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THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY
1967



Tamil School Teachers and their pupils. School verandah in background.

EOPLE, PLANS, BUILDINGS, PROPERTY TRUSTS, CHOOLS, CHAPEL BUILDINGS. SEE: *PRESIDENT'S REPORT.*



Sendamangalam Chapel and Girls' School buildings.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1967
[God willing]

The General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—JANUARY 1st, Manor Park; 8th, St. Albans; 10th, Kesgrave; 15th, Sutton-at-Hone; 22nd, Leiston, Faith; 28th, Stoke Golding; 29th, Stoke Golding/Hinckley. FEBRUARY 5th, Kingston-on-Thames; 19th, Tunstall/Sudbourne; 26th, St. Neots/Lt. Staughton.

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Missionary: Mr. P. A. Grist.—JANUARY 8th, Woolwich, Enon; 10th, Watford; 15th, Caterham; 17th, Gadebridge; 31st, Ponders End, Nag's Head Rd. FEBRUARY 2nd, Wetherden, F.O.Y.; 19th, Sutton-at-Hone; 21st, Caterham.

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Deputation Secretary: Pastor E. Orchard.—JANUARY 8th, Hailsham; 10th, Farnham, Surrey; 16th, Middlesbrough, W.M. FEBRUARY 2nd, Winchmore Hill; 17th, Marton; 19th, Southport.
ADDRESS: 47 Arncliffe Gardens, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel. Hartlepools 66261.

MISSION DEPUTATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones. It is possible that Mr. and Mrs. Jones may not return to India after furlough in 1967 and they would value the prayers of God's people for guidance and direction as to their future service for the Lord. In view of this possibility the Council have relieved them of deputation work for 1967, but we assure Church Secretaries and Correspondents that they will be advised of alternative arrangements as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Champion. We are glad indeed that Mrs. Champion is continuing to make progress back to health and strength, and that Mr. Champion continues to keep well. Our colleagues will be undertaking only a limited number of engagements for the Mission between March and June 1967, God-willing.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Grist. Adverse medical reports which show it would be inadvisable for Mrs. Grist to return to India have made our friends turn their thoughts to Christian Service in the Homeland. Mr. Grist is fulfilling a programme of Deputation Ministry for the Mission until the end of June 1967, and may well be available to represent the Mission occasionally after that date. However, after June 30th our brother has been released from regular Mission commitments that he may exercise a Ministry of the Word of God as the Lord leads.

Miss M. E. Harris. We gladly anticipate the arrival of Miss Harris in the early Spring of 1967, *D.V.* She hopes to commence a busy programme of meetings from June 1st and would value the prayerful interest and support of friends in the churches.

Important. IT WILL SAVE CONFUSION AND GREATLY HELP MISSION ADMINISTRATION IF FRIENDS WILL PLEASE FIRST CONTACT THE DEPUTATION SECRETARY REGARDING MEETINGS AND SERVICES FOR MR. G. F. CHAMPION, MR. P. A. GRIST, AND MISS M. E. HARRIS.

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WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN INDIA?
Statement by the President

You can buy *The Crisis of India* by Ronald Segal as a Penguin paperback Special, and you can have it all for five shillings! It all seems so sad to write or talk about crisis as cheaply as this, for what we have to remember is that the crisis is that of *people*—438 million men, women, and children!

Crisis, however, is the right term to use when we think of India. The issues are indeed life or death, and we must not cease to pray and to strive together to help this great country in every way possible.

In this context of need and urgency in which everything appears so critical, it is not surprising that Christian missionary work faces its crisis. This is the situation for the Strict Baptist Mission in India today. We have come to the turning point. Let us pray that it may be life and not death that shall issue in the work we have nursed so long in the Tamilnad of South India!

What is really happening with our Strict Baptist Mission in India? No doubt many friends have been asking this question with deep concern, and the fact that, as an Officer of the Mission, I have been to India twice in one year must indicate a serious situation. May I, therefore, seek to show you the real problem and report the action taken by our Conference of Missionaries and Council of the Mission here at home.

As friends will know, for the past ten years we have endeavoured as a Mission to encourage the Tamil Churches to assume full responsibility for their local work and witness, without dependence upon the Mission. God has prospered this application and development of the indigenous principle, although progress in some places has been slower than we could have wished.

With this growing independency of the Tamil Churches has been associated the transfer of Mission properties to Indian trusteeship. The S.B.M. has taken the initiative in this important matter, as we believe it to be consistent with Scriptural teaching and in the best interests of the work legally to secure the properties against all the changes rapidly coming about, some of which may eventually exclude our Missionaries from India. In negotiating this matter there have been many legal and human problems, and at times misunderstanding and division have been created amongst both Missionaries and Indian friends. We have all been frustrated and depressed by this necessary pre-occupation with material things, and some of our

Indian Church leaders have become impatient and angry over the long delays which they have taken as an unwillingness to carry out our plans and promises made.

Such were the conditions that made it necessary for an emergency meeting of our Conference of Missionaries to be convened in October, and it was to this meeting I went at the unanimous wish of the S.B.M. Officers. Our Missionaries appreciated the concern of Council and welcomed my presence, and at their request I served as chairman in the vital meetings held at Coonoor.

God graciously helped us all as we prayed and worked together as a missionary team, and matters were so resolved that it was possible for me to remain in India after Conference and go down to the Salem area in order to meet with the leaders and Churches in that district. By the blessing of God fellowship has been restored and a new spirit of hopefulness prevails because of the decisions reached and promises given.

It is now agreed that four separate Property Trusts shall be formed to serve the four main areas of our work—Madras, Salem, Tinnevelly, and Ramnad.

1. The Trustees shall be elected members of the S.B. Churches having property in the Trust.

2. All S.B.M. Church and School buildings and houses associated with the same shall be immediately transferred to the four Trusts.

3. When we cease to have further use for the Mission bungalows and compounds these also, or the proceeds from the sale of them, shall be put into the local Trusts for the benefit of the Tamil S.B. Churches in the respective areas.

A good deal of legal work has still to be done on necessary documents and the registration of the same, and Missionaries will be involved in patient co-operation with Indian friends to bring about the actual establishment of these four Trusts. We are thankful, however, that matters have been decided and are being implemented in a spirit of Christian fellowship and agreement, and our hope is that God will so bless the transfer of S.B.M. properties to Indian trusteeship that the Churches concerned may be happy and spiritually healthy, and that even crisis in India may work out for the furtherance of the Gospel and the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

HAVING NO HOPE

H. J. APPLEBY

Pieces of broken pot . . . water, spilt in the road. That was all.

A little before, a crowd had gathered there. Dishevelled hair, disordered clothes, dust flung in the air, shrieks and wailing, drums rolling. A sickly scent of incense hung in the air. The men gathered round a gaudily decorated bier. The corpse was strapped upright in a chair.

As the men began to move off down the road, she screamed. Lifting up the mud pot, she poured the water on the road. Then, a sudden and desperate movement, and the pot lay smashed at her feet.

The women all turned and went into the house. The men, with their tragic burden, walked on to the burning-ground. The street was empty, and quiet again.

A broken pot . . . and poured out water; silent symbols that clamoured with a message! Death is final. Outside of Christ, death is despair.

Shortly afterwards I passed that way again. The spilt water was dried. The broken pieces were kicked aside. The moment of truth had passed; nothing remained to show that, for a brief instant, Reality had stood starkly there.

TELL THEM?

"One million a month." That was what the statement said. Thirty-three thousand every day . . . one million every month. New lives. Fresh souls. The total population increase in India—at nearly three every minute, night and day. Stomachs to fill. Minds to educate. Hands to occupy.

And He said we were to tell each of them the Gospel of what God has done. Tell a million a month? How? "The number of Protestant missionaries in India has decreased, in the last ten years, from 6,000 to under 4,000." A million more to be told, every month. And sixteen messengers less every month! Can this be how to carry out what He commands?

The statement continued. "India is the world's largest democracy." When a third of the world is under the dark shadow of Marx, democratic India is a significant country. But democracy decays unless it has spiritual roots. The collapse of so many democracies in the last ten years has a vital message, for those who will heed it!

"India is strategically placed in the conflict of world powers." And does not His Spirit in the Old Testament clearly declare that righteousness alone exalts a nation? What righteousness more glorious than that of our Christ? Tell them, He said . . . !



MOUNTA
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We were on camp in the Nadukombai. Torrential rain had been falling in the night. The roof of the forest bungalow had leaked badly. When we got up off our camp cots at 4 a.m. the next morning to light our hurricane lanterns, we could hear the roar of the rushing torrent of water in the swollen mountain river. Would we be able to get across that river safely to reach Vaghkadu, a village about two miles away through the fields? There would be water in the other smaller rivers, and the narrow banks between the water-logged rice fields would be very slippery with wet mud.

After praying for guidance we decided to make the attempt, and after an early meal, we set off at 6 a.m. When we got to the river we greatly wondered whether it was safe to attempt a crossing. Just then a hill-man came along, and we asked him how deep the water was. He gave one look with experienced eyes, and said he thought we could make it. He himself went ahead and then gave me a hand in mid-stream. The current was very strong, and we could not possibly have kept on our two feet without his help. The swirling waters dashed against us up to the top of our thighs, and wetted us thoroughly, and could easily have knocked us down, and carried us away. But the Lord had sent us this hill-man to help us just at the right moment.

So we reached the village in safety after wading through three more mountain streams of swiftly running water, and after carefully negotiating the slippery mud banks between the rice-fields.

On the way back, later in the morning, I saw Razaiammal working ankle-deep in mud and water planting out rice seedlings. Razai has shown

RIVERS
) BEARS

Harris



an interest in the Gospel message for a long time. I called out to her and told her how the Lord had sent someone to help us just at the right moment. so that we could cross the river. "But if He does not send someone to help you on the return journey, what will you do?", she called back. "I have no doubt about that", I answered, "He has never failed me yet." And so it turned out to be that it was Razai's own daughter-in-law who happened to reach the river just as my sister needed help. And by the time I got to the river, there was someone to help me too.

So we have proved again and again that when we are busy about the Lord's service, "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning." Great is His faithfulness. (Lam. 3: 22 and 23.)

One day during our Mudupali Camp on the Kolli Hills, I planned to visit the school-children in a village about two miles away. The Christian teacher in Mudupali school said he would like to come too, and bring some of his school-children with him.

When the set day arrived, the Mudupali teacher and thirteen of his school-children came to our mud huts very early in the morning. They all had their best clothes on, and the girls put flowers in their hair.

After praying for the Lord's care and protection over us, and His blessing on our visit, we set off for Devahai village. We took a tambourine and some cymbals, and some jingle-rings to help us with our singing. Of course we all walked in traditional single file along the narrow mountain

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"A TIME TO WEEP"

W. N. H. Kuhrt.

More than twelve years ago I was present at a meeting in Ayanapuram where already feelings were being manifested that eventually led to the bifurcation of the Church. The Pastor in those days was an earnest lovable brother but of a mercurial and over-emotional temperament. He gave us a rousing talk on the incident related in Judges 2: 1-5 and finally urged that as a Church and people we should go to Bochim and weep before the Lord. After making allowances for the characteristically jerky staccato style in which the address was given it sounded all right to me and appeared to be a legitimate application of the incident. However it was too much for one of the most experienced deacons whose background and temperament led him altogether in the other direction away from emotionalism and outward display of feeling. While engaging in prayer this deacon attempted to put his pastor right (a deplorable but not uncommon abuse of prayer) by saying, "O Lord we don't want to be men of Bochim, make us men of Calvary".

Ten years passed and the friction between emotionalism and near frigidity increased to the point where the pastor had to leave and start another Church not far away, taking a goodly proportion of his congregation with him. Last April the deacon who wanted to be a Calvary man (and who was perhaps asking for more than he knew) was recognised as Minister of what is left of the Ayanapuram Church and I was authorised to be present on behalf of the S.B.M. Conference. In the course of giving an account of his call by grace and to the ministry—it was quite an impressive account—our brother at one point was so overcome that he almost broke down and had to fight for a moment or two to recover control of himself. I do not know whether they were Bochim tears or Calvary tears but I was glad to see them. We spend a good deal of our prayer time for these two Churches in Madras praying that in the one there may be less artificially worked-up emotion and that in the other there may be occasionally a little Spirit-wrought disorder.

Tears are not necessarily an index of spiritual attainment but the man who has never felt burdened to the point of tears for the Churches can hardly have gone very far, surely? A few weeks ago I was preaching at the anniversary services of the Koyembedu Church which was in so much trouble a few years ago that for some months the doors were shut and

regular services abandoned. In the Lord's mercy the Church has recovered and things are much more hopeful. One of the deacons while engaging in prayer and recalling the past sad history of the Church was so overcome that for a few moments he could not proceed and again I was glad to see this tearful evidence of genuine concern. The emotional brother mentioned above once criticised missionaries for being too business-like and not sufficiently sympathetic. He said that the Lord's service needed "weeping prophets". We don't go all the way with him either in his emotionalism or in his criticism but perhaps he has a point—a point which we need to take.

Annual Report Abstracts. The following item was omitted from the Annual Report: BILSTON £2. 6s. Our apologies to the friends at Bilston.

Miss O. R. Knight wishes very sincerely to thank all friends who have welcomed her to their meetings and homes during furlough. She has been greatly encouraged by the loving interest of old and new friends. Please continue to pray that she and her loved ones may be aware of the Lord's guidance and help in all the coming days.

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path, and climbed up to the top of the ridge above the village, and through some forest, and then down the valley the other side. Our path led through several patches of forest, and the children ran along happily, telling me when they saw a jungle fowl, and then some monkeys. Suddenly the girls who were leading drew back, and came to the end of the trail. "What is the matter?" I asked, as I saw their frightened faces. "Bears!" they said. "Did you see one?" I asked. "No," they said, "but once we did see one just here in this forest." It was early enough for stray bears still to be wandering around. Then I reminded the children that we had asked the Lord to take care of us. So we must trust in Him, and believe that He would keep us safe.

We soon reached the village safely, and the Devahai teacher called his school children together. It was too early for school, so the children had to hurry up and get dressed before they came. They were ever so pleased when the Mudupali children sang the choruses they had learnt, to the accompaniment of tambourine, cymbals, and jingle-rings; and they were keen to learn them too. So the Mudupali children taught the Devahai children choruses and Bible verses. Then we sold them all the Gospels and Scripture books we had taken.

Soon it was time to get back to Mudupali, as school begins at 10 a.m. After the Devahai children had given us all a happy send off, the Mudupali children ran joyfully back to their village, singing as they went. They were not afraid now, as it was time for all bears to be back in their lairs. So ended a happy expedition of witness amongst Kolli Hills school-children.



ABEL

W. N. H. KUHRT

Open-air preaching in Malaya.

The story of Cain and Abel might not seem the wisest choice for an Open Air Meeting. But one blazing hot afternoon on a Dunlop Rubber Estate in Malaya the evangelist, feeling tired of the much overworked first two pictures of his roll turned to the third and preached on Abel. At least one man's attention was gripped and at the close of the address he came and told us why. "At home in India the members of our clan were involved in a law suit; some Mission helped us and we all became Christians. My name was Abel." "And what is your name now?" The man's face, which had been animated for a while, clouded a little as he replied: "Oh, when I came to this land I married a Hindu wife and my name is now Amavasai (New Moon)". Some time later we returned to that estate and sought out this man but although we found him it was impossible to get near to him again. He was content to remain Amavasai.

A lad born of Christian parents in Ceylon was named Abel. When he was brought to live with his family in a small town twenty-two miles from Namakkal his Christian name was dropped in favour of something less conspicuous in order to facilitate his gaining educational advantages. In course of time he became a very junior member of the Veterinary Service and was posted to Belukurichi where Dr. and Miss Harris were a help to him. But he would not come to services or publicly identify himself with Christians. Early this year he wrote to me, explained his position and made it clear he was not happy about it. He told me he had a Christian book called *The Bridges of Understanding*. I shared this letter with Dr. Harris who urged me to go and see him.

So on April 6th Pastor Paul and I made the fifty-mile journey having first warned him that we were coming. He entertained us first in his office and later on in his bachelor quarters. For about an hour Pastor and I were able to explain to him the elements of the Christian faith. We discovered, to our mingled surprise and relief, that the book, *The Bridges of Understanding*, was really a Tamil Bible which had lost its binding and had been crudely bound up in the covers of another book!

A few weeks ago we felt constrained to send a follow-up letter to Abel and after a day or two his reply, couched in quite hopeful terms, informed us that he had been transferred to the Nilgiris and was stationed some

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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.

GENERAL

General Secretary: PASTOR P. H. CREES, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4, Tel. TIDeway 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission, literature, Prayer Union, and areas of work should be addressed.

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Financial Secretary: PASTOR A. D. ROWLAND, 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, *who will gladly receive and acknowledge payments* for magazines, donations, and contributions to the funds of the Mission. Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

DEPUTATION

Deputation Secretary: PASTOR E. ORCHARD, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham, Tel. Hartlepools 66261, who will gladly assist in arranging meetings and services in any part of the country. All enquiries regarding arrangements for Missionary services and meetings should be sent to this address where they will receive very prompt attention.

THE TREASURY — **OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 1966**

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund	£2,813	£3,212
Legacies ...	184	
Special Funds	137	333
	£3,134	£3,545

Anonymous gift thankfully acknowledged—A.K. £1.

The above statement includes the sum of £432 which was the total of the offerings at the Annual Meetings in October.

We are thankful for this substantial help, and all it means in prayerful interest. Our missionaries make constant use of their motor vehicles and these enable them to do so much more in the Lord's service. But Indian roads impose a heavy strain on our vans and jeep and apart from the normal running and maintenance costs we are having just now to meet something in the region of £147 for special repairs. A word to boys and girls: of the total above received in General Fund (£2,813) the Sunday Schools gave £202. Thank you—and may your gifts be greatly used by the Lord in the expansion of His kingdom.

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Mission to the Tamil People

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eighteen miles from Ootacamund. In God's good providence a day or two after receiving this letter we were sharing ministry at Thayilpatti with the devoted and greatly used Tamil Baptist Pastor, Mr. Victor Benjamin, whose Church is in Ootacamund. So we gave him Abel's letter and asked him to try and get in touch. And there, for the time being, the matter rests. Perhaps the Indian Pastor will reap where we have sown and will be the last link in this strange chain of providential circumstances. And this Indian Abel has reminded us of our Malayan Abel and made us wonder afresh whether the Lord could really have led us to speak of Abel on that occasion to no purpose?

There can be nothing more sorrowful than not to know the way, or having known it to have lost it.

In the Cathedral at Lübeck in Germany, there is an old inscription:

YE CALL ME MAKER, AND OBEY ME NOT.

YE CALL ME LIGHT, AND SEE ME NOT.

YE CALL ME WAY, AND TAKE ME NOT.

YE CALL ME LIFE, AND DESIRE ME NOT.

YE CALL ME WISE, AND FOLLOW ME NOT.

YE CALL ME FAIR, AND LOVE ME NOT.

YE CALL ME RICH, AND ASK ME NOT.

YE CALL ME ETERNAL, AND SEEK ME NOT.

YE CALL ME GRACIOUS, AND TRUST ME NOT.

YE CALL ME NOBLE, AND SERVE ME NOT.

YE CALL ME MIGHTY, AND HONOUR ME NOT.

IF I CONDEMN YOU, BLAME ME NOT.

Amy Carmichael in *Gold by Moonlight*.

TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE

MARCH-APRIL
1967



Hindu "Self-respect" Wedding.

Photo: George F. Champion.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

AMONG THE CHURCHES

MISSION MINISTRY—MARCH-APRIL, 1967
(God willing)

General Secretary: **Pastor P. H. Crees.**—MARCH 4th, Sleaford; 5th, Billinghay; 12th, Bradfield St. George; 19th-20th, March, Providence; 26th, Potton, Beds.; APRIL 2nd, Lt. Downham; 5th, Thame; 9th, Potten End; 12th, Halstead; 23rd, Chesham/Lee Common; 25th, Regional Meetings, Tunbridge Wells; 30th, Ipswich, Bethesda.

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MISSIONARIES

Mr. G. F. Champion.—MARCH 14th, Whittlesey.
APRIL 4th, Colchester; 23rd, Wellingborough; 25th, Regional Meetings, Tunbridge Wells.

Mrs. G. F. Champion.—MARCH 14th, Whittlesey.
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Mr. P. A. Grist.—MARCH 5th, Yateley; 9th, Dorking Y.P.F.; 11th-12th, Naphill Mission, High Wycombe; 14th, Watford, Beulah; 18th, Chelmsford F.O.Y.; 26th, Otley.
APRIL 2nd, High Wycombe; 5th, Haslemere W.M.; 9th Willenhall; 16th, Kenninghall; 19th, Cambridge, Eden; 25th, Regional Meetings, Tunbridge Wells; 30th, Bradenstoke.
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Miss M. E. Harris.—APRIL 25th, Regional Meetings, Tunbridge Wells.

Pastor J. K. Thorpe.—MARCH 19th, Mendlesham Green.

Mr. C. M. Howells.—MARCH 12th, Ramsey; 19th, Mendlesham Green.
APRIL 9th, Staines.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—APRIL 30th, Aylesbury.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—MARCH 22nd, Margate W.M.

Deputation Secretary: **Pastor E. Orchard.**—MARCH 12th, Clayton West/Sheffield, Wycliffe; 26th, Bury.
APRIL 5th, Bedford, Providence; 6th, Croydon; 16th, Thornhill/Sheffield, Wycliffe.
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Mission Deputation: Enquiries regarding deputation ministry should be directed to The Deputation Secretary, address as above.

Mr. G. F. Champion. We are glad that Mr. Champion feels able to continue in deputation ministry with the Mission until the end of 1967, D.V., though we are indeed sorry that this means that Mr. and Mrs. Champion will not be returning to the field. Appreciative mention was made in the February Council meetings of their long and devoted service to the work of the Lord in India which has extended over a period of forty years.

Mr. Champion is seeking the guidance of the Lord regarding ministry here in the Homeland, and would be grateful for the prayerful interest of God's people in this matter. He would be happy to serve the churches in the Ministry of the Word of God, as the Lord directs.

SELF-RESPECT (Front Cover)

A revolt against traditional Hinduism, the Self-respect Movement among other things advocates inter-caste marriages. It is materialistic and atheistic in outlook, and is an attempted answer to the problem of social inequality which the Caste-system fosters.

WOMEN'S GIFT WEEK

MARCH 5th-11th, 1967

"WITH PERFECT HEART THEY OFFERED WILLINGLY TO THE LORD" (1 Chron. 29. 9)

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

These gifts should be sent to:

PASTOR A. D. ROWLAND, 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk

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Miss Phyllis White's article very suitably introduces Women's Gift Week. Her words highlight the need of the little company of faithful men and women with whom she works in and around Velur.—EDITOR.

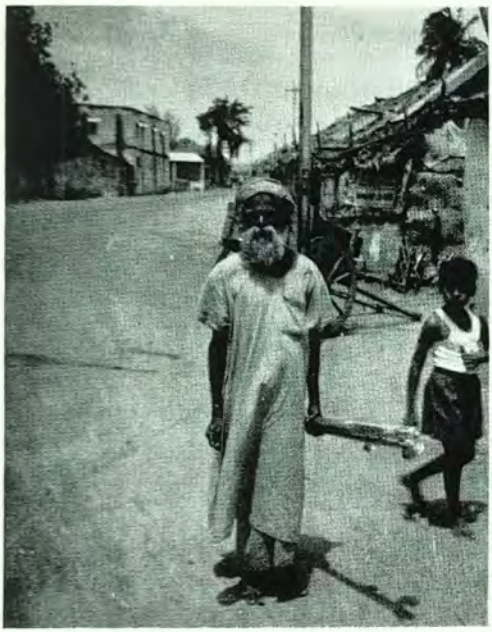
ZEAL—TRUE AND FALSE

" . . . they have a zeal, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

In India one of the things that indelibly impresses itself on the mind is the religious zeal of the people . . . a fanatic zeal sometimes. The apathy that is so evidenced in Western countries is not nearly so discernible in India. Living in an Indian village amongst the people, one sees more the extent of this zeal.

One sees the offerings and sacrifices, the daily worship, the people going for their ceremonial bathe in the "sacred Mother Cauvery" to wash away their sin and gain merit; one hears the daily singing of religious songs and sees the lives of the people centred around the influence of the temple; one can see the devotion of the people in this street as at approximately midnight each night for a week, they made their offerings to one of their gods which was carried on a bullock cart; one sees "holy men" dressed in their saffron robes, wandering about the countryside, going from house to house, and living on what people will give them . . . all to obtain righteousness.

Offerings and sacrifices to curry favour of one god and appease the wrath of another, fastings including a willingness to die as martyrs for their faith in order to further their beliefs, festivals, ceremonial bathing . . . there is a zeal; but this zeal is not according to knowledge. They do not know that good works and meritorious deeds alone are not acceptable in God's sight and that there is none righteous; they do not know that there is one Offering which has been made for sin once and for all, which is wholly acceptable to God.



"Holy men dressed in their saffron robes wandering the countryside . . ."
Photo: Philip A. Grist.

How shall they know? . . . how shall they hear of Him who offered Himself a sacrifice for sin, and who is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption? Missionaries are few, the work is great . . . how shall they hear?

We do rejoice to see that here in India there are also some who are not ignorant of God's righteousness and are not going about to establish their own righteousness, but have submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. And they too have a zeal . . . a holy zeal. We praise Him for His faithful ones in this village of Velur, and for their zeal for His glory.

We rejoice to see the care and concern which is exercised towards those who are without Christ.

To mention a few, there is Mr. Devavaram, a school teacher in Pothinur, who leads the Sunday services here and conducts a Sunday School in his home to which about sixty children go; and he is also ministering in the Selur Church (five miles distant), where there has been division amongst the members. He also seeks to reach others through the distribution of gospels and other literature at Hindu festivals.

There is also Mrs. Ratnaswami who regularly witnesses to her neighbours; Meenatchi, one of the women with whom she reads and prays each day, shows a keen interest and has sometimes come with Mrs. Ratnaswami to Sunday Services. Another is Rachel who is a nurse, and has many opportunities for witness in the Hospital. She also has a good witness amongst the neighbours and through her witness a young boy and girl come to the services.

How we praise the Lord for their zeal—though only a small company, yet we rejoice that each knows of a burden to take the gospel to their own people. We do praise the Lord that we are able to work side by side with these friends.

Do remember our Indian brothers and sisters before the Throne of Grace that He will grant them to see the fruit of their labours; and also remember the need of the people around us who as yet do not know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

There is a zeal according to knowledge. Pray that many more might know of such zeal.

Phyllis L. White.

THE WATERMAN

On one occasion during the days when we were new to India we, and another junior missionary, were camping with senior colleagues. It was a Saturday evening, and our young friend announced that he had forgotten to bring a spare shirt, and consequently had been obliged to wash the only one he had, ready for Sunday. He appeared to feel virtuous about his action but, when he added that his supply of water for washing was exhausted, our hostess became obviously perturbed. We were puzzled by the fuss made about the consumption of a little water, but we were informed that we were camping in the non-caste part of a village where water was in short supply. A caste man had consented

to let us have water from the well in the caste quarter, on condition that we keep our consumption to a minimum.

Another picture etched in our memory during those early days takes us to Sendamangalam. The Mission House in that town is located near a main road and night after night we were awakened in the small hours by the chattering of women as they passed the house. They were on their way to draw water at a well in the lowest part of the tank—the town's natural reservoir. Like the proverbial early bird that catches the worm, these women aimed at being the first at the well. Droughts had persisted



The Waterman. *Photo: David A. Thrower.*

for a number of years and, not only was the tank itself empty, but even the well in its floor produced only a few buckets of water a day. When we strolled along the tank bund (bank) one evening we saw a number of women, less wise than some of their sisters, armed with diminutive tins with which to scoop the water from crevices in the rock at the bottom of the well. Indeed, some had to resort to the expedient of soaking pieces of rag and wringing out the water.

Although such sights are only seen in times of severe drought, every Indian village woman spends a considerable part of each day drawing

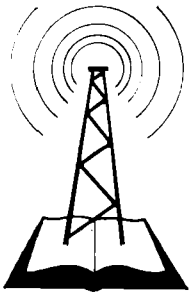
water for her household. The S.B.M. spends several hundred rupees each month on "the Waterman", in our various areas. While this indispensable worker occupies part of his time in other useful tasks, his chief duty is to keep the missionaries supplied with water.

When we went house-hunting at Kotagiri early in 1965 we naturally wanted a place with as many amenities as possible, the one essential requirement being, of course, a good water supply. We combed the area, which has no public water supply and is notorious for the undependable character of many of its wells. Danvi appeared to be the only place available at a price to suit our slender resources, but it was located almost on the summit of a steep, rocky mount known as Plum Pudding Hill, and had no well. Friendly residents of Kotagiri did their best to dissuade us from taking the property, for they were sure that no water would be found on the site, and the expense of transporting it from the foot of the hill would be well-nigh prohibitive, quite apart from the question of the willingness or otherwise of neighbours to share their water supply with us.

However, we felt sure the Lord had a place for us and, as we waited on Him in prayer, we seemed to hear Him say: "Your bread shall be given; your water shall be sure" (see Isaiah 33: 16). Relying on this promise from our faithful God, we settled on Danvi, and the accompanying illustration shows an old pensioner bringing us the one bucket of water a day supplied by a neighbour until we were able to sink our own well. For the rest of our needs we relied on rain-water from the roof. Eventually we began digging the well, but digging soon gave way to rock-blasting. This has been continued to a depth of fifteen feet and, although the springs promised by divinings at about this level have not yet been located, a copious supply of crystal-clear water seven feet deep constitutes a gracious "interim" fulfilment of the promise granted by our God. The smitten rock has produced water, as of old!

In the past, Danvi has frequently changed hands, the water problem usually being the cause. Yet, there was plenty of water just below the surface all the time. In fact, experienced diviners have assured us that there are many underground streams in our site. Doubtless a similar situation exists in many other places where water is "scarce". God has provided the precious fluid, and hidden it in the earth until His children "enquire of" Him to "do it for them".

Mr. and Mrs. David Thrower.



NO NEUTRAL GROUND . . .

Only the dead stays still. Everything else grows, both the evil and the good. So, the Christian outreach that does not grow, is dead. Grow—or go; they are the alternatives. There is no neutral ground.

The task grows. The latest figures of the population of the Tamil nad now reach 33½ million people. For India as a whole the task is unbelievable. India's multitudes grow so fast that every year one million additional tons of grain are needed to prevent famine. India has more young people today (200,000,000 under fifteen years) than the total population of the U.S.A. And everyone of these persons is to be told the Gospel . . . ?

The outreach grows. Mediums of mass communication are the obvious answer to this exploding task. And the radio represents a God-given tool of mass communication. Even an illiterate man can listen to a talk. The ministry of S.B.M. now reaches the whole of Tamil nad, four times a week—as well as Tamils in other parts of India and many other countries of the world! Readings from S.B.M. publications now command audiences of many thousands. A Bible-based message now reaches those whose religion has been but a nominal thing. We enter the homes of those who would never enter our chapels—even if there was an S.B.M. chapel within their reach! The last seven years have seen a growth of outreach unprecedented in the history of the Mission.

The response grows. Our filing cabinets now contain nearly 3,000 cards, each one representing a radio contact. A recent listener-survey indicated that those who were some of our first listeners, in 1959, listen regularly still, while new listeners are continually finding us on the radio dial. During this last year some have written to us of conversion experiences; some have shared spiritual problems; a number have bought literature; Rs. 360/- has been sent to us in donations; many have expressed appreciation and told of blessing received; some have multiplied our ministry by calling

neighbours to listen at their radios; in half-a-dozen places outside Tamil nad groups of Tamils listen regularly. Prisoners in jail, army officers, army privates, village folk, town folk, teachers, students, school-boys, housewives, clergy, manual workers, "white collar" workers, Hindus, Muslims, Catholics, Protestants—a kaleidoscope of listeners every week!

The burden grows. There must be the constant search for new and worthwhile material; new music and new lyrics need to be composed by gifted Indian friends; there must be a steady search for ways of better technical quality; we must seek to make the follow-up ministry even more effective (for this is more than half the reason for the programmes). There is always something more . . . something better . . . . If we could but produce more we could have more time on the air. If we had more time on the air we should reach more listeners. If we had more listeners we should have more personal contacts. And we could . . . if we had more hands to the work! Only the dead stays still.



SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETINGS

At REHOBOTH CHAPEL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

near Pantiles, behind King Charles Church

APRIL 25th, 1967

Ladies' and Men's Meetings at 2.15

Services at 3.30 and 6.30

Tea by Ticket from Mission Office, 2s.

Speakers: Miss M. Harris, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, and Missionaries G. F. Champion and P. A. Grist

COMMENT

MISS A. CREECY. At a recent Council Meeting it was a joy to hear the testimony of Miss Creecy when she spoke of her call by Grace and to the work of the Lord in India. On recommendation from her own church at Borough Green, Kent, she has been accepted for service with The Strict Baptist Mission in India. Miss Creecy is at present studying at The South Wales Bible College, Barry, and she expects to go on from there to The Missionary School of Medicine. In all this preparation may she know the guidance and help of the Lord.

TAMIL EXAMINATIONS. The good news was received in Council during February that both Miss Phyllis White and Miss Yvonne Conacher had passed their Tamil Examinations with excellent marks. We rejoice with them in this good success and pray that they may continue to know the Lord's sustaining grace in the exacting tasks of language study and work in India. Miss White has now completed her second year of language study and Miss Conacher her first.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE. By the time this issue of the *Mission Herald* appears the Conference of Missionaries in India will have met and completed their planning for the work in the immediate future. May the Sovereign Lord of the Harvest be pleased to bring to completion through the ministry of His servants that which pleases Him. Recommendations regarding all aspects of the work in India will be before the Council in London in the near future. Pray that wisdom, grace, understanding and courage may be granted to all who have part in the preparations for future ministry of the Mission.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY. After many weeks of earnest thought and prayer the Mission Council were led of the Lord to ask Mr. B. F. Ellis to consider an invitation to this appointment. It is with gratitude to God that we now say that our brother feels able to accept this call from the Lord. He will, God-willing, commence his work with the Mission during the coming months at a time mutually helpful to The Strict and Particular Baptist Corporation and the Mission. In all these changes may the Lord's hand be seen, and His help experienced both in the work of "The Corporation", which does so much for the churches here in the homeland, and in the work of the Mission.

THE TREASURY — **DECEMBER, 1966-JANUARY, 1967**

	Received	Paid
General Fund	£2735	£2562
Special Funds	76	44
Legacies	42	
	£2853	£2606

We are encouraged by the continued faithful giving from both churches and individuals. January is usually a month when our Financial Secretary is kept busy as many friends write to him. This is a special help, because in February we usually have to meet heavier expenses in India, and we have to provide the cost of passages for missionaries coming on furlough.

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Mission to the Tamil People

MODERN INDIA



When travelling recently in a third class railway carriage we were half startled and half amused to read the following notice:—

> Please do not play radios if objected to by other passengers.

Transistorised teen-agers are now not uncommon in the larger towns of South India and may occasionally be seen even in villages like Sendamangalam.

We hardly knew whether to laugh or to cry the other day when we read in the Prayer Letter of an old Madras friend who is now a well known Indian Christian Youth leader the words:

"The youth of India are demanding that we GET INTO GEAR AND GO!"

W. N. H. Kuhrt.



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General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—MAY 13th-14th, Wilts. Whitsun Week-end, 21st, Brentford: 22nd-27th, Strict Baptist Festival, London; 28th, Over.

JUNE 4th, Guildford; 11th, Chadwell Street, Clerkenwell; 18th, Richmond; 25th, Greenwich.

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Mr. G. F. Champion.—MAY 7th, Meadvale, Reigate; 13th-14th, Wilts; Whitsun Week-end, 21st, Horsham; 28th, Ryarsh, Kent.

JUNE 11th, Clifton, Beds.; 14th, Shalford; 18th, New Cross; 25th, Bermondsey; 28th, Potton, Beds.

Mrs. G. F. Champion.—MAY 3rd, Belvedere, W.F. Area Anniversary; 13th-14th, Wilts.; Whitsun Week-end, 18th, Sutton-at-Hone, Kent; 25th, National S.B. Women's Fellowship, St. John's Wood.

JUNE 6th, Homerton, W.M.; 14th, Shalford; 28th, Potton, Beds.

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Mr. P. A. Grist.—MAY 4th, Warbleton; 7th, Ipswich, Zoar; 9th, Watford, Sen. C.E.; 13th-14th, Wilts; Whitsun Week-end, Swindon; 21st, Chelmsford; 22nd-27th, Strict Baptist Festival, London; 28th, Woolwich.

JUNE 1st, Epsom; 4th, Highbury; 7th-8th, S. and N. Association Meetings; 10th, Hinckley, Midlands Missionary Rally; 11th, Bedworth; 17th, New Cross, Prayer Circle; 18th, Bromley; 19th, Aylesbury F.O.Y.; 25th, Ipswich, Mount Zion.

ADDRESS: 1 Grosvenor Road, Watford, Herts.

Miss M. E. Harris.—MAY 13th-14th, Wilts., Whitsun Week-end.

JUNE 1st, Colchester; 7th, Stratford, Gurney Road; 8th, Grove Hill, Tunbridge Wells; 10th, Midlands Rally, Hinckley, Bedworth; 13th, Staines; 14th, North Finchley; 20th, Dorking; 21st, New Cross; 22nd, Yateley; 27th, Brentford, Ladies Meeting; 28th, Hastings; 29th, Croydon, Derby Road, W.M.

ADDRESS: C/o 32 Elm Grove Road, Ealing, W.5. Tel.: Ealing 1961.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—JUNE 29th, Brighton, Tabernacle.

Mr. C. M. Howells.—MAY 28th, Rattlesden.

JUNE 25th, Hadleigh.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—MAY 20th-21st, Royton.

Deputation Secretary: Pastor E. Orchard.—MAY 22nd, Burnley; 25th, Rotherham.

JUNE 24th, Hebden Bridge; 25th, Haworth.

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OUTREACH TO A MODERN WORLD

PASTOR P. H. CREES INTRODUCES SOME SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE FESTIVAL

As a Mission we are very happy to co-operate in the Festival because of what the F.O.Y. has meant to our denomination and to the Mission in particular. We gratefully remember their wonderful effort in providing the Bookmobile which is now in good use for the spread of the truth of God. Moreover, as a Mission it is to our young people that we look for our future candidates by the call and grace of God.

We rejoice that our young people are outward looking in the spirit of the Master, "Go ye into all the world". The Festival motto of "Outreach to a modern world" expresses the spirit of the Mission. There is much that we are leaving behind as we press towards the future. Thank God we are leaving behind Churches and groups of believers to do their own evangelism among their own people and we are pressing on towards new areas in India and Europe where there is a desperate need of the Evangel.

