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THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD



THE HERALD

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1968

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STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

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MISSION DEPUTATION

We anticipate with pleasure the arrival in this country of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett, Mr. J. R. Field and Miss M. M. Cook. After the normal period of holiday and rest our colleagues look forward to busy programmes of meetings and services and would greatly value the prayers of God's people that this ministry may be used for His glory.

There are still a few vacancies in the Deputation Diary for mid-week meetings. Early arrangements with the Deputation Secretary of the Mission would not only avoid disappointment but also greatly facilitate planning.

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

NEW YEAR PRAYER MEETING AND FAREWELL TO MISS M. E. HARRIS

JANUARY 5th FRIDAY 7 p.m.

AT ANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH LONDON, E.C.1.

Speaker: **PASTOR D. C. MANN**

A CHALLENGE TO WOMEN
OUR TARGET—£1,000

To help the Mission meet this year's heavy commitments. Please explore ways and means to stimulate giving in your Churches, over and above your regular contributions. Women's Gift Envelopes and further details in March.

" Shew ye . . . the proof of your love " 2 Cor. 8. 24.

EVENING MEETINGS

Two hurricane lanterns shed light on the eager faces of adults and children crowded together on the low verandah of a Kolli Hill house. A few minutes earlier when we had arrived, escorted by five little girls, we had had to stoop to get under the eaves. Women and children were sitting nearest to Dr. Harris and me. Half a dozen men were also there. The owner of the house stood in the doorway until another man went off home, and there was room for him to sit on the verandah. His wife sat just inside the house. When the light rain ceased others for whom there was no room under the eaves came from their houses and stood outside listening. We were rejoicing in the privilege of being there to tell of Jesus and His love.



A house belonging to John Abraham in Alathur on the Kolli Hills. The Sunday services are held under the flat roofed leafy shelter outside.

This was the sixth evening in succession that there had been an opportunity to spend time with the local people, but this was the first time we had been in that part of the village in the evening. Dr. Harris told a few people that we should be happy to go into the village in the evenings, and we have been encouraged by receiving invitations. It has usually been children who have come to say that people were ready for us to go and sing. Three evenings we have been to the Postmaster's house, where there is a covenient open space near the centre of the village, and men and women sat around in the moonlight. The other two evenings we have been to a house on the edge of the village. Three children of that family have endeared themselves to us, although one of the girls is named Rubbish. The eldest son of the family has been married three months, and he and his bride, as well as the parents, have listened intelligently. Neighbours also have come there.

In these informal meetings we explain the meaning of the lyrics, and take opportunities to tell of the birth, life, death, and resurrection, ascension, and return of the Lord Jesus, and of the way of salvation through Him. One boy who is in standard five at school comes each evening. "'Let the Name of the Lord Jesus always be greatly praised', is the lyric that has gripped me," he says. Our attractive little friend Rubbish sings—to a tune of her own composition—"He was born and died to take us to heaven". The children like us to sing a line at a time, so that they can repeat it after us. We hope that this helps to impress the words on the adults as well as on the children.

This type of meeting has developed during the second part of our stay here. We were planning to return to the plains after four weeks because the building in which we were staying was needed at harvest time. Then we were offered the use of two other buildings. It is since we have moved into them that we have met the village people much oftener, and have had these informal evening meetings. We are able to spend a few weeks with these people. Our contacts with residents of other villages in this area on the northern end of the Kolli Hills are much less frequent. "Faith cometh by hearing." But these people have very few opportunities to hear. Join us, please, in praying that the Lord will send His messengers to them.

A little news of the Annual Meeting of the Dorcas Women's Meeting of the Rasipuram Baptist Church is written with the hope that it will be an encouragement to those of you who were praying for us that day.

By three o'clock, the time at which the meeting was scheduled to start, the regular members and a few visitors from other Churches had arrived. As Hindu and Roman Catholic women from the neighbourhood were expected we waited some time before commencing the meeting. After the opening lyric, prayer, and Bible reading, the report of the previous year was read by the wife of a lorry driver. I noted that the women have met once a month for Bible study. Some of them have been visiting different houses to tell of the Lord Jesus. Poorer members have been helped by gifts from the funds. We sang a hymn, and then I was asked to speak. While I was speaking more women arrived, so that the congregation doubled in size, and finally there were more than fifty present. We were glad to have these women join us, and pray that though they heard only part of the message, yet in that they will have received a message from the Lord.

We were all invited to stay to tea after the meeting. It was a very nice tea. There were also embroidered items including a table cloth, handkerchieves, a pillow case, and shopping bags for sale. Members of the meeting use their abilities for this sort of work to help increase their funds.

