rice plants with water.

Do you sometimes sing about being "channels only" for the Lord Jesus? Well, here you have a picture of what it means to be a channel. If the channel is filled with flowing water, the precious water will reach the rice fields, and bring life to the rice plants. But, if the channels are clogged up with earth, so that the water cannot pass through, the precious water will never reach the field and the rice will die. How very important it is that our mind and heart shall be made clean by the Lord Jesus!

IS GOD HERE?—II

By Mrs. Doris A. Kuhrt, Namakal

The old poetess about whom you read in the last magazine also figures in the following story:

> One day she was walking in the hot Indian sun, when, becoming exhausted, she sank gratefully under the shade of a tree. Because she was old, she did not sit cross-legged, as is the custom in India, but stretched herself out in comfort. Opposite her was a temple and, as she sat dozing, an old priest came running out crying to her, "O Amma! aren't you ashamed to sit like that in front of the temple where God dwells"? The old poetess answered calmly, "Tell me a place where God is NOT and I will go there and stretch out my legs". The priest did not know how to answer her, for he realised that she had more faith and piety than he had.

Do we all believe that God is everywhere and can see everything? Would our words and our actions be any different if we did? The above is only an Indian fable but we can learn something from it. There are many gods and many confusing teachings in India, but we would like all our children to know and to remember that there is ONE God and ONE Mediator ("one who stands between") between us and God; and He is Jesus. Pray for the children here in our Sunday Schools and Hostels who are daily learning of Him.

GOD'S PROTECTING HAND

by Missionary John Field, Kovilpatti

Yesterday was a day of deliverances. I started out for Madurai early in the morning in the Book Bus. After a mile or two I became suspicious that something was wrong, so proceeded cautiously. Suddenly the steering became unmanageable and the vehicle swerved over to the right just as we went over a bridge, which we missed hitting by about two feet, if that. On crawling under the vehicle, I found the right hand tie-rod end had given up, and the tie-rod itself had come adrift. I made a temporary repair with string, etc., and drove cautiously to Sattur, where I parked the vehicle and telephoned to the Garage at Madurai.

I dread to think what might have been the result if we had swerved still more, or if some vehicle had been proceeding in the opposite direction.

In the evening, the three elder children and I had the Carrom board on the table and were having a jolly game. At the end of the first round I lifted the board slightly and put my hand underneath to get the men out of the pockets. Almost immediately, Paul called out "Parmbu, parmbu" (snake). I was quite incredulous but sure enough when I looked, there was a viper writhing underneath the very pocket where I had put my hand. Of course, we soon killed it. It was fifteen inches long.

This morning we killed a small cobra a few yards from the Bungalow. How conscious we are of the need for the Lord's gracious protection, even in physical things.

FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

Think of something which never changes. We talk of everlasting flowers, but although their colour lasts a long time, even after they are dried, the time comes when they go brown and become useless. We sometimes sing about "the everlasting hills", but the day is coming when "the mountains shall depart and the hills shall remove". Even the sun and the earth are changing year by year, although the changes may be so small that they can hardly be measured.

God alone is everlasting—"His Word endureth to all generations"—and in our Searcher we are to discover some of the "eternal" or "everlasting" things that God has said shall never change.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named and search for the following words.

1. An everlasting kingdom.
2. Everlasting joy.
3. An everlasting sign.
4. Everlasting light.
5. Everlasting life.
6. The everlasting Gospel

They will be found in Psalm 145; Isaiah, chapters 35, 55 and 60; John 3; Revelation 14. When you have found all the references you can, write out your answers like this:

1. An everlasting kingdom is found in . . . and so on, in each case giving the book, chapter and verses where found. Then underneath your list write out **in full** the verse which answers question 1.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Find the answers to these questions as well as those given for the Lower Groups, and write them out in the same way.

7. The everlasting arms.
8. Everlasting kindness.
9. An everlasting name
10. An everlasting covenant.
11. An everlasting love
12. An everlasting dominion.

They are found in Deuteronomy 33; Isaiah 54, 56 and 61; Jeremiah 31; Daniel 7. Write out **in full** the answer to question 12.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until October 1965, 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 3d. stamp, to UNCLE PETER.

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CLOSING DATE—JUNE 30th, 1965

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

There were not quite so many entries as last time. But some very good papers were sent in both groups, showing great care in searching and copying out the verses. We welcome sixty-one new searchers and a new school—Bradfield St. George. The names are given in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Jill Clements, aged 15, Gurney Road S.S., Stratford.
2. Ann Barton, aged 14, Fryerns S.S., Basildon.

Special Mention: Monica Jarritt, Linda Chapman, Janet Eldridge, Barbara Payne, Judith Shepherd, Jeremy Dutton, Trevor Clarkson, Patricia Hammond, Rosemary Jarvis, Vivienne Pain, Michael Kendall.

Very Highly Commended: Paula Chapman, Graham Bemment, Hilary Worsell, Margaret Gadd, Roger Armstrong, Jennifer Clarkson, Margaret Broad, Philip Baker, Josephine Drury, D. Harmer, Andrew Collins, Peter Jarritt, Marion Kendall. Ruth Gadd, Evelyn Barton, Elizabeth Hammond, Susan Woodford, Alan Parris, Stephen Woodford, Christine Morris, Heather Payne, Sheila Pearce, Marylin Dudley, Alan Burrows, Andrew Dawson, Rita Ruffles, John Bollans, Kathleen Kelly, Ruth Scoggins, Martin Dowding, Gillian Lawrence, Linda Harmon, Ann Blakeman.

Highly Commended: Dorothy Putman, Ann Staley, Hazel Cordle, Miriam Baker, Sylvia Chapman, Pauline Jakes, Lynda Buggs, Teresa Carman, Yvonne Staines, Marian Goold, Adrian Clarkson, Joyce Orchard, Valerie Dunnett, Linda Fountain, Myra Evans, Margaret Reeve, Christine Burns, Rita Parker, Jane See, James Cowie, Alison Christie, Maureen Lowe, Ronald Goddard, Angela Blaxall, Kathleen Dean, Peter King, Paul Smith, Margaret Gooderham, Rosemary Foster, Susan Woolcott, Susan Smith, Pauline Dodge, Sylvia Reeve, Rosalind Foster, Susan Foster, Robert Chambers, Linda Moss, Paul Grimwood, Raymond Grimwood, Evelyn Dodge, Rosemary Cross, David Veale, Rosemary Budd, Lynn Harvey.

Commended: Keith Maltby, Bernard Gooderham, Donett Westney, Margaret Collins, Raymond Upchurch, Paul Tanfield, Wendy Hensby, Brian Metcalfe, Christine Wheeler, Madeleine Carr, John Buss, David Keeble, Kenneth Browne, Elaine Cole, Linda Bloor. Answered Upper Group only: Margaret Clarke, Jacqueline Taylor, A. Mohammed, Barbara Wright, Kathryn Farrow, Elizabeth Barton, Pat Ruffold, Pamela Knott. Answered Lower Group only: Lorraine Kiehl, Lorraine Price.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Diana Hosier, aged 10, Hammerfield S.S.
2. Lydia Pyke, aged 9, Prettygate S.S., Colchester.

Special Mention: Lorna Murden, Philip Clarkson, Glenys Mayhew, Elizabeth Hood, Adrian Warburton, Stephen Kingston, Peter Geall, Linda Chapman, Robert Harsant, Sheila Cross, David Morris, Richard Underwood.

Very Highly Commended: Gillian Frost, Adrian Hitchcock, Paul Goad, Sara Jardine, Ruth Layzell, Heather Gardner, Andrew Pearce, Sharon Rivers, Christine Frost, Anette Farenden, Janet Buggs, John Layzell, Maureen Gar, Paul Sawyer, Heather Edwards, Margaret Sear, Marion Jackson, Janet Bowler, Pauline Justice, Bridget Frost, Margaret Scoggins,

David Thurlow, Rosalind Wilkinson, Steven Carr, Beryl Munford, Rachel Orchard, Andrew Cooke, Philip Page, Philip Collins, Mary Bater, Janice Jennings, Dawn Strutt, Valerie Rodwell, Lois Clarkson, Penny Punter, Susan Shepherd, Ben Sommerville, Marion Frost, Barbara Hammond, Stella Rodwell, Maureen Blagden, Diane Fells, Jacqueline Hughes, Yvonne Steward, Jane Wicking, Stephen Foster, Jill Reuter, Ruth Sapsford, Debbie Williams, Patrick Ryan, Karen May, Susan Walsh, Kevin Frost, Michael Wayman, Grace Justice, Shelagh Norris, Stephen Hart, David Blackman, Leslie Kinsman, Paul Heasman, Christine Wright, Bryan Upchurch, Philip Hart, Pamela Fountain, Paul Jermyn, Judith Lawrence, Clifford Hart, Ruth Summers, Lynn Elliott, Jamie Ryan, David Gurd, Andrew Ottley, Angela Seymour, Wendy Chapman, Stephen Cooke, Geoffrey Cole, Joy Thrower, Joy Chapman, Christopher Ball, Ivan Green, Christopher Chapman, Thomas Buss, Andrew Orchard, Linda Jordan, Keith Payne, Donald Harvey, Janet Burns, Nicky Sampson, David Monk, Richard Flavin, Julie Barry.

Highly Commended: Miriam Pyke, Marion Drury, Mary Arnold, Stephen Summer, Graham Milne, Astrid Moore, Ronnie Copping, Paul Hart, Valerie Scrace, Christine Edwards (Downe), David Edge, Paul Thrower, Anthony Wood, Graham Wilkinson, Julie Blagden, Stephen Webb, Ian Evemy, Joan Justice, Julie Farenden, Judith Orchard, Elaine Jarvis, Ruth Steward, Judith Quinton, Rosemary Chapman, Christine Parr, Melvyn Clarke, Christopher Dowding, Christine Smith, Hazel Batchelor, Joy Mutimer, Monica Gooderham, Linda Wheatley, Jacqueline Batchelor, Brenda Molloy, Raymond Hart, Arthur Dodge, Mary Bemment, Christopher Rookyard, Sally Chapman, Kathleen Watts, Hazel Page, Peter Dodge, Sarah Roden, Susan Dodge, Heather Bottley, Ann Chapman, Andrew Alsop, Paul Gray, Sandra Reeve, Susan Richards, Marion Staines, Christine Edwards (Yateley), Jacqueline Maltby, Susan Risiott, Linda Wilmer, Christine Relf, William Paddon, Angela Chapman, Claire Wicking, Trevor Fidgett, Susan Tanner, Richard Clack, Mary Bower, Eric Bater, Jackie Cressy, Keith Ransome, Roy Galloway, Jean Smith, Trevor Hart, Clare Moore, Graham Hodgson, Christine Edmonds, Irene Carter, Sandra Ransome, Peter Seward, Ivan Chapman, Mark Herbert, Graham Hart, Simon Barker, Denise Copeland, Sharifa Mohammed, Dorothy Greenwood, Christina Markwick, Jeremy Skelton, Jacqueline Andrews, Ellen Bardwick, Lyn Weston, Claire Weston, Pauline Elms, David Bennett, Barbara Wright, Elizabeth Starnes, Elizabeth Skelton, Faith Dawkins, Hazel Silk, Denise Taylor, Susanne Jones, Roseanna Lambert, Mark Hassan, Elaine Belcher, Stephanie Batchelor, Gabrielle Valtorta, Margaret Woolsey, Caroline Muspratt, Susan Keeble, Linda Webb, Joanne Jafrate, Susan Lloyd, Jane Grainger, David Wright, Wendy Christie, Annette Bull, Claire Batchelor, Christine Seward, Sheila Nicholls, Diane Elliott, Julia Barber, David Praill, Bobby Cowie, Judy Hartley, Hazel Galloway, John Markwick, Linda Tanfield, Shermyn Wilmer, Leonard Carter, Jill Harvey, Kathleen Jafrate, Jeanette Bunton, Lynne Pengelly, Julie Hassan, Kathleen Burch, David Ponting, June Goodrick, Gail Gladwin, Jennifer Starnes, Stephen Woolcott, Jennifer Noble, Carol Barber, Audrey Wheeler, Jeffrey Perry, Rosemary Howe, Kathleen Elms, Anthony Smith, Debra Marven, Anthony Headley, Stanley Della, Cynthia Hines, Sandra Copeland, Gaye Yarham, Julie Dean, Christine Philips, Angela Duke, Linda Edmonds, Jean Armstrong, Kevin Roberts.

Commended: Susan Gates, Kenneth Stone, William Mould, Carol Payne, Linda Ward, Brenda Cross, Keith Bunton, Lesley Cole, Steven Sandford, Tina Ponting, Lynda Price, Beryl Copeland, Sharon Risiott, Linda Cobbold, Brian Byers, Michael Byers, Gary Mills, Gorden Collett, Teresa Ponting, Teresa Burnard, Debley Ponting, Susan Harvey, Suzanne Briers, Belinda Love, Rosamund High, Amanda Hassan, Janet Wood, Anthony Ewer, Henry Barnes, Elisabeth Pearson, Michele Cheek, Sharon Randall, Susan Warne, Michael Copping, Bernadette Duke, Dawn Yarham, Barry Fox, Steven Fox, Suzanne Erdelyi, Gary Moore, Michael Richards, Anthony Gorbitz,

Simon Tanfield, Glynda Larter, Sadie Riches, Stuart Robinson, Deborah Kelly, Stella Swaby.

Not for Competition: Miss Lilian and Mr. Christopher Boxall, Miss Yvonne Hucklesbee.

North Finchley still heads the list; Hammerfield came second; Fressingfield third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Not long ago, I went to Burrington Combe in Somerset, and there saw a very famous rock. This rock stands by the side of a road which runs sharply upwards from the plains into the Mendip Hills. As the road rises, it winds its way through a deep rocky gorge with huge limestone cliffs on either side.

One day, about 200 years ago, a clergyman, Mr. Augustus Toplady, was climbing up the rocky glen when he was overtaken by a heavy thunderstorm. The lightning flashed, the thunder rolled, and very soon the rain began to fall in torrents. Mr. Toplady looked for a house or a barn but there was no place of shelter from the storm. Turning around, he saw towering above him by the roadside an immense rock some 35, or more, feet high, and in that rock there was a deep cleft, or fissure, stretching from the top of the rock to its base. Mr. Toplady took refuge within its hollow whilst the storm raged, and waited there in complete safety until the storm was over, hidden within the great rock.

Then and there, Mr. Toplady drew from his pocket a pencil and wrote the beautiful hymn:

"Rock of Ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee . . ."

The rock in which he had sheltered reminded him of the Lord Jesus. The storm in all its fury beat upon the rock, but no harm could come to him whilst he was sheltering there. He was reminded of the words in Isaiah 26. 4:

"Trust ye in the Lord for ever
For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

or, as the margin renders it:

"For in the Lord Jehovah is a Rock of Ages"—a Rock which can never be moved from one age to another.

Boys and girls are often afraid, and grown-ups do not always understand what causes them to fear, but the Lord understands us each one; and when we turn to Him for shelter, He can keep us safe because He is as a Rock which never can be moved.

The last and most fearful storm which each one of us must face is the storm of God's judgment upon our sin. But even that storm cannot touch us if we are sheltering in the Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ. How wonderful it will be on that great day, if you are able to say what David said in Psalm 62. 7:

"In God is my salvation and my glory,
The Rock of my strength, and my Refuge is in God."

May we remember that the only safe place of shelter, either from the storms and troubles of life, or from the judgment of God upon sin, is within the Lord Jesus Christ, the Rock of Eternal Ages.

It was a pleasure to hear from the following boys and girls:

Patricia Hammond, Monica Jarritt (keep on searching Monica), Sharifa Mohammed, Vivienne Pain, Margaret Scoggins, Jennifer Starnes and Rosalind Wilkinson. Also I would like to thank these friends for their letters, and for their valued help with the entries for the Bible Searcher: Mrs. E. Blakeman, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. W. Chapman, Mrs. Christie, Mr. S. G. Comber, Mr. N. Cox, Miss E. K. Gardner, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mrs. Pank, Miss J. E. Smith, Miss G. Taylor and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

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ROLL CALL OF SCHOOLS

Lemonade or Tea will be provided but bring your own "eats"

All boys and girls welcomed

RESULTS OF SPECIAL COMPETITION

Some excellent entries were received from a good number of boys and girls and many of them showed very careful work.

The prizewinners are as follows:—

Aged 6-8: Bridget Frost, Occold, 35 marks.

Aged 9-12: Tony Meacock, Hammerfield, 40 marks; Philip Clarkson, Greenwich, 38 marks.

As promised, each of the above entrants will receive a copy of the special prize, "Red Indian Peril", by Mr. L. F. Lupton.



COME ON CAMP WITH US IN INDIA—IV

By Dr. Ruth Harris, Kolli Hills.

The sun has now risen over the Kolli Hills, and though it is still early in the morning it is beginning to get quite hot. Through the fields we go, and across a stream, up the sandy bank on the other side. Now can you see those houses over there? That is where we are going. There are a few tiled houses and some huts, they are built close together, but no roads here as you have in England. When we reach the village the people greet us; they know us because we have been before. Sit down with us on this string bed which they have put out for us. I do not suppose you

have seen one like it before. You will notice that it is made of four bamboo poles, two long and two short, fixed into short wooden legs and then strung across with string. It is very light, can easily be moved from place to place and put on its side when not in use.

One or two grown-ups stand or sit around, and we tell them about the Lord Jesus, reading texts from the Bible to them and explaining how everyone needs a Saviour, and that Saviour is Jesus Christ. How about getting your Bible and writing out the texts that you would use to teach these people, if you were talking to them instead of us. First of all a question—"Is the Lord Jesus your Saviour and your Lord?" It is no good teaching people what you do not believe yourself, is it?

By this time a little group of children have gathered round. "Now, do you remember?" says my sister, pointing to her eyes. Yes, one of them remembers, and with a little prompting says, with actions, "Keep me as the apple of thine eye". Another child says, "Ask and it shall be given you". We show them a Bible picture and tell them the story. It is nearly time for school so the children run off to have their breakfast, and to get ready to go. Some of them come running back with money in their hands to buy some of the booklets we have brought with us. The Tamil text cards they receive with the booklets are a great source of attraction. Please send us some more.

We move on to other houses; I will go to one house and my sister to another. Let's go to this mud-walled, one-roomed, thatched house, where a woman is sitting outside by the doorway on the low verandah made of beaten earth and about three feet wide. She is holding a baby in her arms, a little child is standing by with an aluminium bowl in her hand, eating her conjee, a sort of porridge, and another woman is sitting on the doorstep. So we go and join them, sitting on the verandah on the other side of the doorway. They may tell us that the baby has fever, or ask us to look at them and tell them whether they have kāmala or not. (Kāmala is their word for anaemia, and many people have it in these parts.)

So often when we are asked this question we have to say, "Oh, yes! You have kāmala, you must have treatment, we have good medicine for this in the Forest Bungalow". And we tell them the time to come. When you see how pale and swollen some of the people are, when they tell you they feel too weak to work because they get out of breath when they do so, are you not glad that God has sent us with medicine that will make them better again? So God helps us to show His love to people, by using us to make them well. After we have listened to their troubles and given them some advice we tell these people about the Lord Jesus and what He has done for them.