The Word of God will have the central place in our Festival exhibit, for our literature and radio work, as well as our evangelism, is Bible based. As we reach out to the unevangelised peoples it is with the Truth of God as it is revealed in the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

There will be meetings each evening of the Festival in Mount Zion Baptist Church, St. John's Wood, and the special evening for the Mission will be on Thursday, May 25th. The theme will be "The Church Overseas" with the sub-title "Why Go?" This question will (D.V.) be answered by a panel consisting of an officer of the Mission, Pastor C. C. Pond, a Missionary, Mr. P. A. Grist, and a candidate, Miss Ruth Bucknall. The kind of problems we hope to face include Why go to India? Why go to Europe? Why go elsewhere when there is such a need at home? We hope that such earnest questioning being answered publicly will awaken a deep concern, not only in the need for evangelism at home, but overseas as well. The questions will be answered in the light of the commands of our Lord as revealed in Scripture and in the light of the deep spiritual need of men and women in the world to-day.

We earnestly hope that as many as possible will attend the Festival and join with us in this denominational fellowship. Each person who visits the S.B.M. exhibit will be given a brochure which will be a small replica of the exhibit and also explain its purpose.

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Conference, 1967. Back row (left to right): Messrs. J. R. Field, D. A. Thrower H. A. Huckett, W. H. Kuhrt, H. J. Appleby, L. Ryan. Centre row: Mrs. J. R. Field, Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Mrs. H. A. Huckett, Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt, Mrs. H. J. Appleby, Mrs. L. Ryan. Front row: Misses N. Hawes, M. M. Cook, V. Y. Conacher, M. E. Harris, E. M. Flory, P. L. White, O.R. Knight, Dr. R. M. Harris.

CONFERENCE, 1967

This year our Conference was held in Coonoor, at "Brooklands" which is one of the Missionary Guest Homes on the Nilgiri Hills. It was refreshing to be up in the cool of the Hills. Coonoor is one of the lower Hill Stations, but is situated at a height of 6,000 ft.

By Tuesday the 7th of February, all our Colleagues with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones, had gathered. We were saddened to think that they were not able to be with us, but difficulties now being experienced in securing ship passages necessitated their leaving prior to Conference. It was good to be able to welcome Miss Nellie Hawes and Miss Olive Knight on their return from furlough.

Conference began on Wednesday the 8th with a day of prayer—to offer Him our worship, to bring our needs before Him, and to seek His guidance in all our deliberations and decisions. And, praise His Name, He graciously answered our prayers and caused us to know of His Presence with us. I am sure all would testify to the sweetness of the Presence of the Lord with us throughout the days of Conference.

Our host at "Brooklands", Mr. R. Bissell, led us in our Bible Study Sessions which began on Thursday. He gave a series of very helpful talks on "The Levites and their Service". During the days of Conference each of our male colleagues led us in deliberations on the Word.

After a session of informal talks, we began our business Sessions on Thursday afternoon. How we praise the Lord for the amount of business that He enabled us to consider and make decisions on, during this and other sessions. Many important decisions affecting our work in India have been made; and we humbly thank Him for the guiding of the Holy Spirit and the resultant joy we have experienced in our meeting together this Conference.

In the evenings we had opportunity to find out more about each other's work and to get to know each other better. Slides were seen of some of the areas where colleagues are working and informal talks on Literature and other aspects of our work were held.

On the Lord's Day we gathered together for worship and heard a very challenging message by Mr. W. H. Kuhrt on Ezekiel 36. 11—"I will do more good to you than ever before". We also had the happy privilege that morning of witnessing the parents' dedication of Stephen Mark Ryan. In the evening we gathered with friends at the Union Church, where Mr. H. A. Huckett led the service.

At the conclusion of Conference on Monday the 13th, the Chairman bade farewell to Miss Monica Harris and wished her God's Blessing as she proceeds on furlough.

We would thank you for your prayers during Conference time—He did hear and He graciously answered. Continue to pray for us in the implementation of decisions made. We value your prayers.

Even as Peter said on the Mount of Transfiguration, "it is good for us to be here", so we too can say that it has been good for us to meet together in His Presence at Coonoor. To Him be the Glory. *Phyllis L. White.*



NEW PASTORS

Bible School, Poonamallee, Madras. Pastor D. John Albert stands third from the left in the front row.

For some years we have been praying for men to pastor the Churches that have been formed in connection with the Mission's work in India. Twice this year it has been the privilege of the writer to represent the missionaries at recognition services. We now have six pastors in Madras (ten years ago there were only three), two in Salem (ten years ago there were none), and one in Tinnevelly (ten years ago there were three Mission paid pastors—all of whom have now passed from off the scene).

Brother E. R. Moses was recognised as Pastor of the Ayanapuram Church on Sunday, March 20th. He is not a young man; on the contrary, he traces his early experience and conversion from Hinduism back to the days of Mr. E. A. Booth and Mr. Lincoln Watts. During all those years he has remained a faithful member and servant of the Church and was particularly helped in Christian service by the S.S. Teachers' Preparation Classes arranged by Mr. Watts and by the Baptist Volunteer Fellowship that began the work in Mannur. He has recently retired from employment in the Buckingman and Carnatic Mill and is free now to give all or most of his time to the work of the Church. Three of the other Madras Pastors shared in the recognition service. When Mr. Moses was rehearsing his experience he was at one point so overcome with emotion at the recollection of God's goodness to him that he could not proceed for some moments. On August 7th, Pastor Moses conducted his first baptismal service at Ayanapuram when three men and four women were led through the water.

The newly recognised Pastor of Thayilpatti in the northern part of our Tinnevelly Field is probably not far short of fifty years of age. His name is D. John Albert and he was born into the home of a Mission catechist. However, the home life was not very happy so much so that Albert's younger brother ran away and became a Muslim. Albert studied in the Namakkal hostel, was greatly helped by Miss Mowle and later on studied in our Paniadipatti Bible Institute during the years 1948-9. In 1950, in a somewhat remarkable way, his younger brother was truly converted, forsook Islam and has become a quite outstanding Christian teacher working in a village only a few miles away from Thayilpatti. Albert worked as a Mission preacher from 1950 until 1956 when, much to his chagrin, our change in policy made it advisable for him to revert to teaching in which profession he still remains. Pastor Paulraj and I who had been his teachers in the Bible Institute were glad to share in the recognition services on September 4th. Pastor Victor Benjamin of Ootacamund who has done so much in recent years for the reviving of the Churches in the area also took part in the service. Mr. Appleby who took the chair gave a telling message on the lampstands and stars of Revelation Chapter 1, while Pastor Paulraj gave the charge to the Church and I gave the charge to the Pastor.

The circumstances of the Tinnevelly Field just now make it inevitable that a man in Pastor Albert's position will be faced with much temptation. The situation would be healthier if more of the Churches would catch the vision and set aside men for the ministry. It is possible that the move made at Thayilpatti may set the Churches thinking and acting. Certainly a breath of new life has passed across the Paniadipatti and Thayilpatti areas in recent years. We made the recognition service (when many were present from neighbouring Churches) an opportunity for assuring our Tinnevelly and Ramnad friends that our evacuation of missionary personnel did not mean any loss of interest in the Churches; on the contrary, we would always be ready to help them with a teaching and preaching ministry whenever possible.

W. N. H. Kuhrt.



THE GREEN-GROCER

The Greengrocer.

One day we took a snap of one of those working servants of the community, with one of his sons (see accompanying photograph). Not that these folk come of the servant class; no, they belong to a caste Hindu agricultural tribe known as Badagas, who own a great deal of the land in the Kotagiri area of the Nilgiri Hills. Their language (Badaga) is related to Kanarese, which is spoken throughout the adjoining state of Mysore; it has no script. Thus, while these people speak their own language among themselves, their children attend Tamil schools; with the result that almost all Badagas communicate with the rest of the world through Tamil. We are grateful for this state of affairs, for we frequently have to deal with these people, and would be greatly handicapped at such times if it were not so, as we cannot speak Bagada!

For a number of years this man brought us some of the produce of his land every Monday; a most helpful vendor. Like many of his fellows, this son of the soil has been acquainted with Europeans over a long period and has learned to adapt his side of the business to the preferences of such customers. Thus the basket in the illustration probably contains carrots, cabbage, beans, spinach, rhubarb, beetroot, etc. Potatoes are usually purchased in bulk as soon as they are harvested.

Since our picture was taken, this man has ceased visiting us, and another vendor who followed him for a time has also given up the trade, with the result that we have been deprived of our regular supply of vegetables and fruit. Moreover, the latter vendor shared with us a small shop in the village, where we displayed and sold our literature. His failure has resulted in our losing the use of his shop. You may wonder why these men have given up market-gardening. The reason is this: although the Badagas are by no means poor compared with some other sections of the community, they were until recent years educationally backward. Consequently, the Government grant special facilities for Badaga children to attend high schools, including the provision of hostels for boys from areas where there is no such institution. The result is that the rising generation is unwilling to return to the land and follow in the agricultural footsteps of its predecessors. Most educated sons who do stay at home give up cultivating grains and root crops, and turn their land over to tea, which gives a larger and more dependable financial return. We suspect that a disinclination for manual labour also has a good deal to do with this, as tea bushes require little attention once they are well established. For example, a teenage brother of the boy in the picture, whose father hoped he would succeed him in his business, ran away from home. But before absconding, he seems to have had an uneasy conscience about the misdemeanour he was planning, and wanted to make some amends for the way he was about to let us down; for he supplied us with roots of mint and cuttings from a fig tree, and assisted us in our efforts to grow tomatoes. He also gave us helpful advice regarding the production of other vegetables and fruits. One of the fig cuttings struck and is now a handsome young tree.

After enjoying the helpful service referred to above for so long we suddenly found ourselves faced with the time-consuming chore of carrying our supplies a mile and a half (from the shops in the village) and then up our steep hill, and the time could not be spared from the work that we are here to do. This has led us to turn to the Lord. Whenever supplies fail, and we gladly bear this testimony for His glory, a day rarely passes after such prayer before someone arrives at our door with the commodity we need. Sometimes these supplies are brought by persons who are not regular vendors. While we are grateful for this provision, we long to see more interest paid to the production of food crops in these days of acute shortage of all kinds of food and a rapid increase of population.

We occasionally have opportunities of speaking to these friendly folk about spiritual matters, and we frequently give them tracts to read. One high school lad, who hawked fruit out of school hours, purchased several booklets from us and later professed to be interested in their contents.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thrower.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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 (NOT jellies); pie fruit fillings; dried fruits, especially PRUNES and APRICOTS; packet sweets (NOT chocolates); tinned meats and fish; instant milk powder; packet cheeses, oxos, bisto.

Food packages whose contents are valued at less than £3 15s. (now up to 75 Rupees) 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). A cardboard box well packed is best.

Postage: There is a concession on postage rates to Commonwealth countries.

Customs declaration: If the package is sent Letter Rate, a small green customs label should be affixed, supplied by the Post Office. On this label write "Foodstuffs" and the total value (a little less than the retail prices). If the package is sent Parcel Rate, a larger white customs label should be affixed. On this the contents of the package should be declared and valued individually. The Post Office may need to know the net weight of the package (*i.e.* the weight of the contents only), so it is advisable to weigh the articles before packing them.

Address of Missionaries: Available from the office.

"HERE AM I." This new Mission publication dealing with the Call, qualifications, and training of Missionary Candidates can now be obtained at the Strict Baptist Mission Office, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Price 9d. each, by post 1s. 0d.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. JONES. We are indeed sorry to learn that Mrs. Jones has been under the care of the doctor since our friends arrived home, but we trust that, in answer to prayer, she may soon be much

improved in health. May the Lord graciously help His servants as they settle again in the Homeland, and lead them to the place of His appointed service for them.

AN OPEN DOOR. Consequent upon the fact-finding tour of a committee appointed by the Mission Council the Mission is seriously and prayerfully considering the possibility of commencing ministry on the Continent along side of French-speaking Baptist Churches in The Evangelical Association of French-speaking Baptists. It is the unanimous feeling of Council that this is an Open Door which the Lord has set before us. Further particulars will be given to our friends in the Churches, as opportunity occurs, but in the meantime we would ask that God's people often remember this matter in prayer that the Mission may do that which is right.

FAMINE AREAS IN INDIA. Several enquiries have been made about the famine situation in India and, in particular, regarding the position in the areas in which the Strict Baptist Mission works. Although people are poor and often underfed, there is no real famine in the areas of our work. The Government of India makes arrangements for the rationing of foodstuffs where necessary, and, although, these arrangements do breakdown and sometimes people do not get the grains they are entitled to, yet civil authorities do a good job of work in difficult circumstances. Therefore the Mission does not feel it would be wise for our Missionaries to embark upon famine relief or other relief work. Such activities would be badly misinterpreted in the present conditions in India, and would largely vitiate the work of the Gospel to which we are committed. There are two inherent dangers in the work of philanthropy (i) We might well be charged with "buying" converts to Christianity and, (ii) Those who professed "conversion" might be tempted to become Christians for the benefit of what they could obtain materially.

THE TREASURY **FEBRUARY-MARCH, 1967**

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Funds	£2,630	£4,248
Special Funds	160	205

During the past two months we have had to meet quite a number of heavy expenses, including passages, as well as our continuing commitments in India. As the work advances, and we turn our eyes also to Europe, we need to be much in prayer that our finances may be equal to the expansion over which we all rejoice.

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JOY AND PEACE

In the train while on the way to Wiltshire my thoughts turned to the next meeting in which I was to speak. I read through Isaiah, Chapter 55. "Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." The words gripped me. Was this a promise the Lord was making to me? The words persisted in my mind, and I rejoiced in this assurance from the Lord.

Joy and peace—is it possible to have them while leaving loved ones and facing difficult situations in India? When the Lord gives joy and peace nothing can take them away.

"Ye shall go . . . ." These words helped to steady me during the days of suspense as we waited for the statement needed in my passport before I could re-enter India. An unexpected change in regulations meant that the procedure to be completed took longer than it had done previously. Should I do something to try and hasten its arrival? was a question that arose. The Lord graciously restrained such unnecessary action. Ten days before I was due to sail the passport was ready. (It was a week later when the necessary entry in Miss Hawes' passport was completed.)

The afternoon before we arrived in Bombay, many passengers who were to disembark there were distressed. We were warned of the strong possibility of the strike of some dock workers spreading to many others. If this happened disembarking passengers would only be able to take hand baggage they could carry. Other baggage would be forwarded from Colombo. Passengers would be disembarked by ship's lifeboats. . . . But prayer was made by the Lord's children in the ship, and they were happy in remembering that many were praying for them. And the Lord gave peace. Many of the passengers who were to disembark in Bombay were repacking. The Lord's children among them had the assurance that, whatever happened, the Lord would over rule for His glory. In their Christian Fellowship Meeting that evening they rejoiced as they heard of many in Indonesia turning to the Lord.

While we were having our evening meal an announcement was made over the public address system. On arrival in Bombay the ship would go alongside, and disembarkation of passengers and their baggage would be completed normally. As the tense atmosphere changed there was cheering, and we all rejoiced. When the meal was over there was at least one small meeting for praise and thanksgiving to our gracious God.

The next morning, in the shed where passengers were checking their baggage ready for the custom's examination there was a tremendous hubbub. God's peace was in my heart then and in the noise and bustle at the railway station. He has brought us safely to our destination. His gifts of joy and peace help to make it possible to face present problems and those of the future courageously. My hope is in the Lord as I look to see how the promises of the latter part of the verse will be fulfilled. Meanwhile let us praise Him for His joy which no man taketh away, and His peace which passeth understanding.

Olive R. Knight.



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JULY-AUGUST, 1967

GO .. TEACH ALL NATIONS



The Bookmobile. Provided by gifts from Fellowship of Youth Classes and members for Literature Ministry.

If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain ascendency. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian.

Daniel Webster.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1967 (God Willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—JULY 2nd, Waldringfield; 9th, Brighton, Ebenezer; 16th, Wandsworth, West Hill; 23rd, Borough Green; 30th, Prittlewell.

AUGUST 27th, Wetherden.

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

MISSIONARIES

Mr. G. F. Champion.—JULY 2nd, Stowmarket; 4th, Kesgrave; 9th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 12th, Cambridge, Eden; 15th, Croydon Fds. Garden Meeting; 16th, Brighton, Tabernacle; 23rd, Watford, Tabernacle; 30th, Wattisham.

AUGUST 12th to 26th, F.O.Y. House Party, Burnham-on-Sea.

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

Miss M. E. Harris.—JULY 5th, Warboys; 11th, Stoke Ash; 12th, Kesgrave, W.M.; 13th, Aldringham Mission, Leiston; 17th, Brentford, W.M.; 19th, Potten End; 25th, Bromley; 27th, Walthamstow.

JULY 29th to AUGUST 12th, F.O.Y. House Party, Burnham-on-Sea.

ADDRESS: 32 Elm Grove Road, Ealing, London, W.5. Tel.: Ealing 1961.

Mr. P. A. Grist.—JULY 9th, Smarden.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—JULY 16th, Haslemere.

Deputation Secretary: Pastor E. Orchard.—JULY 16th, Pemberton; 30th, Newquay.

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REMEMBER

DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, JULY 2nd

MUSIRI

It was 8 p.m., an hour after dusk, when I finally arrived to start work in Musiri.

The bungalow, standing right at the beginning of the main shopping street, had the full benefit of the dust of the road, for there was nothing but five feet of sheer dust between it and the road.

A broom and a few buckets of water from our own well soon took control of the dust in the house, at least temporarily.

The following day a local Hindu woman was found who was willing to help with cleaning the house and unpacking the furniture—some of this having been transported from Pania Bungalow. As the rope, string, and matting were taken from the furniture it became evident that the constant heat through the year, with the not infrequent moves, had weakened some of it, as was evident as it fell to pieces at our feet. A closer look at other articles of furniture revealed leaks and holes, essential parts missing, or pieces worn away.

In the course of the week, a carpenter, electrician, bricklayer, and town's roadway workman had been found and their services put to good use. I noticed the local workmen and shopkeepers all asked the same question, "What work are you doing?" A very good question and one which gave an opportunity for Christian testimony. The women were more reticent and said little unless spoken to.

Directly opposite our house is a very small general store run by an elderly Moslem. He with his brother and their families all live together in the house adjoining the shop. None of the women folk is seen outside the house during day-time. Their hours for going to the river for water seem to be in the very early morning or just at dusk. While I was entertaining a local Christian teacher one evening, the elderly Moslem lady of this family came over to see us. One of her grandsons is a pupil of this teacher, Rukamonie.

The carpenter, whose services we used earlier, lives to the right of our house. He has a wife and lives with three other brothers and their families, they are nominal Roman Catholic.

Immediately adjacent is a tailor's shop. The young lad who runs this comes in daily from a nearby village. Ten days after my arrival, he and an elder Hindu friend called on me. The friend did much of the talking and said, "Pasumani, the young lad, wants to know about the Christian

religion, and has written out a lot of questions to give to you if I had not consented to come in with him to speak for him". He is a Hindu.

There are no indigenous Christians here at present. Missionaries and Christian workers have worked in this area for years, and some of our Missionaries have camped in the Mission School here and in other houses in the town.

The town consists of about 6,000 people and is on the bank of the sacred Cauvery river. Each year a Hindu festival is held here and at such times much Christian literature has been distributed. There are at present two high schools and several elementary ones.

From our house we have a full view of the Moslem mosque and not far away the large Roman Catholic Church and school. There is a Hindu temple in every main street in the centre of the town.

At present the Christian community consists of four or five Christian families and four widowed or single women teachers. There is no Church, but services are held, somewhat irregularly, in either the bank manager's house or a local government officer's home.

The Christian families are usually very temporarily resident. The men, being in government service, are moved periodically.

We shall value your prayers as we take a fuller part in the openings for service here, already presented to us in visitation, Sunday schools, literature, and medical work.

N. Hawes.



Pastors' Conference—April 4th-7th, 1967. H. A. Huckett, S. Paul Raj, E. R. Moses, S. Devenesam, B. G. Samuel, H. J. Appleby, D. J. Albert, D. Asirvatham, D. Rajarathinam, and M. T. Daniel.

PASTORALIA

The Lord led us to a very beautiful site for the Pastors' Conference held near Madras during the first week in April, 1967. We were able to rent a large bungalow and also a smaller building quite near to the Red Hills Lake, which supplies Madras with a lot of its water. It was quite hot in the day-time, but there was a pleasant breeze off the lake at night.

Eight Pastors, three Missionaries, and Mr. M. E. Cherian (one of the speakers) attended the Conference. Mr. Appleby, as Convener of the Ministry Committee, ably assisted by Pastor Devenesam and three of his helpers, was in charge of the proceedings, which began with a time of prayer and preparation, conducted by Pastor S. Paul Raj, of Sendamangalam.

Mr. Cherian gave three very stimulating messages on the Ministry of Elijah and a fourth address on the Faith of Abraham. The writer was asked to deal with theology, so gave two addresses on "The Death of Christ", one on Repentance, and another on Faith—four in all. The guidance of the Holy Spirit was clearly manifested in this joint ministry, for on the first night, even before Mr. Cherian had arrived, we were led to show a film-strip on "The Life and Times of Elijah", and in the closing addresses, Mr. Cherian mentioned that the message on "Faith" was a confirmation to him that he should speak on Abraham. The last session was a testimony meeting at which all the Pastors testified to blessing received through the Conference. One brother said he was tempted to stay away from the Conference in order to make preparations for his daughter's wedding, but he told us how God had led him to resist this temptation and how glad he was that he had come. We expressed our warm thanks to Pastor Devenesam and his helpers for the efficient way in which they had looked after the food arrangements—no easy task in that somewhat isolated place.

During the Conference, Mr. Field turned up with the new Bookmobile, and after a short dedication service, some of the Pastors were able to take a ride in it and sell some books in nearby villages.

Before leaving Madras we spoke at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Numbal, where Pastor M. T. Daniel is doing a good work. In addition to local members, Christians from Tiruverkadu and Avadi were present,

including Dhyriabai and her two daughters, who gave up all for Christ in Rasipuram about fifteen years ago. It was a great joy to meet them again and to find that they are still going on with the Lord. An ex-hostel boy, now married with one son, was also present from Avadi, where he works in a fertiliser factory. We called at the factory the day before and invited him to come to Numbal.

On Sunday morning I preached at Kilpauk, where Pastor Devenesam is the under-shepherd. The chapel is a large one and is used as a school during the week. However, on Sunday morning it looked very clean with its white-washed walls from which all the charts and pictures used by the school had been removed. Easels and screens were not in evidence, either; they had been put outside. The rostrum is a large one, and there is also a platform for the organist and a smaller one for the deacon who gives out the notices. The hymns had all been chosen and put up on the board before we arrived. Pastor Devenesam conducted the service with the aid of a microphone, as his voice is not as strong as it was before his illness. Even with the amplifier, it was not easy to hear everything that was said, because crows in the roof made such a noise at times. Most of the worshippers arrived late, but by the commencement of the sermon about 150 were present, amongst them being two engineers and a teacher from St. Christopher's Training College, who used to work in our S.B.M. School at Sendamangalam. We were told that the offerings at Kilpauk are about Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 per week. It was encouraging to see such a large and attentive congregation and to know that God is using Pastor Devenesam to the building up of this Church and to the salvation of precious souls.

We left Madras next morning on our long 240 mile journey to Namakkal, praising God for all His goodness to us during our week in Madras.

H. A. Huckett.

THE BOOKSELLER

In Romans 15. 27 the Apostle Paul writes of an exchange of spiritual and natural things. While imparting spiritual benefits to others, he received in return a small share of this world's goods. The present series of articles constitutes an attempt to give information concerning the service and sustenance that we constantly receive from the Indian folk around us. In this contribution, however, we will look at the other side

of the picture, and take a glance at our efforts to serve the community in the midst of which we find ourselves.

Since we moved to our present house we have been looking for an avenue of contact with the people of this area. We no longer live near the centre of Kotagiri. A small literature stall was started in a shop in the village street; but that, unhappily, was short-lived.

More recently, our former domestic helper and colporteur, Thangam, returned to us and expressed a desire to take up the bookselling once more. She is not paid a wage for this work, but receives a commission on sales more or less equivalent to the discount that we are allowed by the wholesalers. She cannot read or write, and her ability to calculate the total when she sells more than one item at a time is a complete enigma to us; she certainly does succeed in this to a remarkable degree. If you ever visit this place you will almost certainly meet Thangam somewhere or other. If she calls at your home she will sit down and give you an opportunity of examining her wares; if, on the other hand, she meets you in the street she will open her display bag (see accompanying illustration) and invite you to purchase.

Like most Indians, our bookseller is a shrewd judge of character. She makes a rapid appraisal of a potential customer, and quickly offers a birthday card, a Tamil or English book, a writing pad, or wall text. She carries Bibles, scripture portions, and a wide variety of other items. For example, Easter is approaching, so Thangam has to-day taken with her copies of both the Tamil and English editions of the Resurrection poster.

As mentioned above, our colporteur is also our household helper. She is quite industrious in the latter capacity, but when she first entered our service ten years ago she manifested an annoying propensity which nearly led to an early parting of the ways. When sent on an errand, she usually made half a day of it! However, after much thought and prayer,



The Bookseller.



Wayside Evangelism. Selling Gospels and other booklets at Thottiyam.

we decided to try and turn this eagerness to "go places" and tardiness in returning to good account, instead of merely girding against it. Much highly successful colportage has rewarded our efforts in this direction.

Another welcome outcome of all this was that our friend began to work in the house more efficiently and happily than previously. Moreover, she has steadily grown in grace and in perception of spiritual truths; which is remarkable when contrasted with her former unenlightened state. For instance, she never sets out to sell literature without special prayer with us and also at home with her children.

At the same time it must not be supposed that every feature of Thangam's activities are completely satisfactory. One matter that calls for prayer is her failure sufficiently to appreciate the value of the Tamil books, and particularly of the small children's booklets. Like many another bookseller in this country, her efforts appear to be largely controlled by the cash return of any particular item. As the Tamil publications are priced much lower than English books, our friend tends to sell more of the latter, while the Tamil items "hang fire" somewhat. Nevertheless, one or more Tamil books are disposed of on every itinerary, and at times the result in this respect is quite good. Another difficulty is created by the children, who are not at all particular about the cleanness or otherwise of their hands when they handle the books. Still another complication arises from customers demanding credit terms. After agreeing to this for a time, and learning by bitter experience, Thangam now refuses to give anything on credit; which reduces sales.

To sum up: we look back on the years that this small effort has been made in an area where no Protestant bookshop exists, and are thankful that much seed of the Kingdom, the Word of God, has been sown throughout the environs of Kotagiri.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thrower.

ATTENTION PLEASE

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR. A note from the General Secretary says, "Whilst the Financial Year ends on JULY 31st, it would greatly help if all monies could be sent in not later than JULY 20th". Kindly send your gifts to Pastor A. D. Rowland, 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Just recently the Lord has laid upon us the responsibility of work on the Continent of Europe, and we are glad to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cook have been accepted by the Mission Council. They have for a long while been connected with the Church at Hounslow, and are now working alongside of the Church in Brussels. The estimated budget for this new work is over £1,000. We confidently expect that the Churches, whose work the Mission is, will carefully lay this matter of stewardship for the work of the Lord before the Lord in prayer and seek His will concerning it.

REGIONAL MEETINGS: REHOBOTH, TUNBRIDGE WELLS. The General Secretary reports, "It was good to be in Tunbridge Wells for our Southern Regional Meetings. In 1861 the first gift to the newly formed S.B.M. came from that delightful town.

"The presence and power of the Lord was manifest throughout the whole day and in the evening meeting the chapel was packed to capacity. The interest was shown in the gifts of God's people which amounted to £147 10s. 0d. for the day.

"The prayer meetings set the tone for the whole day and our hearts rejoiced in the goodness of God in every way. During the afternoon service the President, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, read a statement from the Council concerning the policy and future work of the Strict Baptist Mission. This statement will be circulated to every Church Secretary with the request that it be read in the Churches. This statement formed a fitting close to the afternoon message which was on 'Our Sense of Mission'.

"The friends from Rehoboth, Grove Hill, and a few from Crowborough worked very hard to give such a great crowd a welcome and to prepare tea for them. Their hearts must be full of thankfulness to God that they had such a share in a spiritual feast of good things.

"Over thirty Churches were represented at the gatherings, and it was an encouragement and joy to see twenty-two members of Council present. We give the praise and the honour to God for all His great goodness and mercy in encouraging His servants in making known His everlasting Gospel."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN STAMPS WANTED. Our Honorary Philatelist, Mrs. F. May, informs us that the demand for supplies of "approval sheets and packets of stamps" is outgrowing supplies. Please send your used British and Foreign stamps to Mrs. F. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts. Encourage your Sunday School children and your friends to help you fill this need.

NEW ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES. A letter from Miss E. M. Flory tells of the Lord's provision of a more suitable house. The new address of Miss Flory and Miss White is now

Strict Baptist Mission,
Velur (Salem),
Salem District, S. India.

This house is very close to the one in which Mr. and Mrs. Moon lived when they were living and working for the Lord in Velur.

Miss Nellie Hawes, who writes on another page of this issue about settling at Mussiri, also has sent the new address of Miss Y. Connacher and herself. It is:

Miss N. Hawes and Miss Y. Connacher,
I, Pillaiyar Koil Street,
Musiri,
Trichy District, S. India.

ENTRY PERMITS AND RE-ENTRY VISAS—INDIA. Owing to changes in regulations the situation regarding entry and residence in

India for Missionaries has deteriorated. We are glad to say that early reports indicate that the position of those already resident in the country is not unusually difficult. However, no reply has yet been received regarding entry permits for new Missionaries. Please pray that these and all other matters relating to the work of the Lord delivered to our charge may be for His glory, and that those most affected by these changes —new workers and our colleagues in India—may know the quiet peace of the Lord in these days of uncertainty.

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.

GENERAL

General Secretary: PASTOR P. H. CREES, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel.: TIDeway 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission, literature, Prayer Union, and areas of work should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

Hon. Treasurer: MR. N. COX, 90 Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Tel.: Tunbridge Wells 22551.

Financial Secretary: PASTOR A. D. ROWLAND, 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, *who will gladly receive and acknowledge payments* for magazines, donations, and contributions to the funds of the Mission. Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

DEPUTATION

Deputation Secretary: PASTOR E. ORCHARD, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel.: Hartlepools 66261, who will gladly assist in arranging meetings and services in any part of the country. All enquiries regarding arrangements for Missionary services and meetings should be sent to this address where they will receive very prompt attention.

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CLEANSED CHANNELS

"The water is coming!" The joyful cry was heard over and over again one morning recently; first as we sat at breakfast, later as we walked through the ricefields to a village for Gospel work; then the same exclamation was taken up by the excited children as they assembled for school on our arrival there. Water! How much it means to us in India!

For a fortnight the irrigation channel which conveys water from the River Cauvery to the ricefields had been dry. The rice had been harvested, but coconut palms, banana and other plants on the channel's banks were wilting for lack of moisture. Ducks were waddling unhappily in the mud that quickly became baked hard in the sun. Washermen grumbled as they had to trudge the longer distance to the river to do their work. Children could no longer plunge into the water for a swim on their return hot and dusty from school. As the town drains continued to empty their filth into the channel, the aroma was not pleasant!

This is the time of year when the channel has its annual clean. After it had been drained dry, an army of men arrived with shovels and began the unwelcome task of removing a year's accumulation of rubbish, depositing it in heaps on the bank, to be carried away eventually by bullock carts to manure the land. And now all was completed, and water was again being released from the river, bringing new life and joy.

Such a job is necessary. However pure the water of the Cauvery river might be (which it certainly is not!), it cannot remain clean if conveyed along a filthy channel. There are many channels in India—human channels intended by God to convey the Living water from the river of Life to the thirsty souls all around. But if the channels are themselves not constantly kept clean, will not the pure water become contaminated and the channels themselves eventually become blocked?

"The water has come!" "Lord, how long ere Thy Coming shall be heralded by India's children?"

E. M. Flory.



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The Newly-weds (Arulmitram and Nesammal) in the doorway of their house in Mudapalli, Kolli Hills. Arulmitram, a trained teacher from Dohnavur, is teaching in a school on the Kolli Hills. (See Mountain Rivers, Lyrics, and Bears—January-February issue of The Herald). His wife, Nesammal, is a grand-daughter of John Abraham, veteran witness for the Lord in the Alathur Valley on the Kollis.

Photo: Olive R. Knight.

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General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—SEPTEMBER 3rd, Occold; 9th, North-Western Gatherings, Accrington; 10th, Southport; 17th, Egham; 24th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hill.

OCTOBER 1st, Walsall; 4th, Brighton, Ebenezer; 8th, Cransford; 15th, Chatteris; 22nd, Cambridge, Eden; 24th, Annual Meetings; 29th, Stoke Ash; 30th, Waldringfield.

Assistant General Secretary: Mr. B. F. Ellis.—OCTOBER 11th, Sholing, Southampton.

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MISSIONARIES

Mr. G. F. Champion.—SEPTEMBER 3rd, Laxfield; 5th, Horley; 6th, Wimbledon; 9th, North-West Gatherings, Accrington; 10th, Preston; 14th, Manor Park; 17th, Yateley; 19th, Richmond, Salem; 24th, Belvedere/Bexleyheath; 25th-26th, Aylesbury; 27th, High Wycombe; 28th, Staines; 30th, F.O.Y. London Rally.

OCTOBER 1st, Kesgrave; 3rd, Streatham; 4th Brighton, Ebenezer; 5th Brentford; 8th, Rishangles; 12th, Hailsham; 15th, Warboys; 19th, Ramsey; 22nd, Halstead; 24th, Annual Meetings; 27th, Handcross; 28th, Crawley; 29th, Croydon, Derby Rd.

Mrs. G. F. Champion.—SEPTEMBER 19th, Richmond, Salem; 23rd, Rays Rally, Borough Green; 25th-26th, Aylesbury; 27th, High Wycombe.
OCTOBER 4th, Brighton, Ebenezer.

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Miss M. E. Harris.—SEPTEMBER 5th, Wetherden; 6th, Horham; 11th, West Ham, Tabernacle; 12th, Croydon, District Meeting; 13th, Harlow, Harefield; 14th, Harlow, Oakwood; 16th, Rays Rally, Stowmarket; 19th, Wellingborough; 20th, Irthlingborough; 25th, St. John's Wood; 27th, Otley, Suffolk; 28th, Ipswich, Mt. Zion.

OCTOBER 2nd, Bromley, Hayes Lane; 3rd, Watford; 4th, Bexleyheath; 5th, Homerton; 10th, Ipswich, Zoar; 11th, Gt. Blakenham; 12th, Occold; 16th, Thame; 17th, Epsom; 18th, Lewisham/Greenwich; 19th, Belvedere; 24th Annual Meetings; 26th, Laxfield; 28th, Chelmsford; 29th, Ipswich, Bethesda; 31st, Bradfield St. George.

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Mr. C. M. Howells.—SEPTEMBER 17th, Fulham. OCTOBER 8th, Downe.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—SEPTEMBER 24th, St. John's Wood.

Miss L. S. Hazel.—OCTOBER 11th, Newick.

Pastor P. A. Grist.—OCTOBER 1st, Colchester.

Pastor P. Day.—OCTOBER 22nd, Grundisburgh.

Deputation Secretary: Pastor E. Orchard.—SEPTEMBER 9th, North-West Gatherings, Accrington; 10th, Accrington/Burnley.

OCTOBER 8th, Dunstable; 24th, Annual Meetings; 25th, Market Deeping; 26th, Stamford.

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NORTHERN GATHERINGS

will, D.V., be held at

Ebenezer Strict Baptist Chapel

PEEL STREET, MARKET PLACE, ACCRINGTON

on Saturday, 9th September, 1967

at 3 and 6 p.m.

Tea will be provided

Chairmen: Pastor J. H. Laver (Southport) and Pastor A. Stone.
Speakers: Missionary G. F. Champion, General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees and Deputation Secretary, Pastor E. Orchard

MISSION BOOKSTALL IN SCHOOLROOM

SPECIAL NOTE. If you hope to be present at tea time, please inform Mr. R. Hanson, 2 Broad Oak Road, Accrington, Lancs.

Tea tickets 2/6 each or 1/- for schoolchildren.

SICK AND IN PRISON

Many years ago we had a hand in helping a young man to become a trained teacher. He married a teacher and for a few brief years they were very happy with the baby daughter that God gave them. But he developed some form of epilepsy, inevitably lost his job and became a trial to himself and to others so that eventually at his own request he was admitted to the very large and very well conducted Mental Hospital in Madras. Here, from time to time, I visit him. Sometimes he is quite normal and sometimes he is not. On my last visit I found him confined to a cell because it was one of his bad days. However, I was able to sit with him in his cell and most of the time I was there he spoke sensibly. Christian friends have for years conducted services regularly in this place (indeed our missionaries used to do so when they lived in the city) and I was pleased to learn that those who now carry on this ministry, who are connected with the Bakht Singh Assembly, had given my ex-teacher friend a copy of the Scriptures and other helpful literature.

Last year one of our Church members was confined for three months within the frowning walls of the huge Central Gaol in Coimbatore. While speaking at a convention in that city I took the opportunity to visit my unfortunate friend. Entrance to the prison was made easy for me because I discovered that an ardent Christian High School teacher

(connected with the Church of South India) was in the habit of visiting the gaol every Sunday afternoon and holding a service there. This teacher was already well known to me because at Mr. Grist's suggestion he had undertaken the translation of Pink's *Sovereignty* and Whitefield's *Sermons* and both of these translations it had been my duty and pleasure to check. Mr. Jabez also, at his own expense, maintains a small library of Tamil books for the benefit of the prisoners who attend his services.

It impressed me greatly to find that devoted Indian Christians were carrying on this kind of ministry in these two places that I chanced to visit. No doubt this story could be repeated in many other parts of the country. One other thing impressed me both in the gaol and in the asylum. Both the men whom I went to visit, the moment they saw and recognised me, reached out their hands to shake mine with the greatest eagerness. Such a gesture is not exactly characteristic in this part of the world and it was to me a pathetic indication of the hunger for friendship and recognition. I was glad to respond with all the warmth I could. But occasional visits are one thing; the regular monotonous grind of visiting weekly year in and year out and ministering in the most depressing surroundings to such dubious congregations, is quite another and such devotion calls for praise and deserves our prayer support. No doubt the Lord will one day say to them: "Inasmuch . . . ye have done it unto Me".

W. H. Kuhrt.

106th ANNUAL MEETINGS

(God Willing)

October 24th, 1967

11.00 Delegates' Meeting.

2.00 Ladies' Meeting and Men's Prayer Meeting.

3.15 Afternoon Meeting—Speakers: Miss M. E. HARRIS, Mr. B. F. ELLIS.

6.15 Evening Meeting—Speakers: Mr. G. F. CHAMPION, Pastor M. M. HOWELLS, Mr. C. HOWELLS, Miss C. NEWLYN.

Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts.

Tea will be provided between the afternoon and evening meetings. Tea Tickets, available from the Office, 2s. each.

RAYS RALLY PICNIC—Borough Green, September 23rd, 1967

Meet at Borough Green Chapel at 12.00 noon.