While we were in Rasipuram we saw preparations and the beginning of a Hindu festival. I have since heard that four or five of the members of the Dorcas meeting have been out among the crowds speaking of the way of salvation and distributing literature.

Let us continue to help them, and all the sisters of our Tamil Baptist Churches, by prayer.

Olive R. Knight.

APOCALYPTIC

The events of last June in Western Asia aroused an enormous amount of interest in India. The three leading English dailies in the south all took a line that was for the most part critical and sometimes sharply critical of the official government position. It was a surprise to me to find very ordinary members of the Christian Church taking an intelligent interest in events and showing an acquaintance with the prophetic scriptures that I would never have suspected them of.

In August I was due to teach for nearly three weeks at a Bible School in the State of Kerala, currently ruled by a United Front dominated by Marxists. My friend who has been running this short term Bible School annually for nine years wrote to me at about the time of the Israel conflict and urged me to undertake the teaching of the two books Daniel and Revelation. He felt that events taking place inside and outside of India indicated a fresh study of what God has said to His Church about the "end times". I was a little taken aback but finally concluded that it would be wrong to decline such a challenge. Six addresses were delivered in Tamil on the book of Daniel at Satyamangalam in Coimbatore District in connection with a largely attended Bible Conference organised by friends of the Ceylon and India General Mission and then in Tiruvalla there were ten sessions on Daniel and twenty on Revelation sometimes in Tamil and sometimes in English interpreted into Malayalam, the language of the State of Kerala.

Although I did run into a certain amount of difficulty over interpretation because most of my hearers had been indoctrinated along one particular line and had not so much as heard that there was any other interpretation that could be held by evangelicals I managed to keep myself and the class concentrating upon major issues. In spite of the mental exertion involved in coming down from a comfortable non-committal perch on the fence and in answering numerous questions that were fired at me from people who had come down on the other side of the fence I do not for one moment regret undertaking such a tough assignment. In a country where a small, poor and often backward Christian community is apprehensively facing an increasingly threatening future and the possibility of losing the missionary assistance upon which it has leaned for too long, the grotesque symbolism that in calmer days seems irrelevant, begins to flame with light and to tingle with contemporaneity.

If people in the West do not yet know what the mark of the beast is, there are people in these lands who know and are already being tempted to wear it. People in the West may still be in doubt whether or not they are to pass through the tribulation but there are people in the East who strongly suspect they are already passing through it just as their predecessors did in the days of Domitian and his successors. It will be a privilege for as long as we are allowed, to continue to testify to a timid little flock that they need not be afraid for it is the Father's good pleasure to give them the kingdom.

Only to-day the editor of "Light of Life", a flourishing magazine that has an all India circulation, wrote to me: "Do you think you could find time to write an article for us—perhaps something on Daniel, but addressed particularly to an Indian audience, coming out of your Satyamangalam meetings. . . . We have a special ministry of teaching, and I think our share of the work in building up the Church for coming trials is not without its value".

W. N. H. Kuhrt.

THE PRESIDENT

PASTOR J. K. THORPE

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THE POSITION AND POLICY OF S.B.M. WORK IN INDIA

Under present legislation we cannot send new Missionaries for evangelism into India. When visas are refused we have no grounds of appeal for such Missionaries, and so unless there is a change of policy by the Government of India we must take it that the door is closed to our new recruits.

We believe that present Missionaries will be able to continue in their work, but as they retire there will obviously have to be the running down of the work in India. This is what the present Government of India intends.

We wish, however, to re-affirm our sense of call and purpose to work in every possible way to bring the Gospel to the Tamil-speaking people within and outside of India. We shall not withdraw Missionaries unless compelled to do so, and it is our wish to do more, not less, for the Tamil people. The Council of the Mission is giving serious attention to the implementation of this policy and is forward-looking in its plans being prayerfully made in conjunction with our Conference of Missionaries in India.

Our new Assistant Secretary, Mr. B. F. Ellis, will be going to India early next year and will be able to share in these vital considerations at Conference time.

We trust, therefore, that our supporting Churches and friends in this country and in Australia will fully support this policy and give us the financial means to carry it through. This is a time for constant prayer and increasing effort to maintain and advance our present work in India, working with our Tamil brothers and sisters, to ensure the continuance of witness to the Tamil people by all possible means, whatever may eventually happen in respect to Missionaries from abroad.

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THE VICE-PRESIDENT

PASTOR C. C. POND

THE FIRST LOVE

I have a plea to make and I trust you will allow me to do so. This is my plea—THAT IN ALL STRICT BAPTIST CHURCHES THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION SHOULD HAVE THE FIRST LOVE AND MAJOR SUPPORT IN INTEREST, PRAYER, SERVICE AND MONEY.