So we go from house to house until about 9.30 to 10 a.m., when we notice that the people are setting out to work in the fields. Quite soon most of the houses are locked and the village almost empty except for a few old people and the little children they are

looking after. We will now return to the Forest Bungalow. It is very hot, let's put up our umbrellas to keep off the heat and glare of the sun. Aren't you glad we brought them with us after all, though it seemed a strange thing to do at the time we set off.

WHEN GOD SHUT THE GATES

By Missionary John R. Field

We were just off on camp. At last everything had been packed in the van. We had said our "Good-byes" and started off. We were late, so we hoped for a good journey. But we were disappointed, for just a mile down the road the level crossing gates were shut. A train was coming, but so far as we could see there was not even a wisp of smoke. We stopped the engine of our car and settled down to wait.

Near the gate stood a little boy, perhaps seven years of age: his left eye was red and swollen, and he was begging for money. When we asked him why he was begging he told us a sad story. "Daddy died several months back. We came, my little brother and I, with our mother, to Kovilpatti. But soon after we got here mother disappeared and left us. For the last three months we have been living under the shady trees between the railway line and the main road. Sometimes the workmen in the mill are kind and give us coppers. Then we buy something to eat." At first we didn't believe the story. Little beggar boys often tell lies to get money, but the train still hadn't come, so one of us in the party went to the man in the cafe over the road and enquired. He said that what the little boy had said was true, and sure enough, there was the little brother, too. He couldn't have been more than three years old.

At last the train came puffing by, and the gates of the level crossing were opened. But instead of going over the line, we took the little boys to the house of an Indian Christian man who is a school master. He is a kind man and he promised to see that the little boys had a bath and some food every day until we came back from camp a week later. When we had made all the arrangements, we started off for our camp again. This time the gates were open.

A week later, when we got back we found the teacher had been as good as his word. The little boys had been looked after. They looked much happier, and when they were asked whether they would like to go with an Indian friend to a special home in the country which is for little boys without mothers or fathers they looked very pleased and said they would like that.

That very same day they went off to the shops to buy some nice clean clothes. Then the next day, in their new smart shirts and shorts off they went on a bus to their new home more than two hundred miles away. We believe they will grow plump and healthy there, and we know that they will hear about the Lord Jesus.

They will hear how He loves all His children and never, never leaves them. They will hear how He gave His life, so that those He loves should live with Him in that wonderful Home where there is never any need to beg; there is plenty for everyone: no one is ever ill or hungry, and there will be no crying or unhappiness at all.

I feel sure the little boys will understand that "Old, old story of Jesus and His love", don't you?

Please pray for them, and for other little boys and girls who are sad and hungry.

We believe that God arranged that we should get to that level crossing when the gates were shut because He wanted those little boys to be looked after by people who would care for them, and tell them of the Heavenly Father whose love never changes.

There is a story in the Acts of the Apostles about two missionaries who met a man sitting at a gate begging. Do you remember what happened? We think God arranged for those people to meet on that day, too.

A HOLIDAY SEARCHER

"OUT FOR A WALK"

Lots of people go abroad nowadays for their holidays and travel by boat, by plane, by car, or by train for long distances. When they come home they usually tell you about the hot sunshine or the sands and the long, long journey. Others are content with holidays in England's green and pleasant land, and tell you what sort of weather they enjoyed, or did not enjoy, as the case may be. But long after the trains, planes, and rains are forgotten, we all remember that walk over the hills when the sun was going down, or that windy day when harebells nodded to each other in the hedgerows, or the scarlet poppies in the cornfields of East Anglia—these are the memories of real enjoyment, the treasures which remain in our minds, when other things are forgotten. So it is in the Bible stories; as you do this Searcher, you can imagine different people in different places for differing purposes—all of them "out for a walk".

Read through the chapters named very carefully, and when you have found the following words, write out the verse *in full*, giving the book, chapter and verse where found.

Lower Group, age under 12

1. Her maidens walked along by the river's side.
2. They went up the hill.
3. Walking by the sea.
4. He went through the cornfields.
5. They walked . . . into the country.

They will be found in Exodus 2; 1 Samuel 9; Matthew 4; Mark 2; Mark 16.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Find the answers to these questions as well as the Lower Group.

6. Walking in the garden.
7. The travellers walked through byways.
8. They followed him on foot out of the cities.
9. They drew nigh unto the village.
10. We went out of the city by a river side.

They will be found in Genesis 3; Judges 5; Matthew 14; Luke 24; Acts 16. Write out the verses as in the Lower Group, also the last half of Acts 16, verse 14.

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 December, 1965, 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 3d. stamp, to UNCLE PETER.

57 CEDAR CLOSE, BAGSHOT, SURREY.

If you send a letter with your entry you must put on a 4d. stamp. TWO OR MORE ENTRIES can come in one envelope (unsealed) bearing a 3d. stamp, provided the weight does not exceed 2 ozs.; over 2 ozs. and under 4 ozs. will cost 5d.

CLOSING DATE—AUGUST 31st, 1965.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

The Lower Group did very well indeed, but the results in the Upper Group were a little disappointing. Very few Searchers noticed that some of the "everlastings" were to be found in the references given for both groups. It was encouraging, however, to see so many beautifully written, and nicely set out entries. We welcome twenty-nine new Searchers. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Maureen Lowe, aged 13, The Tabernacle S.S., Brighton.
2. Graham Bemment, aged 12, "Providence" S.S., Prittlewell.

Very Highly Commended: Barbara Payne, Ann Barton, Janet Eldridge, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Jeremy Dutton, Christine Morris, Elizabeth Hammond, Alan Noble, Ann Blakeman, Teresa Carman, Stephen Woodford, Michael Kendall, Judith Shepherd, Jill Clements, Paul Grimwood, Valerie Dunnett, Patricia Hammond, Mary Garrard, Adrian Clarkson, Susan Woodford, Susan Smith, P. Jarritt, Barry Hills, Peter King, Trevor Clarkson, Jennifer Clarkson.

Highly Commended: Roger Armstrong, Susan Foster, Susan Hayday, Christine Burns, Susan Fisher, Paul Smith, Trevor Bailey, Robert Chambers, Sylvia Chapman, Hilary Worsell, Monica Jarritt, Paula Chapman, A. Dawson, Lynda Buggs, Kathleen Dean, David Veale, Rosemary Jarvis, Margaret Gooderham, Margaret Gadd, Joyce Orchard, Rita Parker, Philip Kilmister, Ronald Goddard, Alan Burrows, Hazel Cordle, Margaret Collins, Vivienne Pain, Andrew Collins, Kathleen Kelly, Heather Payne, Susan Woolcott, Jane See, James Cowie, Miriam Baker, Ruth Gadd, Yvonne Flint, Bernard Gooderham, Keith Maltby, Angela Blaxall, Kathleen Portlock, David Harmer, Peter Tanfield, Lynn Harvey, Susan Noble, Evelyn Barton, Christine Edwards (Downe), John Buss, I. Davidson, Trevor Hart.

Commended: Ruth Scoggins, Martin Dowding, Lyn Weston, Alan Parris, Lorraine Kiehl, Philip Baker, Raymond Grimwood, Mary Arnold. Omitted verse in Part 1: Yvonne Staines, Gillian Naunton, Kathleen Farrow, Pauline Jakes, Margaret Reeve, Sylvia Reeve. Omitted verse in Part 2: Christine Lovett, Gordon Collett. Omitted verses in both parts: Joan Bollans, Margaret Sear. Answered Upper Group only: Pat Ruffold, Jacqueline Taylor, Pamela Andrews. Answered Lower Group only: David Parker, Roy Lloyd, P. Tanfield, Sandra Della, Jasmine Catlin, Christine Handleigh, Christine Drayton.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Jill Reuter, aged 11, Staines S.S.
2. Jane Wicking, aged 11, "Jireh" S.S., Meadvale, Reigate.

Special Mention: Sylvia Pyke, Andrew Ottley, Christopher Chapman, Barbara Hammond, Lorna Murden, Andrew Cooke, Robert Harrant, Linda Chapman, Sheila Cross, Peter Geall, Janice Jennings.

Very Highly Commended: Stephen Cooke, Rachel Orchard, David Gurd, Judith Orchard, John Layzell, Annette Fountain, Hazel Galloway, Heather Edwards, Diana Hosier, Susan Shepherd, Miriam Pyke, Heather Gardner, Andrew Hewitt, Claire Wicking, Philip Clarkson, Philip Hart, Stephen Hart, David Blackman, Diane Elliott, Dawn Strutt, Elaine Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, Paul Thrower, Lynn Elliott, David Edge, Sara Jardine, Sharon Rivers, Mary Bemment, Andrew Pearce, Joy Mutimer, Joy Thrower, Roy Galloway, Jennifer Noble, Ian Evemy, David Thurlow, Susan Garner, Lesley Cole, Christopher Dowding, Wendy Farenden, Sally Chapman, John Markwick, David Morris, Bobby Cowie, Keith Payne, Christina Markwick, Karen May, Steven Sandford, Gaye Yarham, Gillian Frost, Jean Armstrong, Elizabeth Wood, Andrew Woods, Paul Gray, Dawn Yarham, Judy Hartley, Josephine Townsend, Paul Heasman, Joy Chapman, David Monk, Melvyn Barnes, Lois Clarkson, Mary Bater, Richard Flavin, Christine Edwards (Yateley), Rosemary Barnes, Hilary Townsend, Stephen Kingston, Janice Dockree, Christine Relf, Maureen Gar, Maureen Blagden, Winston Blackwood, Jacqueline Hughes, Richard Underwood, Sheila Nicholls, Anthony Wood, Ruth Layzell, Graham and Rosalind Wilkinson, Kathryn Appleby, Jacqueline Maltby.

Highly Commended: Clifford Hart, Philip Page, Raymond Hart, Michael Wayman, Kevin Frost, Richard Clack, Eric Bater, Philip Collins, Julie Farenden, Joan Justice, Andrew Alsop, Christine Frost, Sandra Reeve, Bridget Frost, Andrew Toms, Tina Ponting, Pamela Parker, Jane Grainger, Jane Chambers, Felicity Lawler, Clare Moore, David Bennett, Elaine Cole, Shelagh Norris, Linda Mitson, Stephen Blowers, Valerie Clover, Jean Smith, Heather Bottley, Janet Burns, Angela Chapman, Kathleen Burch, Bernadette Duke, Nicky Sampson, Anthony Ewer, Ivan Chapman, Ann Chapman, Patrick Manderson, Steven Carr, Paul Kellythorn, Elaine Jarvis, Wendy Chapman, Geoffrey Cole, Robert Clover, Mary Bower, Janet Bowler, Yvonne Steward, Jamie Ryan, David Mitchell, Christopher Rookyard, Stella Swabey, Mark Hassan, Linda Cameron, Jeanette Bunton, Kathleen Jafrate, Jill Harvey, Sharon Risiott, Christine Kephalas, Keith Bunton, Julia Hassan, Denise Copeland, Paul Jermyn, Susan Risiott, Margaret Woolsey, Thomas Buss, Christine Phillips, Berys Bird, Graham Hart, Julie Blagden, Colleen Wright, Grace Justice, Patrick Ryan, Trevor Fidgett, David Wooden, Suzanne Erdelyi, Andrew Orchard, Julie Barry, Ivan Sams, Joanne Jafrate, Heather Garrard, Linda Tanfield, Marion Jackson, Sarah Roden, Christopher Mitchell, Cynthia Baldwin Elaine Della, Graham Milne, Rosemary Chapman, June Garrard, Angela Duke, Monica Gooderham, Julie Barber, Belinda Love, Susan Lloyd, Susan Walsh, Valerie Rodwell, Pauline Elms, Judith Lawrence, Christopher Harvey, Linda Webb, Jenny Starnes, Elizabeth Starnes, Christine Wright, Nigel Ogden, Linda Wilmer, Marilyn Loubell, Debby Ponting, Gillian Harvey, Leslie Barber, Amanda Hassan, Linda Killick, Sherryn Wilmer, Jeremy Skelton, Irene Carter, Stephen Woolcott, Glynda Larter, Paul Hart, Janet Buggs, Sally Whiteford, Christopher Brown, David Carr.

Commended: Ruth Steward (wrote out wrong verse). Omitted to write out verse: Mary Toms, Keith Lamb, Paul Sawyer, Marion Frost, Surjan Singh, Marion Staines, Linda Page, Teresa Ponting, Penny Punter, Barbara Hargest, Anthony Coppen, Linda Cobbold, Deborah Kelly, Simon Tanfield, Stephen Bradbury, Gary Kellythorn. **Also Commended:** David Ponting, Jennifer Tuffin, Anthony Smith, Teresa Burnard, Janet Andrews, Teresa Smith, Carol Payne, Hazel Silk, Carol Barber, Ronnie Copping, Peter

Davidson, Rosemary Howe, June Goodrich, Lesley Moore, Jane Snook, Claire Weston, Linda Jordan, Stanley Della, Theresa Finneran, Paula Wilkinson, Leonard Carter, Colin Sawyer, Stephen Kirkham, Lynne Pengelly, Stephen Fox, Mandy Spotton, Barry Fox, Stephen Webb.

Not for Competition: Miss Madeleine Carr. Janet and Margaret Green, and Ann Blakeman, sent answers to the April Searcher.

North Finchley still head the list. Warboys came second. Fressingfield and Hammerfield tied for third place.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do not forget the "Rays" Rally on September 18th. Make sure you are there and ask your Sunday School Teacher to give you a treat and make up a party to come and hear Mr. Appleby and see the Basildon demonstration. I shall be looking out for you up there and shall be wanting to see a chapel full of boys and girls.

Our nearest neighbour in the starry sky is the planet Mars, more than 130 million miles away. She is only half the diameter of earth and is farther away from the sun than we are, which accounts for her being a little too frosty and chilly for anybody to live there. Just recently, however, a little spacecraft known as Mariner IV came sailing through space, until it was only a mere 6,000 miles away, and its owners in America sent signals to Mariner IV ordering it to warm up its television camera and take some photographs of Mars.

Now, of course, this is by far the most wonderful scientific exploit that has taken place in the history of the world. Even so it cannot be said that, at a distance of 6,000 miles, Mariner IV has really paid a visit to Mars, and even if it did it would just bump down on the cold surface of the planet without giving any message from neighbour Earth.

The whole world is now waiting to see the pictures which Mariner IV has taken of Mars and when they are processed they will be such as only scientists can understand. Do you not think that the whole world would do better if it waited with the same eagerness to listen for the message from Heaven. For there is no greater message than this—that God has visited this earth in the person of His only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and that God so loved this world that He sent His Son as His most precious gift, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. The greatest difference between Mariner's revelation and that which is brought to us by the Lord Jesus is that the one is man's message; the other is God's message. Does not this, however, make God's message seem more full of meaning to each one of us? And is it not most important that we should each be listening to what He says to us in His Holy Word.

I was pleased to receive some interesting letters from: Miriam Baker, Ann Blakeman, Annette Farenden (glad that your school has won the Examination Trophy), Marion Frost, David Harmer, Rosemary Jarvis, John Layzell, and Miriam Pyke. I would also like to thank the following friends for their letters: Pastor S. G. Barrett, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mr. D. J. Endersby, Mr. A. J. Goddard, Mr. H. W. Harmer, Mr. A. A. Leaver, Mr. Don Payne, Mrs. L. A. Rowlands, Mr. Malcolm Wood, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

May the Lord bless each one of you both now and always,

UNCLE PETER.

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THE ANNUAL "RAYS" MEETING

A large number of Bible Searchers and readers of "Rays" gathered at Chadwell Street Chapel on Saturday, September 18th. Many schools were represented when Uncle Peter called the Roll, some coming from as far away as Suffolk, Kent, and Sussex.

Pastor P. H. Crees, General Secretary of the Mission, was in the chair, and a most interesting Demonstration was given by the young people of Fryerns Church, Basildon. The story was unfolded of a little Indian baby girl who was rescued by two young missionaries and brought to the Mission Station to be fed and cared for. Gradually, we saw her growing up as she was taught to read her Bible, as she came to know the Lord Jesus and was baptised, as she went out as a Biblewoman to tell other women about the Lord, and finally as she was married to a Christian Pastor and helped her husband in his Radio Broadcast work. We are very grateful to Pastor C. B. Phillimore and all from Basildon for bringing this splendid demonstration to us.

After the Demonstration, our Missionary, John Appleby, kept us all listening keenly as he told us something of the real meaning of Radio Broadcast work in India and of some of the little things that upset the work—a little Jiminy Cricket that tried to broadcast its "chirrup", a little Mosquito that zoomed across the microphone, and a little dust that blurred the speaker's voice—examples of "little things" that can interfere with our listening to the Lord's Voice when He speaks to us.

All who were there went home having enjoyed the meeting, and having learnt something too.

A BRAVE WOMAN

by Mrs. G. F. Champion, Morupatti, S. India

Most of us are not very brave if it comes to dealing with trouble single-handed. I want to tell you about a very brave woman in our village.

For very many years in South India, boys and girls have had to learn two languages in school—one has been English and the other their own Tamil. But India is a very large country, and there are over four hundred million people living in fourteen different States. Also there are many languages. The Tamil language is spoken by people in the South of India, but there are great portions of the Northern part where other languages are spoken, and the Government of India have chosen one of these Northern languages to be the official language of the whole country.

Many people in the South tried to learn this Northern language but they gave it up after a time, because there were not enough

teachers who knew it properly, and it was said that there was plenty of time. But the date for knowing the language came all too quickly, and people in the South were afraid that the folk in the North would get all the Government jobs.

Now there are over thirty million people in the Madras State alone. So when the High Schools and Colleges were told that they must learn this language of Northern India, they began to get restless and some people started to make trouble. Many boys smashed up the furniture in their High School, and other rowdy folk joined them, so that much damage was done.

In our group of five villages, folk soon found out what had been happening in other places not far away, where all the street lights had been smashed and buses damaged. This village is just at the end of the tarmac road and buses come as far as here and then stop. So the boys of the village began to attack the buses, and then we heard that they were trying to smash up our small Post Office.

Now the Post Office is next door to the new Girls High School and the Headmistress had to sit in her school one day and listen to the mob of boys breaking down the Post Office gate, and smashing up the boards of the building. It was not long ago that a Christian Headmaster was transferred to the High School for Boys, and now his wife has become Headmistress of the High School for Girls. She knew that in a town not far away several girls had been injured by stone throwing, so she very bravely went out and faced the mob of boys alone. She spoke to them and told them that they must treat the girls of the High School just as they would behave towards their own sisters. After speaking to them for some time, she made a pact with them that if they would behave properly and let the girls pass unharmed, she would close the school. This was just what she did.

When we saw her that evening she looked quite ill and was very shaky. She did not then tell us that she had faced a mob of several hundred big boys alone and had quietened them, but we learned afterwards from other people that she had actually done this. One thing I do know, that while she was facing that mob she had prayed to God, and He had given her both courage and strength.

Her husband, the headmaster of the Boys High School had just as big a problem at his school, and he too was able to quieten the boys and stop them from doing any damage. After this, he got on his bicycle and visited the fifteen villages from which the boys came. In each village, he called a meeting of parents and told them that, for the sake of their sons' future, they must not do anything wrong or cause any damage. He was able to get the parents on his side and there has been no trouble since.