NAMAKKAL NOISES

Namakkal used to be a quiet place. After the noise and bustle of Madras, it seemed to me a good place to retire to and write one's memoirs. That was in 1934. It is very different to-day. Traffic has increased by leaps and bounds during the last few years, and buses, lorries, jeeps, cars, and other vehicles are constantly passing our gate on the main trunk road from Trichy to Bangalore.

Clang! Clang! Bang! Bang! Wallop! These and many other sounds come from the Government Engineering Workshop just up the road—sometimes at night as well as by day. Then there are the squatters outside our front fence. One of them is a tinker who adds his tapping and banging to the general cacophony of sound.

Every morning at 6 a.m. we hear the Namakkal siren, which is the signal for many people to get up. Earlier risers have already been greeted by the "dawn chorus" of cocks and crows assisted by minahs, "seven-sisters", the Indian cuckoo, the coppersmith bird and other feathered friends. After rain we have the frogs' orchestra and the sizzle of cicadas in the trees.

Towards the end of the year there is an inauspicious month for the Hindus, so the siren goes at 3 a.m. as well as at 6 a.m. to tell them to get up and drive away the demons by doing "puja" to their gods. Then during the festival of Ramzan the Mahommedans have a turn; the siren goes at 4 a.m. for them, so that they may cook and eat before sunrise, for during that month they must not eat anything or even drink water till after sunset.

Quite apart from these special seasons, EVERY DAY at 5 a.m. we hear the voice of the muezzin up in the minaret of the mosque calling the "faithful" to prayer. What a challenge to US to spend more time at the Throne of Grace, where the Living and True God is waiting to meet us!

Noises in the night include cinemas, weddings, funerals, trick cyclists, house-warmings and, of course, village festivals. Last night about 11 p.m. we heard loud rockets being fired in honour of some deity in a near-by village plus the sputter of fireworks used in "worship". In the early hours the wail of a woman mourning the loss of a dear one greeted our ears—another soul gone into eternity, probably without Christ.

A welcome sound each morning is the hymn or chorus sung by the boys in our hostel as a prelude to the day's activities. The mood in which they rise can sometimes be gauged by the quality of their singing! But to sing at all in the morning is quite something, don't you think? The creak of bullock carts in need of grease on their axles sometimes

assails our ears. This noise sounds like a child crying plaintively. We must not forget the rattle of the pulley at the well and the chatter of about thirty-six boys all trying to wash at once.

At festival times the ancient tom-tom may still be heard as devotees of Govinda or some other god parade along the road to make their offerings at some near-by shrine. The tom-tom is also used by the village munsif or head-man to make public announcements through one of his "menials". The other evening we heard police whistles being blown vigorously. Enquiries revealed that the police were stopping cars plying as taxis without a licence. The hapless occupants were ejected and the vehicles impounded at the police station.

One sound which gave us great joy the other morning as we were having breakfast was the voice of a boy on the front verandah. When we asked him what he wanted at such an early hour (6.40 a.m.), he said: "Where can I get the eternal life that John speaks of in his Gospel". We seized the opportunity there and then to point him to Christ and asked him to come back in the afternoon for further instruction. He has not come yet. Please pray that he may, and that what we did say to him may bear fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett.



Mr. and Mrs. Appleby's home at Dindigul and the new Radio Evangelism Studio. Photo: H. J. Appleby.

Editor's note: Miss O. R. Knight sent the following report while she was responsible for the preparation of Tamil programme tapes for the Radio ministry. She now serves the Lord at Morupatti, sharing the ministry of Dr. Harris among the Kolli Hill people.

GOD'S UNEXPECTED

Equipment and tapes were ready for making up a programme to be broadcast in a couple of months' time. But having completed the preparations I was not feeling as alert as necessary for the next stage. I decided to go to the house for a drink. An elderly lady named Mary had arrived and was coming to look for me. She is a retired Biblewoman, who lives in the village of Nadusurungudi. It was good to see her and to note that she looked much better than when she was last here. We were soon sitting together talking. The news of the children whom she teaches was encouraging.

"These Hindu children want to come each evening. I'm teaching them Bible verses and passages. Some of them know fifty verses. Even the small children have to say ten verses before I give a text card. This year the older girls have learnt 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, Psalm 46, and Psalm 115. There will be a prize for those who say the three passages without a mistake. My eldest son is very interested in these children and says that he will send money, so that I can give a Bible to one of them. I think it would be better to give New Testaments. Then three children could receive a book. What do you think?"

We walked across the compound to the Book Depot. Mary decided to take two copies of the New Testament with Psalms, and one New Testament. She told me that twenty children come to her regularly.

By the time we had talked of some of her children and grandchildren, drank coffee, and prayed, more than an hour had passed. However, I count it a privilege to listen to, and endeavour to encourage those who are serving the Lord. It was Mary's visit, and not only the coffee, that sent me back to the radio room (as it is called locally) refreshed.

A pastor from Ootacamund was in the studio speaking, and I was at the controls of the tape recorder. A movement, then a shadow indicated

that someone was entering the building. To my relief that person retreated. When the recording of that message had been completed I went to see if there was anyone waiting outside. There was a man who wished to see the pastor. The two men were soon talking together.

Later on the pastor told me about their conversation, and the reason for it. His visitor, a Kovilpatti man, was the elder brother of a young man who is working in Ootacamund. This young man had seen the pastor sitting on a park seat reading his Bible. His motor scooter was standing near him. The young man spoke to the pastor criticising Indian Christians who depend on financial support from overseas. The pastor explained his position of dependence on the Lord. The conversation continued and the young man agreed to attend a service in the Tamil Baptist chapel. The pastor promised to arrange for someone to meet him, and go with him on the following Sunday. From that time he had been attending the services regularly. He now wished to be baptised, and the pastor was looking forward to baptising him. As he was from a Roman Catholic family the pastor thought it wise to arrange to meet a responsible member of the family while he was in Kovilpatti. This elder brother, who spoke for the family because the father had died, said they had no objection to his brother being baptised.

It was interesting to learn that both brothers had been pupils in the S.B.M. school in Kovilpatti.

Olive R. Knight.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

ANNUAL MEETINGS. Once again we anticipate with great pleasure meeting friends from all over the country at the Annual Meetings on October 24th, 1967. The meetings will be held, as usual, at Westminster Chapel. We should value the prayers of God's people for the business meeting of the Delegates in the morning. The Mission is faced with great challenges both in India and on the Continent of Europe, and much wisdom is needed to know how best to meet the demands made upon us.

RAYS RALLIES. Two rallies have been arranged during September. One at Borough Green on September 16th, the other at Stowmarket on September 23rd. The programmes have been specially planned for Sunday School scholars and young people who support the Mission.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY, 1968, D.V. A few dates are still available for Lord's Day ministry and weekday meetings during 1968. Every effort will be made to meet the needs of the Churches, but early application is advised so that suitable arrangements may be made. Please write direct to The Deputation Secretary, 47, Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

YOUTH WEEKEND, 1968, D.V. A Missionary Weekend is being arranged for NOVEMBER 8th to 11th, 1968. Topical papers and discussions: informal talks and films dealing with the problems of the work and the blessings attending it will make a Mission "Teach In" that will provide you with up-to-the-minute information about every aspect of the work of the Mission. Please put the date in your diaries and contact The General Secretary, 61, Breakspears Road, London. S.E.4, for particulars and registration forms.

EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS. Public meetings in connection with the final day of a Conference of European Baptists will be held at Mount Zion Baptist Church, St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8. on Saturday, September 9th, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., at which a summing up of the discussions of the Conference will be submitted. A recent letter from France points the need for more intensive work in that country. "Talking about Mission Fields", writes our correspondent, "reminds us of a recent survey that has come to hand showing that the department of the Rhône, where Lyons and Bron are situated, has one Evangelical Church per 58,000 inhabitants, which comes about half-way in the statistics for France as a whole. There are two departments of 150,000 inhabitants each that have no evangelical work at all. By way of comparison, the figures in French Canada have been about the same as in the Rhône; whereas in Brazil there has been one worker per 9,000 and almost all parts of Africa too have been much better evangelised."

CHANGE IN LONDON TELEPHONE NUMBERS. Consequent upon the change over to number dialling, friends are asked to notice the change in the telephone numbers quoted under:

The General Secretary, Pastor P. H. Crees, Mission Office, 01-692 1841.
Miss M. E. Harris, 01-567 1961.

Inside the London Telephone Directory area, please omit the first two numbers—01.

Mr. P. A. GRIST. The prayerful good wishes of the Mission go with Mr. and Mrs. Grist as they take up work in Colchester among God's people at Prettygate Baptist Church. They have gone, under the direction of the Lord, to a missionary-minded Church with a missionary outreach in the neighbourhood in which it is situated.

Mrs. J. R. FIELD. We are glad to know that Mrs. Field and her children safely arrived in England from India in July. Mr. Field is expected home during the early part of 1968, D.V. The question of settling the older children in school at the beginning of term and the problems of uprooting a family and settling in another country, even if it is your Homeland, are not lightly to be faced. The Lord, who is sensitive to every need of His children will go before and prepare the way for our friends—of this we are confident.

CENTRAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS IN INDIA. Two quotations from recent Circular Letters remind us to pray for those placed in authority in India—"Recently General Elections have been held throughout India. Although the same Party remains in control in the Central Government in New Delhi, several of the States, including this State of Madras, have changes in Government. Your prayers are asked that all in authority may be men and women of integrity seeking the highest good of the country. Pray, too, that freedom of religious practice and propagation may be continued." "Many of the States have non-Congress party governments, and one these is the State of Madras . . . of which Dindigul is very near the centre. . . . The elected member for our own town is a much respected lawyer, a member of the Marxist Communist, or China-aligned party."

THE CHANGING PATTERN IN INDIA. Miss Flory writes in her circular letter:

"New regulations regarding missionaries classify those coming from Commonwealth countries as foreigners. We have had to register with the police authorities in Salem, obtain residence permits which have to be renewed annually, and all our movements outside the district have to be reported to the police. New missionaries, and those returning from furlough, have to obtain visas; we have heard of cases where these have been refused. We pray concerning those that hope to come to India later this year; we know these things are ultimately in the Lord's hands. These developments emphasise the urgent need for the Indian Christian Church to be built up in the faith, and to be filled with the Spirit of God, to be equipped to be the Lord's witness in India. Efforts to transfer chapel, school and other properties to Indian Christian trusteeship are at present still meeting with frustrating delays. Mr. Kuhrt has the main responsibility for this business and is in need of patience and grace as he has to make frequent journeys to and from Madras to consult with lawyers. Later he will have the task of forming the Trusts and supervising the actual transfer of the properties. We pray that the men who will constitute the Trust bodies will be men of God who will seek first the glory of God and the good of the Churches."

THE TREASURY

APRIL to JULY, 1967

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Funds	£9,575	£6,606
Special Funds	534	390
Legacies	1,657	—
	£11,766	£6,996

Our Mission's financial year closed on July 31st, and we are thankful that our Financial Secretary was kept busy as many local secretaries balanced their accounts and remitted to the Mission. During this period, too, we received legacies from the estates of friends who graciously remembered the Mission in their Wills. We do have to report, however, that there has been some drop in the giving from friends and Churches during this financial year as compared with the previous year, and this makes us prayerfully concerned about the future as we face our increased commitments in India and in Europe.

Anonymous gifts gratefully acknowledged: S.W.1, £1; "For work in Europe". £50; Ipswich, £6; Brockenhurst, £5 5s.; Devizes, 10s.; No mark, £1.

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.

GENERAL

General Secretary: PASTOR P. H. CREES, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel.: TIDeway 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission, literature, Prayer Union, and areas of work should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

Hon. Treasurer: MR. N. COX, 90 Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Tel.: Tunbridge Wells 22551.

Financial Secretary: PASTOR A. D. ROWLAND, 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, *who will gladly receive and acknowledge payments* for magazines, donations, and contributions to the funds of the Mission. Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

DEPUTATION

Deputation Secretary: PASTOR E. ORCHARD, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel.: Hartlepools 66261, who will gladly assist in arranging meetings and services in any part of the country. All enquiries regarding arrangements for Missionary services and meetings should be sent to this address where they will receive very prompt attention.

AUSTRALIAN AUXILIARY

Secretary: MR. A. BAXTER, Bible College of Tasmania, Mariarty Road, Latrobe, Tasmania, Australia.

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THE HERALD







The Basket Maker. *Photo: P. A. Grist.*

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 1967

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The Postman.
Photo: D. A. Thrower.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING NOV. AND DEC., 1967 (God Willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—NOVEMBER 1st, Cambridge, Eden; 4th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 8th, Chingford; 10th, Wantage; 12th-13th, Horham; 18th, Dorking; 19th, Tring; 20th, Leyton F.O.Y.; 26th, Blakenham.

DECEMBER 3rd, Bierton; 5th, Woolwich, Enon; 10th, Willingham-Cottenham.

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MISSIONARIES

Mr. G. F. Champion.—NOVEMBER 2nd, Tunbridge Wells; 5th, Hartlepool; 6th, Middlesbrough; 7th, Hartlepool; 8th, Newcastle; 12th, Middlesbrough; 14th, Over; 16th, Guildford; 18th, Dorking; 19th, North Finchley; 20th, Greenwich; 22nd, Stowmarket, Western Group F.O.Y.; 23rd, Ipswich, Southern Group F.O.Y.; 24th, Occold, Northern Group F.O.Y.; 26th, Stretham, Cambs.; 28th, Brighton, Tabernacle.

Mrs. G. F. Champion.—NOVEMBER 6th, Middlesbrough; 7th, Hartlepool; 14th, Over.

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Miss M. E. Harris.—NOVEMBER 1st-2nd, Hadleigh, Suffolk; 4th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 7th, Chatteris; 9th, Basildon; 11th, Streatham, Hambro Road; 14th, Mendlesham Green; 15th, Tunstall-Sudbourne; 18th, Dorking; 21st, Southport; 22nd, Royton; 23rd, Accrington-Bury; 28th, Brighton, Tabernacle; 29th, Wandsworth.

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Pastor D. J. Moon.—NOVEMBER 19th, Hounslow.

Pastor P. A. Grist.—NOVEMBER 19th, Basildon.

Deputation Secretary.—Pastor E. Orchard.—NOVEMBER 2nd, Croydon, Derby Road; 3rd, Newington Green (morning); 5th, Newcastle; 7th, Sunderland; 26th, Rotherham.

DECEMBER 10th, Middlesbrough.

ADDRESS: 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel Hartlepools 66261.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Deputation Ministry 1968 (D.V.). Friends in the Churches are reminded that Mr. and Mrs. Huckett, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Field and Miss Cook will be on furlough from India in 1968. Although most Sundays are now engaged there are many opportunities to hear from these servants of God about the work. Churches wishing to arrange meetings in the week-time during May, June, July, September, October and November, 1968, are asked to write soon to THE DEPUTATION SECRETARY, address: 47, Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham, who will be pleased to help plan meetings for any or all auxiliaries of the Churches.

THE POSTMAN

Of all public servants the postman is the most welcome visitor to our homes. Moreover, for us who reside in India, he symbolises a link between us and our loved ones across the seas. He certainly deserves the gratitude of us all.

As we consider the Indian postal service one thing in particular calls for praise to God, and it is this: the government of this country still observes Sunday as the weekly rest-day for all departments of the administration, including the postal service. Thus, apart from a few exceptions in the largest cities, post offices throughout the land are closed on Sundays, and there are no ordinary deliveries or collections of mail on that day. In this respect the situation here is very different from that prevailing in some other countries. In the island of Ceylon, for example, the seven-day week has been replaced by one based on the phases of the moon, with the result that believers living there are (we are told) only able to meet for worship on a Sunday about eight times during the year.

Again, the observance of Sunday as the weekly holiday in government offices is in striking contrast to the practice largely followed in the business world in this country. *E.g.* every shopkeeper employing labour is required by law to close one day a week and give his staff a holiday. Any day may be chosen, but the day adopted must be clearly indicated by a notice over the entrance to the shop. Hence it is necessary for folk to remember the different closing days of the various tradespeople before starting out on a shopping expedition.

Hindus and Muslims generally observe Friday as their day of worship, and here on the Nilgiris the members of the Badaga tribe usually refrain from their agricultural and other activities on Mondays. It is possible that other days are observed as weekly holidays by some of the other numerous communities that live in this sub-continent. But, however that may be, Christians are greatly helped by the government's practice in this regard.

Indian postal workers have to cope with a multitude of different languages. Here at Kotagiri, for instance, mail is regularly handled in English and Tamil, while Malayalam, Canarese, Telugu and Hindi feature from time to time. Compared with most of us Britishers our Indian friends are remarkably apt at picking up a smattering of languages other than their own. Our postman, for example, though not well educated, deals with mail in English and Tamil with almost equal facility.

Although the Kotagiri Post Office is by no means an imposing building the staff employed there deals with a wide range of business, including telegrams, money orders, registration, insurance, express delivery, acknowledgement of delivery, certificates of posting, parcel and book post, Saving Bank business, radio licences, etc.

As Kotagiri is upwards of twenty miles from the railway mails from the Plains complete their journey to this place by bus. During the rainy season the steep, tortuous road is likely to be subject to fallen trees or landslides. Hence our postman does not always deliver our mail at the

same time of day. On the other hand, although this is a rural area, we have two deliveries and three main despatches daily.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov. 25. 25). So we close this brief article with a sincere word of thanks to our many correspondents for their welcome and refreshing letters.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thrower.

20% DOWN / UP

At a time when considerable increase in income is imperative for healthy growth in the work of the Mission there has been a substantial drop in the total of gifts received. The new work on the Continent of Europe and the increasing demands of the work in India require an estimated increase of 20 per cent.—say £2,000—in the Mission income, but the year ending accounts just completed show a drop of more than £1,500.

No clear factors emerge to explain this disappointment and it is our highest wisdom to seek earnestly the reason from the Lord and to learn the lessons He would teach us from this setback. Whatever human explanations may be offered, undoubtedly the Lord has a reason for withholding, at this vital point in our history, this essential means of growth in the work of His Kingdom.

Ultimately the progress of the work depends, not so much on the sagacity of Council, or on the goodwill and energy of those who go at the Call of the Lord into His Harvest Field, as upon the God-inspired and directed Stewardship of the Churches and friends in whose behalf the Mission works. Several suggestions were made in Council for the consideration of God's children in the Churches.

COVENANTS: For those who pay standard rates of Income Tax this method of increasing the value of your gift is easy, useful and completely legitimate. The Mission Office will be glad to help you do this and will supply the necessary forms.

COLLECTING BOXES: At one time described as an essential piece of furniture in every Strict Baptist home. It is still a most helpful means of systematic giving to the Lord's work. A Sunday School box keeps the Mission's work before the children and enables them to help in this valuable service. Regular giving by this means in Women's Meetings, F.O.Y. Classes, and Bible Classes would greatly encourage those who work for God overseas.

PROPORTIONATE GIVING: Some of God's servants tithe their income for the work of the Lord—or give proportionately in some other way. We would ask that a part of such proportionate giving should be

devoted to the work of the Mission. This kind of giving both at Church and personal levels carries with it the promised blessing of God.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS: Many Churches and individual supporters of the Lord's work done by the Mission find the first-hand information given at these meetings an incentive to giving. An increase of such meetings, particularly on weekdays, when the problems and prospects of the work can be freely discussed would be appreciated and can be easily arranged through the Deputation Secretary of the Mission.

Although we have made bold to make these suggestions we realise that in essence this is a matter between each child of God and his Heavenly Father, between each Church and its Sovereign Lord: so we commend the Mission's need to all who read these paragraphs, and would strongly urge upon all Strict Baptists and Strict Baptist Churches the claims of *your* Mission which can turn legitimately to no other source for its strength to do the work that the Lord has laid to our charge.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION, STREATHAM AUXILIARY

A SALE OF WORK

will be held (God Willing) on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

at Immanuel Church Hall, opposite Streatham Common

Miss M. E. Harris will open the Sale at 3 o'clock.

Sale closes at 6 o'clock.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS & SALE OF WORK

on behalf of the Strict Baptist Mission will be held (D.V.) in

THE ODDFELLOWS' HALL, HIGH STREET, DORKING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 1967

2.30 p.m. SALE OF WORK

3.30—4.15 p.m. LADIES' MEETING
Speaker: Miss M. E. HARRIS (from India)

3.30—4.15 p.m. MEN'S MEETING
in Strict Baptist Chapel, High Street

4.15 p.m. SALE OF WORK continued

6.15 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING
Speakers: Missionary G. F. CHAMPION and
Mr. P. H. CREES (Gen. Secretary)

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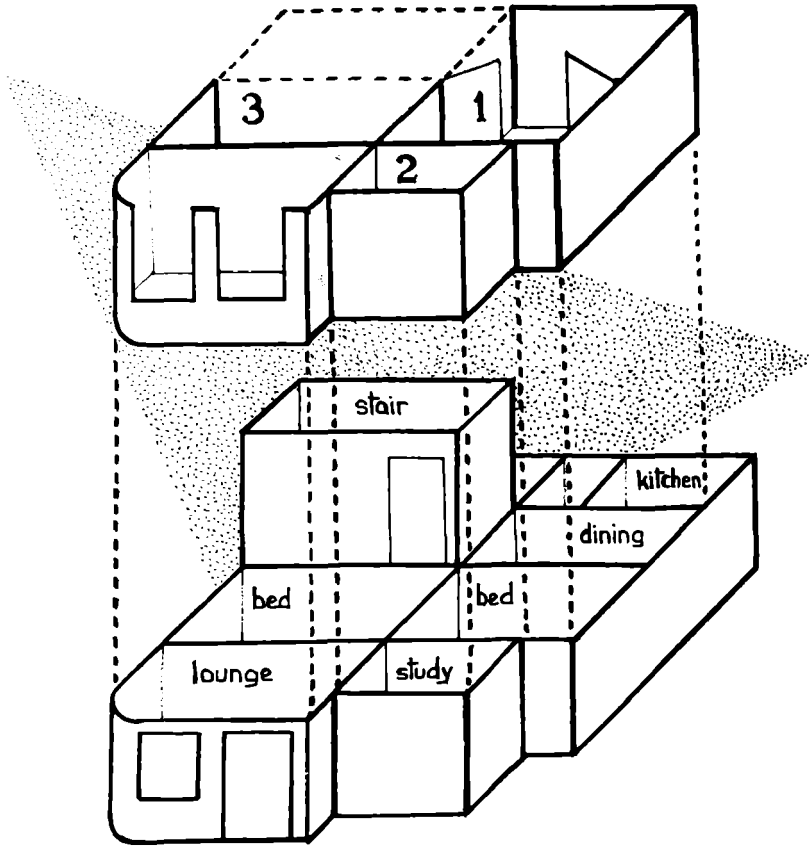
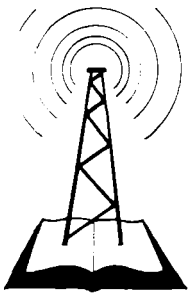


Diagram of House and Studio at Dindigul.



GOOD NEWS HOUSE
DINDIGUL

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The caption of the photo reproduced in the September-October *Herald* should have read: Mr. and Mrs. Appleby's home at Dindigul and the home of the new Radio Evangelism Studio, so let us hasten to explain that the photo is of the house before any studio construction began. Mr. and Mrs. Appleby take up the story.

As we write (September) the noise of carpenters banging upstairs is like music to our ears—for it signals the fact that the last stages of the

construction have been reached. The rooms are being given the necessary acoustic treatment to fit them for their tasks. Building began last May, and we hope that by the end of September all may be completed, awaiting only the increased electricity supply for which we have applied.

Our drawing should help to make clear what work has been done. In the lower section is the house as it stood when we first rented it. Our Landlord, who is a local Christian doctor, is sympathetic to our aims, and agreed that we should lease the house for ten years at the same monthly rental. This gave us reasonable security to make the construction of the studio rooms worthwhile. The house was suitable in many ways for the additions that we envisaged, and the fact that it possessed a tower containing a good stairway up to the roof was a real advantage. We have been able to fit the upstairs rooms around the tower in such a way as to minimise the building needed.

The upstairs rooms comprise three sections, (1) the sound-proof studio, (2) the equipment room containing the recorders, and (3) the workshop and office room. The sound-proof studio is a larger room than we had in Kovilpatti, covering, as it does, the bed and dining rooms downstairs. We have arranged for this large room to be halved, as required, by large doors across the middle. This means that we have, in effect two soundproof rooms for the price of little more than one; a large room, with the dividing doors opened, and a smaller room, when the dividing doors are closed.



Mr. and Mrs. Appleby's home at Dindigul and the Home of the new Radio Evangelism Studio. *Photo: H. J. Appleby.*

By treating the two halves of this large room differently, from an acoustic point of view, it has been possible to obtain a large room with lively acoustics, suitable for music, or a small room half the size which is acoustically dead, for speech. It may also be possible, by opening half the dividing doors, to have a large studio possessing one lively end and one dead end, which is a facility sometimes useful. In a number of ways we have been able to benefit from the experience we had, nearly ten years ago, in starting the original studio in Kovilpatti. It is good to have built one before building another! We have been able to avoid some mistakes, and have been able to plan for a more efficient set-up.

By the time we have finished, some £800 will have been spent. And that is a lot of money. But if, through this studio, we reach 8,000,000 people in eight different countries—that money will have stretched much further than it might when spent in other ways! "O earth, earth, earth, hear the Word of the Lord."

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Appleby.



CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

Mrs. Vethamonie and Mrs. Huckett giving gifts from the tree at Mohanur on Christmas Day.

Photo: H. A. Huckett.

Last year two breaking-up day concerts and a funeral preceded our Christmas celebrations, one of the Namakkal deacons having lost his little son from pneumonia on the 18th December. This sad event helped to bring folks together a bit, and at the Christmas Morning Service at 5 a.m., a good number gathered to celebrate our Saviour's birth. As is the custom, the chapel was prettily decorated both inside and out, and loud-speakers playing records of Christmas carols were blaring away at an early hour. The service was also relayed over the P.A. system so that those outside heard the message. I spoke on Four Groups of People who were sent to Bethlehem: (1) Mary and Joseph, (2) the Shepherds, (3) the Wise Men, and (4) the Soldiers—Matt. 2. 16.

After a visit to the Boys' Hostel to give the boys their presents and a quick breakfast with a few Indian dishes thrown in, we drove to Mohanur, eleven miles away, for a second service. When we arrived, the preacher's daughter, Prema, was conducting Sunday School with about seventy boys and girls. Many of the children repeated portions of Scripture and some

told Bible stories. Most of them were Hindu children from neighbouring homes. At the close, each child received a postcard with a Tamil text, a small gift from the tree such as a hair ribbon, a comb, a whistle or a pencil, and then dispersed.

After that there was a service for the adults. This was followed by the playing of gramophone records. Later we had a very nice meal of curry and rice with the Vethamonie family. After prayer with them, we returned to Namakkal for a rest. We heard the Queen's speech and spent the evening quietly listening to carols sung by the London Emmanuel Choir.

On Boxing Day we drove fifty-five miles to the "Bethel Agricultural Fellowship" settlement at Danishpet, where some Indian friends are doing a grand work on a farm of ninety acres and in the villages around. They grow rice and other grains, have a poultry project (we bought 100 eggs and shared them with colleagues), do bee-keeping, run an elementary school, and have two boarding homes, one for boys and one for girls, with 116 children, many of whom are orphans. We met some French missionaries there who are helping on the farm and in the work amongst the children, especially the babies. They built their own house after joining the Fellowship at "Bethel". One of them went to the Salem Government Hospital to have her baby, and while there took on a motherless Indian babe which she fed from her own breast along with her own child.



A deserted child brought to us on Christmas Eve in Namakkal, now happily settled in a Boarding Home at Danishpet. *Photo: H. A. Huckett.*

The real object of our journey was to find a home for two destitute children brought to us on Christmas Eve. Their mother had died. The father, a Mohammedan, had left them with a woman in Namakkal who keeps a coffee stall near our gate, and then disappeared. She looked after them for a time, but said that she could not keep them any longer, as she had a family of her own. We asked her to mind them for another week, during which time we would try to find a home for them. My wife and I prayed about the matter and went to bed. In the night, the Lord spoke to us separately saying, "Why don't you try Danishpet?" So we started out on Monday morning. We had been there once many years ago before the "Bethel Agricultural Fellowship" took over the property, but we had to ask our way after leaving the main road. As we drove into the settlement, the first person we met was Mr. P. Samuel, the Secretary of the Fellowship. That was very wonderful as he is often away taking meetings. He gave us a warm welcome and asked us to stay the night. He once

helped us as an evangelist in the S.B.M. in Namakkal and is well known to several of our missionaries. He told us some wonderful stories of answered prayer in connection with the work of the Fellowship. After conferring with his colleagues, he said that they would taken the two children in as orphans and send an escort to fetch them. After giving a message, at his request, at morning prayers, next day, we started back for Namakkal, praising the Lord for His unspeakable Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Friend of little children.

H. A. Huckett.

MISCELLANY

" THE HERALD ". Unhappily the Mission magazine is not paying its way and, therefore, there has had to be a price review which will result in an increased charge from January, 1968, onward. An increased circulation would do much to help the Mission at this time.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT TO INDIA. God-willing, Mr. Ellis hopes to visit India between January 12th and February 24th, 1968. He would value the prayers of friends in the Churches that this special period of ministry may be used of God for the encouragement of our Missionary colleagues and Indian brethren and sisters.

RETIREMENT OF Mr. and Mrs. CHAMPION. After more than forty years of selfless service for the Lord in India and in England with the Strict Baptist Mission Mr. and Mrs. Champion expect to leave the service of the Mission at the end of 1967. Their heavy programme of Deputation meetings continues until the end of November. The Mission will miss their valuable help but we earnestly pray that the Lord will lead His servants to a Church where they can serve together in the ministry. Churches who may feel the Lord's leading in this, are asked to get in touch directly with Mr. Champion.

Pastor P. A. GRIST. We learnt with great sorrow that Pastor Grist had been taken to hospital and remains there at present for treatment for the partial loss of use in his limbs from a cause as yet not fully diagnosed. We share the disappointment of our brother and the Church at Colchester at this sad setback to their plans, and would commend him and his loved ones to the Lord in prayer in this time of their special need.

Miss O. R. KNIGHT. From December 1st, 1967, Miss Knight's address will be: 4 Neruji Nagar, Trichy Road, Dindigul, 1, Madurai Dist., S. India. All being well, Miss Knight moves from Belukurichi to Dindigul at the end of November. No change of place of work is outside of the control of the Lord of the Harvest. With different responsibilities comes both the grace and strength of the Lord to serve Him acceptably.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR. Although we are now only at the beginning of the year, serious thought has been given to the best way in which to deal with the greatly increased amount of work that comes to our Financial Secretary and Treasurer at the holiday season each year, so it has been decided that the end of the financial year in 1968, D.V., and in subsequent years, will be JUNE 30th and not July 31st.

THE TREASURY **AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1967**

	Received	Paid
General Fund	£689	£2,636
Special Funds	47	149
	£736	£2,785

Anonymous gifts thankfully acknowledged: Ipswich, £7; Bury St. Edmunds, £1; Tenterden, £2; Upper Holloway, £1.

These are the first two months of our new financial year, and the payments include the full support of our two missionaries in Europe for the first time. It is disappointing to note that our receipts are over £200 less than the corresponding period last year. We need to be much in prayer about this, as we face commitments which could well mean £4,000 more than last year.

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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THE HERALD

"GROWTH"

My husband and I have an unusual habit of going out somewhere for prayer, preferably tree-lined lanes or shady fields. We are usually successful in finding some place that suits us. In Sendamangalam we enjoy visiting a tree-shaded water tank (bed of a lake) which is only a few furlongs from the Mission bungalow. We would prefer to see the tank full of water even if it prevented our walking in it but as it is dry for many months of the year we are glad to use it. One day a man stopped us to talk and amongst other things asked us if we had seen the Government mango tope (garden). When we answered No, he told us there were two planted nearby and that we ought to see them. We agreed to do so and did so later. The workmen had dug the earth well and had planted foot-high seedlings, perhaps a hundred of them. We thought at first that they looked rather pathetic as newly-planted seedlings usually do especially in this country. We took an interest in them, looking well each time we passed by to see if they were increasing in height and to see if the watermen were pouring water well. For a long time we could discern very little growth. At that time there was no rain for many months so the watermen were laboriously bringing pots of water from a nearby well. This is very hard work in the heat and probably the seedlings could have done with double the water they were receiving.

As the months went by we eagerly scanned these seedlings, longing to detect growth each time we visited the place which was not often as we are so often away from Sendamangalam. One day we saw a large empty hole where there had been a seedling and we knew one had died; still no rain; still meagre pots of water thrown at the roots. Later we saw more empty holes and knew that the water was just insufficient and we felt sad. What they really needed was several long showers of grateful rain. After an absence of six or eight weeks we again visited "our" tope and rejoiced to find many five- or six-foot trees with strengthened stems growing into trunks. Some others were three and four feet high. Not all trees grow at the same rate for various reasons. Sadly we counted many holes where the seedlings had died and had been taken away, but sturdy little trees all around made up for those which had died.

We learned some interesting facts about those trees. We learned that mango trees will bear fruit in eight to ten years; a long time, but once established and bearing fruit they always will. Mangoes are very delicious especially Salem mangoes and few people dislike them. Mature mango trees are huge, low, large leafed and, oh, so green, giving grateful shade to pilgrims.

I wonder if you have already guessed the analogy? In India, under God's guidance, the S.B.M. have established some Churches. The seed has been sown, watered, sometimes with tears. Believers have been nurtured and taught in the Scriptures. In some villages and towns there are empty buildings like the holes where the mango seedlings died. In some places there are weak Churches never reaching to full stature as there will be trees in the mango tope. There are, happily, some Churches where practically maximum growth is being reached. These are like the great mango trees giving good fruit, healthy leaves and grateful shade.

In order to walk into our tope we have to pass through a place of the dead, a cemetery, where often there are bones exposed to the sun. There are also nearby, a mortuary and a burning ground, from where we often hear cries of woe, mourning and hopelessness. The mature growth of a Church is not easily attained. There will be many setbacks, cries of woe and even death. As you pray for the Tamil Baptist Churches pray much for the Pastors and others who nurture them. Those watermen could have poured more water to those mango trees when there would have been greater fruit. Pray for faithfulness. Pray that the Lord will guide your prayers, that you may know your part in the nurturing. The Lord will use your prayers and gifts. They serve that stay at home and pray, as much as those who journey forth. Those seedlings looked so pitiful when young. The Churches look so pitiful when left to themselves.

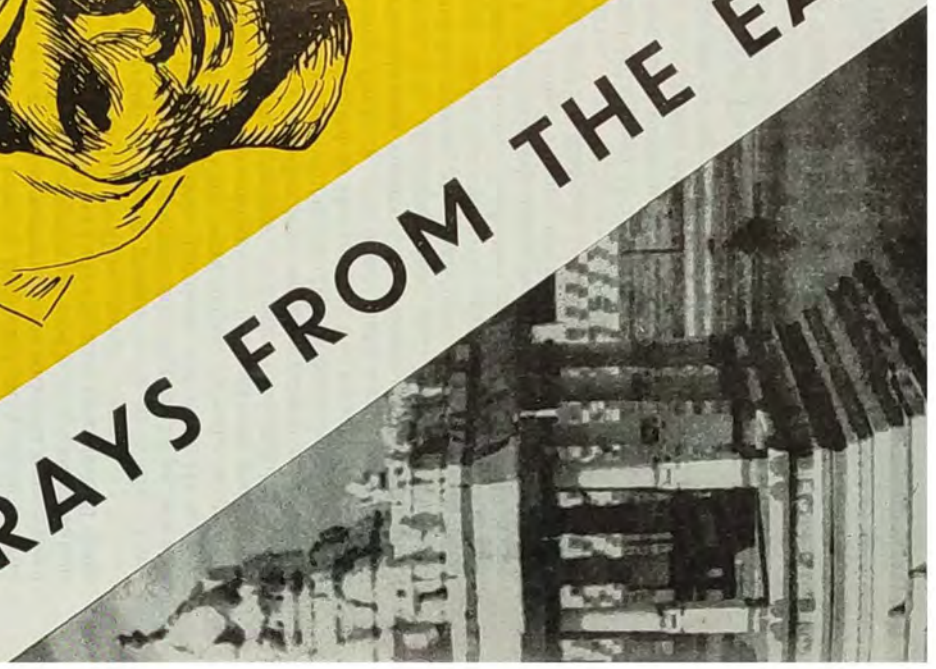
"Is anything too hard for the Lord"? *Doris A. Kuhrt, July*, 1967.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST



INDIA'S YOUNG SONGSTERS

By Missionary Mrs. Grace Huckett, Namakkal, South India.

Imagine a huge stadium with thousands of people seated mostly on the ground and some on chairs at one side. Facing them is a group of dedicated young people, musicians and singers. It is the big Evangelistic Crusade just recently held in Madura, South India's big temple city. Prayer and preparation had been going on for a long time. A month's training had been given to those who felt God calling them to lead others to Christ. Now for eight evenings there were big rallies, and God's message of Salvation was proclaimed to all these thousands of people by Dr. Akbar Haqq, Ph.D., one of India's own sons, a dedicated man of God, who fearlessly showed how men and women, boys and girls have sinned and need to repent. Then he spoke of God's love and salvation through Jesus and what He did on Calvary, and how that all those who do repent and turn to Him will be saved.

What had this group of young people to do in it all? They were there facing that great congregation to sing God's praises and to tell others what Jesus had done for them and what He will do for all who come to Him. They were helped by some who could play musical instruments—accordians, violins, guitars and a harmonium. I also saw tambourines, triangles and cymbals, and there was one ordinary wooden box which arranged in a certain way gave out a deep note which blended in beautifully with the music. Some just clapped to the beat of the music; so all had a share in praising God. I saw some quite small boys among them, one or two playing violins. The whole group could sing; and they did sing, too. A gifted young man led them and conducted. He and his young wife sometimes sang by themselves, and their singing was a testimony to their own experience and knowledge of their Saviour. God used the singing as well as the messages, and I saw afterwards many people being counselled and helped to come to Jesus. Among them were small boys and girls also. Just think of what that can mean to India, and especially the Tamil country.

Now why am I telling you all this? I want to make you think of what YOU can do to praise our Lord Jesus in the services and meetings you go to. Do you SING? Do you TALK about Jesus? One of the things the young people sang was:—

"Let's talk about Jesus, the King of kings is He;
The Lord of lords supreme, through all eternity;
The Great I Am, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Door;
Let's talk about Jesus, more and more."

Wouldn't that be a joy, to talk about Him so that your friends come to know Him also? Although you cannot do that unless you know Him yourself, but you *will* find Him if you seek Him.

"BAR-BAR"

By Missionary David Thrower, South India.

In Acts 28. 2 and 4 we read about the "barbarous" people, the "barbarians" who were good to the apostle Paul and others, when they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Why were these kind-hearted folk called barbarians? Well, the word really means "the Bar-bars", or the people who keep saying "bar-bar; bar-bar; bar-bar". The educated people throughout the Roman empire spoke Greek, while the uneducated masses spoke their own local tongues. As their languages sounded like so much "bar-bar; bar-bar; bar-bar" to those who only knew Greek, the simple folk were dubbed "Bar-bar-ians".