Some of you may say, "But surely this is already so!" Happily, in many Churches the S.B.M. is given priority. But glance at the Treasurer's article in your Annual Report—remember—prayer and finance go hand in hand. You will discover that support for the Mission has either stopped altogether or been diverted to other Missions to the tune of no less than £1,400—and this—at a time when we called for an increase of £2,000.

This must be the time, therefore, to give the reasons why our Churches should give their major support to S.B.M.

1. THE S.B.M. SHOULD HAVE OUR FIRST SUPPORT because the Mission bears the name of our Churches: can only exist by our Churches and must be the clearest expression of Missionary obedience by all our Churches.

2. THE S.B.M. SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY IN OUR CHURCHES because it is Scripturally based. We rejoice in every Mission true to the Gospel of God revealed in the Word—we imply no unseemly criticism of the work of brothers and sisters in Christ—nor do we suggest for a moment that support of other missions should cease.

BUT—I want to ask you—Where is there another Mission true to the Reformed Faith of the Scriptures: True to the Baptist Principles of the Scriptures and providing for local Church involvement as required by Scripture? I ask—WHERE IS THAT MISSION TRUE TO ALL THESE PRINCIPLES OF SCRIPTURE THAT CLAIMS OUR SUPPORT BEFORE THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION?

May we not say that support of S.B.M. will reflect our zeal for the truth of God—the Doctrines of Grace and sound Church order? Can it be that these things no longer matter? The Lord have mercy on us.

3. THE S.B.M. SHOULD BE OUR PRIOR CONCERN BECAUSE THERE IS A CONTINUING AND INCREASING NEED.

Do I hear some one saying—O but we thought we were withdrawing from India and so we thought support was no longer needed! My dear friend—YOU HAVE BEEN SADLY MISLED.

Let me show you the true position—step by step.

FIRST—the fact. There is but one new factor in our situation. That new factor is simply that we are not able to visualise sending new recruits to India under the existing regulations of that land, and humanly speaking it will be a long time before that is changed.

NOW—supposing—only supposing—that were the end of the story. Still the conclusion that support is no longer needed would be quite mistaken. We need to provide the means for existing missionaries to continue their work under increasing difficulties—to support them as they hasten the process of Indianising the Churches—the literature and radio ministries. THIS ALONE DEMANDS OUR CONTINUED AND INCREASING SUPPORT.

BUT THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE STORY BY A VERY LONG WAY. The situation is indeed sad, but it is also challenging. It is distressing for our candidates for whom we must earnestly pray—BUT EVEN FOR THEM ALL IS NOT LOST.

We are not to suppose that we must stop evangelising Tamils simply because we cannot get new recruits into India itself. We can and must reach them still even if it be from a distance. We can reach them still by means of students returning to the Tamil country. We can reach them still by radio. We can reach them still by evangelising groups of Tamils in other parts of the world where the door to direct contact is still open.

FURTHERMORE—Supposing in the good providence of God the door to India itself were once more wrenched open for us. This is not impossible. So we ought to keep alive our specialised knowledge of Tamil and the Tamil people in anticipation of such a day.

N.B.—Let us say clearly that OUR MISSION TO THE TAMIL PEOPLE IS NOT FINISHED BY A VERY LONG WAY INDEED. WE ARE

"Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees.
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease."

STILL—The whole story is not told. The Lord gave the S.B.M. a special task among the Tamils. Did He mean that we were to close our eyes to the rest of the world? Surely not! I believe that, at this time, God is calling us to a wider vision. The Gospel of Free Grace is for the World.

The call to Europe is clear and to this we are already committed. A recent letter from Spain pleads for our help with personal and other forms of co-operation.

It is my conviction that there is no open Mission Field that ought to be regarded as closed to our active service or co-operation.

In entertaining such a vision we are not to reduce our support for the work in India. That support must be increased and not diminished. But at the same time we must FOLLOW THE LAMB WHITHERSOVER HE LEADS.

HERE—then is the challenge that requires our enthusiasm, ingenuity and maximum endeavour—that all our people and all our Churches acknowledge in practice the prior claim of the S.B.M. Why?

(i) because it is the Mission of Strict Baptist Churches;

(ii) because it stands for Biblical principles.

(iii) because there is a continuing and increasing need.

I conclude with two verses of Scripture: 2 Samuel 10, 11 and 12.

"And Joab said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, I will come and help thee. Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth Him good."

"LET US PLAY THE MAN FOR—OUR—PEOPLE."

WHERE DID OUR INCOME COME FROM?