Although the parents are not Christians, many of them have said how thankful they are that our two Christian friends have

been able to stop this trouble from spreading further. In other districts, some people have been injured and some even killed. Do you not think that our Headmistress and our Headmaster were showing true Christian courage? It was because they were able to put their trust in the Lord.

THE STORY OF TWO KOLLI HILL GIRLS

Told by Themselves.

"Our father is a Priest of a Hindu temple and we live on the Kolli Hills. We are six and twelve years old. One day, our father decided to send us to the Girls' School in Sendamangalam and let us live in the Mission Hostel so that we could get a good education, but he did not want us to become Christians. When we came back home for our holidays, however, he found out that we loved Jesus and he was very angry. He knows we love Jesus because we will not worship in the temple and we will not put the Hindu marks on our foreheads like our mother does. One day he found us praying to Jesus and he hit us, but we just sang to Jesus instead.

At the end of the school year, we did not do very well in our examinations, and so father said he would not send us back again to the Mission School, but we prayed very hard and God answered our prayers; he changed his mind and let us come back. We are working very hard this year so that we get good marks!

Just before Christmas while we were waiting for someone to come and fetch us home, we had a good talk to our Hostel Matron; we asked her how we could tell our parents about the Way of Salvation. You see, we had been reading the book of Revelation in the Hostel and it made us very afraid for those we love. We do so want our father and mother to go to heaven and be safe. Our father knows all about the Bible, he has read it several times, but he does not know Jesus. Will you boys and girls in England pray for us that we may be true witnesses for Jesus and that our parents may be saved?"

This article was sent by Miss Margaret Cook from Sendamangalam.

GOSPEL RAYS

What a difference the sunshine makes to us all! How we would love to get outside when the rain comes falling down! How glad we are when the sun shines once again and dries up the wet roads and damp fields! We should be a sad world without sunshine; indeed if the sun hid its face for a long time we should all grow pale and die, for the sun brings light, and health and gladness to us, and life to all creation.

What the sun is to the world of nature, the Lord Jesus is to the Spiritual world, for "in Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of man.

And the Light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness overcame it not." Without the Gospel Rays which stream from Him, we should all be in darkness and sin: there would be no salvation for any one of us, whether British or Indian, and no hope of eternal life.

Lower Group, age under 12

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

1. In thy light shall we see light.
2. The people . . . have seen a great light.
3. Let your light . . . shine.
4. I am the light of the world.
5. God . . . hath shined in our hearts.

They will be found in Psalm 36; Isaiah 9; Matthew 5; John 9; 2 Corinthians 4.

Upper Group age 12 and under 16

In addition to the Lower Group find these words, but they are not in the same order as the verses.

6. Among whom ye shine as lights in the world.
7. He that followeth me . . . shall have the light of life.
8. The true light now shineth.
9. A light that shineth in a dark place.
10. To turn from darkness to light.

They will be found in John 8; Acts 26; Philippians 2; 1st Epistle of John 2; 2nd Epistle of Peter 1. Write out each verse **in full** as in the Lower Group.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until February, 1966, 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 3d. stamp, to UNCLE PETER,

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CLOSING DATE—OCTOBER 31st, 1965.

RESULT OF LAST SEARCHER

We are pleased to see that so many of you remembered to send in your entries although it was holiday-time; but we miss the names of several regular searchers. We welcome two new schools, Barcombe, W. Lewes, and Grays; also 51 new Searchers. The names are in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Andrew Collins, aged 14, Courland Grove S.S.
2. Marian Goold, aged 14, Providence S.S., Highbury.

Special Mention: Elizabeth Hammond, Marylin Dudley, Ronald Goddard, Jane See, Maureen Lowe, Michael Kendall, Susan Hayday, Judith Shepherd, Janet Eldridge, Linda Chapman, Jennifer Clarkson, Sylvia Reeve.

Very Highly Commended: Linda Tol, Barbara Payne, Barry Hills, Jacqueline Hughes, Rosemary Jarvis, Susan Woolcott, Elaine Cole, Margaret Gooderham, Paul Grimwood, Jill Clements, Angela Blaxall, Susan Foster, Valerie Dunnett, Alan Noble, Ann Blakeman, Valerie Russell, Monica Jarritt, Graham Bemment, Evelyn Barton, Ruth Stone, Marion Kendall, Francesta Parkes, Jeremy Dutton, Christine Lovett, Dorothy Putman, Roger Armstrong, P. Jarritt, Pauline Jakes, Ann Barton, Vivienne Pain, Adrian Clarkson, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Gadd, Rita Parker, Trevor Hart, Janet Burns, Mary Garrard, Maureen Blagden, Anthony Wood, Hilary Worsell, Robert Chambers, Hazel Cordle, Alan Parris, Rita Ruffles, Lynda Buggs, Heather Payne, Paula Chapman, Stephen Woodford, Kathleen Dean, Margaret Reeve, Peter King, Trevor Clarkson, Christine Burns, Christine Morris, Joyce Morrison, Patricia Hammond, Joyce Orchard, Yvonne Staines.

Highly Commended: Martin Dowding, Raymond Grimwood, Christine Edwards (Downe), Sylvia Chapman, Alison Christie, Stephen Brett, Margaret Broad, Ruth Gadd, Alan Burrows, Marian Jackson, Lorraine Kiehl, Terry Meacock, Janet King, Miriam Baker, Linda Fountain, Susan Smith, K. Maltby, Margaret Sear, Mavis Hart, Paul Smith, Ruth Scoggins, Mary Arnold, Shirley Woodley. Susan Woodford and Rachel Cox omitted the second part of last question.

Commended: Pamela Andrews Marilyn Merrie, Linda Bloor, Susan Noble, Kathryn Farrow, Philip Baker, Bernard Gooderham, Pat Ruffold, Joan Bollans, Eileen Judge. Jacqueline Taylor answered Upper Group only.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Philip Clarkson, aged 10, Devonshire Road S.S. Greenwich.

2. Susan Shepherd, aged 10, Zion S.S., New Cross.

Special Mention: Rachel Peacock, Lorna Murden, Suzanne Nicol, Sheila Cross, Lydia Pyke, Linda Chapman, Barbara Hammond, Sharon Rivers, Andrew Ottley, Jane Wicking.

Very Highly Commended: Kenneth Alexander, Elizabeth Kindred, Gillian Frost, Andrew Woods, Paul Gray, Bridget Frost, Peter Geall, Kenneth Stone, Heather Gardner, Pamela Fountain, Andrew Pearce, Wendy Chapman, Gaynor Charmon, Paul Jermyn, Andrew Toms, Betty Wilson, Stephen Cooke, Janet Buggs, John Layzell, Robert Harsant, David Thurlow, Marie Hill, Philip Hart, Richard Underwood, Stephen Kingston, Angela Duke, David Morris, Paul Heasman, Valerie Rodwell, Jane Dennett, Debbie Williams, Christopher Rookyard, David Mitchell, Christine Fielden, Christine Smith, Emelia Kiggs, Janet Bowler, an entry in green ink without a name or school, Jill Reuter, Elaine Hewitt, Beryl Munford, Tina Nicol, Ruth Summers, Philip Collins, Angela Pettitt, Teresa Williams, Elizabeth Wood, Joy Mutimer, Clare Moore, Sandra Reeve, Joy Chapman, Marion Frost, Mary Bater, David Gurd, Heather Edwards, Rosemary

Barnes, Martin Page, Angela Chapman, Monica Gooderham, Patrick Ryan, Mary Toms, David Bennett, Andrew Cooke.

Highly Commended: Diane Fielden, Ruth Steward, Paul Flint, Kathleen Watts, Melvyn Barnes, Michael Wayman, Yvonne Clarke, Christina Markwick, Janet Andrews, Lindsay Swannell, Teresa Burnard, Lesley Summers, Ann Chapman, Jean Armstrong, Graham Milne, Lynn Elliott, Annette Farenden, Julie Blagden, Andrew Orchard, David Monk, Maureen Car, Elizabeth Langmead, Anne Mayell, Philip Page, Rachel Orchard, Jamie Ryan, Janice Jennings, Gillian Harvey, Rosalind Wilkinson, Judith Moore, Stephen Hart, Anita May, Sally Chapman, Andrew Hewitt, Joanne Jafrate, Jenny Cornwell, Barbara Brown, Yvonne Steward, Yvonne Hayward, Christine Relf, Susan Payne, Yvonne Baxter, Judith Orchard, Graham Wilkinson, Peter Burrows, Christine Frost, Mary Bemment, Claire Wicking, Gail Gladwin, Jennifer Ogden, Claire Weston, Elsie Harmsworth, Richard Clack, Kevin Frost, Linda Wilmer, Wendy Christie, Maureen Dimelow, Graham Hart, Linda Tanefield, Keith Payne, Christine Edwards (Yateley), David Blackman, Eric Bater, Yvonne Wood, Jennifer Noble, Sarah Roden, Joan Justice, Linda Mitson, Trevor Fidgett, Marilyn Kinch, Rita Lovett, Rosemary Chapman, Susan Walsh, Christopher Dowding, John Markwich, Ian Evemy, Raymond Hart, Susan Risiott, Clifford Hart, Berys Bird, Margaret Moore, Stephen Woolcott, Sara Jardine, Joy Thrower, Edwina Kinch, Karen May, Jacqueline Maltby, Ivan Chapman, Gregory Collett, Simon Barker, Kathleen Jafrate, Marian Edwards, Anne McReynolds, Michael Hewitt, Marion Starnes, Susan Gates, Melody Chessum, Susan O'Rourke, Tony Meacock, Julie Drew, Rachel Storer, Elaine Hayward, Paul Thrower, Jenny Starnes, Christina Jenkins, Penny Punter, Jean Andrews, Judy Hartley, Linda Edmonds, Elizabeth Starnes, Christopher Harvey, Dawn Strut, Leonard Carter.

Commended: Ruth Layzell gave wrong answer to Question 5, John Turner, Stephen Fox, Mark Hassan, Pauline Elms, Rose Coomber, Carol Barber, Ronnie Copping, Geoffrey Cole, Amanda Hassan, Kathleen Elms, Lesley Cole, Julia Hassan, Julia Barry, Lesley Bollans, Leslie Barber, Suzanne Erdelyi, Linda Willett, Bernardette Duke, Yasmin Hallett, Stella Swaby, Julia Barber, Ann Barber, Stephen Kirkham, Steven Russell, Patrick Manderson, Julie Farenden, Barry Fox, Stanley Della, Nicky Sampson, James Coomber, Valerie Scrace, Steven Carr, Stephen Farenden, Diane Elliott, Gaye Yarham, David Carr, Dawn Yarham, Paul Hurling, Tony Ewer, Michael Copping, Stephen Bradbury, Barbara Hargest, Steven Sandford, Christine Phillips, Gillian Carpenter, Danny Robinson.

Not for Competition: Mr. Christopher and Miss Lilian Boxall, Miss Madeleine Carr, Miss Yvonne Hucklesby. Jacklynne Hodgskin, Susan King and Rita Lovell sent answers to the June Searcher. Diane Thomas and Rosemary Howe answered the August, 1964 Searcher.

North Finchley Sunday School heads the list this time. Hammerfield came second; Warboys, third—all very close.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Not far from the centre of the city of Birmingham, stands the great tower of the west front of the Church of St. Thomas. This church was built over 100 years ago and was once a fine building. Its tower rises upwards of 85 ft, and is supported upon a great central archway, flanked by four massive pillars on each side.

But the Church of St. Thomas is a church with a sad story. For on the night of December 11th, 1940, enemy planes raided Birmingham and this church was destroyed, all except the great tower and the west front, which is still standing—a lonely monument to the glory of days that have gone. The ground once covered by the church building is now used as a "Garden of Rest".

As I looked at this lonely tower, it seemed to me that St. Thomas's Church had met its death, for it cannot any longer serve its real purpose. It was once built for the glory of God but is now little more than a record of the past. And there are not many boys and girls who are interested in ancient relics.

All boys and girls look forward to the future. And this is one of the reasons why they should desire to become followers of the Lord Jesus. For our Lord and Saviour was ever looking forwards, and was continually making promises for the future which He Himself alone could fulfil. How many times He used the words "shall" and "will"! (look up John ch. 4. 14; ch. 5. 24; ch. 6. 35; ch. 8. 12; and you will find a few of His promises recorded).

The good news of the Gospel which Jesus taught is not just a story of long ago; it is a Living Word, both for to-day and for all the days ahead. The Church of the Lord Jesus is not just a record of its own wonderful history; it is a Living Body of all who believe on the Lord Jesus, and is filled with the Life and Power of His Holy Spirit. For this reason, our missionaries go out to India in order to carry out the command of the Lord Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature". The Lord Jesus does not call His followers to a Garden of Rest. He calls them to Work for Him, to Watch for Him, and to Wait for Him, until He returns in His glory. The eternal future of all Creation, of you and me and everybody else, rests in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I was pleased to receive letters from: Philip Baker, Graham Bemment, Michael Kendall, Christine Relf (thank you for the pictures), and Susan Woodford. Also I would like to thank these friends for their letters: Mrs. E. Blakeman (congratulations to Alan), Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. H. Collier, Mrs. E. Dennis (our kindest wishes to Mr. Harmer), Mr. A. J. Goddard, Mr. E. R. Orchard, Mrs. Pank, Mr. Don Payne, Mr. R. Payne, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

With best wishes to you each, from,

UNCLE PETER.

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for young people

A
Happy Christmas
to you All

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"Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

—Matthew I. 21.

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1.—To our Helpers and Secretaries.

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2.—To all Bible Searchers.

The Bible Searcher in this issue is the last one before the end of the year. Many of you have done FOUR Searchers in 1965. If you do this Bible Searcher, you will receive your Honours Certificate: if you forget to do it . . well! Your name won't be in the Honours List.

3.—To all Readers of Rays.

Indian boys and girls love picture postcards and Christmas cards with pictures on them, especially when they have a Tamil Text pasted on the back. This is one way in which you can use old Christmas cards and picture postcards, and help our missionaries in India also. Send to the Secretary of the Mission at 61 Breakspears Road, Brockley, London, S.E.4, or to "Uncle Peter," for the Tamil Texts. They only cost 2/- per 100.

When pasting the texts on, try to leave the used English postage stamp uncovered—the Indian children like to collect them. Do not use comic cards; choose the kind of picture you would like to receive yourself. "Uncle Peter" will send them to India for you.

4.—To Stamp Collectors and others.

Your used postage stamps can help the Mission if sent to Mrs. F. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts. Do not tear the stamps off, but cut away the stamps with a margin all round. Mrs. May also has some good approval sheets and packets of stamps which will be sent on request.

MALAYAN FLASH BACK

By Missionary W. N. H. Kuhrt, Sendamangalam.

More than two years ago, we said a somewhat sad farewell to our Sunday School in Gemas. One of the last things we expected was to see some of our scholars later on in India. But last year, when we were in Dohnavur, there they were as large as life; the three eldest children of the Gemas Government Tamil School headmaster. They had been for several years bright scholars, first of Mr. and Mrs. Orchard and then of us and our fellow workers, in the small and strangely mixed up Gemas Sunday School. It was strangely mixed up because all the proceedings were in a mixture of English and Tamil. Some of the children spoke Tamil at home, but were being educated in English and they therefore preferred

their Sunday School lessons in English. Others knew only Tamil. For a great part of our time we even had a Chinese boy, named Fung Hai; but, happily for us, he knew English well.

When we knew for sure that we were to go to Dohnavur, we wrote to our old friend the Gemas headmaster to ask him where exactly his children lived. You see, it is not only missionaries who sometimes have to leave their children behind. While in Malaya we met many people who had left, or who were planning to leave, their children in India. Twenty-five years ago, when a poor Malayan rubber tapper left his son in our Namakkal Boarding Home, the son was wonderfully converted and is now known throughout Malaysia, and in other lands too, as an evangelist and Bible teacher.

As it turned out, we did not have to seek these three children in their home because they came to the Dohnavur "Meetings of Vision". But there were such a lot of people present, and the children were so shy, that for two whole days we didn't even get to know they were there. Then at last we saw Kirubai (which means Grace), Israel and Ruby. We were able to recognise them but we had to look twice because they had grown so much. How pleased we were to see them, and to notice how nicely they had grown, and how well behaved they were. They live very near to the Dohnavur Fellowship and attend the church in Dohnavur village, so they still hear the same wonderful Bible stories that they first heard in Gemas Sunday School, nearly 2,000 miles away.

P.S.—The Gemas Sunday School still exists and some of our old scholars are now Sunday School teachers.

LOST

By Missionary Monica Harris, Kolli Hills.

Boys and girls, have you ever been lost? Up on the Kolli Hills it is quite easy to get lost. I can remember several times when I have lost my way. There are ever so many mountain paths going in all directions, but so far there are not any signposts anywhere on the northern side of the Kolli Hills. Of course, there is no need to get completely lost, because the hill people are always so ready to help you and tell you the way, if you ask them.

Many times I have set off very early in the morning to go out visiting in some of the Hill villages. I always start off in the right direction, but I have often come to a place where the path divides, and I have no idea which way to go. Just as I am wondering what to do and asking the Lord Jesus to help me, quite unexpectedly someone has come along just at the right moment, and has put me on the right track.

One day, I set off to go to a village I had never been to before. It was quite a long way away. I had to pass through two valleys, before I would reach the village in the third valley to the east. I

knew the first part of the journey quite well; so I went down into the first valley; walked past a village and across the narrow bank between rice fields; and then I climbed up and over the ridge the other side.

I then went down into the next valley, and along past three more villages. I crossed the bank of some more rice-fields standing deep in water, and then climbed up and over the ridge that looked across the third valley. Beyond this all was new to me, and I had to try and find the right path to the village. I looked down into the valley to see if there were any signs of a village, but I could see none at all. After exploring one or two paths that led away from the ridge, I finally found one that went due east in the right direction.

On and on I went, but still there was no sign of the village I was seeking. Just then, I caught sight of a woman, who told me I was going the right way. But soon after I left her, the path seemed to end up at someone's empty hut in a field. After trying various paths, which all seemed to lead nowhere, I suddenly caught sight of a boy grazing cattle right over on the slope of a hill on the other side of the valley. I shouted out the name of the village, and he pointed still to the east, but down to the bottom of the valley. So down I went, and soon reached the village, which was hidden away amongst trees. What a joy to see the village at last, and to find it full of people, who invited me inside.

On the return journey I had no trouble to find the way back, because three schoolboys were most eager to come with me for the first part of the way, and one of them bought a gospel from me. After I left the boys, they still continued to watch me as I climbed up the steep slope of the hill to the ridge at the top of the valley, and so they made sure I was on the right track.

Boys and girls are you on the right track, or are you lost? Jesus said, "I am the way". If we do not know and love Jesus who is the way, that leads us to God, then we are lost. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Have you asked Him to save **you**? Jesus is the only One Who is able to save us and keep us always in the way that leads us to Heaven.

HIS STAR

How little we know about the Stars! We know that there are millions upon millions of them. We know that each one of them is far bigger than this earth, and that the nearest is so far out in space that its light would take four years and three months to reach this earth—and light travels at 186,000 miles per second. There is no doubt that God, who made these great heavenly bodies, has a wise purpose in bringing them into creation but we do not know what that purpose is, for their distance away is so great.

