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TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY
1966



PAVITRAM MARKET. One of the markets where Kolli Hill produce is sold. "It was the season for Jack fruit . . ." Woman in the foreground "haggles" over the price for her load of oranges, while the person in the background brings in a load of Jack fruit. *Photo: George F. Champion.*

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

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THE TREASURY

We are grateful for the Lord's gracious provision for every need during the past two months. Full details will be published in our next issue.

DEPARTURES

Our Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Appleby, Miss Hawes, and Miss Flory, expect to embark for India on January 13th, and arrive in Bombay on January 31st, 1966.

MARKET DAYS FOR THE HILL PEOPLE

M. E. HARRIS

The Kolli Hills people are all workers on the land. Most of them possess land of their own. They have to work hard in order to produce enough to live on. They plant rice in their wet lands, and a variety of millets, beans, chillies, coriander, and other products in their dry lands. Most of what they grow is only sufficient to supply their own needs. But they are able to sell a variety of fruits in the different seasons, which they take down to the markets at the foot of the Hills. Jack fruits, pine-apples, hill-plantains, limes, oranges and guavas are all in great demand by the people who live on the plains. Several days in the week whole lorry-loads of these fruits are carried as head-loads by hundreds of Hill men and women down the steep hillside to the markets on the plains.

In our last camp in Bailnadu I slept in an open barn, which had no door. On market days I used to hear the men go off with their loads as soon as the first light began to appear in the East, at about 5 a.m. They used to tie up their loads overnight, and leave them on the verandah of the barn ready for the morning. It was the season for Jack fruit, and they would carry three medium-sized or two large-sized fruits as a load. One fruit would be carried on the top of the head, and one or two fruits on the back. Even a small schoolboy of about ten years old carried two or three smaller fruits all the way down the hill, and returned back in about five hours' time. I used to hear them waking each other up from their night's sleep lying on the verandah, or on the ground of the barn at the back. Then, without even so much as a drink of water, or a wash to freshen themselves up, they would help each other to stagger into their loads, and off they would go, barefooted, to join others, until they formed a long trail, one behind the other.

The way down the hillside is a narrow footpath. In one place it goes across a rushing river, and a little further along it goes along a sloping rock, which falls away steeply on one side to where a waterfall drops into a pool of clear water among great rocks. In another place the path goes through a great forest, where bears are seen in the Jack fruit season, and the beautiful songs of the forest birds can be heard in the early morning. There is one place on the track which is called the Ladder Rock. Here the path runs down a very steep sloping rock, which has small steps in it, and the mountain side below falls away in a steep precipitous decline. Even the hill people will speak about the difficulty of negotiating the Ladder Rock with a heavy load. Altogether there is a descent of between 3,000-4,000 feet to get to the hill foot, and it only takes the hill people, with their loads, about two to two and a half hours to get there. They are very sure of foot, and appear almost to run down the hillside.

We often used to be out visiting in the hill villages on a market-day, and at about ten o'clock we would see the long trail of men and women returning from the Market. Their loads of fruit were sold, but they were bringing back bottles of oil and pieces of new cloth and other things, which they had bought at the hill foot. Some of them showed us new gospels which they said they had bought from some people like us, whom they had seen down there. They wanted to know who those people were, and if they were relatives.

It was good to know that our fellow-missionaries had been able to visit the market, and get the hill people to buy gospels, while they had the ready cash in their hands. Back in their villages they do need someone to explain to them what they read in the gospels. We have this privilege, when we camp on the Kollis, and visit the people in their homes.

Please continue to pray for the Kolli Hills people, that they may come to know the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour and Friend.



LADIES' ZENANA AUXILIARY COMMITTEE AT THE TIME OF AMALGAMATION.

Standing: Mesdames Gould, Clarke, Howells, Miss Humphrey, Mesdames Perry, Garrard, Miss Sawyer, Mesdames Hoad and Driscol.
Sitting: Mesdames Thorpe (Vice-President), Simpson, Whayman (President), Symonds (Acting-Secretary) and Miss R. Fromow (Financial Secretary).
October, 1965.

A Garland for the Ladies

★ *A Tribute to all those who have shared in the work of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary during the past 60 years.*

It is my impression that it is the men who receive most of the garlands in India. Now this is really very unfair, and I am happy to have this opportunity of adjusting things a little by offering this garland of gratitude and praise to the ladies who so richly deserve it.

Indian garlands for men have always seemed to me a little incongruous, and at times quite embarrassing, but flowers for the ladies seem perfectly right. So it is with this tribute, woven together with sincere appreciation and Christian love, with which we garland all those who through the past 60 years have by their love and devoted service made possible the work of our Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary.

The real garland is in the work itself and the success God has given as the reward here below. Here is a refreshing and fragrant thing, having in it the loveliness of Indian women and girls transformed by the grace of God and manifesting in their lives the beauty of the Lord Jesus, their Saviour and Friend.

The unseen and silken thread holding all together has been the wonderful grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. Only thus have the lovely flowers of faithfulness and service found their place in this garland of gratitude.

In thinking of the flowers that make up this garland, the most significant is the species called "Tender Concern"—capable of growing wherever Christian women are found, and flourishing best in the midst of need.

This lovely flower has been seen from the very beginning of the work in 1906, and even earlier it was found in the heart of a little white girl living in India in the midst of superstition and fear of the village people. This little girl afterwards became the wife of our pioneer Missionary, Ernest A. Booth, and she it was who first sowed the seeds of this beautiful plant in the hearts of the women in our Churches here in England. What lovely blossoms have followed in an ever-widening circle of interest and service!

This is the flower that devoted women have always brought to Christ. It was found in the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany, and it was in the hearts of the little company that stood by the cross of Jesus and who came early in the morning to the empty grave on the Easter Day. For sixty years in sunshine and storm, in cold and heat, "Tender Concern" has blossomed in the work of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary. It is right, therefore, that it should have a prominent place in this garland of grateful acknowledgment.

Then, in the mingled colours of this garland we find unobtrusively displayed "Loving Service"—a more sturdy plant, but with a lovely and fragrant flower. Without this there could be no garland, but God has seen to it that under all conditions this has flowered from year to year. There have been many varieties of it, and some should certainly be noted. The following lists will be of interest:—

Grown here in England:

Mrs. S. Hutchinson, first President.
Mrs. A. Silvester, first Secretary and then President, 1919-1938.
Miss M. Fromow, Minute Secretary from start to 1962.
Mrs. J. B. Collin, Secretary for some years after 1919.
Miss P. P. Nunn, Financial Secretary 1920-1929, then Organising Secretary until 1951.
Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Financial Secretary 1929-1950.
Mrs. S. Simpson, President 1945-1963.
Miss R. Fromow, Financial Secretary 1950-1965.
Mrs. J. K. Thorpe, Secretary 1951-1958.
Mrs. F. Driscoll, Secretary 1958-1964.
Mrs. A. W. Whayman, President 1963-1965.
Mrs. D. Symonds, Secretary 1963-1965.

Grown in India:

Miss O. Elliott, afterwards Mrs. D. Morling, the first L.Z.A. Missionary 1908.
Miss E. Hines, 1914.

Miss I. W. Ireland, 1915.
Miss R. Appleby, 1920
Miss E. M. Betts, 1923.
Miss V. D. Green, 1923.
Miss E. Savage (now Mrs. G. F. Champion), 1926.
Miss E. C. Putman, 1925.
Miss B. L. Mowle, 1928.
Miss A. M. Poole, 1927.
Miss G. Carter (now Mrs. H. A. Huckett), 1929.
Mrs. E. C. Brand, 1931 (worked with her husband between the years 1912-1929).
Miss L. S. Hazel, 1931.
Dr. R. M. Harris, 1932.
Miss I. G. Hazel, 1934.
Miss M. Wilkins, 1935.
Miss M. E. Harris, 1938.
Miss B. S. Wade, 1944.
Miss F. I. M. Caten, 1946.
Miss N. Hawes, 1949.
Miss O. R. Knight, 1949.
Miss E. Flory, 1953.
Miss M. Cook, 1956.

Of all these who have rendered such faithful service we can say: "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love", nor can we forget as we weave this garland together.

We must refer to "Generous Giving" as another of the fragrant flowers displayed in this garland tribute. Many of these red flowers of sacrifice have grown in little boxes of a similar hue, and it has been very wonderful to see how through the loving giving of women in this country so much work has been possible in India. There has been no lack, and when even special appeals for financial help have been necessary there has always been a generous response.

This garland is rightly variegated, and comment on all the delightful details is not possible, but no discerning friend will fail to notice how everything is interwoven with that climbing plant called "Effectual Prayer". This grows in the hollows, but reaches the heights, and its fragrance even permeates heaven. All through the 60 years of L.Z.A. history prayer has been continuous in local meetings and larger gatherings, and especially through the Prayer Union, by means of which so many women have remembered in daily prayer their sisters in India.

It has been my privilege for about thirty years to be associated with all the L.Z.A. Missionaries and workers at home, and to be closely in touch with those Churches in which are so many unnamed ". . . women who have laboured in the Gospel . . . whose names are in the book of life". I can, therefore, very sincerely and to the glory of God, bring this garland as our token of gratitude and praise.

India presents its garlands to the living, and so may I add that the

Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary in all its essentials is not dead. Amalgamation is not the end, but rather the natural development into the larger work now possible with the S.B.M. The need of the women and girls in India is never to be forgotten or ignored, but rather to be met with the special help of our sisters and the interest and strength of us all.

May God help us to continue and extend the work so faithfully done by the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary from 1905 to 1965.

Pastor J. K. Thorpe, Vice-President, S.B.M.

THE THORN AND THE GRACE

ii Cor. 12:9

THE PROBLEM RESOLVED

(Final extracts of a sermon preached by Mr. H. J. Appleby at the May meetings of the Mission in 1965.)

We have seen that grace must be sovereign, or it is not grace. We, therefore, may not argue about what comes to us under grace. But precisely because it is sovereign, grace stretches beyond the limits of time. Therefore, under grace we always have more glory ahead. But now, since we must be made fit to stand the great weight of glory, we must needs be changed from what we are. *Grace is sufficient because it transforms.* The thorns and the Providences, become, under grace, gifts that redeem, gifts that sanctify. How foolish to dispute the thorns then; do we not need to be transformed?

Paul was aware of this: the thorn, he said, was given "Lest I should be exalted above measure". The thorns became the means of his salvation from pride. The thorn was used to bring him the grace of humility. From this we see that the processes of sovereign grace are indeed reasonable processes. Grace is not capricious, even though it is sovereign. Grace is sufficient because it is reasonable. So we can be content. Even pain becomes bearable if we understand that something reasonable is being achieved thereby: and if it is something eternal that is being worked out in us, then surely it is easier still, to be at rest about it?

There are two comments I would make. The first is this: we must not always expect to discover precisely what eternal values are being worked out in us by our thorns and Providences. Indeed, it seems to me likely that it was fourteen years before Paul began to understand his case: and maybe fourteen years hence you, too, will better understand some Providence that puzzles you now. *Understanding is always related to growth*: when you have grown you will understand more. That you

do not understand now is not the fault of Providence; it is merely the reflection of your growth rate. You cannot expect to be spiritually full grown at once: therefore, you cannot expect to understand everything at once.

The second comment is this: *it may well be that the thorns and Providences that come to us are designed to transform someone other than ourselves.* This is an aspect of the matter often overlooked. You have not exhausted all the possibilities even if you find no reason in your own life for something that has come to you. It may well be that the Lord is reaching someone else through your thorn.

It was a tragic Providence that brought sudden death into the home at Bethany. John records a remark by Jesus that sheds at least some light on why Lazarus died, and the reason has nothing to do with Lazarus himself. He had to die in order that the weak faith of the disciples might be strengthened by the miracle of bringing him to life again. Moreover, after Lazarus had been raised, he had a thorn to battle with. For the authorities now wanted to kill *him* nearly as much as they wanted to kill Jesus. All this because of the weakness of the disciples. Admittedly this was a special case, because the disciples were special people, but I believe the principle still holds. Grace may well be transforming someone else through your thorn.

We have a missionary in our fellowship to-day who begins the story of his call by grace with the fact that his sister died of cancer. She was a believer: he, at that time, was not. But sovereign grace that decreed such strange sorrow in her young life, had, in fact, a larger purpose; a purpose which was redemptive, for by it another soul was saved from everlasting death. She lost a few brief years of earth; he gained an eternal heaven. Surely such grace was truly sufficient? I believe she is well satisfied now with the way the Lord, in His grace, had bidden her walk.

Here is the secret of Paul's triumphant cry, "When I am weak, then I am strong". Here is the secret of Paul's ability to "take pleasure in his infirmities". If, by my infirmity, a soul is forever redeemed, when, by all my preaching it would never be, surely it is better to be infirmed than to preach? After all God is not primarily concerned with the years of service we give, nor the amount of work we cram into a day. We fail the moment we become concerned with the quantity of our efforts. In the Kingdom of Heaven nothing matters so much as quality. Grace is more concerned with producing everlasting quality than with anything else.

In my failure, sin and sorrow, broken-hearted, crushed and torn,
I have felt His presence near me, He has all my burdens borne.
I have seen Him, I have known Him,
For He deigns to walk with me,
And the glory of His presence will be mine eternally.
O! the glory of His presence, O! the beauty of His face,
I am His and His forever—
He has saved me by His grace.

MISCELLANY

Annual Meetings 1965. A day of blessing and historic change. The lecture hall at Westminster Chapel was filled to capacity for the delegates meeting which for the first time included officially appointed lady delegates from the churches. These meetings marked the amalgamation of the L.Z.A. with the S.B.M. Following this good beginning the meetings all day were well attended. Reports and financial statements given at the afternoon and evening meetings indicated an increase of interest in the work, and of growth both at home and on the field. "Great is Thy faithfulness", was the theme of the afternoon ladies meeting. Prayer was mingled with much praise in the men's meeting which was led by Pastor Rowland, of Hadleigh, Suffolk. In the afternoon we were directed by the Vice-President to the words "Our God is able . . ." and Mr. Appleby set before us the great and gracious work of the Lord who, as *A Prophet* recognised His hour, as *A King* ratified it, and as *A Priest* received it (John 18 : 12 and Luke 22 : 53). In the evening happy and grateful tribute was paid to the work of the ladies, and a taped recording of greetings from Miss Phyllis White was listened to with rapt attention. Pastor W. H. Pounds' valuable service as Financial Secretary was recognised in the gift of a Bible suitably inscribed. Short addresses by Miss Hawes and Mr. Appleby which laid the claims of the work before us were underlined by the final speaker, Mr. Paul Brand, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., who spoke with great feeling on the qualities necessary for the work of God in a land like India. "Such as I have I give thee". "Though I have the gift of . . . and have not love, I am nothing." The doxology was a worthy ending to such a day.

Correction. Will friends please note that Miss Yvonne Conacher's address is, Strict Baptist Mission, SENDAMANGALAM, Salem District, South India.

The General Secretary. We are pleased to say that Pastor P. H. Crees has resumed responsibility for the General Secretary's office, but he is unable yet to undertake long journeys on deputation ministry. Please continue to pray for his full recovery.

Denominational Festival. A note from Mr. Geoffrey Ince, the Festival Secretary, tells of plans to hold the festival over the period May 23rd to May 27th, 1967 (D.V.). May the Lord prosper these endeavours and use them for His own glory.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1966 (God-willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—JANUARY 7th, New Year Prayer Meeting; 16th, Grove Hill, Tunbridge Wells; 23rd, Sutton-at-Hone; 30th, Fulham; FEBRUARY 13th, Kingston; 20th, Bromley; 27th, St. Neots and Little Staughton.

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

Miss E. M. Flory.—JANUARY 7th, New Year Prayer Meeting and Farewell Service.

ADDRESS: 100 Back Hamlet, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—JANUARY 7th, New Year Prayer Meeting; FEBRUARY 24th, Brighton, Tabernacle, F.O.Y.

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Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—JANUARY 7th, New Year Prayer Meeting; 9th, St. Albans; 11th, Farnham; 16th, Dunstable; 18th, Kesgrave; 19th, Irthlingborough; 22nd, Stoke Golding; 23rd, Hinckley and Stoke Golding; 24th, Bedworth; 30th, Fressingfield; FEBRUARY 13th, Bradfield St. George; 15th, Caterham; 20th, Tunstall and Sudbourne; 27th, Ipswich, Zoar; 28th, Warboys.

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

DEPUTATION MEETINGS AND SERVICES, 1966 (D.V.).—Mr. G. F. Champion will be available to conduct meetings during May 1st to July 31st, and September 1st to November 30th. **Miss O. R. Knight** will be able to help the churches during June 1st to July 31st, and September 1st to November 30th. Miss L. S. Hazel, Pastor P. H. Crees, and Mr. E. Orchard are available for the whole year except August.

Please send your enquiries for deputation arrangements to: Mr. E. Orchard, The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedford. Tel.: Sharnbrook 575.

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STRICT BAPTIST MISSION YOUTH WEEK-END

During the evening of Friday, November 12th, sixty-five young people arrived at Hildenborough Hall, Kent, to be welcomed to the Conference Centre by Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, Host and Hostess of the Youth Week-end. During the evening meal that followed the guests introduced themselves to each other, some being strangers and others well known. Dinner being ended we then met together in the Chapel and were given a very warm welcome by Mr. E. Orchard. A film produced by the British and Foreign Bible Society was then shown which gave us our first introduction to India. It told of how the Christian Gospel and the Bible had been taken to India and that to-day the door of opportunity still stands open for the printed and for the spoken word.

Our first meeting on Saturday was prayer fellowship in the Chapel and we took to the Lord our week-end together and the work that was being done in India. After breakfast we looked at mission work in general and from the New Testament Pastor D. A. Dawson deduced principles on which missions should be founded. The remaining three sessions of the day were spent in looking at different aspects of the Strict Baptist Mission; (1) The Tamil Baptist Churches, (2) The S.B.M. and your Church, (3) The Radio Ministry. These were taken very ably by Missionaries H. J. Appleby, E. Orchard and H. J. Appleby respectively. Sunday also commenced with prayer fellowship in the Chapel and then, after breakfast, Missionary N. Hawes took the next session in which she outlined to us the Qualities of a New Testament Missionary. We were all very sorry that the General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees, was not able to be with us and the morning service he was to have conducted was taken by Pastor J. E. Hoad. Pastor Hoad spoke from 1 Cor. 6 : 19, 20, "Ye are not your own—ye are bought with a price" to which he coupled "Thou art mine", and went on to speak of us as being the personal possession of Christ. Our next session was a very practical one in which Missionary E. M. Flory outlined the Adjustments Necessary for Life in India. After most of these sessions there was time for discussion and many questions were asked which the missionaries joined forces to answer.

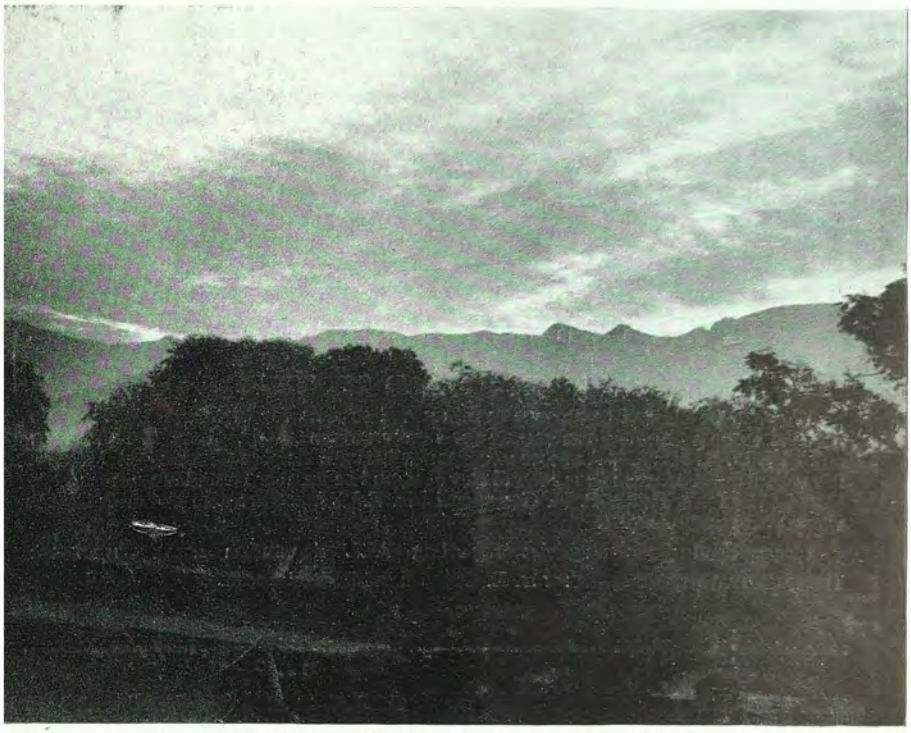
Having had this very detailed and clear picture of India—its needs and its opportunities—we came to our last session in which Pastor D. A. Dawson directed us to 2 Tim. 2 : 10, under the heading "Concern for Souls". From this verse of scripture we were shown that a concern for souls was not a man-manufactured emotion but is God given and is itself the outworking of God's own concern for souls in His wonderful plan of Redemption through Jesus Christ.

We left Hildenborough Hall Monday morning "informed people" and as we look back surely we must ask the Lord to give us Grace to pray and to act according to the light and knowledge we have received.

Peter C. White, Caterham.

O THE TAMIL PEOPLE

MARCH-APRIL
1966



Sunrise over the Kollis. View from Sendamangalam Mission house.

Photo: George F. Champion.

SAID I NOT UNTO THEE, THAT, IF THOU WOULDEST BELIEVE, THOU SHOULDEST SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?

TRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MARCH AND APRIL, 1966
(God Willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—MARCH 5th, Sleaford; 6th, Billinghay; 9th, Twickenham New Baptist; 13th, Gadebridge; 17th, Lewisham, F.O.Y.; 20th, Mendlesham Green; 27th, Bexleyheath/Belvedere.

APRIL 3rd, Little Downham; 10th, Staines; 17th, Crowfield; 24th, Aylesbury; 26th, Half-yearly Meetings.

MISSIONARIES

Miss L. S. Hazel.—MARCH 1st, Homerton.
APRIL 20th, Newick; 26th, Half-yearly Meetings.
ADDRESS: 4 Chichester Close, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex. Tel: Bexhill 5039.

Mr. C. M. Howells.—MARCH 27th, East Ham.
APRIL 3rd, Leiston, Faith; 17th, Kesgrave.

Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—MARCH 9th, Dorking, Y.P.S.; 10th, Borough Green F.O.Y.; 13th, Ramsey; 15th, Farnham; 16th, Warboys, W.M.; 20th-21st, March; 24th, Croydon, Derby Road; 27th, Potton, Beds.; 29th, St. Neots.

APRIL 6th, Bedford, Providence; 10th, Potten End; 14th, Halstead; 15th, Cambridge, Eden; 17th, High Wycombe; 24th, Chesham/Lee Common; 25th, Thame; 26th, Half-yearly Meetings.
ADDRESS: The Firs, Kennell Hill, Sharnbrook, Bedford. Tel: Sharnbrook 575.

DEPUTATION MEETINGS AND SERVICES 1966, D.V.

We shall be pleased to arrange meetings and services for Mr. P. A. GRIST who has had to come home unexpectedly for family reasons. Mr. G. F. CHAMPION and Miss O. R. KNIGHT, whose engagement lists are steadily filling up, still have a few vacant dates between June 1st and July 31st, and September 1st and November 30th. Miss L. S. Hazel, Pastor P. H. Crees, and Mr. E. Orchard are also available for the whole year except August.

Please send your enquiries regarding ALL deputation arrangements to: THE DEPUTATION SECRETARY: Mr. E. Orchard, address as above.

THE TREASURY — OCTOBER 1965 TO JANUARY 1966

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund (including Legacies £245)	£5917	£7491
Special Funds	491	556
	£6408	£8047

The figures in this period of four months are helped by the offerings at the Annual Meetings, £546 in all. We are much encouraged by the sustained faithful giving of so many friends. The Sunday Schools gave £443 in the above period—thank you, boys and girls (and teachers too).

Anonymous gifts gratefully acknowledged: Portsmouth £5; Radlett £10; Reigate (Radio) £1-1-0; A.K. £1; Well-wisher £5; Birmingham 10/-; Ipswich £6-10-0; Guildford £5.

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

WOMEN'S GIFT WEEK

March 6th-12th

"HONOUR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE"
(Prov. iii. 9)

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

These Gifts should be sent to:

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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

YVONNE CONACHER

The words of the angel to the Apostle Peter in Acts 5. 20, "Go . . . speak . . . all the words of this life", would best sum up the leading of the Lord to me to full-time service for Him. But it was when reading an article in an early Report of the Mission that God spoke to me concerning India. Dr. Harris was speaking about young men and woman responding to the call of God to come to India, "Lest the light be extinguished". These words came home very forcibly to my heart. I knew that God was speaking to me. After much prayer and seeking of guidance from the Lord, He gave me peace and assurance that South India was to be the place where I would serve Him. I had to come and "Speak . . . all the words of this life".

Throughout my life God has been preparing and equipping me for the task He has for me in this needy land of India. In the providence of God He led me to do Nursing Training where it was that He met the need of my heart and gave me to know of the Saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord then further led me to Bible College training, and on from there to further practical preparation for His service.

It is now with thanksgiving to God that I can write this article to you from India having arrived recently in India. This year, God Willing, I shall be living at Sendamangalam with Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and Miss

Cook. Most of my time will be taken up with Tamil studies, but I pray that God may so fashion my life that even though I cannot speak the Word my life may show forth the praises of Him who hath called me out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Now to acquaint you with my surroundings. Sendamangalam is a town of approximately 25,000 people, situated at the foot of the Kolli Hills. There are two Mission compounds—one either side of the main road. One compound consists of our bungalow, together with several houses where the teachers live, and also a house for the cook and his family. Across the road on the other compound is the Girls' Hostel, Girls' School, the Chapel, and several houses where some more of the teachers and Pastor and his family live. There are a number of shops, a government hospital, and a Girls' High School in the town. The roads are busy with traffic of all kinds: from the dog and goat to bullock carts and buses and a great number of pedestrians. It is quite exciting to ride in a car and dodge round all these people, animals, and vehicles.

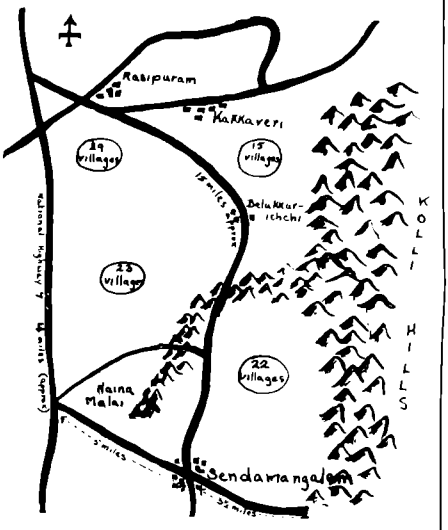
The need of this part of India is very great. Multitudes are given over to idolatry. They have changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and to four-footed beasts and creeping things. Pray that God's Word may reach these people increasingly, and that there may be some turned from idols to serve the true and living God.

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best we could patiently putting our point of view and, where necessary, apologising for injudicious remarks so that after about half an hour the wrath of our adversary subsided and he finally treated all four of us to coffee. But it was useless to try to do any more in that village that morning so we withdrew a little chagrined and perhaps a little wiser. We went on to two other villages where we had a record morning's sales including a copy of the Tamil Bible to a Hindu teacher.

On our fourteenth outing we concluded our morning's work by taking up our stand on the public highway outside the Sendamangalam Boys' High School. We were doing quite well and had scores of lads around us when at 9.45 the headmaster came along and blew our prospective customers into school with a gale of indignant words and advised us to confine our activities to our own compound. But in the evening of that same day one of his assistant masters, who is a First Grade Tamil Pandit, came to see me, bought an English Bible and asked if he could have my help in studying it. He has already had six sessions with me during which we have read together the first five chapters of the Gospel according to Mark.

(This programme of work has been interrupted by other pressing claims upon Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt's time, but please pray that the seed sown may bear a rich harvest,—Editor.)



RESPONSE TO VILLAGE EVANGELISM

W. N. H. KUHRT.

It was our twelfth outing and at 6.30 on this particular morning we had taken our stand outside some coffee shops in a large weaving village and had a considerable crowd. Usually our work is carried on in an atmosphere of quiet tolerance and patient good will. It was therefore something of a shock to find ourselves being interrupted by a loudly belligerent person who objected to some remarks that had been made in our preaching. For some time it was impossible to make ourselves heard as the waves of his stormy eloquence beat against us and over the curious crowd that gathered. Happily for us, most of the crowd was indifferent to the issues raised and gave no overt support to our interlocutor.

It is true that our preacher that morning had made some remarks that were unnecessary and that were probably not true and we were compelled to admire the knowledge and skill with which our assailant presented his case. But when he accused my friend, Pastor Paulraj, of being an apostate Hindu preaching for the white man's pay he was, of course, on less sure ground. Mr. Paulraj was able to point out that he was born in a Christian family and that he was not paid by the missionary. A great deal of whatever force there was in the accusations hurled at us derived from the notorious abuses of Romanists and Pentecostalists in this district and of course our attempts to disavow any connection never sound very convincing to the non-Christian; on the contrary, they only give him the chance to sneer at our divisions! We stood our ground as

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. . . PAPER BIRDS . . .

M. THROWER

How many friends there are with whom we desire to keep in touch, but life is too full for frequent contacts; so we try to let them have a tangible sign of our remembrance at least once a year, at Christmas.

So it is with us here at Kotagiri. There are many of our Madras brothers and sisters in Christ, and our children in the faith, with whom we constantly keep in touch via the throne of grace and also from time to time by post but, as the Christmas season approaches, it is a great pleasure also to remember them in a practical way, somewhat like sending them a greeting card.

At this time of year we re-live the happy Christmases that we spent in the Madras area and endeavour to visualise the special needs of the different groups. There are the children of the Sunday Schools, the teachers, pastors, workers in the streets and the houses of the people, the annual Women's Rally of the Tamil Churches—this year to be held during the last week of the year at Vepery. It is interesting to note the varying trends in the different individual Churches now that they have, as it were, attained their majority, and to see how the members of each congregation have followed their own particular line and emphasis in the Lord's service in their locality, how each group has developed along slightly different paths, the earlier growth of which we observed many years ago.

It is our happy privilege to send these our friends a Christmas greeting in the shape of parcels of books, text cards (many of which have been received from England), etc., and we are sure that readers of the *Mission*

Herald will be glad that some 4,000 pieces of Christian literature will be received by our Madras Churches in good time for the Christmas celebrations.

The nightingale sings in the dark,
The sterncock in the rain,
The skylark serenades the sun,
The blackbird charms the lane.

And what are books but paper birds,
Eager to fly and sing;
Each with its message bold and clear,
Borne on a paper wing?

These paper birds fly everywhere,
In blue skies and in grey;
They enter through the open doors
Of human hearts each day.

Then fly away, my paper bird,
Spread thy frail wings and fly.
I know not where the winds of heaven
Will bear thy song—Goodbye.

(Author unknown.)

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THE KOLLIS: 1957/1966

R. M. HARRIS

Great changes have taken place on the Kolli Hills during the past few years. It might be helpful to give a brief resumé of what has happened since 1957 in order to give a clearer picture of the situation as it is in 1966.

As many of you will remember, in 1957, after several years of careful preparation of Kolli Hills Christians in Church administration and organisation of work on the Mission Settlement, missionary directive and supervision were withdrawn. They were left to earn their living on their own initiative and to work out the teaching they had received during forty-four years of missionary residence. The full responsibility of taking the Gospel to their own people and to those amongst whom they lived, was theirs.

In 1958, my sister and I were called of God, and commissioned by our S.B.M. Conference, to evangelise on the northern part of the Kollis, in Ainji Nardu. (Ainji Nardu is the area covered by the five most northerly districts of the Kollis). We started camping in this part of the Hills from Vazhavanthi, but the journey across the Hills was a long one, and it was difficult to make arrangements from such a distance. In 1959 we moved to where we are now, to Belukurichi, a village on the Plains at the foot of the Northern Kollis. It is very much easier to camp from here and to have frequent contact with the people for whom we have been burdened.

Radical changes have taken place on the Vazhavanthi side of the Hills. In 1961 the ghat road up the Hills was completed, with its seventy-two hair-pin bends in fourteen miles. There is now a daily bus service. Hill people and others have become accustomed to pack into a bus for their journeys to and from the Hills, undeterred by the dangerous and hair-raising hair-pin bends at the notorious "eighth mile"! Subsidiary unsurfaced roads have been made, so that a number of places on the more southern part of the Hills, including the Mission Settlement, can now be reached from the top of the ghat road by jeep. Other roads are in the making and still many more are planned.

In 1961 another important change took place. In that year the Districts of South India were divided into Blocks, for the purpose of development and local government. The Kollis, hitherto administered from the plains, became a block on their own, with the offices of the various departments of government to be located on the Hills. The Government officials were in a quandary, with orders to take up their duties, but with no buildings on the Kollis suitable for offices or residences. As the Mission bungalows and certain other buildings were vacant at the time, they took them over, and still occupy them, as a temporary measure. As things now are, all the business affairs of the Kollis are conducted on the Mission Compound in Vazhavanthi, or have their headquarters there. Minor officials, village accountants, teachers, village welfare officers, and the

ordinary Hill person, now all wend their way from the fourteen districts of the Hills to these offices.

As far as Christian strategy is concerned, a situation has arisen in which a large proportion of the Kolli Hills Christian community now lives right in the administrative hub of the Hills. In the centre of all the activity stands a Christian place of worship, where services are held regularly even though the attendance at them is often poor. The light of witness may be small but still it is there.

As far as the Christian community is concerned the transition stage of passing from one way of life to another has not been easy. At first they missed the missionary props, and the missionary umbrella which had shielded them from unfriendly impacts with the outside world. They felt stranded and alone. They were too much at cross-purposes amongst themselves to make a united effort to work the land, which in any case they knew might be sold. However, things are now looking up. The younger folk are availing themselves of the increasing educational facilities. Some have taken the training Government is giving in agriculture and bee-keeping, as well as teachers' training.

Various preachers, Christian groups, and missionaries, have visited Vazhavanthi during the past few years. The Christian group on the Kollis has in it all the potential for Christian leadership. Their need is not so much for outside help as for revival in the Church, by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and for a personal experience of salvation in the life of every Hill Christian.

At present, Paul Chakkaravarthy, one of Mrs. Brand's co-workers, at the request of the Church, frequently goes up to Vazhavanthi, to advise, and to help in spiritual things. Paul loves the people and is a man of prayer. He is able to make useful contacts with officials and others who come to Vazhavanthi.

A Kolli Hills Christian man has retired from the army and is now living on the Mission Settlement with his wife Bakkium, who was once a girl in the Hostel and is a keen Christian. Their presence is a great help to the Church. They gather up a group of children and others and go out on Sundays to the neighbouring villages for open air work.

This year, 1965, there have been two baptismal services, in which two young women of Plains origin, and two young married Kolli Hills men (who had been brought up in the Mission Hostel) were baptised. Pastor Paul from Sendamangalam was invited to conduct these services and we ourselves had the privilege of being at one of them, also at the invitation of the Church, and of attending the Communion service which followed.