Churches and Boxes	£10,963
Personal Gifts	£2,347
Legacies	£1,477
Sunday Schools	£1,469
Tax Refund on Covenants	£700
Annual and Half-Yearly Meetings	£596
Interest on Investments	£446
Stamp Corner	£60
INCOME WAS DOWN BY	£1,400

We need a *twenty per cent.* increase this year, please.

COMMENT

The 1967 Annual Meetings, held at Westminster Chapel on October 24th, proved to be a time of real blessing and we praise God for the manifest sense of His presence and power. Attendances were encouraging and the day's offerings (£523 15s. 1d.) showed an encouraging increase on the previous year.

We praise God for His guidance in the business meeting and the assurance that He is with us, although these are challenging and difficult days.

At the afternoon service, chaired by the Vice-President, Pastor C. C. Pond, we were glad to hear news of work on the Kolli Hills from Miss M. Harris. It was a joy, too, to welcome the Assistant General Secretary, whose address was appropriately based on the Macedonian call in Acts 16.

The evening Rally was presided over by our esteemed President, Pastor J. K. Thorpe. It was tinged with sadness because we had expected to rejoice with Mr. Colin Howells and Miss Carole Newlyn as they prepared to go to India—but the refusal of visas made this impossible. Nevertheless, "God is still on the Throne" and we were reminded of this as Mr. and Mrs. Champion—soon to leave Mission Service—surveyed over forty years of missionary work in India. Only Glory will reveal the fruit of these labours and we praised God for His servants and were glad of the opportunity of wishing them His richest blessing and assuring them of our prayers as they sought the Lord's will for their future ministry in the homeland.

How glad we were also to hear the word of the Lord as Pastor B. J. Berge, of Brussels, spoke to us from Rom. 1. 8-12. We felt it good to strengthen the bonds of fellowship with our brethren and sisters in Europe and rejoiced in the avenues of service the Lord is giving us among them.

At the end of the day we could sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow . . ." with a full heart and go our several ways renewed in the assurance that, in the midst of difficulties and disappointments, "as for God, His way is perfect".

COLOURED SLIDES WITH TAPED COMMENTARY. A new set of slides entitled "IT HAPPENED ON THE KOLLIS" is available for use in the Churches. Please contact the General Secretary, who will be pleased to arrange a date on which these slides can be used in your meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. KUHRT—NEW ADDRESS. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt are now living at 66 Palaniappa Nagar, SALEM, 5, S. India.

MISS M. E. HARRIS whose furlough ministry has been so appreciated, expects to leave England by air for India on JANUARY 10th, 1968, D.V. The Lord will continue to bless the witness of His servant and still use the information she was able to give us to stimulate our prayer and interest.

THE ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY. Mr. B. F. Ellis will also be leaving for India on the 10th January to see the work first hand, and to confer with our Missionaries in Conference which takes place in FEBRUARY. He would value the prayers of God's people for this special period of ministry.

NEW PRICES FOR THE HERALD. Owing to increasing costs and other factors from this issue of THE HERALD we have had to increase the price for single copies 4s. 6d. each and in quantities 3s. 0d. each per annum. We do indeed value the help of all our readers and again plead for an increased circulation.

WORK ON THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE. We would again remind friends of the Mission that the Mission Council is deeply exercised about this call of the Lord to Europe and in a recent Council meeting attention was focussed on Spain. Mr. and Mrs. R. Cook, our Missionaries in Brussels, continue to study in preparation for the work that lies ahead of them, and the Mission would be glad to hear of anyone's friends who feel work on the Continent to be the burden and Call of the Lord to them. In the meantime the Officers and Council of the Mission would deeply value the constant prayer of the Churches for the Lord's guidance in this important matter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. CHAMPION. We have greatly valued the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Champion in this extended period of Deputation Ministry. The Lord has blessed the word spoken in many places. We wait in prayer and concern for the opening of the Lord's way for His servants into new avenues of service here in the Homeland.

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 TREASURY **OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 1967**

	Received	Paid
General Fund (including legacies £150	£3,253	£3,274
Other Funds	168	145
	£3,421	£3,419

Anonymous gifts thankfully received: Aylesbury, £1; Lewes, 2s.; Cambridge, 10s.; Per F.S., £1 10s.; S.E.4, £5; Ardleigh, £1; Bromley, 10s.; Rossendale, £10; Tunbridge Wells, £10.

We were encouraged by the response of the Harvest Gift Envelopes which has, of course, replaced the New Year Thankoffering. The above receipts also include offerings at the Annual Meeting, £524.