One thing we do know is that when the Lord Jesus came to earth to become our Saviour, God sent a special Star to be His herald. that is to announce His coming. We may think that the stars are so far off that they have little to do with us. But as you do this Bible Searching remember our Lord's own star which was seen in the East, and was sent

to show forth His glory. And then remember too that all who love Him and follow Him and serve Him, shall one day shine like the stars in our Heavenly Father's kingdom.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named and find the answers to the following questions. Then write down the number of the question, **the name,** and the book, chapter and verse where found. Do not write out the verse unless it is asked for.

1. Who made the stars? Genesis 1.
2. Who had a dream about stars? Genesis 37.
3. Who knows all the stars by their names? Psalm 147.
4. Who rejoiced when they saw the star? Matthew 2.
5. Who enquired what time the star appeared? Matthew 2.
6. Who is the "bright and morning star"? Revelation 22.

Now underneath your list write out **in full** the verse which answers Question 6.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Find the answers to these questions also, and write down the answers as in the Lower Group.

7. "I will multiply thy seed as the stars." To whom were these words spoken? Genesis 22.
8. Who said "There shall come a star out of Jacob"? Numbers 24.
9. Which verse gives a warning against worshipping the stars? Deuteronomy 4. Give reference only.
10. Who shouted for joy when the stars sang? Job 38.
11. What is the name of the star that fell from heaven? Revelation 8.
12. To whom were these words spoken. "They . . . shall shine . . . as the stars"? Daniel 12.

Write out **in full** the verse which answers Question 12.

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CLOSING DATE—DECEMBER 31st, 1965.

RESULT OF LAST SEARCHER

We are pleased to see that the entries are rising again. But we would remind you that there are a good many Searchers who need to enter this time to gain an Honours Certificate. We welcome 60 new Searchers. Here are the names, in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Patricia Hammond, aged 14, "Bethesda" S.S., Ipswich.
2. Marilyn Dudley, aged 15, "Providence" S.S., Clifton.

Special Mention: Anthony Wood, Judith Shepherd, Barbara Payne, Jennifer Clarkson, Vivienne Pain, Margaret Gadd, Susan Woolcott, Jill Clements, Andrew Collins, Rosemary Jarvis, Barry Hills.

Very Highly Commended: Monica Jarritt, Paul Smith, Jeremy Dutton, Margaret Gooderham, Hilary Worsell, Sylvia Chapman, Miriam Baker, Paula Chapman, Susan Foster, Linda Chapman, Wendy Haslam, Keith Maltby, Christine Relf, Jacqueline Hughes, Margaret Sear, Richard Underwood, Pauline Jakes, Ann Blakeman, Angela Blaxall, Elizabeth Hammond, Kathleen Kelly, Paul Grimwood, P. Jarritt, Maureen Lowe, Christine Morris, M. Kendall, Janet Eldridge, Valerie Dunnett, Pauline Robinson, Susan Foster, Adrian Clarkson, Margaret Reeve, David Harmer, Kathleen Burch, Evelyn Barton, Susan Reed, Robert Chambers, Janet Burns, Maureen Blagden, Susan Woodford, Susan Hayday, Hazel Cordle, Raymond Grimwood, Roger Armstrong, Dorothy Putman, Terry Meacock, Ann Barton, Jenifer Whitwell, Joyce Orchard, Raymond Upchurch, Yvonne Staines, Barbara Williams, Jane Lee, Ronald Goddard, G. M. Foster, Josephine Drury, Martin Dowding, Peter King, Margaret Broad.

Highly Commended: Pat Ruffold, Marion Kendall, Rita Ruffles, Janet King, Christine Burns, Joyce Morrison, Mary Arnold, David Bell, Alan Burrows, Lyn Weston, David Thurlow, Sheila Nicholls, Christine Lovett, John Dennis, I. Davidson, Susan Smith, David Veale, Kathleen Dean, Trevor Hart, Philip Baker, Graham Bemment, Stephen Woodford, Bernard Gooderham, Ruth Scoggins, Winston Blackwood, Christine Edwards (Downe), Lorraine Kiehl.

Commended: Joan Bollams, Wendy Moore, Ruth Gadd, Marion Jackson, Clive Schwarz, Mavis Hart, Susan Lancashire, Elaine Cole, Alan Parris answered August questions in second part, Jacqueline Taylor and Roy Gladwell answered Upper Group only. Answered Lower Group only: Miriam Pyke, Susan Dodge, David Parker, Roy Lloyd, Glenis Carter, Marilyn Lancashire.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Lorna Murden, aged 10, March S.S.

2. Rosemary Barnes, aged 11, Laxfield S.S.

Special Mention: Joy Chapman, Andrew Ottley, Annette Farenden, Sheila Cross, Robert Harsant, Mary Bater, Gillian Frost, Barbara Hammond, Kenneth Alexander, Wendy Chapman, Jeremy Pyke, Jane Wicking.

Very Highly Commended: Beryl Mumford, Heather Gardner, Sarah Roden, Andrew Pearce, Bryan Upchurch, Peter Geall, Marion Frost, Philip Page, Graham Milne, Lois Clarkson, Martin Page, Alison Rand, Billy Roden, Annette Chuter, Rosemary Chapman, Margaret Baldry, David Morris, Ruth Layzell, Elizabeth Vincent, Christopher Rookyard, Susan Edge, Elaine Benton, Rachel Peacock, Philip Clarkson, Paul Sawyer, Christina Markwich, Paul Gilbert, Linda Mitson, Elaine Hewitt, Elizabeth Wood, Julie Farrenden, Philip Collins, Andrew Woods, Valerie Rodwell, Joy Mutimer, Michael Hewitt, Christine Frost, Rachel Orchard, John Edards, Andrew Orchard, Bridget Frost, Sharon Rivers, Angela Pettitt, Julie Blagden, Christine Smith, Lydia Pyke, Doreen Biggs, Sheila Bull, Valerie Clover, Anne Mayell, Richard Clarkson, Stephen Foster, Maureen Gar, Jean Smith, Karen May, Susan Shepherd, Rachel Martin, Betty Wilson, Judith Orchard, Paul Heasman, Janet Westley, Penny Punter, Jeremy Oliver, Judith Moore, Gillian Carpenter, Philip Turner, Patrick Manderson, David Edge, Barbara Wright, Tony Meacock, Heather Bottley (also August), Christopher Harvey, Clifford Hart, Elizabeth Starnes, Diane Elliott, Timothy Saunders, Paul Flint, Elaine Jarvis, Keith Milne, Dawn Yarham, Ruth Summers, Ann Chapman, Catherine Balls, Virginia Hawes, Beryl Bird, Louise Chapman, Sara Jardine, Lynn Elliott, Andrew Alsop, Arthur Dodge, Julie Reed, Julia Hassan, Joy Thrower, Pat Turner,

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LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

May I wish you all once again a very Happy Christmas. I hope that you will each enjoy yourself as only boys and girls can, but do not forget the real meaning of Christmas. For it is at Christmas that we remember God's greatest gift to this world—the gift of His only Son. It is true that they had no room for Him in the inn; it is also true that He was born in a manger where the oxen fed upon the hay. But this only makes Him the more precious to us each.

I wonder how many Christian names you have—perhaps two, or even three—I am sure that your father and mother would often have talked together before they chose your names. God's Son had only one name. It was a name which was very carefully chosen, for it tells us that God had one purpose in sending His Son, and it also tells us what that purpose was.

Just before Jesus was born, the highest angel from heaven came to speak to Joseph in a dream. He came with a message from God Himself, and the message contained the name which God had chosen for His Son upon earth—it also stated the reason why God had sent His Son. The message was this:—"Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins." I do not know of any boy who bears that name today, but in the days when Jesus was born there were many little boys running about who had the same name as Jesus. It was, however, in the Hebrew form "Joshua" and it meant "God, the Saviour".

There had also been two great men in the Bible who had borne that name, but neither of them had been great enough or good enough to bear the same name as Jesus. The first Joshua was a great Captain. He led the people but he could not lead them into peace! The second great Joshua was a high-priest. He offered sacrifices for the people but he could not pardon their sins. Now Jesus is both Captain and High Priest. As our Captain He can lead us right into our Heavenly Rest; and as High Priest He can bring cleansing for our sins, through His own sacrifice upon the Cross. His name is a name which is above every name.

The most important matter for each one of us is that we should kneel before the Lord Jesus now whilst we are young; that we should pray to Him to save us from our sins; and that we should ask Him to teach us to trust Him as our Saviour. We shall then learn, not only the true meaning of Christmas, but the true meaning of the greatest of all names—the name of Jesus.

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS

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for young people



"My story's inside," said the owl.
"Too-Whit, Too-Whoo!"

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THE STORY OF THE BABY OWL

By Missionary Jim Jones, Paniadipatti.

In one part of our Mission House is a small compound dispensary—something like a First-Aid Room. Upon opening the door of this room recently, we heard the fluttering of wings inside. We looked behind the door, and searched all over the room but could find nothing. At last, crouched in the darkest corner of the room behind the medicine cupboard, we found a little baby screech-owl. It could not fly, for it had damaged one of its wings, and so we brought some grain and some water and placed it within its reach so that it should not die.

The next day some children, who work in the local match and firework factory, came as usual to receive their Tamil Text cards, which some of you boys and girls will have been responsible for preparing. After giving them the cards I asked them if they would like to see the baby owl. When I showed it to them their



faces showed great concern, and they said that it must be got rid of at once. The children knew that I had just recovered from an illness. Then they said, "This owl has brought bad luck to you and for this reason you have been unwell, you must get rid of it at once." I then asked them some questions about this matter and they told me that they believe that owls bring sickness, and even death, to the place where they are. For this reason, thinking only of our welfare, they wanted us to get rid of the baby owl. Of course we all know that owls do not bring sickness or death to the place where they are, don't we, boys and girls? Such an idea is quite untrue.

The next day the children came again and said that they would remove the owl, but when we went to the dispensary it had gone.

I write this story to try and show you how these village children are bound in superstition and darkness. But you may ask, "How does this story affect me?" Now look up Psalm 119 verse

130 in your own Bible for this will give you the answer to that question. Here in this verse we read that God's word gives LIGHT. Now what does light do? If we turn the electric light on in our bedroom the darkness goes and we can then go to bed in comfort without stumbling about the room. Yes, light dispels darkness. In the same way God's Word drives out the darkness of sin and unbelief in our hearts. This is why it is so important for all of us to read our Bibles regularly.

I have not yet told you how this story affects you, have I? Perhaps some of you will have guessed already what I am about to say. Yes, by preparing the Tamil Text cards that have a portion of God's Word written on them you are helping to give the light; the light which drives out darkness and ignorance, to these Indian village children.

In the picture you can see the very children whom I have written about in this true story. Only one or two of them can read, and here one girl is reading out aloud the text so that the others may hear it. Please pray for these boys and girls, and many like them, who do not know the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

By Mrs. M. E. Grist.

We leave the compound and turn along the road, or we step out of the car, and . . . there they are!—those mischievous brown faces, eyes sparkling, as the little boys come dashing up to try out what is perhaps the only English sentence they know. "What is your name?" The leader of the group begins the game and then the others, taking courage, join in until it comes from all sides. "What is your name?" Each word is pronounced carefully but with a strong Tamil accent. I don't think they're at all interested in knowing our names, but it's a bit of fun for them!

Sometimes we can get a little fun ourselves by asking them their names, because some of them are quite amusing to us. "Baby Austin", "Six Faces", "Adolph Hitler", "Moses", "Lazarus", "Good Boy", "Ebenezer" (for a girl!), "Faith" (for a boy!). All these we have heard from time to time. Now, I wonder how many of you can be junior detectives and tell me something about those people just by looking at their names. Anyone found the clue? Yes, I'm sure some of you have. Some are Bible names and most of the others are Hindu. So, from that, we can deduce that some of the people have Christian connections while the others are Hindus. If a Hindu becomes a Christian he sometimes drops his old name and takes a Christian name which he usually chooses from the Bible. Christian families, of course, generally give their children Christian names.

Can you see, I wonder, just what a big responsibility it is for an Indian to have a Christian name? It's a way of telling everyone, "I am a Christian", or "I come from a Christian family".

Knowing this, the people around look to see what difference it makes being a Christian. Do they always see a difference? Perhaps they see that "Moses" is lazy and doesn't support his family well, while "John" is hardworking and doesn't get into debt. "Peter" is always helpful and kind, but "Jacob" selfish and spiteful. Do pray that those who call themselves Christians may so commit themselves to the Lord that the change in their lives may be evident to all, and that it may be more than just a change of name.

And what is **your** name? Well, first of all, let me tell you mine! The surname is Grist. That doesn't tell you much about me, does it? But—when it is written in Tamil, it is usually written exactly the same as "Christ". As a result, we often receive letters addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Christ". That might seem amusing to some but I always feel rather uncomfortable when I see it and take it as a challenge. "Am I Christ-like? Can others see anything of Jesus Christ in me?".

My name hasn't always been "Grist". Before I was married it was "Garrard", and how surprised I was recently to see my old name there among the Bible Searchers—"Mary Garrard!" (Hullo, Mary! I'm pleased to meet you through the pages of the "Rays from the East"!). I enjoy looking through those names. I look for the familiar ones and, before my children were born, I used the lists to help me choose names for them!

Well, and what **is** your name? Once again, those lists will give me some of the answers, but, however good a detective I may be, they won't tell me much about you, will they? In England, names such as Andrew, Ruth, Peter, Mary, David, and so on don't tell us anything.

However, let me put the question in a slightly different way. "What sort of a name have you?" Have you heard people say, "Oh, he's got a name for being generous", or "She's got a name for being deceitful". You know what that expression means, don't you? So—what **sort** of a name do you think you have? Is it a name that shows at once that you're a Christian, that Jesus has changed your life? Have you the name for being kind, loving, honest, helpful, hardworking, or do your friends know that, although you go to Chapel, although you do the Bible Searching, you've got the name for being—well! not a very nice person to know?

The names of the characters in the "Pilgrim's Progress" are very revealing. Christian, Obstinate, Faithful, Great-heart, Giant Despair, and Worldly Wiseman are just a few.

Whatever your name may mean, or whatever it may be, the most important name for us to remember is the "Name which is above every name".

SHEW ME THY WAY

Read through the chapters named, and when you have found the following words, write out the verses **in full**, giving the book, chapter and verse where found.

Lower Group, age under 12

1. Shew me thy ways, O Lord.
2. I will . . . teach thee . . . the way.
3. He shall direct thy paths.
4. Narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life.
5. Jesus saith . . . I am the way.

The answers will be found in Psalms 25 and 32; Proverbs 3; Matthew 7; John 14.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Answer these questions as well as the Lower Group.

6. I am the Lord . . . which leadeth thee.
7. I will lead them in paths that they have not known.
8. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk
9. This is the way, walk ye in it.
10. A good man . . . delighteth in his way.

They will be found in Psalms 37 and 143; and in Isaiah 30, 42, and 48; but not in the same order.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until June, 1966, 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 3d. stamp, to UNCLE PETER,

57 CEDAR CLOSE, BAGSHOT, SURREY.

If you send a letter with your entry you must put on a 4d. stamp. TWO OR MORE ENTRIES can come in one envelope (unsealed) bearing a 3d. stamp, provided the weight does not exceed 2 ozs.; over 2 ozs. and under 4 ozs. will cost 5d.

CLOSING DATE—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1966.

HONOURS LIST, 1965

We are very pleased to see an increase in the number of scholars who have entered regularly during the year. Our special congratulations to Jennifer Clarkson and David Harmer who have gained Certificates for the tenth year. Also to Trevor Clarkson, Joyce Orchard, and Sylvia and Margaret Reeve, ninth year; and to Paul Grimwood and Christine Relf, eighth year. The special prizes which are awarded to those who have the best record, but have not previously won a prize for Searching, go to Peter Jarritt, Bernard Gooderham, Heather Payne, Stephen Woodford, Elizabeth Starnes, and Ronald Goddard. To gain a Certificate you must send in at least five entries during the year.

North Finchley: Teresa Burnard, Steven and David Carr, Elaine Geoffrey and Lesley Cole, Ronnie Copping, Stanley Della, Angela and Bernardette Duke, Suzanne Erdeyli, Richard Flavin, Marion Jackson, Lorraine Kiehl, Roy and Susan Lloyd, Christina and John Markwick, David Parker, Susan Risiott, Paul Smith, Susan Walsh. **Hammerfield:** Lynn and Diane Elliott, Annette and Julie Farenden, David Gurd, Diana Hosier, Sara Jardine, Christine Phillips, Nicholas Sampson, Steven Sandford, Margaret Sear, Dawn Strutt, Dawn and Gaye Yarham. **Horham:** Robert Chambers, Sylvia, Wendy, Joy, and Ann Chapman, Valerie Dodwell, Marion and Christine Frost, Margaret, Bernard, and Monica Gooderham, Christopher Harvey, Joy Mutimer. **Brighton (Tabernacle):** Linda and Paula Chapman, Jeremy Dutton, Janet Eldridge, Barry Hills, Maureen Lowe, Barbara, Heather, and Keith Payne, Susan Smith. **Warboys:** David Blackman, Alan Burrows, Richard Clack, Ian Evemy, Christine Smith, Yvonne and Ruth Steward, Debbie Williams, Linda Wilmer, Elizabeth

Wood. **Belvedere:** Carol, Leslie, and Julia Barber, June Goodrich, Joyce, Andrew, Rachel, and Judith Orchard, Michael Wayman. **Bradenstoke:** Kathleen and Pauline Elms, Patrick and Jamie Ryan, Linda and Simon Tanfield, Lyn and Claire Weston. **Greenwich:** Jennifer, Trevor, Adrian, Philip, and Lois Clarkson, Hilary Worsell, Peter Geall, Kathryn Appleby. **Basildon:** Ann Blakeman, Ann and Evelyn Barton, Maureen and Julie Blagdon, Maureen Gar, Graham Milne. **Crowfield:** David Bennett, Paul and Raymond Grimwood, Trevor, Raymond, Steven, and Paul Hart. **Ipswich (Bethesda):** Christine and Janet Burns, Patricia and Barbara Hammond, Peter and Monica Jarritt, Andrew Pearce. **Ipswich (Mount Zion):** Leonard and Irene Carter, Paul Gray, Robert Harsant, Joy and Paul Thrower. **Wood Green (Park Ridings):** Kathleen Dean, Mark, Julie, and Amanda Hassan, Yvonne and Marion Staines. **Clifton:** Mary Arnold, Berys Bird, Janet Bowler, Penny Punter, Sarah Roden. **Gosbeck:** Philip, Graham, and Clifford Hart, Philip Page, David Thurlow. **Streatham:** John and Ruth Layzell, Christine and David Morris, Shelagh Norris. **Bromley:** Mary and Eric Bater, Michael and Marion Kendall. **Highbury:** Andrew, Michael, and Elaine Hewitt, Kathleen Kelly. **Woolwich (Enon):** Stephen and Barry Fox, David Harmer, Judy Hartley. **Yateley:** Christine Edwards, Grace and Joan Justice, Ruth Summers. **Billinghay:** Keith and Jacqueline Maltby, Anthony Wood. **Brentford:** Kathleen and Joanne Jafrate, Pat Ruffold. **Epping:** Elizabeth Hammond, Susan and Stephen Woolcott. **Fressingfield:** Angela Blaxall, Trevor Fidgett, Sandra Reeve. **Lewes:** Christine Relf, Elizabeth and Jennifer Starnes. **March:** Sheila Cross, Pauline Jakes, Lorna Murdon. **Mendlesham:** Miriam and Philip Baker, Christopher Rookyard. **New Cross:** Vivienne Pain, Judith and Susan Shepherd. **Rishangles:** Sally, Rosemary, and Ivan Chapman. **Ryarsh:** Heather Bottley, Hazel Cordle, Alan Parris. **West Ham:** Joan Bollans, Susan Hayday, Jacqueline Taylor. **Wetherden:** Roy and Jean Armstrong, Andrew Ottley. **Aldringham:** Susan Foster, Peter King. **Aylesbury:** Martin and Christopher Dowding. **Clapham:** Andrew and Philip Collins. **Colchester:** Lydia Pyke, Sharon Rivers. **Cuckfield:** Margaret and Ruth Gadd. **Ipswich (Zoar):** Heather Gardner, Beryl Mumford. **Kesgrave:** Susan and Stephen Woodford. **Laxfield:** Rosemary Barnes, Kevin Frost. **Occold:** Bridget and Gillian Frost. **Prittlewell:** Graham and Mary Bemment. **Reigate:** Jane and Claire Wicking. **Staines:** Ronald Goddard; Jill Reuter. **Tunbridge Wells (Grove Hill):** Graham and Rosalind Wilkinson. **Tunstall:** Sylvia and Margaret Reeve. **Watford (Tabernacle):** Stephen and Andrew Cooke. **Badingham:** Valerie Dunnett, Ruth Scoggins. **Bermondsey:** Paul Jermyn. **Bradford on Avon:** Rosemary Jarvis. **Brockley:** Richard Underwood. **Downe:** Christine Edwards. **Hadleigh:** Linda Mitson. **Hailsham:** Paul Heasman. **Hilmarton:** Jean Smith. **Horley:** Gabrielle Valtorta. **Middlesbrough:** Stephen Kingston. **St. Albans:** Karen May. **Stratford (Gurney Road):** Jill Clements. **Two Waters:** Jane See. **Waldringfield:** Linda Chapman. **East Ham:** Elaine Jarvis.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

It was very pleasing to see so many entries for a December Searcher; and we welcome 67 new Searchers. You will find your names in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. David P. Harmer, aged 15, "Enon" S.S., Woolwich.
2. Barry Hills, aged 14, "Tabernacle" S.S., Brighton.