An account of the development of the work on the Northern Kollis is not included here as that is another story. During this year, 1965, we have had the great joy of renewed fellowship with our friends in Vazhavanthi, having spent a few days with them during the times of special meetings, at their invitation. We pray that this fellowship may deepen during the days to come. We share with you the ministry of prayer, and have the privilege of watching God work out His purposes for His Church and the extension of His Kingdom on the Kolli Hills.

MISCELLANY

NEW YEAR PRAYER MEETING AND FAREWELL SERVICE. Several setbacks in the work of the Mission caused much heart-searching prayer to God for guidance and help in these difficult days. The President detailed some of the problems which faced the Mission, and spoke of Pastor Thorpe's impending visit to India. A number of brethren then led the meeting in prayer for the friends in India particularly at Conference time. "Blessed are they that mourn . . ." was the burden of Pastor Martin's farewell message to our Missionaries on the eve of the leaving for India. It was peculiarly appropriate to the occasion. We look for the gracious intervention of the Lord in answer to prayer.

RADIO EVANGELISM. Eighty-four letters were received during December, 1965. Several of these mentioned the Martin Luther programme recently put on the air.

MISS NELLIE HAWES. Our colleague, Miss Hawes, has been given leave of absence for one year, in order to take up further study in preparation for future service. Please pray for blessing upon these changes of plans which make so much difference to the future of the work for which Miss Hawes was responsible in India.

MISSION PUBLICATIONS. The General Secretary still has some copies of the MISSION PRAYER UNION CALENDAR. Three foolscap maps of the areas of the Mission's work in South India are also available. These specially prepared maps give a great deal of useful information about the areas and work. They can be put together and so make one large map of the work. They are in three colours. The Mission Office, 61 Breakspears Road, S.E.4, will gladly supply interested friends.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. The editor acknowledges gratefully the letters of appreciation and criticism which he receives. The constructive criticisms are seriously examined, but it is not always possible within the limited scope of the *Mission Herald* to put every suggestion into operation. What is available in the way of material and space has to be used to the best advantage.

FOOD PARCELS TO INDIA. Many friends have asked for the information given below, so we trust these details will be of help.

Useful contents: Dried packaged vegetables (NOT frozen); dried soups; cake mix; bread mix; pudding mix; packet desserts and jellies; pie fruit fillings; dried fruits; packet sweets (not chocolates); tinned meats and fish; instant milk powder; packet cheeses.

Food packages whose contents are valued at less than £2 in total may often enter India free of duty. Duty may be charged of the missionaries if the total value is higher. *No articles of South African origin should be included.*

Packing: The parcel will be hand-stamped, dropped, squashed, exposed to tropical sun, attacked by rats, ants, and possibly humans. It should, therefore, be well protected (stiff card), well wrapped (good kraft paper) and strongly tied (sisal string) and sealed (sellotape).

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

You will greatly assist the work of the General Secretary and his colleagues if you would kindly send your enquiries, etc., direct to the office concerned.

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General Secretary: PASTOR P. H. CREES, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission, literature, Prayer Union, and areas of work should be addressed.

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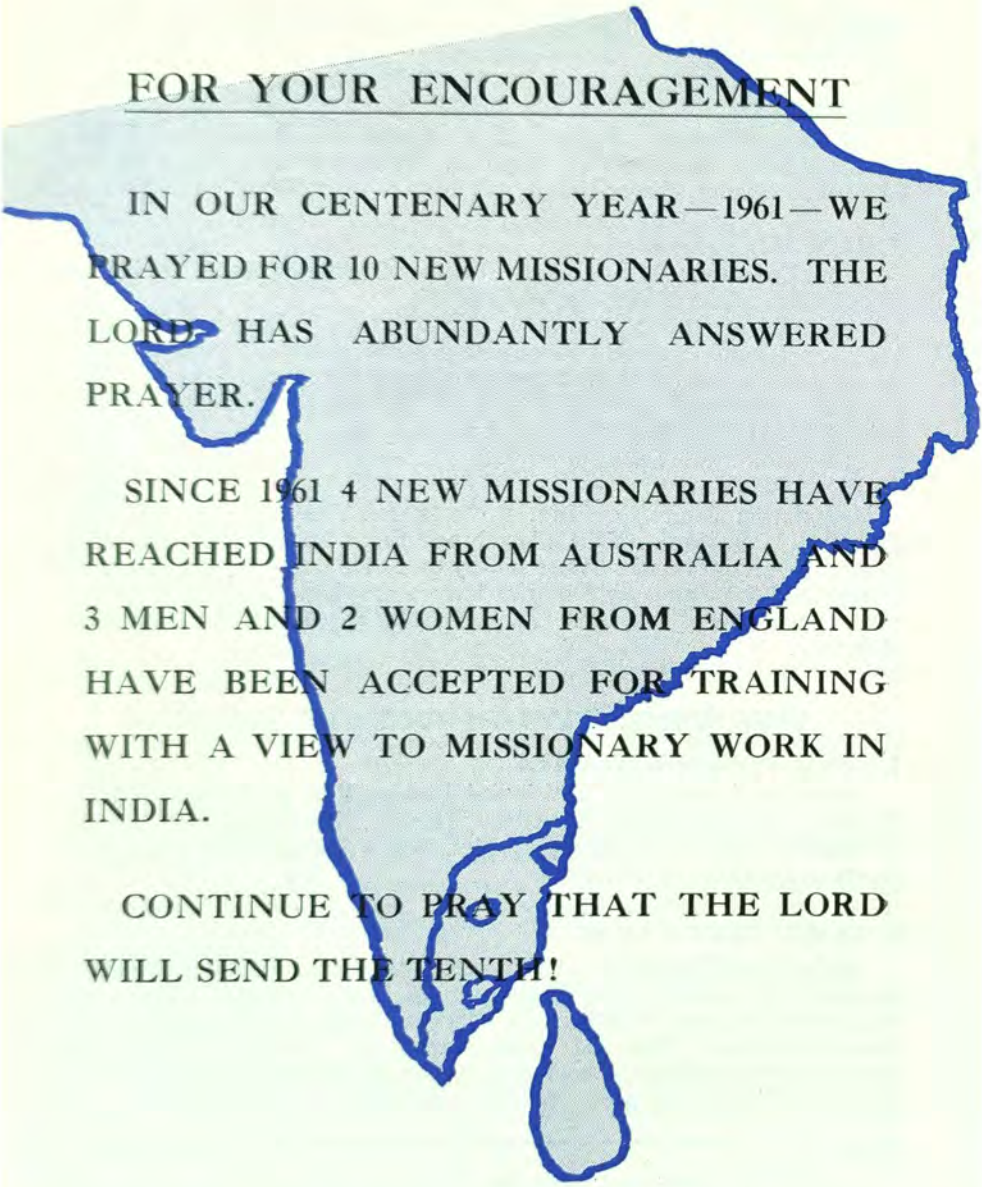
Please send your used British and Foreign Postage Stamps to MRS. F. MAY, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts. These stamps will be sold to help the funds of the Mission. Mrs. May will gladly supply approval sheets and packets to collectors.

2. TAMIL TEXT CARDS

Make Gospel Tracts out of your used Birthday, Christmas, and picture postcards by sticking Tamil Texts over the back of them. These cards are a great attraction in India. Tamil Texts (1/- per 100) can be obtained from the Mission Office, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Send the completed cards direct to India, in packets of about a hundred each. A list of addresses will gladly be supplied from the Mission Office.

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Mission to the Tamil People



FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT

IN OUR CENTENARY YEAR—1961—WE PRAYED FOR 10 NEW MISSIONARIES. THE LORD HAS ABUNDANTLY ANSWERED PRAYER.

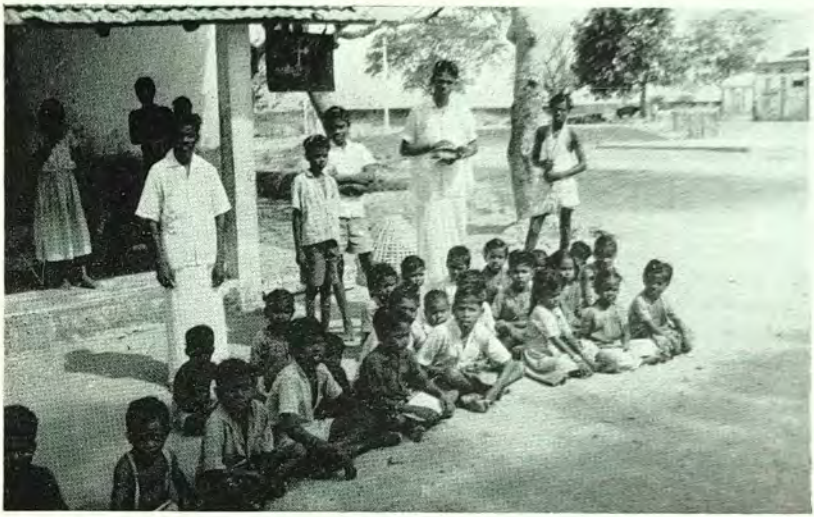
SINCE 1961 4 NEW MISSIONARIES HAVE REACHED INDIA FROM AUSTRALIA AND 3 MEN AND 2 WOMEN FROM ENGLAND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR TRAINING WITH A VIEW TO MISSIONARY WORK IN INDIA.

CONTINUE TO PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL SEND THE TENTH!

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

MAY-JUNE
1966

THE SCHOOL



The School teachers pose with some of their pupils. In spite of considerable difficulties and some disappointments, many of the Mission Schools, which were handed over to Indian Christian managements some years ago, still continue to exercise a useful and influential part in the life of the communities they serve. The quality of the Christian witness in these schools varies from place to place, and depends upon the courage of the teachers concerned, and the vitality of their spiritual experience. Many of these men and women work in an environment that is strongly idolatrous and anti-Christian. They command our respect and need our prayers. *Photo: P. A. Grist.*

PRIORITY FOR PRAYER

For a long time the Mission Council and our Missionaries have prayed and planned to enter new areas for evangelism, which must mean leaving some of the places where we now work. As this is such an important step we shall value your constant prayers for guidance.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MAY AND JUNE, 1966
(God Willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—MAY 1st, Little Stonham; 4th to 16th, Continental Churches; 22nd, West Ham; 29th, 30th, Wiltshire, Whitsun Week-end (Swindon).

JUNE 5th, Gt. Gransden; 12th, Guildford; 19th, Highbury; 26th, Greenwich.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. G. F. Champion.—MAY 5th, Warbleton; 8th, Ipswich, Bethesda; 11th, Croydon District Meeting; 12th, Bromley; 15th, Guildford; 22nd, Rattlesden; 24th, Wetherden; 29th, 30th, Wiltshire, Whitsun Week-end.

JUNE 2nd, Epsom; 4th, Midlands Missionary Rally, Bedworth; 5th, Hinckley; 8th, 9th, Suffolk and Norfolk Association Meetings; 12th, 13th, Leyton; 19th, New Cross; 22nd New Cross; 26th, Haslemere.

Mrs. G. F. Champion.—MAY 12th, Bromley; 17th, Watford; 18th, Guildford; 24th, Wetherden 29th, 30th, Wiltshire, Whitsun Week-end.

JUNE 4th, Bedworth; 8th, 9th, S. and N. Association Meetings; 16th, Brighton Tabernacle; 23rd, Whittlesey.

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Mr. P. A. Grist.—MAY 1st, Meadvale, Reigate; 8th, Ilford; 11th, Potten End; 12th, Carlton; 15th, Highbury; 19th, Hounslow; 22nd, Aldringham; 23rd, Friston W.M.; 29th, 30th, Wiltshire, Whitsun Week-end.

JUNE 9th, 10th, Irthlingborough; 11th, F.O.Y., Wetherden; 12th, Horsham; 19th, Richmond; 26th, Watford.

ADDRESS: 1 Grosvenor Road, Watford, Herts.

Miss O. R. Knight.—MAY 29th, 30th, Wiltshire, Whitsun Week-end.

JUNE 8th, Shalford; 9th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hill; 12th, Bethesda, Ipswich; 15th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 16th, Chelmsford F.O.Y.; 21st, Dorking; 22nd, Hounslow; 23rd, Walthamstow; 30th, Croydon, Derby Road.

ADDRESS: 150 Moulsham Drive, Chelmsford, Essex.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—MAY 6th, Haslemere, Girls' Bible Class; 29th, 30th, Wiltshire, Whitsun Week-end.

JUNE 7th, Gadebridge; 8th, Stratford, Gurney Road; 9th, Colchester.

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

Pastor D. J. Moon.—MAY 15th, Chelmsford.

JUNE 26th, Ipswich, Mt. Zion.

Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—MAY 7th, 8th, Redbourn; 12th, Hailsham; 14th, 15th, Royton; 16th, Accrington; 17th, Burnley; 22nd, Clayton West/Sheffield, Wycliffe; 24th, Bury; 25th, Sheffield, Wycliffe; 26th, Rotherham; 29th, Basildon.

JUNE 2nd, Wivelsfield; 25th, Slaithwaite; 26th, Haworth.

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The Idol. Grotesque in shape, fearful in aspect, the figure caricatures the weakness and folly of man—throwing up in crude, hard lines the squalor in human character.

Photo: Les. Ryan.

SATANIC SUBTILTY

MRS. H. A. HUCKETT.

"The rats have eaten them." This was the reply when we asked a family where their Bible and hymn book were. It was our first Sunday morning back from the hot season leave away on the mountains, and we had gone to a little out-station to have a service. This is the one family that tries to maintain some kind of Christian witness. They are very poor and live in a little one-roomed mud and thatch hut. It appears they went to a relative's wedding, and put their few belongings including the family Bible and hymn book up on the ledge of the wall near the roof. It would be fatal to leave them down on the floor—they have no chair or table—termites would eat them. Alas! the rats had a feast! These poor folk haven't even a tin box to keep their things in. We hope to remedy this, but it is not so easy to replace a Bible. There seems to be a dearth of Tamil Bibles just now. This is a matter for prayer.

Another member of the congregation was a poor demented young man. He has a grudge against the world in general, and some persons in particular which sometimes includes the missionaries. One is never quite sure whether his behaviour is a pose or because he is really mentally deranged. He looks devil-possessed at times. There was a time when he talked of evil spirits, or "devils" as he put it, being in the house. It is certain that Satan has got hold of him and we need to pray for his deliverance.

The hot month of May seems to be the special "playtime" of the Evil one, and missionaries when they come down from the mountain tops meet with his ravages just as the disciples of old did. Praise the Lord we have our Almighty Saviour with us and His power can deal with the problems. It is our responsibility to bring them to Him, and to BELIEVE Him and to rely on Him to deal with the situations that cause such distress.

On our way to the village we passed a young woman with a baby on her hip trudging along the hot dusty road. She is the daughter of a one-time preacher. We had already passed his house in building and this on the Lord's Day, and he supervising! When we asked the daughter if she knew what day it was, she said she had forgotten it was Sunday, and immediately referred to her father's building. There was bitterness in her heart because of the bad treatment and hardness of her parents, and although living in the same village they do not see each other. She even had to borrow a vessel to get the milk in that she was going to fetch for her baby. Broken promises and the love of money have ruined the parents' witness and the relationship with their daughter and son-in-law. How busy Satan is! Let us give ourselves to prayer. One longs for the people to have God's blessing and for His Name to be glorified, for others to be won for the Saviour, but how can this happen when such things are so? He has the power to change hearts. Let us be often at the Throne of Grace for this to happen.



SERVING THE LORD TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ryan.

When we began to consider some of the needs here in India to share with you we found it interesting to compare our impressions now with what they were before we left Australia.

When we were in Australia it was a great help to us to have the privilege of showing a set of Mission slides to the Churches there. From seeing these slides and later, through contact with Mr. John Appleby, we were able to gain some idea of what to expect here in India, but particularly in a country such as India there are many things that cannot be believed or understood until they are seen.

I do not think we will ever forget the poverty we saw in Bombay. We knew this would be bad in India, but it is much worse than we ever expected it to be. We still remember the man we saw who had a badly infected foot. No doubt his only home was the footpath, as was the case with many, many others we saw. His foot was bandaged with a filthy rag through which the pus was oozing on to the footpath. It seemed as if the man had learnt from experience that it was useless to chase the flies because he just left them.

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Conference, 1966. *Standing (left to right): Messrs. L. Ryan, J. R. Field, H. A. Huckett, W. H. Kuhrt, D. A. Thrower, G. F. Champion, H. J. Appleby, J. B. Jones.*

Sitting: Dr. R. M. Harris, Mrs. L. Ryan, Mrs. J. R. Field, Mrs. H. A. Huckett, Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Mrs. G. F. Champion, Miss M. E. Harris, Mrs. H. J. Appleby, Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Front: Misses P. White, Y. Conacher, E. M. Flory, M. M. Cook, and O. R. Knight.

LET'S FLY TO CONFERENCE!

Report by the Vice-President, Pastor J. K. Thorpe.

Because of a number of critical matters calling for the closest possible collaboration of Council with our Missionaries, it was my privilege to fly out to India and so share with our friends in their Annual Conference, held this year at Brooklands Missionary Home, Coonoor.

I was delighted to see something of India again, and I gained the impression that in many ways there has been some improvement in general conditions since I was there ten years earlier. I was, however, constantly aware of the fact of the serious financial plight of the country and the dread of famine, which it seems must inevitably come to many areas by May this year. One can never escape a sense of desperate need in India, and we know the greatest need of all—the need of Christ as Saviour and Lord!

Against the terribly real background of material and spiritual need, it may seem strange to describe the beauty and comfort of the meeting place of the Conference of our Missionaries. The Nilgiri Hills are indeed very beautiful and afford a refreshing relief from the dust and dirt and barrenness of so much of the countryside of India. We should, however, be thankful that just for this one week the business of our Mission can be conducted away from the actual fields of work on the plains below. I personally felt so thankful that God has provided for His missionary servants such lovely places for holiday leave as well as occasional Conferences.

All of our Missionaries were able to be at Coonoor for the Conference this year, except Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Grist who left for England just a little previously with their children because of the ill-health of Mrs. Grist.

All were assembled at Brooklands by Tuesday, February 8th, and the Conference began on the Wednesday with a Day of Prayer. I was privileged to commence on this day a series of Bible studies on the Book of Haggai under the title of "The Day of Blessing". Mr. D. A. Thrower and Mr. G. F. Champion conducted the main sessions of prayer during the day, and their ministry of the Word was spiritually enriching. A spirit of earnest prayer prevailed, and through this day of prayer the Lord brought about the ultimate success of the later business meetings, at which important and difficult matters had to be decided.

These business sessions took up the Thursday, Friday and Saturday and also the Monday, February 14th, and it was in happy agreement and with praise to God that the Conference Report to the S.B.M. Council was approved in the closing business meeting on that day.

On the Sunday we met for worship together, in the morning at Brooklands and in the evening with the friends at the Union Church, Coonoor, and both services were helpful and encouraging.

On the Tuesday, February 15th, we all gathered at the Union Church for the wedding of Mr. L. Ryan and Miss J. Broadby, two of our recruits from Australia. Mr. H. A. Huckett, assisted by Mr. G. F. Champion, conducted the service, after which the happy bride and bridegroom received their many guests at a delightful reception at Brooklands.

Leaving for their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan were the first of the Conference party to depart, but the next day, Wednesday, February 16th, most of the Missionaries left for their various centres of work and I began my return journey to England—arriving home on the Friday, February 18th.

In a wonderful way air travel has brought India so much nearer to us, but in the fellowship of prayer and service nothing can divide us from God's faithful servants in that needy land. May they and we see the Day of Blessing, and give God all the praise!

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Later, when we saw some of the houses the people had to live in, it was hard to believe that these were the homes of people and not animals. Poor people in need can be seen in every part of this land. We hope we shall never become insensible to the physical needs of the people, but there is another need which is far greater and more important.

In Ephesians 2. 12, Paul makes it quite clear that those who are without Christ, are without God and without hope. All whom the Lord in His mercy has redeemed will testify that this is true. Here in India the innumerable grotesque idols that the people worship are a constant reminder of just how true Paul's words are.

In all the worship of the people it can be clearly seen that there is no understanding of the true character of God or of the real meaning of sin. As a result the real need of sinful man is not understood. It is indeed sad to see pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ, together with so-called gods of the Hindu religion. By this we can see that the Lord Jesus Christ is regarded by them as just another god.

May the Lord use us, and others also, to show them the uniqueness of the Lord Jesus Christ, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby they must be saved.

After next May we hope that through the Lord's help our language exams. will be successfully completed, and we will have the privilege of serving the Lord together in Morupatti. We would very much value your prayers for these early days. Please pray for us as we mix with the people and seek to understand them, their needs and their language, and also as we seek to be understood ourselves. I am sure there will be times when we will feel we are just beginning to learn the language.

Hinduism has a very strong influence upon the people and the work will not be easy. However we believe the Lord hears and answers when His people pray, and God has His elect who have yet to be saved.

"BOUGHT!"

Notes on an address given at the Missionary Youth Week-end by Pastor J. E. Hoad.

Text: *Bought with a price . . . . I COR.* 6. 20.

"*This is my Bible!*" It is mine! It is not lent to me! Nor is it hired! It is not even my Mum's . . . nor my wife's. . . . It is my own! It is **mine**! I bought it! I paid the price in full! No one can claim it back! It is **mine**! I possess it! All of it! All the time! for keeps! It is . . . **MINE**!

JESUS CHRIST feels like that about you . . . about YOU! This morning He has taken you into His hands! He is saying just now . . . **Mine!** I have paid the price in full! **Mine!** How do you feel about that? Jesus' whole being is moved to the depths of His amazing love for us men! He's thrilled! Are you? Many Christians seem sulkily His . . . reluctantly His . . . partially His! What of you? As Jesus takes you into His hands this morning; as He ecstatically cries, "Mine!", can you say, "Yes, Lord! Altogether, utterly, for ever I am thrilled to be Yours!"?

THE PRICE PAID

In Acts 20, 23 we read, "*The Church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood*". From these words, as from our text, we understand that Jesus has paid the price to possess us. Let us consider. . . .

THE PRICE

Paul tells us the price was no less than Himself. He says, "*He loved me and gave Himself for me!*" (Gal. 2. 20). The word "*price*" used in our text indicates an assessment of worth; a setting of value upon prior to purchase. It is the ordinary word commonly used in marketing. Carefully, thoughtfully, Jesus has weighed your worth to Him. He has desired to have you. Then, and not until then, He has paid the price in full. This must amaze you. Since you were spiritually awakened and began to see yourself in God's sight as you really are, you have come to count yourself worthless in every sense. Yet now God's Word tells you that He has desired to have you and has given His only begotten Son to possess you! This price was paid at Calvary! Now, you are His!

PURCHASED FROM WHOM?

This is a question that you may well ask. I have no time to deal extensively with it now but let me, in a few words, ensure that the question does not go altogether unanswered. Recently, I stood in the market place at Ephesus! I can well visualise the busy morning market scene! Many a man, convicted of crime, his life forfeited to the State, is sold as a slave. He has no rights in law. His life and all his personal rights are lost. In order to visit the sin upon the man, and in order to re-imburse

the State, someone else has paid the price and now he is owned body and soul as a slave. You, says the Bible, *were dead in trespasses and sins* and you *were condemned under the law* and your life is forfeit too. The devil has been furiously bidding for you. He seemed likely to have you! Then Christ stepped in. He made you His! You "*were bought with a price*". You are become the freed-man of the Lord (I Cor. 7. 22). He has paid the price. The law has no further claim against you. The devil must give you up to Jesus. "*Sin shall not have any more dominion over you.*" You are no longer a condemned man. Your life is no longer forfeit to the law; but you are His. "*You are not your own; you were bought with a price.*" You are His; utterly and altogether, His.

MISCELLANY

Paper Birds: We have real pleasure in saying that the poem quoted in the contribution under this title in the March/April issue of the *Strict Baptist Mission Herald* came from the pen of Pastor N. R. Perry and appears in the author's book *Life's Beaten Track*.

Misses E. M. Flory and P. White have now moved to Velur (Salem). Their new address is c/o Vyrappa Chettiar, Agraharam, Velur (Salem), Salem District, S. India.

Missionary Movements: We are happy indeed to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Champion and Miss O. R. Knight home on furlough and anticipate with deep interest their reports on the Work of God in India.

Miss R. Bucknall, of Bedworth, was unanimously accepted by the Council on March 4th, 1966, for Missionary Training in preparation for work in India.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ryan: May the Lord graciously bless our colleagues who were married in February at the end of Conference. They are now serving the Lord together in and around Morupatti.

THE TREASURY — **FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1966**

	Received	Paid
General Fund ..	£3218	£3431
Special Funds ..	236	281
	£3454	£3712

February and March have been encouraging months, and giving has exceeded last year. We do thank God as we learn of those "constrained to give". Our missionaries in their Conference planned for future development, and we are already facing the extra cost which these plans entail. We also face heavy costs in connection with our Mission vehicles. Indian roads impose heavy strains on them. But these vehicles enable our missionaries to "go everywhere preaching the Word".

Anonymous gifts gratefully acknowledged: Chichester £6; Anon. £5; Halesworth £5; "No name" £5; Brighton 15s.

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General Secretary: PASTOR P. H. CREES, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission, literature, Prayer Union, and areas of work should be addressed.

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1. **SHIPS FOR GOSPELS.** A simple and useful way of helping forward the distribution of God's Word. Start your Sunday School collecting ship halfpennies and so supply the great need for Tamil Gospels. Please ask for details.
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DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1966
(God willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—JULY 3rd, Stowmarket; 10th, Smarden; 17th, Brighton, Ebenezer; 24th, Ipswich, Whitton.

AUGUST 21st, Wetherden.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. G. F. Champion.—JULY 3rd, Waldringfield; 5th, Kesgrave; 10th, Prittlewell; 13th, Hastings; 20th, Beirton; 24th, Wandsworth, West Hill; 31st, Wattisham.

AUGUST 12th-26th, F.O.Y. House Party, New Milton.

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AUGUST 12th-26th, F.O.Y. House Party, New Milton.

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ADDRESS: 1 Grosvenor Road, Watford, Herts.

Miss O. R. Knight.—July 6th, Warboys, Ladies' Meeting; 10th, Ipswich, Bethesda, Ladies Bible Class; 12th, Southport W.M.; 13th, Royton; 19th, Tring; 20th, Wandsworth, West Hill; 25th, Brentford; 28th, Leyton; July 30th to August 15th, Pioneer Camp, Beeston Regis.

ADDRESS: 150 Moulsham Drive, Chelmsford, Essex.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—JULY 5th, Stoke Ash; 7th-8th, Stowmarket; 13th, Greenwich; 14th, Staines, Afternoon and Evening.

AUGUST 6th-13th, F.O.Y. House Party, New Milton.

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

Pastor D. J. Moon.—JULY 24th, Brockley, Suffolk.

Deputation Secretary: Mr. E. Orchard.—JULY 17th, Pemberton; 20th, Old Hill, Ebenezer, Spring Meadow; July 29th to August 12th, Pioneer Camp, Stoke Fleming.

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DEPUTATION SECRETARY

Special Notice.—On the 1st Sunday in July, Mr. E. Orchard commences Pastoral Ministry in fellowship with the Church at West Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Recognition Services will (D.V.) be held on July 9th. The warm-hearted and willing co-operation of the Church will make it possible for Mr. Orchard to continue as **Deputation Secretary** of the Mission. *Please notice the new address to which correspondence regarding DEPUTATION meetings and services should now be sent.*

KOLLIS, 1958-1966

Dr. R. M. HARRIS

When in 1958 God called us to leave Vazhavanthi and go to the Northern Kollis, it all seemed so impossible. Where should we stay? there were no Mission buildings? How should we know where to go? How would it all work out?

Now in 1966, on looking back we can see how wonderfully God has led us, and made possible all that He has required of us; great is His faithfulness.

When we asked God for His pattern for the work, He made it clear to us that He would reveal where we should go and among whom we should stay, by the people concerned inviting us.

Thus far the invitation to any place has been based on medical need and our ability to meet it. God has chosen this means of reaching a people who, as yet, are not conscious of their deep spiritual need.

In 1958-59 at the invitation of the people we did three short camps in the area to which God had called us, and so came to know the people more intimately in their villages. It was a long trek over the Hills, with but little opportunity to make contacts when we were not on camp.

Then at the end of 1959 we came down to Belukurichi, on the Plains, and this has been, as it were, our base from which until now we have visited the Northern Kollis. People from this part of the Hills, in fact, people from all over the Hills visit us here. It is wonderful to realise how in this small village God had this house all prepared for us, newly built and suitable for our needs.

At the beginning of 1960 an invitation came to stay on the lower part of the Hills, at the extreme Northern end, in the barn of one of the most influential men in this area. We shared this barn with the rats, and there we learned how to live under a leaky roof in the rainy weather by slinging up plastic sheets to catch the drips.

The pattern of our camps has been very much the same in each place in which we have camped. People come to us for medical treatment and sometimes call us to their homes. We visit in the villages, giving out tracts, and selling Scripture portions. Little meetings are held for village children, when they are taught Bible stories, texts and choruses. We were invited to this place about six times and did camps of up to two months duration.

There came a time when this barn was needed for other purposes and the door to the Hills, except for a visit to Vazhavanthi, was closed. But God had a plan. He led us to Nadukombai, where, during 1962-64 we camped

about six times. We stayed in the Forest Bungalow and from there we visited the thirteen villages of Kolli Hill people, and farms, where we met people of various castes.

At the beginning of 1965 when we were wondering whenever we should get back to the Hills, and at a time when we had asked for special prayer about this matter in the Prayer Union Calendar, the door opened again. How thrilled we were.

It was through Raman who had brought his wife for treatment down to Belukurichi, that we received a warm invitation to his village, a very small out-of-the-way village and one perhaps which we should not have chosen ourselves, but that is the place to which God led us. This visit started off a chain-reaction. During the five happy weeks we were here right on the upper part of the Hills again, people came from a village a mile further on and asked us to stay with them next time. They offered us the use of three barns, luxury indeed, but do not imagine great English barns. These barns are just little thatched huts, ten to twelve feet by eight to nine feet. It meant we could have a separate hut for the Hospital and need not bring a tent.

This second camping place was a good centre with large villages, by Kolli Hills standards, in the neighbourhood. We stayed here for over eight weeks, and before we left had been asked to go next time to another village a mile further on. We were offered similar facilities, and this time each of the barns had a door, which meant more privacy.

This third camping place also proved a good centre for reaching hitherto unreached villages.

During our second camp we were invited over to Vazhavanthi to join the Christians there in special meetings, and on our third camp we received a warm invitation to spend Christmas with them. We praise God for these opportunities to have fellowship with our Kolli Hill Christian brethren and sisters.

About ten days after returning to Belukurichi from our last camp, two men from the Kollis brought a third man for dental extraction. When on enquiry they found that we had no plans for the future they asked us to go to a village in Tirupulli, about six miles from where we last stayed.

So God has led us on from place to place, as faithful to the least of His servants in this day and generation, as He was to Abraham in the days of old. You may well ask, as we do, "What fruit has there been as a result of all this effort?" If by fruit you mean the count of souls saved, the answer is "None as far as we know," and yet surely He purposeth a crop. We would say with Job, "I know that Thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted."

JULY 10th

SPECIAL DAY
OF PRAYER

ENGLAND
INDIA
AUSTRALIA

We hope every Church will join us in prayer for the deep needs of India.

JULY 31st

CLOSE OF THE
FINANCIAL YEAR

Please send all moneys for the Mission as soon as possible before the closing date for the year's account.

Financial Secretary:
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10 Bradfield Crescent,
Hadleigh, Ipswich,
Suffolk.

NO LACK?

ONE THING THOU LACKEST

J. B. JONES

A few weeks back I went and fetched the doctor from Elayirampannai, a distance of three miles, to a woman in a nearby village, who had been in labour for three days. It was a dark and miserably wet night and the doctor had only agreed to come if transport was provided. I was asked to go in the Mission Jeep because this would be quicker than a bullock cart and the young woman's life was in danger. Soon after the doctor and his midwife arrived at the house the baby was born, a lovely little girl. Being the first child the family were happy, but doubtless would have been overjoyed if the child had been a boy. It is always the hope of the Indian family that a boy will be the first born child.

Then, three days after the baby's birth, the elder brother of the new mother came and invited us to their house. We gladly accepted the invitation and he arranged the time that we should be ready and he would come and escort us to the house. At the appointed time we

were all ready and then we waited, and waited, and when we were about to "give him up" he came, very late. We went to the village and as we entered the house, a very comfortable one by Indian village standards, most of the inhabitants of the village attempted to come with us, but our host kindly and gently removed them and then shut the main door of the house.

We were introduced to the young mother and saw her baby, but we were alarmed to see how thin it was and were sorry to see a large boil already on its head. It was so easy for the thought to come into our minds that they were not caring for the baby properly as she was "only a girl!"

As requested, we had brought our baby Richard with us and he was soon making friends with all the people in the house. Passed from one to another to be held and admired he did not make a murmer, rather, sensing that he was becoming the centre of attraction he smiled and smiled until he had quite won the hearts of all.

After general conversation we made it known that we must leave. Upon hearing this, the room was completely emptied and we were served with numerous Indian snacks, plus oranges, grapes and plaintains. There being too much provided we had to leave a great quantity untouched. As we left we were given a lovely piece of silk for our baby and the remainder of the food plus some more!

The elder brother returned with us to the bungalow and on the journey told us how much land his family owned, how many goats and fowls, how many bullocks and cows. The father had a shop in the village and he himself was working as a schoolteacher, and he even told us his salary. The husband of the new mother was a hotel owner and indeed, they lacked nothing at all as a family.

Yet, they did lack something, or rather, Someone. For their home was one in which Jesus Christ was not Lord. He was not their personal Saviour, neither did they know anything of His forgiveness of sins of the peace of God in their hearts. Yes, these people had a great lack, but they knew it not. They need not have told us of their possessions for it was at once evident that they were well favoured with this world's goods. Will you pray with us that further contact may be made with this family and others like them who do not realise their supreme need—Jesus Christ.

VELUR — STRATEGIC OUTREACH

ETHEL M. FLORY

"Why don't missionaries go and live in Velur?" "Velur is a growing town, and shoud have a Christian witness." "There used to be a Sunday School in Velur; why was it discontinued?" These and similar questions constantly being asked by Indian friends, together with other indications, made us search our hearts and wonder if the Lord was leading us to live and work in this place. In 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Moon were able to live here for one year. But since then shortage of missionary personnel have made it impossible for Velur to have resident missionaries.

However, in the 1964 Conference, it was decided that, provided a suitable rented house was available, and that there was a proficient language teacher able to give Tamil tuition to Miss White, the two of us should take up residence here in 1966.

The Lord has answered prayer in these respects, and in March of this year we were able to move into this town. Velur is an expanding town with a population of upwards of 20,000 people. Some fifteen miles south-west of Namakkal, it is strategically centred at the junction of four main roads. It is the site of a bridge spanning the River Cauvery, and buses and lorries pass through Velur to cross the river on their way to the southern tip of India and the city of Madurai. Velur also has a large student population, having high schools for both girls and boys, and a college where young folk can take a B.A. degree course. The proximity of the "sacred" River Cauvery means that Hindu temples abound, and at festival times people come from long distances to bathe in the waters of this river, in the hope of obtaining merit. The river brings fertility, and even in this time of famine and barrenness, we look out from our windows to vast expanses of lush green rice fields, plantations of bananas and sugar cane, and coconut palms.