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AT THE RIVERSIDE

LIGHT . . . DARKNESS

LIFE . . . DEATH

Water is the life blood of a nation. And in India running water is very precious as well as being very pleasant to the eye. Thus in India the life of the town or village that is situated on a river bank, revolves around that river. There are seven "sacred" rivers in India (*i.e.* rivers which never run dry), of which the Cauvery is one.

Two happenings at the riverside in Velur recently illustrate the issues of life and death, of light and darkness.

Recently a young man testified to his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through the waters of Baptism. This young man came with some other Christians from Karur (a town fourteen miles distant) and we joined in fellowship with them, gathering at the water's edge. The place chosen as most suitable for the service and as a witness, was near the bridge which spans the Cauvery River. There was a sweet awareness of the presence of God as we stood there under His heavens, surrounded by His handiwork and feeling His power in the wind as it whipped up white caps on the river. After a time of praise and worship and a word of exhortation, this young man testified to the new life that is his in Christ. We knew a time of holy joy at seeing and hearing the testimony of one raised from death to life.

It was a sorrow to us, four days later, to see this very place, which was made precious to us through His presence with us there, being used by devotees who are confident that to bathe in the "Mother Cauvery" on that day will cause merit to accrue to them to the washing away of sin. How pitiful it is to see pilgrims (some walking many miles in the hot sun) come to bathe in the Cauvery to wash away their sin, unaware that it is the precious Blood alone which can do this.

What a contrast to the quiet and peacefulness of the previous Sunday: the blaring of loudspeakers, loud and raucous; the buying and selling, the haggling and bargaining at little shops and stalls around the temple; the drumming and noise as each group of devotees brought down their god to bathe it; each added to the confusion of noise that threatened to engulf. The horrors enacted: men standing on blades of long razor-edged knives until their bodies quaked that they could no longer stand there; others hugging vessels of fire to their bodies or carrying such vessels on their heads; the frenzied frantic state these men get worked into, oblivious to all things, being wholly possessed by the evil one. One not only felt the evil of Satan but saw it in all its power. Such noise and confusion; such darkness.

At sunset, the temple priests came out carrying a small raft on which a fire was burning. This was placed in the river and the people watched it drift away. It seemed symbolic of men loving darkness rather than the light of the Gospel.

Yet the light has not gone; it will not go out. Our God is Sovereign and lives in the hearts of His believers. We bless the Lord for those who stood at the riverside the previous Sunday as living testimonies of His grace; we bless the Lord for those who testified to His saving power at various towns along the Cauvery on that Hindu Festival Day and praise Him for the Gospels distributed which have thus entered many homes. His promise is that His word will not return unto Him void. The issues are clear—life or death, light or darkness. Let us pray believing to see many more coming out of darkness into His most marvellous light and knowing of life in Christ.

Phyllis L. White.



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MARCH-APRIL, 1968

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THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

WOMEN'S GIFT WEEK

March 3rd—9th, 1968

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"SHEW YE . . . THE PROOF OF YOUR LOVE"
(2 Corinthians viii. 24)

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THE PROOF OF LOVE

"Shew ye . . . the proof of your love"

The above words have been chosen for the Women's Gift envelopes for this year, and I would write a little about them.

Let us first look at the beginning of this Chapter for in verses 4-5 we may lay a foundation for showing the proof of our love. As Paul writes to these Christians at Corinth, he seeks to encourage them to give. He commends the Churches of Macedonia who, in spite of enduring great trial of affliction and poverty, gave liberally. In verse 4 we find them greatly desirous to share in the fellowship of ministering to the saints. "And this they did, not as we hoped, but FIRST gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God", verse 5. There is surely a vital message to us all here.

Have we first given ourselves to the Lord?
Are we ministering to the saints?

Paul goes on to remind these Corinthian Christians that the "Lord Jesus Christ, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich", verse 9.

Shall we remind ourselves that the Lord to-day speaks to us as much as He did to the Corinthian believers. It was for *our* sakes that He laid aside His Glory, became poor, and gave His spotless life at Calvary to redeem us. But having done that for us out of sheer Love, He now says, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service", Rom. 12. 1.

They first gave their own selves to the Lord.

My sisters, this also we must do, for as we give ourselves to the Lord, the ministering to the believers *will* follow. It *must* follow, for we shall find ourselves filled with the love of Jesus, and love must express itself.

There are believers in India.

There are believers in Europe.

The Strict Baptist Mission greatly desires to minister to these needy ones. God is calling men and women to take the Gospel to them, for some have still never heard, and among them God has His own elect. Some mothers have gladly given to Him sons and daughters. Some have no sons or daughters to give or else God has not called *them*. But you can still GIVE. Give your prayers; your Gifts. These Christians in Macedonia were poor, but they gave. Read through this chapter yourself and find how they begged the apostle to receive their gifts. Now as Paul sends Titus and other helpers to them, he says, "Shew ye to them the proof of your love".