Special Mention: Richard Underwood, Michael Kendall, Rosemary Jarvis, Jill Clements, Terence Howes, Patricia Hammond, Monica Jarritt.

Very Highy Commended: Keith Maltby, Heather Payne, Paul Smith, Sylvia Chapman, Martin Dowding, Dorothy Putman, Susan Fisher, Barbara Payne, Vivienne Pain, Linda Chapman, Margaret Sear, Jennifer Clarkson,

Elizabeth Hammond, Raymond Grimwood, Paula Chapman, Jeremy Dutton, Kathleen Kelly, Yvonne Staines, Paul Grimwood, Adrian Clarkson, David Parker, Peter Jarritt, Robert Worsell, Maureen Blagden, Ann Blakeman, Stephen Woodford, Hilary Worsell, Trevor Clarkson, Peter King, Andrew Collins.

Highly Commended: Lynn Harvey, Maureen Gar, Jacqueline Taylor, Marilyn Croucher, Susan Hayday, Margaret Gadd, Roy Lloyd, Winston Blackwood, Anthony Wood, Susan Foster, Yvonne Flint, Trevor Hart, Janet Eldridge, Marion Kendall, Philip Norris, Susan Woodford, Maureen Lowe, Ivan Davidson, Pauline Robinson, Alan Burrows, Dorothy Greenwood, Pauline Jakes, Joyce Orchard, Susan Smith, Howard Clark, Miriam Baker, Christine Morris, Heather Clark, Gillian Naunton, Alan Parris, Robert Chambers, Roger Armstrong, Jennifer Whitwell, Michael Clifford, Elaine Cole, Ann Barton, Evelyn Barton, Philip Baker.

Commended: David Thurlow (omitted verse in part one), Janet Burns, Lynn Mulcare, Sue Wallington, Margaret Reeve, Lyn Weston, Angela Blaxall, Rita Ruffles, Christine Edwards (Downe), John Eley, Raymond Upchurch, Emelia Higgs, Ruth Gadd, Joan Bollans, Pat Ruffold, Lorraine Carey, Mary Arnold (misunderstood the questions). Answered Upper Group only: Richard Livermore. Answered Lower Group only: Pam Wallington, Denise Flint, Ian Evemy, Annette Eames.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Joy Thrower, aged 10, "Mount Zion" S.S., Ipswich.
2. Stephen Kingston, aged 10, "Providence" S.S., Middlesbrough.

Special Mention: Heather Gardner, Sheila Cross, Lorna Murden, Barbara Hammond, Rosemary Barnes, Mary Bater, Maureen Richardson.

Very Highly Commended: Gillian Frost, Valerie Haslam, Janet Bowler, Sally Chapman, Robert Harsant, Judith Orchard, Catherine Balls, Susan Lamb, Andrew Orchard, Ann Chapman, Joy Mutimer, Paul Nash, Lynn Elliott, Andrew Pearce, Wendy Chapman, Joy Chapman, Carol Goad, Linda Chapman (Waldringfield), Jacqueline Maltby, Diana Hosier, David Wright, Susan Shepherd, John Layzell, Ivan Chapman, Paul Heasman, Virginia Hawes, Ruth Layzell, Philip Naunton, David Morris, Michael Wayman, Anne Mayell, Jean Smith, Paul Goad, Neville Howes, Elizabeth Wood, Susan Risiott, Grace Justice, Christine Smith, Joy Vincent, Andrew Cooke, Graeme Clarkson, Nigel Driver, Bernardette Duke, Nicholas Sampson, Berys Bird, Paul Thrower, Paul Francis, Christopher Rookyard, Andrew Ottley, Graham Milne, Christine Frost, Barbara Wright, Lydia Pyke, Lois Clarkson, Stephen Cooke, Marion Frost, Penny Punter, Peter Geall, Graham Wilkinson, Margaret Wilson, Richard Flavin, Jill Reuter, Doreen Biggs, Richard Clarkson, Christina Markwick, Paul Gray, Yvonne Steward, Jane Wicking, Pamela Harding, Rachel Orchard.

Highly Commended: Rosemary Chapman, Robert Bennett, Melvyn Clarke, Sherryn Wilmer, Janice Flint, Elaine Jarvis, Evelyn Rowland, Kathryn Appleby, Julie Drew, Philip Rowland, Mary Bower, Susan Edge, Rosalind Wilkinson, Hazel Page, Barry Della, Ruth Steward, Arthur Bennett, Philip Clarkson, Linda Edmonds, Kevin Frost, Linda Wilmer, Teresa Ponting, Julia Barber, Christine Phillips, Keith Milne, Ruth Summers, Linda Page, Eric Bater, David Rance, Nigel Rookyard, Sara Jardine, Annette Farenden, Robert Clover, Jeremy Hill, Sharon Rivers, Kay Ford, Richard Nash, Dawn Yarham, Janet Westley, Steven Carr, Joan Justice, John Markwick, Grace Vincent, Gary Kellythorn, Leslie Barber, Susan Mann, Raymond Hart, Janice Mulcare, Angela Copping, Timothy Saunders, Diane Elliott, Steven Sandford, Beryl Mumford, Carol Barber, Christopher Harvey, Stephen Foster, Julie Farrenden, Betty Wilson, Jeremy Skelton, Jennifer Starnes, Elizabeth Skelton, Lesley Cole, Keith Payne, Tina Ponting, Stanley Della, Robert Croucher, David Ponting, Susan Walsh, Belinda Love, Paul Kellythorn, Valerie Scrace, Sharon Risiott, Janet Allen, Peter Davidson, Pamela Parker, David Blackman.

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Commended: Kathleen Jafrate, Michael Stokes, Pat Riches, Karen May, Martin Jacklin, R. Stokes, Gregory Collett, Paul Hart, Jamie Ryan, Simon Tanfield, Brian Whiffin, Beryl Copeland, Susan Keeble, Kathleen Elms, Teresa Burnard, Billy Roden, Sandra Copeland, Julie Reed, Stephen Bradbury, Loraine Jacklin, Theresa Finneran, Linda Mitson (misunderstood the questions), Elanda Driver, Alison Hughes, Philip Page, Rita Lovett, Pat Byers, Gabrielle Valtorta, Shirley Clifford, Debby Ponting, Martin Page, Linton Schwarz, Antonio Driver, Debbie Williams, Reaton MacIvor, Judy Brown, Margaret McDonald (all omitted to write out the verse which answers Question 6). Omitted references: Pauline Elms, Stephanie Owers, Raymond Gasson, Barry Fox, Arthur Dodge, Peter Dodge, Pauline Tracey, Stephen Fox. Also tried: Linda Rider, Maria Borg, Jeffrey Mee, Christopher Oliver, Derek Lancashire, Corrinne Lancashire, and an entry without name from West Ham.

Not for Competition: The Misses Yvonne Hucklesbee and Sylvia Reeve. North Finchley sent the highest number of entries. Hammerfield and Warboys tied for second place. Fressingfield came third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

I would like to thank the following boys and girls for their letters and Christmas cards:—Howard Clark, Adrian and Philip Clarkson, Jill Clements (So sorry the Searcher was your last. Can you find someone to take your place?), David Harmer (well-done David, and thank you for card), Pauline Jakes, Heather Payne, Vivienne Pain, and Anthony Wood.

May I take this opportunity of offering my sincere thanks to all the many friends of "Rays" who have taken such interest in helping the boys and girls to do the Bible Searcher. We are all together in this work, and who knows what the Day may declare! My thanks are also due to the following friends for their letters:—Mr. John Bean (glad to hear from an old "Ray-ite"), Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. A. Cooke, Mrs. P. Driver, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mrs. G. Markwick, Miss Joyce Sawyer, Mr. Sidney Skull (our best wishes to you all), Miss J. E Smith (thanks for a record entry), Miss Grace Taylor, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

This issue begins a New Year of Bible Searching. Those who do FIVE or more Searchers during this year will find their names in the next Honours List. So start right now—and CONTINUE TO THE END.

With the very best of good wishes, from,

UNCLE PETER.

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

PASTOR P. H. CREES

WE have far too small a conception of our God, but that could hardly be said of the Psalmist. Because he had so grand a conception of God we have chosen the first verse of the 104th Psalm as the theme of this 104th Annual Report: "O Lord my God, thou art very great". We gladly join with the Psalmist to "Bless the Lord" and to worship Him Who is so great and glorious. This report seeks to "praise Him for all that is past" and "we'll trust Him for all that's to come".

For almost sixty of the 104 years of the Mission, the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary has played an important part in its work and witness. We have great cause to praise God for the vision and labour in those years of the gallant women who, at home and abroad, have so sacrificially served the Lord. To-day the need for a separate organisation is past, but the need for women to give and pray and sacrifice at home and to go to India with the Gospel is as great as ever. Times have changed, methods have changed, but the need for the women of our denomination to serve the Lord with the Mission at home and abroad has not changed. We rejoice that our glorious Lord has not changed and we believe He will supply all our needs in our continuing work among the women and children of India, as He will in all the ministry of the Mission.

We have cause to bless the Lord and to worship His great and Holy Name in that He has given us two more missionary candidates, Mr. John Clarkson, of Hounslow, and Miss Carole Newlyn, of Bromley, both of whom will, D.V., enter college for training in the Autumn of 1965. Guided by the Lord, we asked Miss Y. Conacher to remain in Tasmania for further training and she hopes to sail for India in October 1965.

The goodness of God is very manifest in the staff He has given us both at home and abroad, and we bless His Holy Name. Pastor W. H. Pounds has served the Mission very faithfully as Hon. Financial Secretary and we thank God for the gracious way in which our brother has fulfilled this ministry. After prayerful thought, the Council has appointed Pastor A. D. Rowland, of Hadleigh, to serve as Financial Secretary as from August 21st, 1965. We assure our young brother of our confidence and prayers as he takes up this ministry.

We bless God that the Australian Auxiliary is now an accomplished fact and is undertaking some responsibilities in the work

of the Mission, particularly in respect to the missionaries from their part of the world.

Last year we reported the acceptance by the F.O.Y. of the challenge for a new Bookmobile in India, and we praise God that since then half the money needed has now been subscribed (£1,250). We need to pray that wisdom may be given in the plans for the Bookmobile, and that the application for the necessary import licence may be successful.

We have much cause to adore our great God, and are thankful that He is so great when we contemplate the many problems and difficulties we have yet to face in the work of the Mission. It is in faith in the greatness and triumph of God that we step out into another year of ministry for Him.

LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY

MRS. O. SYMONDS

L.Z.A. ANNUAL REPORT—1965

IN March, we welcomed home Miss E. M. Flory to join Miss L. S. Hazel and Miss N. Hawes, already in England. We praise God for all the help afforded them in their deputation work. We rejoice that Miss Y. Conacher leaves Australia for India in October and that our new candidate Miss Carole Newlyn enters Mt. Hermon Training College in the Autumn.

In India, Miss M. M. Cook has continued her loving care of the hostel girls, who come from Hindu and Moslem as well as Christian homes. Miss P. White has also been living at Sendamangalam and her time has been fully occupied with language study. We thank God that the radio work has been carried on so efficiently by Miss O. R. Knight, in spite of difficulty with ageing equipment. Dr. R. M. Harris and Miss M. E. Harris have been able to carry out arduous camps on the Northern Kollis, and we give God the glory for answered prayer on their behalf.

The L.Z.A. Executive can look back over 60 years and rejoice with the Psalmist in the greatness of our God; a God of ceaseless activity on His people's behalf, as Psalm 104 reveals. Our financial needs have been met as the Lord has graciously constrained you to give. One chapter in women's work closes this year and another begins, but we are confident that this same God will continue His work amongst India's women and children.

"We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come."

MADRAS AREA

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

H. A. HUCKETT

A VISIT to Madras in June at the invitation of the Tiruverkadu Church provided an opportunity of renewed contact with work in this area. Satan is busy in many places, but the greatness of our God can be seen in the faithful witness of His servants and in their desire for fellowship at the Throne of Grace. We had prayer with four pastors and three church secretaries, all of whom seemed to value the continued link with the missionaries and the opportunity of talking over some of their problems with us.

KILPAUK: Twenty-six baptisms; membership 170. Some of the new converts are from Hinduism; others are children of Christian parents. Pastor Devanesam writes: "We need your prayers that all our members may have an increasing burden for souls and for Gospel work, especially amongst young people. We have five Sunday Schools with about 150 scholars. We thank God for the amplifier which saves straining my voice and strength. Re-flooring of the chapel has been paid for by donations from many individuals. Morning services are well attended, and souls have testified to blessing received. All glory be to God."

VEPERY: Pastor B. G. Samuel. 158 members; 22 baptisms; 65 scholars in Sunday School; Mothers' meetings, cottage prayers and two gatherings for prayer in the chapel are held each week. Pastor Samuel also visits Sembiam, Poonamallee, and Ayanapuram for ministry. He writes: "Please pray for us and our work. In December we will have the Baptist Churches' Mothers' Conference at Vepery, when a lady missionary will give the Lord's message. Please pray for my daughter, Hephzibah, who is an army nurse, and for two sons in the Indian Navy who are very far from us."

AYANAPURAM: Mr. E. R. Moses writes, "Members 95; baptisms 14; Sunday School 60. A Christian Women's Rally was held here. Visits from missionaries were appreciated." Forty-two members attended a church meeting for the election of deacons. They are looking forward to Convention Meetings in September. Pastor Asirvatham has recovered after his serious illness, but is still running a separate work in the Railway Colony and at Kolathur. He asks prayer for this ministry.

TIRUVERKADU: Sixty-three members; 15 baptisms. We enjoyed fellowship with Pastor M. T. Daniel and family at his

Harvest Thanksgiving Meeting and at the 95th Church Anniversary in June. The offerings and proceeds of auction realised Rs. 102. Friends from Numbal and two other Churches were present. One family at Tiruverkadu has a son who is serving the Lord in Nigeria.

POONAMALLEE: Mrs. Thanamoni Sampson writes, "Members 61; baptisms two; Sunday School 110. God has wonderfully helped us to finish the repairs to our school shed. The Church and the school are progressing well." We called to see Mrs. Sampson on our way in to Madras.

SEMBIAM: Fifty-five members; 13 baptisms; Sunday School 30. Five special evangelistic meetings have been held, also open-air meetings and tract distribution. Prayer is greatly needed that an ex-member of the Church who is conducting rival services in the Pastor's house may be removed. A tablet to the memory of the late Pastor Y. M. Solomon is to be unveiled in September.

MANNUR: I was not able to visit this Church, but Pastor Aaron called to see me and we had a helpful talk and prayer about Church matters. Morning congregations are good, there have been 12 baptisms, and evangelistic work is going on in many villages around. Both Pastor Aaron and his wife are being greatly used by the Lord. Christians from eight villages gather every Sunday morning and the Chapel has been enlarged and electricity put in.

SALEM AREA

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

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

"We were . . . as grasshoppers . . ." Numbers 13: 33
"Thou, Lord, art very great . . ." Psalm 104: 1

THE frowning greatness of things and of systems sometimes induces within us a pathetic sense of our own insignificance and impotence. "We were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."

The great mass of the Kolli Hills a few miles away to the East is sometimes very beautiful but it often reminds us of our failure. While our lady missionaries are busily renewing their

assault upon the northern heights, fresh attempts have been made by others to help the people of Vazhavanthi. Brother Paul Chakravarthi has lived there for part of the year and we have made occasional visits to help and encourage him. During the month of May the Kolli Hills Church invited our Sendamangalam Pastor to visit them and sent him his travel expenses in advance. He stayed for a week-end, preached several times, baptised two young women, took part in the observance of the Lord's Supper, and was given a gift when he left.

The greatness of the burgeoning population, and the sight of masses of children and young people streaming to and from the multiplying schools and colleges, sometimes exhilarate and sometimes frighten—much depends upon our mood at the time. But there is no sense in sitting down and allowing ourselves to be harassed by the size of the task. We must do what we can while we can. There are about a hundred villages in an area which we have marked out for ourselves. So far we have visited about a quarter of them and in each one the Gospel has been preached and Christian literature distributed.

The greatness and the antiquity of the Hindu religion threaten sometimes to overpower and more than once in recent months the validity of our message has been publicly challenged. Nevertheless, there have been times when we have preached the blessed Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the very shadow of some temple and to men who flaunt the marks of their god upon their foreheads. Every once in a while one hears of someone becoming a Christian who once earned his living or supplemented his income by officiating at some wayside shrine. One such is on the point of being baptised in connection with the Sendamangalam Church.