We are living in the upstairs part of an Indian house; the owner and his wife live downstairs. They, and all our neighbours, are Hindus. Indeed we have only been able to discover one Christian family in the town. There is no Christian place of worship of any kind. An irrigation channel passes close to our front door, so all day long (and at night as

well when it is moonlight) we hear the rhythmic slap-slap of washermen banging clothes in their efforts to get them clean.

Our neighbours are mostly people of high caste, many of them Brahmans. But they are friendly to us; many have visited us, showing great curiosity in our way of life. They also invite us to their homes, and are specially delighted to hear Gospel gramophone records in Tamil.

We believe that the Lord has "much people" in Velur, and we look to Him to fulfil His purpose in sending us here. Pray that the glory of the Lord will be revealed in Velur.



Washing bullocks, drawing drinking water, washing clothes, and carts in the "sacred" River Cauvery at Mohanur, not far from Velur, the home of Miss E. M. Flory and Miss P. White. *Photo: H. A. Huckett.*

BOUGHT ! ! Pastor J. E. HOAD

(Notes of an address given at the Missionary Youth Week-end.)

PURCHASED BY CHRIST

Here again, the word used is the ordinary market language. We find it in this Scripture: "Send them away to *buy* food for themselves" (Matt. 14: 15) and in "The disciples had gone into the city to *buy* food" (John 4: 8). There is nothing mystical or obscure about the language of

our text. Plainly stated, and indisputably enforceable, you are His "purchased possession"; that is, in the words of our text, "you are not your own; you are *bought* with a price". Jesus has every right to hold you in His hands this morning and claim you His! Look down at that Bible in your hands. You wanted it. You planned to have it. You counted it of value to you. You went for it. You paid for it. It is yours! That is exactly what Jesus has done for you. He paid the price and you are His! He holds you in His hands this morning and He cries, "Mine!" "Love so amazing, so divine, demands . . ." Ah! but what is it receiving? Is the purchase being proclaimed by you?

THE PURCHASE PROCLAIMED

The Bible says, "Whether we live or we die, we are the Lord's" (Rom. 12: 8). The fact of the purchase is declared in the Gospel and is to be demonstrated in our lives continually. It is . . .

DECLARED IN THE GOSPEL

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." This is the Gospel which has brought salvation to you. "Christ died for us." . . . "The Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3: 18). There is no Gospel of salvation for us sinners apart from this good news of the purchase by Christ Jesus. This purchase is to be . . .

DEMONSTRATED CONSTANTLY IN THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

Every time that we come to God in prayer and enjoy access to Him, the Holy Spirit "witnesses with our spirits that we are the sons of God". The fact that we can call Him "Father" is such a demonstration. In fact, we find that God is our Father; He loves us like a Father; He listens to us like a Father; He answers us as a Father does. The new relationship is real. The evidence of His Spirit in us begins to appear and "the fruits of the Spirit" are seen. The image of Christ is seen too! The distinctiveness of the Master begins to shape the character of the servant. Forgiveness, that is guilt replaced by peace through the blood of Jesus, is a further declaration that we are His in fact. We belong to the family. The Father is ours. The family's privileges are ours to enjoy. We are His, indeed! As the Bible says here, "You are not your own", you belong to Jesus Christ.

COMMENT

HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS. Once again we have to record the Lord's goodness. The meetings were not so largely attended as last year, but representative congregations listened with deep attention to the reports of the Lord's work in India. In the evening a special announcement by the President referred to the opening up of new areas of work and asked for the earnest prayers of God's people that in this matter the Mission might be led aright.

NORTH-WESTERN MISSIONARY GATHERINGS. It is proposed, God-willing, to hold these gatherings at Southport on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1966. Churches in the locality will be notified with details, and we should be most grateful for the fellowship of God's people in these meetings.

RAYS FROM THE EAST RALLY. Sunday School teachers, friends, and especially boys and girls are invited to this meeting on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th. For further particulars see local advertisements.

WILTSHIRE WHITSUN WEEKEND. The General Secretary speaks of special blessing and joy at these annual gatherings. At Devizes the Church rejoiced to see one young lady make open confession of her Lord in baptism, and the Fellowship at Hilmarton saw one of the members of their congregation called by grace. To God be the glory.

THE TREASURY **APRIL-MAY, 1966**

	Received	Paid
General Fund, Including Legacies £200	£3477	£3923
Special Funds	£260	£400
	£3737	£4323

We are drawing near to the end of our financial year, July 31st, and so far this year we have been encouraged by the steady maintenance of the flow of gifts for the work. July is a very busy month for our Financial Secretary, and if you are a Local Secretary and have to send in your balance, it will be a great help to him if this could be done well before the end of the month.

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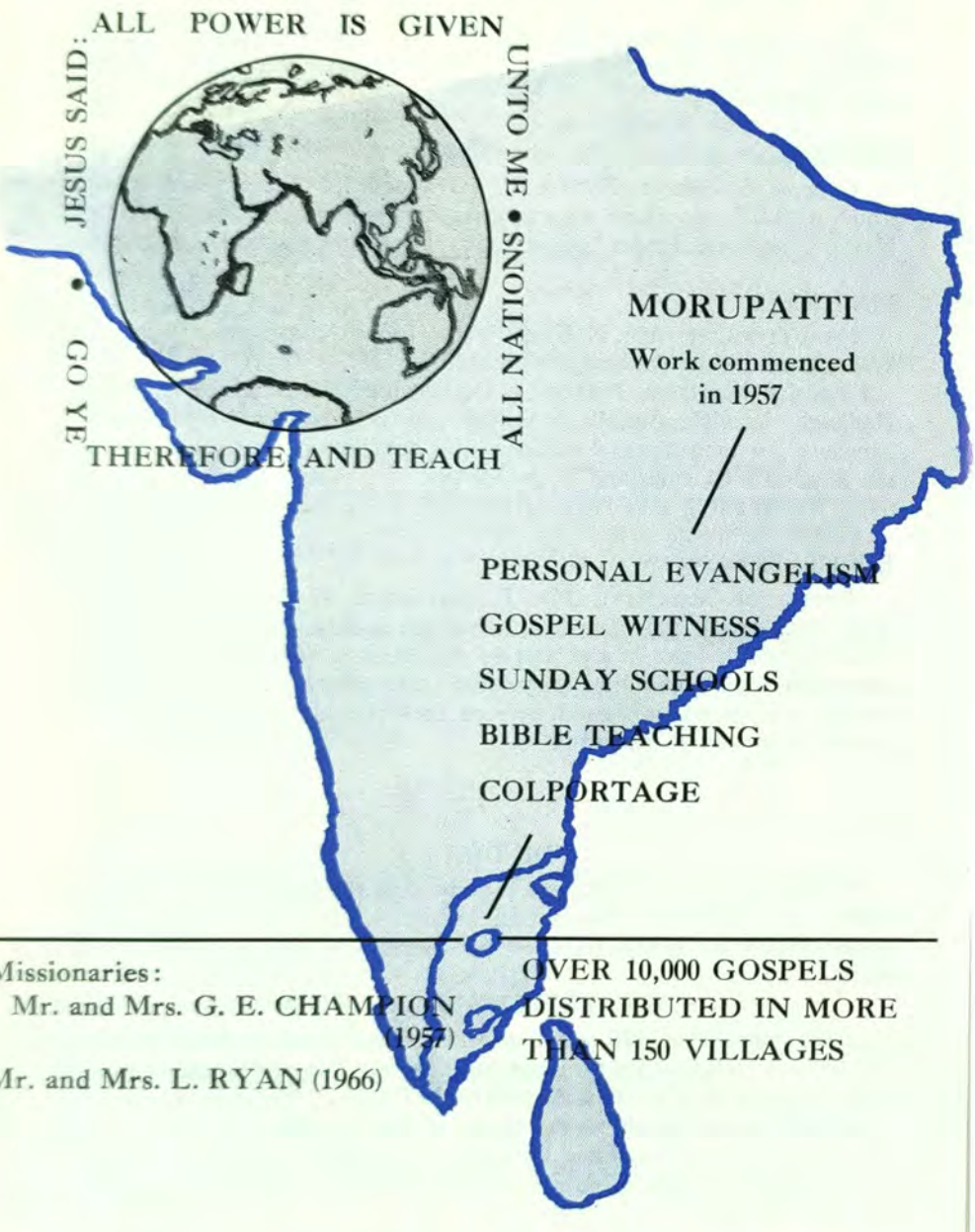
DINDIGUL

This town in South India will soon become the centre for the Mission Radio and Literature Distribution ministries. It is a strategic centre from which these special parts of our witness can help all areas of our work.

TIRUNELVELI AND RAMNAD

After more than 100 years of witness and work in these districts the Mission feels that the time has come for us to move to areas in which there is a great need for the preaching of the Gospel. Please pray earnestly that the Lord will guide to the places of His appointment. Pray, also, for the Christian groups and Churches which will be left in Tirunelveli and Ramnad that the Mission's moving may be over ruled of the Lord for their blessing.

Mission to the Tamil People



TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

1966





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சிறந்த சேவை

(இரண்டாம் பதிப்பு)

PRAY FOR BLESSING UPON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

SEE "HOME WITH THREE DAYS TO SPARE."

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1966 (God willing)

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OCTOBER 2nd, Cransford; 3rd, Waldringfield; 4th, Streatham, Hambro Road; 6th, Brentford; 9th, Homerton; 12th, Croydon, Derby Road; 19th, St. John's Wood; 20th, Belvedere; 22nd, Haslemere, Y.P.S.; 23rd, Staines; 25th, Annual Meetings; 28th, Ipswich, Zoar, Y.P.S.; 30th, Stoke Ash.

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Miss O. R. Knight.—SEPTEMBER 4th, Ipswich, Whitton S.S.; 7th, Blakenham; 8th, Ipswich, Mt. Zion; 11th, Colchester S.S.; 13th, Croydon District Ladies Meeting; 14th, Halstead; 15th, Brentford; 17th, Rays Rally; 21st, Horham, 24th, London, F.O.Y. Rally; 25th, Kensall Gospel Mission; 27th, Mendlesham Green; 28th, Rishangles.

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Miss L. S. Hazel.—OCTOBER 4th, Stratford, Gurney Road; 5th, Bexleyheath; 11th, Bury; 12th, Royton; 13th, Accrington; 14th, Royton; 25th, Annual Meetings.

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Pastor D. J. Moon.—SEPTEMBER 11th, Egham. OCTOBER 9th, Willenhall.

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RED TAPE—AND RECORDERS!

The clerk in the Post Office slowly turned my Postal Order over and over in his hand. I was on holiday at the time, 200 miles away from the town of Kovilpatti where we had been living. And the Postal Order was made out to be cashed in the town of our residence, not the town of our holiday. That was his problem!

"I cannot cash this order," he said. "You must take it to the Post Office in your town, because I do not know you."

Technically he was right. I couldn't argue. But I wished he could have cashed that order. . . . Then he said, "You are from Kovilpatti?"

"Yes."

"Do you know anything about the Goodnews Broadcasts that come from there?"

I smiled, and answered, "Yes, I produce those programmes in our studio there."

Now it was his turn to smile—a broad, happy smile. "Oh, then I suppose I can say I know you," he said. "I listen to those broadcasts; I know you."

And he cashed the Postal Order right away!

How many more—like him—are listening to our Gospel programmes? They may never write (although well over 2,000 have written); and we may never meet them; but they are listening regularly, and they know us, and our Saviour through what they hear.

H. J. Appleby.

Ninety-six letters were received in June, seventy-two of which were from new writers, seventy-five from Tamilnad. There were forty-three requests for literature.

NORTHERN GATHERINGS

will, D.V., be held at

PRINCES STREET STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL, SOUTHPORT

on SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER, 1966

at 3.00 and 6.00 p.m.

Tea will be provided

Chairmen: **Pastor J. Marsden (Preston)**
Pastor J. H. Laver (Southport)

Speakers: **Missionary G. F. Champion**
General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees
Deputation Secretary, Pastor E. Orchard

MISSION BOOKSTALL IN SCHOOLROOM

SPECIAL NOTE—If you hope to be present at tea time, please inform
MR. JOHN LAVER, 29 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE, SOUTHPORT, LANCS.

CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS

This is a text that used to puzzle me as a child. The only casting of bread in the waters that I knew anything about was feeding the ducks in the pond in the local park. But what did that last part of the verse mean: "thou shalt find it after many days"?

Here in Velur we see something of the significance of these words, as we look from our window and see seed being scattered on the flooded fields. It may seem wasteful, throwing precious rice grain into the water in a time of famine. But later it springs up as bright green shoots, ready to be transplanted into other flooded areas, and if conditions are favourable, there will be a harvest—after many days.

Up to about twelve years ago a Biblewoman was living and witnessing in Velur. She was a widow, but her husband had previously laboured with her as a preacher for many years. When she retired, there was little apparent result from her ministry. Velur had no church, and the women whom she had faithfully taught still continued in their Hindu way of life and worship.

One day Miss White and I were in a coffee shop, when an elderly woman called out to us, "Are you worshippers of Jesus Swami?" She seemed overjoyed when we replied in the affirmative. "Have you got His Book?" and produced the money from a knotted corner of her sari to buy a Gospel of Luke. "Can you read?" we asked. "No, but my son will read it to me. I have worshipped only Jesus for fifteen years, since the Biblewoman used to come and teach me. He has done so much for me. Please come to my house and teach me more about Him." We found her knowledge to be incomplete. She was daily praying before a picture of the Lord Jesus. But she was quite sure that He had died for her sins, and would take her to Himself, to His Home above.

Such experiences encourage us to cast the living Bread on the waters of humanity around us. Scarcely a day passes without someone saying, "Come to my house and teach me". There has been no difficulty in getting entrance into even high caste houses. Surely this is an indication that we are in the place of the Lord's choice for us at present. Time and



The House at Velur

strength are the only limiting factors to our wider ministry. The problem faces us—shall we sow the seed as widely as possible, or concentrate on giving regular consecutive Bible teaching to a smaller group of people who show real interest? Our Lord is the Lord not only of the Harvest, but also of the Sowing, and we see our need of His guidance as we "cast our bread upon the waters".

E. M. Flory.

105th ANNUAL MEETINGS

at

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL

on

OCTOBER 25th, 1966

11.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m., 3.15 p.m., 6.15 p.m.

Speakers: Missionaries home on furlough—

Mr. and Mrs. Champion, Mr. P. A. Grist, and Miss O. R. Knight.

TEA TICKETS 2/- **BOOKROOM**

Refreshments can be provided for some Delegates after 12.30 p.m.

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REPORT ON CONTINENTAL TOUR
May 1966

First of all I must give heartfelt praise to our gracious God for all His wonderful provision in a very demanding tour, and for all the splendid travel arrangements made for me.

The hospitality that I enjoyed both from the Pastors and in the Churches was a great experience of Christian love and fellowship. It is difficult and unwise to pick out one above the other in this matter but as an illustration of the ministry given to me and the Mission may I say that our brother Pastor Buhler spent almost a whole week with me in the Churches and in the homes of the Pastors.

Before I went I made it clear that I was not going on a fund raising tour but simply to tell of the work of the Lord through the S.B.M. Nevertheless, the gifts of the Churches to the work amounted to £241 17s. 2d.

The Lord enabled me to minister in eleven different Churches and to give sixteen messages in fourteen days. The work of the S.B.M. must have been made known to at least 1,000 people for there was an average of about seventy at the services and it is well to be reminded that the majority of the services were in the week.

As you will know, there was some interest and prayerful support of the Mission before my visit and it was this that gave rise to the request to visit the Continent and tell them more of the work of the Lord. Everywhere I went I found a keen desire to know more and this was shown not only in the talks I gave and the slides I showed, but in the dozens of questions that were asked afterwards and the times of prayer that followed the meetings. The meetings did not start till late, 8.00 or 8.30, but they went on till 10.30 and even later, and it was not just talk but an earnest seeking for information about the work. There will be many more people praying for us regularly as a result of the visit, I am glad to say.

There were four reasons for the deep interest in the work of the S.B.M. (*a*) Our fundamental and Scriptural position. (*b*) Our doctrinal position and practice that is so similar to their own. (*c*) The Church based government of the Mission. (*d*) The fact that it is a well organised Mission and yet not in any sense a missionary society.

"RAYS" RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1966, at 3.30 p.m.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.14

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS and **PASTOR M. TOOGOOD**

ROLL CALL :: DRINKS PROVIDED

Reserve the date
Advertise the Rally
Your scholars are invited
Support us by prayer

I was impressed with the progressive and evangelical outlook of the Churches on the Continent in the Evangelical Association of French-speaking Baptist Churches. As examples of their evangelical outreach one could mention (*a*) The literature work of the Brussels and Mulhouse Churches. (*b*) The prayerful hopes of beginning new work in various places. (*c*) The rebuilding of Valentigney Chapel because it is too small for the congregation. (*d*) A number of the Pastors have charge of more than one work in their outreach to the people. (*e*) The training of Congolese Christians to return to the Congo in an evangelical and teaching ministry.

The missionary interests of the Churches are quite widespread but they are much more the missionary interests of the individual Churches than the united and concentrated effort which we know over here. There is a tremendous missionary field in Paris and in Brussels especially in the University where there are 80,000 students. The centre of France is almost entirely unevangelised and is a strong Roman Catholic area. There are some 8-10 Baptist groups in Austria, but otherwise it is solidly Roman Catholic. There is quite an interest in Spain where the situation at least in the towns seems to be easier from a Protestant missionary point of view.

Summing up, I would say that their interest in the S.B. Mission has increased, that many will be praying for us regularly, that they are quite committed to their own missionary interests, that they would be quite ready and willing to help us where they possibly can and that they look forward to closer co-operation in the days to come.

Pastor P. H. Crees, General Secretary.

PONGAL WEEK-END

Pongal means "Boiling" and is a Harvest Festival when special flavoured rice is prepared. The nearer one lives to the villagers the more one sees of their customs. Pongal is a three-day Festival and this year it was celebrated January 13th to 15th. These three days are holidays, and the fact that Mr. Shastri died just preceding these days made no difference to this holiday. After the people had performed the correct ceremonial rites for their late Prime Minister they went straight on to Pongal for Pongal is a "must". During that week-end my husband and I were invited to the home of an old friend who was a boy in the days we lived in Kovilpatti. His name is Samuel, he is a teacher, now married, living in Tanjore District, barely half a dozen miles from the east coast. We were invited to conduct the memorial service of the mother of this young man who had been trying to get us to his village for many months.

As it was holiday time Samuel could invite many friends and relatives, some of whom are Hindus. It was a longish journey but they invited us to stay a week-end so we left Saturday and the journey took some four or five hours in the mission van. Samuel met us and then rode with us to conduct us to his village which was off the main road. We were disappointed to find that recent rains made the bullock cart track impassable for the van so we had to stop and decide what to do. We had to unpack and repack in the middle of a muddy field. As it was two miles to Samuel's house there was a suggestion that they call a bullock cart for hire but they remembered that it was Marddu Pongal, which means that the mardu kal, bullocks are given a holiday too on one of the three days, which is not a bad idea as the animals work hard the rest of the year. So four of us carried the bare minimum of luggage to the village. We took camp cots but no bedding, we needed a change of clothing but left mosquito nets behind, making sure we had the anti-mosquito oil. We were accommodated in the school building quite comfortably where I had a corner shut off by a mat curtain, while my husband shared the rest of the long room with the men of the party. The evening meeting was well attended but we had to put up with much noise and an unusual performance outside the school.

About twenty yards from the school there was enacted the performance of a Marddu Pongal ceremony and after our service which had many Hindu spectators peering through the windows, we watched their performance for many hours. The men dug a trench about twelve feet long and a foot deep in which the women placed sticks of firewood and on top

a row of black mud pots in which they had water covered by brass vessels of milk. As the water boiled in went the rice, then gradually the heated milk, brown sugar, grated coconut and spicy herbs. It is delicious! These fires could be seen in the gathering darkness all over the village. The two rows of women squatting and tending the fires, children cavorting with glee, men running around bringing firewood, breaking coconuts and scraping them on the iron scrapers, made a bizarre scene in the glare. After an hour of this boiling the pots were lifted off the fire and placed in a circle near by. In the evening coolness old folk sat by the fires.

Then the next hour was spent in lighthearted dancing and entertainment—nothing evil, just an abandonment of themselves to fun when some of the young women and girls in their new clothing formed themselves into a circle and danced the "kummi" which is a slow moving circle of dancing and singing with much laughter and clapping of hands, while the men and boys sat and watched. Then about midnight the women opened the pots of rice and handed out large iron spoonfuls to the men and boys with eager outstretched hands. There was some sort of ceremony when the rice was dedicated to the gods but it did not seem to take long. They all ate their handfuls straight from the hands, either squatting or walking about, and as usual, the meal did not take nearly as long to eat as it did for the women to cook. Even the bulls were given a token taste, and as there were many animals tethered nearby, they would have consumed a good bit, but it was their only pleasure in Marddu Pongal for next day as we journeyed home we saw in several places crowds gathered to watch another performance when bags of coins are tied between the horns of some of the animals and the young men of the village will chase the animals, the first to catch the animal keeping the money. The bulls are often too exhausted to continue running, while there have been severe cases of goring in the mad rush.

We were able to sleep several hours after that night's performance and the next day, Sunday, we held a service for Samuel and his relations in the school. After a delicious meal cooked by Samuel's wife we made our way back, walking to the van. Samuel was very grateful for this visit for they are the only Christians in that village. He gave R. 15 toward the cost of the petrol and begged us to visit them again. There are hundreds of young Christian teachers who are transferred to out of the way villages who live a lonely life as far as fellowship is concerned. Please pray for them.

Doris A. Kuhrt.

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was far beyond the hopes of any F.O.Y.er or Missionary. Missionary John Field, in a taped message from India, voiced the joy and thanks of the Mission Staff, and described the vehicle which it was planned to build. Mr. Roy Leaver, our Treasurer, sketched the dramatic and startling way in which the gifts had arrived, giving him a very hectic two years. While some had made jam; got frozen whilst carol singing; enjoyed sausage sizzles; others had just plugged away at regular small gifts. With a further word of acknowledgement to the Lord he then handed to Mr. N. Cox, Treasurer of the S.B.M., a token cheque for £100. (The remainder will be kept invested until required by the S.B.M.)

Mr. Cox, in a gracious word of thanks, emphasised the great joy which his fellow officers in the Mission had experienced in the knowledge that F.O.Y.ers were working along with the Mission in this wonderful way (1 Samuel 14: 6, 7). The Vice-President of the S.B.M. added his own word of appreciation and then, as we stood, led us in a prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication, that the purchase of the Bookmobile might be a step in bringing the Lord's blessing to many Tamilians. The Choir's able rendering of *Send the Light* concluded this part of the programme, and it remained for Mr. Philip Grist to challenge both Christian and unbeliever from Ezekiel 3: 18 (the passage having been read earlier by Mrs. Brenda Champion). We pray that the Lord will use that most powerful message.

The offering amounted to £66 12s., and will be devoted to the project, less the expenses of the Rally. We were sorry that the President and Secretary of the S.B.M. were unable to be present.

This Rally had been announced as a unique occasion, and it certainly was! The presence of the Lord was very real in that wonderful setting. Our grateful thanks to all those who helped.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Grist on the birth of Margaret Ruth on 5.7.66.

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THE TREASURY **JUNE-JULY, 1966**

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund	£5926	£2233
Special Funds	395	18
	£6321	£2251

Our Financial Secretary has been kept very busy throughout the last few weeks of our Financial Year, which ended 31st July. We thankfully record that giving has been maintained during the year, but with the expansion of our work the expenditure has grown more rapidly than has our income. Among the items received was £55 from our "Stamp Corner". We are grateful for this new source of income.

Anonymous gifts thankfully acknowledged: A.K. £1.

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HOME!
WITH THREE DAYS TO SPARE

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Two items of news thrilled the hearts of about six hundred people who gathered in the large marquee, kindly loaned by the Suffolk and Norfolk Association, in Haughley Park, near Stowmarket, on June 11th, for the Bookmobile Thanksgiving Rally: first, the target of £2,500 was reached first post on Wednesday, 8th June, and had already been exceeded by £80, and second, news was received from India that a Standard 20 1-ton chassis had been ordered from the Standard Motor Company of Madras and the deposit paid. The delivery date is five months, and prayer is requested that this may be adhered to.

The F.O.Y.ers who came from places as remote as London, and Hinckley, not to mention Whittlesey, conserved their energy by enjoying the beautiful rolling parkland in lazy, mineral- and tea-drinking style, to expend it later in the hearty singing of the Rally itself. Missionary Philip Grist was heard to remark that he wished he were back in nice, cool India! The few who took part in a very sweaty game of "Crocket", deserved special mention for providing excellent entertainment, as does the London Coach which nearly got stamped with little lions in the egg-packing station which stands in another part of the park.

A Suffolk Area Choir led Community Hymn Singing and also gave an item in the Rally, under the leadership of Mr. John Day, who claimed to have sacrificed the luxury of razor blades for the good of the project! Our President, Pastor Day, directed the proceedings in his characteristic friendly but efficient manner. The General Secretary, Pastor Geoff Blake, tried to recall the doubts and fears of the early days of decision in the Project, pointing out that it all arose from a simple suggestion in an S.B.M. business meeting, and that the Lord had worked in a way which

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TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER
1966



THE SIMPLE LIFE
"Laundry? You just wash your things . . . slapping them on stones . . .".
Photo: Philip A. Grist.



The "slapping" continues. The Dhobie at work.
Photo: Philip A. Grist.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1966
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Miss O. R. Knight.—NOVEMBER 2nd, Hadleigh, Suffolk; 3rd, Chelmsford; 7th, Devizes; 8th, Trowbridge; 9th, Bradenstoke; 12th, Streatham; 14th, Bromley; 15th, Epsom; 16th, Lewisham/Greenwich; 21st, West Ham; 22nd, Homerton; 23rd, Chingford; 24th, Basildon; 29th, Woolwich; 30th, Potten End.

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Miss L. S. Hazel.—NOVEMBER 3rd, Walthamstow; 9th, Grundisburgh.

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Mr. C. M. Howells.—NOVEMBER 27th, Stretham, Cambs.

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THE TREASURY — AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1966

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund	£924	£1932
Special Funds	8	78
	£932	£2010

Anonymous gifts thankfully received: Ipswich, £5 10s.; Anon., £2.

LETTER BOX –SEPTEMBER

Despite the fact that the times of our programmes have been changed, we received fifty-four letters this month, some of them extremely interesting. It is clear that we have quite a widespread regular listening audience and also that we touch the lives of, and try to deal (with the Lord's help) with the problems of, many people. Below are extracts from four letters which came during the last couple of weeks, for your interest and prayer.

ORISSA

. . . I am ordering these books (a Bible, on baptism, on the Holy Spirit, on prayer, and on victory over sin) before I leave the Hindu religion and become a Christian. Humbly I ask you please to pray that the blessing of God, the love of Jesus and the annointing of the Holy Spirit may rest upon me . . .

MADRAS

. . . I am a Hindu but I have been wanting to learn about other religions for many days—especially the Christian religion and its wise ways. It is a help to me in this respect to listen to your radio programmes. Please send me through the post your free Bible lessons and a life of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world . . .

TIRUNELVELI

. . . I and my family are happy to listen to your radio programme often. However, we have not been able to hear it from Sunday. Please let us know at what time and on what meter band we may now hear your programme. Please let us know the times and the meter bands of any other Christian radio programmes that we may listen to. Praise the Lord for your Christian service . . .

CHITTOOR

. . . we cannot forget the child whom the Lord has taken to Himself. We are sorrowing all the time that she is not with us. We are always thinking of all the things she did when she was with us . . . Please pray that our minds may be comforted. We do believe that it is all the Lord's will, but we are so sad . . .

Mrs. H. J. Appleby.



Group of Christian women with Dr. Ruth and Miss M. E. Harris at Valavanthinadu. Pastor Paulraj, of Sendamangalam, and Mr. W. H. Kuhrt in background.

Photo: Paul Chackravarthi.

A MEMORABLE CAMP

A number of things went to make our Tirupulinadu camp a memorable one and one of the happiest. Hitherto, at the human level, we had "gone it alone" in our camping work, two foreigners preaching a foreign religion with the medical work as a friendly point of contact. On this camp however, we had the joy of fellowship with Indian Christians both in worship and in evangelism.

In Mudapali, the village near which we stayed, the school teacher was a young Indian Christian man who had been brought up in Dohnavur. He had received a call from God to serve Him on the Kollis, through Mrs. Brand. We had times of prayer with him, sharing some of his problems, for among the Hill people he was almost as much a foreigner as we were, and still new to their customs.

Hill tribes, because they are somewhat isolated from the rest of the world away up in their hills, are a people on their own, having their own customs and being very much bound together in all that they do. All the villagers are subject to tribal law and must submit to the decision of a meeting of local elders in cases of dispute. People of other castes are not allowed into their homes, but must accept hospitality on the verandah outside. It is rarely that we are allowed inside a house to see a patient, the patient, however ill, has to be brought outside.

On two evenings, after supper, we went with this Christian teacher to hold open-air meetings in a nearby village. The evenings were warm and the people sat attentively, out on their verandahs or on the stone-paved ground outside their houses, on rocks and on the low stone walls

which divide one house from another, while the children sat in a semi-circle in the front, their eyes sparkling in the light of the hurricane lanterns. The teacher did most of the speaking and we also took part. The singing of lyrics was accompanied by a tambourine and cymbals.

The teacher runs a night school for boys and young men, and even older ones too, who are at work all day in the fields, but who want to learn the three Rs and a little English too. On three occasions we went along, down a rocky path, over the stream, and then up over rocks again, along the edges of the terraced fields to the village, to give short talks on the Christian Way illustrated by diagrams on the blackboard. One morning before school this teacher, accompanied by one of us, took some of the children along to another village to sing and talk to the children there.

Another high-light of this camp was when John Abraham, a Hill Christian, came up from Alatur to spend a week-end with us and the teacher. This man was converted about twenty-five years ago, he is a man of property and though he is illiterate he has a good grasp of Scriptural truth. He also has a deep experience of the faithfulness of God, for when he became a Christian he was cast out by his people. On more than one occasion God has appeared on his behalf, in a wonderful way, when he has been in difficult situations. He brought his hand-worked phonette and Gospel recordings with him. During his visit we held open-air meetings in five small villages, at which he was the main speaker. He would have the same record played over and over again, stopping it at times to explain the meaning. This was the only way, he said, the people would come to understand the import of the message. His themes were the stories of Noah and the Prodigal Son. He spoke in a language the people understood, with illustrations that went right home —he was one of themselves. In one village where we were having a meeting a relative of Abraham's came up and gave him such a hearty greeting, it was good to see. He was amongst relations, for his wife had come from this village.

It was Abraham who conducted our Sunday service and times of prayer. He called upon one and another to read and to pray and himself gave the message.

In response to an invitation from Abraham and his family we went down to Alatur and stayed three days with them as their guests. We had the privilege of being present at the baptism of Abraham's daughter, son-in-law and grand-daughter. This was an answer to many years of prayer, for Abraham had longed for the salvation of his only child, and of his son-in-law, at whose hands in the past he had suffered so much. The baptismal service was held in a pool out in the fields, in the presence of a gathering of Hindus, many of whom were relations of the family. Two men had come over from Vazhavanthi to represent the Church there. After the baptismal service we returned to the home, in the front courtyard of which the little Church was inaugurated, with a membership of six persons, consisting of the four members of the family, and two teachers, one of whom was a young Hill man and the other was the

Dohnavur teacher from Mudapali. Then followed the Communion service.

On the three nights we were in Alatur we went out with the group for open-air work in the villages, not getting back until well after 10 o'clock.

We spent ten days in Vazhavanthi. Paul, Mrs. Brand's co-worker, had organised a Vacation Bible School at the request of some 'teenage girls from nominally Christian homes. We were asked to be fellow-workers with him, Pastor Paul Raj of Sendamangalam, and the Dohnavur teacher. We were very conscious of the presence of the Lord with us, in answer to many prayers, as we took two sessions of Bible study, each morning, for five days with a simple test at the end. There were thirteen girls in our classes, most of whom were at High School during term time. There were other children's meetings held during the day, conducted by the menfolk, including a lantern lecture given each night by Pastor Paul Raj, to which adults also came. The children thoroughly enjoyed the singing sessions which were conducted by the Dohnavur teacher and accompanied by tambourines and cymbals.

So God is answering the many prayers of many people over many years for His work on the Kolli Hills, and we praise Him.

Ruth M. Harris.



Baptisms at Valavanthinadu.
Photo: Paul Chackravarthi.

THE SIMPLE LIFE

For nearly a week we have been living with an Indian family in Kerala—humble devout Christians who have given themselves to the Lord's service and also to minister to His servants. We could not help noticing how simple life is for our friends. *Our* way of life is much more

complicated in comparison. For instance, just break a twig off a tree and you have your tooth-brush, a new one every day! Do you want a plate? Just go into the garden or yard and slice a piece off one of the plantain leaves, and you have a lovely green fresh one. A piece folded in the right way can also make a cup. After eating just throw the leaf out—crows or dogs will clean it and then a goat comes along and eats it up. No washing up problems! Fingers do for forks and spoons, and are easily washable.

Toddlers run around in their birthday suits. Not much expense for clothes and nothing to wash. Less problems for mothers! Their problem is, when they do put clothes on them to go to a meeting, how to make the children keep them on! They feel happy and free without them. The floor is an important place in a simple Indian house. Everything can be done on the floor. It can be your seat, your table and your bed. A grass mat suffices for many Indians—no fussing with spring mattresses and pillows, etc. No bed making for the housewife.

Cooking? Ah! That is a more complicated matter, because most food must be prepared "from scratch" from nature's harvest. No prepared foods here. But often an open fire-place of clay or even just three stones can accommodate the fire. Often clay pots suffice for water vessels, but if there can be brass ones they are the housewife's pride. Still, life is hard for the woman. She has to draw the water from the well, and sometimes carry the heavy pots a long distance daily. No piped water to the village houses.

Bathing? No well furnished bathroom in the simple life. Many soap themselves by the well, and then pour buckets of water over their bodies. Others who want a little privacy get behind a few plaited coconut leaves stood on end and do the same. No problem of cold or drying. Any piece of cloth will do and it doesn't take long to dress.

Laundry? Just wash your things at the well, slapping them on the stones and spread them out to dry. The sun will do it for you in a few minutes. No need for a spin-drier. Many do not bother about ironing. A lot can be done by careful spreading out to dry. However, one morning, I discovered one of the visitors ironing his shirt on the verandah wall! He spread a cloth on the flat surface and had a box iron with coconut shell embers in it. These give out a good heat and are easily available as coconuts are much used in cooking.

The next thing I saw was a woman with some vegetables to sell. She did not want to sit down on the dirt, so she looked about and found a flat stone and that was her seat. How simple! One thing you need in Kerala because of the great humidity is a large handkerchief or even a towel to wipe off the perspiration which constantly streams down your face and arms. Now I know why the Indian man's dress often includes a towel or cloth thrown over the shoulder, a very necessary extra!

You do not have to worry about the starting time of services or meetings it seems. Punctuality can bring about a state of irritation if it is transgressed, or a sense of frustration to one who wants things on time. Why worry? Play a few gramophone records and start when the people come. Simplicity itself!



Spinning Cotton. A "spare-time" occupation of many women and girls in India.

Photo: H. A. Huckett.