May I appeal to you to show to the Lord and to the saints the proof of *your* love and may we all be led to give ourselves FIRST unto the Lord.

B. H.



PANAN-GARAI

"Only a little further. Only a little further", were the encouraging words of the dholi men who had carried us some of the way and were accompanying us as we made the last climb and sighted the village. We arrived mid-morning and spent the remainder of the day arranging our things. Word soon reached the villages far and near of our arrival and

patients began arriving the next day. Each morning before we began clinic we spoke with the patients, and with others who followed later, as we were led of God.

Sundays and Wednesdays we left early morning for other surrounding villages and took the Word of God to them. The children especially were excited by our coming for they knew they would receive a Tamil text card. Many would ask us to sing to them. Then we would have little open air meetings in the villages. Our walks to and from these villages were always very beautiful—through rice fields, and forests, and through rivers on stepping stones—enabling us to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. The Hills are extremely beautiful especially at this time of the year as day by day we saw the fields take on a new form, firstly being prepared for planting the seed beds and then further preparation for the planting of the plants. Praise the Lord, the earth is full of His riches. How wonderful are His works, in His wisdom He hath created them all.

The most precious time of our camp was our visits in the evenings up to the homes of the people here, where we sung and talked with them concerning the way of Salvation. Most evenings while we were there we were able to visit all the homes once or twice. Our meetings mainly centred round two Tamil lyrics, one which clearly showed the way of Salvation and the need for cleansing, and the other told of the second coming of Christ and the reasons and our need to be ready. As we sang these lyrics we also told them Bible stories which helped to make clear to them these truths. We value these opportunities, and have recognised both in the medical work and visitation the consciousness of His guidance in answer to your many prayers. The children gradually learnt the lyrics and as they came from house to house with us, joined in the singing. Only one man and his son are able to read in this village and we have left with them a New Testament. Pray that they may read it regularly and that God may give them understanding of it. The plea of the son before we left was "Just give me a book". May this become the Word of Life to him and many others. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Yvonne Conacher.

TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

There was a certain man called Cornelius . . . he saw in a vision. Peter went up to pray . . . and saw heaven opened. Acts 10.

This incident has been brought up to date for us as a family recently. God so often lays prayer upon one heart and puts the desire for action into another, then in His own way and time causes the prayer of one to be answered by the action of another.

About eighteen months before we were due for furlough, several personal reasons suggested that an earlier furlough for mother and children might be advisable. After careful consideration and prayer we decided that availability of suitable accommodation for the required period of eighteen months, would be sufficient guidance for us as to the rightness of the step. The Mission flat would not be available and we were concerned that once the children were settled into schools they should not have to change again. We asked for an advertisement to be put into three of our denominational magazines and asked friends to pray with us.

About the same time that an empty Manse was offered to us my mother saw an advertisement in *The Christian* for a furnished bungalow to let in East Sussex for missionaries on furlough. She wrote immediately and after some correspondence we were offered this bungalow for eighteen months at "a very moderate rent". It was as easy as that! How did it come about?

A child of God had for some time felt that she would like to provide a home for ministers of the Gospel to have a holiday and for missionaries on furlough. By closing other doors the Lord led her to this particular bungalow. When it was almost furnished and ready for occupation, she wrote to TWELVE Missionary Societies offering it to them for anyone coming on furlough. To her astonishment not one of them needed it then. What to do? The good lady had never heard of us, nor we of her. But the Lord knew both parties and had timed everything perfectly. So she put her advertisement in *The Christian* just for one week and my mother was the only one to reply to it.

You know the rest of the story, but you might like to know one or two extra details. There are six in our family and the bungalow has beds for six. Everything necessary for running a home is provided. The kitchen curtains, much of the kitchen equipment, two sets of blankets, eiderdowns, and bedspreads are yellow, and yellow is one of my favourite colours. A loving Heavenly Father's "overweight of joy" pressed down and running over.

IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

Margaret P. Field.

Editor's Note: Mr and Mrs Field will be living at

"Birchwood", Punnetts Town, Heathfield, Sussex

during their time in England. We rejoice with them in this wonderful provision for their need.

TO JOG YOUR MEMORY

HALF-YEARLY MEETINGS AT AKEMAN STREET, TRING. TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1968, D.V. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS IN THE MONTHLY MAGAZINES AND ON YOUR CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS.



Open-air Treatment. Doctor R. M. Harris deals with a minor "casualty" among the "dholi" men *Photo: Olive R. Knight*

TRIUMPH — TRAGEDY

It was in December last year that Meenachi first invited us to hold our weekly women's meetings in her home. She was an elderly Hindu widow, belonging to the Chetti (merchant) community. Her husband died many years ago, after only a few months of marriage; there were no children, and as Meenachi had few dealings with her relatives, she led a lonely life.