The greatness of human sin oppresses us. All too few of our Tamil Baptist Churches enjoy a good regular, expository ministry and the Church that is best provided for in this respect is, perhaps not surprisingly, the one most viciously attacked. We surely have a great enemy and grim problems but we also have a God Who is greater than all.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE F. CHAMPION (Morupatti)

SOMETIMES the blessings of the Lord are obvious, but at other times they have to be looked for. In writing this brief report of the last year's work, we thought it good to mention some things for which we are thankful. It seemed at first that there was little to write, but God's goodness and mercy do follow us day by day, yet, as F. W. Faber wrote:

> Thrice blest is he to whom is given
> The instinct that can tell

That God is on the field when He
Is most invisible.

It is with profound gratitude to God that we record His keeping grace afforded to Thangammal and Pragasam in their respective villages, isolated witnesses to His saving power. They do feel sadly their lack of Christian fellowship, each living a lone Christian life among thousands of unbelievers. Surely this is a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, of which Paul writes (1 Cor. 2: 4). Thangammal lives in her house which is falling down about her ears, and no one is willing to hire her a room in which to stay. Her nephew and his family have moved out, being afraid to remain under the threatening roof. Yet she has not been heard to complain about her heavenly Father's loving care. Pragasam had a valuable sheep stolen from the doorstep of his house just before he would have sold it. Naturally he was very upset, but he has never complained in our hearing. Sometimes he has prayed in our services that the Lord would give him some Christian companionship in his village, and this is a prayer in which we all might join.

Then Palaniyandi in Urakkarai is "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation" (1 Pet. 1: 5). He meets regularly with the household of Mr. Joseph for worship, and he is there every month when we visit Urakkarai for service and the Lord's Supper. We can be thankful too that his own house is a place where the Gospel is made known. Each month Mrs. Champion runs a class for his wife and daughter to teach them Gospel truths, Scripture verses, and Christian lyrics. The daughter is also studying the Gospel of Luke. At this class several of the village women and a number of children are always present, and in this way Palaniyandi's house is a lampstand in the village darkness.

We should also be grateful to the Lord for His working in the hearts of various young people, though they have not yet made a profession of their faith in baptism. Susannah's daughter, Esther, Thuraiswamy, Pragasam's cousin, Periyaghandi, a local lad, Palaniyandi's wife and daughter, and others appear to show the working of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, and He Who begins a work of grace, will go on to perfect it (Phil. 1: 6) though we may not have the happiness of watching its progress all the way.

The privilege of service is a cause for thanksgiving. Mrs. Champion's broken ankle last year restricted our movement round the villages for a month or two, but in the goodness of God a complete healing has enabled us to resume our usual programme. Each visit to a village will furnish an opportunity to speak personally to someone: yesterday to a lone leper in an enormous house, last week to a man who has recently lost his wife, the week before to the people in the house where we had talked to a

dying man on our previous visit, and so on. People who come to our house for medicine all take away tracts and Scripture verses as well. The Sunday School boys and girls still value the text cards you so kindly send us, and we now have two Saturday "Sunday" Schools, one in English, in Morupatti, and two on Sunday, and there are two monthly "Sunday" Schools run by Mrs. Champion at Urakkarai, in addition to the one Pragasam runs in his house.

All the above are causes for thanksgiving, and we pray that we may be found faithful in doing the work of the Lord which has so graciously been committed to us.

MR. and MRS. H. A. HUCKETT (Namakkal)

MRS. HUCKETT and I arrived in India on the 28th January, 1965 after eleven months of proving the greatness of God in furlough ministry and travelling mercies.

Renewed contact with the Salem District work has made us realise more than ever our own weakness and the strength of the powers of darkness arrayed against us. Nevertheless, we know that God is working His purpose out in this area as year succeeds to year, and it is a GREAT PURPOSE of love and mercy to lost and ruined sinners. Difficulties abound in Church work, village evangelism, hostel administration, and in property matters, but we know that we have a God Who is GREATER than all the forces of evil and His cause will ultimately triumph.

Reports from the Churches are as follows:—

NAMAKKAL: Fifty-eight members; one baptism; no pastor. A Holy Ghost Revival desperately needed.

SENDAMANGALAM: Pastor S. Paul Raj; 51 members; two Sunday Schools; monthly evangelistic meetings and open-air work in 26 villages. Five baptisms expected in July. The Christian Women's Rally held annually in various centres was a time of blessing to many. Pray for unity in the Church.

RASIPURAM: Pastor D. Rajarathnam; 23 members; seven baptisms; one backslider reclaimed. A sister from this Church visits Belukurichi every week and conducts a Sunday School. Two members living at Attur, 32 miles away, have services in their house occasionally.

KAKKAVERI: Preacher S. U. William; 30 members, but not as many as this attend regularly. Sunday School and Women's Meetings are conducted, and a mid-day meals centre for poor families. Some members have gone over to the Roman Catholics for financial reasons.

MOHANUR: Preacher A. Vethamonie: 12 members. Preaching services, Sunday School work, and Christian literature distribution are the main forms of witness. Their daughter, Prema, was used to lead one of her sisters to Christ recently. Prema has now returned to the Bible Institute at Bangarapet for further training.

IRUKKUR: Eleven members, but only one family attends regularly.

SELUR: Ten members. Drinking, deceit, and debt have decimated this Church. Pray for conviction of sin and true repentance.

VADAKARAIATTUR: Eight members in good standing—mostly Pastor A. P. Selvanathan's family. Services are held regularly. The Pastor sells Gospels at bus stands and railway stations occasionally.

SOLLIPALAYAM: One family here still claims to be Christian. We visit them for Sunday services and at other times. The chapel has recently been repaired.

SIRUNELLIKOIL: Retired Biblewoman D. Navamonie is still living here and endeavours to gather the children together for a service when she is not staying with her married daughter on the other side of the River Cauvery.

BOYS HOSTEL: Thirty-seven boys in residence. An ex-Hostel boy named Samuel visited us recently and gave a striking testimony to the saving grace of God and how God had led him into a job in Madras after his father and mother both died in one year. He has been the means of two brothers finding the Lord also.

So, "let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

THE KOLLI HILLS AND BELUKURICHI

DR. R. M. HARRIS (L.Z.A., Belukurichi)

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

ON looking back over the past year we can truly say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, Thou art very great."

KOLLI HILLS: We were thrilled when, in March of this year, God opened up the way for us to do a five weeks' camp on the Northern Kollis, for it was three years since we had been there. We, and our prayer partners had been waiting on God for Him to open up the way to the place of His choice in His own time.

Prayer was abundantly answered. We were called to a place in which we had not stayed before, on the upper plateau of the Hills. We were able to hold evening meetings in the little village nearby. People came at all times of day to sit on the verandah of our hut and just talk. Patients came to the tent for treatment. On some days we went visiting in the villages. Whatever the occasion we took the opportunity to sow the Word of God. We still await the harvest, but meanwhile God greatly encourages us by evident tokens of His guidance and His grace.

Whilst on camp we prayed for guidance as to our next step, and before we left the Hills we had been offered the use of small thatched huts in another place which should be a good centre. Before this reaches you we hope to have been up the Kollis again for two months if possible.

It seems that, for the time being, God's plan for us is to move from place to place on the Kollis rather than have a settled abode there.

Last October we had the joy of spending a long week-end with a Christian family in Alathur, on the Eastern slopes of the Kollis. We had an encouraging time of fellowship and shared an evangelistic ministry with them in nearby villages. God wonderfully enabled us in what might have been a very difficult journey.

During the past year we have camped twice in Nadukombai, preaching the Gospel to Kolli Hills people and others who live in small villages and isolated farmhouses at the foot of the Hills.

VAZHAVANTHI: Praise God that in recent months the communion service has been held on two occasions in Vazhavanthi, after several years lapse.

BELUKURICHI: Contact with Kolli Hill and local people continues to be made through the medical clinic in Belukurichi.

There are twelve small villages within walking distance from Belukurichi. During the past year a special effort has been made to reach the villagers at a time when one can be sure of finding them at home. House to house visitation has been done in each village, tracts have been given away, and Gospels and Scripture books sold to all who can read. In eight of these villages schools were visited and children were taught Bible stories and verses before school began.

SUNDAY SCHOOL has been faithfully conducted by Pushpam, who comes from Rasipuram. The house in which Sunday School has been held for years is now occupied, so that Sunday School will now be held in David and Ponnammal's home. Pray that the Lord will bless this move.

SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be held. In our absence David has had a prayer meeting in his home, attended by members of his own family and a few children. Those who come to

our home do not go to David's home, which is in another part of the village. We pray that the Lord may over-rule this, so that perhaps others may come under the sound of the Gospel.

We praise the Lord our God, for He is very great. The vision He has given us is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry we wait for it; because it will surely come.

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

DURING the past year the work in Hostel and School has continued and we praise God for all His enabling. We thank Him that many Hindu and R.C. girls heard the Gospel while in the Hostel. One Muslim girl stayed with us for the whole year and is still with us and we thank God for this opportunity of presenting the Gospel message to her and, we trust, through her to her family. Matron Devabakkiam has been helped in looking after the girls and now that we are taking some girls for High School too, her task is more difficult, because school times are different and sometimes the holidays too. The bigger girls present more problems, but we do pray that many of them may come to know and trust the Lord, then we shall indeed feel the extra effort well worth while.

In March this year, Miss E. Samuel, the School Headmistress, had the great honour of being presented with a State Award for long and efficient teaching service. We give thanks to God for this recognition, for it was an honour, not only to the Headmistress, but to our Mission too, for most of her years were spent in service in our School at Sendamangalam. We do praise God for all the past and trust Him to lead us on into the future.

The Bible Class in Kakkaveri continues and from time to time I have been able to camp there and do Gospel work in some of the villages with the help of Preacher William. Continue to pray for the Sendamangalam Church. The Evil One is very active, but we know that our God is mighty and greater than Satan and must have the victory.

TIRUNELVELI AREA

MR. AND MRS. P. A. GRIST
MR. AND MRS. J. R. FIELD
MR. AND MRS. J. B. JONES
MISS O. KNIGHT
MISS J. BROADBY

MR. and MRS. P. A. GRIST (Kovilpatti)

LOOKING back over the past year, praise items are many. Through the medium of this report we wish to express our thanksgiving to God and ascribe to Him all the glory.

Church Work.

We often feel that this is the most important work. A large number of the Tirunelveli Churches are devoid of any real spiritual ministry. Every Church is without an undershepherd. Opportunity has been given, we believe by the Lord, for ministry in the Kovilpatti Church. Years of strife ended in the request that we should take over the ministry of the Word for a time—a seemingly backward step and yet, what else could we do? A consistent ministry is now being given to ten or more people. Alas, many "Church members" never attend any service. Others come sometimes on Sunday mornings, but at no other time. Only the mighty power of the Holy Spirit can save the situation. We continue prayerfully.

Radio Follow-up.

Again at the time of writing response has dropped. This is inexplicable this year because reception of our programmes is generally good. However, during the past 12 months, nearly 700 letters have been dealt with. We praise God for the numerous opportunities of preaching the Gospel through follow-up letters to people of all walks of life. Our coasts have again been enlarged from Viet-Nam on one side to Ethiopia on the other side.

We have been encouraged by the response to the offers of certain books. For example, a series of programmes were prepared on the Tamil edition of "Pilgrim's Progress." The cost of the full edition of this book is about 5s. The price certainly did not put people off and we sold a good number, some to non-Christians.

We are shortly sending out 1,000 printed Post Cards giving a personal invitation to listen to our programmes. The addresses will be taken from the Madras State telephone directory. It is

almost certain that a person having a telephone will also possess a radio.

God has been good. The present is often filled with insuperable difficulties and we are constantly faced with problems too great for us to solve. The future is uncertain and we cannot tell what a day will bring forth. But, the Supreme Controller is GOD.

MR. and MRS. J. R. FIELD (Kovilpatti)

"We'll praise Him for all that is past . . ."

In the Churches—Worship and Service.

IN one or two of the centres there seems to be what could be a quickening of interest: at least two of the Churches are currently considering the possibility of appointing a Pastor. In the rest of the Churches services of worship have been continued. We seem to have moved a little nearer to the time when our Indian friends will take full responsibility for the Church premises and other buildings which they use for worship and the education of their children.

In the Home. We have again proved the faithfulness of our Lord in supplying all our needs and we are particularly grateful that the children have been kept from serious ailments. The provision of suitable schools in the Nilgiri hills is a constant cause for thankfulness.

In Literature Distribution—Book Depot.

In spite of the financial difficulties assailing India at the present time, which seriously affect the purchasing power of people in the lower income groups, sales have reached about the same level as last year.

House Visitation. Gospels, which include the first lesson of a Correspondence Course, have been taken to hundreds of homes in Kovilpatti town, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that in at least 60 per cent. of literate homes visited, there is a portion of the Scriptures. Printed and personal invitations to chapel services have been given to all who have bought Gospels or shown interest in the tracts continually being distributed.

Bookmobile Touring. We have the joy of knowing that the Lord has been pleased to use literature distributed by means of the Bookmobile to the conversion of at least one man, a Muslim, who has since gone to be with his Lord. Encouraging numbers of books have been distributed during planned visits to Churches,

schools, and colleges, as well as in the "raids" made on markets and shopping centres.

The Lord has graciously preserved us from serious accident while travelling in the Bookmobile (now almost fifteen years old); once when the steering broke down while travelling over a bridge, and on another occasion when the vehicle skidded and turned completely round while descending a greasy hill in wet weather.

How we praise the Lord for the progress being made by F.O.Yers and others towards the supply of a new vehicle.

"We'll trust Him for all that's to come . . ."

We are looking for signs of deeper blessing in the Churches and prayerfully seeking the re-formation of the Kovilpatti Church. We look to the Head of the Church in faith that He will be pleased to send us men in this area who have a compelling sense of call to serve the Lord in the Churches. The situation also calls for suitably educated men of integrity to whom can be entrusted the care of the lands and buildings intended for the use and benefit of the Indian Churches.

In the evangelistic outreach through literature we look forward to the day when we shall be able to import a more efficient and economical vehicle for the movement of books into the towns and villages around us: we long for many more consecrated helpers to be mobilised and commissioned by the Churches for these endeavours.

When we think of all the hazards, all the problems, and all the temptations that are likely to attend our steps into the future, we are appalled. But we remember that our Master abides faithful, and when we lift our eyes away from threatening circumstances and look by faith upon our risen and sovereign Lord our hearts are at peace.

MR. and MRS. J. B. JONES (Paniadipatti)

"O Lord my God, thou art very great."

WHEN one considers the work of God here in South India, one is forced to agree with the Psalmist and exclaim: "O Lord my God, thou art very great". Here an idolatrous religion insidiously dominates and controls the life of the country. Bribery and corruption are common; brutal murder and thieving are not uncommon. Yet in the midst of all this wickedness there are to be found truly born again Christian believers. There is an election of grace and how we praise Him that has ordained it so.

Our ministry is in the main to poor village people, hard-working, hard-pressed folk, living in dark and difficult days, yet despite all their adversities there are a number with a sincere

desire to know God and to grow in the grace and knowledge of Him.

The work amongst the Churches continues. There are many problems connected with them but we await in hope to see the problems dealt with by our God. Under God, we believe that the whole future of our Baptist witness here rests upon the Churches. Therefore, we seek to encourage them to assume responsibility for themselves and to attempt to draw a veil over the misconceived notion held by many that the missionary is the "boss man" and that everything he says must be done.

Weekly meetings for school children, held before morning school commences in Anbinagaram, Kandiapuram, and Valampatti have proved to be encouraging. In the absence of Miss N. Hawes, my wife has maintained the Dispensary work, and this has provided a point of contact with many folk. In some Churches there are signs of new life and interest and we trust that this will continue.

May we say a word to those amongst the readers of this report who regularly seek to hold us up in prayer before the Lord. We should like you to know that we have been conscious of the power of your prayers and request you to continue in this important ministry.

MISS O. R. KNIGHT (L.Z.A., Kovilpatti)

"IT'S a long time since you visited us. Where have you been?"
"Come and lead a meeting for us."
"Write and let us know when you are coming."

All these remarks have been made to me in speech or writing recently, and similar ones have been made at different times during the year. The sad thing is that many invitations could not be accepted.

Retired Biblewomen and other friends have visited me from time to time to share their news, and often to ask advice concerning problems. I have been aware of my inability to help them adequately, but we have been encouraged by coming together with our burdens to the Lord. Although He is very great He has blessed us so that we can say "MY God". And this great God continually reveals His graciousness, helping us all in our extremely varied needs.

In October the Lord called to Himself retired Biblewoman Gnanathebum, who had served in Thullukankurichi. Former Biblewomen continue to make known the Lord in various ways. They and other friends are glad to have Tamil text cards to distribute to the children whom they teach. There are only three

of the retired Biblewomen who are now receiving a small pension from the Mission. The others preferred a lump sum payment.

Women's meetings continue in connection with some of the Churches. I have spoken in a few, mostly near Kovilpatti. In this town the Women's meetings have lapsed during recent months. I have not found time for preparation and conducting them. A few houses have been visited. I have camped in Terkukonarkottai and Alahapuri.

Since about two months after writing for the last Annual Report most of my time has been occupied with the preparation of radio programmes and associated tasks. There is comfort in the thought that these programmes are taking the Gospel into many homes, and also into public places.

Last October, at the time of a radio conference, and in February, when our main tape recorder was serviced, I met staff of the Far East Broadcasting Company in Bangalore. It was helpful to meet people with whom we are often in correspondence. Recently (that is, during June) news has been received from them of increasing charges for the monitoring and despatch of our programmes.

At present we are seeking to maintain the same number of programmes, that is three quarter-hour, and one half-hour programme each week. Since November, 1964, these programmes have been broadcast in the mornings as well as in the evenings. It has been good to have the help of new speakers as well as of friends who have worked with us in the past. The future may well see changes in the timing of our programmes.

Amid the varied tasks that keep me busy it is good to be able to look to the Lord for guidance, and to trust Him for all that's to come.

NILGIRI AREA

MR. and MRS. D. A. THROWER (Kotagiri)

(Literature)

MORE than half of the year under review was occupied with furlough activities, the concluding four months only being spent in the work in India.

It was a joy to meet so many old and new friends in the Churches during our time in England. Furloughs always bring us fresh and refreshing contacts and experiences, for we never have exactly the same itinerary a second time. We thank God on every remembrance of you, Reader, to whom we and our Indian friends owe more than you or we fully realise. The Lord richly bless you and your labours in His name.

On our return to India last January our first task was to find a suitable residence. After visiting several available properties we finally decided on a house called Danvi, high up on Plum Pudding Hill, Kotagiri. By the Lord's goodness the necessary arrangements were completed in time for us to move into the house on 18th February, the day on which our annual Conference concluded. This site commands superb views of both hills and plains, and the house is well suited to our needs. For example, there is adequate accommodation for an office/study and also a room that serves admirably for the display of our literature to all who visit us.

During the past few months the following two books have been issued by the Literature Committee. A second edition of our Directory of Worship, which was thoroughly revised and somewhat enlarged during last year, arrived from the printers in March 1965. This is an invaluable piece of literature for pastors and others engaged in the ministry of the Churches. A second impression of the volume entitled "A Scientific Enquiry", by a professor of mathematics named D. S. Spurgeon, M.Sc., was issued last month. This contains nine radio messages directed more particularly to educated Hindus, and it is highly encouraging that a reprint has been called for within two years of the first appearance of the book.