There has been a convention on and my husband was one of the speakers invited to bring the Lord's message. The meetings were held in a "pandal", a kind of shed of plaited coconut leaves with the sides all open—very convenient when extra numbers come and more room is needed. The place is like a large open-sided booth of plaited leaves, supported by bamboos which also grow a good deal in this humid climate. Lighting is electric—mostly fluorescent tubes, and there is an astonishing tangle of flex wire all around. One open switch I noticed was covered with just a piece of paper! Well, it would be easy to escape if the place went up in flames. Mats were spread on the sandy earth for the people, but there were a few chairs and seats for those who preferred them. I noticed that many of the children as well as grown-ups were careful not to walk ON the mats, so as to avoid bringing the sand on their bare feet on to the mats but stepped in the gaps between till they reached the place where they wanted to sit. I was amazed how quietly most of them sat through hours—yes, HOURS—of meetings. Tinies just lay down and went to sleep—very convenient for the mothers who wanted to attend and listen. There seemed to be great attention given to the messages. How one longed for these dear people to know the Lord in full measure, and live out in a real way the Christian life in the midst of heathen neighbours.

One dear woman came to every meeting three times a day, though she lived about two miles away. Her heart was hungry for the bread of life. She found it, and though her family life is not very happy, because her husband is not interested and is often away, she now has the companionship of her Heavenly Friend. Like Lydia, her heart was opened,

and she opened her house, too, to the Lord's servants, and so as we came away we were requested to go to her house for refreshments and to pray with her and her three dear children and two nieces before we left.

Grace K. Huckett.

ATTENTION PLEASE!

SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING AND FAREWELL SERVICE

There will be a special meeting for prayer and to bid "farewell" to Miss N. Hawes and Miss O. R. Knight who will be returning to India early in the New Year.

PLACE: Chadwell Street Chapel, London, E.C.1.

DATE: December 2nd, 1966.

TIME: 6.45 p.m.

This meeting will take the place of the customary New Year Prayer Meeting and Farewell Service. We should value your presence and fellowship in prayer.

NEW ADDRESSES. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Field now live at C.3, Nehruji Nagar, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Appleby, at C.19, Nehruji Nagar, Trichi Road, Dindigul, Madurai District, S. India.

HOUSE NEEDED. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Field and four children require a furnished or unfurnished house in the Home Counties for about eighteen months from July, 1967. Please write to them at Post Box 28, Dindigul, 1, Madurai District, S. India or to Miss J. Dawson, The Street, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex.

STREATHAM ANNUAL SALE OF WORK. The friends at Streatham would emphasise that their Annual Sale of Work for the Strict Baptist Mission will be held this year on Saturday, November 12th, 1966 (D.V.) at Immanuel Church Hall. The sale commences at 3 p.m. Old and new friends will be very welcome to this special occasion.

DORKING MEETINGS. The Annual Missionary Meetings and Sale of Work will be held (D.V.) in The Oddfellows Hall, High Street, Dorking, on Saturday, November 19th, 1966. Sale of work opens at 2.30 p.m. followed by meetings for Men and Ladies at 3.30 p.m. Evening meeting starts at 6.15 p.m. when Mr. G. F. Champion (from India) and Pastor P. H. Crees (General Secretary) will speak about the work of the Mission. Refreshments: Coloured Transparencies: Collections. Everyone will be warmly welcomed to these meetings. Car Park close to the Hall.

MISS NELLIE HAWES. In answer to much prayer the Lord is taking Miss Hawes back to India for a further term of service among the Tamil people. May the Lord continue to guide His servant and prosper her way giving her the great contentment of seeing blessing upon the work of village evangelism to which she has been called.

MR. & MRS. G. F. CHAMPION. Our colleagues, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Champion, have had to delay their return to India for a few months

on account of the surgical treatment Mrs. Champion recently underwent. We are very glad to know by a letter from Mrs. Champion that she is making a normal recovery, and we earnestly pray that the Lord will be pleased to bless His servants greatly and use this extended time in the homeland to Mrs. Champion's complete recovery. Both Mr. and Mrs. Champion wish to thank sincerely the many friends who have written to them and prayed for them during this trying time.

MISS O. R. KNIGHT. After a very busy and useful furlough in which she has visited many churches, Miss Knight will (D.V.) be returning to India on January 2nd, 1967. The interest of many friends has been quickened in the work of the Mission through the detailed reports which Miss Knight has been able to give. The Lord greatly bless His servant, and renew her in every way for the further work which lies before her in India.

GADSBY'S HYMNS. That greatly used Minister of the Gospel whose hymns are still widely used among Strict Baptist Churches would have been greatly surprised to find his hymns being used as the basis of praise in Tamil: but a quotation from India proves the point, "I have sent several Gadsby Hymns to one of our Tamil poets and suggested that he use the matter to produce some new lyrics for us".—Mr. H. J. Appleby.

BOUGHT!

(Notes on an address given by Pastor J. E. Hoad at a Missionary Youth Weekend. Continued from July/August issue.)

DEMONSTRATED CONSTANTLY IN THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

Every time that we come to God in prayer and enjoy access to Him, the Holy Spirit "witnesseth with our spirits that we are the sons of God". The fact that we call Him "Father" is such a demonstration. In fact, we find that God is our Father; He loves us like a father; He listens to us like a father; He answers us as a father does. The new relationship is real. The evidence of His Spirit in us begins to appear and the "Fruits of the Spirit" are seen. The image of Christ is seen too! The distinctiveness of the Master begins to shape the character of the servant. Forgiveness, that is, guilt replaced by peace through the blood of Jesus, is a further declaration that we are His in fact. We belong to the family. The Father is ours. The Family's privileges are ours to enjoy. We are His, indeed! As the Bible says here, "Ye are not your own . . . ". You belong to Jesus Christ.

POSSESSION CLAIMED

Present your bodies a living sacrifice . . .". . . . and why not? You were dead! Yes! This is your reasonable service (Rom. 12. 1). We cannot "deny the Lord who bought us", as some did, of whom Peter writes (2 Pet. 2. 1) and like some still do! Rather, "may Christ be

magnified in our bodies" (Ph. 1. 20); for "He died for all, that they which live should not live unto themselves but unto Him who died for them" (2 Cor. 5. 15). So then, "You are not your own; you are bought with a price". You are Christ's. As you sit there with your Bible in your hands, so the Lord holds you and claims you His! You are a "Purchased Possession" a "People for God's own possession" (1 Pet. 2. 9).

PURCHASED POSSESSION

Just as our text speaks to us now, "we are not our own". We are . . .

HIS PROPERTY

All that we are is His; for His use; not just for His ownership. Wilberforce bought slaves to save them from slavery. Christ has done more than that for us. He has made us His own . . . His very own, that we should serve Him. He has come into our lives as He has, to claim us as His own property.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

You will greatly assist the work of the General Secretary and his colleagues if you would kindly send your enquiries, etc., direct to the office concerned.

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Mission to the Tamil People

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HIS PRACTICALLY

As we read just now in Paul's words, "It is our reasonable service". How do we fulfil it? Just as Jesus has told us: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". This is our reasonable service. Each one of us is His man in the world. Each is His man in contact with some vital part of His world. There are countless clerks in the world to-day to be reached with His gospel. That is why you must be a *clerk* and go on working among *clerks* in order to preach the gospel to *clerks*. Otherwise they will not hear it! There are many *engineers* to-day; Christ wants *engineer-Christians*. Are you one of HIS *engineers*? The growing number of *chemists and physicists* is a phenomenon of our times. Christ requires *chemists and physicists* among His servants. Multitudes without Christ in India demand that some of you must go there with the gospel. Many of you must answer the Lord's call to other parts of the world. Most of you, as British citizens, are needed here in Britain to make Christ's salvation real to perishing fellow-countrymen in every walk of life. "You are not your own! You are bought with a price!" You are His! Christ's men! Christ's women! Will you not yield your whole selves to Him? He gave Himself for you!

HIS POSITIVELY

His . . . with deliberation and choice . . . with no reserve . . . His here . . . or His there . . . just as He wills. His . . . with body . . . with spirit . . . with your will . . . all that you are . . . all that you can become . . . to live for Him so that, in His hands, the fulness of His purpose shall be achieved in and through you.

Look again at that Bible in your hands . . . your Bible . . . in your hands. You do not want just a fine cover with nothing inside, elegant though it may be. That is not the reason you possess your own Bible. You do not want the contents without the cover. This would not recommend its message to others at all! The cover alone is useless! The coverless contents looks unwanted and become despised and unread. So is it with you in Christ's hands. He wants ALL OF YOU—HIS! Look again at your Bible . . . You want your Bible in daily use, not on the shelf, not just in your hands, but in use bringing blessing every day. so it is with CHRIST JESUS . . . You are His; all of you His! All the time HIS, bringing blessing to others and being blest.

CONCLUSION

Yes! Take your Bible in your hands! Look long at it! Let it speak to you this morning and all the mornings of the morrows yet to come! Let it speak to you of HIM who holds you, this morning, in His hands . . . Whose you are because . . . He chose you, wanted you, loved you, bought you, claims you . . . HIS for HIS OWN USE . . . for His own glory worlds without end.

YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN—YOU ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE—YOU ARE HIS!

RAYS

FROM THE EAST

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, Beryl 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,

Gaye Yarham, Susan Burnard, Angela Cole, Angela Duke, Christine Edwards (Yateley), Gillian Harvey, Paul Gooderham, Bridget Frost, Patrick Ryan, Jill Randle, Philip Collins, Denise Copeland, Clifford Hart, David Edge, Valerie Rodwell, Graham Hart, Sharon Mills, Trevor Fidgett, David Carr, Suzanne Erdelyi, Shirley Chang, Christine Fielden, Linda Tanfield, Leonard Carter, Richard Clack, Valerie Clover, Elizabeth Starnes, Joanne Jafrate, Paul Flint, Sharon Balcombe, Claire Wicking, Susanne Jones, Frances Blowers, Philip Hart, Andrew Varley, Christopher Dowding, June Goodrich, Robin Thompson, Susan Lloyd, Lorraine Clifford, Irene Carter, Ronald Copping, Ronald Carter, Christine Edmonds, Dawn Strut, Lesley Bollans, Shelagh Norris, Linda Parkins, Jill Harvey, Maureen Newsome, Simon Varley, Michael Hewitt, Sadie Riches, Shirley Smith, Sarah Roden, Maureen Foskett, Linda Cobbold, Rachel Martin, Ann Barber, Judy Hartley, Andrew Hewitt, David Gurd, Elaine Hewitt, Stephen Hart, Stephen Woolcott, Terresa Smith, Yvonne Cowley, Michael Foskett, Elaine Jackson, Alison Rand, Elaine Watts, Glynda Larter, Mandy Spotton, Tony Fordham.

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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SCHOOL ON STRIKE!

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

The other day we had to go to Karur, some 30 miles from Namakkal, to see two boys who are studying carpentry in an Industrial School there. One of them is M. Peter from the Kolli Hills, and the other is D. David from Conoor. We took our book-rack in the back of the van and stopped at Pugalur High School on the way. There is a big sugar factory at Pugalur, and sometimes, when the wind is in the right direction, you can smell the sugar being made. Big carts take loads of sugar-cane to the factory every day for this purpose and it is also taken in lorries.

When we got to the school, we parked the van near the gates and soon a group of boys gathered round and bought some Tamil booklets, until it was time to go in for morning assembly. One boy bought a little book called, "How can I pray better?". I wonder why he chose that book. We did not get an opportunity to ask him as there were so many boys crowding round, but probably he was not quite happy about the way he said his prayers.

Soon the bell went, but just as we were preparing to leave, there was a roar from the school grounds, and soon all the boys came trooping out on to the road. There must have been hundreds of them, for it is a big school. We asked some of them if they had got leave, but they did not reply. We found out later that they were "on strike" because they did not want to be compelled to learn Hindi. Seeing so many young people milling around, we opened up the back of the van again and sold a lot more books. The boys were obviously out for a game, but they did not interfere with us.

Presently they began to stop vehicles going along the road. They stopped an empty lorry and tied a black flag on the front. Then a lot of the boys clambered into the lorry to get a free ride into Karur. Others stopped buses, and presently when the Express Bus from Madurai came by, they stopped that, too. By this time about seven or eight policemen had arrived, and they began to disperse the boys, but not without some difficulty. Meanwhile we went on selling.

Later, when the crowd had begun to melt away a bit, I left Mrs. Huckett in charge of the van and went into the school and sold some books to the teachers. The headmaster bought five of the "Ladybird Series" in English, and another teacher took a Tamil New Testament. When I got back to the van, a policeman had just asked us to move on, partly because he thought we might be molested. I assured him that we were not afraid and that we would soon be leaving. We felt that the Lord was watching over us and that He would preserve us from harm. Moreover it would have been foolish to move while the boys were stopping vehicles in motion. One of the teachers said to the policeman: "They're only missionaries", as if to show that we were quite harmless!

When we got to Karur, all was quiet there, but we heard that there had been very serious riots a month ago and that several

valuable buildings had been burned to the ground. We had a chat with Peter and David, gave them some pocket money, saw the Superintendent of the Industrial School about their studies, and then returned to Namakkal, praising God for His protecting care. We were sorry about the strike, but we were glad to find on checking up that we had sold quite a lot of books.

GOD'S LIVING WORD

by Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Kotagiri, South India.

The following story was told at the BOX-OPENING MEETING of the Kotagiri Branch of the Bible Society for India and Ceylon—1965.

Over fifty years ago in a Hindu home in a town in South India a very religious Brahman father of a family found comfort at a time of great sorrow through reading the book of Psalms. He had lost his elder son and his younger son came and questioned him saying: "Father, why do you read the Christian scriptures? Why don't you read our Hindu holy books?" To this question the father replied: "My son, this is the only book in which I find comfort."

So this younger son began to read the Bible and as he read it he was convinced of its truth, so much so that he became disturbed in mind and put the Book aside on a shelf, determined to read it no more. But his mind was not at peace so, after some time, he took the Book down from the shelf and started reading it again. This time he was so convicted of his sins that he threw the Book on one side in anger. He did something which, as he later said, was the very worst thing that an Indian could do; he kicked it with his foot. Then he went to bed, but that night God appeared to him and said to him: "Are you right or is the Book right?" And he confessed: "I knew that the Book was right and I was wrong. I got up from my bed, took the Book which had been under my foot and put it under my head, saying these words: 'From now onwards this Book shall be the guide of my life'."

From the above testimony we see that this Brahman lad became convinced of the truth of the gospel through reading the Bible before he ever met a Christian. But it was not long before he longed for Christian fellowship, and he soon joined a group of believers who lived in his town. Some time later he confessed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by being baptised. On the day of his baptism a crowd of about 2,000 people tried to break into the house where he was and kill him. By God's mercy he escaped from this danger and after some more time had passed he went to one of the Western countries for medical training. Finally he returned to India and remained there for the rest of his life. He settled in Kotagiri on the Nilgiri Hills and was a true Christian throughout his life, boldly speaking in the name of Jesus in his

own town and in other places and giving testimony to "the word of the truth of the gospel" through the reading of which he had come to know Christ as his Saviour.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

by Mrs. Elsie E. Jones, Paniadipatti.

Dear Boys and Girls,—I wonder if any of you get a nasty feeling in your tummy when you hear the word "snake" mentioned, I am afraid this is what happens to me. Although you don't like snakes, you probably like to hear stories about them. In England the most likely place where you would find a dangerous snake is in a big tank in the Reptile House in a zoo. However, in India we have them in our gardens and in our houses!

I am going to tell you about two incidents when we caught snakes in our house, to show you how the Lord is continually watching over us and protecting us from danger.

The first time that we found a snake in our house was in the summer of last year. It was at mid-day and my husband went to close the front door of the house prior to going out to Sattur. As he tried to shut the door to bolt it, he found that he could not shut it properly. He opened the door and saw, caught in the hinge of the door, a 3 ft. viper! Unknowingly, by shutting the door just at that moment, he had trapped the snake so that it could not move, and he was able to kill it. We believe that it had come into the house from the garden, and was seeking a cool place away from the heat of the sun.

Then, a little while ago we had our Australian colleague, Miss Jeanette Broadby, staying with us in Panayadipatti. One night she thought that she saw a snake in her bedroom, but believed that she was imagining it. However, the next morning we did look thoroughly in the room to make sure that there wasn't a reptile there, but we only found a $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. scorpion! Scorpions, by the way, can give you a very painful sting. Then that night when Miss Broadby went in her room, she nearly trod on a 3 ft. cobra! After a search we found the snake outside on the verandah of the house and we killed it. The snake had entered and left the room through a $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. gap in the wire door. It is possible that this very dangerous snake came into the room because it was attracted to the light.

Isn't it wonderful how the Lord does look after us? It makes no difference to Him whether we live in Australia, England, India or in any other country in the world. Wherever we are, we know that the Lord will be constantly caring for us and protecting us from danger.

THE SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

The night was coming on and the dark clouds were beginning to cover the mountain. But someone was seen with a long stick in his hand

hurrying across the mountain side, looking anxiously around him. Who was he? Why was he struggling onward? He was a shepherd and he was searching for one sheep that he had lost. All the rest of the flock were folded for the night but the shepherd could not rest till he had found the sheep that was lost. Now do your Bible Searcher, and remember what God has said in Ezekiel chap. 34, verses 11 and 12.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read right through the chapters named very carefully, and as you read, look out for the following words. When you have found them, **write out the whole verse,** giving the book, chapter and verses where found.

1. I am the good shepherd.
2. My sheep hear my voice.
3. He shall gather the lambs with his arm.
4. The Lord is my shepherd.
5. We are . . . the sheep of his pasture.

They will be found in John 10; Isaiah 40; Psalms 23 and 100.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

First answer the Lower Group questions. Then search for these words shown below and write out the verses **in full.** They will be found in Luke 15; John 10; 1st Ep. Peter 5; Isaiah 53; Ezekiel 34; but not in the same order.

6. All we like sheep have gone astray.
7. I will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
8. I have found my sheep.
9. There shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
10. When the Chief Shepherd shall appear.

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, 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—APRIL 30th, 1966.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

It was a joy to see so many entries for the first Searcher of 1966. We were also pleased to see a good increase from some of the Schools. We welcome two new Schools, Sharnbrook, and Jireh, Sunderland, and 92 new Searchers. You will find your names in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Robert Worsell, aged 15, Greenwich S.S.
2. Susan Hayday, aged 14, West Ham Tabernacle S.S.

Special Mention: Mary Garrard, Anthony Wood, Jeremy Dutton, Maureen Blagden, Ann Barton, Trevor Clarkson, Linda Chapman, Peter Jarritt, Jane Wicking, Andrew Collins, Barry Hills.

Very Highly Commended: Miriam Pyke, David Parker, Susan Foster, Paula Chapman, Heather Payne, Raymond Upchurch, Mary Williams, Keith Maltby, Adrian Clarkson, Evelyn Barton, Elizabeth Hammond, Sylvia Chapman, Pauline Jakes, Stephen Woodford, Ann Blakeman, Shirley Woodley, Susan Woolcott, Roger Armstrong, Susan Fisher, Hilary Worsell, Rosemary Jarvis, Vivienne Pain, Maureen Lowe, Barbara Payne, Michael Kendall, Joyce Orchard, Rita Ruffles, Alan Burrows, Annette Chuter, Josephine Drury, R. T. Underwood, Maureen Gar, Christina Markwick, Philip Norris, Dorothy Putman, Monica Jarritt, Rachel Cox, Susan Woodford, Kathleen Kelly, Ruth Scoggins.

Highly Commended: Doreen Biggs, Jacqueline Hughes, Miriam Baker, Gillian Naunton, Robert Chambers, Marion Kendall, Yvonne Staines, Martin Dowding, Jennifer Whitwell, Linda Fountain, Marion Drury, Christine Edwards, Peter King, Trevor Hart, Janet Hearn, Susan Smith, Mary Arnold, Paul Grimwood, Michael Clifford, I. Davidson, Ruth Gadd, Ann Rush, Christine Lovett, Jacqueline Taylor, Wendy Christie, Christine Relf, Marc Sloley, Emelia Higgs, David Thurlow, Marilyn Croucher, Kathleen Dean, Philip Baker, Yvonne Steward, Alan Parris, Janet King, Glynis Killick, Margaret Gooderham, Angela Blaxall, Raymond Grimwood, Linda Bloor, Margaret Reeve, Christina Turner, Joan Bollans, Dorothy Greenwood, Winston Blackwood.

Commended: G. Collett, Janet Bowler, Teresa Turner, Yvonne Hayward, Margaret Sear, Mervyn Harris, John Dennis, Pat Ruffold, Lyn Weston, Bernard Gooderham, Elaine Cole, Gordon Moss, Graham Bemment. Answered Lower Group only: Marion Jackson, Pam Wallington, Ray Lloyd, Lorraine Kiehl, R. Bass, Denise Flint, Michael Foskett, Christine Fox, David Keeble.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Michael Wayman, aged 10, Belvedere S.S.
2. Ruth Layzell, aged 8, Streatham S.S.

Special Mention: Sharon Rivers, Heather Edwards, Colleen Wright, Sheila Cross, Joy Thrower, Mary Bater, Margaret Baldrey, Kenneth Alexander, Rosemary Barnes, Marion Frost, Susan Lamb, Linda Chapman.

Very Highly Commended: Timothy Saunders, Susan Payne, Keith Milne, Kevin Moulds, Andrew Cooke, Berys Bird, Philip Naunton, David Gurd, Elizabeth Wood, Heather Gardner, Gillian Stables, Heather Copping, Bridget Frost, Christopher Rookyard, Christine Frost, Denise Scull, Virginia Hawes, John Markwick, Lois Clarkson, Philip Clarkson, Andrew Orchard, Peter Geall, Lesley Bollans, John Layzell, Susan Hill, Anne Mayell, Michael Child, Martin Page, Keith Payne, Sheila Bull, Robert Harsant, Angela Percy, Terrie Williams, Linda Page, Hazel Page, Philip Page, Valerie Rodwell, Joanne Cordrey, Susan Mann, Tina Lloyd, Dawn Strutt, Martin Jacklin, Sally Chapman, Shelagh Norris, Andrew Toms, Linda Edmonds, Wendy Chapman, Joy Vincent, Kathleen Jafrate, Betty Wilson, David Wright, Evelyn Rowland, Alison Graham, Gillian Frost, Peter Burrows, Kim Shipton, Susan Lloyd, Sharon Mills, Rodney Bennett, Elaine Hewitt, Adrian Hitchcock, Jacqueline Vaughan, Christine Chapman, Ann Chapman, Anne Wills, Diane Fielden, Ruth Summers, Sara Jardine, Beverley Harris, Angela Duke, Gillian Harvey, Andrew Alsop, Andrew Ottley, Anne Barber, Joan Justice, Graham Milne, Maxine Jackson, Christopher Dowding, Stephen Summers, Joy Mutimer, Tina Ponting, Claire Wicking, Barbara Wright, Stephanie Slatcher, Annette Farenden, Lorna Murdon, Angela Pettitt, Susan Shepherd, Maureen Richardson, Donald Sparrow, Margaret Scoggins, Michael Williams, Graham Wilkinson, Reston McIver, Diana Hosier, Kathryn Keay, Neville Howes, Philip Hart, Barbara Hammond, Jill Reuter, Irene Carter, Daphne-Anne Thompson,

Caroline Goodwin, Julie Drew, Linda Crowell, Jeanette Moore, June Garrard, Caroline Barnett, Vincent Shore, Glenda Crowell.

Highly Commended: Pamela Fountain, Julie Barry, Paul Brown, Ivan Chapman, Leonard Carter, David Bennett, Gillian Carpenter, Grace Vincent, Rachel Orchard, Paul Gray, Patrick Manderson, Janet Ward, David Croft, Rosemary Chapman, Christine Edmonds, Philip Collins, Paul Heasman, Kim Liddard, Carol Messenger, Valerie Scrase, Paul Nash, Carole Piggott, David Morris, Angela Freshwater, Joanne Jafrate, Stanley Della, Rosina Riddleston, Grace Justice, Linda Jordan, Valerie Haslam, Stephen Duncan, Linda Tanfield, Beverley Millar, Ricky Sloley, Christine Fielden, Keith Ransome, Jeremy Hill, Dianne Wheeler, Graham Dennis, Elaine Hayward, Catherine Balls, Michael Wood, Paul King, Debby Ponting, Judith Orchard, Elizabeth Mitchell, Lynn Elliott, Jeremy Pyke, Paul Thrower, David Cocker, Julie Blagden, Graham Hart, David Mitchell, Bryan Upchurch, Andrew Pearce, Christine Smith, Stephen Cooke, Alison Rand, Stephen Kingston, Maureen Foskett, Stephen Hart, Paul Jermyn, Richard Nash, Lorraine Pretty, Linda Beard, Patrick Ryan, Janet Jordan, Myrtle Butler, Glynda Larter, Susan Edge, Linda Mitson, Julie Farenden, Rosalind Wilkinson, Mary Toms, Michael Hewitt, Beryl Mumford, Anita May, Carla Liddiard, Jacklynne Hodgskin, Ruth Steward, Mary Bemment, Janet Biggs, Linda Cobbold, Karen May, Heather Garrard, Monica Gooderham, Lorraine Clifford, Caroline Day, Michael Copping, Rachael Storer, Susan Walsh, Beryl Copeland, Andrew Hewitt, Jennifer Tuffin, David Monk, Joy Chapman, Christopher Harvey, Jennifer Noble, Trevor Fidgett, Lorraine Day, Shirley Clifford, Lesley Cole, Jamie Ryan, Linda Garrard, Teressa Smith, Pauline Elms, Ronnie Copping, Barbara Brown, Christopher Brown, Janet Westley, Janice Mulcare, Belinda Love, Miriam Mitchell, Neil Carpenter, Paul Francis, Claire Weston, Raymond Hart, Paul Hart, Patricia Freshwater, Susan Risiott, Anthony Smith, Ann Stimpson, Maureen Newsome, Susan Burnard, Susan Morris, Peter Brown, Julie Burnard, Andrew Duncan, Kathleen Watts, Gregory Collett, Elizabeth Starnes, Simon Varley, Sadie Riches, Debra Lough, Susan Keeble, David Rance, Janet Orchard, Nigel Agus, Rita Lovett, Stephen Woolcott, Kay Ford, Hazel Galloway, Julia Barber, Christina Jenkins, Mary Bower, Kingsley Reeve, Richard Clack, Richard Flavin, Margaret Wilson, Pat Riches, Jeremy Skelton, Suzanne Erdelyi, Eric Bater, Margaret Smith, Stephen Moriorty, Nigel Ransome, Elisabeth Skelton, Denise Copeland, Leslie Barber, Maureen Dimelow, Juliet Hoyes, Gaye Yarham, Penny Punter, Stephen Evemy, Ronald Carter, Clifford Hart, Carol Barber, Julie Dean, Anne McBride, Peter Davidson, Sharon Risiott, Jennifer Starnes, Susan Carpenter, Robin Thompson, Patricia Turner, Andrew Varley, Kathleen Elms, Geoffrey Cole, Donna Miller.

Commended: Sandra Ransome, Julia Hassan, Patsy Lough, Lydia Pyke, Lorraine Millar, Sarah Dee, Sandra Woden, Corinne Lancashire, Richard Stokes, Barry Fox, Pamela Parker, Gary Mills, Ian Evemy, Stephen Fox, Rose Coomber, Judy Hartley, Derek Lancashire, Linda Rush, Alison Hughes, Janet Lough, Sheila Redford, Teresa Ponting, Elizabeth Mason, Maxine Porter, Jeffrey Mee, Christopher Oliver, Elaine Jackson, Tony Driver, Carole Vaughan, Susan Yeomans, Robert Croucher, Mandy Spotton, Dawn Yarham, Margaret MacDermot, Amanda Hassan, Keith Calver, Paul Putman, Janice Flint, Janice Dockree, Mark Hassan, Christine Burton, Nigel Woodhouse, David Blackman, Graeme Dockree, Tristan Driver, Danny Robinson, Lesley Piggott, Christine Phillips, Graeme Clarkson, Pauline Tracey, Joyce Thompson, Debbie Croucher, Christine Osborn, Angela Cole, Stephanie Owers, Nicky Sampson, Elanda Driver, Diane Elliott, Tony Ewer, Steven Sandford, Simon Tanfield, Teresa Burnard, Dawn Oliver, Christine Farrenden, Patricia Plant, Billy Roden, Sarah Roden, Beverley Chilver, Nigel Driver, Cheryl Copping, Stephen Mee. Not for Competition: Misses Lilian Boxall and Yvonne Hucklesbee. We are sorry that Julie Blagdon's name was accidentally omitted from the last list. Late entries for the December Searcher were

received from Susan Woolcott, Michael Peachey, Ann Stimpson and Peter Burrows.

Additions to Honours List: Dorothy Putman, Hammerfield; Linda Edmonds, North Finchley.

The competition for the highest entry is getting very keen. North Finchley still holds first place, but Hammerfield and Fressingfield come very near.

LETER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Not long ago I read in the daily newspaper, the story of a sheep-dog who was found at the wheel of a motor-car in Dublin. A policeman stopped the car because it did not seem to be travelling along the road in quite the proper way, and was astonished to find a beautiful collie dog sitting in the driver's seat with his paws upon the steering wheel. Sitting beside the collie was the owner of the car. Even though doggie could not drive quite straight, he was certainly doing his best.

This reminds me of another doggie story from China. Some Christians lived near a barracks where there were thousands of soldiers in training. They tried to get into the barracks to teach the soldiers about the Lord Jesus but were told that they must not do so. So they began to pray that the Lord would find a way in for them.

Soon after this, the Christian folk were doing some spring-cleaning and came across an old torn Bible with some loose leaves in it. Just at that moment a poor, miserable stray-dog came in, and ran off with one of the leaves of the Bible in his mouth. Some of the children chased him but he ran round the corner and was soon lost to sight.

On the next Sunday, morning service in the Church was just about to begin, when a Chinese officer with two of his soldiers, all in full uniform, came in and quietly sat through the service. After it was over, the officer took a piece of torn paper from his pocket and said, "Can you tell me where this interesting story comes from? A dog came running into the barracks last week with this paper in his mouth, telling about an officer and camp life". The torn paper was part of the book of Joshua, chapter 5, and it was not very long before a whole Bible was placed in the officer's hands with an invitation to come again. Nor was it long before the Christians found their way into the same barracks where the doggie had gone. They took with them more copies of the Bible and a warm welcome was awaiting them. The wonderful message of the Gospel was preached and eighty-two officers and men became disciples of the Lord Jesus. All this happened because God used the doggie to succeed in His purposes, in answer to the prayers of His people. Oh yes! there are lots of stories in the Bible telling us how God used birds, animals, and even fishes—think of some of them.

I was very pleased to receive letters from:—Rosemary Barnes, Sally Chapman, Gillian Harvey and Stephen Kingston; also from the following friends—Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. P. F. P. Baumber, S. W. Blagden, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Miss L. M. Collin, Mrs. E. Maltby, Mr. David Harmer, Pastor J. Hewitt, Mrs. H. D. Marjoram, Mr. Don J. Payne, Mr. M. F. Relf, Mrs. G. Saunderson, Miss J. E. Smith, Miss Grace Taylor, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge—thank you each one for all your valued help.

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ANOTHER SPECIAL COMPETITION

Everybody who saw **Book 1 Painting Book** of "Paul's Missionary Journeys", published by the Mission will be sure to want Book 2 which has just been published.

Once again, our friend Mr. L. F. Lupton, has designed the book and has drawn the pictures in outline, ready for colouring in water-colour or crayon. This book is published at the same price as Book 1, namely 1s. 6d. (post free 1s. 9d.) and may be obtained from the General Secretary of the Mission: Pastor P. H. Crees, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

The last issue described scenes in Paul's First Missionary Journey. This book describes such scenes from the Second Missionary Journey as Paul and Silas in prison at Philippi, when it was shaken by the earthquake, Paul at Athens, and the Governor Gallio driving the Jews away from the judgment seat at Corinth. The book concludes with these words: "Had it not been for Paul's willing faith and patient courage, we might never have heard the Good News—It makes us think doesn't it?"

Once again "Rays" is offering FOUR SPECIAL PRIZES FOR COMPETITION. To win a prize, ask somebody to buy you a copy of this painting book and then colour the cover picture and each of the inside pictures with water-colour or crayon (water-colour is preferred). There are TWO PRIZES for entrants under 12, and TWO PRIZES for entrants over 12. The over twelves must be in water-colour.

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Make sure you write your name and address inside the front cover. Entries must be received on or before July 11th, 1966.

WHERE MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL

By Doris A. Kuhrt, Sendamangalam, South India.

Recently, when visiting Hebron School for Missionaries' children, we suddenly thought how much you would love to visit it too. Since you cannot, we will tell you something about it. Hebron High School is in Coonoor on the Blue Mountains in South India more than 5,000 feet above sea level with a climate like an English summer ought to be.

The school consists of many buildings built on the slopes of Mount Teneriffe, in the midst of a tea plantation called "Brooklands". Nearby is a missionary boarding home which bears the same name as the tea estate, and to this home many missionary parents and others come to stay during the very hot weather. The whole countryside is green, gloriously green, surrounded as it is by tea

bushes and silver oak shade trees with many other lovely trees and shrubs too. Day after day, these slopes echo with the happy laughter of the school children as they run either up or down from building to building. For although, happily, the playing fields have been levelled there are few other level places on this steep hill side.

Fifteen years ago there were 100 boys and girls; now there are 200, with all the additional staff and buildings entailed. Recently a new science room has been added; we walked around and saw many strange articles the names of which we might not spell properly, though you would know them and how to spell them, no doubt. Some few years ago great excitement was caused by the building of a swimming pool in the open air—sometimes, even parents are allowed a dip, we are told. There are classrooms with gay pictures, dormitories with gay toys, from English fairy dolls to Australian koala bears, and there are even some gay teachers and matrons on the staff; it is essentially a happy place.

On Sunday these boys and girls are seen walking in "croc" to Church in their best uniform and on their best behaviour. This, of course, does not last all through the week and there are sometimes crises, as when many years ago two small boys of seven or eight years of age, becoming bored, went out to explore the world. When they were discovered to be missing, and it became known that they were trying to climb Mount Teneriffe, some of the staff and some neighbours went out as a search party to find them. Eventually they were found asleep in the gathering darkness on the verandah of an empty bungalow, evidently exhausted by their search for excitement outside the school.

Recently, we had the privilege of being invited to speak at morning prayers; seeing that it was Wednesday, which is missionary morning. We were invited to breakfast with them first, so we even know what they have sometimes for breakfast. That morning it was porridge, scrambled egg, toast, marmalade, and bananas which sounds good doesn't it? The porridge they have is often an Indian porridge called Rhagi; it is most nutritious and because it is of a brown colour the children call it chocolate porridge, and most of them like it very much. After breakfast, we spoke to them from the Word of God. That is how they begin their day and that is how all right-minded people ought to begin their day.

Now, lastly why are these children at this school? Why are they in India, instead of in England or in Australia? And why are they on the hills instead of with their parents? Their parents are missionaries, most of whom work in the great heat of the plains of India where the temperature goes so high sometimes it would be nearly enough to sizzle your hair. Happily, parents and children can meet two or three times each year, for a short time of about three weeks in the hot weather when parents go up to the hills for their break in the month of May, and then again at the end of the year when the weather is cooler on the plains in November, December and January. When this long vacation comes the children go off with whoops of joy to their parents while most of the teachers

and matrons think with a sigh of pleasure of the delightful holiday they so much deserve. When you pray for your missionaries will you remember to pray for their children too, not forgetting the teachers and matrons who help to make their lives so happy. These teachers and matrons are also missionaries.