Then one day a Christian woman came to live in the house across the road. This sister began witnessing to Meenachi, reading the Bible to her in the evenings. Gradually it appeared that the Good Seed was taking root in her heart. She not only invited us to hold the Women's Meeting in her home, but invited her neighbours in to hear the Gospel. She told us she no longer observed Hindu ceremonies, nor placed her faith in their gods. She retained Hindu pictures on the walls of her house, but claimed this was only because of fear of neighbours' anger if she removed them. When we first made her acquaintance, she was very strict in the observance of caste rules, and would not accept food, or even a drink of water from the Christian family opposite. However, she recently became ill, and was confined to her bed, and allowed the Christian friend to cook and provide all her food for her. The old traditions seemed to be losing their influence over her.

On Saturday, 19th August, when I visited her, she was still lying in bed, but her face was radiant; she greeted me with the news: "I am saved! I have been a great sinner, but I have confessed my sins and the Lord Jesus has forgiven them all". At that moment she appeared to be truly happy. Then before I left she requested me to pray for her, and seemed to be oppressed by a great dread, saying she was fearful that someone was coming to kill her. I wondered if her mind was failing; but she grew calmer again after prayer and a reading from the Word of God.

Imagine our horror to hear on Monday that, in the early hours of Sunday morning, she had gone to the river-side and drowned herself. Her Christian neighbour told us that late Saturday night she was in great distress, and had no assurance of salvation.

Many questions fill our minds. Why, why? Had she indeed been truly born again? If so, why did she take her own life? Was her mind clouded at the end, so that she was not responsible for her action? Or had her profession of salvation been only a pretence; had she been deceiving herself and us as well? We have no answer to these questions; but the Lord knows the truth.

We do not know what will be the future of the Women's Meeting, or what will be the result of this sad happening to the witness amongst that

community. The news is naturally all over the town, and some are not slow to link it with her turning from Hinduism to Christianity.

We are often urged to share with friends at home the discouragements as well as the joys in our work. As you read this tragic story, please join us in prayer that even this may be one of the "all things" that shall work together for good, and to the greater glory of God in Velur.

E. M. Flory.

OPPORTUNITIES | N. HAWES

At the time of the outset of the work here, I read a book in which were these comments: "Exploit opportunities where you are right now, in your job, in your situation—there, attack for the Lord". These words made a great impression on my mind, so that I began to reconsider our opportunities. So far we had had several visitors to our house, both Hindu, Moslem, and Roman Catholic. Here then were our first opportunities.

During the first few weeks we had to go daily to the Post Office. There are four direct routes to this place from our home and we used each one in turn. These streets are lined with houses and by 10 a.m. several women have finished their morning chores and are sitting around, some on their front verandahs. Another opportunity.

On most days something was needed from the shops, this took us into another part of the town and yet more streets.

One of the shops we visit weekly is the baker's. As soon as we step into the shop and sit down on the seat provided, word goes back into the house that we are there and sometimes as many as eight or ten adults are soon crowding the doorway; there is seldom a time when no one appears.

When out for a walk one evening and while talking to the women who were standing in their doorways or walking down the street, a young

woman called me into her house; she later bought copies of the four Gospels. There has been further opportunities to speak to her and her mother.

While we were selling books at an Hindu festival here, a woman came and asked for medicine. As she never came for this and we did not know where she lived, we thought we had lost touch with her. However, while on my way to the shops we met at her home. On most weeks since, I have visited there and sought to lift her eyes to the sinner's Saviour.

One of the visitors to our house was an elderly woman, who during her early years was educated in a mission school. When we were going by her house one evening, we spoke to her and her son called us into his home to meet his family. We left with an open invitation to go any time.

Some of the homes of the Christians we had visited before we actually came to live here. Other homes we had yet to discover and then there were Christians we had heard of, yet never seen at a service. These had to be found. All have since attended worship but one or two not as regularly as we could wish.

At this time we were prayerfully thinking of starting Sunday Schools here. We found the Christian parents quite amenable to send all their children on Sundays. Mrs Rukamonie brought along about ten Hindu girls from the school in which she taught and with these was started the class on Wednesday evenings. Both these classes have increased in number with Hindus, Moslems, and Roman Catholics attending the weekday class. To many of the children this type of meeting is quite new and we sometimes get asked in the streets: May we join the class? How much is it to join? On what day are the tuition classes? A Roman Catholic neighbour encourages the children from her class to attend.