For some time after settling here, we attended Sunday morning services in the village, but we found the return a rather tedious climb in the noonday sun. This experience enabled us to sympathise with a small group of isolated Christians who live in our immediate vicinity, one of whom is a cripple. We therefore started a Tamil service for these Badaga and Tamil folk in the office on Sundays; none of them attend any other place of worship. There is no lack of Tamil Christian Churches and assemblies in the Kotagiri area, and we wish to avoid any semblance of competition with these, particularly with our friends of the Tamil Baptist Church. We shall, therefore, value prayer regarding any development of the above-mentioned meeting.

ENGLAND

MR. AND MRS. E. ORCHARD
MR. AND MRS. H. J. APPLEBY
MISS L. S. HAZEL
MISS N. HAWES
MISS E. FLORY

MR. and MRS. H. J. APPLEBY

. . . That's past

October, 1964—journey home—cold—weariness—welcome—sleep — means of grace — fellowship—snow—Christmas—rest—examination—Spring—half-yearly meeting—deputation—friends—strength—encouragement!

. . . That's to come

October, 1965—journey back—plans—warmth—anticipation—equipment — vision — call — Annual Meeting — preparation — gratitude—farewell—colleagues—Conference—endeavour!

". . . He sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth . . ."

MISS L. S. HAZEL

Reminiscences

"Great is the Lord and highly to be praised. As is your name Oh God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth."

Psalm 48: 1 and 10 (Amplified O.T.)

REFLECTING over 16 months since leaving India, one echoes the words of the Psalmist; praising the Lord for His greatness in deputation work, travelling mercies, strength, health, and for the unlimited kindnesses of many friends.

It was a great privilege to have fellowship with young people at the FOY house-party, August, 1964, and on several occasions to address their youth groups.

Opportunities of service have been varied; Sunday Schools, F.O.Y. Groups, Women's Fellowships, general meetings, sales and garden meetings. Interested friends have opened their homes and have invited friends, thus learning more about work amongst the Tamils of South India. Many too have appreciated illustrations of the work by means of coloured slides.

Apart from these varied activities, not a day passes but my thoughts and prayers are with our Tamil brothers and sisters and our friends working with them. It is my home and I pray that

the Lord will yet send me back for a visit to the land of my adoption.

Of the ten recruits for whom we prayed, THREE are in India, FIVE training. TWO MORE NEEDED. HE CALLS. IS IT YOU, YOU?

Miss N. Hawes

"For He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever."
II Chron. 5 : 13.

I WROTE my last report in India and the three months which elapsed between the writing of it and sailing for England, were days in which we experienced much of the Lord's gracious wisdom and daily strength. During those three months we were able to make one final visit to each of the Churches and local congregations in the Paniadipatti area.

It is always a joy and privilege to meet and encourage the women as they seek to minister to the village women and local congregations. We praise God for each true child of God who, in their different capacities seek to live and witness for Him—sometimes against untold evil.

It was with mixed feelings that we said goodbye to aged B.W. Gnanathebum; she was very weak and longing to be with her Lord. Just a few months after I left India, I heard that the Lord had taken her home to Himself. We praise the Lord for each true Christian witness, but plead with Him that He will raise up more in every village.

What can I say of the journey home—truly the Lord undertook in every detail—and then of all the kindness shown by friends in England: not least the care and help I received while at the Mildmay Mission Hospital. The Lord has been good and we give unto Him all the praise.

Then too, it has been a fresh joy to meet friends again in the Churches and the evidence of real interest is heart-warming.

So as labourers together with Him, let us continue to work, to praise and to pray.

Miss E. M. Flory

"LET us go into the next towns," said Jesus, to disciples who urged Him to stay longer in Capernaum. Human nature often makes us seek to settle down, but hours spent in prayer resulted in the Lord Jesus discerning the right time to leave Capernaum.

For me this year, the "next towns" have meant the homeland, to enjoy reunion with loved ones, the beauties of dear old England, and fellowship with the Lord's people in the home Churches. Deputation ministry is now in full swing, and I praise the Lord for good health and strength, enabling me to carry out all engagements so far. Visiting the Churches in various parts of the country brings encouragement as there is an obvious increase in missionary interest, especially among the young people. To those secretaries who make such careful plans for meetings, travelling arrangements, and accommodation, also to the many friends who so lovingly welcome me into their homes, I want to say a big Thank you.

It was not easy to leave India, as there was no missionary free to take over the Ladies' work in Namakkal area. However, letters from Indian sisters tell how they are proving the Lord's enabling as they seek to serve Him, and as they make plans for another Women's rally during September in Namakkal. Letters also bring sadness and add to our prayer burden as they tell of problems and discouragements.

What about the future? The Lord seems to be calling me to leave the Sendamangalam mission compound, and to "go to the next town", to Velur, a growing and prosperous town on the River Cauvery. It is a good centre for reaching many unevangelised villages, and a convenient distance from the small village Churches.

I would ask prayer that a suitable house may be available, that a good language teacher may be found to help Miss White, who hopes to be in Velur with me, and above all, that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the people with whom we hope to work.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY: Mr. and Mrs. E. Orchard

GREAT is the Lord; and greatly to be praised! It is right that we should give thanks to the Lord for He has watched over His servants who have been busy through the year in the ministry of Mission Deputation. 145 Sunday and 363 mid-week appointments have been kept. In many cases these arrangements include two or more meetings at each place during the week, and on the Lord's Days two, three, and sometimes, even four services.

We are grateful indeed to the Churches and friends who have allowed us this privilege of fellowship and service, and pray that

ENGLISH MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

Miss Carol Newlyn (Bromley)



Mr. John Clarkson (Hounslow)

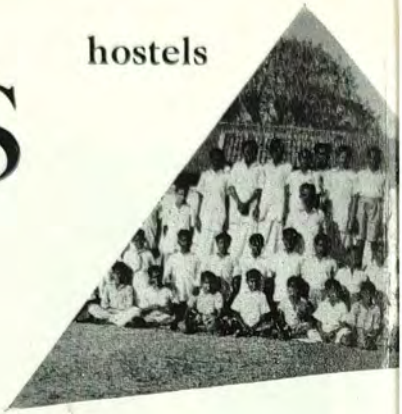


MISS OLIVE KNIGHT IN THE RECORDING ROOM

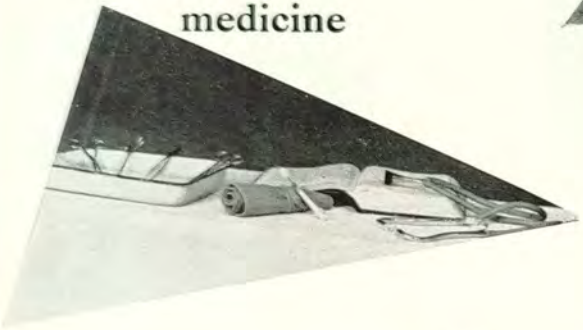


TELLING TAMILS THROUGH

hostels

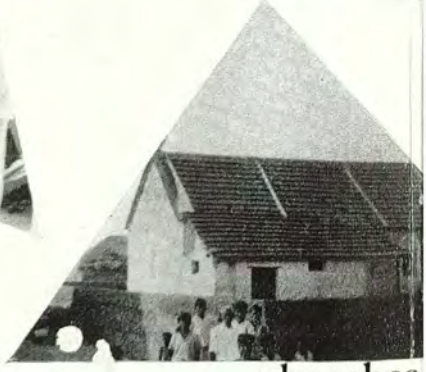


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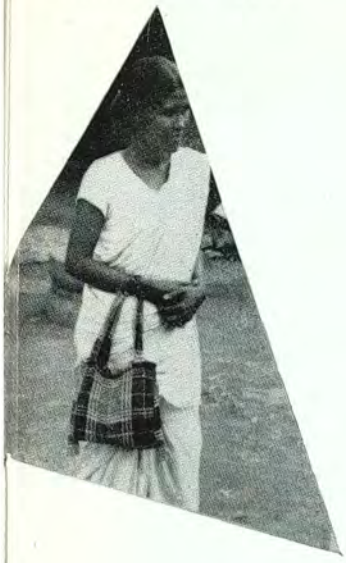


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CONFERENCE, 1965



the Lord will graciously bless the ministry of His Word and the testimony of His servants. We believe that the great volume of information which must have been conveyed through this ministry in so many places will be a strong stimulus to prayer and a means of increasing support for the work of the Lord committed to the charge of the Mission.

REPORTS OF CANDIDATES AND MISSIONARIES PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE.

Mr. Colin Howells

"Oh Lord my God, thou are very great."

THE heart of the Psalmist wells up in praise to God, as he addresses his own soul, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great." The Psalmist can call God—"My God" for this was his personal experience, and praise Him, I can call the same God—my Father. Here is truth, unchanged, unchanging, God, yesterday, today, and forever.

Praise God, I can also continue with the writer "Thou art very great." Here is a continuous truth, God is always very great, and not just great, but very great.

Throughout the past year in College, the Lord has dealt with me in many ways to prepare me for His royal service. Though studies have by no means been easy, yet the Lord has granted to me of His bountiful supply, and He has bestowed upon me those "streams of mercy, never ceasing". Truly my testimony is as I reflect upon the goodness of God to me, that my God is very great.

Mr. Michael T. Brown

LOOKING back over my first year of College, I find myself overwhelmed by the bounteous hand of my God upon me. It has been a far from easy year and sometimes a real struggle. But the Lord has blessed the evangelistic work in which, with other students, I have been engaged, to the saving of sinners and the strengthening of saints. Indeed our God is very great and He has far exceeded the expectations of my faith, and my requests He has answered in overflowing measure.

Above all this year I have learned how small is my comprehension of my God, and I exclaim with Paul: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!"

This far from leads me to despair, however, but rather to go on with Paul: "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

Mr. John Clarkson

IT is wonderful to know our Lord's majesty and, however feebly, to experience something of it. Truly the morning stars sing together and the sons of God shout for joy. To the eye of faith

every breath of nature whispers of Him. O Lord, Thou art very great.

After a short, and abruptly terminated spell in a chemicals' factory, I have worked in an Anglican architectural board's office; and then a frantic swot for exams. As I write I am preparing to go to Eire for work amongst Roman Catholics. I have been doing some visitation and children's work, in which we have, at Hounslow, several wide open doors set before us. O Lord, Thou art very great.

I have had this text a great comfort to me recently: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." And I pray that I may have grace to know the rod of correction and the staff of chastisement. O Lord, my God, Thou art very great.

Miss Y. Conacher (Australia)

I AM still nursing in Launceston. The Lord willing I will be staying until August, and then I shall spend some time at home. I am very conscious of God's goodness to me during this time at the hospital. Matron has been very good in enabling me to work in places where I shall get the most experience. I just praise the Lord for this.

I have the opportunity of speaking at the next ladies' meeting in Launceston. The ladies of the Church meet every three weeks for prayer and fellowship together, and they do have a blessed time.

I have been caused to think back over these past few months and just praise the Lord for His mercy and goodness to me in keeping me home another year. His ways are truly perfect and although it was hard to understand why, I am so conscious that all God has taught me in these last few months could not have been learnt anywhere but at home. I can see more clearly than ever that it was certainly the best for me to wait this twelve months. Praise God He is sovereign and doeth whatever seemeth right, and that He doeth it for His good pleasure.

Miss Phyllis White (India)

"O Lord my God Thou art very great."

"GREAT is the Lord and greatly to be praised." I would like you to join with me in praise to God for all the way in which He has led over this past year: for journeying mercies,

for the assurance of His presence, for the sure knowledge that being in India is His will for me; for the help granted in language study and many other blessings received; for the joy of oneness He has given through correspondence with many of you in England. Truly, I can say "The Lord hath done great things" for me, whereof I am glad.

My responsibility at present is language study so I am not able to report on any particular aspect of the work; but it has been good to mingle with the people and thereby learn some of their customs.

Since making a visit in February to Velur, where Mr. and Mrs. Moon lived, the Lord has laid on my heart a burden for this place and I look forward to living there with Miss Flory when she returns from furlough next year. Please help to prepare this ground with your prayers that we may be enabled to continue on with the work begun while Mr. and Mrs. Moon lived there.

Mr. L. Ryan and Miss J. Broadby (India)

WHEN we began to consider the title of this year's Annual Report, we could not help feeling how appropriate the title was for us at this time. We have now completed our first year in India and as we look back we can see many things that cause us to praise the Lord and rejoice in His goodness.

The first thing to come to mind is the language. Having just successfully passed our first year examination, the memory of the Lord's help is still fresh in our minds. Indeed, when we look back upon the past year's study we can praise the Lord, because we believe He has taught us what we know.

A second cause for praise is a confirmation of the Lord's call to serve Him in this land. We came to India believing this to be the Lord's appointed place for us, and we can praise Him that this past year has made us more sure of this than ever.

We praise the Lord too for the way in which He has made us to feel at home here and made us one with our fellow missionaries, and also for the privilege of being co-workers with them in the Lord's work.

When we look ahead to the days to come we know we have a long way to go before we can speak the language fluently. Left to ourselves we know this would be impossible, but the Lord's help in the past days encourages us to trust Him with confidence for the future.

After we have finished our second year Tamil studies we will be able to unitedly devote our time to the work we believe God

has called us to. Therefore this also lies in the future. We know that in these coming days, the grace of the Lord will alone be sufficient for us in all our need. We trust that in this coming year we shall always be able to rejoice in the word of Deut. 31: 8. The Lord, He it is that doth go before us: He will be with us, He will not fail us, nor forsake us: therefore we need not fear nor be dismayed. Yes, we can trust Him for all that is to come.

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
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On Tuesday, October 26th, 1965

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DOCTRINAL BASIS

1.—The eternity, equality, and distinct personality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and the unity of the Godhead.

2.—The plenary and verbal Inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, and their infallible authority in all matters pertaining to faith and worship.

3.—The fall of mankind in Adam—their guilt and condemnation—together with their entire and universal depravity, by which they were alienated from God, and are unable, in and of themselves, to turn to Him.

4.—Eternal and personal election unto salvation.

5.—Particular redemption by the vicarious sacrifice of Christ.

6.—Justification by grace, through faith, by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7.—Regeneration and sanctification by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of Divine truth. Saving faith is not a legal duty, but the sovereign and gracious gift of God.

8.—The absolute necessity for a holy life, as the result of true faith and the evidence of regeneration.

9.—The final perseverance of true believers.

10.—The preaching of the Gospel to every creature of the fallen race of Adam is a Divine command and a solemn obligation.

11.—The necessity of baptism by immersion, on a profession of repentance and faith, in order to Church fellowship and admission to the Lord's Table. The congregational order of the Churches.

12.—The 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 the 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.

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

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† Life Member.

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Miss C. Newlyn

TASMANIA

Miss Y. Conacher

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1965

1964	CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	£	£
	General Fund—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1964 ...	2536	
	Add: Balance on Income and Expenditure Account	452	
2536			2988
	Sustentation Fund—		
7720	Balance as at 1st August, 1964		7720
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
220	Balance as at 1st August, 1964		220
10476			10928
	REVENUE RESERVE		
	General Fund—		
6937	Balance as at 1st August, 1964		6938
	Legacies Fund—		
—	(Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account)		3385
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
2000	Balance as at 1st August, 1964		2000
19413			23251
	ACCUMULATED INCOME		
	Pension Fund—		
	Balance as at 1st August, 1964 ...	199	
	Less: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	13	
199			186

1964	FIXED ASSETS	£	£
	General Fund Investments (At Cost)—		
	Quoted:		
2843	£2986 3½% War Stock	2843	
371	£400 3½% Conversion Stock ...	370	
1875	£3000 2½% Consols	1875	
1621	£2000 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 ...	1621	
100	£100 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 ...	100	
—	£50 United Drapery Stores Ltd. Preference Stock. (Market Value at Transfer)	39	
			6848
	(Market Value £4677) (1964 £4974)		
	Sustentation Fund Investments (At Cost)—		
	Quoted:		
6720	£7000 3½% War Stock	6720	
1000	£1000 2½% Treasury Stock 1975 or after	1000	
			7720
	(Market Value £4027) (1964 £4392)		
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary Investments (At Cost)—		
	Quoted:		
219	£300 2½% Consols		219
	(Market Value £114) (1964 £124)		

	Sustentation Fund—						
	Balance as at 1st August, 1964 ...		1085				
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account		270				
1085				1355			
	L.Z.A. General Fund—						
	Balance as at 1st August, 1964 ...		1524				
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account		128				
1524				1652			
	L.Z.A. Medical Fund—						
	Balance as at 1st August, 1964 ...		32				
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account		8				
32				40			
	L.Z.A. Van Fund—						
	Balance as at 1st August, 1964		12				
	Less: Remitted to India ...		12				
12				—			
	CURRENT LIABILITIES						
8	Sundry Creditors			103			
						Current Assets—	
					1164	Sundry Debtors	1194
						Cash at Bank and In Hand (Overseas)	
						India 1904	
						Australia 55	
					1323		1959
					1	Cash at Post Office Savings Bank	—
						Cash at Bank	
					3000	Deposit Account ...	6500
					1956	Current Account ...	2067
					80	Cash in Hand (Floats)	80
							11800

NOTES:

(1) Indian Rupees have been converted into sterling at approximately 1/6.
(2) Australian Pounds have been converted into sterling at 25 Australian shillings to £1 sterling.
(3) For Balance Sheet purposes no value has been placed upon land, buildings, vehicles, etc.
(4) 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.
(5) The Sustentation Fund can only be drawn upon in an emergency and then only to a limited extent in any one year.

J. C FROMOW } Members of the
E. J. S. RAPLEY } Council of Management

P. H. CREES Secretary

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

We have examined the books and accounts of the Strict Baptist Mission for the year ended 31st July, 1965, 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 Account 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, 1965, and of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

We have inspected certificates representing all the investments held by the Mission.

IPSWICH.
8th September, 1965.