HAPPENINGS IN VELUR

By Miss E. M. Flory, Velur, Salem, India.

Dear Girls and Boys,

Many of you have heard that Miss White and I are now living in a new place, called Velur, and I thought you would like to know something of what goes on in a place like this.

Velur is on the banks of the River Cauvery. This river always has water in it, even in the hot season, when most of our South Indian rivers are dry. Because of this, many people look on the river as a goddess.

An irrigation channel from the river passes close to our house. This is mainly for watering crops, such as rice, sugar cane, banana, and coconut palms. But the water is used for many other purposes as well. All day long we hear the "slap-slap" of clothes being beaten against flat stones at the side of the channel, as people wash them and try to get them clean. We see the "dhobies" (washermen) with their little donkeys carrying big bundles of dirty washing on their backs, coming here to do their laundry. Further along cows, bulls, and buffaloes are given a bath; then there is a place where buses and lorries are washed. People too, bathe in this channel, and children thoroughly enjoy themselves as they dive in and swim about happily. Sometimes we almost feel jealous, and wish that we could join them, until we look at the colour of the water. Just past our house an open drain, with all the waste water and filth from the houses, flows into this same channel. So you can imagine how dirty the water really is. And some people even drink this water! Is it really any good trying to get anything clean by washing it in dirty water? People wash all sorts of things in the channel, and at certain times of the year many bathe in the channel or river, thinking that they can wash their hearts clean and have their sins forgiven. But how can filthy dirty water wash our hearts, when it cannot even get clothes properly clean?

There are quite a lot of children in this street who are studying in High School. They love to sing, and we often hear them singing till late at night, or about five in the morning, either in praise of their gods or singing cinema songs. We have a portable gramophone and some Tamil records, which play Christian hymns and lyrics, and tell Bible stories. We are often invited to one or other of the houses in our street to play these gramophone records. The children love this; often when we meet them in the streets, they ask, "When can we hear the gramophone?". Through these records. and also by the Tamil text cards you send, they learn about the Lord Jesus, the true God, who can really make their

hearts clean, forgive their sins, and protect them from disease and all harm. Please remember to pray for these boys and girls of Velur. God bless you all.

E. M. Flory.

OPENED EYES

I wonder if any of you boys and girls ever walk in your sleep. It isn't a very safe thing to do and cannot be recommended. Once a girl went sleep-walking and she stepped straight into a bath of cold water. There was a big splash and . . . she woke up!

Sad to say, there are very many people walking in their sleep to-day, and they do not know it. They can do all manner of things and go to all sorts of places, but their eyes are fast closed to God. They are just like blind men and women; they have never seen the sinfulness of their own hearts, neither have they looked to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness of sins. They need someone to lead them by the hand to the Lord Jesus. As you do this Searcher will you pray David's prayer in Psalm 119, v. 18, "Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law".

Each of the following sentences tells of some person, or persons, whose eyes were opened, and of what they saw.

Lower Group, age under 12

1. God opened her eyes, and she saw ——.
2. The Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw ——.
3. He put his hands again upon his eyes, and ——.
4. Their eyes were opened, and they saw ——.
5. One thing I know, that, ——.

The answers will be found in Genesis 21; 2 Kings 6; Mark 8; Luke 24; John 9. Start at the words given, and write on to the end of the verse, giving the book, chapter, and verse where found.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

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

6. The eyes of them both were opened, and they knew ——.
7. The Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw ——.
8. The Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; ——.
9. Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes; and ——.
10. She opened her eyes; and ——.

The answers will be found in Genesis 3; Numbers 22; 2 Kings 6; Matthew 20; Acts 9. Extra marks will be given in this group if you give the names of the persons referred to in questions 1, 6, 10.

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, 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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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—JUNE 30th, 1966.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Although the number of entries was not quite as high this time, we were pleased to see that many of the papers showed careful searching,

particularly in the Lower Group. The words "I am the good shepherd" occur twice in John, chapter 10; and the correct answer to Question 2 was John ch. 10, v. 27. We welcome Gadebridge and Sudbourne Sunday Schools, and there were sixty-one new Searchers. The names are in order of merit, but we hope you will not give up, even if your names are not very high in the list, as all your entries count towards a Certificate at the end of the year.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Paul Grimwood, aged 15, Crowfield S.S.
2. R. J. Underwood, aged 12, Brockley S.S.

Special Mention: Joyce Orchard, David Thurlow, Stephen J. Woodford, Hilary Worsell, Teresa Carman, Jane Wicking, Adrian Clarkson, Miriam Pyke, Susan Smith.

Very Highly Commended: Christine Relf, Susan Woolcott, Trevor Hart, Martin Dowding, Susan Fisher, Dorothy Putman, Trevor Clarkson, Michael Kendall, Mary Garrard, Heather Payne, Rita Ruffles, Miriam Baker, Ann Blakeman, Christine Lovett, Monica Jarritt, Roger Armstrong, Marion Kendall, Diane Coldron, Vivienne Pain, Keith Maltby, Marilyn Croucher, Paula Chapman, Alan Burrows, Linda Cattermole, Mary Arnold, Christine Edwards, Glynis Killick, Alan Parris, Philip Baker, Joan Bollans, Wendy Christie, Jean Smith, Peter Jarritt.

Highly Commended: Winston Blackwood, Anthony Wood, Susan Foster, Jacqueline Hughes, Sylvia Chapman, Robert Chambers, Hazel Cordle, Rosemary Jarvis, Andrew Collins, Kathleen Dean, Margaret Reeve, Jeremy Dutton, Janet King, Kathleen Jafrate, Dorothy Greenwood, Christina Markwich, Doreen Biggs, Evelyn Barton, Elizabeth Hammond, Carol Verrall, Angela Blaxall, Linda Fountain, Yvonne Flint, Josephine Drury, Ann Rush, Barry Hills, Pauline Robinson, Peter King, Robert Tatt, Emelia Higgs, Jill Reuter, Maureen Blagden, Eileen Judge, Susan Woodford, Pauline Jakes, Barbara Payne, Marion Drury, Ruth Gadd, Christina Turner, Mary Williams, Susan Hayday, Carol Coldron, Lyn Weston, Susan Reed, Richard Nash, Margaret Gooderham.

Commended: Michael Clifford, Raymond Grimwood, Bernard Gooderham, Janet Bowler, Anthony Camp, Sandra Copeland, Pat Ruffold, Teresa Turner, Robert Harsant, Susan Bessant, Maureen Gar, Elaine Cole, Judith Roberton, Yvonne Haywood. Answered Lower Group only: Philip Norris, Roy Lloyd, Anne Mayell, Stephen Mostyn.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Heather Gardner, aged 9, "Zoar" S.S., Ipswich.
2. Sara Jardine, aged 8, Hammerfield S.S.

Special Mention: Sharon Rivers, Lorna Murdon, Andrew Pearce, Linda Chapman, Peter Geall, Heather Edwards, Susan Garner, Martin Page, Timothy Saunders, Sheila Cross, Kathryn Appleby (India).

Very Highly Commended: Karen May, Evelyn Rowland, Lynn Elliott, Christopher Rookyard, Melvin Cattermole, Diana Hosier, John Layzell, Philip Clarkson, Paul Goad, Rosemary Chapman, Julie Farrenden, Rosina Riddleston, Andrew Hewitt, Lydia Pyke, Lesley Piggott, Carol Goad, Gillian Frost, Susan Lamb, Steven Sandford, Peter Burrows, David Monk, Gillian Harvey, Sandra Ransome, Christina Jenkins, Bridget Frost, Joy Mutimer, Joy Thrower, Richard Flavin, Christine Fielden, Christopher Harvey, Lesley Wilson, Stephen Kingston, Philip Collins, Ivan Chapman, Nigel Rookyard, Philip Page, Diane Fielden, Linda Mahoney, Derek Pearce, Nicky Sampson, Raymond Hart, Christine Smith, Wendy Chapman, Christopher Dowding, Stephen Cooke, Patricia Bustin, Michael Child, Jacqueline Maltby, Linda Killick, Tina Ponting, Alison Hughes, Eileen Colman, Carol Messenger, Sandra Horsted, Sally Chapman, Lois Clarkson, Lorraine Clifford, Christine Chapman. An entry from West Ham (aged 9).

Claire Wicking, Janice Dockree, Susan Lloyd, Michael Hewitt, Rodney Bennett, Stephen Woolcott, Judith Lawrence, Sandra Coldron, Bernardette Duke, Paul Thrower, Carole Piggott, Amanda Hassan, Angela Duke, Andrew Toms.

Highly Commended: Jeremy Pyke, Graeme Clarkson, David Gurd, Suzanne Erdelyi, Monica Gooderham, Julie Dean, Terresa Smith, Nicholas Alexander, Derek Labbett, Vincent Shore, Anne Wills, Gloria Browne, Catherine Balls, Ann Chapman, Kingsley Reeve, Susan Payne, Angela Cole, Paul Kellythorn, Andrew Alsop, Rachel Bugg, Margaret Baldrey, Christine Parr, Judith Moore, Jacqueline Rushbrook, Michael Wayman, Elaine Jones, Susan Bale, Joan Justice, Mary Bater, John Markwick, Joy Chapman, Keith Payne, Kenneth Alexander, Sandra Cole, Susan Shepherd, Faith Evans, Rosemary Barnes, Philip Hart, Donald Sparrow, Colleen Wright, Alison Rand, Julia Hassan, Paul Gray, Mary Toms, Claire Taylor, Rosalind Wilkinson, Graham Hart, Paul Heasman, Mary Bower, Graham Milne, Anita May, Maxine Jackson, Pauline Mayhew, Denise Scull, Ross Thompson, Lewis Randall, Elaine Benton, Joanne Jafrate, Joy Vincent, Linda Tanfield, Sarah Roden, Shelagh Norris, Valerie Haslam, Sandra Ling, Beverley Mayhew, Elaine Hewitt, Elaine Hope, Sally Wood, Keith Milne, Paul King, Jean Armstrong, Clifford Hart, Ruth Layzell, Rose Coomber, Virginia Hawes, Angela Hope, Stephen Summers, Andrew Ottley, Alison Tiffen, Angela Pettitt, Heather Copping, Julie Blagden, Malvyn Barnes, Marion Frost, Stephen Mayhew, John Williams, Margaret Moore, Edwin Mayhew, Jeremy Skelton, Maureen Foskett, Barbara Brown, Teresa Ponting, Teresa Burnard, Susan Edge, Brian Brand, Janet Ward, Billy Roden, Carla Liddiard, Valerie Rodwell, Ruth Steward, Graham Cousins, Ian Evemy, David Bennett, Paul Jermyn, Christopher Oliver, Sarah Dee, Valerie Lauchlan, Diane Elliott, Caroline Day, Judith Orchard, Paul Howell, Ruth Summers, Susan Mann, Jacklynne Hodgskin, Bryan Upchurch, Beverley Millar, Helen Burgess, Valerie Scrace, Ellen Benton, Gloria Anthony, Susan Morris, Elaine Jarvis, Elizabeth Skelton, Patrick Ryan, Linda Jordan, Caroline Barnett, Jeanne Cordery, Rachel Orchard, Andrew Orchard, Yvonne Wood, Melanie Conn, Debby Ponting, Jacqueline Vaughan, Berys Bird, Sandra Ashfield, Linda Willett, Julie Reed, Pamela Fountain, Patricia Turner, June Goodrich, Pauline Elms, Heather McManus, Linda Cobbold, Ann Wilson, Ivan Cox, David Mitchell, Eric Bater, Stella Hammond, Margaret East, Lesley Bollans, Linda Rush, Loretta Wright, Reston McIver, Glynda Larter, Hazel Page, Christine Osborn, Murtylin Butler, Leonard Carter, Angela Hines, Elizabeth Wood, Beryl Copeland, Angelina Smith, Sean Ryan, Lorraine Millar, Pamela Fuller, Christine Edmonds, Irene Carter, Graeme Dockree, Janet Jones, Anne Mills.

Commended: Linda Edmonds, Christopher Brown, Jacqueline Weise, Linda Page, Tony Ewer, Jamie Ryan, Judy Hartley, Margaret McDonald, Jill Fletcher, Penny Punter, Elizabeth Starnes, Corrinne Lancashire, Stephen Fox, Gillian Carpenter, Kathleen Elms, Kay Ford, Anthea Bugg, Thomas Turner, Andrew Varley, Ann Barber, Shirley Worne, Lesley Cole, Christine Frost, Denise Copeland, Annette Farenden, Yvonne Dawkins, Graham Wilkinson, Andrew Rizzo, Anthony Smith, Martin Jacklin, Kathleen Watts, Edward Broad, Barbara Wright, Susan Yeomans, Stephen Bradbury, Geoffrey Cole, Susan Tanner, Susan Ling, R. Stokes, Carol Barber, Julia Barber, Stephen Moriarty, Jenny Staines, Jennifer Weise, Margaret Smith, Sheila Harbour, Leslie Barber, Claire Weston, Paul Putman, Joyce Thompson, Betty Wilson, Karen Jenkins, Michael Williams, Carol Baines, Jeanette Moore, Barry Fox, Pauline Tracey, Elaine Hayward, Deborah Croucher, Dawn Strutt, Stephanie Owers, Barry Balderstone, Robin Anthony, Christine Farenden, Beverley Chilver, Paul Francis, Sylvia Dale, Linda Ryder, Maureen Newsome, Michael Foskett, Ronald Carter, Derek Lancashire, Christine Phillips, Joyce Carter, Lynn Bryant, Derek Phillips, Dawn Yarham, Gaye Yarham, Lorraine Phillips, Tony Ingamells, Simon Varley.

Not for Competition: Miss Yvonne Hucklesbee, Miss Pauline Ray Stokes. The following sent answers to the February Searcher: Elaine Jarvis, Paul Kellythorn, Philip Turner, Jill Seeley, Patricia Bustin, Melanie Conn, Sandra Horsted, Elaine Jones, Janet Jones, Lesley Wilson, Loretta Wright, Jacqueline Johns, Jean Andrews, Bernardette Duke, Valerie Lauchlan, Stephen Mostyn.

Hammerfield Sunday School heads the list this time. North Finchley came second. Belvedere and Warboys tied for third place.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

It was Friday morning, the 20th day of May, a beautiful sunny morning with large patches of blue sky and big, white, fleecy clouds floating across from the West. The birds were singing and it was a warm, early-summer day.

And then, very gradually, a change took place. At about 10.0 it began to feel cold and the sound of the birds had ceased. At 10.30 the sky had lost its bright blue and had become a dull lead colour—the fleecy white clouds had turned grey. It seemed as if a storm of rain was forming, but that was not the true cause of the sudden change. The true cause was seen when one took a piece of smoked glass and looked at the sun. For part of the sun was hidden and nearly the whole of its lower half was cut-off from shining upon the earth. It was a partial eclipse of the sun, lasting from 9.23 to 11.27 a.m., and was caused by the moon passing between the sun and the earth, thereby shutting off part of the light of the sun, and causing the sky to become grey and the earth cold.

What a lesson does this teach us about God! For "the Lord God is a sun . . .", said David in Psalm 84, v. 11. He gives "grace"; just as the sunlight comes streaming down from heaven giving life and light and health, so the total sum of all best gifts come streaming down from God's loving hand. God also gives "glory", David tells us; meaning that just as the golden glory of the sunshine brightens and cheers our lives, and causes the birds to sing, so the Lord God has sent our Saviour Jesus Christ to cleanse our sins, to cheer our lives, and to touch them with the glory of His love.

Oh what a difference sunshine makes! And what a difference when the sunshine is cut off by an eclipse! How much we owe to God for His amazing gift of the sun, and how much more do we owe to Him for sending us His own Beloved Son that He might bring God's grace and God's glory into human lives

I was pleased to receive letters from:—Christopher and Gillian Harvey, Heather Copping, Jacqueline Maltby, Angelina Smith, Elizabeth Starnes, Stephen Woodford, and Hilary Worsell (thank you for nice poem). May I also thank the following friends for their letters:—Mr. W. D. Allick, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Miss C. Budd, Mr. S. G. Comber, Mrs. Audrey Cooke, M. M. Gardner, Mr. David Harmer, Mrs. B. J. Ling (glad to hear from you again), Mr. Don Payne, Mrs. I. Pearce, Mr. R. C. Robinson (glad to hear of interest), Mrs. L. A. Rowlands, E. Pooley, Miss June Sinclair (delighted to receive entries), Miss J. E. Smith, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge (may the Mission be blessed to the children).

With every good wish, from

UNCLE PETER.

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FROM THE EAST

for young people



The Inquisitive Monkey
(see inside)

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1966

at 3.30 p.m.

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Speakers: MISSIONARIES MISS O. KNIGHT and MR. PHILIP GRIST

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THE INQUISITIVE MONKEY AND INQUISITIVE CHILDREN

By Miss Phyllis L. White, Velur, South India

Thank you very much for your gifts of Tamil Text Cards so recently received. You have no idea how eager the Indian children (and grown-ups, too) are to have them. "Picture! Picture!" they call. We give a text card to each one who buys a book; so you see, your work in England helps us to distribute God's Word in India.

As you look down this letter to see who is writing, you may wonder "Who is this person?", so first let me introduce myself a little. My home is in Queensland which is one of the States of Australia. Can you find the city of Brisbane on a map? Good! Well, my home town is eighty miles north from there. God gave me a desire to tell the Indian people about the Lord Jesus, and on the first day of 1965 I left Australia by ship for India. My first year in India has been spent in Sendamangalam, learning the Tamil language, and I have been able to teach some little girls in Sunday School about the Lord Jesus.

Just recently, I have moved away from Sendamangalam. Miss Flory and I now live in Velur which is a very pretty town on the banks of the Cauvery River. There was quite a bit of excitement on "Moving Day". Some Indian houses have small entrances and passageways and, as we have the upstairs portion of a house, that made it a little more difficult to get our furniture in. The

owner of our house told another person to saw the end off a beam of the house-next-door so that some of our furniture could be taken up through his house!! (Would that happen in England? I do not think so.) Some other furniture had to be hauled up by ropes over the front verandah.

During this time an inquisitive little monkey came to see what we were doing; he was quickly chased away. But the children and their parents were just as curious as that monkey was. They wanted to see what sort of furniture we had, and they watched the unusual way we got the furniture into our house. They wanted to know all about us. One woman asked, "Is this your furniture? Where do you come from? Why are you coming to Velur?" I tried to answer her questions and explain to her that we came because we wanted to tell them about the Lord Jesus. Later in the evening we saw her sitting outside her house, so we stopped and talked to her. Her name in Meenatchi (this is also the name of a Hindu goddess). Before bidding "Goodnight" to her, she invited us to play Gospel records in her house on another night. So a few nights later we did that, and quite a crowd gathered in her house to listen to the records. The children, especially, listened very attentively. In Meenatchi's house, we received an invitation to visit another house. Speaking with one woman has led to many hearing the Gospel—first in her house, then in another. And more are eager that we should take the Gospel into their homes. The Lord has used the "Moving Day" as an opportunity for us to preach His Word. We were very happy that night to know that God was giving us many opportunities to tell the people about Him.

Children in the homes that we have visited have bought Gospels; and now too, when we are on our way to the shops, boys and girls will stop us in order to buy books and also, of course, to obtain their Tamil text card which you may even have prepared.

Thank you very much for preparing and sending them. When you go to the seaside, or receive picture cards from the seaside, please put Tamil texts on the back of all the picture post-cards you can get and send them along to me.

YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

Some beautifully coloured entries were received and most entries showed quite a lot of careful thought in the choice of colour. Sad to say, there were no entries from the "over 12's". Whether it was exams that prevented or the fact that "over 12's" had to be in water-colour, we cannot say. Probably the poor "over-12's" were burdened with exams and so we will give them another chance:—

FOR OVER 12's ONLY—Book 2 Competition will remain open until August 31st, 1966. Books for colouring may be had from the General Secretary of the Mission, Pastor P. H. Crees,

61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4 (the price is 1s. 6d., post free 1s. 9d.). Water-colour only. Two prizes will be awarded and entries should be sent to: Uncle Peter, 57 Cedar Close, Bagshot, Surrey.

"UNDER 12" entries were received from: Alison Cambridge, Hilary Chuter, Lois Clarkson, Paul Francis, Bridget and Gillian Frost, Martin Hardy, Peter Jensen, Sharon Mitchell, Linda Mitson, Patience Milbourne, Evelyn Rowland, Nicky Sampson, Elizabeth Toomer, Linda Wright, and Betty Wilson. The prizes are awarded to: Lois Clarkson and Evelyn Rowland.

THE FIRE WORSHIPPERS

By Mrs. Grace Huckett, Namakkal, South India

The idol car festival is being held today and tomorrow in Namakkal and I have just given some Tamil text cards to eight hostel boys to take out to the crowds of idol-worshippers. The Tamil text cards will be like tracts for they carry upon the back of the card God's Holy Word, but the Gospels they will sell to any who wish to buy. Pray that God's Holy Spirit will fix His Word in the hearts of those who receive and cause it to bring light to these poor dark souls.

There are idol festivals in many places just now. Only the other day, we passed a group of idol-worshippers going along the road accompanied by the usual drumming and clanging of gongs. They had pots filled with fire placed upon their heads, and the hot sun was blazing down upon them too. We saw at least three young lads sink down beneath the torment but they were held up by older men and forced to go along. How we longed with all our heart that they might be set free from the power of the evil one.

We long too that we might see the Indian people themselves, who do know the Lord Jesus, stirred up by the power of God's Spirit. Oh that their hearts might ache by reason of the darkness and suffering in their own land and amongst their own people, until they too shall do all that they can to spread the light of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. At present they are more occupied with themselves and their own affairs. We need revival in our Churches and we ourselves need to know more of the same love that our Lord Jesus had when He died for sinners upon the cross. Please pray for us. There seems more than ever to do and we have less strength to do it.

We have had no rain since Christmas. The temperature is over 100 degrees in the shade but we have plenty of water in the well and have much to praise God for. Many people, however, are in great difficulty because of lack of water.

Our hostel boys have good health and we are thankful for this. One of them, who has been going to High School, has done his exams. He is from a Hindu family but we feel sure that he believes in the Lord Jesus. Will you pray for him as he goes back to his home where all his people are heathen and worship idols. It will be very hard for him to serve the Lord Jesus and worship Him.

THE CREATOR

Some men and women, even some school teachers, say they do not "believe in miracles". And yet they live in a Miracle World. Every day is a miracle in which the power of God is shown and His glory declared. Regularly every morning, the sun rises silently to chase away the darkness. Just as regularly each evening he sinks beneath the western sky. Who can understand the flight of a bird, or how she rears her young? Who can change the seasons, or chase away the rain? All these things and many more, speak to us of God, the Creator, who made the heavens and the earth. They are the work of His hands; daily miracles from God to teach us to offer daily praise to our Maker, Redeemer, and Friend.

Lower Group, age under 12

In each of the following sentences a word has been left out. Find the words and write them out, including the missing word. Give the book, chapter and verse where the words are found, but you need not write out the whole verse. The missing words will form part of a verse found in John ch. 1. Give the number of the verse.

1. —— thy works shall praise thee. Psalm 145.
2. Thou hast created all ——. Revelation 4.
3. By the word of the Lord —— the heavens made. Psalm 33.
4. He hath —— every thing beautiful in his time. Ecclesiastes 3.
5. The worlds were framed —— the word of God. Hebrews 11.
6. All things were created by ——, and for Him. Colossians 1.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

First answer the Lower Group questions, but instead of giving the number only of the verse where the missing words are found, write out the **whole** verse. Then search for these words and write out the verses **in full**, giving the reference where found.

1. I have made the earth, and created man upon it.
2. Every thing that He . . . made . . . was very good.
3. O Lord, how manifold are thy works!
4. God that made the world . . . giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.

The answers will be found in Isaiah 45; Genesis 1; Psalm 104; Acts 17 (two verses).

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, 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—AUGUST 31st, 1966.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

It is not often that we get such a good response to a summer Searcher. We were very pleased indeed. We are sorry about the slip in the wording of Question 4; but almost everyone found the right answer. Even if you cannot find the answer you do not lose marks if the mistake is in "Rays", so you should send in your papers. We welcome the fifty-eight scholars, some very young, who sent in their entries for the first time, and hope that we shall see your names regularly. Here are your names, in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Anthony Wood, aged 13, Billinghay S.S.
2. Kathleen Dean, aged 14, Park Ridings, Wood Green.

Special Mention: Jane Wicking, Barry Hills, Andrew Collins, Heather Wicks, Monica Jarritt, Hilary Worsell, Pauline Jakes, Vivienne Pain, Rita Ruffles, Maureen Blagden, Stephen Woodford.

Very Highly Commended: Christine Lovett, Susan Hayday, R. J. Underwood, Paula Chapman, Evelyn Barton, Linda Chapman, Jeremy Dutton, Ruth Gadd, Christine Relf, Anne Mayell, Adrian Clarkson, Barbara Hammond, David Thurlow, Trevor Hart, Martin Page, Susan Fisher, Martin Dowding, Susan Woodford, Maureen Lowe, Peter King, Sylvia Chapman, Janet Bowler, Christina Markwick, Patricia Lees, Heather Payne, Hazel Cordle, Marilyn Croucher, Joyce Orchard, Paul Grimwood.

Highly Commended: Jill Reuter, Keith Maltby, Christine Edwards (Downe), Alan Burrows, Susan Smith, Angela Blaxall, Michael Kendall, Jacqueline Maltby, Leonard Carter, Robert Chambers, Linda Cattermole, Roger Armstrong, Doreen Biggs, Richard Nash, Miriam Baker, Alan Parris, Diane Coldron, Jacqueline Taylor, Elizabeth Hammond, Mary Williams, Maureen Gar, Jacqueline Andrews, Brenda Rooks, Carol Verrall, Susan Woolcott, Ann Blakeman, Emelia Higgs, Sarah Roden, Kathleen Burch, Sandra Cole, Lyn Weston, Mary Arnold, Joan Bollons, Glynis Killick, Raymond Grimwood, Judith Robertson, Eileen Judge, Philip Baker.

Commended: Robert Tatt, Valerie Lees, Alison Jones, Christine Turner, David Blackman, Doris Burton, Teresa Turner, Susan Bessant. Answered Lower Group only: Robert Croucher, Richard Clack, Vincent Edwards.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Joy Chapman, aged 10, Horsham S.S.
2. Andrew Ottley, aged 9, Wetherden S.S.

Special Mention: Rosemary Barnes, Peter Geall, Colleen Wright, Beryl Munford, Claire Wicking, Shelagh Norris, Mary Bater, Nicola Tomlin, Sheila Cross, Lorna Murden.

Very Highly Commended: Andrew Hewett, Bridget Frost, Valerie Blake, Alison Smith, Sandra Ling, Susan Payne, Timothy Saunders, Sarah Blake, Rosemary Mitchell, Lynn Bryant, Gillian Frost, Bryan Upchurch, Joy Mutimer, Christine Parr, Heather Gardner, Kenneth Alexander, Beverley Millar, John Markwick, David Morris, Andrew Pearce, Stephen Cook (Whitton), Grace Justice, Lesley Wilson, Betty Wilson, Heather Edwards, John Orchard, Nicky Sampson, Ann Chapman, Billy Roden, Jamie Ryan, Paul Gray, Michael Hewitt, Yvonne Wood, Philip Turner,

an entry from Brandy Bottom, Yateley, Ruth Layzell, Susan Lamb, Rosina Riddleston, Julie Blagden, Paul Brind, Philip Clarkson, Patricia Bustin, Susan Tanner, Lesley Piggott, John Williams, Graham Dennis, Martin Payne, Gloria Browne, Tony Ewer, Lynn Elliott, Peter Burrows, Alison Tiffin, Graham Milne, Sylvia Dale, Paul Heasman, Sharon Rivers, Susan Mann, Lois Clarkson, Melvyn Barnes, Annette Farenden, Wendy Chapman, Joy Thrower, Jacklynne Hodgskin, Andrew Toms, Christine Edwards (Yateley), Rosalind Wilkinson, Paul Hart, Amanda Hassan, Andy Duncan, Paul Kellythorn, Philip Collins, Paul Nash, Linda Payne, Belinda Love, Teresa Ponting, Tina Ponting.

Highly Commended: Joanne Cordery, Linda Stevens, Dianne Wheeler, Elizabeth Wood, Ruth Steward, Lydia Pyke, Ross Thompson, Karen May, Suzanna Hunt, Kathleen Watts, Margaret Smith, David Bennett, Philip Hart, John Layzell, Elaine Hewitt, Derek Tabbatt, Kim Reuter, Nicholas Alexander, Paul Thrower, Eric Bater, Sharon Cook, Kathryn Appleby, (India), Berys Bird, Rachel Bugg, Mary Bower, Angela Duke, Paul Jermyn, Stephen Cooke (Watford), Barbara Wright, Stephen Kingston, Michael Williams, Stephen Evemy, Bernardette Duke, Philip Page, Jeanette Moore, Caroline Barnett, Elizabeth Mitchell, Sally Wood, Rosemary Chapman, Debbie Gramlich, Stephen Woolcott, Vincent Shore, Judith Lawrence, Sally Chapman, Sherryn Wilmer, Glynis Hayward, Christine Phillips, Diane Elliott, Catherine Balls, Rodney Bennett, Andrew Cooke, Janet Ward, Christine Jenkins, Pauline Gates, Rita Lovett, Sandra Horsted, Loretta Wright, Christine Smith, Andrew Orchard, Stephanie Owens, Christopher Dowding, Judy Brown, Judy Hartley, Irene Carter, Clifford Chapman, Stephen Duncan, Gary Bedford, Linda Cobbold, Carol Bedford, Stephen Barker, Susan Lloyd, Reston McIver, Dawn Yarham, Gillian Harvey, Rachel Orchard, Martin Jacklin, Carol Messenger, Linda Mitson, Linda Tanfield, Gaye Yarham, Peter Oldhamstead, Paul Francis, Karen Brazer, Sara Jardine, David Monk, Judith Orchard, Jean Armstrong, Raymond Hart, Margaret MacDonald, Linda Jordan, Terry Purdy, Janice Dockree, Jeremy Pyke, Lorraine Pretty, Carole P—— (Park Ridings), Christopher Oliver, Gerald Sheppard, Derek Pearce, Pat Riches, Anthea Bugg, Ian Heslop, Janice Dickens, Lesley Smith, David Gurd, Graeme Clarkson, Patrick Ryan, Graham Hart, Louisa Chapman, Julia Hassan, Michael Wayman, Joan Justice, Virginia Hawes, Graham Wilkinson, Linda Killick, Melvin Cattermole, Keith Milne, Jacqueline Vaughan, Evelyn Rowland, Martyn Hardy, R. Carter, Stephen Hart, Janet Jordans, Christopher Harvey, Richard Flavin, Ian Evemy, Angela Cole, Caroline Day, Paul Howell, Paul Putman, Christopher Brown, Maureen Newsome, Lesley Cole, Elaine Jarvis, Ivan Chapman, Valerie Rodwell, Suzanne Erdelyi, Clifford Hart, Mandy Elms, Kathleen Elms, Susan Walsh, Lesley Gardiner.

Commended: Andrew Alsop, Tony New, Claire Weston, Mandy Spotton, Trevor Fidgett, Julie Dean, Patricia Turner, Sadie Riches, P. Davidson, Linda Edmonds, Jackie Bustin, Donald Hensby, Richard Stokes, Steven Sandford, Murtylin Butler, Susan Edge, Christine Chilver, S. Harbour, Maureen Foskett, Valerie Scrace, Keith Smith, Pauline Elms, Beverley Chilver, Deborah Croucher, Penny Punter, Susan Stevenson, Carol Gardiner, Susan Stewart, Teresa Burnard, Geoffrey Cole, Margaret Grundy (omitted references), David Edge, Andrew Dwyer, Elizabeth Starnes, Jennifer Starnes, Sarah Dee, Neil Edwards, Julie Willett, Elaine Jackson, Susan Cowup, Josie Sullivan, Keith Whiting, Julie Farenden, Keith Harris, Robin Thompson. The following sent references only: Christine Burton, Angela Pettitt, Leslie Carter, Jean Carpenter, Anne Wills, Tina Sherlock, Alan Stevens, Pauline Tracy, Barry Fox, Derek Lancashire, Stephen Fox, John Clarke, Paul Smith, Jeffrey Mee, Corinne Lancashire.

Not for Competition: Miss Pauline Ray Stokes.

"Enon", Woolwich, heads the list this time; Hammerfield came second; Warboys, third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Did you hear the story of two young people who tried to take Bibles into Russia? They came to England from America on holiday, and when in London they collected together nearly 400 Bibles printed in the Russian language. They started off, probably from Germany, in their "Volkswagen" van and carefully hid the Bibles in various false compartments in the van. All went well until they got to Brest on the border between Poland and Russia. And there, waiting for them, were Russian Customs men and a member of the Soviet Secret Police, complete with a film unit and tape machine to record all that was said.

As soon as our two young people, Mr. and Mrs. Hippisley, arrived at the border, they were stopped by the Customs men, who were evidently warned beforehand, and all the secret hiding places were opened and all the Bibles discovered. They were then questioned for three hours by the Customs men, border guards and the Secret Police. The Bibles were taken away, and also their van and other belongings, and they were sent home on the next day by train and were expelled from the country.

Why did Mr. Hippisley want to take the Bibles into Russia when he was on holiday? It was first of all because, as he said, "We were trying to do the Lord's work. Our main reason for going was to get the Bibles into Russia. Having lived there, I know that the people are terribly short of Bibles. In some Churches there is only one Bible for the whole congregation". Mr. Hippisley knew that the Bible is the living Word of God. It is the Lamp of God's truth and it shines with Divine light wherever it goes, chasing away the darkness of fear in the minds and hearts of men.

And why were the Russian Soviet so afraid of letting the Bible in their country? Why was it that not only Mr. and Mrs. Hippisley but also two other Baptist ministers were expelled from the country? It was because the Bible speaks with power to the hearts of all who read it. It was because the Bible is absolutely true from beginning to end. It was because God Himself is the Author of the Bible, and His Word is higher than all the words of men.

I was very pleased to hear from:—Catherine Balls, Susan Hayday, and Betty Wilson. Also I would like to thank the following friends for their welcome letters:—Mrs. Eileen Appleby, from India (so glad to receive Kathryn's entry for the Bible Searcher), Pastor Geoffrey Blake, Mrs. E. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mr. J. Christie, Mrs. A. Cooke, Mr. D. J. Endersby, Mr. David Harmer, Pastor Joseph Hewitt, Mr. E. Rayner, Mr. Colin Mann, Mrs. G. Markwick, Mr. Don Payne (pleased to hear from the juniors), Mr. John Pizzey, Mrs. E. J. Riddleston, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

With kindest good wishes to you all,

UNCLE PETER.

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OUR NEW COVER

We hope that all our readers will like our New-Look cover. It has been designed for us by Mr. Lewis Lupton and the suggestion for its style came from one of our young Bible Searchers.

Each cover will present two pictures. At the top of the cover in the right-hand corner is an artist's sketch drawn by Mr. Lupton. On the left-hand bottom corner we shall be showing, by way of contrast, some of the scenes that make us sad, and teach us India's need of the Lord Jesus.

TIGER! TIGER!