We are writing this in a part of South India where the local language is Tulu, while the educated people speak Kanarese, the language of the State of Mysore, of which this area forms a part. The folk around us understand neither Tamil nor English, while we, for our part, cannot speak Tulu or Kanarese. What fun we have trying to talk to each other! What "bar-bar-ians" these people are! And yet it is obvious that they think we visitors are the poor Bar-bars! Shouting doesn't help much, but gestures (signs) are useful. We have learned at least one word of Tulu during our stay here. Our neighbours supply us with milk, which they call Hālu. This is easy for us, because the Tamil word for milk is very similar—pāl or pālu.

We are reminded that, although speech and language are so important, there are other ways in which people can communicate with each other. For example, we remember three young children (two sisters and a brother) who were sometimes left to put themselves to bed. At such times one of their favourite games was guessing hymns by simply tapping out the rhythm of their tunes. They became expert in this method of communicating with each other without using words. Similarly, prisoners often pass messages from one to another by tapping a sort of Morse Code on the walls of their cells.

But, to come back to the question of language: there is one language that everybody understands. We call it the language of love. The bar-bar-ians of Malta showed "no little kindness" to Paul and his companions, while those servants of God responded to that language of love by curing many sick people upon the island in the name of Jesus. We, too, understand God's message of salvation because of the love that prompted Him to send His Son, the Lord Jesus, to save us from our sins.

WHAT IS NALIKKU?

By Missionary Miss Ethel M. Flory, Velur, South India.

Do you know what the word "Nalikku" means? No, I don't expect you do, because it is a Tamil word; it means "Tomorrow": or at least, that is what the dictionary says, and it is what we are

taught it means when we learn Tamil. It is a word that we often hear; lots of promises are made for tomorrow; but when "nalikku" comes, we are sometimes disappointed that nothing happens. You see, people use this word to mean some day in the future; not necessarily the next day!

As many of you know, Miss White and I live in Velur in the upstairs part of a house; this house has a verandah at the back and front; we do our washing-up on the back verandah, and also have to keep some of our boxes and other belongings there. Sometimes we get unwelcome visitors; crows like to come and sit on the washing-up table; and if we are not watching, will fly off with a spoon; indeed one day a bold crow flew off with a piece of meat that was being washed ready to be cooked! When hanging out washing on the line on the back verandah I noticed the line swinging up and down, and saw a squirrel chewing away at the end of the line! We even get monkeys sometimes coming to see us. One day the owner of the house said, "I have bought a roll of wire netting, and will get the verandah screened in". We were glad. The workmen came along and measured up, and said, "Tomorrow we will come and do the work". That was nine weeks ago, and still we are waiting; I suppose Nalikku hasn't come yet!

A man stopped me in the street to ask if I could sell him a Tamil Bible; I was pleased, and he said, "I will come to your house tomorrow and bring the money". But that tomorrow hasn't come yet either!

It is not only in India that people "put off till tomorrow what should be done today". We are all guilty of it. I once heard someone say: "God always says 'Today'; the Devil says 'Tomorrow'." The Bible warns us not to boast of what we want to do tomorrow. Can you find a verse about that? God says "now (today) is the day of Salvation". There was a story told by Jesus about a man who wanted his son to help him that day in the garden; but the son didn't go; perhaps he intended to go "nalikku"!

I hope many of you boys and girls will receive God's Salvation, and start working for Him TODAY.

HONOURS LIST

We are very pleased to see 209 names in the Honours List of Searchers who have entered for the Competition regularly during the past year. Our special congratulations to Joyce Orchard who has gained a Certificate for the tenth year. Also to Paul Grimwood and Christine Relf for the ninth year; and Miriam Baker and Raymond Grimwood for the eighth year.

The special prizes which are awarded to Bible Searchers who have a good record but who have not previously been awarded a prize go to:—

Philip Baker, Mendlesham Green; Joan Bollans, West Ham; Philip Hart, Gosbeck; Lyn Weston, Bradenstoke; Monica Gooderham, Horham; Trevor Hart, Crowfield.

Hammerfield: Lynn Bryant, Marilyn Croucher, Sarah Dee, Diane and Lynn Elliott, Tony Ewer, Paul Francis, David Gurd, Sarah Jardine, Christina Jenkins, Paul Putman, Nicky Sampson, Steven Sandford, Gaye and Dawn Yarham. **Belvedere:** Julia, Leslie, and Carol Barber, Ann Blakeman, Caroline Day, Jeanette Moore, Andrew, Rachel, Judith and Joyce Orchard, Jacqueline Vaughan, Michael Wayman, and John Williams.

Horham: Joy, Ann, Sylvia and Wendy Chapman, Robert Chambers, Monica and Bernard Gooderham, Christopher and Gillian Harvey, Virginia Hawes, Joy Mutimer, and Valerie Rodwell. **Brighton (Tabernacle):** Paul and Linda Chapman, Jeremy Dutton, Barry Hills, Maureen Lowe, Anne Mayell, Heather, Keith and Susan Payne, Susan Smith, and Betty Wilson. **Bradenstoke:** Kathleen and Pauline Elms, Patrick and Jamie Ryan, Linda Tanfield, Lyn and Claire Weston, and Derek Labbatt. **Crowfield:** David and Rodney Bennett, Paul and Raymond Grimwood, Stephen, Paul, Raymond and Trevor Hart. **Basildon:** Maureen and Julie Blagden, Christine Fielden, Maureen Gar, Susan Lamb, Graham and Keith Milne. **Clifton:** Mary Arnold, Berys Bird, Janet Bowler, Linda Jordan, Penny Punter, Sarah and Billy Roden. **Hailsham:** Doreen Biggs, Patricia Turner, Rose Coomber, Emelia Higgs, Paul Heasman, David Monk, and Anita May. **Ipswich (Mount Zion):** Leonard, Irene and Ronald Carter, Paul Gray, Sandra King, Joy and Paul Thrower. **Warboys:** Alan and Peter Burrows, Ian Evemy, Martin Jacklin, Christine Smith, Brian Upchurch, and Elizabeth Wood. **Woolwich (Enon):** Caroline Barnett, Barry Fox, Judy Hartley, Maureen Newsome, Christopher Oliver, Pauline Tracey, and Anne Wills. **Gosbeck:** Melvin Cattermole, Clifford, Graham and Philip Hart, Philip Page, and Rita Ruffles. **Reigate (Mead Vale):** Susan Edge, Glynis and Linda Killick, Jane and Claire Wicking, and Barbara Wright. **Greenwich:** Kathryn Appleby, Graeme, Lois and Philip Clarkson, and Peter Geall. **Highbury:** Andrew, Michael and Elaine Hewitt, Kathleen Kelly and Kathleen Watts. **Wood Green (Park Ridings):** Janice Dockree, Kathleen and Julie Dean, Leslie and Carole Piggott. **Billinghay:** Keith and Jacqueline Maltby, Anthony and Yvonne Wood. **Streatham:** Gloria Browne, John and Ruth Layzell, and Sheila Norris. **Tring:** Paul and Richard Nash, Mary and Michael Williams. **Bromley:** Mary and Eric Bater, and Michael Kendall. **Ipswich (Zoar):** Linda Cobbold, Heather Edwards, and Heather Gardner. **Kesgrave:** Kenneth and Nicholas Alexander, and Stephen Woodford. **Laxfield:** Rosemary and Melvyn Barnes, and Catherine Balls. **Lewes:** Christine Relf, Elizabeth and Jennifer Starnes. **March:** Sheila Cross, Susan Mann, and Lorna Murdon. **Rishangles:** Sally, Rosemary and Ivan Chapman. **West Ham:** Joan Bollans, Susan Hayday, and Christine Lovett. **Aldringham:** Peter and Paul King. **Aylesbury:** Martin and Christopher Dowding. **Chelmsford:** Andrew and Mary Toms. **Clapham (Ebenezer):** Andrew and Philip Collins. **Gadebridge:** Patricia Bustin and Lesley Wilson. **Hadleigh:** Rosina Riddleston, and Evelyn Rowland. **Ipswich (Bethesda):** Monica Jarritt and Andrew Pearce. **Mendlesham:** Miriam and Philip Baker. **Staines:** Mary Bower, and Jill Reuter. **Tunbridge Wells (Grove Hill):** Graham and Rosalind Wilkinson. **Watford (Tabernacle):** Stephen and Andrew Cooke. **Wetherden:** Roger Armstrong, and Andrew Ottley. **Yateley:** Grace and Joan Justice. **Brentford:** Timothy Saunders. **Brockley:** Richard Underwood. **Colchester:** Sharon Rivers. **Cuckfield:** Ruth Gadd. **Downe:** Christine Edwards. **Fressingfield:** Angela Blaxall. **Middlesbrough:** Stephen Kingston. **New Cross:** Vivienne Payne. **Occold:** Gillian Frost. **Ryarsh:** Alan Parris. **Tunstall:** Kingsley Reeve.

CASUALTY LIST

We are sad to relate that 55 Bible Searchers failed by only one entry to gain their Honours Certificate. Because they failed to do just one Bible Searcher more during the past year they have failed to secure honours. It would be too sorrowful to print their names but they came from the following schools:— Basildon (3), Belvedere (1), Bradenstoke (1), Brentford (6), Brighton (1), Colchester (1), Downe (1), East Ham (1), Epping (3), Fressingfield (1), Gosbeck (3), Greenwich (3), Hadleigh (2), Hailsham (2), Hammerfield (4), Gadebridge (1), Hilmarton (1), Horham (2), Ipswich ("Bethesda") (3), Middlesbrough (1), Reigate (1), Streatham (1), Waldringfield (2), Warboys (2), West Ham (3), Wetherden (1), Woolwich (4).

CURIOUS QUESTIONS AND HIDDEN BOOKS

There is no book in the wide world which draws a word picture of a person so quickly or so accurately as the Bible. Only a few words—and someone's character is photographed for all time. How careful we need to be, and how we need to pray to God that when He looks into our heart He should see "some good thing towards the Lord God of Israel".

Lower Group, age under 12

Here are some Curious Questions about different people. Find the answers to these questions in the Chapters given.

1. Who wished for a convenient season?
2. Who burnt his mother's idol?
3. Who digged again the wells of water?
4. Who boasted that he was somebody?
5. Who went home with his head covered?

You will find the answers in Acts 24, 1 Kings 15, Genesis 26, Acts 5, Esther 6, and in the same order.

Each answer will give the name of a man. Write down those **names** one below the other, and state the book, chapter and verse where found.

The first letters of each name will spell out a word found in Hebrews chapter 11 without which we cannot please God. What is this word, and in which verse is it found?

Upper Group, aged 12 and under 16

Find the answers to the Lower Group questions and then do the following:—

Each one of these strange words represent a book of the Bible, but the letters need putting in the right order and you will then find the name of the book. Write the names down one below the other:—

1. xuesod
2. malesu
3. hitytom
4. ghaiga
5. kilezee
6. hurt

Write down your answers one above another. The first letters of each book spell the name of another book in the Bible. Within this book, in chapter 4, you will find these noble and courageous words, spoken by a young woman, "So will I go in unto the king . . . and if I perish, I perish".

Who spoke these words and in which verse are they found?

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CLOSING DATE—MARCH 1st, 1967.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Some good entries were received but many of you lost marks through spelling mistakes. Some entrants began to spell the names of the Lord with a small letter. You should remember that the greatest name, which is above every name, begins with a Capital letter, as does every proper

name, for example: "Jesus", "Christ", or "God". We welcome 39 new Searchers and are pleased to receive an increased number of entries from:— Brentford, Belvedere, and Basildon. We welcome one new school—West Hartlepool.

Upper Group, aged 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Jeremy Dutton, aged 15, Tabernacle S.S., Brighton.
2. Michael Kendall, aged 15, Hayes Lane S.S., Bromley.

Special Mention: Susan Smith, Susan Hayday, Ann Blakeman, Mary Williams, Maureen Lowe, Vivienne Pain, Marianne Dawson, Jill Reuter, Monica Jarritt.

Very Highly Commended: Maureen Blagden, Martin Dowding, Richard Underwood, Ian Garrod, Trudy Payce, Linda Hyland, Jean Smith, Roger Armstrong, Heather Wicks, Sylvia Chapman, Joyce Orchard, Alan Parris, Anthony Wood, Barry Hills, Anne Elizabeth Mayell, Linda Chapman (Brighton), Christine Lovett, Christine Relf, Miriam Baker, Maureen Gar, Glynis Killick, Jane Wicking, Sarah Roden, Mary Arnold, Stephen Hart, Stephen Kingston, John Layzell, Cathy Lavender, Elizabeth Starnes, Lorraine Clarke (also answers to August Searcher) and Janet Bowler.

Highly Commended: Philip Baker, Paul Gilbert, Monica Gooderham, Peter King, Bernard Gooderham, Keith David Maltby, Jacqueline Ann Maltby, David Blackman, Yvonne Rainford, Kathleen Jafrate, Felicity Lawler, Alan Burrows, Richard Clark, Jennifer Noble, Richard Nash, Linda Killick, Laura Hamilton, Susan Tickner, David Bennett, Leonard Carter, Pat Ruffold, Ian Evemy, Philip Hart, Jean Bentley.

Commended: Jean Alford.

Answered Upper Group only, Sammy Clemments. Answered Lower Group only, Sandra Copeland, R. Croucher, Stephen Fox.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Lesley Wilson, aged 11, Gadebridge S.S.
2. Ruth Summers, aged 8, Yateley S.S.

Special Mention: Janice Jennings, Joy Hall, Joy Chapman, Mary Bater, Christopher Rookyard, Janet Orchard, Ann Barber, Marrion Frost, Christine Frost, Valerie Rodwell, Claire Wicking, Kenneth Alexander, Sheila Cross, Sharon Rivers, Janet Biggs, Peter Geall, Linda Chapman, Martyn Hardy.

Very Highly Commended: Keith Payne, Ruth Steward, Andrew Ottley, Paul Francis, Stephen Cooke, Graeme Clarkson, Christine Fielden, Susan Mann, Grace Justice, Joan Justice, Stephen Summers, Betty Wilson, Philip Clarkson, Shelagh Norris, Angela Seymour, Linda Jordan, Dawnette Rainford, Lois Clarkson, Melvyn Barnes, Amanda Smith, Margaret Seymour, Christina Jenkins, Timothy Saunders, Andrew Toms, Mary Toms, Maureen Stroud, Joy Thrower, Julie Blagden, Beryl Thompson, Patricia Bustin, Graham Milne, Rosina Riddleston, Heather Edwards, Wendy Chapman, Lorna Murdon, Kathryn Appleby, Esme Smith, Andrew Hewitt, Jeanette Halliday, Sally Chapman, David Monk, Christine Smith, Nigel Ogden, Kim Reuter, Patricia Turner, Denise Copeland, Joyce Simons, Judith Orchard, Carol Barber, Julia Barber, Claire Weston.

Highly Commended: Beryl Copeland, Joanne Jafrate, Jennifer Rainford, Susan Morris, Julie Baigent, Catherine Balls, Paul King, Andrew Orchard, Kay Ford, Virginia Hawes, Caroline Day, John Williams, Irene Carter, Ronald Carter, Lesley Piggott, Carole Piggott, Patricia Godfrey, Gaye Yarham, Carol Jackson, Lynn Elliott, Brian Whiffin, Simon Varley, Diane Elliott, Jennifer Starnes, Cynthia Dublin, Steven Sandford, Barry Fox, Maureen Newsome, Ian Hutton, Janet Thompson, Karen Brazer, Lorraine Drury, Jackie Bustin, Kingsley Reeve, Malvin Cattermole, Christopher Jordan, Anita May, Christopher Brown, Mandy Spotton, Donald Sallis, Donald Hensby, David Pickett, Jeanette Anscombe, Susan Payne, Claire Taylor, Bryan Upchurch, Gillian Stables, Susan Barlow, Elizabeth Wood, Judy Brown, Elaine Jarvis, Paul D. Gray, Keith Milne, Paul Hart, Philip

Page, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Elaine Hewitt, Gary Corsi, Caroline Barnett, Ann Wills, Ann Chapman, Kathy Steadman, Lorna Oakes, Lynn Bryant, Judy Hartley, Graham Johnson, Vanessa Jones, Simon Webber, Paul Pitman, Andrew Cooke, Michael Williams, Lesley Williams, Paul Nash, Dawn Gladwin, Barbara Chatteris, Louise Webber, Barbara Wright, Evelyn Rowland, Penny Punter, Alison Hughes, Andy Duncan, David Clark, Clifford Chapman, Leslie Barber, Susan Lamb, Gail Gladwin, Renford Warmington, Michael Wayman, Ruth Wayman, Paul Heasman, Stephen Duncan, Yvonne Wood, Rose Coomber, Nicholas Alexander, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Eric Bater, Berys Bird, Susan Edge, Sara Jardine, Sarah Dee, David Gurd, Gillian Harvey, Gloria Browne, Heather Gardner, Joy Mutimer, Christopher Harvey, Graham Hart, Marvell Dublin, Carol Seal, Michael Hewitt, Jacqueline Vaughan, Jeanette Moore, Yvonne Moore, Rachael Moore, Diane Jarvis, John Orchard, Sandra Ling, Lesley Gardiner, Kathleen Harris, Rhonda Webb, Richard Moore, Nigel Double, Christopher Dowding, Christine Rogers, Jamie Ryan, Shirley Graham, Kathleen Elms, Pauline Elms, Mandy Elms, Derek Labbett, Patrick Ryan.

Commended: Kim Shipton, Richard Boreham (omitted references), Ruth Willmott, Noel Warmington, Julie Drew, Carl Chapman, Ann Sayer, Christine Phillips, Jane Hardy, Graham Dennis, Nicky Sampson, Andrew Varsey, Keith Whiting, Isabell Baird, Pauline Tracy, Christopher Oliver, Linda Cobbold, Linda Hamilton, Ann Simpson, Christine Chapman, Jackie Higgs, Richard Stokes, Margaret James.

Not for Competition: A former Bible Searcher, now a mother.

Hammerfield still heads the list. Belvedere and Woolwich tie for second place, but Brentford, Brighton, Basildon, and Warboys are following close up behind.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

For many years, somebody with a very kind heart and a love for you all has set the Bible Searchers and has corrected the answers. Her name is Auntie Mary, and I am very sorry to tell you that she is not well and is now in hospital. I know that you will all wish to send her a kind message and tell her that we are all looking forward to the time when she will be well again.

I am asking as many of you as can do so to send me a short letter of good wishes to Auntie Mary, or a text for her to look at. I will then send them on to her and it will surely cheer her when she knows how many of you are thinking of her and hoping that she will soon be stronger again.

There is no more room in this issue for a letter, so I will thank the following boys and girls who have written to me: Christopher Harvey, Anne Mayell, and Elizabeth and Jennifer Starnes. I would also like to say how pleased I was to hear good news from Ann Blakeman of Basildon. The following friends also wrote to me and I thank them each for their letter: Mrs. E. Blakeman, Miss C. Budd, Mr. David Harmer, Mr. E. F. Hill, Mrs. Joyce E. Monk, Mr. Don Payne, Mrs. L. A. Rowland, Mr. Sidney Skull and Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

May I also say how truly grateful I am to each teacher or Sunday School officer who has encouraged the children to enter for the Bible Searcher, and has so kindly and so regularly forwarded the entries to me. I know all this takes time and needs thought and care, but we believe that one day great results will be made manifest by reason of the children having been drawn closer to the Word of God. We already know that some have been blessed, but we believe that there are many more who are known only to the Lord Himself. May we therefore continue this service together throughout the year ahead for His Name's sake.

With all good wishes from,

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

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THE INDIAN ELEPHANT

Our cover picture shows an Indian elephant who has come down to the water for his evening drink. Elephants are not seen very often in South India but away in the North of India, in the deep dark forests of Bengal and Assam, they were, at one time, seen in droves.

The elephant is a very sensitive creature with a marvellous sense of smell. He can detect a man two miles away, if he be on the windward side, and can tell with wonderful accuracy the speed of movement towards him.

His trunk is extremely powerful and he can pull down a tree when he has twined his trunk around it, but at same time the tip of his trunk is so sensitive that he can touch flowers without damaging them.

The elephant, if treated kindly can be, and has been, a good friend to man. But if he is wounded or made angry, he can be a powerful and wily enemy.

THE STOWAWAY

Aboard P & O - Orient Lines, R.M.S. "Oronsay"

by Miss N. Hawes, en route for India

"This way for passengers, passports and the ship!" These were the words spoken by the port officials at Tilbury, where we embarked on the S.S. "Oronsay" on January 2nd. Soon, with many hundreds of other passengers, we were milling around the decks of the liner which was to take us to our respective ports.

Before too long we were making ourselves at home with our new surroundings and becoming somewhat accustomed to the varied languages spoken by the passengers around us.

On the evening of the seventh day on board ship we had a special evening, when we all had the opportunity of meeting the captain and officers of the crew. From the conversations of that evening we discovered that we had a stowaway on board, but who he was, and where he was hiding, had not then been discovered.

At 2 a.m. the following morning, just about the time when we should have arrived at Port Said, a gentleman came on deck and said to another passenger, in the hearing of one of the officers, "I am going to call a friend in a nearby cabin," and he walked in the direction of the cabin. On calling his friend, he found himself immediately surrounded and arrested as a stowaway. He protested loudly saying, "I have my passport and cabin key". "That may be," replied the officer, "but where is your ticket?" "In my cabin," he replied and straightway produced the duplicate copy of it. An embarrassing mistake, but shortly afterwards the real stowaway was arrested and put in the ship's prison.

This event reminded me of two Bible characters. Both were missionaries, both took a voyage, both ran into difficulties at sea.

There, however, the comparison ends, for one paid the fare, but ran into difficulties because he put to sea in direct disobedience to God's command. Who was he? His story is told in four chapters in the Old Testament. The other had his fare paid and suffered shipwreck, but was mercifully preserved and protected, for the Lord had sent him on his journey. The book of the Acts tells us his story. What was his name?

There is One, the Lord Jesus who has paid the price of our fare to heaven. Have we received the free ticket or pardon He offers? —or are we hiding behind our own righteousness and merit? If we are, let us yield ourselves up to Christ and sail under His flag of freedom and liberty. For the Word of God is eternally true when it says that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord".

ROAD DANGERS IN INDIA

by Missionary H. A. Huckett, Namakkal

If you were starting a road haulage company, I wonder what name you would give to it. In India, there are ever so many different names for lorries employed in road transport. Amongst others, we have seen the following: "Rainbow Transports", "Tenzing Roadways", "Homeland", "Peacock Vehicles", "Supersonic Transports", "St. Mary", "Truth", "Fairland", "Good Business", "Busy", as well as innumerable Hindu names such as "Bala Subramaniam", "Ramajayam", etc., etc. One of the most well-known public carriers in South India is "T.V.S."—nothing to do with T.V. by the way. The letters stand for "T. V. Sundram Iyengar & Sons Ltd.", a Brahmin firm which runs a large number of buses in Tiruchi and Madurai, and a very reliable fleet of pantechnicons, capable of moving anything from a parcel to a piano.

I have not yet seen "Salvation Transports", but that is the company I would recommend, because it takes you all the way to Heaven, and every sinner saved by grace is absolutely sure of getting there. The Owner is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and while there are different routes, they all start at Calvary's Cross.

When we go on a long journey in India, we nearly always see one or two lorries that have met with accidents. A few days after Christmas we were taking some tents to a place called "Bethel", for a Highways Camp for Christian workers, when we came across the result of a collision between a lorry and a bullock cart which happened about 3 a.m. that day. One bullock was killed on the spot, the cart driver was injured and had been taken to hospital, and the lorry driver was waiting for the police to come and test his brakes and measure up his position on the road (see picture).

The following week, at almost the same place, we found a lorry upside down at the side of the road with its wheels pointing skywards. The driver had escaped, but the cleaner was seriously injured. We were taking Miss Hazel and her sister to some meet-

ings in Bangalore, and the sight of the capsized lorry was a grim reminder to us to drive carefully.

There are many dangers on the roads in these days. Up-country it is quite common for a woman to ride pillion (side-saddle of course) on a push-bike, sometimes holding a baby. There may also be another child on the cross-bar. Pedestrians and their antics are quite unpredictable, and recently we heard of a boy who literally threw himself in front of an approaching car, because, it was said, he had got bad results in his examinations.

Animals can also make life quite exciting in a car. We call water-buffaloes "brake inspectors", and pigs, goats and chickens, not to mention dogs are good runners-up for the same job. One day, we found a tree-snake squirming about on the Namakkal van



as we drove out of the gate, and when we were in Bangalore last month, monkeys jumped on to the bonnet while I was in the post office, and kept looking at Mrs. Huckett and Mark through the windscreen. A snake fell on top of the Senda van too, the other day, while it was standing at the back of our bungalow.

It is good to know that so many of you are praying for us as we travel about in South India, and we remember you, too, for the roads in Britain are full of peril in these days. May God continue to watch over us all, and help us to show by the way we drive, as well as in other ways, that we are concerned about the lives of people around us, many of whom may not be at all ready to meet God.

PIONEER CAMPS

Have you heard about the Pioneer Camps? Do you like camping? Can your parents spare you for a fortnight of the summer holidays? Then write to:—Pastor J. Skull, The Manse, Church St., Kenninghall, Norwich, NOR O6X, for details of two

lovely fortnights under canvas at Beeston, near Sheringham, on the Norfolk coasts. It only costs between £3 5s. 6d. and £4 4s. 6d. per week, depending on where your journey starts.

THE BIRDS OF THE BIBLE

The most beautiful of all Books is full of the mention of God's loveliest creatures—the birds. Do you remember that the Lord Jesus told us that not one sparrow falls to the ground without the Heavenly Father caring? Jesus loved the birds and spoke of them; David loved to watch them and wrote much about them; and many of the writers of the Bible were good "bird-spotters".

Lower Group, age under 12

Each of the following sentences is taken from the Psalms of David, and tells us something that David knew about birds.

1. Birds which . . . among the branches.
2. "Oh that I had . . . like a . . ."
3. Under His . . . shalt thou trust.
4. I am as a . . . alone upon the housetops.
5. As for the . . . , the fir trees are her house.
6. And the young . . . which cry.

Copy out the above six sentences and fill in the missing words. You will find the answers in Psalms 104, 55, 91, 102, 104 (again) and 147, in the same order. Write the number of the Psalm and the number of the verse where found against each sentence

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

First find the answers to the Lower Group and set them out in order. Then find the answers to the following questions:—

1. What birds mount up with wings?
2. Which bird possessed the place of ruined Babylon?
3. Which bird had keen sight and yet did not see the path?
4. Which bird made herself a nest in the courts of the Lord?
5. What birds were commanded by God to feed His prophet?
6. What bird is said to be cruel?
7. What birds came by ship to Solomon every third year?
8. Which bird returned not to Noah within the ark?

The answers will be found in Isaiah 40, Isaiah 14, Job 28, Psalm 84, 1 Kings 17, Lamentations 4, 2 Chronicles 9, and Genesis 8. These chapters are in the same order as the questions. Write down your answers in the above order, giving the book, chapter, and verse where found. The first letter of the name of each bird will spell one of the books of the Bible, if the letters are put in a different order. Write down the name of the book.

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, 1967, although their entries will be marked and listed with the others. Put you name, age, address, and Sunday School on your paper and post in an envelope (unsealed), bearing a 3d. stamp, to UNCLE PETER,

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CLOSING DATE—APRIL 30th, 1967.

RESULTS OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

There was a very high entry to the last Bible Searcher totalling 509 papers. We were especially pleased to see more Upper Group entries, totalling 149. We were pleased to welcome 94 new Bible Searchers and two new schools: Kenninghall and Wooburn Green. Several schools showed a considerable rise in the number of entrants, including: Aldringham, Belvedere, Bradenstoke, Brentford, Crowfield, Fressingfield, Hadleigh, Hailsham, Highbury, Horham, North Finchley, Reigate, Ryarsh, Tring, Warboys, Gadebridge and Park Ridings, Wood Green.

The above improvement gives us all a grand start for the year. Keep it up and smash the records this time!

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Jane Hollinger, aged 15, "Providence", Highbury.
2. Mary Garrard, aged 14, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Special Mention: John Layzell, Susan Smith, Marianne Dawson, Christine Relf, Monica Jarritt, Rosemary Barnes, Glynis Killick, Elizabeth Hammond, Paul Gilbert, Stephen Foster, Susan Hayday, Mary Williams.

Very Highly Commended: Michael Child, Samuel Clements, Roger Armstrong, Trevor Hart, Stephen Woodford, Doreen Biggs, Avril Chessum, Christine Hall, Roger Jordan, Angela Jordan, David Bennett, Robert Chambers, Sheila Stringer, Andrew Collins, Graham Collins, Laura Hamilton, Trudy Payce, Gwen Curtis, Paula Chapman, Heather Payne, Christine Lovett, Ian Garrod, Susan Shepherd, Elizabeth Kindred, Jeremy Dutton, Sylvia Chapman, Roxanna Fleming, Dawnette Rainford, Bernard and Monica Gooderham, Ruth Sapsford, Emelia Higgs, Alison Jones, Margaret Lavender, Christina Turner, Jean Smith, Joan Bollans, Mary Arnold, Timothy Butt, Linda Mitson, Yvonne Rainford, Vivienne Pain, Marion Frost, Lesley Wilson, Anthony Wood, Stephen Hart, Post mark "Stowmarket" no name, Angela Blaxall, Ann Blakeman, Betty Wilson, Jane Wicking, Alan Parris, Elizabeth Starnes, Jean Bentley, Maureen Gar, Dorothy Bentley, Edwin Richards, Martin Page, Richard Clack, Lorraine Clifford, Linda Cattermole, Marilyn Croucher, Peter Dodge, Christine Edwards, Martin Dowding, Alan Burrows, Elaine Cole, Jennifer Noble, Linda Killick, Heather Botley, Kathleen Jafrate, Kathryn Keay, David Thurlow, Lyn Weston, Margaret Woolsey, Susan Wallington, Ann Rush, and Felicity Lawler.

Highly Commended: Jeanette Anscombe, Anne Mayell, Raymond Grimwood, Sandra Cole, Christopher Harvey, Maureen Blagden, Sarah Roden, Philip Hart, Maureen White, Clive Schwarz, Teresa Turner, Stephen Kingston, Susan Tickner, Robert Shiells, Beryl Thompson, Cathy Lavender, Keith Maltby, Jacqueline Maltby, Michael Williams, John Williams, Jill Reuter, P. Sawyer, Lesley Piggott, Sandra Copeland, Teresa Ponting, Richard Nash, Gary Miils, David Blackman, Catherine Ferguson, Ruth Gadd, Ian Evemy, Mary Backhouse, Susan Bessant, Ann Bird, Kathleen Harris, Philip Baker, Evelyn Dodge, Pat Ruffold, Roy Lloyd, Winston Blackwood, Doris Burton.

Commended: Rita Ruffles, Michael Foskett, Brenda Rooks, Eileen Colman, Paul Baker and Anthony Kiddell (omitted references). Answered Upper Group only: Michael Bond, Susan Garner. Answered Lower Group only: Teresa Burnard, Patricia Turner, Susan Lloyd, Peter Grange and Sharon Edwards.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Heather Edwards, aged 11, Zoar S.S., Ipswich.
2. Valerie Rodwell, aged 9, Horham S.S., Diss.

Special Mention: Sheila Cross, Lois Clarkson, Philip Clarkson, Beverley Millar, Pat Bustin, Julie Mann, Joy Thrower, Colleen Wright, Claire Wicking, David Morris, Michael Wayman, Nigel Ogden, Sara Jardine.

Very Highly Commended: Peter Geall, Joy Chapman, Gillian Harvey, Martyn Hardy, Sara Jardine, Kenneth Alexander, Andrew Alsop, Ann Chapman, Jane Hardy, Grace Justice, Julie Blagden, Linda Chapman, Linda Cobbold, Heather Gardner, Joy Hall, Joan Justice, Julie Drew, Andrew Ottley, Tina Nicol, Dawn Strutt, Paul Thrower, Judith Orchard, Christina Jenkins, Mary Bater, Wendy Chapman, Ann Barber, Jeanette Halliday, Nicholas Alexander, Rosalind Wilkinson, Jackie Bustin, Catherine Balls, Neil Garrod, Christine Tonkett, Sandra Ling, Angela Duke, Mary Bower, Lesley Bolans, Barbara Brown, Gloria Browne, Berys Bird, Paul Heasman, Eric Bater, Ruth Layzell, Melvin Cattermole, Andrew Cooke, Lorna Murden, Denise Copeland, Irene Carter, Stephen Cooke, Christine Chapman, Lynne Cracknell, Andrew and Mary Toms, Margaret Seymour, Christina Carter, Ivan Chapman, Malcolm Harvey, Caroline Day, Rosemary Chapman, Marvell Dublin, Lorraine Drury, Lynn Elliott, Maureen Foskett, Graham Johnson, Lorraine Millar, Sally Chapman, Bridget Frost, Angela Freshwater, Paul Gray, Andrew Varley, Mary Gooderham, Patricia Godfrey, Jane Goble, Jeanette Godbold, Elaine Hewitt, Patricia Freshwater, Judy Brown, Joanne Jafrate, Loretta Wright, Shelagh Norris, Raymond Hart, Andrew and Michael Hewitt, Judy Hartley, Adrian Hitchcock, Sheila Harbour, Paul Hart, Gary Hatt, Paul and Carol Goad, Jane Fulks, Arthur Dodge, Susanna Hunt, Joyce Redford, Virginia Hawes, Timothy Saunders, Beryl Munford, Christopher Jordan, Jonathan Haskins, Julie Willett, Simon Webber, Anita Payne, Kevan Woodhouse, Elizabeth and David Mitchell, John Judge, Donald Hensby, Clifford Chapman, Martin Jacklin, Susan Payne, Jeremy and Lydia Pyke, Tina Ponting, Diane Jarvis, Paul King, Linda and Lesley Jordan, David Gurd, Rita Lovett, Susan Mann, Joy Mutimer, Graham Milne, Keith Milne, Hazel Williams, Susan Morris, Tony New, Andrew, Rachel and John Orchard, Luther Kelly, Diane Elliott, Janet Orchard, Ruth Putman, Philip Page, Pamela Parker, Amanda Smith, Sheila Redford, David Rance, Christopher and Nigel Rookyard, Jennifer Rainford, Rosina Riddleston, Sharon Rivers, Donald Sallis, Ross Smitheman, Shirley Smith, Nicola Tomlin, Christine Smith, Bryan Upchurch, Renford Warmington, Claire Taylor, Elizabeth Wood, Julia Barber, Kim Shipton, Barbara Wright, Julie Burnard, Nigel Double, Yvonne Wood, Ruth Steward, Mandy Spolton, Jacqueline Vaughan, Stephen Duncan, Penny Punter, Philip and Evelyn Rowland, Christine Rogers, Zena Wright.

Highly Commended: Stephen Ambrose, George Amos, Philip Alexander, Melvyn Barnes, Yvonne Boulton, Jonathan Butt, Sarah and Valerie Blake, Ellen Badrick, Lynn Bryant, Rodney Bennett, John Barr, Karen Brazer, Susan Burnard, Christopher Brown, Carol Barber, Leslie Barber, Peter Burrows, Steven Bradbury, Ian Clements, Valerie Coppins, Graeme Clarkson, Philip Collins, Caroline Colman, Jean Carpenter, Gillian Carpenter, Angela Cole, Lesley Cole, Diana Clarke, Joanna Collett, L. Cress, Ronald Carter, Gregory Collett, Christopher Dowding, Julia Double, Patricia Dial, Andy Duncan, Maureen Dimelow, Graham Dennis, Joy Denny, Cynthia Dublin, Tony Dennis, Sarah Dee, Faith Dawkins, P. Davidson, Bernadette Duke, John Edards, Pauline Elms, Mandy Elms, Susan Edge, David Edge, Suzanne Erdelyi, Christine Frost, Gillian Frost, Barry Fox, Annette Fairbrass, Diane Fielden, Christine Fielden, Theresa Finneran, Caroline Fuller, an entry from Fressingfield (no name), Pauline Granger, Lorna and Lydia Gonsalves, Mark Godbold, Andrew Godfrey, Kevin Higgs, Clifford Hart, Graham Hart, Shirley Hart, Philip Kiddell, Peter Kiddell, Alan Hawes, Jackie Laverty, Susan Lamb, Derek Labbett, Justin Laville, Karen Lavey, Jill Lovelock, Susan Ling, Glynda Larter, Roy Mayell, Patrick Manderson, Judith Moore, Anita May, Margaret Moore, Rosemary Mitchell, David Monk, Kevin Moulds, Sharon Mills, Kerry Marshall, Maureen Newsome, Paul Nash, Lorna Oaks, Gail Oxford, Christine Osborn, Carole Piggott, Jacqueline Parker, Keith Piggott, David Pickett, Jeremy Parkins, Lorraine Pretty, Kingsley Reeve, Jamie Ryan, Sean Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Claire Weston, Angela Ransome, Kim Reuter, Linda Rush, Grace Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Billy Roden, Steven Sandford, Jennifer Starnes, David Scripps, Jeremy Skelton, Elisabeth Skelton, Rachael Storer, Nicky Sampson,

Ann Stimpson, Pat Steadman, Maureen Stroud, Gillian Stables, Valerie Scrace, Ann Sayer, Linda Stevens, John Self, Richard Self, Janet Thompson, R. Thompson, Trevor Thomas, Lesley Williams, Janice Welsh, Susan Wilson, Ruth Willmott, Brian Whiffin, John Wills, Anne Wills, Louise Webber, Gaye Yarham, Aileen Alsford, Steven Alsford, Janet Biggs, David Bennett, Kevin Bennett, Rose Coomber, Geoffrey Cole, Michael Cole, Gary Corsi, Peter Dean, Kay Ford, Jill Howes, Linda Hamilton, Stephen Moriarty, Carole Mills, Julie Mark, Kathleen Watts.

Commended: Angela and Elaine Hope, Gwenda Kiddell, Julie Reed, Michael Olliver, Peter Reed, Simon Tanfield, Pauline Tracey, Ann Wharfe, Keith Whiting.

Not for Competition: Pauline Ray Stokes.

The following entries were omitted from the last issue, but have been marked and entered in the register.

Upper Group: Margaret Lavender, Alison Verrall, Linda Verrall, Emelia Higgs, Doreen Biggs, Ruth Gadd, Roger Jordan, Raymond Grimwood, Paul Grimwood, David Thurlow, Linda Cattermole, Martin Page, Robert Chambers, Helen Linda Faulkner, Rita Ruffles, Rosemary Barnes, Angela Jordan, Avril Chessum, Christine Hall, Sheila Stringer, Stephen Woodford, Carol Bedford, Andrew Collins, Jean Smith.

Lower Group: Rachel Orchard, Marion Frost, Christine Frost, Philip Collins, Linda Chapman, Christine Chapman, Rosalind Wilkinson.