SCRUTTON AND GOODCHILD,
Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1965

GENERAL FUND

1964		£	£	1964		£	£
7651	Indian Expenses	7880			Contributions—		
1800	Passages	645		8491	Churches and Schools ...	10312	
100	Outfit	—		2085	Personal	2465	
319	Indian Christian Literature, etc.	155		561	Income Tax Refunded	576	
			8680	70	Sale of Literature ...	282	
1380	Office Expenses, Literature Purchases ...	1525		55	Annual Reports ...	51	
843	Missionaries on furlough	788		1318	Legacies	3385	
206	Children's Allowance	263					17071
1237	Deputation Expenses	1319		332	Investment Interest (Gross) ...		365
	Life and National Insurances (Balance			39	Rent		—
67	was paid by Pension Fund)	70		55	Transfer from L.Z.A. General Fund		55
176	Advertising	196					
32	Audit Fee	31					
181	Annual Reports	169					
—	Publications	207					
—	Boxes	117					
51	Australian Expenses	—					
—	Repairs to Mission House	104					
100	New Duplicating Machine	—					
			4789				
	Transfers To:						
249	Publications Fund	185					
347	Mission House Fund	—					
			185				
14739			13654				
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for year divided as follows:						
—	Transfer to Legacies Fund	3385					
Deficit							
1733	Balance carried to Capital Account ...	452					
			3837				
13006			£17491	13006			£17491

L.Z.A. GENERAL FUND

1964		£	£
	Income—		
3231	Contributions ...		3302
216	Income Tax Refunded		200
547	Gift Week		650
120	Legacies		20
6	Literature Sales ...		5
8	Investment Income ...		8
4128			4185
	Expenditure—		
2283	Indian Expenses	2151	
451	Passages	528	
—	Outfit	50	
279	Office Expenses	284	
257	Missionaries on Furlough	548	
69	Deputation Expenses	346	
—	Contribution to Prayer Union Calendar	50	
24	Part cost of New Duplicator	—	
	Transfers to—		
55	General Fund ...	55	
45	Publication Fund	45	
			4057
3463			
665	Excess of Income over Expenditure, carried to Accumulated Income Reserve		128

L.Z.A. MEDICAL ACCOUNT

15	Contributions		33
	Expenditure—		
2	Subscription: M.S.M.	2	
46	Grants ...	23	
			25
Deficit 33	Excess of Income over Expenditure, carried to Accumulated Income Reserve		8

PENSION FUND

1964		£	£
610	Investment Interest (Gross)		585
	Expenditure—		
573	National Insurance of Missionaries ...		598
Surplus 37	Excess of Expenditure over Income, carried to Accumulated Income Reserve		13

PUBLICATION FUND

	Income—		
270	Sales: Heralds ...		338
139	Rays ...		134
	Transfers from—		
249	General Fund	185	
45	L.Z.A. General Fund	45	
			230
703			702
	Expenditure—		
458	Printing: Heralds	448	
245	Rays	254	
			702
—			—

SUSTENTATION FUND

270	Investment Income (Gross)	270
270	Excess of Income over Expenditure, carried to Accumulated Income Reserve	270

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

1st AUGUST, 1964 to 31st JULY, 1965

Acton Friends—			
General ..	4	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	4	10	0
Aldbury—			
General ..	6	10	0
Aldringham—			
General	14	7	10
Askett—			
General ..	6	14	6
Aylesbury—			
General ..	66	9	0
L.Z.A. ..	30	15	0
Badingham—			
General	5	10	0
L.Z.A.	1	2	2
Basildon—			
General	49	5	6
L.Z.A.	9	17	9
Bath—			
General ..	22	18	6
Battisford—			
General	5	0	0
Beccles—			
General	95	17	3
L.Z.A.	8	15	6
Bedford—			
General	61	8	0
L.Z.A.	8	10	0
Bedworth—			
General ..	42	6	6
Belvedere—			
General ..	78	11	6
L.Z.A. ..	8	7	6
Bermondsey—			
General ..	61	8	5
L.Z.A. ..	4	10	0
Bethersden—			
General	74	0	0
Bexhill—			
L.Z.A. ..	4	1	0
Bexleyheath—			
General ..	59	1	0
L.Z.A. ..	8	10	0
Bible Spreading Union—			
General ..	10	0	0
Bierton—			
General	29	14	8
L.Z.A. ..	13	0	0
Billinghay—			
General	41	2	7
Bilston—			
General ..	2	6	0
Blackburn—			
General .	12	2	6
Blakenham—			
General	34	1	10
L.Z.A.	28	16	3
Blaxhall—			
General ..	12	8	8
Bodle Street—			
General	2	10	0
Boncarth (Pem.)—			
General .. .	5	5	0
Borough Green—			
General ..	51	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	5	15	0
Bradenstoke—			
General ..	64	17	3
L.Z.A.	32	0	3
Bradfield St. George—			
General	69	7	4
L.Z.A.	4	14	2
Brentford—			
General	74	10	6
L.Z.A.	119	8	2
Brighton, "Ebenezer"—			
General	37	18	6
L.Z.A.	22	14	6
Brighton, "Tabernacle"—			
General	198	0	0
L.Z.A.	93	17	10
Brockley, Suffolk—			
General	85	13	9
L.Z.A.	6	0	0
Brockley, S.E.4. (Presbyterian)—			
General ..		10	0
Bromley—			
General	61	12	0
L.Z.A.	23	19	6
Buckland Common—			
General . ..	3	5	6
Burnley—			
General ..	2	18	0
Bury, Lancs.—			
General	8	13	4
L.Z.A.	5	2	2
Cambridge, "Eden"—			
General	156	14	4
L.Z.A.	13	0	0
Cambridge, Tenison Road—			
General	19	17	6
Carlton—			
General ..	27	8	9
Caterham—			
General . ..	18	15	7
L.Z.A.	1	4	11
Chadwell Street—			
General ..	50	1	3
L.Z.A. ..	17	5	0
Chatteris—			
General ..	34	19	3
L.Z.A. ..	29	8	9
Chelmondiston—			
General ..	5	9	7
L.Z.A. ..	2	0	0
Chelmsford—			
General ..	30	13	6
L.Z.A. ..	56	4	3
Chesham—			
General	18	11	0
L.Z.A.	6	0	0
Chingford—			
General	33	2	6
L.Z.A.	4	4	0
Chorley—			
General	4	11	6
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Clapham, Courland Grove—			
General	132	2	8
L.Z.A.	36	3	1
Clayton West—			
General ..	5	0	6
Colchester—			
General ..	49	3	1
L.Z.A.	1	10	0
Colnbrook and Longford—			
General	6	2	4
Cottenham—			
General	11	4	6
L.Z.A.	8	16	6
Cradley Heath—			
General	5	3	3
Cransford—			
General ..	15	17	3
L.Z.A. ..	17	14	7
Crowfield—			
General	41	11	9
L.Z.A.	4	8	6
Croydon & Caterham Friends (Radio)—			
General	198	2	0
Croydon, Derby Road—			
General	41	1	1
L.Z.A.	45	18	3
Croydon District—			
General	10	9	1
L.Z.A.	10	4	9
Croydon, Tamworth Road—			
General	155	3	1
L.Z.A.	26	8	6
Cuckfield—			
General	15	11	8
L.Z.A.	1	8	4
Deeping—			
General	9	2	0
Devizes—			
General	47	6	2
L.Z.A.	11	14	0
Didcot—			
General	1	10	0
L.Z.A.	1	10	0
Dorking—			
General	190	2	3
L.Z.A.	200	10	4
Downe—			
General	28	10	0
L.Z.A.	7	5	0
Dunmow—			
General ..	15	15	6
Dunstable—			
General ..	43	9	2
L.Z.A. ..	16	18	0
Eastbourne—			
General ..	12	5	6
L.Z.A. ..	12	15	6
East Ham—			
General	17	18	8
L.Z.A.	10	9	0
Egham—			
General	17	9	10

Enfield Highway—			
General ..	3	3	0
Epping—			
General		17	6
Epsom—			
General	54	3	0
L.Z.A.	83	17	9
Farnham—			
General	8	7	0
Five Ash Down—			
General ..	7	0	0
Fressingfield—			
General ..	23	9	9
L.Z.A. ..	2	14	6
Frinton—			
General		5	0
Friston—			
General	7	10	0
Fulham—			
General	11	9	0
L.Z.A.	1	15	0
Gaddesden Row—			
General ..	4	18	0
Gadebridge—			
General	37	8	0
L.Z.A.	2	2	0
Glemsford, "Ebenezer"—			
General	10	4	0
Gravesend—			
General ..	3	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	3	0	0
Grays—			
L.Z.A.	6	10	6
Great Gransden—			
General	26	17	3
Great Yeldham—			
General ..	15	18	6
L.Z.A. ..	6	7	6
Greenwich—			
General ..	112	3	5
L.Z.A. ..	48	12	3
Grundisburgh—			
General ..	13	11	0
L.Z.A. ..	15	0	6
Guildford—			
General	222	6	2
L.Z.A.	50	2	11
Hadleigh—			
General	50	13	0
L.Z.A.	22	13	0
Hadleigh Heath—			
General ..	1	0	0
Hadlow—			
General ..	2	0	0
Hailsham—			
General	28	19	4
L.Z.A.	1	4	0
Halland—			
General ..		7	6
Halstead—			
General ..	17	5	0
L.Z.A. ..	8	2	0
Hammerfield—			
L.Z.A. ..	1	10	0
Handcross—			
General	8	3	0
L.Z.A.	1	4	9
Hartley Wintney—			
General ..	4	0	0
Harwich—			
General	1	10	0
L.Z.A. ..	12	0	0
Haslemere—			
General	53	13	1
L.Z.A.	11	17	6
Hastings—			
General	65	14	9
L.Z.A.	25	7	9
Haworth—			
General	28	0	0
L.Z.A.	2	0	0
Hebden Bridge—			
General ..	3	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	2	5	0
Hedge End—			
General ..	3	0	0
Highbury—			
General	100	12	2
L.Z.A.	62	8	1
High Wycombe—			
General ..	33	16	10
L.Z.A. ..	22	16	3
Hilmarton—			
L.Z.A. ..	3	6	6
Hinckley—			
General	23	8	4
L.Z.A.	7	0	0
Hitcham—			
General ..	4	0	0
Homerton—			
General	24	2	3
L.Z.A.	5	4	6
Horham—			
General	108	15	0
L.Z.A.	33	2	6
Horley—			
General	5	13	5
L.Z.A.	4	4	7
Horsham, Nurses Christian Fellowship—			
General	1	0	0
Horsham, Rehoboth—			
General	22	4	3
L.Z.A.	19	11	9
Horsham, Trafalgar Street—			
General ..	2	10	0
Hounslow—			
General ..	76	14	0
L.Z.A. ..	76	2	0
Hoxne—			
General	22	0	1
Ilford—			
General	135	0	0
L.Z.A.	5	3	0
Ipswich, "Bethesda"—			
General	406	12	10
L.Z.A.	136	16	7
Ipswich, "Mount Zion"—			
General	72	10	8
L.Z.A.	41	16	8
Ipswich, "Zoar"—			
General	75	16	9
L.Z.A.	56	10	6
Irthlingborough—			
General	6	9	0
L.Z.A.	14	0	2
Ivinghoe—			
General ..	2	0	0
Kesgrave—			
General ..	106	19	3
L.Z.A. ..	81	12	3
Kings Langley—			
General	74	7	6
L.Z.A.	3	0	0
Kingston on Thames—			
General	14	0	0
L.Z.A.	2	0	0
Knaphill—			
General	3	3	0
Laxfield—			
General	37	19	0
L.Z.A.	30	7	2
Lea—			
General ..	6	0	0
Lee Common—			
General	5	6	6
Leicester, "Zion"—			
General ..	1	4	6
L.Z.A.	2	0	0
Leiston—			
General	31	13	6
L.Z.A.	5	0	0
Lewes—			
General ..	5	0	0
Lewisham—			
General	16	12	0
L.Z.A.	5	10	0
Leyton—			
General	76	19	0
L.Z.A.	36	5	0
Little Downham—			
General	16	14	1
Little Staughton—			
General ..	4	13	9
Lode—			
General	4	15	6
Manchester District—			
L.Z.A. ..	28	0	0
Manor Park—			
General ..	16	13	6
L.Z.A. ..	13	17	6
March—			
General	53	12	6
L.Z.A.	12	3	0
Margate—			
General	19	2	0
Mendlesham Green—			
General	11	17	7
L.Z.A.	4	5	6
Meopham—			
General ..	35	10	0
Middlesbrough—			
General ..	63	17	2
Midlands Rally—			
General	11	6	5
L.Z.A.	10	0	0
N.S.B. Federation—			
General	10	0	0
N.S.B.S.S.A. Camp—			
General	9	4	5
Naughton—			
General ..	5	0	0
Needingworth—			
General ..	4	17	3
L.Z.A. ..	3	0	6
Newcastle—			
General ..	6	7	6
New Cross—			
General	215	1	9
L.Z.A.	43	2	7
Newick—			
General ..	34	17	0
L.Z.A. ..	4	11	0
Newquay—			
General ..	6	17	3
Northampton—			
General	27	0	6
North Finchley—			
General ..	70	9	0
L.Z.A. ..	26	8	6
Norwich—			
General	1	8	6
Notting Hill Gate—			
General ..	23	8	0

Occold—			
General ..	53	16	1
L.Z.A. ..	8	17	9
Old Hill "Ebenezer"—			
General	41	15	11
Old Hill, Springmeadow—			
General ..	15	0	0
Otley—			
L.Z.A.	9	6	0
Over—			
General ..	22	6	2
L.Z.A. ..	16	0	0
Pemberton—			
General ..	72	3	3
Ponders End—			
General ..	1	5	0
L.Z.A.	9	0	0
Portsmouth, "Rehoboth"—			
General ..	8	7	0
Potten End—			
General	40	8	0
L.Z.A.	28	4	9
Potton—			
General	25	7	1
L.Z.A.	8	14	8
Poynings—			
General	29	17	3
Prayer Fellowship of South Asia—			
General	25	0	0
Preston—			
General ..	15	0	0
Prittlewell—			
General	26	16	9
L.Z.A.	12	8	6
Rampton—			
General	3	0	0
Ramsey—			
General .	93	13	4
L.Z.A. ..	5	7	6
Rattlesden—			
General	16	13	5
L.Z.A.	4	14	5
Readers of "The Life of Faith"—			
General	23	0	0
Readers of "The Christian"—			
General	60	0	0
Readers of "The English Churchman"—			
General	1	0	0
Rede—			
General		11	6
Reigate—			
General ..	21	13	6
Richmond—			
General ..	73	17	0
L.Z.A. ..	42	4	0
Rishangles—			
General	56	4	1
L.Z.A.	3	14	1
Robert Stockwell Trust—			
General ..	20	0	0
Rochdale—			
General ..	5	9	0
Rotherham—			
General	16	11	0
Royton—			
General	39	0	0
L.Z.A.	1	8	0
Ryarsh—			
General ..	14	0	0
Slaithwaite—			
General	7	14	6
Sleaford—			
General	8	4	6
Smarden—			
General ..	21	4	9
Somersham—			
General ..	18	7	6
South Chard—			
General ..	10	2	6
Southport—			
General	48	1	6
Staines—			
General ..	25	10	5
L.Z.A. ..	32	12	10
Stamford—			
General	28	11	9
Stamp Corner, The—			
General	20	0	0
Stoke Ash—			
General	65	4	5
L.Z.A.	81	0	11
Stoke Golding—			
General ..	27	19	0
L.Z.A ..		15	0
Stonham Parva—			
General ..	11	12	6
L.Z.A. ..	2	9	0
Stowmarket—			
General	45	4	6
L.Z.A.	26	5	4
Stratford—			
General	84	13	9
L.Z.A.	52	1	10
Streatham, Hambro Road—			
General	185	9	5
L.Z.A.	73	11	6
Stretham, Cambs.—			
General	21	0	10
L.Z.A.	1	4	0
St. Albans—			
General	31	0	5
St. John's Wood—			
General ..	56	1	6
L.Z.A. ..	102	7	6
St. Neots—			
General ..	10	15	0
Sudbourne—			
General	68	15	11
L.Z.A.	32	19	9
Sudbury, Suffolk—			
General ..	7	7	0
L.Z.A. ..	3	10	0
Sunderland—			
General	2	7	3
Sutton-at-Hone—			
General	15	10	7
L.Z.A.	1	14	0
Sutton, Cambs.—			
General	9	10	6
Swanwick Shore—			
General	7	17	0
Swindon—			
General ..	68	14	9
L.Z.A. ..	17	7	2
Tadworth—			
General ..	1	0	0
Tenterden—			
General		15	6
Thame—			
General ..	20	0	0
Thorndon—			
General ..	4	6	3
Thornhill—			
General	3	0	6
Tips End, Cambs.—			
General	2	2	0
Tottenham—			
General	41	3	0
L.Z.A.	1	7	0
Tring—			
General ..	75	16	4
L.Z.A. ..	16	14	8
Trowbridge—			
General	46	10	11
L.Z.A.	16	4	8
Tunbridge Wells—			
General ..	175	12	1
L.Z.A. ..	23	19	9
Tunstall—			
General	53	14	10
L.Z.A.		16	0
Turves—			
General ..	4	12	4
Two Waters—			
L.Z.A. ..	1	10	0
Waldringfield—			
General ..	27	2	2
L.Z.A. ..	3	0	0
Walsall—			
General ..	34	0	3
L.Z.A. ..	3	15	0
Walthamstow, Church Hill—			
General ..	11	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	10	5	0
Walthamstow, Keswick Hall—			
General	5	5	0
Wandsworth, West Hill—			
General	41	6	1
L.Z.A.	26	9	6
Warbleton—			
General ..	52	9	4
Warboys—			
General ..	173	3	0
L.Z.A. ..	46	10	6
Warrington—			
General	2	0	0
Watford, "Beulah"—			
General	15	2	5
L.Z.A.	3	3	0
Watford, "Tabernacle"—			
General	122	12	10
L.Z.A.	99	18	11
Wattisham—			
General	84	19	10
L.Z.A.	19	14	9
Wellingborough—			
General ..	37	5	11
L.Z.A. ..	12	2	10
West Ham—			
General	85	15	1
L.Z.A.	31	16	6
West Hartlepool—			
General	59	13	5
L.Z.A.	3	11	7
West Hoathly—			
General ..	20	0	0
Wetherden—			
General ..	75	13	10
L.Z.A. ..	3	15	0
Whittlesey—			
General ..	58	16	6
L.Z.A. ..	23	4	1
Whitton—			
General ..	28	5	10
L.Z.A. ..	44	19	7
Willenhall—			
General ..	43	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	1	10	0
Willingham—			
General	15	0	0
Wiltshire Rally—			
General ..	44	4	0

Wimbledon—			
General ..	26	1	6
L.Z.A. ..	15	3	0
Wivelsfield—			
General ..	4	10	0
Wood Green, Eldon Road—			
General ..	6	0	0
L.Z.A. ..	2	10	0
Wood Green, Park Ridings—			
General ..	29	7	3
L.Z.A. ..	5	13	0
Woolwich—			
General	25	15	3
L.Z.A.	6	0	0
Yateley—			
General	72	4	7
L.Z.A.	22	8	2
Yaxley—			
General	5	14	8
Fellowship of Youth—			
North Suffolk—			
General ..	7	0	0
South Suffolk—			
General	5	11	0
West Suffolk—			
General ..	15	17	8
House Party—			
General ..	50	0	0
National S.B. Women's Fellowship—			
Cambs. & E. Midlands—			
L.Z.A. ..	4	4	0
Suffolk Area—			
L.Z.A.	4	4	0
Personal—			
General Fund ..	2514	16	9
L.Z.A. ..	682	15	0
Legacies Received—			
S.B.M.—			
Mr. H. A. Baldock	100	0	0
Miss R. Stone ..	25	0	0
Mr. J. E. Ashby	800	0	0
Miss E. L. Tyler	50	0	0
Miss M. L. Gee	50	0	0
Mr. H. Whittaker	50	0	0
Miss A. Simmonds	20	0	0
Mr. T. E. Eade	50	0	0
Mr. C. B. Morton	963	19	1
Miss G. M. Kirkman ..	950	0	0
Miss E. Dungay	26	6	0
Mrs. E. M. Sleeman	50	0	0
Mr. L. A. Ridgewell	50	0	0
Mr. H. J. S. Boulton	200	0	0
	£3385	5	1
L.Z.A.—			
Miss A. Simmonds	20	0	0

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