The following story was written by an Indian in the Tamil language and translated into English. It was a competition story on the theme of "Helping Others" and won first prize. It was very kindly sent on to Rays *by our Missionary, Mr. W. H. Kuhrt.*

Some years ago there was a lad named Daniel who lived with his father in a certain village in India. When he was quite a small boy they moved to another village thirty miles away and reached there in the evening of the day. It was a great surprise to Daniel to find a thick hedge planted all around the village and, upon asking the reason for this, his father said, "See, nearby is a big forest where tigers live. The fence has been planted round the village to prevent the tigers from getting in and killing men and goats. Therefore, my son, you must not go outside the hedge after dark. If you do, you will fall a prey to a tiger. Now give me your word that you will obey me". Daniel promised to do as his father said.

Now Daniel's father was a teacher and, although he had opened a school in the village, no children would come to it for they did not know the value of learning. After a few days, however, one boy did come to the school. His name was Kandasamy and his father was the head man of the village. It was not long before Daniel and Kandasamy became fast friends and gradually other children also came to the school.

The Monsoon

One day, at the time of the monsoon, it rained so heavily that some of the roofs of the houses in the village fell right in. It was a very anxious time for all and resulted in great loss for man and beast. None of the children could go to school—it was so wet that they all had to stay indoors. However, at last the rain stopped and the sun shone once more and some of the boys came out to play in the puddles. Some of the puddles were deep and the mud slippery and it was in one of these that Kandasamy slipped and fell violently down upon his head, wounding it so badly that he lost much blood and fainted.

A Doctor Needed

It was evening when the accident happened and it was seen that Kandasamy's life was in danger and that unless they could find a

doctor he might even die during the night. They carried Kandasamy to his own home but he became worse. There was no doctor in the village although there was a good doctor some miles away. But who would dare to venture at that time of night into the black darkness of the forest outside the village? "Oh," said the villagers, "we dare not pass the banyan tree on the edge of our village, for if we do the demon who lives in the tree will leap out upon us and beat us. And if we should be able to pass the banyan tree, a tiger from the forest will pounce upon us and kill us."

Daniel listened to what they said and he too began to fear the darkness. He thought of his promise to his father, not to leave the village at night, but he also thought of the help which poor Kandasamy was so badly needing as he slowly bled to death. At last he could bear it no longer. He stood up and said that he would go out into the darkness and fetch the doctor. The people were very much amazed. Some said, "Oh, the banyan tree demon will get you." Others said, "Oh, a tiger will eat you." But Daniel said, "If my Friend, the Lord Jesus, is with me, and if God is by my side, how can I fear?"

Daniel's Dangerous Journey

So Daniel slipped out into the black darkness beyond the village. He carried in his hand a lighted torch because tigers are afraid of the fire in them. Alone in the darkness, he ran past the banyan tree. The demon did not leap out or beat him. But when he came to the dark forest, the fear of the tigers made his heart go pit-a-pat. He carried his torch of burning wood and ran fast; the flickering shadows fell upon the trees and it seemed as if a tiger might be hiding anywhere. Where the forest was very dense, it seemed to him that a wild beast was following him step by step. He turned quickly, putting his torch behind him, and there sure enough was a tiger following him. Now he was really scared. He kept the torch towards the tiger and ran as fast as he could.

Deliverance at Last

At last, Daniel reached the doctor's village and soon told the doctor all that had happened to his friend, Kandasamy. The doctor gathered his medicines together, got out his horse and, mounting Daniel behind him, he rode to Kandasamy's village. While they were going on the forest path, they could see quite clearly the footprints of the large tiger. It was not long, however, before they reached the village and the doctor was able to treat Kandasamy in such a way that his life was saved.

How the people of the village praised the doctor for saving Kandasamy's life. But the doctor said, "It is not me that you should praise. Daniel is the one who deserves it. It was he who braved the dangers of the demons and the tigers of the forest in the darkness alone. He is a true friend and his unselfishness should be praised by all."

It was perfectly true. It was Daniel's love for Kandasamy that gave him the desire to help his friend. And it was the Lord Jesus

who gave to Daniel the mind and the courage to do all that he did. Love knows no fear. "This is God's commandment, that we should believe (or place our trust) on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another"—1 John 3: 23.

THE HERO WHO RAN AWAY

by Missionary, Mr. H. A. Huckett (Namakkal)

Some years ago we had in our Boys' Hostel a boy who bore a name which meant "Hero of Victory", but he did not like going to school. He did not mind washing up, dusting, or cleaning the brass, but his greatest joy was to put his head inside the bonnet of a car, or to lie on his back underneath getting a worm's-eye-view of the engine. He was a wizard on a cycle, too, and could do all kinds of tricks on two wheels. But study and examinations were definitely NOT his line. He loved animals, and was particularly fond of a golden cocker spaniel called "Taffy". Sometimes he would give Taffy tit-bits from his own plate, and at night the dog would sleep by his side on a mat in the Boys' Hostel.

The Hero Strays

One day, a naughty thought gripped him hard. Why not run away and see the world? Much better than cleaning saucepans, washing plates, and trying to pass examinations! "Book learning won't rise to my head," he had often said. So, watching his opportunity, and with the help of an accomplice, on September 3rd he quietly disappeared. Life outside was not quite so thrilling as he thought it would be, especially when his comrade in adventure deserted him and ran home to his mother. He himself went from place to place trying to get work, and eventually got a job with a lorry owner in Salem, thirty-two miles from Namakkal. He had to work Sundays and weekdays, and often late at night, washing lorries and getting them ready for the road. He was not happy and longed to return.

The Hero Returns

Meanwhile, several of us were praying for him, asking the Lord to bring him back. We did not know where he was but God did, and we felt sure that the time would come when, like the prodigal of old, he would turn up. After some weeks a postcard came to the Warden of the Hostel acknowledging he had done wrong and enquiring about Taffy. But there was no address on the card. Then another card came, this time to Stephen, the Warden's son, but still no address. We went on praying. On November 24th, eighty-two days after he ran away, a cyclist came into the compound, it was "Hero of Victory". The prodigal had returned. He told us that he wanted to come back before and had actually been to Namakkal sixteen times, but could not bring himself to come right in and ask for forgiveness. It takes courage and humility to do that. He even got as far as the gate one day, and

Taffy saw him and recognised him, but unfortunately we were either out or upstairs, and Taffy never told us!

The Hero Repents

How hard it is to say, "I was wrong". How hard it is to repent and return to the Father's house. Praise God, there IS a way back from the paths of sin, and Jesus is always ready to welcome us when in penitence and prayer we seek His face. He **waits** to be gracious (Isaiah 30: 18). One thing that cheered us greatly, as we heard "Hero of Victory's" story was that he told us he had read his Bible and prayed every day, even though he was ridiculed by some of his workmates for doing so. One man he worked for tried to burn his Bible. We asked him if he really wanted to come back and help us again. He said, "Yes," but that he must first inform the lorry owner and leave honourably. We had prayer with him, and then sent him back to Salem on his hired cycle to face his employer and settle his accounts.

I wonder if anyone reading this has run away from God, and is still in the "far country". God's message to you is: "Sinner, come home. Come unto Me . . . and I will give you REST".

Don't put it off! Now is the accepted time; NOW is the day of salvation. Read Isaiah 1: 18-20.

RAIN, RAIN!

No doubt each one of us has grumbled at the rain this summer. It spoilt the cricket, and the tennis courts were too soft; it may even have rained all day when your Sunday School went for their summer outing. I know of one girl who did not worry about the rain—she was fond of swimming in the sea and, since she got wet anyway, she didn't worry about a few drops of rain.

And yet there is another side to the question. For it is harvest time and the great combines are moving into the fields of corn. The stems are larger this year and the yield is greater, for there has been both sun and rain. Both are needed for harvest.

In India, however, there has been little rain. The hot sun has dried up the fields so much that it is of no use to sow the seed rice or seed grain. And, for this reason, the harvest has been very poor. The monsoons, or rainy seasons, have come, but the rain has not been sufficient. A plentiful rain is just what is needed.

Let us therefore cease to grumble at the rain, and let us think instead of India's need of rain. And those of you who have learnt to pray, remember in your prayers the sore need of India and the thousands of starving and under-fed boys and girls who are crying out for rain.

Lower Group, age under 12

As you search for these words, think of India and her great need for "a plentiful rain".

1. There was a great rain.
2. Who prepareth rain for the earth.
3. The Lord shall . . . give . . . showers of rain.
4. He . . . gave us rain from heaven.
5. He prayed . . . and the heaven gave rain.

The words will be found in 1 Kings 18; Psalm 147; Zechariah 10; Acts 14; James 5. Write out the verses **in full,** giving the book, chapter and verse where found.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

In addition to the Lower Group questions, answer these, and write out the verses **in full,** with the reference.

6. Who giveth rain upon the earth.
7. The earth . . . drinketh in the rain.
8. Thou . . didst send a plentiful rain.
9. Be glad . . . for he hath given you . . . rain.
10. As the rain . . . ; So shall my word be.

The answers will be found in Job 5; Psalm 68; Isaiah 55 (two verses); Joel 2; Hebrews 6; but not in the same order.

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CLOSING DATE—OCTOBER 31st, 1966.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

There was a good response to this Searcher, and we were pleased to see entries from Cransford and Irthlingborough once again. There were forty-nine new Searchers; welcome to you all. Here are the names, in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Susan Smith, aged 15, Tabernacle S.S., Brighton.
2. Maureen Blagden, aged 13, Fryerns S.S., Basildon.

Special Mention: Monica Jarritt, Sylvia Chapman, Rosemary Barnes, Marianne Dawson, Miriam Baker, Mary Garrard, Trevor Clarkson, Maureen Lowe.

Very Highly Commended: Trevor Hart, Marilyn Croucher, Roger Armstrong, Vivienne Pain, Barbara Payne, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Carol Bedford, Monica Gooderham, Hilary Worsell, Mary Arnold, Christine Lovett, Ruth Gadd, Stephen Woodford, Peter King, Richard Underwood, Jill Reuter, Diane Clifford, Martin Dowding.

Highly Commended: Linda Cattermole, Jane Wicking, Carol Verrall, Anthony Wood, Rita Ruffles, Ann Blakeman, Susan Hayday, Kathleen Dean, Anne Mayell, Raymond Grimwood, Alison Christie, Paul Grimwood, Janet Bowler, Alan Burrows, Doreen Biggs, Janet King, Paula Chapman, Jacqueline Taylor, Wendy Christie, Janet Andrews, Christina Turner, Adrian Clarkson, Christine Relf, J. A. Maltby, Barbara Hammond, K. D. Maltby, Joyce Orchard, Michael Kendall, Hazel Cordle, Andrew Collins, Lyn Weston, Heather Wicks, Evelyn Barton, Jacqueline Hughes, Alan Parris, Glenis Killick, Teresa Turner, Sarah Roden, Linda Fountain, Robert Chambers, Susan Bessant, Joan Bollans, Yvonne Hayward, Angela Blaxall.

Commended: Lynda Camp, Emelia Higgs, Philip Baker, R. Buss, Pat Ruffold, Bernard Gooderham, Maureen Gar, Christine Edwards, David

Bennett, Margaret Woolsey, Kathleen Jafrate, Richard Nash, Mary Williams, Ann Rush, Kathryn Keay, Susan Tickner, Eileen Judge, Judith Roberton, Margaret Lavender, Linda Verrall, Lynda Killick, Winston Blackwood, Marguerite Verrall, Carol Henry, Ian Evemy, June McReynolds, Robert Tatt, Julie Fisher (Gadebridge) answered Lower Group only.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. David Morris, aged 10, Hambro Road S.S., Streatham.
2. Timothy Saunders, aged 7, North Rd. S.S., Brentford.

Special Mention: Lois Clarkson, Kathryn Appleby, Ruth Layzell, Sheila Cross, Linda Chapman, John Layzell, Peter Geall, Sandra Ling, Jennifer Rainford, Heather Gardner, Nicola Tomlin, Mary Bater.

Very Highly Commended: Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Sarah Dee, Alison Smith, Margaret Seymour, Yvonne Baxter, Rosemary Mitchell, Louise Webber, Elaine Hewitt, Nicholas Alexander, Eric Bater, Elizabeth Wood, Susan Lamb, Yvonne Wood, Lynn Elliott, Sara Jardine, Christine Frost, Virginia Hawes, Valerie Rodwell, Rosina Riddleston, Andrew Pearce, Kenneth Alexander, Simon Webber, Martyn Hardy, Wendy Chapman, Heather Edwards, Stephen Kingston, David Gurd, Lorna Murdon, Marion Frost, Joy Thrower, Elizabeth Kindred, Paul Gray, Peter Burrows, Rodney Bennett, Elizabeth Mitchell, Linda Stevens, Diane Fielden, Christopher Dowding, Joanne Jafrate, Raymond Hart, Tony New, Philip Hart, Philip Clarkson, Derek Pearce, Christine Smith, Barbara Brown, Jeremy Hill, Melvin Cattermole, John Orchard, Julia Barber, David Pickett, Susan Payne, Paul King, Kingsley Reeve, Dianne Elliott, Ian Lane, Kevin Moules, Sean Ryan, Kim Reuter, Christine Phillips, Joan Justice, Beryl Munford, Lesley Wilson, Christina Jenkins, Ann Chapman, Sharon Rivers, Joy Mutimer, Paul Heasman, Sally Chapman, Julie Blagden, David Edge, Tony Ewer, Denise Copeland, Keith Payne, Grace Justice, Mary Bower, Susan Edge, Joy Chapman, Catherine Ferguson, Barbara Wright, Graeme Clarkson, Claire Taylor, Philip Stevens, Maureen Styles, Jacqueline Vaughan, Michael Hewitt, Jeannette Moore, Philip Page, Sylvia Dale, Rita Lovett, Rachel Orchard, Angela Freshwater, Kathleen Watts, Andrew Hewitt, Christine Fielden, John Williams, Shelagh Norris, Christopher Oliver, Michael Williams, Andrew Stevens, Jean Carpenter, Evelyn Rowland, Nicky Sampson, Angela Seymour, Paul Thrower, Beryl Copeland, Gillian Harvey, Rosalind Wilkinson, Melvyn Barnes, Andrew Ottley, Claire Wicking, Janice Dockree, Andrew Orchard, Reston McIver, Stephen Hart, Linda Mitson, Carol Barber, Christopher Harvey, Beryl Thompson, Lorraine Phillips, Gloria Brown, Gillian Frost, Christine Chapman, Julie Dean, Elaine Hayward, P. Davidson, Karen Brazer, Jackie Bustin, Patricia Bustin, Sandra Horsted.

Highly Commended: Bryan Upchurch, Bridget Frost, Ann Barber, Jamie Ryan, Pamela Fountain, Penny Punter, Christopher Rookyard, Betty Wilson, Jennifer Starnes, Elizabeth Starnes, Susan Morris, Janet Jordan, Paul Nash, Eileen Colman, Elaine Benton, Jane Hardy, Anne Wills, Paul Hart, Caroline Fuller, Rosemary Chapman, Lorraine Inman, Linda Rush, Juliet Hoyes, Berys Bird, Judith Orchard, Mandy Elms, Glynis Hayward, Alison Hughes, David Marshall, Andy Duncan, Billy Roden, Joanne Cordery, Susan Peek, Susan Mann, Anita May, Stephen Duncan, Derek Phillips, Janet Ward, Graham Dennis, Graham Milne, Leslie Barber, Ellen Benton, Dawn Strutt, Linda Jordan, Patricia Turner, Clifford Hart, Graham Hart, Andrew Toms, Gladys Carter, Catherine Balls, Claire Weston, Maureen Newsome, Pat Riches, Patrick Manderson, Susanna Hunt, Rose Coomber, Caroline Barnett, Graham Wilkinson, Lynn Bryant, Keith Milne, David Monk, Glynda Larter, Philip Rowland, Patrick Ryan, Lesley Suckling, Pauline Elms, Sadie Riches, Pauline Tracey, Patricia Freshwater, Graham Grange, Barry Taylor, Janet Biggs, Philip Collins, Julie Fisher, Julie Woods, Tina Lloyd, Gerald Sheppard, Anne McReynolds, Maxine Jackson, Susan Barlow, Russell Maidment, Gillian Carpenter, Stella Swaby, Lesley Piggott, David Croft, Lesley Williams, Carole Piggott, Linda Tanfield,

Lisa Hassett, Jeanette Swaby, Ivan Chapman, Yvonne Dawkins, Susan Jordan, Judy Hartley, Louisa Chapman, Susan Streeter, Linda Cobbold, Mary Toms, Kathleen Elms, Jeremy Hartley, Linda Payne, Yvonne Clarke, Dawn Yarham, Pamela Gurdin, Jennifer Weise, Margaret Smy, Martin Jacklin, Gregory Mott, Gregory Collett, John Self.

Commended: Julie Drew, Jacqueline Weise, Beverley Chilver, Ian Heslop, Dawnette Rainford, David Blyth, Derek Labbatt, Linda Ryder, Richard Self, Simon Tanfield, Margaret Grundy, Elaine Clifford (omitted references), Corinne Lancashire, Teresa Withington, Steven Sandford, Barry Fox, Gaye Yarham, Derek Lancashire, Christine Chilver, Jean Witchalls, Paul Putman, Sylvia Gilbert and Heather Sheffield sent references only.

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

We are sorry that the name of Joyce Lees was accidentally omitted from the last list. Late entry, Miss Pauline Ray Stokes.

Hammerfield heads the list, with Woolwich second, and Hailsham third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

First of all may I congratulate you on the highest-ever number of entries for the August Searcher, and a special word for Hailsham whose entries are steadily increasing (look out Woolwich!). More and more schools' entries are being sent to me in a bunch by some helpful and thoughtful teacher who loves the boys and girls. May God bless your efforts.

I must tell you what a grand Rally we had at New Cross Chapel, and the crowd of boys and girls that came along. Fifteen schools were represented and Pastor Toogood took the chair. He also gave us one of his special Illustrated Talks. After that Missionary Miss L. Knight, taught us a Tamil chorus which she said we learnt very well. And then Miss Knight and Missionary Philip Grist talked to us about their radio work and some of the interesting letters that are received from all over the Far East. There are now countries where no white missionary can go but the Gospel News radio can get there just the same and people can listen to the same messages from the Word of God.

I was pleased to receive letters from: Kathryn Appleby (and picture of Gulliver, does he travel?), Janet Bowler, Joy Chapman, Kathleen Dean, Heather Gardner, Paul Heasman, Carol Henry, Sara Jardine, Joyce Orchard, Richard Underwood, Anthony Wood. Also I would like to thank these friends for their letters: Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. E. Clarkson, Mr. D. J. Endersby, Mr. S. G. Comber, Mrs. G. Goddard, Mr. David Harmer, Pastor J. Hewitt, Mrs. L. Jefferson, Mrs. A. Layzell, Miss Hazel Marjoram, Mr. Don Payne, Miss J. C. Sinclair, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

May God's blessing be upon you all,

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

SPECIAL NOTICES

1.—To our Helpers and Secretaries.

Please note that the Annual Subscriptions for "Rays from the East" are now due for 1967.

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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 1966. 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 1/- 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.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

by Missionary H. A. Huckett, Namakkal.

In these exciting days of speed on earth and speed in space, we are more than ever dependent on the watchful care of our loving Heavenly Father. On several occasions recently, He has preserved us from accidents and injury. One Sunday morning we were returning from a service in a distant village, and when we reached the main road, we stopped on the left hand side to enable an Indian brother named William to catch a bus, which we saw coming towards us from the direction of Namakkal.

William got on the bus and as it began to move off, we saw a car approaching with the intention of overtaking it. So we waited before starting up the engine, to let it pass. Suddenly I saw another car in my rear-view mirror, coming up behind us. Owing to brake failure the driver could not stop it, and I fully expected it to crash into our rear bumper. To my surprise it suddenly appeared on our left. It had mounted a heap of stones at the side of the road and had come to a standstill. I congratulated the driver on his presence of mind, and we all got out and helped to push his car back on to the road. If the stones had not stopped it,

it would have fallen down a steep embankment and might have turned turtle. A lady and a baby were in the car. We praised God for His preserving care.

In Madurai last week we had another narrow escape. A "Lambretta" motor scooter with a pillion passenger suddenly collided with a calf that was frisking about in the road. Both men fell off just in front of the bonnet of our car. Fortunately our brakes were in good shape, so we were able to stop dead, instead of running over them.

On our way to the big River Festival on the Cauvery in August we had a burst tyre. Once again the Lord protected us from all harm.

Our helper, Mark, came over from the Boys' Hostel one night, and just as he reached the steps of the bungalow, a four-foot cobra crossed the path in front of him. It had been hiding at the foot of a custard-apple tree near our back door. It is still at large, though we have tried to find it.

In a storm the other night, the electric cable which carries current to the house from the road fell down, but no one was hurt or electrocuted. There have been some bad accidents of that kind recently.

So join us please in praising God for His loving care and protection. "God will take care of YOU."



TOO LONG TO WAIT

by Miss Monica Harris, Belukurichi, Kolli Hills.

"Why didn't you come before?" This is the kind of question we ask when we have been expecting someone to come, and it has seemed a long time to wait.

We had just arrived at the Forest Bungalow for a three-weeks' camp. A little group of children from Nadukombai village had followed us up the forest road, and helped to take our camping things from the van to the verandah of the bungalow. Many hands make light work, so we were very glad of their help.

Later on in the morning other groups of children came to see us and greet us with a friendly welcome. One little girl said, "Why didn't you come before?" It was twenty-one months since our last camp, and it had seemed a long time to wait, and she was glad that at last we had arrived.

One village woman said, "You should come at least every six months, then it would be good." But why had not we come before? Because we had been busy camping up on the Kolli Hills, where other Hill children look forward to our coming. Why do the children look forward to our coming? Because they love the meetings in which they learn to sing choruses and say Bible verses, with simple actions to help them understand and remember the meaning of the words. They also listen to Bible stories, and learn how to pray to the Lord Jesus. To pray to Him is quite different from the way they have learnt to worship their idols of wood and stone.

Sometimes we have the meetings up in the Forest Bungalow, sitting on the verandah; and sometimes we have them down in the village. Sunday School is always held down in the village, sitting on the ground under the shade of a great banyan tree. The children love the Tamil-text-picture cards we give them in Sunday School, for they know that you boys and girls in England have sent them out to them. Please continue to pray for the Kolli Hills boys and girls, when you pray for the children of India. One little boy was singing his favourite Bible verse as he went off into the fields, "O God, keep me as the apple of the eye". His father heard him singing and he too was interested. Pray for their mothers and fathers too, that these children may lead them to Jesus. "A little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11: 6).

A NEW HOME

by Mrs. E. R. Appleby, Dindigul, South India.

Have you ever moved your home? Have you left one house and gone to live in another one? Our daughter, who is nine years old, has lived in six houses already—some in India and some in England—and that does not include holidays or visits to friends. And now she is at boarding school which is really the seventh house, as she is there more often than she is at home.

We've moved again recently. Can you imagine your Daddy having to do all the moving himself, with perhaps some help from two friends? There are no removal companies where we live in India. No kind men who come and do all the work for you and carry all the furniture away in their van to your new house!

First, we emptied all the cupboards and packed the things, wrapped in paper, into wooden boxes. Then we took the cupboards; and with the help of two men whom we paid to do the really hard work, we wrapped them up in thin mats made of plaited leaves which are very cheap here. Then rope was tied all round them to keep them from getting scratched. What a job this was! And the weather is very hot, too—just imagine it! When everything in the house was wrapped up and we had nothing left to eat our dinner from, we had to order a lorry from a booking office and wait for it to come.

The lorry men piled all our furniture and boxes on their lorry and brought it to our new house where they dumped it all in one room. We had to do the unwrapping and sorting out. It was very hard work. But we did it, and here we are, happily in our new home. The town is called Dindigul (can you say that?). The housing estate is called Nehruji Nagar which means Nehru Estate, and our house is No. C19 which is a funny number, isn't it?

The Lord Jesus helped us to come here. I wonder if He will take us to any more new homes in the future? I do know that the last home of all will be our home in heaven with Him. Will you be there too?

STAMP CORNER CALLING!

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

Tips for Collectors

(a) Settle in your mind that you will collect the stamps of a certain country. Collect as many as you can of the issues from that country. Of course, collect stamps of other countries too, but make a special effort for the country you choose.

Remember, stamps are usually printed in sets; so work to get the sets together.

Borrow a Stamp Catalogue from your local library. You can then stick your stamps in your album in the same order as shown in the Catalogue.

Watch out for more tips in the next issue of "Rays".

(b) Send all British used postage stamps that you can find, and also any other stamps you can spare to me at the above address.

(c) Ask me to send you some of my special approval sheets and good value packets.

Best wishes and happy collecting to all Collectors!

CHRISTMAS BIBLE SEARCHER

"Good Tidings To All People."

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

Lower Group, age under 12

1. I bring you good tidings of . . . a Saviour.
2. Jesus . . . shall save his people.
3. There is none other name, . . . whereby we must be saved.
4. Whosoever shall call . . . shall be saved.
5. God sent . . . his Son . . . that the world through him might be saved.

The answers will be found in Luke 2 (two verses); Matthew 1; Acts 4; Romans 10; John 3.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Answer the Lower Group questions. Then search for these words, and write out the verses in full.

6. Christ Jesus . . . came to save sinners.
7. The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour.
8. The Lamb of God . . . taketh away the sin of the world.
9. Look unto me, and be ye saved.
10. This is indeed . . . the Saviour of the world.

The answers will be found in Isaiah 45; John 1 and 4; 1 Timothy 1; 1 John 4; 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 April, 1967, 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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RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Some very nice entries were sent in; but there were several Searchers in both groups who gave the wrong answer to Question 5. Read the question again, and look at verse 18. We welcome thirty-four new Searchers, and were pleased to see Little Staughton represented again. The names follow in order of merit.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Susan Woolcott, aged 14, Epping S.S.
2. Doreen Biggs, aged 12, Hailsham S.S.

Special Mention: Rosemary Barnes, Jacqueline Maltby, Vivienne Pain, Maureen Lowe, Marian Goold, Monica Jarritt, Elizabeth Hammond, Barry Hills, Anthony Wood, Maureen Blagden.

Very Highly Commended: Trudy Payce, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Jill Reuter, Marianne Dawson, Jean Smith (Hilmarton), Alan Burrows, Jane Wicking, Paula Chapman, Susan Fisher, Richard Underwood, Raymond Grimwood, Stephen Woodford, Ann Blakeman, Susan Smith, Rosemary Jarvis, Susan Hayday, Marilyn Croucher, Jeremy Dutton, Andrew Collins, Barbara Payne, Michael Kendall, Paul Grimwood, Jennifer Noble, Trevor Hart, Lynda Camp, R. J. Armstrong, Martin Dowding, Carol Bedford, Martin Page, Linda Cattermole, Robert Chambers, Maureen Gur, Jacqueline Hughes, Sylvia Chapman, Keith Maltby, Miriam Baker, Heather Payne, David Thurlow, Ruth Gadd, Hilary Beckett, Kathryn Keay, Rita Ruffles, Peter King, David Bennett, Joyce Orchard, Mary Arnold.

Highly Commended: Anne Mayell, Christine Relf, Harry Grant, Bernard Gooderham, Marcia Bradshaw, Ian Garrod, Pat Ruffold, Alan Parris, Stephen Hart, Roger Jordan, Emelia Higgs, Linda Mitson, Felicity Lawler, Linda Verrall, Leonard Carter, Susan Bessant, Joan Bollans, Glynis Killick, Michael Child, Maureen White, Lyn Weston, Philip Baker, Philip

Hart, Monica Gooderham, Kathleen Dean, Christine Edwards, Irene Bunton, Sarah Roden, Janet Bowler.

Commended: Julie Fisher, Cherith Grant, Alison Verrall, Susan Tickner, Linda Killick. Answered Lower Group only: Peter Grange, R. Croucher, John Adeosun, Diane Martin.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Martyn Hardy, aged 10½, Hammerfield S.S.

2. Sheila Cross, aged 11, "Providence" S.S., March.

Special Mention: Lorna Murden, Joy Hall, Linda Chapman, John Layzell, Mary Bater, Amanda Smith, Marion Frost, Susan Payne, Colleen Wright, Sharon Rivers.

Very Highly Commended: Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Lynn Bryant, John Orchard, David Pickett, Kim Reuter, Elaine Hewitt, Paul Nash, Nicholas Toogood, Heather Gardner, Valerie Rodwell, Ruth Layzell, Andrew Pearce, David Morris, Peter Geall, Stephen Kingston, Graham Wilkinson, Heather Edwards, Christine Fielden, Claire Wicking, Susan Lamb, Michael Wayman, Christine Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Paul Gray, Sheila Harbour, Joy Vincent, Anita May, Susan Mann, David Edge, Betty Wilson, Lesley Piggott, Sarah Dee, Margaret Seymour, Ray Mayell, Nicholas Alexander, Gloria Browne, Rosemary Mitchell, Janet Thompson, Eric Bater, Elizabeth Mitchell, Gary Corsi, Andrew Cooke, Mary Gooderham, Jill Lovelock, Ann Chapman, Elizabeth Wood, Diane Fielden, Sara Jardine, Lynn Elliott, Stephen Wade, Paul Thrower, Lois Clarkson, Simon Webber, Linda Jordan, Christine Frost, Melvyn Barnes, Janet Biggs, Carol Barber, Christopher Oliver, Philip Clarkson, Stephen Cooke, Shelagh Norris, Melanie Conn, Christine Burton, an entry from 62 Rainsborowe Road, Colchester, Judy Hartley, Joy Thrower, Lesley Wilson, Joy Chapman, Simon Eley, Susan Edge, Catherine Ferguson, Grace Justice, Beryl Thompson, Philip Collins, Heather Sheffield, Josephine Jilks, Andrew Orchard, Linda Stevens, Maureen Stroud, John Williams, Linda Tanfield, Dawn Yarham, Jacqueline Vaughan, Leslie Barber, Gillian Harvey, Paul Hart, Rosina Riddleston, Susan Barlow, Judith Moore, Diane Elliott, Louise Webber, Sandra Ling, Timothy Saunders, Gillian Frost, Yvonne Wood, Delia Rawlinson, Joy Mutimer, Paul Francis, Carole Piggott.

Highly Commended: Graham Hart, Raymond Hart, Jackie Bustin, Sally Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Jacklynne Hodgskin, Paul King, Caroline Day, Patricia Freshwater, Steven Sandford, Joan Justice, Paul Heasman, Julia Barber, Virginia Hawes, Kenneth Alexander, Berys Bird, Penny Punter, Billy Roden, Maureen Newsom, Graham Dennis, Michael Williams, Rodney Bennett, Lesley Bollans, Rosalind Wilkinson, Pauline Tracy, Anne Wills, Marvell Dublin, Suzanne Erdelyi, Andrew Moseley, Stephen Homans, Gary Bedford, Simon Tanfield, David Gurd, Ian Lane, Irene Carter, Anne Mills, David Monk, Patrick Ryan, Philip Rudd, Derek Pearce, Judith Orchard, Catherine Balls, Pamela Parker, Christopher Jordan, Andrew Ottley, Pamela Gurdin, Linda Rush, Ian Hutton, Mary Toms, Pauline Elms, Rosemary Chapman, Tina Ponting, Linda Page, Ann Stimpson, Janice Dockree, Patricia Turner, Bryan Upchurch, Clifford Hart, Peter Burrows, Julia Blagden, Christopher Dowding, Melvin Cattermole, Janet Wood, Ronald Carter, Dawne Grant, Lesley Williams, Kathleen Elms, Rachel Orchard, Philip Page, Susan Streeter, Pat Steadman, Nicky Sampson, Keith Payne, Kim Shipton, Andrew Hewitt, Paul Putman, Kingsley Reeve, Margaret James, Patricia Bustin, Kathleen Watts, Julie Farrenden, Rose Coomber, Claire Weston, Christopher Harvey, Michael Hewitt.

Commended: Barbara Wright, Mary Bower, Jean Smith (Sunderland), Ruth Willmott, Jeanette Moore, Andrew Toms, James Coomber, Russell Maidment, Kay Ford, Karen Brazer, Stephen Woolcott, Angela Freshwater, David Blyth, Derek Labbatt, Julie Dean, Betty Fox, Linda Cobbold, Mandy Elms, Stephen Moriarty, Jamie Ryan, John Wills, Evelyn Rowland,

Clifford Morrison, Evelyn Kreamer, Lorna Oakes, Rosemary Howe, Julie Willett, Graham Grange, Graeme Clarkson, Patsy Chapman, Susanna Hunt, Andrew Varley, Christine Farrenden, Tony Ewer, Cynthia Dublin, Steven Carr, Joan Self, Richard Self, Kevin Moulds.

Not for Competition: Misses Lilian Boxall, Yvonne Hucklesbee, Pauline Stokes (both August and October entries), Heather Payne, Jean Smith and Tina Ponting sent late answers to the August Searcher.

Hammerfield Sunday School heads the list. Highbury, with a big increase, came second. Brighton Tabernacle came third.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Christmas is coming very near and I know how much you will be looking forward to that day. For a few moments, I want you to come with me in imagination to the very first Christmas Eve that ever was. It was getting dark, and Joseph was leading a little donkey up a very steep hill. He was very careful lest the donkey should stumble, for seated upon her back was Mary, whom he very dearly loved. "How far is it to Bethlehem?" asked Mary, as she looked upwards towards the top of the hill. "Not very far," said Joseph, for he could almost see the lights of the little town now.

Presently they drew near to the town and it was not long before they were entering its streets. "We shall soon find somewhere to stay," said Joseph, "and then our journey will be over. and you can rest." "I hope so," said Mary, "but the town seems very full." It was true, the town was so full that nobody had any room for the two tired travellers from Nazareth. So Joseph tried the inn. "No," said the keeper of the inn, "You are too late. I haven't a room left."

And then he noticed Mary. He saw how sad she looked when he said this. He saw also how tired and weary she was, and he felt sorry for her. "See," he said, "I have a nice clean stable, and there in the corner you will find a pile of some new hay. If you like to use my stable, you are welcome."

You all knew the rest of the story. You know what took place that night. How the Lord Jesus was born in that stable and Mary laid Him upon the soft hay in the manger. God Himself had come down to earth in the Person of that little child, and the greatest event that has ever happened in this world took place that night in the innkeeper's stable.

I often wonder if the innkeeper knew who the baby was that was born in his stable. If so, how glad he must have been that he had been kind to Mary and Joseph and had not sent them away. He had very nearly done so, but he didn't. It is often just like that with us, even with boys and girls. It may be that we were going to send someone away, but we didn't. Or, we may have opened our mouth to say an unkind word, but we didn't. It is as important to keep our mouths shut lest we say an unkind thing, as it is to open our mouths for the words of kindness. David knew this so well that he compared his mouth to a door which can be shut, or it can be opened, and that was why he prayed this prayer to God, "Keep thou the door of my lips".

I was pleased to receive letters from: Miss Budd, Mrs. Blakeman, Mr. David Harmer, Miss M. Matthews, Mr. Don Payne, Miss Joyce Sawyer, Miss J. E. Smith, Miss G. Taylor, and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

A Happy Christmas to you all, both young and grown-up.

UNCLE PETER.

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"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

(MATT. 6. 33.)

Seek the coming of His kingdom;
Seek the souls around, to win them,
Seek to Jesus Christ to bring them;
Seek this first.

Georgiana M. Taylor.

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

PASTOR P. H. CREES

IT has ever been the desire of our Missionaries and the Home Council to "seek first the Kingdom of God", and during the last twelve months there has been an ever greater seeking after the "first things".