The following sent late entries to the December Searcher:

Upper Group: Heather Payne, Paula Chapman.

Lower Group: Susanne Brewer, Carole Wills, Rodney Bennett, Trevor Thomas.

Also Miss Pauline Ray Stokes (not for competition).

Additions to Honours List—Gosbeck: David Thurlow, Linda Cattermole, Martin Page. **Horham:** Marion Frost, Christine Frost. **Hilmarton:** Jean Smith. **Waldringfield:** Linda and Christine Chapman.

Keen competition is being made for the highest entry. Warboys has moved to top place, with North Finchley and Hammerfield two entries behind. Belvedere is in fourth place, followed closely by Woolwich, Hailsham, and Horham.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

You will all be glad to know that Auntie Mary is a little better and was able to read and enjoy the many letters and "get well" cards that you sent to her. She has asked me to thank you all for your thoughtfulness of her.

The entries for the last Bible Searcher provided some thrills, for some of the best Sunday Schools were sending in so many Bible Searcher entries that only a small number separated some fourteen schools. I can see that there will be strong competition for some time to come as to which school shall be top of the list.

I was pleased to receive letters from: Sarah Blake, Linda Cattermole, Robert Chambers, Linda and Christine Chapman, Sally Chapman, Andrew Collins, Martin Hardy, Ruth Layzell, and Stephen Woodford. Also I would like to thank the following friends for their letters: Mr. John Bean, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Miss C. Budd, Mrs. S. Chapman, Mr. S. H. Collins, Mr. Norman Cox, Mrs. J. Denny, Miss P. Driver, Mr. David Harmer, Mrs. Hazel Marjoram, Miss Nora Marshall, Mr. W. Newland, Miss M. J. Parker, Mr. Don Payne, Mrs. Dorothy Pyke (always glad to hear from old Bible Searchers), Mrs. M. Rivers, Miss Joyce Sawyer, Miss June Sinclair, and Mr. W. K. Trowbridge.

May the Lord Himself bless you each,

UNCLE PETER

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

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OUR COVER PICTURES

By Missionary George Champion

On the front page of "Rays" you can see on the left the picture of a Hindu priest who has spent his life in the worship of idols and demons on the Kolli Hills. This is very sad, as this form of worship is against the will of God and cannot lead to the salvation of his soul or those of other Kolli Hills people.

On the other side of the page you can see a Namakkal Hostel boy drawing water from the hostel well. Several boys from the Kolli Hills have studied in this hostel, and have there learnt about the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of them have been saved through faith in the Lord, and have been baptised and joined the Church. One of these lads, when he returned to the Kolli Hills, became the secretary of the Vazhavanthi Church, and often preached both in the chapel and also among the heathen in the villages on the hills.

Please pray that the Kolli Hills Christians may be helped by the Lord Jesus to live godly lives, and that they may be used to bring other Kolli Hills people to the Lord Jesus Christ.

LIVING WATER

By Miss Yvonne Conacher, Sendamangalam

Have you stopped to think how necessary water is to our daily life? It is very essential for our physical well being. Two-thirds of our body weight is water. It is most useful to the body and is an important constituent of blood, lymph and tissue fluid. The serious condition of dehydration results from the excessive loss of water from the body.

How many types of water can you think of? I shall tell you a few—rain water, well water, sea water, tap water, muddy water and clean water. In the Bible we read of the waters of strife, the waters of Meron, still waters, and the Lord Jesus speaks of living water and pure water. Here in India we get our water from a well. It is a well like this that the woman of Samaria came to to draw water when she found Jesus sitting by the well. He said to her, "Whosoever shall drink of this water shall thirst again. But whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst". How true this is. We are often thirsty here in this hot climate. Many times during the day water has to be drawn from the well to keep up our supply. But we who have Jesus and drink from Him, this water indeed does quench our thirst and we know of the well of water within springing up into everlasting life—an everlasting supply.

Here in India much water is not suitable for drinking. It is so impure and the source is often not reliable. All our water must be

boiled before we drink it. Do you know of the water that is even more pure and reliable than this. Jesus said "If any man thirst let him come unto ME and drink". He alone is the water of life. The water we drink from Him is pure. He alone is the most reliable source. Have you gone to the tap at home and found no water when you have turned it on? Perhaps there is a repair being done, or you are short of water in your district. Sometimes we go to the water pot and it is empty. Our supply has run out. It is not unusual here in India to see rivers completely dry and wells very low. This is not so with Jesus. Out of Him flow rivers of living waters. He alone is the most reliable source. His water is pure. It has no need to go through any purification process for He is pure.

Do you know what it is to thirst for Jesus as if you were in a "dry parched land where no water is?" Jesus cried, "If any man thirst let him come unto ME and drink". When you taste the water that He offers, you will know of instant satisfaction. "He that believeth on me shall never thirst."

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Yvonne Conacher to the pages of "Rays" and hope that she will become a regular contributor. You will all be interested to know that Miss Conacher has come from Australia to become a Missionary of the S.B.M. in India. —Uncle Peter.

WHY THE FARMER DIDN'T GET THE MESSAGE

By Missionary John Appleby, Dindigul

He walked slowly along our street, obviously looking for a particular house. Dressed in freshly laundered clothes, he looked like a village farmer come to town. I asked him what he wanted.

"Where is the agricultural office?"

Now I had seen that office—but where? Ah, yes! The house on the corner! But the office staff left a week or more ago; I remembered having seen a new family there.

"It used to be there, on the corner," I said.

"Isn't it still there?"

"No, it must be a week since they left."

"So they are not there now?"

"No! They've gone."

What to do? We walked to the house where the office used to be. There was a family living there now. He pulled a crumpled paper from his pocket.

"They sent me this," he said.

I read the letter. It was a notice, in English, telling him of the removal of the office from Dindigul to Madurai—40 miles south.

"It says the office is moved to Madurai," I explained.

"Oh, is that what it says?"

"Yes."

"But I've just come from Madurai."

"But why did you come here?" I asked.

"I thought the letter told me to," he answered.

So he had made a mistake. Because the letter was in English, and not in Tamil, he didn't get the message. He had the letter in his very hand—but it didn't help him at all.

Do make sure you understand God's messages, in your Bible. It would be terrible to travel through life on the wrong road, because you never troubled to find the right one!

THE BOOKMOBILE

What is a Bookmobile? It is a motor van in which books are carried from place to place.

We are proud to tell you that the young people of Britain have all worked together and have given the money from their own savings to buy a brand new motor van for Missionary John Field, in India. And what a commotion there was when John Field started to drive it around the villages in India! How the boys and girls crowded round the beautiful new van, shining bright in its coat of new paint!

When the Bible van, or Bookmobile, stopped, John Field pulled on the brake and jumped down into the road. When he opened the sides and the back of the van, everybody wondered what was going to happen next, and what a surprise it was to find that the van was full of Bibles, Testaments, books, and Bible display posters. And what a gay show they made! And how the boys and girls crowded around to get the Tamil Text Cards which Mr. Field offered them free. It would have done some of you good to see the happy faces of those brown boys and girls as they looked first of all at the picture post-cards, or pretty Christmas cards, that you have sent; then they looked at the postage stamp with the picture of our Queen upon it, and then went running home to tell their parents all about it and to learn by heart the Bible text written in the strange letters of their own language.

Many of us would love to have a look at this splendid new Bible van and see John Field driving it, but it is too far away. Many of our young people can feel proud to have a share in this van, however. It is good to feel that young people in Britain have been able to make it a little more possible for the Good News of the Lord Jesus to reach thousands of Indian people by means of the printed word.

There remains one more thing that we can all do. Let us remember John Field and his work in prayer. That the Lord will

watch over him on the road and keep the Bookmobile out of harm's way. That the Lord will bless His own precious Word; and lastly, that wherever and however the Good Seed is sown, the Lord will send His Spirit to cause it to spring up and grow and bear fruit.

HOUSES JESUS ENTERED

Yes, Jesus loved to enter people's homes. Over thirty times in the Gospels we are told that He entered into different houses and He brought a blessing wherever He came. Is not your heart something like a house, and would you have Jesus enter there? or would you feel too ashamed? May it be that He will say to some of you what He said to a man whose name began with the letter Z in Luke, chapter 19.

Lower Group, age under 12

Here are six houses into which Jesus entered. Turn up the references given below. State in which book, chapter and verse the answer is found and write out the rest of the verse. You need not copy out the whole verse.

1. And when Jesus was come into Peter's house He saw . .
2. And when He came into the house, He suffered no man to go in .
3. Now when Jesus was in Bethany in the house of . .
4. He entered into a certain village and a certain woman .
5. This day is salvation come to this house . . .
6. My House shall be called the House of Prayer . . .

The answers will be found in Matthew 8, Luke 8, Matthew 26, Luke 10, Luke 19, Matthew 21.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Find the answers to the following questions in the chapters given. Write out the book, chapter, and verse against the number of each question. Choose your favourite "house", copy out the verse and give a reason for your choice. You need not answer Lower Group Questions in this Searcher.

1. Where was the house in which Jesus was worshipped?
2. In whose house did Jesus eat with sinners?
3. Whereabouts was the house in which Jesus could not be hid?
4. In what town was the house which was crowded to the doors?
5. What question did Jesus' disciples ask Him privately in a house?
6. Where was the house which was filled with the odour of the ointment?
7. Into which room of a house did Jesus enter to eat the Passover?
8. Into whose house will Jesus go to prepare a place for His disciples?

The answers will be found in the following chapters but they are not in the same order as above. John 12, Mark 7, Mark 14, Matthew 9, Mark 9, John 14, Matthew 2, Mark 2.

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, 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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CLOSING DATE—JUNE 30th, 1967.

SPECIAL NOTE:—Sad to say some entries have been coming in after the closing date. We have done our best to help teachers and friends who send in late entries but there have been too many of these lately. This makes it hard for our good helper who marks the entries to get the list ready in time for the printer. Beginning with this Searcher, no entries received AFTER THE CLOSING DATE can be listed in the following issue.

RESULTS OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Once again there was a very high number of entries for the Bible Searcher totalling 470. Of these 97 entries were from boys and girls who have never entered before to whom we extend our welcome. We also welcome three new schools: Colchester St. Peters, Barcombe, and Leyton. We are pleased to see entries once again from St. John's Wood and Lynton Road, Bermondsey.

Upper Group age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Monica Jarritt, aged 14, "Bethesda", Halstead.
2. Jean Smith, aged 13, Hilmarton, Wiltshire.

Special Mention: Richard Underwood, Rosemary Barnes, Maureen Blagden, John Williams, Doreen Biggs, Martin Page, Emelia Higgs, David Thurlow, Ian Garrod, Linda Cattermole, Ruth Sapsford, Stephen Woodford, Heather Edwards, Graham Collins, Avril Chessum, Mary Williams, Barbara Wright, Sheila Stringer, Anne Elizabeth Mayell, Christine Hall, Susan Hayday, Marilyn Croucher, Stephen R. Foster, Linda Chapman, Mary Arnold, Heather Payne, John Layzell.

Very Highly Commended: Gwen Curtis, Roger Armstrong, Philip Baker, Timothy Butt, Sylvia Chapman, Philip Clarkson, Jenny Cornwell, Rosanna Flemming, Ruth Gadd, Christopher Harvey, Elizabeth Hammond, Caroline Muspratt, Lesley Piggott, Trudy Payce, Jill Reuter, Susan Shepherd, Lesley Silwood, Elizabeth Starnes, Donett Westney, Arthur Brinded, Angela Blaxall, Christine Edwards, Susan Reed, Beryl Thompson, Betty Wilson, Lesley Wilson, Michael Williams, Jane Wicking, Barbara Thompson, Sarah Roden, Jeffrey Perry, Felicity Lawler, Kathryn Keay, Stephen Kingston, Linda Killick, Glynis Killick, Roger Jordan, Monica Gooderham, Paul Gilbert, Bernard Gooderham, Marion Frost, Cathy Ferguson, Patricia Freshwater, Christine Fielden, Jeremy Dutton, Martin Dowding, Paula Chapman, Joan Bollans, Jeanette Anscombe, Pat Ruffold, Teresa Ponting, Christine Relf, Jennifer Noble, Jacqueline A. Maltby, Keith Maltby, Gillian Maidstone, Belinda Love, Yvonne Hayward, Sandra Copeland, Robert Chambers, Alan Burrows, Anthony Wood, Edwin Richards, Paul Baker, Alan Parris.

Highly Commended: Raymond Grimwood, David Worne, Ann Bird, Sandra Cole, Philip Hart, Richard Nash, Peter Johnson, Stephen Hart, Laura Hamilton, Maureen Gar, Kathleen Elms, Ian Evemy, Richard Clack, Gordon Collett, Dorothy Bentley, David Blackman, David Bennett.

Commended: Janice Dockree, Margaret Laville, Jean McGregor, R. Croucher, John Adeosun, Jean Bentley, Christopher Oliver, Anthony Kiddell, Lorraine Clarke, Jean Alford.

The following entrants for the Upper Group did not answer the last question, giving the name of the book: Timothy Butt, Caroline Muspratt, Donett Westney, Betty Wilson, Barbara Thompson, Jeffrey Perry, Christine Relf, Philip Hart, (Peter Johnson also omitted Nos. 3-7), Maureen Gar, David Bennett, John Adeosun.

Did not do Upper Group Questions: Janice Dockree, Margaret Laville, Jean McGregor, R. Croucher (13 years), Anthony Kiddell.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Jane Gobble, aged 10, Kenninghall.
2. Linda Stevens, aged 8, Downe.

Special Mention: Simon C. Pettit, Lydia Pyke, Grace Justice, Jasmine Peri, Ann Chapman, Joy Chapman, Joan Justice, Vanessa Ford, Arthur Bennett, Beryl Munford, Julia Blagden, Paul Thrower, Timothy Saunders, Heather Gardner, Leah Alsop, Eric P. Gunn, Gillian Harvey, James Geall, Philip Page, Nigel Double, Jane Rase, Elaine Benton, Margaret Seymour, Christine Murdoch, Andrew Higgs, Linda Debenham, Joy Thrower, John Orchard, Linda Moore, Jacqueline Higgs, Peter Geall, Hugh Brundish, Amanda Smith, Sharon Rivers, Graham Johnson, Joy Hall, Andrew Alsop, Gloria Browne, Sheila Cross, Lorna Murden.

Very Highly Commended: Margaret Moore, Joy Mutimer, Rose Coomber, Timothy Debenham, Julia Double, Malcolm Harvey, Jill Lovelock, Anita May, Patricia Turner, Irene Carter, Gillian Carpenter, Jacqueline Vaughan, Elaine Parker, Andrew Ottley, Virginia Hawes, Peter Dean, Geraldine Brinded, Carol Barber, Valerie Blake, Paul D. Gray, John Judge, Virginia Saunders, Rosina Riddleston, Lorna Oakes, Lesley Moore, Sarah Blake, Wendy Chapman, Linda Cobbold, Patrick Manderson, Sally Prime, Susan Readett, Kingsley Reeve, Reuben Parker, Michael Peachey, Lois Clarkson, Melvyn Barnes, Mary Bower, Linda Carol Moore, Sandra Ling, Catherine Balls, Kim Reuter, Michael Cole, Kay Ford, Leslie Barber, Janet Biggs, James Coomber, Andrea Silwood, Valerie Rodwell, Jeremy Pyke, Judith Orchard, David Monk, Michael Muspratt, Sally Chapman, Kathleen Watts, Louisa Webber, Claire Wicking, Nicola Tomlin, Mary Toms, Janet Thompson, Maureen Stroud, Kathy Steadman, Pat Steadman, Ann Simpson, Lynne Robertson, Joyce Redford, Sheila Redford, Evelyn Rowland, Graham Milne, Melvin Cattermole, Neil Garrod, Angela Seymour, Martin Payne, Susan Payne, David Pickett, Ian Lane, Sara Jardine, Linda Jordan, Jacklynne Hodgskin, Sandra Horsted, Sheila Harbour, Paul Hart, Shirley Hart, Susanna Hunt, Andrew Hewitt, Elaine Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, David Gurd, Diane Fielden, Christine Frost, Lynn Elliott, Diane Elliott, Susan Edge, Tonia Drury, Carol Chessum, Andrew Cooke, Gary Corsi, Christine Chapman, Christina Carter, Sharon Bustin, Patricia Bustin, Mary Bater, Ann Barber, Nicholas Alexander, Kenneth Alexander, Jean Andrews, Shirley Abbott, June Wilkins, Mary Wilkins, Claire Weston, Elizabeth Wood, Bryan Upchurch, Claire Taylor, Ruth Steward, Christine Smith, Monica Spolton, Mandy Spolton, Jamie Ryan, Sadia Riches, Debra Ponting, Tina Ponting, Ruth Layzell, Elaine Hayward, Kathryn Appleby, Lindsay Swannell, Tracy Vaughan, Judy Hartley, Marvell Dublin, Nigel Ogden, Susan Wilson, Deborah Richardson, Christine Osborn, Christine Edmonds, Colin Candler, Angela Duke, Bernadette Duke, Suzanne Endelyi, Gwenda Kiddell, Linda Sinclair.

Highly Commended: Patrick Ryan, Wendy Powell, Tony Dennis, Rosalind Wilkinson, Sandra Cattermole, Janet Orchard, Michael Wayman, Elizabeth Skelton, Rachel Orchard, Timothy J. Moore, Philip Collins, Anne Leaver, Patience Milbourne, Sandra Milbourne, Clifford Hart, Caroline Day, Carol Goad, Cenarth Howell, Lesley Turner, Sonia Kelly, Julia Barber, G. Muspratt, Philip Naunton, Graham Hart, David Scripps, Paul Heasman, Rosemary Chapman, Graeme Clarkson, Ivan Chapman, Susan Muspratt, Keith Milne, Julie Milbourne, Dawn Yarham, Gaye Yarham, Brian Whiffin,

Simon Webber, Jennifer Weise, Simon Varley, Andrew Toms, Rose Thompson, Sheena Smith, Steven Sandford, Susan Smith, Sandra Shepherd, Valerie Scrace, Grace Robinson, Christine Rogers, Billy Roden, David Rance, Linda Rush, Penny Punter, Jacqueline Parker, Paul Nash, Denise Moore, Susan Mann, Julie Mann, Susan Lamb, Paul King, Donald Hensby, Jane Hardy, Ian Hutton, Julie Greenall, Mark Griffin, D. Gladwin, G. Gladwin, Jill Ford, Paul Francis, David Edge, Lorraine Drury, Sally Day, Christopher Dowding, Clifford Chapman, Stephen Cooke, Karen Brazer, Jacky Bustin, Berys Bird, Eric Bater, Lynn Bryant, Philip Alexander, Martin Jacklin, Linda Tanfield, Simon Tanfield, Trevor J. Thomas, Sean Ryan, Pat Riches, Jeremy Parkins, Kevin Moulds, Glynda Larter, Carol Gardiner, Lesley Gardiner, Pauline Elms, Stephen Evemy, Peter Davidson, Sarah Dee, Keith Calver, Gregory Collitt, Denise Copeland, Peter Burrows, Deborah Barker, George Amos, Rodney Bennett, Karen Levey, Anne Wills, Keith Whiting, Lorna Gonsalves, Graham Dennis, Yvonne Wood, Cynthia Dublin, Susan Watts, Jasmin Pullen, Andrew Moseley, Carol Ann Moore, David Carr, Carol Candler.

Commended: Stephen Williams, Joy Denny, Ronald Carter, Valerie Coppins, Jennifer Starnes, Sharon ———, Carole Piggott, Fortress Manderson, Andrea E. Lawrenson, Kevin Jennings, Paul Howell, Love Elaine Hope, Angela Hope, Caroline Goodwin, Andrew Debenham, David Bennett, Kevin Bennett, Steven Alford, Julie Dean, Susan Moore, Stephen Moriarty, Mandy Fox, Andrew Orchard, Elizabeth Willmott, Ruth Willmott, Lesley Williams, Jacqueline Weise, Nicky Sampson, Nigel Ransome, Elizabeth Robinson, Anita Payne, Juli Moore, Sandra Miller, Christopher J. Jordan, Lesley Jordan, Lynn Horsted, Dedia Horsted, Alan Hawes, Denise Drury, Caroline Short, Richard Self, John Self, Derek Labbett, Linda Jackson, Mandy Elms, Christine Calver, Nicky Yarham, John Wills, Maureen Newsome, Philip Kiddell, Lydia Gonsalves, Yvonne Boulton, Paul Watts.

Omitted from last issue: Kathryn Appleby (with apologies). **Too late for inclusion:** Andrea Kerr, Alison Kerr, Michele Douglas, Teresa James, Paul Johnston, Mary Grimes, Heather Childs, Alastair Waylett.

Not for Competition: Yvonne Rainford (now 16), Lilian Boxall, Geoffrey Bowe.

Highest Entry: Hammerfield, closely followed by Horham.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

You have not left me much room for a letter this time but I am delighted to be crowded out because there are so many names in the list of Bible Searchers. There is just room enough for me to say "keep it up!"

I was pleased to receive letters from Gillian Harvey, Sandra Ling, Sheena at Yateley, and Lesley Wilson; also from the following friends:— Pastor D. Baumber, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mr. S. G. Comber, Mr. A. J. Goddard, Mr. David Harmer, Mrs. L. Jefferson, Mr. Don Payne, Pastor Leslie E. Squires, Mrs. C. Taylor, and Mr. W. K. Trowbridge (our very best wishes to your son).

With every good wish to you each and to all our helpers and our Bible Searchers, from

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST



ALL ABOUT THE BOOKMOBILE

(see cover pictures)

India has 220,000,000 customers for the Bible; for that great country is teaching hundreds of thousands of boys and girls to read each day. Village schools are spring up all over India, so that village children can learn to read. Not many years ago only five out of every hundred people in India could read, then there were ten out of a hundred; today fifty out of every hundred can read.

What shall they read? Communist countries are trying to flood India with Communist books. Those who love the Bible and believe it to be the Word of God are seeking to send all the Bibles to India that they possibly can. In 1964, nearly 3,000,000 copies of the Bible were distributed in India, but even so large a number is not enough.

The Strict Baptist Mission has been "doing its bit" by broadcasting in the Tamil language, and also by means of a Book-Van, or "Bookmobile", in one of the large districts of Southern India. Missionary John Field was in charge of this Book-Van and for a time all went well. Thousands of Bibles, Gospels, and portions of Scripture were sold or distributed but the van was fourteen years old!

Now, I am sure you will all be interested in this story of the next four years.

1964. John Field wrote home to say that a new Book-Van was badly needed. A new one would cost £2,500, but the Mission could not afford to buy a new one. "Very well!" said the young people of Britain, "John Field must have his new Book-Van and if it cannot be bought, then we will collect enough money to buy it." They were as good as their word. The "Fellowship of Youth" began to save up for the new Book-Van right away.

1965. Bad news from India. The old Book-Van was nearly fifteen years old. John Field was going across a river bridge when the steering broke down and the Book-Van was heading for the river—but the Lord mercifully stopped the Book-Van just in time. On another occasion, whilst going down a hill on a wet road, the Book-Van skidded and turned right round in the road. It was high time John Field had a safer Book-Van to ride in.

1966. The young people of the "Fellowship of Youth" had been hard at work. They had by this time collected all the money needed—the whole £2,500.

But Book-Vans are not made everyday. It would have been easy to buy one in England, but it would have been difficult to get it into India. It was not very easy to buy one in India because they seldom make them out there. And then at last John Field found the right motor for the van. It was made by Standard Motor Products of India Ltd., in Madras, and is much like the Standard "Vanguard" which one can still see running on our roads in England, even though they are mostly ten years old or more.

So the order for the motor was placed and the Book-Van body was ordered to be built in Madras. It was to have two doors opening back against the sides of the van, and when the doors were folded right back, bookshelves filled with books would be seen. The inside was just high enough for John Field to stand upright inside and a loudspeaker was fitted in the roof at the front so that when he stopped in a town or village, he could tell everybody in their own Tamil language just why he had come.

1967. Yes, at last the new Book-Van was finished and ready for use. The money collected by the young people in their "Fellowship of Youth" classes was paid to the Standard Motor Products of India, and John Field proudly drove the new Book-Van its 500-mile journey from Madras to Dindigul. It was not long before the Book-Van or "Bookmobile", as we must now call it, was filled with its precious store of Bibles, New Testaments, Scripture portions and books—all in the Tamil language—and John Field was away on the road to give everybody who would buy a chance of reading God's Holy Word in their own language.

Let us remember John Field and the Bookmobile in our prayers. May God keep him safe at all times, and may many of the young people of India receive blessing by reason of the gift of the young people of Britain.

NOISES

by Olive Knight, Belukirichi, Kolli Hills, India

I was listening to noises before I went to sleep one night. There were the flapping wings of a bat, the chirp of a lizard, and the high-pitched sound produced by many insects outside. Then, in the distance, a dog barked. It was a lovely moonlight night. The noises had not bothered me, but I tried to remember them, knowing that if you had just arrived in India you would have asked quesions about them.

This morning, when we walked into the chapel in Sendamangalam, the hostel girls were clapping their hands and singing. The matron had a tambourine. A teacher was emphasising the rhythm with a drum. "Praise the Lord Jesus" the girls sang. All joined together to make a joyful noise. The girls sat and sang enthusiastically. When that lyric was finished, they sang another about the return of the Lord Jesus to this earth. If you had heard this singing you would have thought they were making a strange noise. I had thoughts like that after I arrived in India for the first time. Now I enjoy many of the tunes. When all were quiet inside the chapel the pastor commenced the service by announcing the first hymn. We all sang a joyful lyric of praise. Then it was time for prayer. There was noise outside as a man spoke, using a loudspeaker. That disturbing noise grew less and faded away in the distance. We could then hear the prayer and share in the service.

As I have been writing this, I've noticed many noises—the bells round the necks of bullocks, the jingling of a small horse's harness as it pulled a light cart, the engine of a bus, crows cawing, a stone roller being used on a flat stone to crush spices for flavouring a meal, a little child saying "Amma" (mother). Sounds we hear teach us, help us to enjoy life, and urge us to look and see many interesting things. But there are things which attract us without making a noise.

After a good sleep that night, I was awake before it was light. I walked out on to a flat roof. Looking up I saw very many stars. A group of them attracted my attention. They are called the "Southern Cross". In a book called "Afterglow" there is a story of an Indian girl. She had been taught about the Lord Jesus, and the stars of the Southern Cross reminded her of Him. Perhaps you can find an older friend who has a copy of that book and can tell you the story.

In England you cannot see the stars of the "Southern Cross", but you will have many other things to remind you of the Lord Jesus. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and thank Him for the many things we enjoy through the things we hear and the things we see. And let us pray that boys and girls in India who enjoy singing Christian songs may learn to love the Lord Jesus.

STAMPS! STAMPS! STAMPS!

More tips to help you

Be careful when sticking stamps in your album. Use proper stamp hinges, a torn stamp loses its value, and stamps are valuable.

Stamps stuck on paper. Lay these in a saucer of warm water for a while, then hold paper, and gently slide off stamp, lay stamp face down on blotting paper to dry. Be careful if it is on a coloured airmail, because the colour runs and may run into your stamp.

There are plenty of good stamps to be had if you write to Mrs. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts.

Send for some of Mrs. May's special approval sheets, or extra value packets. You will have enough "swaps" to keep you going for some time.

DON'T put your British or Foreign Stamps in the waste paper basket. MAKE THEM HELP THE MISSION.

If you tear away the whole corner of the envelope so that the stamp is undamaged and send them to:—

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

you will be sending them to be used in the service of the Mission. Any number of them are wanted, especially foreign stamps.

THE SEA

Many of you will see the sea during these holidays. It is great fun watching for the first sight of the sea when we are getting near to it. And it is not long after we get there that we are into it for a dip.

But the sea in all its breadth and depth, in all its changing ways of storm and calm, is so great a mystery that the wisest scientists know but little about it. It speaks to us of the God who gathered its waters together and filled it with living creatures.

Lower Group, age under 12

1. And the sea arose . . .
2. Thou rulest the raging of the sea . . .
3. Casting a net into the sea . . .
4. Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea . .
5. And said unto the sea, "Peace be still" . . .
6. The wicked are like the troubled sea . . .

The answers will be found in John 6, Psalm 89, Mark 1, Matthew 8, Mark 4, Isaiah 57. Start at the words given, and write on to the end of the verse, giving the book, chapter and verse where found.

Upper Group, aged 12 and under 16

Find the answers to the following questions, and write down the book, chapter and verse where found.

1. Who was "cast . . . forth into the sea" and what was the result?
2. Why did the sailors "cast wheat into the sea"?
3. "The sea is His, and He made it." Of whom is this said?
4. Who were the people "encamped by the sea" and were overtaken?
5. What was it that "the Lord . . . did to the Red Sea"?
6. Where did the Lord speak of "the great sea toward the going down of the sun"?
7. Who were the people that dwelt "at the haven of the sea"?
8. Where are we told that all creation, including "such as are in the sea," shall join in the worship of God?

Copy out their song of praise (extra marks for this).

The answers will be found in Genesis 49, Exodus 14, Joshua 1, Joshua 4, Psalm 95, Jonah 1, Acts 27, Revelation 5, but the questions are mostly not in this order.

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CLOSING DATE—AUGUST 31st, 1967.

SPECIAL NOTE:—We would like to thank all Bible Searchers, and our good helpers also, for sending in the last Searcher promptly before the closing date. This was a great help to us and we would ask you to be so kind as to do so again before August 31st.

RESULT OF THE LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Once again a good number of Bible Searcher entries were received, totalling 375. The Upper Groupers failed to keep their upper place for only one in every five entries was sent in for the Seniors. Some of those who did send in entries lost marks because they did not read the instructions properly and failed to state which was their favourite "house" and give their reason.

We welcome two new schools:—Egham and Horsham; and are very pleased to receive entries from 74 new Searchers.

We were pleased to receive the entries more promptly by the end of the month and would like to thank all who have helped in this way to make the task of marking and listing more easy.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Christine Relf, age 13, Lewes, Sussex.
2. Kathryn Keay, aged 13, Tring, Herts.

Special Mention: Mary Williams, Christine Fielden, Susan Hayday, Raymond Grimwood.

Very Highly Commended: Pauline Stokes, Joan Bollans, John Layzell, Marilyn Croucher, Nigel Double, Elaine Cole, Elizabeth Hammond, Christine Edwards, Sarah Roden, Betty Wilson, Jeanette Anscombe, Keith Maltby, Maureen Blagden, Richard Underwood, Trevor Hart, Patricia Austin, Philip Clarkson, Amelia Higgs, Suzanne Lysaght, Monica Jarritt, Laura Hamilton, Sylvia Chapman, Ian Garrod, Donett Westney, Barbara Wright, Stephen Foster.

Highly Commended: Alan Parris, Monica Gooderham; Bernard Gooderham, David Gurd, Susan Wallington, Graham Collins, Sandra Copeland, Kathleen Elms, Lyn Weston, Dorothy Bentley, Jean Bentley, Brenda Smith, Jacqueline Maltby, Ruth Gadd, Stephen Bulger, Melvin Cattermole, Martin Page, David Thurlow, Elizabeth Starnes, Avil Chessum, Roger Jordan. Jane Wicking, Anthea Brinded.

Commended: Martin Dowding, Carol Johnston, Wendy Short, Anthony Kiddell, Janet Short, Christine Smith, Marianne Dawson, Philip Hart, Jean Smith, Stephen Woodford, Rosemary Barnes, Sheila Stringer, Jill Reuter, Patricia Freshwater, David Blackman, Mary Arnold, Anne Mayell, Susan Bessant, Anthony Wood.

Entry received for April-May Searcher: Brenda Smith.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Sharon Rivers, aged 10, Prettygate, Colchester.
2. Sheila Cross, aged 11, March, Cambs.

Special Mention: Christine Rogers, Valeria Blake, Sara Jardine, Ann Barber, Joy Thrower, Sarah Blake, Elizabeth Wood, Angela Duke, Alastair Waylett, Diane Fielden, Michael Wayman, Pauline Gates, Linda Debenham, Paul Gray, Susan Readett, Susan Edge, Glynis Hayward, Mary Bater, Teresa James, Julie Arnold, Samanda Othen, Heather Gardner.

Very High Commended: Marina Saunders, Susanna Hunt, Yvonne Wood, Mandy Elms, David Pickett, Susan Payne, Amanda Smith, Eric Bater, Ross Thompson, Linda Stevens, Lois Clarkson, Carol Bennett, Graham Dennis, Lynn Elliott, Gaye Yarham, Timothy Debenham, Melody Nightingale, Margaret Williams, Margaret Seymour, David Seymour, Gloria Browne, Ruth Layzell, David Morris, Paul Nash, Joyce Redford, Lesley Williams, Shirley Clifford, Bryan Upchurch, Paul Brown, Susan Gillions, Judy Hartley, Joyce Pain, Conway Rudd, Julie Blagden, Brian Whiffin, Angela Hope, Andrew Alsop, Leah Alsop, Timothy Saunders, Rachel

Steare, Lorna Gonsalves, Joy Vincent, Lydia Pyke, Michael Christie, Susan Lupton, Marvelle Dublin, Sandra Lupton, Jacky Bustin, Sharon Bustin, Christina Carter, Jane Gobble, Julie Greenall, Lynn Horsted, Sandra Horsted, Lynda Kite, Elizabeth Willmott, Susan Bulger, Peter Geall, James Geall, Juliet Hayes, Rosina Riddleston, Evelyn Rowland, Paul Heasman, Jackie Higgs, Anita May, Michael Hewitt, Andrew Hewitt, Elaine Hewitt, Janet Thompson, Wendy Chapman, Ann Chapman, Joy Chapman, Gillian Harvey, Virginia Hawes, Joy Mutimer, Reuben Parker, Valerie Rodwell, Paul Thrower, Linda Cobbold, Kenneth Alexander, Catherine Balls, Linda Moore, John Edards, Deborah Carr, Janine Carr, Julie Mann, Susan Mann, Lorna Murden, Hugh Brundish, Joan Dutton, Gillian Frost, David Edge, Sheila Harbour, Claire Wicking, Lorraine O'Malley, Kim Reuter, Michael Woollard, Lorna Oakes, Linda Sinclair, Kingsley Reeve, Susan Breame, Jill Armstrong, A. Ottley, Susan Smith, Joan Justice.

Highly Commended: Paul King, Pauline Elms, Derek Labbett, Rosalind Wilkinson, Clifford Chapman, Donald Hensby, Geoffrey Payne, Mary Toms, Valerie Scrace, Andrew Toms, Philip Collins, Berys Bird, Billy Roden, John Wills, Anne Wills, Gary Mulligan, Bernadette Duke, Alan Duke, Suzanne Endelyi, Keith Whiting, Maureen Foskett, Christine Osborn, Jasmine Pullen, Susan Lloyd, Andrew Cooke, Stephen Cooke, Michele Douglas, Julia Double, David Monk, Elaine Cohen, Lydia Gonsalves, Deborah Cohen, Diane Elliott, Caren Ellis, Julie Farenden, Bryan Wilson, Christine Farenden, Paul Francis, Tony Lewis, Julie Moore, Geraldine Brinded, Denise Moore, Lindsey Othen, Lorraine Phillips, Derek Phillips, Christine Phillips, Louise Webber, Nicky Sampson, Dawn Yarham, Christine Frost, Andrew Debenham, Lesley Bollans, Terry Nightingale, Paul Watts, David Rance, Hazel Williams, Stephen Bradbury, Ian Evemy, Martin Jacklin, Stephen Rignall, Mary Spalton, Angela Freshwater, Christopher Dowding, Timothy Gillion, Caroline Day, Kay Ford, Rachel Orchard, John Orchard, Judith Orchard, Vanessa Ford, Jeremy Pyke, Raymond Hart, Karen Brazer, Jennifer Dawes, Denise Drury, Tonia Drury, Valeria Gadsdon, Deborah Horsted, Paul Johnston, Gaynor Smith, Ruth Willmott, Philip Page, Graham Hart, Clifford Hart, Jennifer Weiss, Jacqueline Weiss, Andrew Higgs, Alan Hawes, Irene Carter, Sandra Ling, Neil Garrod, Nicholas Alexander, Melvyn Barnes, Jennifer Starnes, June Wilkins, Mary Wilkins, Carol Chessum, Julie Fisher, Sonia Kelly, Pamela Gurdin, Ian Lane, Sally Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Mary Bower, Nigel Agus, Helen Blanchard, Elisabeth Skelton, Elaine Clack, Jean Andrews, Jacklynne Hodgskin, Margaret James, Margaret Borley, Janet Smith, Janice Rocknee, Jill Lovelock, Patrick Manderson, Sheena Smith.

Commended: Herbert Nome, George Amos, Patrick Ryan, Jill Ford, John Judge, Jean New, Penny Punter, Paul Harris, Paul Howell, Cenarth Howell, Tony Dennis, Angela Cole, Graham Johnson, Steven Sandford, Danisa Simpson, Pauline Tracy, Sheila Redford, Stephen Ambrose, Alan Freshwater, Julia Barber, Carol Barber, Andrew Orchard, Virginia Saunders, Kim Shipton, Philip Kiddell, Glynes Huges, Debbie Nunn, Christine Richards, Caroline Short, Cynthia Dublin, Sarah Ford, Alison Kerr, Andrea Kerr, Lynn Woodhead, John Morriss, Russell No Heth, Linda Hamilton, Terry Parker, Ronald Carter, Philip Alexander, Alin Kiddell, Gerald Moore, Christopher Jordan, Sandra Miller, Janet Eageling, Gwenda Kiddell, Quan Chapman, Joy Denny, Elizabeth Robinson, Grace Robinson, David Bennett, Peter Dean, Fortress Manderson, Stephen Moriarty.

Too late for entry (April-May): Richard Underwood, Ann Wharfe, Sandra Horsted, Julie Greenall. Should have answered Upper Group questions: Peter Kiddell.

Hammerfield heads the list, closely followed by Gadebridge.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Each year we have held our "Rays" Rally in London, but this year we are making a change in order to give our Suffolk Searchers a chance to attend a "Rays" Rally. So:—

For Suffolk—

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, at 3.30 p.m.
at "BETHESDA" CHAPEL, STOWMARKET.
Chairman: Pastor A. D. Rowland
Speaker: Mrs. G. F. Champion

For London and the South—

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, at 3.30 p.m.
at the BAPTIST CHURCH, BOROUGH GREEN, KENT.
Chairman: Mr. G. Hollman
Speaker: Miss M. E. Harris

At each Rally there will be a DEMONSTRATION AND A QUIZ.

Bring your own "eats": lemonade, etc. will be provided.

We trust that each of these Rallies will be crowded out with "Rayites".

I was very pleased to receive letters from: Mary Garrard, Sandra Horsted, Julie Greenall and Lorraine O'Malley. Also I would like to thank these friends for their letters: Mrs. E. R. Barkaway, Mrs. E. Blakeman, Mrs. E. Dennis, Messrs. Harold and David Harmer, Pastor John Skull, Pastor Leslie Squires, Mr. Don Payne, Miss Susan Smith, Miss C. Taylor, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge and Mrs. E. S. Underwood.