Prayerfully we have asked ourselves again and again, "What are the priorities?" The awful famine in India which means millions on the verge of starvation is not more serious than the famine of the Word of God. For some time now we have had the experience of getting only one-tenth of the Tamil Bibles we need.

Our hearts ache for hungry people, but we have had to learn that the priority for us is to supply the spiritual need.

The Mission's mandate is evangelism leading, under the blessing of God, to the emergence of indigenous Churches. This is our priority, we must evangelise. We believe, after much prayer and thought, both at home and in India, that it is right for us to remove from evangelised areas to unevangelised areas. Looking ahead for a few years we cannot envisage a numerically stronger staff, so we must do what we can with the staff available. We cannot continue with our present Church work in Tinnevelly and Salem, and at the same time evangelise in new areas: therefore we have chosen under the guidance of God to undertake work in new areas.

This evangelism in new areas cannot be undertaken immediately, but the process has begun by preparing to transfer Mission properties in India into three separate Trust Associations having regard to the congregational order of the churches. These three Trusts will be in Madras, Salem, and Tinnevelly, and this will ensure that the properties are secured for the Indian Churches.

Moreover we are preparing to withdraw from Tinnevelly altogether and have already found, by the guidance of the Lord, a new centre in Dindigul for our Radio and Literature work. We must continue to pray for the Churches in the Tinnevelly area, that they may grow in grace and in their testimony to their own people. Once we have withdrawn from the Tinnevelly area and have established our Radio and Literature work in Dindigul, then we can concentrate on the many places in the Salem area where the Gospel is not known.

This past year has also been the first year of the amalgamation of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary with the Strict Baptist Mission and we rejoice that both at home and abroad the integration has been

happy and helpful. It has been a pleasure to have six lady members serving on the Home Council, and to have our missionaries who are home on furlough, both sisters and brethren, attending Council Meetings. This has meant that the whole of the work has been thoroughly represented in the Council, and we rejoice in the unity and purpose that has been evident in our Meetings.

Our President, Pastor E. J. Wood, has served the Mission for five years and these years of office have been very important ones. He has devoted himself to the work of the Mission in grace and sacrifice, and though a very active business man, has sought first things first. We would thank God for him and his years in office.

We must also praise God for the vision and effort of our Fellowship of Youth who have in the past year contributed the second half of the money needed for the new Bookmobile. We rejoice that the chassis is now on order in India and we hope that after the bodywork is completed, the vehicle may be "on active service" early in 1967. We trust that, as it is recorded of the Churches of Macedonia, our young people have first given themselves to the Lord.

We close our report with the reminder that we must at all times seek first the Kingdom of God, putting first things first. Our prayer is that our vision may be clear, our faith strong, and that we shall not waver in our purpose though difficulties beset our path.

"Give me the heart, to hear
Thy voice and will,
That without fault or fear
I may fulfil
Thy purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than his best."

Walter John Mathams.

MADRAS AREA

Pastor D. W. Aaron
Pastor D. Asirvatham
Pastor M. T. Daniel
Pastor S. Devanesam
Pastor B. G. Samuel
Pastor E. R. Moses

W. H. Kuhrt

FIVE visits to Madras during the year have enabled us to visit all but one of the twelve Madras Churches. Attempts that have been made to persuade the Madras pastors to meet together regularly for prayer and consultation have not been very successful, so that it is a matter of some satisfaction that circumstances have

brought some of these brethren closer together of late for the fulfilment of special tasks and responsibilities.

Last year in September the Madras Field played host to our first Pastors' Conference when thirteen brethren spent three happy days together in Poonamallee. There were seven from Madras, five from Salem and one from Tinnevelly. Nearly all of the Madras contingent met together again on November 28th to set aside Mr. Gnanapragasam for the work of the ministry in Sembiam. In March of this year four of the brethren shared with me in a gathering at Ayanapuram where Mr. E. R. Moses was recognised as Pastor. And only last week Pastors Devanesam and Asirvatham were called to work together in an effort, which looks as though it may prove successful, to deal with very serious faction in the Sembiam Church.

In a three-day convention at Ayanapuram last year emphasis was laid upon the qualifications proper to the pastoral office and after having been so charged the Church proceeded to set apart one of its own members, Mr. E. Moses, and invited the S.B.M. Conference to send a representative to the Recognition Services which were conducted on Sunday, March 20th. Arising out of the mediation of the pastors in the affairs of Sembiam it is proposed to hold a series of special meetings there in the early part of August with special emphasis upon the matter of Church government after which it is hoped that the Church will proceed to reorganise its affairs in a peaceful manner.

Many of the Churches could undoubtedly have reported baptisms if we had called for figures and it is worthy of note that Poonamallee which has tended to stagnate of recent years received four new members into its fellowship by baptism last April. Last year in November it was an interesting privilege for us to visit the new congregation set up by Pastor D. Asirvatham in the crowded Ayanapuram Railway Quarters and a new little branch Chapel set up by the Kilpauk Church in Kodambakkam. Although Pastor Devanesam is not the man he was physically, he grows in stature and is widely respected both within and beyond Tamil Baptist circles. Pastor Daniel on the other hand appears to be failing and this must undoubtedly be attributed in part to privation. Pastor and Mrs. Aaron go from strength to strength. The ministry of the latter takes her all over the Tamil country but she does quite frequently minister in our Churches too, having recently done so in Rasipuram and Sendamangalam in the Salem District and in Anbinagaram in the Tinnevelly Field. In recent years the Chapel in Mannur has been enlarged (and needs further extension) and electrified and a good compound wall and gate have been put around the premises.

For some years we have annually set aside a Day of Prayer to plead with the Lord for the provision of gifts of ministry to the

Tamil Baptist Churches and the age of failing health of some of our ministers makes such prayer still urgent. But it seems probable that in certain places the prayer is already being answered, but in ways that are a little unexpected. We may need grace to recognise and reconcile ourselves to the Lord's answers!

SALEM AREA

MR. AND MRS. H. A. HUCKETT
MR. AND MRS. W. H. KUHRT
MR. AND MRS. L. RYAN
MISS M. E. HARRIS
DR. R. M. HARRIS
MISS M. M. COOK
MISS E. M. FLORY
MISS P. WHITE

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

"They FIRST gave their own selves to the Lord." 2 Cor. 8: 5.
"FIRST be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5: 24.

A MISSIONARY Mother was talking to her little daughter, aged nine, about the Lord's return. The little girl had never been to England; she had spent most of her young life in New Guinea. "Mummie, I want to see Jesus and go to heaven, but I want to see London, first," she said. Yes, we all have our priorities.

Here are three priorities that we are trying to follow in the Namakkal area:—1. PRAISE; 2. PRAYER; 3. PREACHING.

1. Praise. Amid much that is depressing at the present time, we praise God for a few faithful souls who do seem to be seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Mr. S. D. JEYARAJ, who was discharged from the Indian Air Force for medical reasons, continues in active voluntary evangelistic work. He frequently comes to us to buy Gospels and other literature which he sells in Namakkal and the surrounding villages. He writes articles for our "Baptist Deepikai" and visits many homes with Christian literature in connection with the "Every Home Crusade". His wife, Victoria, is a good organiser and has helped with Christian Women's Rallies. They have four children—all girls.

Mr. and Mrs. D. JAMES have been connected with the Mission for over twenty-five years, first on the Kolli Hills and then in Kottamangalam, Elur, and Namakkal. Since January, 1966, they have been in charge of our Boys' Hostel and are doing good work.

Pray for them as they conduct morning and evening prayers and Sunday School, and supervise the hostel duties. Praise God for M. Raj, a boy from a tea estate near Kotagiri who really came to know the Lord while in the Hostel. Mr. James despatches 300 copies of the "Deepikai" each month; he is a Deacon in the Namakkal Church and Correspondent with Government for the Senior Basic School now run by a committee of seven Indian brethren. His wife, Manomonie, a retired Biblewoman, visits any Christians in trouble and takes part in the Sunday School, held in the Poet's House each week. They have four children—one boy and three girls.

Mr. and Mrs. A. VETHAMONIE have maintained a steady witness for Christ ever since they forsook all for Him in June, 1952. Vethamonie has visited many Hindu Festivals during the year, selling Gospels, giving away tracts, and witnessing to the sovereign grace of God which plucked him as a brand from the burning. He was with us for the Adi 18 Festival, when we were out for ten hours and sold 338 books and booklets and preached to many people. Pastor Paul Raj was also with us and helped. Vethamonie's wife conducts a Sunday School regularly at Mohanur, where we have a small Church (formed 1958), and Communion is held every month.

Mr. and Mrs. S. U. WILLIAM have carried on faithfully at Kakkaveri in spite of opposition and much criticism from unspiritual people. Mr. William has been a help to missionaries on camp, and in preaching and literature distribution. Recently, he resolutely refused to arrange his daughter's wedding on a day auspicious to Hindus (quite a common practice even amongst Christians), and gave a good testimony at the reception.

We praise God for these Indian colleagues and for His sustaining grace granted to us personally in times of anxiety and tension. We praise Him for renewed health granted to Mrs. Huckett and to me, and for faithful friends who have supported us by prayer and gift. We are grateful to the Scripture Gift Mission for grants of Scripture portions made to Indian Pastors and to missionaries.

2. Prayer. This is indeed a priority. Soldiers of Christ advance best on their knees. In addition to the weekly gatherings for prayer in Namakkal, Sendamangalam, Rasipur and some other places, cottage prayer meetings have also been held regularly. Then as missionaries we have met together to pray about the work in our own language, and this has been a help to our new recruits who find it difficult to understand very much in a Tamil prayer meeting. Once a month some of us have gathered in Salem with other missionaries and Indian friends for a time of waiting on the Lord, and these have been seasons of heart-searching and spiritual refreshment.

We need much prayer at this time over property problems, that where there is a spirit of jealousy and suspicion, this may be replaced by a spirit of mutual understanding and a real concern for the spread of the Gospel. Our next Conference in February, 1967, will be a very important one, and it is not too soon to begin to pray that we may clearly discern the mind of the Lord concerning properties, the future of the work in India and the way in which our resources can be most profitably used for the glory of God (James 1: 5).

3. Preaching. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1: 21). During the past year I have preached in ten S.B.M. centres, and taken opportunities of ministry in Idapaddi, Kerala, and Salem. Since February last we have been looking after the Radio Follow-up work and this has taken a good deal of our time and thought. Listener response has increased and we have had a number of testimonies to blessing received through our S.B.M. Broadcasts. We should like to have done more village preaching, but the time has been so filled up with other duties such as Conference Minute Secretary's work, replies to radio letters, hostel administration and personal interviews that this has not been possible.

It was a great joy to us recently to have a visit from a new convert—a man with seven children—who wanted to buy a Bible and worship with us at Namakkal. We immediately supplied his need and next day went out to his village and held a meeting in his house. We have promised to keep in touch with the family, and we shall get one of our Indian sisters to visit them.

So we press on in faith, seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and believing that there will be a harvest from all the seed sowing of past years, whether we live to see it or not.

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

Priorities

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word . . ." Acts 6: 4.

IN any discussion of priorities this determination of the first apostles ought to be regarded as fundamental for "it is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables". Prayer and the word of God, first for the missionary himself and then for those to whom he ministers. Get that priority right and one would hope that the rest might fall into place without much difficulty.

VILLAGE EVANGELISM. Some people think that this is almost the only thing the missionary should be doing, while others think it is no longer his task at all. Yet others say that when it is done it should be done only on the initiative of the local Church and under the Church's direction. Anyhow, during the year under review Mrs. Kuhrt and I took part in seventy open-air meetings in forty-eight different villages and sold more than Rs 110 worth of literature. We often had the help of Pastor Paul Raj (of the Sendamangalam Church) and we usually enjoyed this work and thought it very well worth while. But towards the end of last year the pressure of other things brought this part of our work to a halt, and we were made to pause by the naive suggestion that now we were going out to the villages several times a month it didn't seem necessary for the Church members to go out once a month as they had been doing!

THE CARE OF THE CHURCHES (II Cor. 11: 28). Obviously we must provide some place in our list of priorities for that "care" which came upon the great apostle daily. And so there have been conventions on the Kolli Hills and in Sendamangalam and occasional ministry in the other Churches of this area. Four visits have been made to Kovilpatti, mostly in connection with the serving of tables, but it was our privilege on the last visit, in April of this year, to share with Mr. Field in a convention at Illambuvanam and to minister in some of the other Tinnevelly Churches too. Five visits to Madras have enabled Mrs. Kuhrt and me to visit all but one of the twelve Churches in that field and, outside of the fields of work of the S.B.M., it has also been our privilege to preach at conventions for the Evangelical Union at the Vellore Christian Medical College and for the C.S.I. congregation at Erode.

SERVING TABLES. More and more useful ministry might have been exercised if the atmosphere had not been poisoned by a lot of resentment aroused in connection with Mission properties in South India. Whether we like it or not the business of transfering property to Indian hands has been pushed to the top, or very nearly to the top, of our list of priorities for the simple reason that until we have reached a right solution of this problem much of our evangelism and preaching is a waste of time.

THE TAMIL BAPTIST MAGAZINE. But at the moment the preparation of this Annual Report material has rushed to the top of the list just because we have been set a "dead-line". And so the preparation of messages for a convention in the Tinnevelly District next week has been left so that this report can be in London on time. Just a few moments ago the proof of our Tamil Baptist Magazine arrived and no sooner had it arrived than Village Evangelism, The Care of the Churches, Property (a letter from our

solicitors arrived in the same post), and even this Report were all thrust upon one side to give place to what must be, for the time being, Priority No. 1, *viz.* getting the magazine printed and published before the end of the month so that our 300 readers shall have no complaint.

Undoubtedly some of us work better when we are set a time limit. What changes would some of us make if we knew that we had only a certain number of months or years left to us? Let us pray that we may so seek God's kingdom and so order our days that to know the exact date of our death would make hardly any difference to our schedule.

MR. and MRS. L. RYAN (Morupatti)

IN many ways, for us, this past year has been much the same as the year before. Once again language study has taken most of our time, and we thank God for His ministry and help to us. This past year has also brought changes into our lives.

The first thing that comes to mind is our wedding. Jeanette and I rejoice in all the Lord's goodness to us on our wedding day, and in our married life since then. In May Jeanette and I took our second year language examinations. We have both passed, and this gives us much cause to praise the Lord, for we know that it was by His help alone that we were enabled to pass. However, even though the examinations are completed language study must continue, because we still have much to learn. We know that as the Lord has helped us in the past so we may trust Him to help us in the future.

We also praise the Lord for bringing us safely to Morupatti, and for helping us to settle in here. We have found the people very friendly, and willing to do all they can to help us. We are very conscious of the need to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in our married life, so that we may serve the Lord in a way that is pleasing to Him. We will also need to keep this in mind as we continue to study and use the language. In many ways the language of the village people is different from that we have learnt in our language study. We need to understand the people and have them understand us, so that the ministry of God's Word is not hindered.

Now that we have moved to Morupatti, and have the responsibility of ministering to the people each Sunday, it is of the utmost importance that we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Will you pray for the Lord to help us in this as we seek to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

WE praise the Lord from full hearts, as we look back over the past year, because we have had the joy of proving again and again the Lord's great faithfulness to us in fulfilling all His promises according to His Word.

We have many times experienced the fulfilment of the promise that, if we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then everything required for our daily lives will be added unto us. Repeatedly, as we have sought definite guidance as to the right place and time to camp up on the Kollis, and as to the right amount of supplies to take with us, we have experienced the joy of finding how wonderfully everything has worked out, even although, so often, we have not known exactly how long our camps would last.

MEDICAL WORK. It is the great need for medical help and our contacts with the Hill people in this connection over the past twenty-two years, which God continues to overrule as the basis for the invitations which we receive to camp in various places in the Northern Kollis. The pattern of the medical work on camp remains much the same. Patients have come to us from all over the Hills, but naturally we have had more frequent and personal contacts with those who live around us, as they come for daily dressings and the treatment of minor ailments. The medical work enables us to meet people at their point of need not only medically, but spiritually. But, alas, they seem so little aware of their desperate spiritual need.

KOLLI HILLS CAMPING. During the past year we have camped in three more places in the Northern Kollis, staying in mud huts. One camp was in **Vellai Solaikadu** in Bailnadu, where we stayed over two months. We did evangelistic work in all the six villages in the Vellai Solaikadu valley, in the valley in the north, in the villages on the ridge of mountains between these two valleys, and in sixteen villages in two more valleys out towards the east. During this camp we went over to Vazhavanthi, as reported below. Our next camp was in **Panangirai** in Bailnadu, where we stayed nearly two months and did evangelistic work in practically all the villages in Edapulinadu, as well as in one village in Tirupulinadu, which is the most southern of the five Northern Districts. Once again we went over to Vazhavanthi. Our third camp was to **Mudupali** in the Tirupuli District, where we stayed for ten weeks. We did evangelistic work in ten villages in Tirupuli District, and also in seven villages in the Gurdur and Ariyur Districts. During this camp we were invited by John Abraham to Alathur to the baptising service of his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. We also witnessed the inauguration of the new Alathur Church, and

had the privilege of doing evangelistic work with John Abraham and other members of the Church in three villages in the Alathur District. From this camp we also went over to Vazhavanthi.

Vazhavanthi. We had invitations to visit Vazhavanthi from each of our three camps. Our first invitation was to the baptising service for David and Peter, who were afterwards received into Church Fellowship, and we had the joy of partaking in the Communion Service which followed. Our second invitation was to spend Christmas with the Christians on the Settlement, and it was a time of very happy fellowship. Our third invitation was to help teach in a Vacation Bible School in Vazhavanthi in the May holidays. We both taught Bible Lessons to a class of thirteen teenaged girls, who studied with keen interest. May the spiritual blessing they received while learning in the V.B.S. become evident in their daily lives.

Belukurichi. As we have been away so much on the Kollis, Belukurichi has become more of a base camp. The medical work has almost come to a standstill, except for the Kolli Hills people, who come to us there, and a few old patients.

SUNDAY SERVICES. These have only taken place when we are in Belukurichi, and have been attended by a small group of teachers and children and one or two patients.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. When Pushpam stopped coming from Rasipuram, Ponnammal took over the Sunday School work, until she and David were transferred from Belukurichi. Prayer is urgently needed that the Lord will raise up others to carry on this work.

We end this report as we began it on a note of praise, because we believe that so long as we continue to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, He will continue to supply every need for the continuance of His work in India.

Miss M. M. Cook (Sendamangalam)

DURING the past year we have had an average of thirty girls in the Hostel, the majority of these being Hindus. Matron Davabakkiam has been much helped in looking after them all. We have had our difficulties with some of the older girls, but on the whole we have been a very happy family. The girls have studied better than usual and all attending our school passed their annual examinations in April. Now, at the beginning of a new school year, we have already more girls in the Hostel than at any time during last year. It appears that we may have an average of

forty this year. We do praise the Lord for those He has brought to us and pray that this coming year may be one of much blessing. The school too has continued to be a witness in this place and we do thank God for the Christian teachers and their faithful service.

Our two Kolli Hill orphan girls are still with us and have been helping in the School in various ways during the past year. We do need much wisdom in planning their futures, especially in the uncertainty of these days.

I have continued visiting the little group of women at Kakkaveri regularly during the past year and in spite of some difficulties that have arisen I hope it will still be possible to go there sometimes.

Pray that we may all be given much wisdom in the problems of this area, so that the Lord may be exalted and His name glorified.

MISS Y. CONACHER (Sendamangalam)

MY last report was written to you from Australia, but it is because the Lord caused me to "Seek Him first", that I have the joy of writing this report from India. It is now six months since I arrived, and I praise God for His every ministry to me, and His continued faithfulness and goodness. Praise Him, He is the unchanging God. During this past few months I have come to see something of the need of the people and come to learn something of their ways. As I see this now, and my own inability to help, the words "Seek ye first the Lord" have been ever before me.

I praise God for His help to me in language study. I praise Him for the opportunity of beginning a ministry with the children in the Sunday School, and pray that there may be some of these children who are caused to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness". As the Psalmist said, "They shall praise the Lord that seek Him".

MISS E. M. FLORY (Velur)

NEW BEGINNINGS

THE past year has been one of changes and new beginnings. After a happy year of furlough in the homeland, the Lord brought me back to India in January to begin a third term of missionary service. While writing this report memories of last year crowd into my mind—memories of precious time spent with loved ones, of fellowship enjoyed during visits to Churches in many parts of the country, and of the love and kindness shown by countless

friends. There are also memories of heart-searchings and doubts as to the Lord's will for the future. But these were followed by the peace of mind that comes from the knowledge that He teaches us in the way which we should go.

In March, many prayers were answered when Miss White and I took up residence in Velur, and exchanged life on a Mission compound in dry, rocky Sendamangalam for life in the upstairs portion of an Indian house in the Brahmin Street of this town, which is made fertile by the River Cauvery, a so-called sacred river with the reputation of never drying up. In the short time we have been here opportunities for Christian witness have abounded. People are most friendly; in many sections of the town there are those who welcome us into their homes and are willing to listen to the Gospel. It is not easy to decide whether to contact superficially a large number of people, or to concentrate on regular teaching of a smaller group. Portions of the Word of God and Christian books have been sold, and tracts distributed. But we are constantly reminded that none but the Spirit of God can bring conviction of sin and reveal Jesus as the only Saviour.

There is no church of any kind in Velur; some years ago a preacher and Biblewoman worked here and many remember their teaching. Apart from ourselves the Christian community consists of four families, and none of them are natives of Velur. Sunday evening services are held in the home of one family; efforts made to rent a room for regular worship and Sunday school have so far failed. Christians from nearby Pothenur join us in worship. Other village Churches in the area are visited Sunday mornings, and we try to encourage the believers in their witness. Quarrels and divisions in some of the Churches have hindered women's work; this is notably so in Namakkal; that Church needs much prayer.

As we seek to concentrate on evangelism in and around Velur, we look to the Lord to call out and build a witnessing Church here, that will eventually render our presence in Velur unnecessary.

Miss P. White (Velur)

THIS past year has been a year of many changes, not the least being the move to Velur. Miss Flory and I moved from Sendamangalam during March and we are now living in this important town which is in the centre of our work to the west of Namakkal. We praise the Lord that He has gone before and prepared the way for our coming here. We have been greatly encouraged by the friendliness of the people amongst whom we live —there have been many invitations to different homes to bring the Gospel to them. Even high-caste people from our street (who

are usually very difficult to reach with the Gospel) have welcomed us into their homes. Gospel Records have been a help in gaining entrance too.

May I mention especially one instance of encouragement to us, trusting that it may be so to you too: during our second week, when we knew of only one Christian family in Velur, an elderly woman came up to us wanting to buy a Gospel and told us that she had worshipped Jesus "Swami" for the past fifteen years and had not worshipped another god during that time. Although she knew of no one with whom she could have fellowship and although she is illiterate (and only sometimes able to get relatives to read the Bible to her), the Lord has maintained her faith all these years. Prayer is valued for her that she might be brought into a deeper, fuller knowledge of her Lord. Truly it is that some sow and others reap, may the Lord keep us faithful in sowing His Word.

There are four Christian families living in Velur; and at the meeting which is held in one of their homes on Sundays, a number come from neighbouring villages to join in worship.

As Velur is on the banks of the "sacred" River Cauvery, it is a place of many temples and idols, and frequent festivals. At the time of our arrival there were two Hindu festivals being celebrated. We make the most of these opportunities to sell Gospels and other literature as people from miles around crowd into the town—people whom otherwise, we may never have the opportunity to reach. As we look around, we see poverty so great . . . and it is heart-breaking; but how much greater is the need of the people to know the Saviour!

I would praise the Lord for the help given and the success obtained in the first language examination taken last November. This does give encouragement to press on. Language study needs much perseverance—the hours of study spent day after day in trying to understand the language do tend to weary, yet the Lord encourages us in Himself, and equips us for the task to which He has called. I now have a Hindu High School teacher as my Munshi and he is proving to be quite a help. Sometimes he asks questions about the Bible, and thus opens the way for witness.

I would record my thanks to God and to you for your prayers for us and for the work to which He has called us in Velur.

TIRUNELVELI AREA

MR. AND MRS. H. J. APPLEBY
MR. AND MRS. J. R. FIELD
MR. AND MRS. J. B. JONES

MR. and MRS. H. J. APPLEBY (Dindigul, Madurai District)

1965 October, to 1966 February; praise God!

DEPUTATION — encouragement — Christmas — family joy — Church fellowship — shopping — inoculations — packing — farewell — Liverpool — Bombay — Madras — Coonoor — colleagues — conference — boarding school (Kathryn) — Kovilpatti — heat — dust — noise — unpacking — renewal of fellowship — old problems.

1966 March, to October; God willing!

Studio — equipment — programmes — hill leave — boarding school (Jacqueline) — Kovilpatti — dismantling — packing — removal — Dindigul — studio building — installation — new contacts — new opportunities — new blessings — new problems.

"Let the song go round the earth; Jesus Christ is Lord."

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

SEEKING

"TO seek the Kingdom of God means, to strive to enter it ourselves, and then to bring others into it," according to Basil Atkinson in the IVF New Bible Commentary on Matthew's Gospel. Missionary endeavour could be well defined in these words, and if we do so define it, then we have the authority of our Lord Himself for making such activities our priority.

Missionary effort can take a variety of forms; here, in the southernmost area of the work of the S.B.M. the past twelve months have involved us in preaching, letter writing and personal talks. Book distribution has been a major activity, and even the production of literature has occasionally fallen to our lot. In "journeyings oft" the passing on of the good word of life in tract form has brought us many a letter or post card containing an enquiry of one kind or another. Even involvement in the stewardship of property has been directed towards "the bringing of others into the Kingdom".

When all is said and done however, one is tempted to feel that there is little to show for all the exertions made, and to heave a rather discouraged sigh as one considers the lack of progress.

Matthew Henry, however, seems to suggest that measurement of progress is not really our concern. He remarks, "Our duty is to seek . . . it is a word that has in it much of the constitution of a new covenant in favour of us: THOUGH WE HAVE NOT ATTAINED, but in many things fail and come short, sincere seeking, a careful concern and earnest endeavour are accepted".

"Our duty is to seek."

The apostle Paul accepts it as a definition of his duty, in these challenging words:—

"TO SEEK THE PROFIT OF THE MANY, THAT THEY MAY BE SAVED."

Our steps too, have often been guided into the midst of "the many". Evidence of what is meant by "the population explosion" is all around us. Opportunities to meet and speak with young people in the schools and colleges are too numerous for us to be able to grasp them all. We can but guess at the number of tracts that have gone into the hands of the multitudes who line India's crowded ways. Books in their thousands have been distributed, usually with the help of national Christians, to places throughout India, and to every continent apart from the Americas.

"Our duty is to seek."

Nehemiah was answering a Divine call when he spoke of the responsibility he felt to:—

"SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL."

The machinations of modern Sanballats and Tobiahs have been matched by time spent in prayer and earnest discussion with the Lord's people concerning steps to be taken to ensure a Gospel ministry in the Churches or to provide or preserve a decent place where worshippers can assemble. As a result the little Bethel at Kula kattakurichi has been practically rebuilt; serious efforts to re-establish the work are being made by a few in the midst of the poverty stricken and almost illiterate group at Seithur; at Ettayapuram a fund has been opened for the renovation of the dangerously unsafe Chapel; and at Veerapandiapuram the friends are actively discussing how they can support a regular ministry. At Illumbuvanam it was a joy to have a share in the special meetings arranged by the friends there, and to rejoice with them in the Lord's dealings. Meanwhile, away in the Ramnad District, where our brother Jim Jones has endeared himself to many, there have been more than forty baptisms at Anbinagaram, and news of the possible appointment of a Pastor at Thayilpatti. On the other hand there are many places where such encouraging signs are not in evidence, and it is still a sad sight to see "how Jerusalem lieth waste".

"Our duty is to seek."

When David taught children "the fear of the Lord" he enjoined them to:—

"SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT."

This very morning a brother who knows as much of the general history and condition of the Churches in this area as anyone I know, said to me, "You will be hard put to find a Church around here where the members are all in fellowship with one another; division is everywhere". Sad to say, that is not really an overstatement. Self-seeking, Pride, Avarice and Envy stalk unblushingly in our midst. Peace made with such evil spectres could never be peace with honour. To seek another's spiritual profit does not always incur popularity, we find! Faithful dealing with matters like mixed and bigamous marriages, falsification of accounts and so on does not seem to curry much favour. Peace at any price we dare not seek. Yet we continue to pursue, though faint . . .

Before this report reaches you we expect, the Lord willing, to be resident and witnessing in the large provincial town called Dindigul, 100 miles to the north of our present location. This is to be the new centre for our Literature and Radio outreach. Readers of this report will understand that it was not without some considerable trepidation that this step was contemplated, and decisions made at our Annual Conference in February. The Lord seems to be setting His seal, however, on this move, an early evidence of this being the way in which suitable premises became available in the town.

We also expect that it will be possible for the new vehicle for literature evangelism to be hard at work early in the New Year. The order has been placed, and we rejoice in the abundant way in which the Lord has provided us with the means to purchase such a tool for His work.

Finally, we must acknowledge the most remarkable way in which family needs have been supplied in these days of rationing, shortages and famine. To all of you who have shared in this ministry we record our heartfelt thanks.

We feel that our seeking has been feeble, confused and lacking in so many ways. Not so the bountiful supply of "things added" by our heavenly Father! We praise Him for another year in which we have experienced His superlative faithfulness.

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

THIS past year has been one in which we have been aware of the Lord's goodness to us in letting us see His hand at work in some of the Churches in the Ramnad District.

By far the highlight of the year, was the Convention held at Anbinagaram during the month of May, at which a total of forty-four persons were baptised. Not all of those who were baptised were from Anbinagaram, but over thirty people were from this village. The Baptismal service was conducted by Pastor Aaron, of our Mannur, Madras Church, who with his wife, came and spoke at the Convention meetings. Without a doubt we can see blessing in Anbinagaram at present, and we are hopeful that this new interest will not suddenly die out as has been the case so often in the past. During the above Baptismal service, people from the following Churches were baptised: Bunduvarpatti, Kandiapuram, Panayadipatti, Tiruttangal, and Valampatti.

At Easter time the Melapudur Church called two speakers, one from Kovilpatti and one from Madurai, for their special meetings. On the last day of the meetings, one preached strongly against Christians eating pork meat, whereupon the other speaker addressed the gathering on the subject of the Christian's liberty, maintaining that pork meat could be eaten. We are informed that an uproar then ensued and the meetings came to a close, the majority of the members being in favour of the viewpoint of the speaker who advocated abstinence from eating pork. Subsequently the Church decided not to invite the other brother to speak again in their Church.

From time to time we have heard that the Church worshipping at Thayilpatti are planning to appoint Mr. D. J. Albert, a teacher of that village, as their pastor. To date we have not received any news of definite plans for the Induction Service and it is possible that this plan has either been dropped or postponed as has happened before.

Whilst we were on the hills for our May leave, we heard that Mr. V. Gurubathan, a retired Mission preacher, living at Nadasurankudi, had passed away. He was a faithful Mission worker for many years. On my last visit to the village, he was very sick and he told me how he had appreciated the many kindnesses that he had received from our senior missionaries in past years and also that he was ready to go to be with the Lord.

Throughout the last year, sales of Bibles and books have been fairly good. When book selling in the villages, we have found that the older generation have little inclination to buy, but that it is the school children who are always ready to purchase books from us.

The weekly meetings in the Anbinagaram, Kandiapuram, and Valampatti schools have been continued and in the Kandiapuram school we have noticed recently a greater attention and interest than had been shown previously.

Finally, may we publicly express our thanks to those of you, who have kindly prepared and sent Tamil text cards. These cards

are very useful and are always appreciated by those who receive them.

NILGIRI AREA

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

LITERATURE. The title of this year's Report constitutes a helpful reminder of the need for the servants of God to keep their priorities correct. My wife and I have recently had other gracious reminders to seek first the things of the Lord's kingdom, and for these we are grateful.

Literature issued during the year. "Pentateuch." This is a 70-page book containing nine addresses by Mr. G. F. Champion, broadcast over the S.B.M. Tamil Good News service from Manila (F.E.B.C.). It is a brief but clear introduction to the first five books of the Bible. The cover has an attractive red, black and white design, and the book is available in paper back and cloth boards editions. Indian Christians generally are quite ignorant of the contents of the Old Testament; this small volume should therefore constitute a valuable addition to Tamil Christian literature.

Various types and sizes of Tamil text slips, Church membership roll books and service attendance registers have been reprinted in Kovilpatti.

In the press. A third edition of our Handbook of Doctrine has been in the hands of printers in Madras since last September. However, the whole has been composed and most of the matter printed. We therefore hope to see the copies ere long. This edition will be considerably larger than its predecessors, owing to the addition of Bible study questions and brief explanations by Mr. G. F. Champion. This material was used several years ago as the basis of a three-year course of study in worker's Bible classes.

Publicity. Good opportunities for making our literature more widely known were provided by united Missions sales in Ootacamund, Coonoor, and Kotagiri last month. Sales were encouraging. Another method of publicity became possible with the opening of a small book stall in the Kotagiri bazaars last March. Literature distributed in this way includes a number of Tamil and English Bibles and New Testaments.

Two weeks ago I wrote to a Tamilian who is a Jesuit priest. When about to address a plain envelope, I felt prompted to use one featuring an advertisement of the Tamil Bible Concordance. Result: The man requested us to send him a copy of the Concordance, adding: "I shall pay for it". Surely God has a purpose of blessing for that volume.

The Sunday morning Tamil service referred to in our last report continues, and we pray that the simple messages delivered week by week will bear fruit to the glory of God.

Friends and loyal supporters! With grateful hearts we commend you and yours to the God of all grace. May He continually shed abroad His love in all our hearts by His Spirit dwelling in us.

ENGLAND

MR. AND MRS. E. ORCHARD
MR. AND MRS. G. F. CHAMPION
MR. AND MRS. P. A. GRIST
MISS O. KNIGHT
MISS L. S. HAZEL

MR. and MRS. GEORGE F. CHAMPION

1. MORUPATTI

WE left our village home on February 3rd to attend our Missionary Conference in Coonoor and then to come to England on furlough. We are indeed grateful to God for the privilege He has given us of serving Him in and round the needy village of Morupatti, and for giving us the joy of witnessing four brothers and sisters pass through the waters of baptism at Pulianjolai less than three weeks before we left. An added happiness is the knowledge that Mr. and Mrs. Les. Ryan are continuing the Lord's work in the area and we pray that the Lord's blessing may rest on them and their work for Him, and that all necessary wisdom and guidance may be afforded them.

2. JOURNEY HOME

On the way home we gave an English Gospel in a modern version to a young German tourist who did not seem to be at all religious. But he received it willingly when we explained that it was in up-to-date English and would help him in his use of that language. Some Muslim Iraqi boys were trying to converse with us in English and were delighted when we shared among them the few remaining English Gospels we were carrying. We also had two Gospels in Hebrew which a Russian refugee Jew was pleased to accept. He told us two days later that he had read them through. We had a serious talk together before we separated.

3. DEPUTATION MINISTRY

We arrived in England on March 30th, and commenced our deputation work with the Half-Yearly Meetings on April 26th. Since then we have between us had the privilege of visiting, on



Conference, 1966. *Standing (left to right) : Messrs. L. Ryan, J. R. Field, H. A. Huckett, W. H. Kuhrt, D. A. Thrower, G. F. Champion, H. J. Appleby, J. B. Jones.*

Sitting : Dr. R. M. Harris, Mrs. L. Ryan, Mrs. J. R. Field, Mrs. H. A. Huckett, Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Mrs. G. F. Champion, Miss M. E. Harris, Mrs. H. J. Appleby, Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Front : Misses P. White, Y. Conacher, E. M. Flory, M. M. Cook, and O. R. Knight.

WEDDING JOY



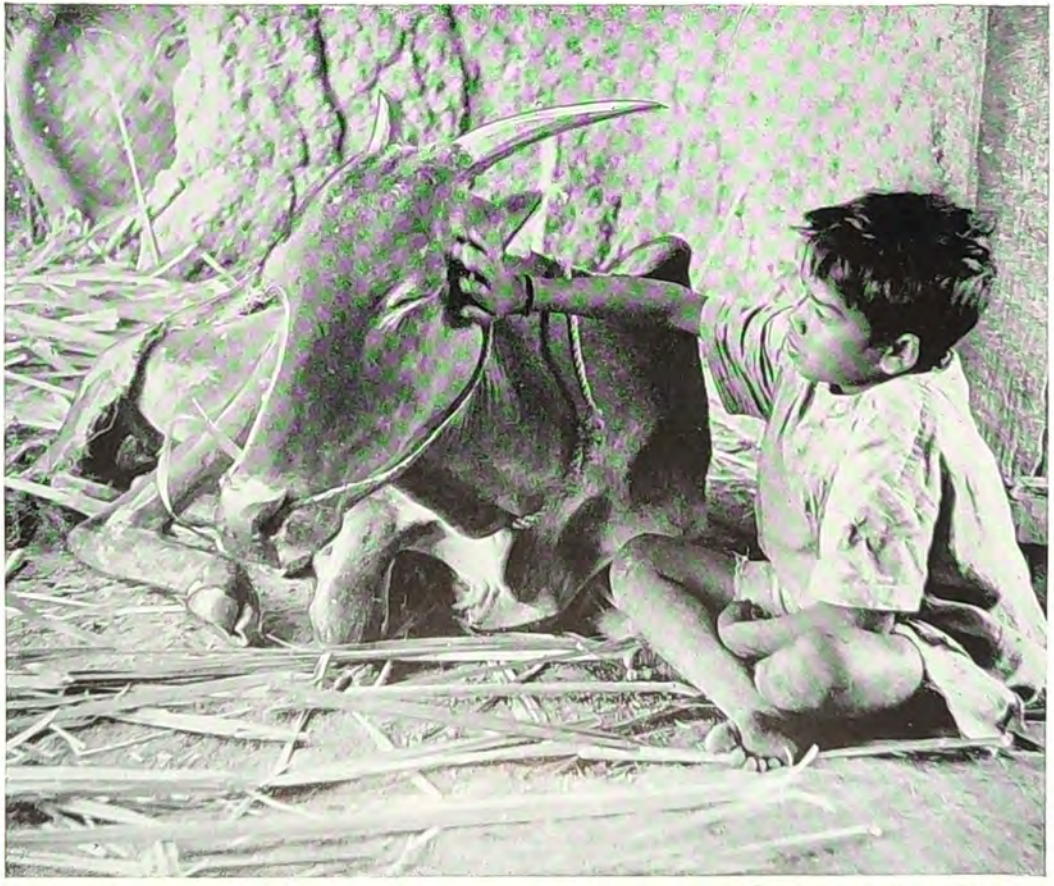
Miss Jeanette Broadby to Mr. Les Ryan. Feb. 1966.



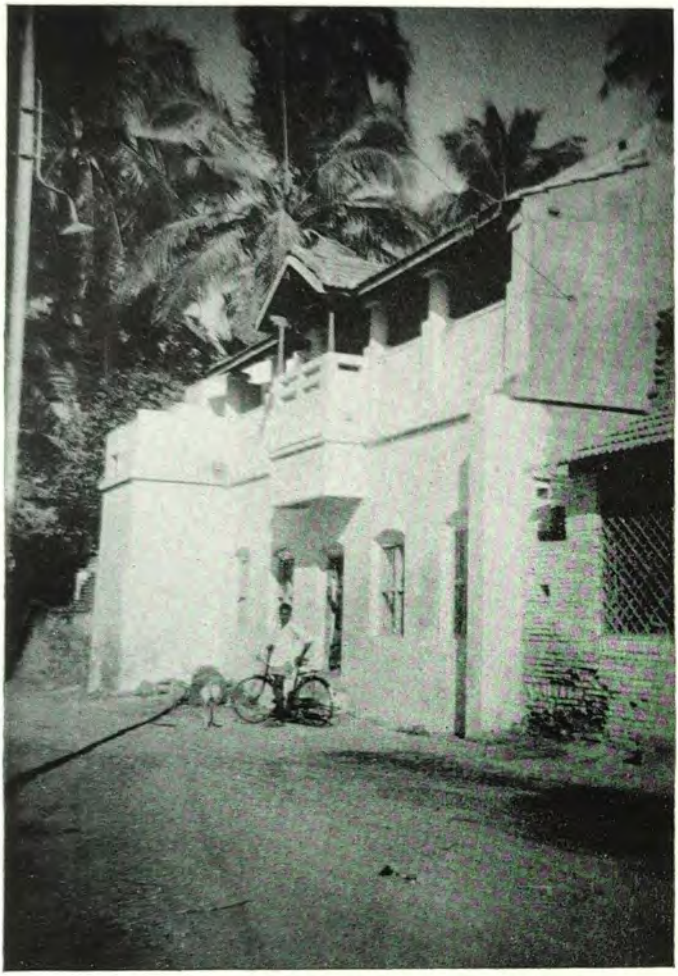
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DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN INDIA—APRIL 1966.

The water level in the wells gets lower and lower as the drought continues and for the women in India's villages the task of drawing water for their daily needs gets more and more difficult.



Reconstruction of Boat Dwellers. Orkney.



The new home of Miss E. Flory and Miss P. White.



Miss R. Bucknall.

an average, four places each week and speaking, on an average, seven times each week. Again we have been greatly impressed and encouraged by the earnestness of the members of our Churches and congregations in matters concerning the S.B.M., and we give our grateful thanks to all who have made our deputation visits such happy times of Christian fellowship. May the Lord grant His blessing as we all unitedly endeavour to serve Him through the activities of the Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Grist

"GOD moves in a mysterious way . . ." Yes, He does, but how we praise Him that, even when going through a particularly "mysterious" time, we can fully trust Him knowing that His will is best.

The past twelve months have seen changes that we never expected. We write this report in England instead of India. We wonder just what the coming months will hold, but even through our recent bewildering experiences we have learnt more than ever to trust the Lord for daily strength and guidance. So we do the work that is to hand, believing that "just where He needs me, my Lord has placed me."

Before leaving India last January, radio work was giving a good deal of encouragement. From January 1st, 1965 to December 31st of that year, we received and dealt with 1,207 letters. This showed an increase of 600 over 1964. Literature sales during the year were particularly encouraging. One hundred and twenty-two listeners bought books from us as a result of listening to our programmes.

Last year our report mentioned sending out 1,000 printed post cards inviting folks to listen to our programmes. This plan was carried out and brought in some response. I recall a letter from a Muslim who listened for the first time as a result of this invitation.

In November, 1965 I was invited to speak at an eight-day convention held in Munnar—a large tea producing area on the Kerala High Range. This convention involved two and sometimes three meetings each day, but the fellowship was very stimulating. During the time there I met personally 15 radio correspondents including a brother who sent us the very first letter way back in 1958.

Since coming home, it has been a joy to meet again friends old and new. We are thankful for all the loving interest shown by so many in the Lord's work in India.

The future—all we can say is that "God holds the key of all unknown". For this we are glad and can confidently leave the work in India and ourselves in His strong hand. His eternal purpose is unfolding and being fulfilled. We are called to be faithful.

Miss O. R. Knight

UNTIL the middle of February, 1966 the production of our Tamil radio programmes continued to be my responsibility. The Lord graciously guided in planning, and helped those who spoke, sang, or played instruments, so that there was some variety in the content of the programmes and the presentation of the message.

For a period of six months the Far East Broadcasting Company was unable to obtain sufficient programmes to air Tamil for half an hour at a time. So our half-hour programme was cut to quarter-hour and we prepared a total of four quarter-hour programmes for each week. Later we resumed production of one half-hour programme for each week and continued producing three quarter-hour programmes.

Because of various hindrances including an erratic electricity supply, and tape recorders and other equipment needing repair, too few programmes were produced to bridge the gap in production caused by my leaving Kovilpatti to attend our conference, and Mr. Appleby resuming the work a few weeks later.

On some Sundays I worshipped with Christians in villages near Kovilpatti, and was afterwards expected to address a women's meeting. The attentiveness of the listeners was often an encouragement to the speaker. From time to time there has been news of women talking to children or to other women of the way of salvation.

In response to an invitation from the women of the Tamil Baptist Churches in Madras, I went there at the end of December and spoke in their annual rally. This was in Vepery, and about 130 women were present from several Churches. I spoke in the women's meeting in Sembiam, but invitations to other meetings had to be declined because of the need to return to the radio work in Kovilpatti.

Now, while spending a refreshing time in England, it is my privilege to visit many places. Fellowship with friends who by prayer and in many other practical ways share in the work in India is an encouraging experience, for which I thank God.

Pastor E. Orchard, Deputation Secretary

"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door . . ."

WE have seen much encouragement and blessing during this past year as we have tried to fulfil the New Testament pattern set out in these words from The Acts. We have endeavoured to

be faithful in presenting facts concerning the work. Four Missionaries from the field and five brethren and sisters at home have been busy throughout the year. We have also had the help of several members of Council who have conducted services in their own places of worship on behalf of the Mission. Our aim has been to inform the Churches of the progress of the Lord's work committed to our charge. Four hundred and sixteen separate appointments have been kept, and this service has taken the Mission into almost every county in England. There have been a number of outstanding occasions and special arrangements. Some sixty or more young people gathered for a most useful weekend at Hildenborough in November, 1965. The Churches in the north-west gathered for special meetings in September and a time of blessing was experienced. The General Secretary paid a visit to the Churches on the Continent from which has sprung a great challenge. The now well-established Midlands Rally took place at Bedworth in June. Many spoke of help from these meetings. The Wiltshire Missionary Whitsun Weekend had the manifest blessing of the Lord upon it. Special representation at the Suffolk and Norfolk Association meetings was fruitful of much good, and the Pioneer Camps and F.O.Y. House Parties made it possible for many young people to get to know the Missionaries in an easy and informal way.

In the course of the year some of the smaller Churches whose local witness is hampered by lack of active workers have expressed encouragement as they have shared the difficulties and problems which are common to us all, and the joy of knowing that the same powerful, sovereign Lord who is at work abroad is also active here at home. Here and there during this year the Holy Spirit has said to some Churches "Separate me . . . for the work whereunto I have called them".

So the Mission has once again been the expression of the Churches' desire to be obedient to the Call of the Lord, and we, who have been more immediately implicated in the carrying out of that desire, wish to render our praise to the Lord for the enabling grace and strength which He has graciously bestowed.

Miss L. S. Hazel

"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed"—Malachi 3: 6.

IN recording the Lord's goodness during the past months, one can hardly realise that two and a half years have now passed since leaving India's shores.

Varied have been the calls for ministry on behalf of our beloved Mission and it has been a great joy and privilege to have fellowship with friends in Churches well known to me, and also amongst

others visited for the first time. Again I thank so many friends for their generous and kind hospitality both in their homes and in helpful means of transport from place to place.

I look forward to meeting our young friends again this year at New Milton House Party, and have happy memories of a holiday amongst them in 1964 at Burnham-on-Sea.

In the latter part of this year (D.V.) I am hoping to make a short visit to India, to the land and people whom I love in the Lord. With the introduction of the New Policy of further outreach, moving from our Mission Compounds, and handing over completely our institutional work, there will be vast changes. I shall return to a changed India, in many cases a poverty-stricken people; but one thing will never be changed, the OLD, OLD GOSPEL which is ever NEW. The LORD CHANGES NOT, He is ever the same and His commands to preach that Gospel to every creature must be obeyed, and we then know His promise will be sure.

What are His commands to us as Strict Baptists? Is it not to reach out to a people amongst the TAMILS who still have not heard? My brother, my sister, does this mean anything to YOU? Oh, may someone hear His call in the words of the hymn and be led to respond.

To Thee, Thou bleeding Lamb, I all things owe;
All that I have and am, and all I know.
All that I have is now no longer mine,
And I am not my own; Lord, I am Thine.

How can I, Lord, withhold Life's brightest hour
From Thee; or gathered gold, or any power?
Why should I keep one precious thing from Thee,
When Thou hast given Thine own dear Self for me?

REPORTS OF CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SERVICE.

MR. COLIN HOWELLS (Bromley)

AS the prospect of my final examinations faces me in the coming week, the temptation to seek study first is a very real one. It is so easy to lose sight of what must be our chief priority—to seek Him first. As I look forward now to leaving college, my prayer is that my aim shall be first this: to seek Him first in all things, but how many Christians have this in view? Both as a Mission and as individuals, we must ask ourselves whether we are prepared to examine our position before God. Do our ideas fit in with what the Scriptures teach? Are we prepared to let go of some of our cherished ideas in the light of God's revelation? Are our lives at the present time taken up with seeking first His kingdom and righteousness, or with our own plans?

These are very real questions which need serious thought and honest answers. My prayer is that God will not only keep this aim before me but before each one who loves Him and desires in any way to serve Him.

MR. JOHN CLARKSON (Hounslow)

IN one of his delightful allegories C. S. Lewis tells how, in the course of a voyage to the utmost East, the crew of the good ship "Dawn Treader" espied on the horizon a great dark mountain, and set their course for it. After they had been sailing for some time, very suddenly, it was so close that they could see it was not land at all, nor even, in an ordinary sense, a mist. It was darkness.

Sometimes in my theological "travels" I have felt a bit like this; when the "land" for which I had been steering, the result I had been aiming at, has turned out, on closer inspection, to be nothing but darkness and vague uncertainties. In the light of this I can praise God for one lesson that has been impressed on my heart. Whilst reading "The Greatest Thing in the World", by Henry Drummond, I was greatly stirred and later, on many evenings meditating in I Corinthians 13, I was challenged as to whether my aim was right. The very most important thing is to have the love of the Lord Jesus. It seems so simple.

"Therefore give us love."

Miss Ruth Bucknall (Bedworth)

Secretary's Note: It is with thanksgiving to God that we report the acceptance of yet another candidate for training for the Mission Field. Miss Ruth Bucknall is from our Bedworth Church and she is studying pharmacy, having taken her final examinations in June. She will be working in a hospital for at least a year to gain experience in the work for which she has been trained and then (D.V.) she will enter Bible College for missionary training.

HOW I praise God as I look back and see how He has led me. After showing me that Jesus gave His life to save me, He has also given me an increasing desire to serve Him and an increasing concern for those who are without God in the world.

During the last three years I have been studying pharmacy. This was not my original choice of subject but I have learned that God sometimes leads us into unexpected places and I believe that this was His choice for me. It has been my privilege to serve God in the Christian Union at college. We have faced many problems and I have learned that man often fails but God is always sufficient.

Now I look forward to several years of preparation. There is so much to learn and I long most of all to learn more of God. I do not know what the future will bring; I do not need to know, for God knows. I pray that in all circumstances I may seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and leave other concerns in His hands.

Miss Carole Newlyn (Bromley)

"Consider how great things he (the Lord) hath done for you."
1 Sam. 12: 24.

A YEAR of proving God and His faithfulness—this is what my first year at College has been. I can say with the Psalmist, "the Lord hath done great things for me, whereof I am glad" (Psa. 126 v. 3).

A year of blessing and of battle—this too is what my first year at College has been. Blessing—in being shown more of the Lord Himself; in knowing His abundant provision; in experiencing His enabling in Sunday school work, visitation, evangelism, studying, and exams.; in following His guidance which has been revealed in wonderful ways; and in fellowship with other Christians.

Battle—in keeping in constant touch with the Lord as the devil has so often sought to distract me in "Quiet Times"; in self-discipline; in needless worry—about financial needs; speaking at various meetings; personal problems; home situations; and even in doubting the call of the Lord to India!

The Lord has always won the battles however, and I have known, as Moses did, the Lord's promise, "Certainly I will be with thee" (Exod. 3: 12).

"Seek ye first"—it is indeed as I have sought the Lord and His will in coming to College to prepare for His service that "all things" have been "added unto" me. Praise the Lord!

MICHAEL T. BROWN (Cambridge)

TWO years of study at the London Bible College have sped by and yet paradoxically they have been two long years of heart searching, to know the Lord's will, which is imperative for anyone who would serve the Master.

This past year has seen that search greatly intensified, and it only became too evident that the assurance I once had of a call to Tamilnad or even to be a missionary had gone. Such doubts are not uncommon amongst candidates or even missionaries, so I continued to seek by prayer and the Word of God.

The Lord rewarded my search, and despite the fact that my heart was set on going to India, I now know with the assurance of the Holy Spirit that He is calling me to service in the home ministry. This has been no easy or sudden decision, but the culmination of much prayer and heart searching.

For me the door is closed, yet many who read this may well have never sought to put the Master's will first. Seek and see if the Master wants you to go to India. May the Lord say to you "This is the way, walk ye in it".

AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY

MR. BRYAN CRAWFORD (Secretary)

"So they being sent forth by the Holy Spirit departed" Acts 13: 4.

IN commencing this our first Report from the Australian Auxiliary we humbly trust that this text is applicable in several ways. Our mind goes back several years, in thankfulness to God, to the "sending forth" from India to Australia of our dear brother H. J. Appleby. That was a venture of faith on the part of the Mission and it was fruitful, not only in relation to the "sending forth" of our four Australian missionaries but also in strengthening spiritual, prayerful fellowship with the workers in India.

The Auxiliary was formed in November 1964. At this time Les. Ryan and Jeanette Broadby were already in India and Phyllis White was ready to depart. All arrangements and expenses for these three had been freely undertaken from England but when

Yvonne Conacher's going forth came under our supervision during 1965 we became aware of a keen sense of responsibility, that these were "our missionaries". It was not surprising therefore that there also grew a united conviction that the Australian Auxiliary and not England ought to bear the financial burden of "sending forth" this missionary. Under the blessing of God the gifts of money came in freely and the financial statement of succeeding months reads much like the record of the miracle of the loaves and the fishes.

What did we start with? Little but faith in God. What has been done? All Yvonne's expenses met. What is now left over? Quite a substantial balance. There is much for which praise and thanksgiving must go to Him who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think". Eph. 3: 20.

But obviously the time of being sent forth is only a small portion of a missionary's span of service. We are small in numbers here in Australia and cannot hope to meet the total annual upkeep of our four representatives in the field. Yet God has of late moved amongst us to consider the setting of some yearly target figure, proportioned to our means, as Australia's contribution towards the cost. We pray that He will grant us both the spirit and the means.

DOCTRINAL BASIS

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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 Assooiation 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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DEPUTATION WORK.—Please address all applications to Mr. E. Orchard, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham, who will gladly arrange for a Deputation Speaker, either lady or gentleman, and assist in the arrangements for a Missionary Sunday, Kodachrome Slide and Film Lectures, or Missionary Meeting in any part of the country.

PUBLICATIONS

Strict Baptist Mission Herald. Giving reports and articles dealing with the Lord's work in India. Published bi-monthly. Price 5d. per copy. Quantities ordered for the year sent post free. Single copies by post 4/- for the year.

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Orders for the above publications, Annual Reports, and all S.B.M. literature to be sent to the General Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS for all Funds and payments for magazines should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Pastor A. Rowland, 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Gifts under Covenant. Subscribers who pay income tax can greatly help the funds of the Mission by making their annual gifts under a Covenant of Payment for 7 years. The Mission can then recover each year the amount of income tax paid on such gifts, without any further trouble to the donor. We shall be very grateful for further helpers under this scheme.

Please note: All cheques, etc., should be made payable to "The Strict Baptist Mission", and crossed.

NOTICE IN REFERENCE TO BEQUESTS

We believe there are many of our subscribers who would like to continue their support even after the Lord has taken them Home, and although this is a somewhat delicate matter, yet for the sake of the Lord's cause, we mention how it can be done—viz.: by bequeathing

a Legacy to the Mission.

The following Form of Bequest is therefore recommended to those who may be desirous of thus assisting the Mission:

FORM OF BEQUEST

"I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION (founded in London in the year 1861), the sum of £ free of duty, for the promotion of the objects and work of the said Mission: and I direct that the said Treasurer's receipt shall be taken and deemed a sufficient discharge for the same."

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1966

1965	CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	£	£
	General Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965	2988	
	Transfers:		
	L.Z.A. Capital Account ...	220	
	L.Z.A. Accumulated Income Account at 1st August, 1965	1652	
		4860	
	Add: Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account for year ...	398	
2988			5258
	Sustentation Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965 ...	7720	
	Add: Transfer from Sustentation Fund Accumulated Income Account...	1250	
7720			8970
	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965 ...	220	
	Less: Transferred to General Fund Capital Account	220	
220			—
10928			14228
	REVENUE RESERVES		
	General Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965 ...	6938	
	Transfer:		
	L.Z.A. Reserve Account ...	2000	
6938			8938
	Legacies Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965 ...	3385	
	Add: Legacies received during year to date	933	
		4318	
	Less: Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	1479	
3385			2839

1965	FIXED ASSETS	£	£
	Investments (quoted) at cost—		
	General Fund:		
2844	£2986 3½% War Stock ...	2844	
371	£400 3½% Conversion Stock	370	
2094	£3300 2½% Consolidated Stock ...	2094	
1621	£2000 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 ...	1621	
100	£100 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 ...	100	
39	£50 United Drapery Stores Ltd. Preference Stock (Market value at Transfer)	39	
			7068
	(Market Value £4641) (1965, £4791)		
	Sustentation Fund:		
6720	£7000 3½% War Stock	6720	
1000	£1000 2½% Treasury Stock 1975 or after	1000	
—	£1276 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board 6¾% Debenture Stock 1992/95	1250	
			8970
	(Market Value £4980) (1965, £4027)		
	CURRENT ASSETS		
1194	Sundry Debtors	1301	
	Cash at Bank and in Hand (Overseas):		
1904	India 1115		
54	Australia 299		
		1414	
	Cash at Bank:		
6500	Deposit Account ...	6000	
2066	Current Account ...	1849	
80	Cash in Hand (Floats) ...	80	
			10644

NOTES:

(1) Indian Rupees have been converted into sterling at the following rates:—
- (*a*) Transactions during the period August, 1965 to May, 1966 at approximately 1s. 6d.
- (*b*) Transactions during June and July, 1966 at approximately 11½d., due to the devaluation of the Rupee.

	Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965	2000	
	Less: Transfer to General Fund		
2000	Reserve	2000	
23251			—
	ACCUMULATED INCOME		
	Pension Fund:		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965	186	
	Less: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	28	
186			158
	Sustentation Fund:		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965	1355	
	Less: Transfer to Sustentation Fund Capital Account	1250	
		105	
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	297	
1355			402
	L.Z.A. General Fund:		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965	1652	
	Less: Transfer to General Fund Capital Account	1652	
1652			—
	Medical Fund (L.Z.A.):		
	Balance at 1st August, 1965 ...	40	
	Less: Grant during year ...	11	
40			29
—	Bookmobile Fund: Balance as per Account ...		4
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
103	Sundry Creditors		84
26587			£26682 *26587*

(2) Australian Pounds have been converted into sterling at the following rates:—
  (*a*) Transactions during the period August, 1965 to December, 1965 at 25 Australian Shillings to £1 Sterling.
  (*b*) Transactions during the period January, 1966 to July, 1966 at 2·5 Australian Dollars to £1 Sterling.

(3) For Balance Sheet purposes no value has been placed upon land, buildings, vehicles, etc.

(4) The Pensions 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.

(6) All transactions for the year in respect of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary have been combined with those of the Mission due to the amalgamation of the auxiliary with the Strict Baptist Mission in October, 1965.

O. F. CLARKE } Members of the
E. J. WOOD } Council of Management
P. H. CREES, Secretary

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1966

GENERAL FUND

1965		£	£	1965		£	£
10031	Indian Expenses	10715			Contributions:		
1172	Passages	1770		12641	Churches	11321	
50	Outfit	50			Schools	1371	
155	Indian Christian Literature ...	148		3190	Personal	3078	
			12683	777	Income Tax Refunded	966	
1348	Office Expenses, etc.	1434		—	Stamp Corner	55	
1336	Missionaries on furlough	1242			Offerings at Annual and Half-Yearly		
263	Children's Allowances	218		898	Meetings	747	
—	Missionary in training	12					17538
1665	Deputation Expenses	1820		287	Sale of Literature ...		197
	Life and National Insurances (Balance			51	Annual Reports		50
70	was paid by Pension Fund)	155		373	Investment Income (gross)		464
241	Publicity	272		20	Legacies—L.Z.A.		—
32	Audit Fee	32		*Credit*			
217	Council Travelling	185		*Balance*	Excess of Expenditure over Income for		
	Expenses at Annual and Half-Yearly			581	the Year carried down		1081
67	Meetings	39					
169	Annual Reports	141					
257	Publications (other than Magazines) ...	130					
117	Boxes	—					
	Mission House Expenses: Rates, Insur-						
236	ance and Maintenance	178					
—	Vice-President's visit to India	321					
	Medical Expenses 159						
	Less: Paid from L.Z.A						
	Medical Fund ... 11						
—		148					
			6327				
	Transfer to:						
	Publications ("Heralds" and "Rays")						
230	Fund		320				
17656			£19330	17656			£19330
	Excess of Expenditure over Income for				Transfer from Legacies Fund being a		
—	the year brought down		1081		sum equal to the annual average		
—	Balance transferred to Capital Account		398	—	legacies received in the past ten years		1479
—			£1479	—			£1479

PUBLICATIONS (HERALDS AND RAYS) FUND

1965		£	£	1965		£	£
	Printing.				Sales:		
448	Heralds	466		338	Heralds ...	271	
254	Rays	264		134	Rays ...	139	
			730				410
				230	Transfer from General Fund		320
702			£730	702			£730

BOOK-MOBILE FUND

			—		Token Gift from Fellowship of Youth	100
—	Deposit Paid in India on Book-Mobile	96				
—	Balance in Hand	4				
—		£100	—			£100

Note—The F.O.Y. have collected a total sum of more than £2500 for the purchase and equipping of a Book-Mobile, but are holding the balance of this sum until required.

SUSTENTATION FUND

	Excess of Income over Expenditure:					
270	Carried to Accumulated Income Reserve	297		270	Investment Income (gross)	297
270		£297		270		£297

PENSION FUND

598	National Insurance of Missionaries ...	653		585	Investment Income (gross) ...	635
	Legal Costs—re Appointment of Additional Trustees	10			Excess of Expenditure over Income:	
—				13	Carried to Accumulated Income Reserve	28
598		£663		598		£663

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

1st AUGUST, 1965, to 31st JULY, 1966.

Accrington	42	5	5
Acton Friends	12	10	0
Aldbury	7	0	5
Aldringham	15	11	4
Askett	10	0	0
Aylesbury	110	4	2
Badingham	4	12	6
Basildon	101	0	11
Bath	21	19	3
Beccles	92	18	5
Bedford	57	10	6
Bedworth	51	1	0
Belvedere	107	18	11
Bermondsey	97	13	3
Bethersden	70	6	0
Bexleyheath	53	18	4
Bible Spreading Union	10	0	0
Bierton	53	12	6
Billinghay	51	6	6
Blackburn	13	0	0
Blakenham	53	6	11
Blaxhall	6	8	2
Bodle Street	3	3	0
Borough Green	57	0	0
Bradenstoke	84	4	9
Bradfield St. George	87	10	3
Bradford on Avon	2	0	0
Brentford	195	0	0
Brighton—			
"Ebenezer"	103	14	11
"Tabernacle"	280	10	0
Brockley Suffolk	62	4	3
Brockley, S.E.4. (Presbyterian)		10	0
Bromley	61	12	3
Buckland Common	2	2	0
Burnley	4	1	0
Bury, Lancs.	8	5	0
Cambridge—			
"Eden"	159	0	2
Tenison Road	23	10	6
Carlton	33	15	3
Caterham	24	16	3
Chadwell Street	89	2	11
Chatteris	69	2	7
Chelmondiston	29	7	0
Chelmsford	78	13	2
Cheltenham	2	10	0
Chertsey	5	0	0
Chesham	50	15	11
Chingford	31	13	0
Chorley	9	11	0
Clapham	163	16	3
Clayton West	12	1	6
Clifton	24	2	0
Colchester	51	12	2
Collingwood Aust.	14	4	6
Colnbrook and Longford	6	5	0
Continental Churches	241	17	2
Cottenham	15	6	0
Cradley Heath	18	9	7
Cransford	41	15	0
Crowfield	29	7	5
Croydon and Caterham Friends	63	2	6
Croydon—			
Derby Road	97	9	6
District	19	8	6
Tamworth Road	141	2	1
Cuckfield	5	0	0
Dame Violet Wills Trust	100	0	0
Deeping	10	1	0
Devizes	33	1	0
Didcot	1	10	0
Dorking	412	19	0
Downe	34	0	0
Dunmow	12	3	0
Dunstable	37	2	6
Eastbourne	20	3	6
East Ham	32	2	6
East Suffolk Nurses Christian Fellowship	1	0	0
Egham	19	11	6
Enfield Highway	3	3	0
Epsom	100	13	0
Erith	6	0	0
Farnham	31	11	4
Five Ash Down	7	15	0
Fleckney	1	10	0
Fressingfield	36	18	8
Friston	8	18	6
Fulham	18	3	3
Gadebridge	79	15	7
Glemsford	21	10	0
Gravesend	4	5	0
Grays	8	9	6
Great Gransden	22	9	6
Great Yeldham	16	0	0
Greenwich	170	17	2
Grundisburgh	23	4	0
Guildford	235	10	4
Hadleigh	96	16	0
Hadlow	3	14	0
Hailsham	24	8	8
Halland		7	6
Halstead	32	16	6
Hammerfield	5	15	0
Handcross	10	11	6
Hartley Wintney	10	0	0
Harwich	13	11	3
Haslemere	72	15	1
Hastings	56	16	11
Haworth	31	17	7
Hebden Bridge	6	0	0
Highbury	139	10	0
High Wycombe	40	14	4
Hilmarton	2	0	0
Hinckley	27	13	4
Hitcham	5	0	0
Homerton	34	5	0
Hook	4	13	6
Horham	139	0	6
Horley	10	18	11
Horsham, Rehoboth	31	13	0
Hounslow	105	10	1
Hoxne	19	17	4
Ilford	134	1	0
Ipswich—			
"Bethesda"	589	2	2
"Mount Zion"	145	5	4
"Zoar"	160	8	1
Irthlingborough	25	17	3
Ivinghoe	2	10	0
Kensal Gospel Mission	8	5	0
Kesgrave	229	16	11
Kings Langley	66	8	0
Kingston on Thames	17	15	0
Knaphill	3	3	0
Laxfield	64	2	2
Lea	5	16	0
Lee Common	5	13	8
Leiston	46	17	7
Lewisham	13	12	0
Leyton	115	5	0
Little Downham	20	11	9
Little Staughton	4	0	0
Lode	4	18	6
Manor Park	38	9	6
March	61	19	3
Margate	37	8	0
Mendlesham Green	30	11	2
Meopham	21	2	6
Middlesbrough	60	10	0
Midlands Rally	26	7	7
N.S.B.S.S.A. Camp	33	0	0
Naughton	10	0	0
Needingworth	6	8	3
Newcastle	6	15	0
New Cross	224	16	6
Newick	36	12	6
Newquay	7	5	0
Northampton	19	5	0
North Finchley	105	7	0
Northern Gatherings	16	0	0
Norwich	6	8	6
Notting Hill Gate	20	5	3
Occold	54	14	6
Old Hill—			
"Ebenezer"	62	8	0
Springmeadow	15	0	0
Otley	25	7	9
Over	52	8	6
Pemberton	41	15	5
Ponders End	6	0	0
Portsmouth	9	7	0
Potten End	58	9	11
Potton	13	11	3
Poynings	40	16	2
Preston	14	2	9
Prittlewell	33	19	6
Ramsey	115	8	4
Rattlesden	31	14	0
Readers of "The Life of Faith"	1	0	0
Readers of "The Christian"	50	0	0
Redbourn	3	0	0
Reigate	12	10	0
Richmond	111	16	0
Rishangles	34	13	9

Robert Stockwell Trust	20	0	0
Rotherham	13	18	0
Royton	53	0	0
Ryarsh	34	13	2
Sharnbrook	3	9	9
Sheffield "Wycliffe"	12	0	0
Slaithwaite	7	1	6
Sleaford	8	12	0
Smarden	28	6	6
Somersham	29	0	0
South Chard	11	0	0
Southport	64	11	9
Staines	47	14	3
Stamford	27	10	7
Stamp Corner, The	55	0	0
Stockwell College, Bromley	2	0	0
Stoke Ash	152	3	7
Stoke Golding	30	1	3
Stonham Parva	15	8	0
Stowmarket	69	14	8
Stratford	134	15	7
Streatham	217	15	1
Stretham, Cambs.	22	1	6
St. Albans	30	19	10
St. John's Wood	124	4	0
St. Neots	14	9	9
Sudbourne	102	7	11
Sudbury, Suffolk	12	0	0
Sutton-at-Hone	13	8	2
Sutton, Cambs.	11	6	0
Swindon	89	7	2
Tadworth	1	0	0
Tenterden		15	6
Thame	25	2	6
Thorndon	4	4	8
Tips End, Cambs.	3	0	0
Tottenham	125	4	4
Tring	96	13	11
Trowbridge	69	8	8
Tunbridge Wells	140	12	6
Tunstall	57	1	3
Turves	3	5	6
Twickenham	10	0	0
Two Waters	2	10	0
Waldringfield	34	10	0
Walsall	42	2	6
Walthamstow, Church Hill	23	7	6
Wandsworth	71	4	11
Warbleton	51	10	9
Warboys	229	0	5
Warrington	2	0	0
Watford— "Beulah"	17	16	0
"Tabernacle"	196	18	0
Wattisham	93	14	5
Wellingborough	51	13	5
Welwyn	5	0	0
West Ham	104	10	0
West Hartlepool	63	10	0
West Hoathly	20	0	0
West Kings Down	2	2	0
Wetherden	93	0	4
Whitestone	2	2	0
Whittlesey	80	3	9
Whitton	70	11	8
Willenhall	25	0	0
Willingham	13	11	8
Wiltshire Rally	39	4	0
Wimbledon	58	10	6
Wivelsfield	7	5	0
Wooburn Green		10	0
Wood Green— Eldon Road	9	5	0
Park Ridings	12	8	6
Woolwich	33	9	0
Yateley	70	6	4
Yaxley	5	4	2
Fellowship of Youth— North Suffolk	4	4	0
South Suffolk	5	6	5
West Suffolk	15	16	6
Personal	3078	11	8

LEGACIES

Mr. W. K. Puttnam	20	19	0
Miss A. M. Hewitt	50	0	0
Miss G. M. Kirkman (further amount)	90	0	0
Miss E. M. Shirley	176	17	5
Mrs. M. M. Hall	200	0	0
Miss E. M. Shanks	25	0	0
Miss B. M. Walker	30	0	0
Miss H. V. Harris	100	0	0
Miss E. L. Harris	100	0	0
Mr. J. E. Ashby (further amount)	170	0	0
	£962	16	5