With every good wish to you all, from

UNCLE PETER.

STOP PRESS NEWS

We have received a letter about the Bookmobile which we should like to print in our next issue. It looks very much like the kind of thing the poor old worn-out Bookmobile would say if it could speak. Look out for it in the next issue.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

HARVEST

This is a special Harvest number, even though all good farmers have got their harvest in long ago. It is not too late, however, for a Harvest number of "Rays" and so we are having a special Harvest Bible Searcher. There are two reasons for this:—

1. Our Mission is badly needing a harvest, for the costs of providing for all the needs of the Mission are greater than the income it is receiving. And like some enterprising farmers, our Mission has taken on a new field in order to increase its sowings of the precious seed of the Word of God.

You will remember that, for many years, our Mission has sent out envelopes for a Christmas and New Year Thankoffering. This year, and for future years (D.V.), we are having a Harvest Thankoffering instead and we hope that you will all receive a Harvest Envelope so that you may have the opportunity of helping forward the great work of our Mission in sowing the seed of the Word of God.

2. The second reason for a Harvest Thankoffering lies in the fact that our Lord told us that His field is the world—not only one country, or one continent; not only one race or one language; but in every nation, "he that feareth God and worketh righteousness" may find acceptance with Him. For years our Mission's field has been solely in India; today it is in India and also in Belgium.

Let us remember the words of the Lord, "One soweth and another reapeth . . . that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together". It is our privilege to help with the sowing. May it also be ours to rejoice in the reaping.

YOUR COPIES OF "RAYS" FOR 1968

If you want your newspaper each day, or if you want to find your favourite magazine waiting for you . . . well you must order it from the bookseller.

Yes, the same applies to "Rays". And we hope that you will want it again during 1968, we hope that more and more boys and girls will want it and that you will have the joy of watching their eager faces when they get it. Besides which, it is value for money.

One copy for 1968, post free, costs 2s. 6d.
Six copies cost 6s. post free.
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Twenty-five copies cost 17s. 6d. post free.
Fifty copies cost £1 15s. post free.
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Pastor A. D. Rowland,
10 Bradfield Crescent,
Hadleigh,
Ipswich, Suffolk.

A DIFFICULT CHOICE

by Missionary E. Flory, Velur, South India

It was Monday morning in the village of Nanjia-idaiyaru—a village surrounded by rice-fields near the river Cauvery and two miles from Velur. It was only eight o'clock, but already a group of boys and girls had arrived at the school and were standing about in groups waiting for school to open at nine o'clock. Many have no clock or watch in their houses so they estimate the time by the sun. It is difficult for them on a cloudy morning—then many will be late for school!

Each child carried a cloth or plastic bag containing school text-books and exercise books, and the younger children had slates as well. Such things are not given freely to Indian schoolchildren but they have to buy their own! Many of them, who came from distant villages also carried a "tiffin carrier", that is a food container made of brass or aluminium; inside this was their mid-day meal of rice and some kind of hot chutney. Mother would have been up very early to cook this for them! Some of the children were the proud possessors of small coins which had been given to them as "pocket money". As they were early they began to look round to decide what to buy.

Opposite the school was a small "tea-shop", where, in addition to being able to buy a brass tumbler of very sweet tea, it was possible to buy a banana from bunches hanging up. Sitting on the ground outside the school gate was a woman with a display of sweetmeats for sale; no one seemed worried about the flies that were swarming round them! A small coin would buy a tasty morsel of peanut toffee! But today there was someone else there too. A white woman! Where had she come from? They had never before seen anyone like that in their village. She had some attractive little books that she was selling. These had pretty pictures on the covers, and she said they contained true stories about a God she called Jesus, Who loved boys and girls, became a Man, suffered and died, and then rose again to take away their sins. This all sounded strange but interesting, and it would be a good idea to buy a book and find out more. She was also giving away lovely picture cards from England with verses from a sacred book pasted to the back. She told them these had been sent by children in England.

The books were cheap—should they buy? But the sweets looked tempting too and were the same price. They didn't often

get sweets to eat. If only they had enough money to buy both! At last one boy made up his mind. "I'm going to buy a book. Sweets are nice but don't last long, and you can only eat them once. But I can read my book over and over again, and other people can share it too." I'm glad to say many others followed his good example, and by the time the school bell rang, many had Christian books safely put away inside their bags.

Supposing you had to make the same choice—sweets or a Bible story. Which would you choose?

THE LAST WORDS FROM THE OLD BOOKMOBILE

By Pastor Peter A. Day, Stowmarket.

" 'I have been in and out of our special hospital (called a garage), covered miles of Indian roads with the ruts and holes, and my poor old engine will not go on much longer.' That was what I said about three years ago. I did not want to pack up and let down my friends the Missionaries for whom I worked, because I knew that my work, carrying Bibles, books and tracts to people who could not otherwise get them, was important, but it really was time I retired. I thought no one cared about how I felt, and that none would come to my help.

"Then I heard the Missionaries say with joy that in England the young people had heard of me, and they wanted me to have my retirement soon, and they were saving up their money to replace me with another vehicle. This made me feel quite cheerful, and my engine chugged a little happier, until I chanced to hear that it would take five years to save enough money.

"This seemed such a long time to me, and I doubted whether my poor old frame would last that long. Then I heard more news, the youngsters were really trying hard—some were making jam, carol singing, giving part of their pocket money weekly, and even the very little ones were saving halfpennies to raise funds. I couldn't help feeling what a fine bunch they must be.

"Then quite suddenly I heard the magic words, 'We have ordered a new van'. They must be joking—although my arithmetic is not perfect I am sure **five** years has not passed. No, in just **two and a half years** the large sum of £2,500 had been raised, and my long-earned rest was in sight.

"The day came when IT arrived. A brand new Bookmobile, the new cream and chocolate coloured paint made me feel very old, the new purring engine made mine sound very noisy, the well-fitting doors made my rattling ones nearly fall off with envy; but I gave a final bang of joy from my exhaust. Here was a chap who would really make the heads turn, carry the books and passengers safely, and on whom I could rely to do my work really well.

"As the new Bookmobile set off down the road I said to myself, 'I will write and thank those young people for making my retirement possible, and putting this splendid new Bookmobile on the

road to take the Gospel to many in India'. May God bless our Missionaries and the new van."

HARVEST

The Bible has much to tell us about Harvest. In the days when the people of Israel obeyed the Lord, He blessed them with wonderful harvests and there was plenty of food for all the families and all the boys and girls. By the time you do this Searcher the harvest in this country will be over, but there is another harvest field in which work never ceases. It is the harvest field of the world in which the Lord Jesus is gathering out from all the peoples a people for Himself to serve Him, to love Him, to do His will and to be His servants to work for Him.

Lower Group, age under 12

Find the verse in which the following words are found, then write down these words and copy out the rest of the verse:

1. He that sleepeth in harvest . . .
2. The harvest is the end of the world and . . .
3. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for . . .
4. And they came to Bethlehem . . .
5. Provideth her meat in the summer and . . .
6. Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest . . .

You will find the verses in Proverbs 10, Matthew 13, John 4, Ruth 1, Proverbs 6, Exodus 34.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

1. Whose sheaves stood upright in the field?
2. Who threshed wheat in a winepress and why?
3. Why did the disciples pluck ears of corn?
4. Who dreamt about seven years of famine?
5. What prayer are we told to pray to the Lord of the harvest?
6. Who wanted to pull down his barns?
7. What people are said to be like the chaff?
8. Who gleaned in the field until even?

Write out in full the promise that God made concerning harvest so long as the earth remains.

Upper Groupers need not answer the Lower Group questions. Your answers will be found in Matthew 12, Luke 12, Ruth 2, Psalms 1, Judges 6, Genesis 37, Genesis 41, Matthew 9, Genesis 8, but the questions are not in this 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 February, 1968, 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—OCTOBER 31st, 1967.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before October 31st. Entries received after November 1st will be too late for entry.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Once again a good number of entries was sent in and I was pleased to receive an improved number in the Upper Group. The instructions for the Upper Group did not tell Searchers to do the Lower Group also—some of you who did this were doing so needlessly. Some very good papers lost marks because the writers did not copy out the song of praise in Revelation 5. v. 13 for which extra marks were promised.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Linda Chapman, aged 12, Waldringfield.

2. Christine Edwards, aged 14, Donene.

Special Mention: Jenny Day, Anne Mayell, Lorraine Clifford, Richard Underwood, Susan Hayday, Jill Reuter, Ian Garrod, Susan Richards, Maureen Blagden, M. Williams, Mary Williams

Very Highly Commended: Roger Jordan, Christine Fielden, John Layzell, Sheila Crown, Lorna Murden, Graham Collins, Stephen Kingston, Keith Maltby, Philip Hart, Sarah Roden, Mary Arnold, Michael Wayman, Claire Wicking, Avril Chessum, Christopher Harvey, Nigel Double, Suzanne Lysaght, Jacqueline Maltby, Emelia Higgs, Donald Clarke, Philip Clarkson, Sylvia Chapman, Donett Westney, Robert Chambers, Roger Armstrong, Marilyn Croucher, David Monk, Joy Thrower, Bernard and Monica Gooderham, Stephen Cooke, Mary Bater, Andrew Gilbrook, Jean Smith, Andrew Toms, Gwen Curtis, Grace Justice, Raymond Grimwood, Jane Wicking, Kathleen Jafrate, Ian Evemy, Alan G. Burrows, David Blackman, Heather Payne, Ruth Gadd.

Highly Commended: Juliet Hoyes, Laura Hamilton, Joy Chapman, Kathryn Keay, Stephen Hart, Janice Goden, Beryl Thompson, Trevor Hart, Barbara Wright, Angela Jordan, Sheila Stringer, Linda Tanfield, Christine Twigg, Kathleen Eims, Sandra Beerenwinkel, Susan Berrant, Lyn Weston, Margaret Saville, Doreen Biggs, Lesley Piggott, Elizabeth Starnes, Linda and Melvin Cattermole, Martin Page, David Thurlow, Stephen Bulger, Anthea Brinded, Alan Parris, Martin Dowding, Christine Smith, David Gurd, Anthony Wood, Christine Hills, Jeanette Anacomb.

Commended: Betty Wilson, Anthony Kiddell.

Answered Lower Group only: Stephen Fox, Peter Kiddell, Martin Page.

Entry received for June-July Searcher: Heather Payne.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Andrew Hewitt, aged 11, "Providence", Highbury.

2. Kathryn Appleby, Hebron High School, Coonoor, South India.

Special Mention: Kenneth Alexander, Pauline Gates, Gary Cepsi, Lois Clarkson, Paul Nash, Jacqueline Weise, Paul Gray, Ann Chapman (Horham), Kim Reuter, Michael Hewitt, Andrew Cooke, Lesley Williams, Carol

Chessum, Joy Vincent, Julia Double, Joanna Jafrate, Elizabeth Starnes, Lydia Dyke, Ann Barber, Sharon Rivers, Heather Gardner, Joy Mutimer, Timothy Saunders, Jane Rose, Jane Reynolds, Nicholas Alexander, Carol Bennett, Sonia Kelly, Linda Debenham, Susan Payne, Karen Perkins, Lynn Elliott, Clifford Chapman, David Rance, Linda Hamilton, Elaine Hewitt, Susanna Hunt, Catherine Balls, Penny Punter, Lorraine O'Malley.

Very Highly Commended: Clifford Hart, Nicky Yarham, James Geall, Nigel Ogden, Michael Woollard, Carol Good, Julie Warren, Jean Armstrong, Philip Page, Susan Bulger, Linda Sinclair, Gloria Browne, Philip Collins, Christine Chapman, Nigel Woodhouse, Jennifer Weise, Kingsley Reeve, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Sally Chapman, Shirley Hart, Paul Hart, Lorna Oakes, Julie Carter, Julie Blagden, Robert Driver, Alan Hawes, Rosemary Bardley, Christopher Jordan, Philip Alexander, Faith Dawkins, Ruth Layzell, Peter Geall, Graeme Clarkson, Joan Justice, Murtylin Butler, Neil Garrod, Raymond Hart, John Orchard, Judith Orchard, Rachel Orchard, Julia Barber, Graham Hart, Valerie Scrace, Pamela Gurdin, Ian Lane, David Edge, Paul Johnston, Karen Brazer, Julie Greenall, Elizabeth Willmott, Christina Carter, Alastair Waylett, Teresa James, Anoela Hope, Jacqueline Rushbrook, Michael Christie, Susan Lamb, Vanessa Ford, Nigel Agus, Loraine Haycock, Sara Jardine, Lynn Bryant, Angela Seymour, Derek Phillips, Valerie Davies, Julie Willett, Valerie Rodwell, Susan Mann, Julie Mann, Susan Edge, Andrew Higgs, Eric Bater, Grace Vincent, Jeremy Pyke, Sarah Blake, Mary Bower, Paul Heasman, Diane Fielden, Geoffrey Payne, T. Wright, Janet Thompson, Donald Hensby, Wendy Chapman, Louise Webber, Yvonne Wood, Marvelle Dublin, Timothy Debenham, Andrew Debenham, Elizabeth Robinson, Sandra Ling, Christine Frost, Diane Elliott, Julie Farenden, David Hickett, Glynis Hayward, Christine Last, Brian Whiffin, Carol Gardiner, Stephen Baker, Irene Carter, Paul Francis, Alison Hughes, Ronald Carter, Julie Swain.

Highly Commended: A. Ottley, Mary Gooderham, Margaret Seymour, Gillian Harvey, Evelyn Rowland, Evelyn Kreamer, Gaye Yarham, Andrew Varley, Joyce Redford, Lynda Kite, Ruth Steward, Elizabeth Wood, Malcolm Harvey, Tonia Drury, Lorraine Drury, Gillian Carpenter, Susan Gillions, Andrea Kerr, Paul Watts, Peter Munn, Billy Roden, Jill Ford, Christine Rogers, Josephine Kemp, Anne Moore, Susan Last, Kim Plumb, Anita May, Stella Swaby, Joan Dutton, Carole Piggott, Dawn Yarham, Ruth Willmott, Jane Gobble, Berys Bird, Samanda Othen, Lindey Othen, Linda Moore, Patrick Manderson, Linda Gardiner, Alison Kerr, Lorraine Phillips, Jean Smith, Jill Howes, Kevin Bennett, Linda Turner, Lesley Gardiner, Steven Enright, Janet and Susan Smith, Simon Tarfield, Elaine Weston, Pauline Elms, Mandy Elms, Stephen and Jane Milbourne, Alison Smith, Stephen Ambrose, Lindsay Swannell, Judy Brown, Shirley Clifford, Martin Jackiin, Gregory Collett, Glynda Larter, Hilary Lawton, Virginia Hawes, Julie Drew, Anne Edwards, Linda Stevens, Christopher Copeman, Graham Dennis, Christine Phillips, Christopher Dowding, Christina Jenkins, Julia Arnold, Louisa Chapman, Julie Milbourne, Kevin Moulds, Susan Readett, Peter Blundell, Lydia Gonsalves, Jenny Dawes, Michael Cole, Robin Hales, Mandy Spolton, Janice Dockree, Susan Worpole, John Rogan, Janet Eageling, Yvonne Dawkins, Jennifer Starnes, Lesley Moore, Andrew Godfrew, Angela Langston, Lynn Woodhead, Virginia Saunders, Kevin Mole, Rosemary Mitchell, Valerie Blake, Lydia and Philip Gilbrook, Sandra Miller, Sarah Ford, Fortress Manderson, Gillian Rance, Denise Payne, Sandra Courley, and Angela Hart.

Commended: Karen Ellis, Beverley Ewbank, Denise Robinson, Christine Ewbank, Paul King, Rosemary King, Lorna Gonsalves, Kim Shirpton, Amanda Durrant, Christopher Brown, Joanna Collett, Monica Spolton, Anne Wills, John Mackin, Patricia Mitchell, Teresa Matthews, Geraldine Brinded, Jane, Smith, Philip Kiddell, Sandra Ackfield, Deborah Barker, Cynthia Dublin, Simon Varley, Susan Watts, Ann Wharfe (omitted references), Gregory Collett, Sheena Wollard, Joy Denny, John Shepherd,

Deborah Ball, Colin Kiddell, Pat Riches, Helen Rudd, John Wills, Sandra Ball, Linda Kiwa, Ronald Mackin, Nicky Samson, Steven Sandford, and Tracey Vaughan.

Once again Hammerfield heads the list but other schools are pressing hard.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

I wonder if any of you saw the story of the priceless pearl which was found up in Scotland in the River Tay. You will remember that the city of Dundee is on the banks of this river and that there is a wonderful bridge, nearly two miles long, which crosses the river near the city.

Higher up the river, nearer to the city of Perth, there are beds of mussel, and it was in one of these shells that the valuable pearl was found. Most pearls come from the sea and are found in the pearl-oysters off the coasts of Persia, Ceylon, or the islands of the South Seas. But this particular pearl was found inside a freshwater variety of the shellfish known as the "mussel". When weighed it was found to be almost half as heavy again as the best pearls from the East. How glad was the man who found it when he knew the value of his find! His name was Bill Abernethy and he had fished for many years amongst the mussel shells before ever he found a pearl of such great price.

Do you remember the story Jesus told about the merchant man who was looking for valuable pearls? Like Mr. Abernethy, he had searched for many years without finding anything special. And then one day, he became so excited that people wondered whatever he was thinking about. All his thoughts seemed to centre upon one object. That object was a pearl—a pearl of such value that he could not be happy until he possessed it for his very own. No money that he had could buy it. He had bought and sold many smaller pearls but he could not buy this one, it was too precious. So he went and sold all that he had—his house, his furniture, his donkey—everything was sold—and then he had only just enough. But he bought the pearl, and to him it was worth the loss of all the other things he had sold.

Why did Jesus tell that story? It was to show us how precious we are to Him. For He was like the merchant man. He loved poor, sinful men and women (and boys and girls too) so much that He gave up all that He had to buy them from the power of Satan. Jesus gave His home in glory; His wonderful place in heaven, and came down to earth to live amongst poor, sinful men. And even this was not enough. He gave all that He had. He gave up His life on the cross to buy us back, and to make us His very own. Do you not think that this story is indeed wonderful? And do you not feel that we are unworthy of such great love as Jesus had for poor, lost sinners? It was the same love that the shepherd had for the lost sheep; or the father had for the prodigal son; the great love with which God loved us and gave His Son to be the sacrifice for our sins.

I was very pleased to receive letters from:—Joy Chapman, Kathryn Keay, Lorraine O'Malley, Heather Payne, Sharon Rivers, and Linda Turner. Also I would like to thank these friends for their letters:—Mrs. B. Belcher, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mr. S. G. Comber, Miss Angela Creecy, Mr. David Harmer, Mr. K. A. Impey, Mr. Don Payne, Mrs. N. Redford, Mr. V. A. Steward, Mrs. C. Taylor, and our faithful friend, Mr. W. H. Trowbridge.

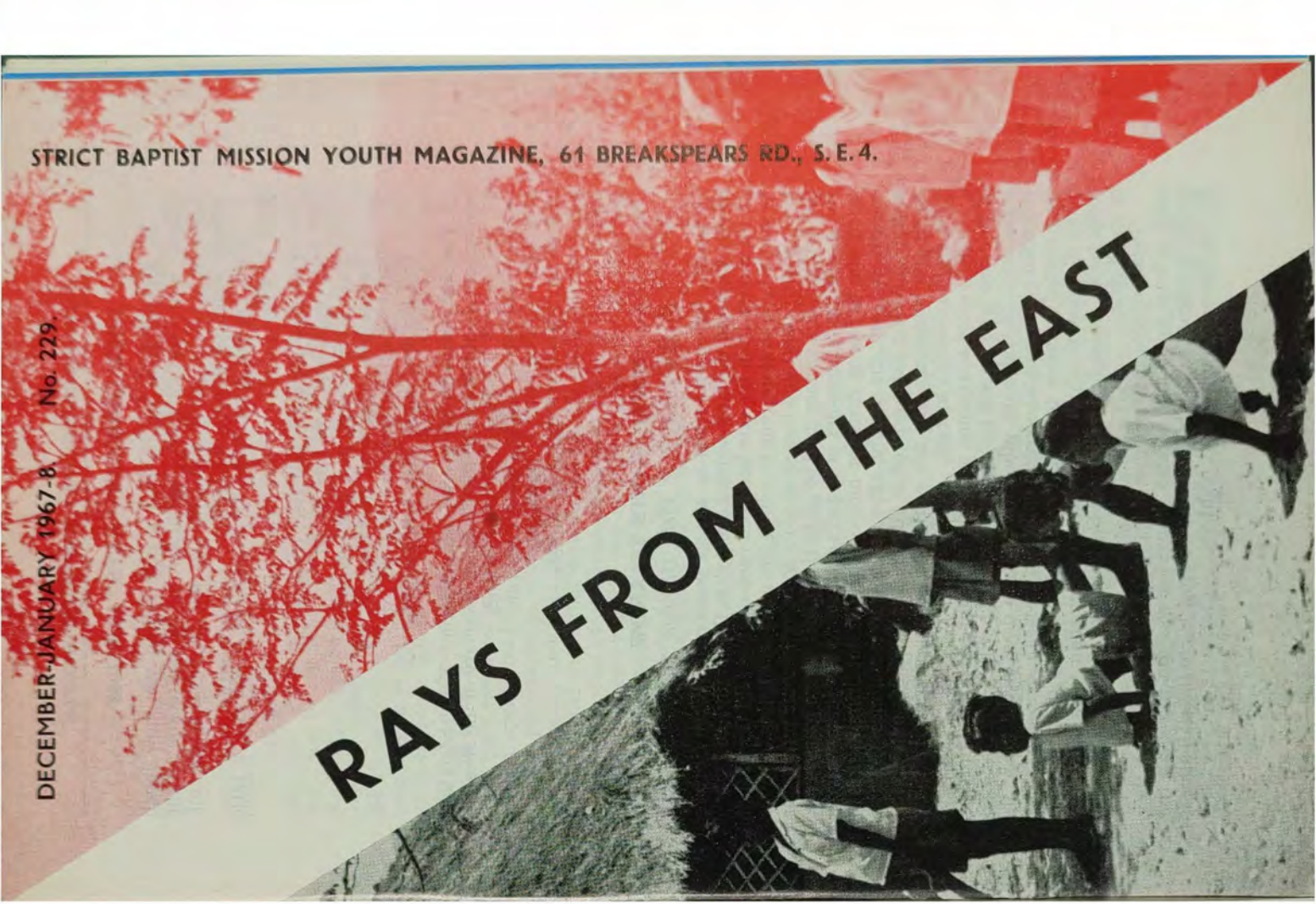
With the best of good wishes to you all, from

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST



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YOUR COPIES OF "RAYS" FOR 1968

In our last issue we inserted a note telling you how much "Rays" would cost for 1968. Sad to say, we did not reckon for the increased costs of paper and printing, not to mention the ink without which no printer can print.

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GOPAL WANTS TO KNOW

By Missionary J. R. Field, Dindigul, India.

Gopal's father died when he was six years old. When Gopal's mother had sold the land which belonged to the family, and when all the money from the sale had been used up, she told Gopal that he would have to stop going to school (he was just starting to study in the fourth class) and find some work to bring in some money for the family. His mother used to go to the places where grass grew, and would cut big bundles of it and sell them to the jutka-wallahs (men who had pony carts for hire). This did not bring in nearly enough to keep the family alive, although sometimes Gopal's mother and elder sister worked as labourers in the fields outside the town, and sometimes, for this work, the farmer would give them some grain as well as money.

Gopal looked after some water-buffaloes for some time, but one of the men who owned them was dissatisfied with Gopal, and so Gopal tried to find some other work. One day, in the town, he was talking to a man who kept a coffee-stall near the bus stop. The man wanted someone to wash the glasses and keep the fire going under the tea-urn, which was a shiny copper affair, also under the coffee boiler, which had a charcoal fire to be stoked up. Gopal said he could do it.

Gopal enjoyed the free cups of tea which he got, although they were without milk, and he also thought it was fun to see all the traffic, and hear the talk of the men who crowded to the stall almost all the hours of the day and night.

One day an unusual looking car came down the road right past the coffee stall where Gopal worked. Gopal thought that it was rather funny that a car should have a coffee-coloured lower part and a milk-coloured top. Then he saw that in the milk-coloured part there was a loud-speaker. Not only that, a lot of papers were coming out of the windows. Gopal put the cups down quickly and rushed out in the road just in time to pick up one of the papers.

It had pictures and writing all over it. "Good News for Boys and Girls" it was headed. He was a bit disappointed when he read that: was he not almost twelve and a half years old? But he read the "notice", as he called it, just the same. It seemed to be about someone called Jesus who was very kind and who had done all He could to help boys like Gopal. He had even done something very special to get rid of boys' and girls' sins so that they could go to Heaven. There was also something about getting new clean hearts. Gopal wasn't sure that he needed that, but certainly he thought he would like to know more about Jesus.

Gopal's employer wanted to know what Gopal was reading: he asked Gopal to read the paper to him. After Gopal had read two or three paragraphs he suddenly said, "Christians!" in a disgusted tone of voice, and went outside and spat on the ground several times. Gopal was rather discouraged by this, so he put the paper in the one pocket of his shorts which didn't have a hole in it, and thought no more about it. But he came across it the next day and read it again and noticed that it had a note at the end which said, "If you want more details write to TCBD, Box 28, Dindigul". Three days later Gopal was paid for his work. For six cents (about three farthings) he bought a post card, and began to write to the address. One of his friends who still went to school helped him to put something like this:—

"Dear Sir who gives out notices,

I saw your paper for Boys and Girls. I would like to join in the Christian religion. Therefore send me more news about God Jesus. Send the answer as quick as a telegram. Don't forget to send a lot of notices. Gopal."

Some days later the postman came to the coffee-shop and said, "Is there a Gopal here? There's a packet for him". Gopal was very happy. "That's me," he said. Inside the parcel was a book. It was a nice red colour. At the top it said, "Yovan's Good News" and at the bottom "In Him was light". (It was a Gospel of John.) Inside it was a card which said that Gopal could have free lessons about Jesus if he sent his name and address on the post card, and said what his age and education were.

I cannot tell you more of the story than that. Perhaps Gopal didn't have enough money to send another post card for the Correspondence Course. Perhaps he thought it would be too difficult for someone with so little education. Maybe he will give the book to his friend who helped him write the letter.

Because Gopal said he wanted to join the Christian religion we have written to a friend in the town where the coffee-stall is, asking him to try to meet Gopal and have a talk with him. No more news

has come to us, but, of course, we have told the Lord Jesus about Gopal, and He knows **everything** about Gopal.

It would be nice if Gopal received a clean heart, wouldn't it? How fine it would be if he was able to introduce his mother and the rest of the family to the Lord Jesus!

Why not ask your Sunday School Superintendent to have some special prayer for Gopal and lots of other boys and girls like him who read the tracts which get thrown out of the windows of the coffee and milk-coloured car, which is (did you guess?) the new Bookmobile which the Fellowship of Youth saved up for?

PS.—Suppose you met Gopal. Would you be able to tell him **why** he needs a new heart, and **how** to get one? If you do not know why you need a clean heart read Romans 3, verse 23. And if you want to know how your sins may be cleansed read John's Gospel 15 verse 3, and the first Epistle of John chapter 1, verses 8 and 9, also the last half of verse 7.

SMOKE FROM A WELL

By Missionary Olive Knight, Kolli Hills, S. India.

You will all know that a well is a hole in the ground from which water is obtained, but perhaps you have not seen a well. Those of us who live in India see many wells. If we go past one when we are walking, we like to look in and see how much water there is.

When we were on the Kolli Hills we saw new wells being dug in two villages. One of these wells is near the school in Mudapalli. We often looked in to see how far down the men had dug. One day before I got near enough to see in, I saw smoke coming from the well. That was a surprise to me. When I looked down into the big hole, I saw some long logs burning on top of a rock. Then I remembered seeing some logs burning on a rock at the side of a field. The reason for both the fires was the same. The rocks were too heavy to move out of the way. Men had lit the fires so that the heat would crack the rocks.

This is not the first time that things I have seen in India have reminded me of a verse in the Bible. These fires reminded me of the words in Jeremiah, chapter 23, verse 29: "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

Many of the forty children who go to the school near the new well have learnt verses from the Bible. We pray that these words of the Lord will be powerful like a fire or a hammer to make changes in the lives of the children and of their parents. They are often frightened, fearing that evil spirits will harm them. We are thankful that we could tell them of the Lord Jesus, Who can save us from all evil and give us courage.

OUR NEW HELPER

For very many years Auntie Mary (Miss M. Gearing) has helped Uncle Peter with "Rays from the East", and a wonderful help she has been too. Uncle Peter has often told her that he could never manage to do "Rays" without her help. It is with much sorrow that we have to write that Auntie Mary has been ill in hospital and will not be able to continue to help with "Rays". There are many boys and girls that will miss her, and we are all most grateful for all that she has done.

Quite recently one of our lady missionaries in India, Miss Stella Hazel, has completed many years of faithful and loyal service and is now living in this country. Very kindly, she has stepped in to fill the gap brought about by Auntie Mary's illness, and it is therefore with much pleasure that I now introduce Auntie Stella to you.



She has had much experience with the children of India at the Girls' Hostel at Sendamangalam and we are therefore glad that she is able to help with this work for the boys and girls of England. We hope she will be able to continue for many years to come and in case some of you do not know her by sight, we are putting in her photograph.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Herod told the wise men to "Search diligently for the young child". In this Searcher you will not have so hard a task as Herod gave to the wise men. It is not hard to find the Lord Jesus in the Bible, and it is easiest of all to find Him in the story of His wondrous birth.

READ THESE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS BIBLE SEARCHER

Both Lower and Upper Groups will be searching for **a hidden name** by which Jesus was called. That name will be found by setting down the

first letters of your answers. If your answers are right, the letters, when set down in a different order, will spell that Holy name.

Lower Group, age under 12

1. To whom did the angel come on the first Christmas night?—found in Luke 2.
2. When the wise men fell down and worshipped Jesus what did they open?—found in Matthew 2.
3. In which town was there "lamentation and weeping"?—found in Matthew 2.
4. Who decreed that all the world should be taxed?—found in Luke 2.
5. In what place are we told there was no room for Mary and her Child? —found in Luke 2.
6. To which king did the wise men come?—found in Matthew 2.

The answers will be found in Luke chapter 2, verses 1 to 14, and Matthew chapter 2, verses 1 to 18.

Write down the answers against the numbers and give the book, chapter and verse where found. When you have found the hidden name, arrange the letters in the right order and print the name neatly in capital letters at the bottom of your Searcher.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

You need not do the Lower Group Searcher as well as this.

1. Who said that Jesus was to be a Light?
2. God said that He Himself would give a sign by way of a Son who was to be born. What was His name?
3. Who was governor of Syria at the time Jesus was born?
4. What words did the Lord say unto His Son?
5. What promise was made to Joseph by the angel after he had told him by what name they should call the child?
6. Anna, the prophetess, spoke of Jesus to certain people. What were these people looking for?

You will find the answers in Luke 2, Isaiah 7, Luke 2, Psalm 2, Matthew 1, Luke 2, in that same order. Write the answer against the number of the question and give the book, chapter and verse where found, and carry out the instructions printed above.

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, 1968, 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—DECEMBER 31st, 1967.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before December 31st. Entries received after January 1st, 1968, will be too late for entry.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Although the total of entries was not so great as is usual the standard of entries was somewhat higher. We welcome forty new entries and one new school, Meopham. Entries were received from sixty-eight different schools. **Many boys and girls need to do just one more Searcher to qualify for the Honours List which will be printed in the next issue. If you do not enter for this Bible Searcher (and you are one of this number) then you will miss your Honours Certificate.**

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Rosemary Barnes, aged 13, Laxfield.

2. Joy Thrower, aged 12, Mount Zion, Ipswich.

Special Mention: Anne Mayell, Marion Kendall, Mary Bater, Angela Jordan, Sheila Stringer, Mary Williams, Lorraine Clifford.

Very Highly Commended: Gillian Maidstone, Martin Dowding, Andrew Orchard, Anthony Wood, Jacqueline Maltby, Keith Maltby, Lyn Weston, Sandra Beerenwivel, Linda Tanfield, Kathleen Elms, Christine Twigg, Betty Wilson, Christine Hills, Jenny Day, Richard Underwood, Graham Collins, Stephen Hart, Trevor Hart, Ruth Cradd, Christine Edwards, Pat Bustin, Melanie Conn, Martin Page, David Thurlow, Juliet Hayes, Melvin Cattermole, Philip Hart, Richard Clarkson, Philip Clarkson, Nigel Double, David Monk, Doreen Biggs, Suzanne Lysaght, Monica Jarritt, Marilyn Croucher, Kathleen Watts, Catherine Ferguson, Jean Smith, Bernard Gooderham, Monica Gooderham, Sylvia Chapman, Joy Chapman, Christopher Harvey, Ian Garrod, Kenneth Alexander, Christine Relf, Maria Mcquaid, Roger Jordan, Lorna Murden, Sheila Cross, Stephen Kingston, Barbara Wright, Jane Wicking, Claire Wicking, Alan Parris, Jill Reuter, John Layzell, Beryl Thompson, Michael Williams, Gwen Curtis, Linda Chapman, Christine Smith, Alan Burrows, Stephen Cooke, Susan Hayday, Roger Armstrong, Grace Justice.

Highly Commended: Susan Bessant, Jeanette Anscombe, Mary Arnold, Emelia Higgs, Laura Hamilton, Robert Chambers, Susan Betts, Lesley Piggott, Gwenda Kiddell.

Commended: Andrew Toms, Raymond Grimwood.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Valerie Rodwell, aged 10, Horham.

2. Alastair Waylett, aged 10, Gadebridge.

Special Mention: Paul King, Diane Fielden, Julie Blagden, Lynne Robertson, Joy Manners, Brian Whiffin, Susan Lamb, Julia Barber, Jane Rose, Angela Hope, Timothy Saunders, Clifford Chapman, Anne Leaver, Eric Bater, Sharon Rivers, Lydia Pyke, Lynn Horsted, Peter Geall, Angela Hart, James Geall, Jennifer Weise, Rosina Riddleston, Janet Biggs, Andrew Higgs, Lynn Elliott, Sara Jardine, Reuben Parker, Jeff Hawes, Wendy Chapman, Joy Mutimer, Timothy Debenham, Heather Gardner, Sandra Ling, Paul Thrower, Christine Rogers, Paul Gray, Mary Wilkins, Carol Chessum, Jane Reynolds, Nigel Rookyard, Christopher Rookyard, Margaret Wharfe, Janet Eageling, Kim Reuter, Mary Bower, Julia Warren, Ruth Layzell, Lesley Williams, Rosalind Wilkinson, Andrew Cooke, Lorraine Haycock, Joan Justice.

Very Highly Commended: Ann Barber. Susanna Hunt, Christopher Dowding, Jane Malpass, Peter Gutteridge, Graham Milne, Susan Whittle, Keith Milne, Clifford Bronze, Carol Gardiner, Yvonne Pierpoint, Carol Barber, Leslie Barber, John, Judith and Rachel Orchard, Michael Cole, Alison Pelling, Yvonne Wood, Sarah Ford, Vanessa Ford, Claire Weston, Simon Tanfield, Paulina Elms, Derek Vabbert, Susan Payne, David Pickett, Geoffrey Payne, Ross Thompson, Mary Toms, Berys Bird, Penny Punter, Stephen Wade, Jeremy Pyke, Philip Collins, Raymond Hart, Shirley Hart, Paul Hart, Linda Stevens, Michael Christie, Jacqueline Bustin, Tonia Drury, Elizabeth Willmott, Christina Carter, Ruth Willmott, Valerie Gadsdon, Sharon Bustin, Robert Driver, Clifford Hart, Graham Hart, Philip Page, Graeme Clarkson, Lois Clarkson, Lorraine Young, Larry Young, Julia Double, Evelyn Rowland, Paul Heasman, Rose Coomber, Judith Moore, Lesley Turner, Kevin Clacker, Karen Ellis, Julia Arnold, Steven Sandford, Julie Farenden, Denise Moore, Dawn Yarham, Andrew Hewitt, Maureen Dimelow, Ann Stimpson, Janet Thompson, Gary Corsi, Ian Hutton, Michael Hewitt, Elaine Hewitt, Paul Bruins, Alan Hawes, Terry Parker, Gillian Harvey, Andrew Debenham, Virginia Hawes, Malcolm Harvey, Ann Chapman, Julie Ridgeon, Patricia Mitchell, Irene Carter, Linda Turner, Neil

Garrod, Dawn Adams, Catherine Balls, Russell Frost, June Wilkins, Christopher Jordan, Rosemary Bardly, Susan Mann, Julie Fisher, Julie Mann, Graham Goldsmith, Ann Wharfe, Joan Dutton, Susan and David Edge, Sandra Shepherd, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Paul Watts, Sheena Woollard, Joy Denny, Stephen Baker, Gloria Browne, Lorna Oakes, Linda Sinclair, Paul Nash, Jacqueline Parker, David Rance, Elisabeth Skelton, Shirley Clifford, Elizabeth Wood, Teresa Matthews, Jean Armstrong, Andrew Ottley, Linda Fellingham, Jill Lovelock, Carole Piggott, Graham Dennis, Marvell Dublin, Jane Gobble, Judy Hartley, Elizabeth Starnes, Anthony Brinded.

Highly Commended: Nicola King, Lesley Gardiner, Peter Reed, Kay Ford, Paul Toms, Jill Ford, Rodney Bennett, Hilary Lawton, Sharon Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Adrian Kemp, Deborah Kemp, Stephen Diprose, Mandy Fox, Louise Webber, Kathy Steadman, John McDougal, Christine Frost, Ronald Carter, Nicholas and Philip Alexander, Jacqueline Wheeler, Denise Payne, Miguel Hill, Raymond Barnard, Pamela Gurden, Ian Lane, Nigel Woodhouse, Susan Watts, Ivan Sams, Sandra Gourley, Patricia McManus, Linda Rooks, Kingsley Reeve, Christine Chapman, Peter Burrows, Alison Smith, Kevin Moulds, Sheila Young, Elizabeth Robinson, Lorna Gonsalves, Sheena Smith, John Mackie, Geraldine Brinded, Linda Moore, Linda Sewell.

Commended: George Amos, Mandy Elms, Leah Alsop, Stephen Roe, Ann Murray, Susan Moore, Pat Steadman, Linda Young, Cynthia Dublin, Lydia Gonsalves. Julie Dean, Laura Hamilton, Valerie Scrace did Lower Group questions instead of Upper Group.

Horham Sunday School heads the list this time, but others are close behind.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

No doubt you are all looking forward to Christmas. So are many thousands of boys and girls in India—and there are more than twice as many boys and girls in India as in the whole population of everybody in Britain. So spare a thought for India's boys and girls this Christmastide and save up all your nice Christmas cards, and then ask Dad and Mum for their Christmas cards (after Christmas Day, of course!) and then get all the Christmas cards and picture post cards you can, from Aunts and Uncles, good people down the street. not forgetting Grannie and Grandpa. And when you have got them all together, ask your Sunday School Superintendent, or someone else who knows the answers, about the right way to turn them into Tamil Text Cards for the boys and girls of India. They just love Tamil Text Cards and British Postage Stamps, too. So leave the stamps on, get some "Polycell" paste and some Tamil texts and those dull days after Christmas will be full of fun, cutting up Christmas cards and pasting Tamil texts on the back. If you can't get Tamil texts any other way write to Uncle Peter for some.

Missionary Phyllis White writes from Velur, South India, "I do believe that I have to thank you for two bundles of cards (perhaps prepared by 'Rays from the East' readers). Thank you very much". Why not send Miss White some more?

I was pleased to receive letters from: Gillian Harvey of Horham, so glad that you enjoyed the "Rays" Meeting; also from Mrs. Blakeman, Mr. David Harmer, Pastor J. Hewitt, Mr. F. S. Kimber, M. O. Matthews, Mr. Don Payne, Mrs. F. Roe, and Miss C. Taylor.

May God bless you all and may you each have a very happy Christmas. The best message for this Christmas is the message that the Lord Jesus Christ has come to this earth as a little child and was born at Bethlehem.

UNCLE PETER.

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

PASTOR P. H. CREES

A HYMN written by Frank Houghton has been much in my mind as I have prayerfully thought about what I shall write in my report. The first verse of the hymn which is given on the previous page has particularly been in my mind, so I have adopted it as the subject of this article. We certainly "face a task unfinished", there is so much need, there is so much to be done, and the labourers are so few.

The need and the task are undiminishing. It is so easy to forget that "every part of the world needs to be evangelised in every generation". The very urgency of the task and the shortness of the time reminds us of how much there is to be done in fulfilling the task the Lord has laid upon us. Conditions in India, the troubles of the Middle East and the need of Europe all press upon our minds how much there is to do in the service of the Master. The increase of population and the expansion of error and evil cause us to realise we "face a task unfinished".

We praise God that the task will be completed; we rejoice that the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all nations before the Lord comes; we face our task with confidence, but we must not and dare not underestimate what we need to do by the grace and wisdom of God.

Your Council have been deeply concerned about our unfinished task and to this end, together with our missionaries, have decided to enter new areas in India where there is no Gospel work. We hope to enter other new areas as God gives us the men and the women and as our present missionaries are relieved of property commitments. We thank God that work has started at Musiri and started again at Velur, and we hope that the pioneer work of the ladies will be consolidated by the teaching ministry of the male members of Conference.

After much prayerful thought and the leading of the Lord we have decided to enter Europe because of the great need there. In these Roman Catholic countries there are many fewer missionaries per population than there are in India and there are whole areas where there is no Gospel witness. One evangelical Pastor wrote, "here there are two departments of 150,000 inhabitants each that have no evangelical work at all". The Council have decided to work alongside the Churches of the Evangelical Association of French speaking Baptist Churches, not to do their work for them, but to enable them to branch out into new areas with the everlast-

ing Gospel. We have also been led to accept our first two missionaries to Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cook, of Hounslow, who will be studying the Word and the French language in Brussels under the wise leadership of Pastor B. J. Berge of the Strict Baptist Church there.

The work in India does not get easier and the new visa regulations make it more difficult to get new missionaries in and present missionaries back in again, but while the door remains open it is our intention to "work while it is day" to make the glorious news of redeeming love known as much as is possible for us to do so by the grace of God. We hope that in November 1967 Colin Howells and Carole Newlyn will sail for India to increase the number of our staff, and we pray for them the wisdom and the patience of the Lord as they begin to learn the language. There is great need for additions for we have lost three couples from our staff in India. Mr. and Mrs. Champion have given long and devoted service to the Mission but for health reasons are unable to return. We pray that they may have many years of useful service here in Pastoral ministry in the homeland. Mr. and Mrs. Grist, owing to the illness of Mrs. Grist, are unable to return to India and they have accepted a call to the Church at Colchester. We seek for them a ministry of blessing and increase. Mr. and Mrs. Jones feel very deeply that it is not the will of the Lord for them to return to India and we are very sorry to lose them. Our unfinished task seems to us all the greater when we lose such fine and able people.

Michael Brown, one of our candidates, has felt called to the home ministry, but we are glad to say that the Lord has given us another candidate in the person of Angela Creecy of the Church at Borough Green.

In the past year we have been very grateful for the wise and strong leadership of our new President, Pastor J. K. Thorpe, who has been ably assisted by the new Vice-President, Pastor C. C. Pond. The Council have appointed an Assistant General Secretary in the person of Mr. B. F. Ellis who in course of time will, we trust, become General Secretary in the place of Pastor P. H. Crees who is nearing retiring age and hopes by the end of 1968 to be called to a Pastorate again.

Our unfinished task should "drive us to our knees" and we say to you very earnestly, Brethren pray with us. Surely the need and the challenge should "rebuke our slothful ease". Let us face the future in the spirit of the last four lines of the verse:

"We who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne,
The solemn pledge we owe Thee,
To go and make Thee known."

P.S. Since writing this we deeply regret to inform that Mr. Howell's visa to India has been rejected and he and his young lady

are now seeking the will of the Lord as to their future. Pray for them and for us that we may have complete trust in the Providence of God.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MR. B. F. ELLIS

WE do indeed face a *task unfinished* but it is neither a hopeless nor an unending one! Jesus declared "this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6. 39). For those "given" ones Christ died and they shall be brought to Him for He has said, "I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far and my daughters from the ends of the earth" (Isa. 43. 5, 6).

So we face the *task unfinished* believing that if we are faithful to the Lord we shall share in the accomplishment of His glorious purpose.

It is with an ever increasing sense of the high privilege of having some small part to play in bringing the message of the Cross to lost sinners that I take up the work to which the Lord has called me in the service of the Mission.

How shall we best be fitted for the *task unfinished*? Surely by being conformed to the image and spirit of Jesus Christ. He said, "I *delight* to do thy will, O my God" (Ps. 40. 8). In this spirit David Brainerd, the pioneer missionary, when nearing the end of his comparatively short life, said, "My heaven is to please God and glorify Him, and to give all to Him, and to be wholly devoted to His glory. That is the heaven I long for; that is my religion, and that is my happiness". What a beautiful spirit that is, how powerful and fruitful too! May God bring us all in humility to the feet of Jesus to receive from Him a like Spirit that our service may glorify God in this generation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A serious talk with the Treasurer "concerning giving and receiving"

"I AM encouraged, Mr. Treasurer, to see that our General Fund shows a small balance for the year."

"Yes, we are thankful for that, indeed. We can say that every need has been met once more. BUT did you look closely at the figures?"

"No, I cannot say I did. Why?"

"Because if you did look at the figures, you would see that total giving was DOWN by some £1,400 as compared with last year."

"£1,400 DOWN? You mean that people gave £1,400 LESS to the Lord's work through the Mission?"

"Yes. And had it not been for the devaluation of the rupee, which has given us a temporary relief in the costs of our remittances to India, our deficit could have been quite substantial."

"How are you going to meet the extra cost of our advance into Europe? Surely the cost of maintaining this new field will be considerable?"

"Yes, we shall need £1,000 for that field alone. And then, with rapidly rising costs in India, we shall need to send much more out there than we did last year. We have wonderful opportunities out there still."

"And we have our missionaries in training?"

"Yes, our costs in that connection will be considerably more in this coming year. I feel that we face EXTRA costs of SOME £4,000 IN ALL."

"£4,000?"

"If the work of the Mission is to continue to grow, then we must pray that the denomination may face this challenge—it is a great day of opportunity."

"Can you suggest how this great sum will be obtained?"

"I can only say that if every Church faces up to a twenty per cent. increase, this need would be met. Perhaps some givers can covenant, thus increasing every pound they give by 14s."

"Do you think we could encourage more box holders?"

"Yes, true. But above all I would like to know that all through the denomination there are those who will prayerfully and personally and constantly bear this burden before the Lord. We should be astonished by the result."

MADRAS AREA

PASTOR D. ASIRVATHAM
PASTOR M. T. DANIEL
PASTOR S. DEVANESAM
PASTOR E. R. MOSES
PASTOR B. G. SAMUEL

W. N. H. KUHRT

WHAT with property and one thing and another we seem to live in Madras half our time! During the last twelve months we have made no less than six visits extending over a total period of sixty-three days. This has enabled us to conduct conventions at Sembiam, Ayanpuram and Kilpauk and to preach twenty-seven times in all at nine of the eleven Churches in the area. Mr. Appleby preached at Numbal, one of the two Churches I was not able to visit, and Mr. Thrower and Mr. Huckett have also helped in this way. When Mr. Thrower visited Madras with me in January he must have preached in at least six of the Churches—a ministry that was greatly appreciated.

In spite of the special efforts made last year at Sembiam the position has not improved but rather worsened. The appointment nearly two years ago of Mr. S. Gnanapragasam as Preacher has not turned out well. Another failure must be recorded in connection with the Church at Mannur. For some time we have entertained doubts about the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron, whether it could still be regarded as consistent with the doctrine and practice of Tamil Baptist Churches but we rightly exercised caution in the hope that things would turn out all right. However, our brother precipitated trouble for himself and made his position so clear that the Church itself took decisive action.

From time to time I exercise my privilege as editor of the Tamil Baptist Deepikai to expose some of the weaknesses that come to my notice and to warn the Churches of danger. Despite this, or perhaps because of this, the circulation of this monthly magazine has continued to rise slowly and is now 340.

A number of the Churches have thriving Sunday School work and the Kilpauk Church maintains a preaching station in Kodambakkam. There are a number of quite vigorous women's meetings which carry on regularly and which Mrs. Kuhrt and others of our lady Missionaries visit from time to time. Largely because of the trouble at Sembiam they failed last year to have the annual rally which had become such a feature of the women's work in the Madras Churches. The little Tiruverkadu Church has just reached the point of putting a tiled roof on its chapel and of providing alternative accommodation for the day school. At Ayan-

puram six men and women are asking for baptism. At Vepery the Pastor's son is seeking admission to a Bible School with a view to full-time service and at Mannur and Kilpauk the chapels are full most Sunday mornings.

MISSION PROPERTY

W. N. H. KUHRT

WHETHER we like it or not the business of transferring property to Indian hands has been pushed 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. Those words written for last year's report are even more true today. Happily we have reached a solution of our problem though it would be too much to claim that we all feel it to be a right solution. A small committee of men has been set up to deal with this matter and for me, at any rate, the unfinished task is to implement the policy upon which we have now determined.

Mr. Thrower and I succeeded in setting up the Madras and Chingleput Tamil (Strict) Baptist Trust Society during January. During March we set things going in the other areas and we now have sufficient good nominations from the Churches to enable us to set up the remaining three Trust Societies to which we are committed. But we hesitate to take that step until we are quite sure that we can transfer our property to the kind of society that we have set up in Madras. The Government has passed orders exempting from all stamp duty and conveyance charges the transfer without consideration of foreign mission property to an Indian Church or Mission. Our attempts to safeguard the congregational order of the Churches and their independence and our reluctance to call our Trust Societies either Churches or Missions have created difficulties which many of the people we are dealing with simply do not understand. However we are, we hope, on the point of surmounting them.

This task has already involved us in a great deal of travel and frequent absence from Sendamangalam which is supposed to be our home. During the first six months of this year I have, in fact, spent only fifty days at home. Well-meaning friends have sometimes sympathised with me in having to give so much time to legal matters and all too often, it must be confessed, I have felt a little sorry for myself. I remind myself and would remind others that until we have done the right thing and can be seen to have done

the right and generous thing much of our evangelism and preaching is a waste of time.

However, it certainly would be intolerable to spend all one's days in solicitors' offices and in writing letters so I have been glad to accept as many preaching engagements as I could—many of them in connection with our Madras Churches (reported elsewhere) and some in connection with the Churches of the Salem District. The visit to Kovilpatti and Panyadipatti earlier in the year, primarily about property, enabled me to preach in a few of the Churches there and in autumn of last year Mr. Appleby and I had the privilege of sharing in the recognition services of Mr. D. John Albert, at Thayilpatti. Convention ministry has taken us to Nazareth and Sawyerpuram in the south of Tinnevelly District, to Coimbatore and Erode and Danishpet. On some of these trips it has been possible for Mr. Field to join us with his Bookmobile. At a very critical time last year when things nearly overwhelmed us the Lord graciously permitted us a blessed break of two weeks Bible School ministry in beautiful Kerala. We acknowledge with gratitude the willingness of Mr. Huckett and other colleagues to let us go on this trip at a time when they themselves were under considerable pressure.

The task is still unfinished and often drives us to our knees but it can and will be finished. In spite of all the misgivings and doubts we sometimes have we believe it is a worthwhile task and for this reason we often find a certain exhilaration in the doing of it.

Secretary's Note: Praise God for the peaceful setting up of three of the four Trust Societies. It is hoped that by the time you read this the fourth may also have been set up for the Salem District. Pray for the Secretaries of these Societies and the other Officers that they may approach their responsibilities in a spirit of humility and selflessness.

EUROPE

MR. and MRS. R. COOK

A MISSION leader in Europe described France as the remains of a glowing fire—just smouldering ashes. "What, this place where the Reformation was born?" some may ask. And yet this is the actual situation today.

In the heart of the city of Brussels there is a little Church—one among several others—that is seeking to shine out the light of the Gospel. The Lord has seen fit to use the Bible Study meetings in different homes to bring those who should be saved into His Church. The other activities also bear fruit: a young girl attending the mid-week "Religious Instruction Class" has recently asked to be baptised, and her life shows signs of a clear change.

With doors gradually closing for "white" missionaries to enter Africa there is an added significance to the attempts being made to reach students through university meetings, etc. Just think of the potentiality of sending these young men home with Jesus in their hearts besides the diploma they came for.

Similar pictures could be painted of other towns and cities, but the sad fact is that we are barely getting a glimpse of the surface, let alone actually scratching it!! Indeed, the task is unfinished, rather hardly begun; and the few that are doing something often become very discouraged as they see no results.

What can be done with "smouldering ashes"? One thing is to blow on them until they glow back into life; and this we can do through fervent prayer. Oh, that there might be a gale!

SALEM AREA

MR. AND MRS. H. A. HUCKETT
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The unfinished task in Namakkal.

MR. and MRS. H. A. HUCKETT

"They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following" (Mark 16. 20).

UNTIL every blood-bought soul has been gathered in, evangelism will always be an unfinished task. The very terms of the Great Commission confirm the truth of this. "Go ye . . . and lo, I am with you always even **unto the end of the world**." Our task can never be completed in an absolute sense for the following reasons:—

1. Villages evangelised years ago now contain a new generation. 2. Second-generation Christians are not always born-again believers, and 3. the "task" includes teaching them to observe all things that Christ commanded. 4. It is an unfinished task because those who begin a work for God often have to leave it for others to complete. 5. The rapid increase in world population reminds us that our task is still unfinished. Hence the need for new methods of evangelism, *e.g.* radio, television, literature, gramophone records, if the whole world is to hear the message of the Gospel.

How is the S.B.M. facing this great unfinished task? 1. We are moving out into areas where the Gospel has not been preached

very much, if at all, in recent years. 2. We are trying to encourage established Churches to make greater efforts to evangelise villages in their own area. 3. We are handing over institutional work to Indian Christian management, so that missionaries may devote more time to direct preaching and teaching of the Word of Life. 4. Rented premises in towns and villages are being use instead of Mission bungalows and compounds, so that missionaries may live closer to the Tamil people and understand their problems more clearly.

In implementing these new developments we need the co-operation of Indian believers, for many of them will have to bear increased responsibilities in days to come. Someone has said: "Asia can only be fully evangelised by Asian Christians".

In the Namakkal area, it has, therefore, been a great joy to us to find that our Indian co-workers at present on the Mission staff, feel that they, too, have a part to play in facing the unfinished task. Though they will no longer be employed by the Mission after April 1968, they still want to devote their remaining years to the great work of spreading the Gospel. When Mr. and Mrs. Vethamonie were asked if they would like to be set up in business in Mohanur, they said that they wanted to continue as Gospel workers, looking to the Lord to supply their needs. They felt that running a business would not give them sufficient time for the Lord's service and the needs of the Church in Mohanur. Mr. and Mrs. James, now in charge of the Boys Hostel, also want to go on serving the Lord. Mr. S. U. William, of Kakkaveri, has the same thought. They will value your prayers for their future pathway. God is ever faithful to those who are obedient to His call.

As we look back over the past year, our hearts are full of praise to God for His goodness to us. We have sold 3,387 books and booklets from the Namakkal van since August 1st, 1966, and have distributed thousands of tracts. One hundred and seventy-four boys have written to us asking for Christian tracts and Gospels.

The Namakkal Boys' Hostel is as popular as ever. We have thirty-two boys, the majority being Hindus. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. D. James who look after them and teach them God's Word. Visits from Scripture Union workers have been a blessing to our boys. One Hindu lad who came to us from a tea estate near Kotagiri, some years ago, was born again while here, and is now in college studying medicine. Several Hindu boys wrote to their parents last term and told them it was wrong to worship idols.

During the year I have preached in eighteen different places and have visited a number of new villages with literature. We have had open-air meetings in Tusur and one or two other places.

Now that satisfactory arrangements have been made about the Mission property, there is a better atmosphere in the Churches than there was before. The big Crusade held in Madurai was a

blessing to some of our S.B.M. Church members, and it was a privilege to meet some of them there in the counselling hall and to see how the Holy Spirit had been working in their hearts. In April we enjoyed fellowship with some of our Pastors at the S.B.M. Pastors' Conference at Red Hills, Madras, and had the privilege of sharing the ministry there with an Indian brother from Madurai. The dedication service in connection with the new Bookmobile given by the Fellowship of Youth took place at Red Hills during the Conference.

We have been glad to receive packets of Tamil Postcard Tracts from many Sunday Schools at home, and we are also grateful for the food parcels that friends have sent. May the Lord reward you for your generosity.

After thirty-six years of Missionary work in India, it is with mingled feelings that we view our approaching retirement from service overseas. We realise more than ever that the work of world evangelisation is still an unfinished task. Soon, we shall have to hand over the torch of witness to younger hands, but we praise God for His abundant faithfulness to us during our years of service in India. There is only ONE who could say: "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do". But because He did finish it, we can be sure that Jesus will see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied, as all those for whom He died are eternally saved and gathered into His fold. We do not preach a disappointed Christ, but One Who will in all things have the pre-eminence.

May the prayer of our hearts be:—

"And oh that He fulfilled may see
The travail of His soul through me,
And millions more across the sea
Receive Him as their Saviour."

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ryan

FIRST of all, we would like to thank all those who have given to the Mission and thus enabled us to continue in the Lord's service for another year. Having completed our second year language exams., working in Morupatti has been a new experience for us, and we praise God for all the help and encouragement He has given us.

Attendances at the Sunday services have been encouraging although one or two of the members have not been coming often and two who were meeting with us have been transferred. During the year five or six people attended the service for the first time, but only came for a few Sundays and never returned. We praise God for others who have come and stayed, and appear to be showing

a real interest in the preaching of God's Word. A married couple and their young son have come to almost every service since they came to live in the village some months ago. A Roman Catholic teacher in the local Girls' School, who was formerly opposed and would not come to the services, has now bought a Bible and has been coming regularly. Another young woman who is a professing Christian has recently moved to Morupatti after her marriage to a local man who says he is an atheist. She comes to the services and hopes to bring her husband with her.

During the year Muttammall was called home to be with the Lord, after witnessing faithfully for Him for many years. Pragasam is still conducting a Sunday School in his village but his mother's illness has been a great difficulty to him. The number who gather at Urakarai continue to be small, but it has always been the same faithful few who have met each time.

It was a great encouragement to see the way in which the people of Morupatti undertook to arrange and finance a week of special meetings for the local children. Mr. and Mrs. John and Mr. Deveraj have given great help by encouraging as many teachers as are interested to come to the services.

During the year we have been able to visit many schools, festivals and villages to sell Christian literature and speak with the people, and during these visits we have made some good contacts. We praise God that the young lad who sells Christian literature now appears to be showing a real interest in the Gospel message himself.

Now the time has come for missionaries to leave Morupatti, but this does not mean that the task here is finished—far from it. The people we leave behind will be surrounded by Hinduism and spiritual darkness. There are villages near Morupatti without even one Christian. We long to see the Church here understand its responsibility to take the Gospel of Christ to these people. After we leave, our responsibility for the people and the work here will not cease, and we would ask you to pray with us that they may be kept faithful to the Lord, see the need of their fellow men who are without Christ, witness to them courageously, and have the joy of seeing others born again of God's Spirit.

From July our next sphere of work will be with the Bookmobile in Dindigul and we would value your prayers as we commence this new work. We rejoice in the Lord's gift of a son, last November, and praise Him for His care of us and the provision of all our needs.

KOLLI HILLS AND BELUKURICHI

DR. R. M. HARRIS and MISS O. R. KNIGHT

THIS report deals with the unfinished task of evangelism on the Northern Kollis, the task to which God has called us and for

which He has greatly burdened us. Unto us who are the least of all saints is this grace given that we should preach among the Kolli Hills people the unsearchable riches of Christ.

CAMPS. My sister and I spent three weeks in **Nadukombai,** among the Kolli Hills people living at the foot of the Hills. Nearly two years had elapsed since our last visit. It was encouraging to find that some of the children had remembered verses and choruses they had learnt during our previous camps.

We were able to link up again with Rasai Ammal and her family. We realised how difficult it is for people to grow spiritually when they have no opportunity for fellowship and instruction. We pray that a time may come when the Sendamangalam Church will take an interest in this area.

In November-December we did a five-weeks camp in **Panangirai** on the Kollis. We celebrated Christmas there with a Christian teacher and his family who lived in a village not far from where we were staying. A Christian teacher walked over to join us from Mudapali, where he is the head master in a two-teacher Elementary School. These two teachers arranged the Christmas week-end programme. This included witness as well as fellowship as we went out together to hold open-air meetings. Some Mudapali children came over for the Christmas morning children's service.

Miss Knight and I camped on the Kollis in **Mudapali** from mid-March until mid-June. As the evenings are warm and fine at this time of the year we were able to hold open-air meetings after supper. These meetings were arranged on moonlight nights in nearby villages. An Indian brother led the singing with the help of a tambourine, and we all took part in the talks, illustrating them by charts and flannelgraphs. On Easter Sunday morning we went with this Christian brother and a few local children to hold a meeting in a more distant village, up over a hill and down a steep rocky path. On the whole people listened well and seemed interested.

On camp, we two missionaries often go out on our own, very early on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, to villages further afield. On arrival we usually start with an open-air meeting. This meeting generally concludes with a special talk to the children, or they may have one on their own elsewhere. They receive Tamil text cards for repeating a text. After this we visit people in their homes, sitting on the verandahs outside, as their caste custom does not allow us to enter their houses. There are many opportunities to follow up contacts made in the medical work. Former patients greet us as old friends while would-be patients pour out their woes. A few literate adults or eager schoolchildren may buy Gospels and booklets.

ALATUR AND THE WEDDING. Arulmitran, born and brought up in Dohnavur, has been called of God to serve Him on

the Kollis. During our camp at Mudapali, as the result of much prayer, a marriage was arranged between him and Nesammal, a Christian Hill girl, the grand-daughter of John Abraham of Alatur. The wedding was conducted in Alatur by Pastor Paul Raj of Sendamangalam, in the presence of Christians and Hindus, and in such a way that all might know the meaning of a Christian marriage. Many of the Hindus were relatives of the bride. We had the joy and privilege of seeing the newly-weds happily settled in before we finished our camp there and left for the plains. Pray for them.

THE KOLLI HILLS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. Prayer is urgently needed for the members of the Christian community living on the Kolli Hills. Pray that the Holy Spirit might bring conviction over sin, and repentance, leading to a deep experience of the joy of salvation.

A Vacation Bible School was held again in **Vazhavanthi** this year. We heard that it went off well.

MEDICAL WORK continues to be run on simple lines. It is still the reason for our being invited to camp on the Kollis. We pray on in faith for the day of awakening, when they will call us to teach them more of the things of God.

Miss Knight adds:

Since the middle of February I have been sharing in the work with Dr. Harris. In Belukurichi the little children whom Miss Harris taught have been eager to come on Sunday mornings for "singing". Their enthusiasm is a joy, and I have tried to teach them more of our Lord during the few weeks we have been in the village.

We praise God that Mrs. Pushpam Manikam of Rasipuram has volunteered to come to Belukurichi again to conduct a Sunday School. She comes in response to a request to the Rasipuram Church from a teacher in Belukurichi, who showed her keenness by offering to pay the fares. Although still a member of the Hindu community this teacher appears to believe in the Lord Jesus. When the missionaries have been in Belukurichi she has brought her children and joined a few other adults and children for a Sunday afternoon service at our house.

A report of the past year must include an expression of my sincere thanks to the many friends whose helpfulness and interest were an encouragement to me as I continued in deputation work in England. In August I once again had the privilege of sharing in a Pioneer Camp, and am grateful for the friendship of young people met there, and in the Churches.

Our sense of inadequacy as we face unfinished tasks drives us to wait upon the Lord Who graciously renews our strength, and continues with us day after day.

Miss M. M. Cook

DURING the past year we have again been conscious of God's help in all things. We have had between thirty-five and forty girls in the Hostel, mostly Hindus. We praise God for every opportunity they have had of hearing about the Lord. Some have left at the end of this school year and other new ones are coming to us. As this is the last year that the Mission will run the Hostel pray with us that it may be a year of much blessing and that when the time comes for handing it over there may be those who are ready and able to carry it on, for in the years gone by it has been a means of real blessing to many.

We were able to get Inbumonie, our Kolli Hills orphan girl, into Auxilliary Nursing training last year; she has studied well and passed her first year exams. We thank God for this and trust she will do as well in the coming year. Star, our other Kolli Hills girl, for whom we are responsible, has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Ryan during the past year and has been a great help to them in the house. Pray especially for these two girls, that their futures may be provided for in these difficult and uncertain days.

The teachers have continued faithfully in their school work during the past year and we do praise God for the witness that this school is in the village. We are thankful that the Word of God is still proclaimed to the children, though this must now be done out of school hours. Pray that the witness of this school may still continue in spite of coming changes.

Although the Mission plans to move from Sendamangalam in the near future, the work here is certainly not "finished". Our friends here will need your prayers more than ever as they seek to continue where we have left off. As they, too, face the "unfinished task" may they as well as we have clear guidance and wisdom from the Lord.

Miss Y. Conacher

WE read in Ezra 5. 16, "Since that time even until now hath it been in building and yet it is not finished". We then read search was made for a decree . . . and record was found. Then was the building finished.

Perhaps this can be said of many of us today; our work has been from that time until now and yet it is not finished. When considering the circumstances and situations in which we are placed today one seems to be continually "facing a task unfinished". It was Haggai who came and exhorted the people to "consider their ways", and he gave them encouragement and assurance.

When facing our unfinished task we need to "consider our ways" or as the margin says "set your heart on your ways". A word bringing much encouragement to me over these past few months has been Gen. 24. 27, "I being in the way the Lord led me". The way being God's way and the pathway that He has prepared for me.

By God's grace I have completed first year language study and I am preparing for my second exam. in November. How apt is the title of this year's report, for language study will always be a task unfinished. Yet God in His faithfulness continues to give encouragement, the Lord has led and undertaken.

In a remarkable way God led me to go out visiting among the women in Sendamangalam. I thank Him also for the ministry I was able to have among the children in the Hostel and in the Sunday School.

At the time of writing this report I have just moved from Sendamangalam to Musiri—the beginning of another task for us. We are continually facing an unfinished task as we consider the work of God in this land. The preaching of the Word is a task never finished. As we face this task may we be able to say as with Abraham's servant "I being in the way the Lord led me".

MISS N. HAWES

Unfinished . . . they perish.

"Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29. 18).

IT is some years since I last wrote a report and although this may not take the usual form of one—work here in Musiri being just a few weeks old—there are a number of more personal matters I could share with you. The words of the text have returned to me frequently in considering the theme of this report. Vision: insight, understanding, perception, all words which in some way enhance its meaning. How much in these days we need to understand the will of the Lord, lest we also walk in darkness and ignorance, and our work becomes chaotic and disordered.

BIBLE STUDY. In the Word we find light for our pathway, and I found in studying its pages how little we really comprehend of its depth and meaning. A text which has meant much to me over the years, because it was a means of my call to India, is "Go *ye* into all the world" (Mark 16. 15). Yet the *all* of the text had never a very deep understanding for me, until the Lord made the *all* to stand out as clearly as the *Go ye*, and with it came the challenge that India was not the only sphere of service. The unfinished task had other frontiers still.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY. Although this had to be somewhat curtailed due to hospital treatment, it was a pleasure to meet many of the friends in the Churches. This joy was somewhat mitigated at times when I heard of young people from our Churches having to go as far as America to train for missionary work in Europe. Could this possibly be the Lord's will? was a frequent question which pressed itself upon my mind and gave me little heart peace. Had we, who were living on its doorstep, no responsibility towards the unfinished task of Europe?

HILDENBOROUGH MISSIONARY WEEK-END. Out of the blessings and the heart searchings of that week-end, I left with one conviction and one question ringing in my ears. The conviction that He was preparing my heart and mind for work in another field, and however far this might be out of line with my own reasonings, arguments or logic, He brought me to the point of understanding that the greatest test of discipleship was a recognition of His sovereign will and way. The question was one which was asked during a discussion period and brought me back to the *all* of Mark 16. 15. Would the Mission go into Europe?

PRAYER. A lengthy stay in England enabled me to understand a little more fully the debt we owe to our praying friends. Prayer is surely one of the greatest needs of the hour and one of our greatest and untapped resources. Can it be said perhaps that the task remains unfinished because we have not made adequate demands upon the *all* sufficient resources of our Sovereign Lord.

THE CHURCH IN INDIA. "For ye are bought with a price," is equally true of the Church here as for the individual. The Lord has formed it for Himself, it is His building. It is His sanctuary through which He shall be glorified, through which He shall work. In India today the Church is becoming increasingly conscious—and we praise God for this—of the unfinished task before it. Perhaps here in Musiri this can be summed up in the words of one of the Christians, "We don't mind how the Lord works, or through whom He works, but we long to know that He is working". If, then, in this task the Lord has given us, for the present, some small share, we praise Him for it, and whatever the future may hold for us or for them, our prayer would be that together we may have an increasing understanding of what it means for the Lord of Hosts to be with us, and for the God of Jacob to be our refuge.

MISS E. M. FLORY

"In and around Velur—1966-1967."

"THERE remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," said the Lord to Joshua. But Joshua was no longer a young

man; he was "old and stricken in years". Humanly speaking he was justified in seeking rest; but how was this possible to him, while the task to which he was called remained unfinished?

A year ago we reported on the way the Lord had led us to Velur. Now that we have been here just over a year, we can look back and praise Him for all His faithfulness, and that many people have heard the Word of God. In the course of door-to-door visiting we find people friendly and willing to receive Gospel tracts; many invite us to visit them regularly for Bible teaching. A women's meeting has been commenced weekly in the home of a high-caste Hindu woman. But so far we are unable to report any definite conversions, and there is still no Church in Velur. Sunday services are held in the home of a Christian teacher, and are attended by the few Christian families at present living in Velur and in nearby Pothenur. Some of these friends are witnessing for Christ among their own neighbours, and holding Sunday Schools in their homes.

The Lord has given us a burden not only for Velur, but for the surrounding villages and towns. In a few of these there are small Churches, and these are visited on Sunday mornings. Problems connected with the handing over of S.B.M. property to Indian trusteeship had their repercussions in these Churches; in some cases quarrels and strife for power have resulted in broken fellowship and the cessation of Sunday services and women's meetings; in most of the Churches Sunday Schools are still held. We pray for a work of the Spirit of God among those known by His Name; the evangelism of India is best achieved by national Christians; but while they are fighting among themselves their witness cannot be effective.

In October the Women's Annual Rally was held in Selur and was attended by women from most Churches, giving them opportunities of fellowship and Bible teaching.

Isolated Christians living away from any Church groups have been visited and encouraged to witness consistently for Christ in difficult non-Christian surroundings. Many villages have been visited, and Christian literature sold at schools, markets and festivals; and groups of women and children have been taught in their homes. Opportunities abound, but the labourers are few; the time is short and there are many adversaries. "Pray ye therefore . . . ."

MISS P. L. WHITE

"Go . . . tell . . ."

THE population of India, a country just a little over half the size of Australia, has a population of 510 million compared

with 12 million in Australia. The Lord has commanded us to "Go . . . tell . . .", and He has set us in our respective spheres of service. The population of Velur alone is over 20,000 and there are many villages scattered around at no great distance. At the present we have hardly reached a fraction of the population of our area.

WITNESS OF THE CHURCH. We rejoice to see the increasing participation of Indian brothers and sisters in the task, men and women of God are being raised up for service in many different spheres; and in our local community we see ones and twos burdened for the souls of others, taking forth the Word in Sunday School work, Church ministry, evangelism at festivals, and through a personal ministry to neighbours and friends. It is encouraging to us to see the blessing of the Lord on their work.

Praise the Lord for the provision of a rented building. It is a great joy to all that there will now be a place set aside for worship. It is situated behind a row of shops and in amongst houses—prayer is valued that many others may be drawn to hear God's Word; and that our brethren might be aware of the opportunities that are presented in Sunday School work. The preacher to this small group in Velur conducts a Sunday School in his home in Pothenur where approximately fifty children attend. But there are many children in this town who have not heard of the Lord.

REGULAR MINISTRY IN INDIVIDUAL HOMES. The ministry in which Miss Flory and I are mainly engaged is in the visiting of different homes and the giving of regular teaching. This is to Christians and non-Christians. There is Miss Nathan who is a bed-ridden Christian; Mariammal, the secret believer; Meenatchi who seems not far from the kingdom; Ganthimuthi, Velliammal and many other Hindus who have a desire to hear more of the Christian teaching. Our work is mainly amongst women and children though occasionally a man will stay and listen to the message.

Time is also spent in distributing literature at various schools and in witness at various Hindu festivals. When one sees the masses who gather at festivals, one is aware of the magnitude of the unfinished task. We give thanks to Him that it is His work and He is commissioning His own workers, both national and foreign, for work here.

The Lord Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work". We, too, must remember this, pressing on with the task that He has given us, remembering that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

TIRUNELVELI AREA

PASTOR D. JOHN ALBERT
(Thayilpatti)

MR. FIELD and Mr. Appleby, who between them were responsible for this area over a period of nine years and who during that time did a great deal of faithful pastoral work back and forth across this far-flung field, finally left for Dindigul twelve months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Jones who, as Mr. Field remarked in last year's report, had endeared themselves to many in the Panayadipatti area, left early this year. And so for some months this field, which has a history extending back well over a hundred years, has been without resident missionaries.

The writer of this report has made only two visits to the area during the time under review. The shorter visit was in some ways the more important when Mr. Appleby and I had the privilege of sharing in the recognition services of Mr. D. John Albert, as Pastor of the Thayilpatti Church some five miles due north of Panayadipatti. This was a joyous occasion to us for several reasons. The new pastor had been one of my students during the Panayadipatti Bible Institute of 1948-49 and he is, now, the only one of that group of students who is engaged in pastoral ministry in connection with our Churches. (It may be of interest to point out that four of Mr. Morling's students are still ministering in our Churches and two are ministering in Churches outside of our immediate orbit.) Another reason for satisfaction was the presence of Pastor Victor Benjamin from Ootacamund who has been greatly used of the Lord in recent years for the quickening of the Thayilpatti Church and for the equipping of Mr. Albert for the pastoral office. And yet another reason was that this recognition service was the first glimmering of a new and more scriptural pattern after the complete break down of the old Mission system of pastorates.

The second visit was in February and March of this year when Mrs. Kuhrt and I spent eight days in Kovilpatti and two in Panayadipatti. During that time we did but little preaching as our chief purpose was to deal with property. However, I did preach in Anbinagaram to a full chapel one Sunday morning and also preached to evening congregations in Kalingalpatti and Iravarpatti. We also visited Illaiyarasenenthal, Kulakkattarkurichi, Ettayapuram, and Virudhunagar. During these days we had nearly fifty interviews with well over a hundred different representatives of the Churches and learned a great deal of the tensions and strains that have helped to make this a difficult and depressing field for our colleagues. We had long talks with all the various groups and individuals that came to see us and prayer with most of them. Of the thirty-one Churches that have so far sent back nomination

papers in connection with the formation of the Trust Societies (eight have still done nothing about it) five are so divided that the nominations have been contested.

It had been our hope to re-visit the area again during June but the slowness with which legal matters progress has put us back so that we are not sure whether we shall accomplish our purpose in July. Although our next visit will again be mainly taken up with legal matters we hope it will be possible to share with them some of the treasures of God's Word. The only specific invitation we have had this year has been for a re-visit to Illambuvanam but that was cluttered up with arrangements for a wedding with which we did not wish to become involved and was at a time which we could not manage. We hope that forthcoming visits and the settlement, in due course, of property matters may help to bring about the sort of adult relationship that now exists, for the most part, between us and the Madras Churches.

W. H. KUHRT.

DINDIGUL AREA

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

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DOZENS of boxes, cartons, rolls and paper parcels and packets of all sizes are being loaded into the unusual-looking vehicle outside the S.B.M. Bookstore in Dindigul.

"What do they contain and where are they going?" asks someone in the gathering company of curious spectators.

"These are Bibles, tracts, books and Christian literature of many kinds which we are taking out to our agents and distributors all over the south of our Tamil country," we reply.

Soon we are off on our travels. The first halt is in the city of Madurai, where, almost in the shadow of the biggest Hindu temple in the world is a branch of the Evangelical Library of London. We deliver books here to the Indian brother, who not only takes responsibility for the Library and sells books, but also pastors a Tamil Church, and edits a magazine in his native language, Malayalam. A short distance away is a bookshop run by a Pastor's son: the stock is a strange mixture, but we try to encourage him to increase its Christian content. Just outside the town of Sivakasi is a Christian centre where women come for Bible teaching. The lady superintendent was a Bible woman for many years and knows the value of books with a spiritual message; one of the parcels is for her. A few miles more, and we are in the large village of Thayil-

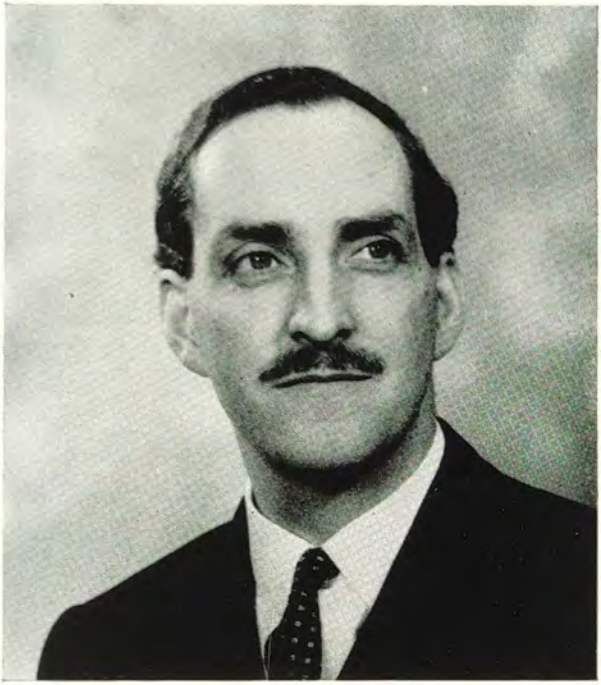
patti, where Mr. John Albert is Pastor of the Tamil Baptist Church. The agent here is a keen head master. After this we deliver parcels every few miles west of our former location of Kovilpatti. Friends in this area who recognise the value of using Christian literature include not only the Pastors and Missionaries but also a farmer, a doctor, a businessman and several teachers. South of Kovilpatti, too, we have many folk to contact, including the managers of three Christian bookshops in Palayamkottai. Pressing on from here we come to the vicinity of Cape Comorin, the southernmost tip of India, an area where Christians have considerable influence and wealth, but where bigoted Romanists are to be found and where Communism has a deadly grip on many young people in Protestant families. At the westernmost extremity of this area, right on the border of the Communist-ruled Kerala State, there is an important little municipality, the ex-chairman of which has recently opened a Bible bookshop, just across the road from his shoe and leather shop. Hundreds of Rupees worth of Bibles are unloaded here. Across the river and up the hill we call at three more bookshops, and then turning off the great concrete highway built by one of the Travancore Rajahs, we go gingerly down a rough lane bordered with cashew nut trees to a new house called "Bethel", the home of a young graduate and his family. Once he was busy filling his bookshelves with the works of Marx and Engels. Now, having become the Lord's child, he is buying books from us, not only for his own reading, but also to pass on to the pupils and staff of the large High School where he teaches. The capital of this "county" of Kanyakumari, is the town of Nagercoil with more than 100,000 inhabitants. After delivering a parcel to a printing press with a bookshop attached, we meet a third year Biology student in his college; he is a bookseller too. Not far away, by the gate of a temple dedicated to the Hindu god Krishna, there is a mud walled cottage where lives a sweetmaker, who takes delight in distributing God's Word as well as his toffees. We leave a parcel with him and then pass through some narrow streets to deliver a parcel to the home of a bearded Christian Sadhu, who is much respected as a spiritual leader. After selling books in a hospital in the town we halt for a while at a place just three miles from the "holy" southern extremity of India. A school for the deaf has just been opened in this village, and some of the students are amongst those who buy from us here. Leaving this delightful area "where every prospect pleases" we travel through a treeless area to a small town where we meet an illiterate man, who, in spite of his disability, sometimes sells as much as Rs 3,000 worth of books in a single month. He goes from village to village with a huge box on the carrier of his bicycle, and with his shirt pockets bulging with tracts. Amongst other people in this part of the country we visit the head mistress of a large High School for Girls. She purchases children's

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books for the school library both in English and Tamil and then she and her staff and some of the pupils buy books for their own reading. Keen Christian graduates in a seaport town near here have clubbed together and opened a bookshop in a main street, thus proving their prayerful and sacrificial consecration to the Lord's service. The shop is managed by a young man who was recently baptised by Mr. Kuhrt, and we leave the box of previously ordered books with this cheerful lad. There are more stops on the hundred mile trip back from the coast to Dindigul but we have no space to detail them.

We have been away for eight days, having traversed four Districts (Counties) during the 400-mile trip and having met dozens of distributors who share with us the vision of outreach through print. On such a journey as this our main aim is not so much the selling of books ourselves, as the encouragement and inspiration of others to do so. Some of these agents have seen the possibilities of a literature ministry because of the personal touch that such a tour as this allows. We joyfully recognise that through this "Book Tour" ministry the Lord is using us to challenge many whom we might never meet otherwise. For such work as this Dindigul is proving to be just the kind of centre that we hoped it might be, and we praise the Lord for the way in which confirmations of the Lord's guidance to this new location have been multiplied.

However, the above depicts but one branch of the literature work which is now such an important part of the witness of our Mission. Tours like the one described often include short stays for retail sales in Institutions. We may mention the week when we set up shop in a tent in Madurai city, when Akbar Haqq had his great crusade there. There have been many occasions when we have used the vehicle as a road-side shop, or as the "pulpit" for open air meetings in villages. We have had opportunities, too, to run stalls in the outpatient departments of several hospitals.

Mention must made of the shop, and the considerable volume of literature which we send out through the post. Now that we have modern premises for storage and sales, we are praying that the Lord will be pleased to send us qualified staff. We praise God that the value of literature sold in the last twelve months (to March 31st, 1967) exceeded by 20 per cent. sales during the previous year, but we are not satisfied with this. We remember how Daniel Webster said, "If Truth be not diffused, Error will be. If the Evangelical volumes do not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will". Nothing could be more true than this of India today.

Our depot is in an area which is almost without evangelistic witness. We have found that many villages on three sides of our town are totally devoid of Christian population of any kind. As

we face the unfinished task that lies before us in all its immensity, we have to recognise that foreign missionaries alone will never do more than scratch the surface. This was brought home to us again many weeks ago, when friendly farm workers in a hill village less than twenty miles away, but difficult of access (we had the use of the Jeep at the time) suggested that we should bring books to them on their weekly market day. We would like to do this: we feel responsible. At the same time we know that the Lord never intended foreign missionaries alone to shoulder the whole burden: witness is the responsibility of every blood-bought believer, and we are failing our national brethren if by word or deed we suggest otherwise. We not only have to share the vision with our national fellow believers: we must also encourage them to take their share in the practical response to the vision. In this context we have found literature to be a useful tool and we often pray that books distributed at large meetings and in Christian institutions may lead to a mobilisation of the rank and file in the Churches as well as to a deepening of devotional life.

We are thrilled when we meet Indian fellow believers who have seen the vision and responded to the challenge, and we desire that the Lord may be pleased to direct us in such a way that the burden may increasingly be a shared one.

RADIO EVANGELISM—PRODUCTION AND FOLLOW-UP

MR. and MRS. H. J. APPLEBY

THE theme of this annual report is certainly relevant to our situation, for, as we write (June 15th, 1967) we have an unfinished studio upstairs! We dare to hope that when you read this, it will be in use. All of which means that for the year under review we have been without a soundproof recording studio here in Dindigul! Production has been maintained by sometimes returning to use the old studio in Kovilpatti, and sometimes by borrowing the F.E.B.C. studio in Bangalore. Programmes have been put together in Dindigul, from material pre-recorded in these ways.

Since S.B.M. took up this ministry, at the close of 1958, 1,257 fifteen-minute programmes, and 426 thirty-minute programmes have been produced. Our card index now contains 3,000 cards, each one representing a postal contact; one contact for each ten minutes on the air! The stories of some of the cards are very interesting. We wish we could follow them more closely—but that also remains an unfinished task! Among the 1,062 letters during the year have been three which told of conversion experiences. May we share some letters with you? They are all from one week's post bag.

"Dear Christian friends,

I am a Tirunelveli man, at present (May 23rd, 1967) working as a teacher in Ethiopia. I am alone here, separated by time and distance from my loved ones in India. Often my heart is homesick and sad. The other day I said, 'Ba! What a life this is!' and turned on the radio to see if I could get some music. I heard a Christian lyric—it was your programme. I listened eagerly and the message brought me tremendous comfort. Now, no matter where I am, I never miss hearing the programme. My loneliness has gone, for Christ is with me; but I wish I had the courage to witness with assurance . . ." GORE, ETHIOPIA.

"Dear Sirs,

Please be kind enough to send me at your earliest convenience a copy of the Bible concordance in Tamil, by Rev. D. A. Thrower, by C.O.D., and oblige. Thanking you and may the Lord bless you . . ." POLLACHI, S. INDIA.

"Dear Sir,

I am a Hindu, but I trust the Bible and often read it. There are constant quarrels and upsets in my family. However much income there is, expenses are always more, and my mind is upset. Please advise me how to overcome this. I enclose stamps for your reply . . ." AMBUR, S. INDIA.

"Dear Sir,

I have been listening to the Goodnews broadcasts on the radio. I like listening to your programmes regularly. It is not enough just to hear; I want a mind willing to do accordingly. For this I often pray to the Lord. But today (June 7th, 1967) it was not convenient for me to listen because of school affairs. However, I do want to turn to the Lord, to be wholly Christian, and to share this with others . . ." TENKASI, S. INDIA.

"Dear Sir,

Praise the Lord for the message on the radio this evening (June 7th, 1967). It was a great comfort. Please let me have a full copy of that sermon. May I ask you please to pray for our family and for my eldest daughter, in our present troubles . . ."
TIRUNELVELI, S. INDIA.

"Respect Sir,

We have just (June 9th, 1967) come across your Bible broadcasts on the radio. We would like to have full program details . . ." PERUMBALUR, S. INDIA.

There are enough extracts here for you to see something of the variety of the contacts that write to us, giving us precious opportunities of direct ministry to specific need, in personal encounter. We covet your prayer for continual wisdom to be given us.

During the Christmas season, 1966, we offered a 1967 "Goodnews" diary for any who wrote to ask. Nearly 600 wrote; 80 per cent. of these were new contacts not previously in our files. Thirty per cent. were Tamilians living in places far from Tamil Nad, such as the Andamans, Assam, Bihar, Malaysia, and a number from Ceylon. Some who wrote listened to us first in 1959, and still continue. Others had just found us.

Now we are immersed in details of acoustic treatment of walls, design and equipping of control room, air conditioning of studio, and installation of electrical wiring. We look forward to the time when it will all be done, and we can begin live recording again in our own "Goodnews" studio.

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Convener: MR. H. J. APPLEBY

THIS is a committee comprising members of Conference, and members chosen from each area of our Churches, charged with the task of finding ways of helping the ministry of the Churches. The committee is also responsible for the administration of the David Morling Memorial Fund—a fund supported by gifts from the Churches.

The last meeting of the Committee planned four efforts for this year under review; first, a short Bible School, in Kovilpatti, between Christmas 1966 and the New Year. Second, an offer of free books for full-time Pastors, and books at half-price for voluntary preachers, from the David Morling Memorial Fund. Third, a time of conference and prayer for the eight Tamil Baptist Church Pastors. Fourth, publicity for the Prayer Day, July 9th.

The first of these projects had to be cancelled for lack of applications. Each of the Pastors has taken advantage of the book offer, but no voluntary preachers have asked for books. The Pastors' conference was a means of considerable encouragement and blessing to all who attended. The July issue of the Deebihai will contain a call to prayer for God's blessing on the Churches, and a challenge to self-examination.

No Church is using the scheme for decreasing Mission subsidy to enable it to support a Pastor. No individual has applied for financial help to receive theological training. But during the year, one Church in Ramnad District (at Thayilpatti) has called one of its members as Pastor. Brother D. J. Albert is the only Pastor thus appointed among the forty congregations in Tirunelveli and Ramnad. The Salem area has two recognised Pastors, and the Madras area, five. Only one of these eight Pastors is under fifty

years of age; several are over sixty. The matter of the ministry of the Churches seems very much an unfinished task!

NILGIRI AREA

MR. and MRS. DAVID THROWER (Kotagiri)

ON each of our last three furloughs someone or other has told us that our next term in India would of course be the last, after which we would doubtless settle in England. Our response to such suggestions was well expressed by Dr. R. G. Cochrane, the world-famed leprosy expert, in these words: "God's servants never retire". Dr. Cochrane evidently believes what he says, for he is at the present time serving as superintendent of a leprosy hospital in South India long after passing the usual retiring age. Yes, we still face an unfinished task in this needy land. Thus, while the British Government has put us on the retirement list, the work continues to challenge us with opportunities.

Mr. Thrower retired from the convenership (though not from membership) of the Literature Committee some nine months ago, not so much to escape the work involved, as to provide a change in the leadership of the Committee. He had held the office for about a quarter of a century.

Soon after last year's Report was written the third edition of our Handbook of Doctrine was received from the printers. We have since read the proofs of a second impression of Pandita Ramabai's Testimony, and hope copies of this useful piece of evangelistic literature will soon be available once more. We were much encouraged that this reprint was called for within five years of the first appearance of the book in Tamil. We have spent a good deal of time scrutinising various manuscripts on Christian Doctrine sent to us by the Ministry Committee. Other Tamil manuscripts are also sent to us for editing from a variety of sources, and we are glad to be able to help.

The office of Field Treasurer continues to demand our attention, and the duties increase steadily year by year. However, it is a joy thus to serve our colleagues and a number of Indian friends.

Our services are also in demand in connection with Christian witness on the Nilgiri Hills, where we reside. Mr. Thrower now preaches once a month at the local Tamil Baptist Church and receives calls for ministry in other places from time to time. For a number of years past we have served on the Committees of the Missionary Homes of Rest in Ootacamund, Coonoor, and Kotagiri.

Last January we paid a visit to Madras for the formation of a

property trust society for that area, and the transfer of S.B.M. properties to the same. Similar visits are expected in connection with the other areas in which the Mission owns property.

Our endeavours to develop literature distribution in this part of the Nilgiris continue to meet with varying degrees of success. Unhappily, the bookstall in the village was short-lived, but our stalls at the summer Sales of Work in Coonoor and Kotagiri again provided opportunities to sell Tamil literature. At both places the turnover was better, largely owing to the invaluable help of the S.B.M. ladies. Colportage in the environs of Kotagiri has recently been re-started by our old friend Thangam, although it is not now possible for her to itinerate with the books as frequently as she did years ago. A surprising number of items of literature are disposed of at the small book room in our home, and a correspondence course recently started in order to increase the usefulness of six of our children's booklets has been completed by some fifty boys and girls; thirty others are still sending in their answers to the questions set.

In conclusion we record our grateful appreciation of the loyal support of our many friends in the home countries and bespeak their prayerful remembrance of the activities referred to above.

ENGLAND

MR. AND MRS. G. F. CHAMPION
MR. AND MRS. P. A. GRIST
MISS M. E. HARRIS
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Fellowship in the Gospel.

WE gratefully record another year of ministry among the Churches and express our appreciation of the help and encouragement we have received from friends in all parts of the country. Missionaries home on furlough, Missionaries in training, members of Council, and the General and Deputation Secretaries have all shared in this work.

Three hundred and fifty-four engagements have been fulfilled in Sunday and mid-week ministry. Add to these statistics the warmth of much hospitality: hours of refreshing fellowship: many probing questions about the work: the careful preparation and presentation of facts concerning the work: the almost daily exposition of Missionary messages from the Word of God, and you then have a living, moving picture of Deputation Ministry.

Outstanding occasions have marked the progress of the year. A month of ministry in August among young people at the F.O.Y. House Parties and Pioneer Camp brought Missionaries from the field into close and informal contact with many young people who took full advantage of these opportunities to gain up-to-date and first-hand information about Missionary life and work.

The "Rays" and F.O.Y. London Rallies in the autumn and the Mission Gatherings in the north-west of England in September: the Annual Meetings in October and the Dorking meetings in November were more than days to mark off the calendar: they were times of rich blessing from the Lord.

In February a visit to the Continent by the President, Vice-President, General Secretary and two members of Council changed our thinking and opened up—by the clear leading of the Holy Spirit—new prospects of service. In April the Regional Meetings at Tunbridge Wells were the beginning of a deep interest in the work of the Mission in the lives of some who were there introduced to the work for the first time.

The Strict Baptist Festival in May and the Midland Missionary Rally in June again focused the attention of a great company of people upon the opportunities which are ours. So our year has run its course from the bright happy days of August through the dark busy days of autumn and winter deputation back into the spring and summer again. Already plans are laid, subject to the Sovereign Will of the Lord, for the year that lies ahead—plans which we trust will meet the needs of increasing interest in the work of the Lord committed to us. Truly, we can say, "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness".

MR. and MRS. GEORGE F. CHAMPION

WE appreciate this opportunity to express our thanks to God for His goodness throughout another year, and our gratitude to all our friends who have helped us in so many ways, including receiving us into their homes, and making our visits to the Churches so full of interest and happy memories. During the year Mrs. Champion was brought through a fairly serious operation and by God's goodness has gradually been regaining health and strength, so that for the past few months she has once more been engaging in deputation work among the supporting Churches. During the last twelve months our diary shows that we have been to about eighty places and between us have given about two hundred sermons and addresses of various kinds. This has given us a wide experience of fellowship in the Lord's work, and has been an encouragement and stimulus to us for which we are most grateful.

After much prayer and thought, we have felt led to the decision that we should not return to India. It is now more than forty years since we first had the privilege to go out to serve the Lord in that country, but we believe the Lord would now have us serve Him in England. It is our hope that one of our Churches in this country may be led to invite us to their ministry, and we have committed our future way to the Lord, and look to Him for guidance.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Grist

"YOU have had to come home from India and cannot return. Does this mean that you now cease to be a missionary?" So came the first question from the Chairman of the S.B.M. panel on the Thursday evening of the Festival at St. John's Wood. The answer to that question is most emphatically "NO".

"The field is the world," said Jesus. So, God has brought us to the missionary field of England that we might continue the task of spreading the good news of salvation. In India, God's work continues. It has not received a blow of defeat because we cannot go back. Satan hasn't gained a victory through this. The hand of a sovereign God is evident although we may not understand how. He knows best where to place His servants. With the experience of the work behind us, we are now called to join the ranks of the Lord's people in the homeland to wrestle on in prayer for those who are still there and hope to go in the near future. We long for revival blessing amongst His people in India.

Looking back over nearly eleven years, we feel very thankful to God for allowing us to serve Him in India. The country and its people will always have a special place in our thoughts and prayers. In India we made friends who will always be our friends and we love them in the Lord. May God continue to help those who face the unfinished task.

At the time of writing, we have just accepted the call of God to serve Him in the Church at Colchester. This will be a new experience for us, but we are certain that the Lord Who so wonderfully helped us in India will continue to give us the grace and wisdom that we shall need in the coming days.

Miss M. E. Harris

BEFORE I left India for furlough, my sister and I did one more camp in the Nadukombai during September and October of last year; and we also did one more camp up on the Kolli Hills during November and December. I then got down to the business

of packing up for furlough, and of getting all my documents in order before leaving India. I was greatly helped in getting the "no objection to return" endorsement on my passport, which it is essential to possess in order to gain re-admission into India on return from furlough. The Lord also helped me, right at the last, to get a berth on a ship sailing direct from Bombay to England. This meant that I did not have to do the journey across Europe alone, and I also arrived back in England a few days earlier.

Now deputation work is occupying my time, and I am kept busy travelling from one place to another, and speaking at numerous meetings. It is a great pleasure seeing old friends once again, and meeting new ones too. It is always encouraging to discover those who are taking a real interest in the Lord's work out in South India, and who are faithfully praying for us every day.

I am very much enjoying my time in the home country, and being with my own people. But the unfinished task in India cannot be forgotten. The need to be ready to return for another five-year term must always be kept in mind. I therefore realise how essential it is that every effort be made on furlough to get properly re-equipped in body, mind and spirit, in order to face the unfinished task which awaits me in Belukurichi and on the Kolli Hills.

While I am here on furlough Miss Olive Knight is carrying on the work with my sister in India in my stead. It is good to know that my sister has a most capable and willing fellow worker, for which I praise the Lord. Let us faithfully uphold and support them both in our daily prayers.

Miss Ruth Bucknall

THE past year has been a very happy one for me. I have been free from the strain of important examinations, and I have had interesting work from which I have gained useful knowledge. More important, though, I have experienced God's guidance and care in many ways. The Churches of the Birmingham area have made me most welcome and I am grateful for the kindness shown to me. By the time this report is printed, I shall be at the South Wales Bible College, which is, I believe, God's place for me for the next two years

"Facing a task unfinished"—for me it is hardly begun. My immediate task is to equip myself for the future by studying carefully and by my private devotions. Many questions trouble me at times. Will I be allowed to enter India? What about climate and language? I have to remind myself constantly that God has called me to this task and that His grace will be sufficient for me.

Miss C. M. Newlyn

"And Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16.15 R.V.

FACING the prospect of going to India in November is certainly facing a task unfinished, with the millions there who have never even heard of the Saviour. May we ask for your prayers as we seek to go and make Him known?

This task, however, is not for us alone, but one which all Christians must face wherever they are. Our own land is just as needy as India. It seems still to be a task far from being finished, and yet we have the assurance that one day there will be, "a great multitude, which no man could number, out of *every* nation, and of *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes . . ." (Rev. 7. 9 R.V.). What encouragement to press on!

Miss A. Creecy

IT is so easy while preoccupied with the rush of the last few weeks of my college course to forget the reason why I have undergone this period of Bible Training and why I shall go on to medical training. These things are not ends in themselves, but are means to the end that I might be equipped to go to India to "face a task unfinished". As I have worked and lived among those who know not Christ, and have seen how hard are their hearts, how immense the task has appeared. As I have seen my own weakness, sinfulness and inability, how overwhelming the task has appeared. Yet as I have seen my God, He has said to me "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43. 1-3).

Surely I can face the task with such a God as this.

Mr. C. M. Howells

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

IT was the motto of the ejected Puritans of 1662, "I preach as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men." The task which was unfinished then is still unfinished today. As in the days of the Puritans we live in a time when there are two great needs. The tremendous need of a world without hope, and the

equally great need for committed Christian men and women who will face up to their responsibilities before God and their fellow men. This is never easy. As I look forward to serving the Lord in India, the natural inclination is to shrink from it, but we can ever remember that the battle is the Lord's, and it will be won, "not by might nor power but by My spirit saith the Lord of hosts". As we fight on in this battle for the Lord, may we be able to say with John Bunyan, "I fought 'til my sword did cleave to my hand; and then they were joined together as if a sword grew out of my arm; and when the blood ran through my fingers, then I fought with most courage".

Mr. John Clarkson

THIS has, in many ways, been a year of consolidation and of ideas flowing into place. Yet too this has been a year of failure, of falling where I had thought myself secure and of having to re-learn lessons which I had thought irrevocably borne in on me. Thus perhaps the Lord would teach humility, and yet how hard it is to humble oneself, under His mighty hand.

This summer I went on a vocational training course at the Royal Crichton Mental Hospital, which was most helpful, as was a car maintenance course at Ford's over Easter. During the year I have been acting as a Student Pastor. I am truly grateful to them for all the help they have been to me, and for their fellowship especially at the prayer meetings.

In the coming year I face the prospect of "finals", and would very much value prayer that I might receive all needed physical strength and spiritual vigour, especially as the exams draw near in May to June. There is so much to do, so much that will have to be left undone: may the Lord grant wisdom, for His Name's sake.

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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.

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7.—Regeneration and sanctification by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of Divine truth. Saving faith is not a legal duty, but the sovereign and gracious gift of God.

8.—The absolute necessity for a holy life, as the result of true faith and the evidence of regeneration.

9.—The final perseverance of true believers.

10.—The preaching of the Gospel to every creature of the fallen race of Adam is a Divine command and a solemn obligation.

11.—The necessity of baptism by immersion, on a profession of repentance and faith, in order to Church fellowship and admission to the Lord's Table. The congregational order of the Churches.

12.—The Personal Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead, and the universal judgment, the everlasting punishment of the wicked, and the everlasting happiness of the righteous.

RULES

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

2.—The Membership of the Association is limited to 300, and is composed of members of Particular and Strict Baptist Churches subscribing to its funds according to the Articles of Association.

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

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

5.—That its Officers be—a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and the Secretaries; and that the doctrinal basis be taken as representing the principles by which it shall be governed.

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

7.—That the Council meet in London as often as necessary, at such time and place as may be determined upon by a majority of its members present at any such meeting, ten (including the Chairman) to form a quorum.

8.—That a month's notice be given of any new business intended to be introduced to the Council.

9.—That with a view to giving contributing Churches of the faith and order of its doctrinal basis direct participation in the conduct of this Mission, every such Church subscribing—from all sources during the current year—£3 is entitled to nominate one of its members to be a member of the Association for the ensuing year; a similar payment of £10 entitles such a Church to nominate two members; £20, three members; £40 four members. Such nominations to be in writing, signed by the Secretary of the Church, and sent to the General Secretary of The Strict Baptist Mission. Members so nominated will be qualified to attend and vote at the Annual and General Meetings of the Association.

10.—That in the event of the death or retirement of any of the Officers or Council, any such casual vacancy may be filled up by the other members of the Council.

11.—That all meetings be commenced and concluded with prayer.

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

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STRICT BAPTIST MISSION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1967

1966	CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	£	£
	General Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1966 ...	5258	
	Add: Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account for year ...	47	
5258			5305
	Sustentation Fund—		
8970	Balance at 1st August, 1966 ...	8970	
—	*Less:* Adjustment to reduce the value of investments to market value	3777	
			5193
14228			10498
	REVENUE RESERVES		
	General Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1966 ...	8938	
	Less: Adjustment to reduce the value of investments to market value	2201	
8938			6737
	Legacies Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1966 ...	2839	
—	*Add:* Legacies received during year to date	1901	
		4740	
	Less: Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	1477	
2839			3263

1966	FIXED ASSETS	£	£
	Investments (quoted) at Market Value—		
	General Fund:		
2844	£2986 3½% War Stock	1534	
371	£400 3½% Conversion Stock ...	208	
2094	£3300 2½% Consolidated Stock ...	1213	
1621	£2000 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 ...	1798	
100	£100 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 ...	76	
39	£50 United Drapery Stores Ltd. Preference Stock	38	
			4867
	(Market Value 1966, £4641)		
	Sustentation Fund:		
6720	£7000 3½% War Stock	3596	
1000	£1000 2½% Treasury Stock 1975 or after	371	
1250	£1276 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board 6¾% Debenture Stock 1992/95	1226	
			5193
	(Market Value 1966, £4980)		
	CURRENT ASSETS		
1301	Sundry Debtors	906	
	Cash at Bank and in Hand (Overseas):		
1115	India	1383	
299	Australia	123	
			1506

	ACCUMULATED INCOME					
	Pension Fund:					
	Balance at 1st August, 1966 ...		158			
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account		60			
158				218		
	Sustentation Fund:					
	Balance at 1st August, 1966 ...		402			
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account		356			
402				758		
	Medical Fund (L.Z.A.):					
	Balance at 1st August, 1966		29			
	Less: Grant during year ...		23			
29				6		
	Bookmobile Fund:					
4	Balance as per Account ...			172		
	CURRENT LIABILITIES					
85	Sundry Creditors			36		
£26683				*£21688*	*£26683*	*£21688*
					Cash at Bank:	
					6000 Deposit Account	5500
					1849 Current Account	3636
					80 Cash in Hand (Floats)	80
						11628

NOTES:

(1) Indian Rupees have been converted into sterling at 11½d.
(2) Australian Pounds have been converted into sterling 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.

O. F. CLARKE, J. K. THORPE } Members of the Council of Management
P. H. CREES, Secretary

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

We have examined the books and accounts of the Strict Baptist Mission for the year ended 31st July, 1967 and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Mission so far as appears from our examination of those books, and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from Mission stations, etc., overseas. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the above Balance Sheet with the notes pertaining thereto and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account, and returns, give the information required by the Companies Act 1948, in the manner so required, and give a true and fair view of the state of the Mission's affairs as at 31st July, 1967 and of the deficiency for the year ended on that date.

We have inspected certificates representing all the investments held by the Mission.

IPSWICH.
7th September, 1967.

SCRUTTON AND GOODCHILD,
Chartered Accountants.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1967

GENERAL FUND

1966		£	£	1966		£	£
£				£			
	Indian Expenses, including education				Contributions:		
10715	of Missionaries' children		8683	11321	Churches	10963	
1770	Passages		1509	1371	Schools	1469	
50	Outfit		—	3078	Personal	2347	
148	Indian Christian Literature		136	966	Income Tax Refunded	701	
—	Literature Purchases		78	55	Stamp Corner	60	
625	Home Salaries		761		Offerings at Annual and Half-yearly		
169	Postages		206	747	Meetings	596	
640	Office Expenses, etc.		659				16136
1242	Missionaries on furlough		1647	197	Sale of Literature		316
218	Children's Allowances		129	50	Annual Reports		39
12	Missionaries in Training		345	464	Investment Income (Gross)		446
1820	Deputation Expenses		1453		Excess of Expenditure over Income for		
	Life and National Insurances (Balance			1081	the Year: Carried down		1430
155	was paid by Pension Fund)		256				
272	Publicity		272				
32	Audit Fee		32				
185	Council Travelling		171				
	Expenses at Annual and Half-Yearly						
39	Meetings		21				
141	Annual Reports		164				
130	Publications (other than Magazines) ...		230				
—	Expenses re New European Field ...		252				
	Mission House Expenses—Rates, Insur-						
178	ance, and Maintenance		524				
321	President's Visit to India		335				
	Medical Expenses	123					
	Less: Paid from L.Z.A. Medical Fund	23					
148			100				
	Transfer to.						
	Publications ("Heralds" and "Rays")						
320	Fund		404				
£19330			£18367	£19330			£18367
	Excess of Expenditure over Income for				Transfer from Legacies Fund: Being a		
1081	the year: Brought down		1430		sum equal to the Annual Average		
398	Balance transferred to Capital Account		47	1479	Legacies received in the past 10 years		1477
£1479			£1477	£1479			£1477

PUBLICATIONS ("HERALDS" and "RAYS") FUND

1966 £		£	£	1966 £		£	£
	Printing:				Sales:		
466	"Heralds"	484		271	"Heralds" ...	271	
264	"Rays"	317		139	"Rays" ...	126	
							397
			801	320	Transfer from General Fund ...		404
£730			£801	£730			£801

BOOKMOBILE FUND

96	Payments for Vehicle and Equipment...	1741	—		Balance in Hand: 1st August, 1966 ...	4
4	Balance in Hand	172			Further sum received from Fellowship	
			100		of Youth	1909
£100		£1913	£100			£1913

SUSTENTATION FUND

	Excess of Income over Expenditure:			297	Investment Income (Gross)	356
	Carried to Accumulated Income					
297	Reserve	356				
£297		£356	£297			£356

PENSION FUND

654	National Insurance of Missionaries ...	466	636		Investment Income (Gross)	577
	Legal Costs re Appointment of Addi-					
10	tional Trustees...	—				
—	Pension for Retired Missionary... ...	51				
	Excess of Income over Expenditure:					
Deficit	Carried to Accumulated Income					
28	Reserve	60				
£636		£577	£636			£577

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

1st AUGUST, 1966, to 31st JULY, 1967

	£	s.	d.
Accrington	12	10	0
Acton Friends	8	16	0
Aldbury	12	0	0
Aldringham	7	13	0
Australia	242	15	3
Aylesbury	136	17	5
Badingham	4	19	6
Basildon	70	15	5
Bath	22	4	0
Beccles	113	5	11
Bedford	50	14	6
Bedworth	67	2	11
Belvedere	114	13	0
Bermondsey	30	3	0
Bethersden	66	4	6
Bexleyheath	35	16	8
Bible Spreading Union	10	0	0
Bierton	44	7	10
Billinghay	71	13	9
Bilston	2	6	0
Blackburn	14	2	6
Blakenham	65	8	0
Blaxhall	16	6	1
Boncath	4	3	6
Borough Green	70	15	0
Bradenstoke	56	12	10
Bradfield St. George	91	14	1
Brentford	172	10	7
Brighton—			
Ebenezer	73	1	0
Tabernacle	266	10	0
Brockley (Suffolk)	25	10	0
Bromley	48	13	9
Buckland Common	3	5	8
Burnley	3	9	0
Bury	27	2	9
Cambridge—			
Eden	160	9	8
Tenison Road	28	6	6
Carlton	32	0	6
Caterham	27	12	6
Chadwell Street	46	13	10
Chatteris, Zion	59	11	3
Chelmondiston	33	15	0
Chelmsford	68	6	6
Cheltenham	6	0	0
Chesham	38	19	0
Chingford	24	9	6
Chorley	9	11	6
Christian Companions (Majorca Party)	6	0	0
Clapham	203	3	0
Clayton West	4	2	8
Clifton	41	15	11
Colchester	93	9	9
Colnbrook	5	18	6
Cottenham	11	15	9
Cradley Heath	11	10	6
Cransford	33	8	0
Crawley	5	14	0
Crowfield	7	11	0
Croydon—			
Derby Road	84	3	11
District	10	19	6
Tamworth Road	154	10	0
Cuckfield	12	0	0
Deeping St. James	9	16	3
Devizes	31	13	1
Dorking	433	14	3
Downe	35	0	0
Dunmow	16	3	0
Dunstable	43	15	0
Eastbourne Auxiliary	24	7	0
East Ham	18	4	6
Egham	20	2	9
Ely	9	19	6
Enfield Highway	3	3	0
Epsom	94	0	0
Erith	12	10	0
Farnham	10	7	11
F.O.Y.—			
House Party	37	18	8
Suffolk, Southern	10	10	2
Suffolk, Western	10	11	3
Five Ash Down	5	0	0
Fleckney	1	15	0
Fressingfield	27	17	6
Fulham	13	5	0
Gaddesden Row	6	5	6
Gadebridge	43	15	9
Glemsford	21	0	0
Gravesend	4	7	0
Grays	8	14	0
Great Gransden	26	0	0
Great Yeldham	26	1	9
Greenwich	158	3	4
Grundisburgh	32	3	6
Guildford	242	5	2
Hadleigh	110	0	9
Hadlow	2	0	0
Hailsham	32	16	9
Halstead	31	2	4
Hammerfield	6	10	0
Handcross	8	5	4
Hartlepool	60	10	0
Harwich	23	0	10
Haslemere—			
Hope	41	4	3
Rose Corner	5	0	8
Hastings Auxiliary	55	9	7
Haworth	30	15	10
Hebden Bridge	5	0	0
Highbury	137	4	7
High Wycombe	51	1	2
Hilmarton	4	7	0
Hinckley	30	8	6
Homerton	41	12	1
Horham	142	19	10
Horley	10	18	0
Horsham	14	3	5
Hounslow	150	3	9
Hoxne	21	8	5
Ilford	170	0	0
Ipswich—			
Bethesda	595	17	4
Mt. Zion	161	5	4
Zoar	185	18	1
Irthlingborough	20	8	2
Ivinghoe	2	0	0
Kenninghall	4	16	10
Kesgrave	217	7	1
King's Langley	64	18	0
Kingston on Thames	20	0	0
Knaphill	3	3	0
Laxfield	73	14	9
Lea	11	5	6
Lee Common	4	12	5
Leicester Friends	5	0	0
Leiston	50	10	11
Lewes	6	10	0
Lewisham	28	0	6
Leyton	48	17	5
Little Downham	19	15	6
Little Staughton	3	14	0
Lode	5	0	0
Long Marston	1	10	0
Lymm	10	0	0
Manor Park	45	15	0
March	80	10	4
Margate	40	14	6
Mendlesham Green	28	5	6
Meopham	19	2	10
Middlesbrough	75	4	0
Midlands Rally	20	15	2
Naphill Mission	3	0	0
N.S.B.S.S.A. Camp	8	0	0
Needingworth	7	2	9
Newcastle on Tyne	8	8	6
New Cross	243	5	5
Newick	37	4	0
Northampton	15	12	0
North Finchley	143	15	0
Northern Gatherings	34	18	4
Norwich & Salhouse	10	8	6
Notting Hill Gate	26	16	0
Occold	51	0	2
Old Hill Station Rd	32	17	0
Old Hill Spring Meadow	15	0	0
Otley, Suffolk	20	1	6
Over	82	2	10
Pemberton	37	0	0
Ponders End	12	8	6
Portsmouth	9	15	0
Potten End	51	9	0
Potton	32	14	7
Poynings	33	12	7
Prayer Fellowship of S.E. Asia	5	10	0
Preston	12	15	6
Prittlewell	27	12	11
Ramsey	131	14	11
Rattlesden	26	3	2
Readers of the "English Churchman"	1	0	0
Reigate	11	14	0
Richmond	122	4	0
Rishangles	44	13	4
Robert Stockwell Trust	20	0	0
Rochdale	3	10	0
Rotherham	13	19	0
Royton	60	18	6
Ryarsh	13	13	6
Slaithwaite	6	19	6
Sleaford	9	18	4

Smarden	14	17	6
Somersham	18	14	10
South Chard	8	0	0
Southport	78	0	0
Staines	49	10	0
Stamford	21	11	0
Stamp Corner	60	0	0
Stoke Ash	152	14	10
Stoke Golding	30	9	10
Stonham Parva	12	0	0
Stowmarket	67	19	7
Stratford	116	19	7
Streatham	229	6	9
Stretham	17	1	11
St. Albans	17	16	0
St. John's Wood	180	17	3
St. Neots	16	17	9
Sudbourne	104	5	0
Sudbury	13	0	0
Sunderland	3	8	6
Sutton at Hone	18	3	2
Sutton, Cambs.	10	8	6
Swanley	6	0	0
Swindon	93	13	10
Tadworth	2	0	0
Tenterden		11	6
Thame	19	3	0
Thorndon	5	2	7
Thornhill	8	15	9
Tips End	2	15	0
Tring	98	4	8
Trowbridge	79	11	5
Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hill Hall	112	10	7
Tunstall	48	8	7
Turves	3	5	0
Waldringfield	38	0	1
Walsall	51	11	6
Walthamstow	21	16	6
Wandsworth	74	8	7
Warbleton	55	6	6
Warboys	182	8	4
Warrington	2	0	0
Watford—			
Beulah		10	0
Tabernacle	206	8	10
Wattisham	124	19	1
Wellingborough	42	5	4
Welwyn, Evangelical	6	0	0
West Ham	45	3	1
West Hoathly	30	0	0
Wetherden	84	6	0
Whitestone	5	5	0
Whittlesey	45	6	0
Whitton	71	8	10
Willenhall	69	13	1
Willingham	15	7	2
Wiltshire Rally	30	3	3
Wimbledon	60	8	2
Winchmore Hill Friends	8	14	6
Wivelsfield	7	2	0
Women's Fellowship—			
Bucks & Herts.	2	2	0
Cambs. & E. Mids.	4	4	0
Suffolk	5	5	0
Wood Green—			
Eldon Road	12	0	0
Park Ridings	14	13	6
Woolwich	41	17	2
Yarmouth		18	1
Yateley	106	12	0
Yaxley	5	0	1

LEGACIES

Mr. W. R. Nicholson	10	0	0
Miss G. M. Kirkman (final)	87	4	9
Miss E. Reynolds	50	0	0
Miss A. Appleyard	5	0	0
Miss D. R. Little	41	15	7
Mr. W. Thwaites	50	0	0
Miss A. F. S. Pitt	1549	0	5
Miss K. F. Miller	107	18	4
	£1900	19	1

Total of Personal Gifts	£2213	6	3

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ENQUIRIES.—Please address all enquiries concerning the General Work of the Mission to the General Secretary.

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 6d. per copy. Quantities ordered for the year sent post free. Single copies by post 4s. 6d. for the year.

Rays from the East. A bi-monthly Magazine for children. Price 2d. Quantities ordered for the year sent post free. Reductions for quantities. Single copies by post, 2s. 6d. per annum.

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."