Through these meetings and sales of literature hundreds of children have been in and out of our home during the last few months. Opportunities—yes—God given opportunities.

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 TREASURY — **DECEMBER, 1967 and JANUARY, 1968**

	Received	Paid
General Fund	£3,999	£3,647
Special Funds	540	259
	£4,539	£3,906

Anonymous gifts thankfully received: Ipswich, £7 10s. 0d.; Anon., £100; Southampton, £6 10s. 0d.

We have been encouraged by the warm response from our friends as they realise the heavy commitments which the Mission is facing. The expenditure includes £1,030 in respect of passages—always a heavy, yet essential item.

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"GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER"

Some will remember the old blind ex-Bible woman who worked for many years in Namakkal visiting in the houses, teaching any women and girls who would listen and were interested. She often witnessed to the men also, being fearless where the honour of her Lord and the welfare of souls were concerned. She was largely responsible for starting the meeting in the Tamil Poet's house on Sunday afternoons. This has now been going on for many years and still does, run by ex-Biblewomen, one in particular, Mrs. Manomonie James, now Boys' Hostel Matron, taking the larger share. Our old blind friend, Mrs. Muttuswamy, still takes a deep interest, and prays earnestly for the meeting and for the Poet's family and friends. Recently, a well-known doctor spoke at the Namakkal Sunday morning service—giving his testimony of how the Lord met and saved him several years ago when up till then he had only been a nominal Christian. He spoke of how the Lord had given him a miraculous healing in answer to the prayers of many groups. He also spoke very eagerly of the joy of anticipating the Lord's second coming, and of its solemn import and urging people to prepare to meet God, pointing out that for unrepentant sinners it would be a terrible time.

After the service he and his wife and sister-in-law were introduced to our blind friend and she to them. The Lord prompted them to give her a gift it seems. Later in the day she came to see us, led by one of her little grand-daughters. She was full of praise that the Lord had remembered her and answered her prayers. She wanted a new Bible so that she could get her grandchildren, some of whom are now able to read, to read to her. That was all she wanted spent on herself, and even in that she has the thought of her grandchildren coming to know the Lord. Then she wanted a Bible and hymn book to be given to the Poet's sister-in-law who comes to the Sunday afternoon meeting. This idea of hers has the secret hope that a Bible for the women and children of the house to read may lead them to know more of the LIVING God and to put their trust in Him only. It is hard for them to forsake the family gods and idols, and the Hindu festivals. Any money over she said was to be used for the children who come to the class.

Thus did the old blind lady use the gift that could have bought *her* more comforts. Surely she has the loving smile of the Lord who noted and recorded the gift of the widow who gave to the temple while He was here on earth. Here is a lesson in giving for us all. That which this old blind widow could legitimately have spent on herself was laid at the Master's feet and spent as He directed for the good of others and with the deep desire to win them for Him. As we gazed at her, listened to her, prayed with her, we rejoiced and praised the Lord.

Grace Huckett



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MAY-JUNE, 1968

GO . . .
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ALL
NATIONS



Pastor D. Rajarathinam and his wife with some of the members of the Church and congregation at Rasipur. A picture taken by Mr. Huckett at a Farewell meeting arranged by the Church prior to their leaving India for furlough and retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Huckett expect to settle in England after forty years' service with the Mission in India. Photo: H. A. Huckett.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Because of necessary changes in home administration, responsibility for editorship of the "Herald" and arrangements for deputation work will, in future, be undertaken from the Mission office and the Council are sure that all readers of the "Herald" will join them in thanking Pastor E. E. Orchard for his loving and loyal service as Deputation Secretary and Editor of the magazine for the past six and a half years. Mr. Orchard has now relinquished these tasks and a more full appreciation of his work will, D.V., be printed in due course.

All correspondence relating to deputation ministry and the "Herald" should now be addressed to the Mission office.

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THE TREASURY — **FEBRUARY-MARCH, 1968**

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund ...	£2043	£3485
Special Funds ...	145	243
Legacy ...	25	
Bookmobile Fund	750	
	£2963	£3728

Two encouragements this time—the first being a final gift of £750 from the Fellowship of Youth in connection with the Bookmobile Fund. The vehicle itself having already been paid for by the F.O.Y., they have given this further sum to be used in furthering the bookmobile work. The second encouragement—a remittance of £150 from our Australian Auxiliary. We do thank God for this practical link with our brethren the other side of the world. The expenditure this month includes £684 which completes the redecoration and modernisation of our mission house.

Anonymous gifts thankfully received: Old Friend, £10; F.M.H., £1; Colchester. £1 and £1; Ashford, 10s.; Bromley, £1; Epsom, £1; New Cross, £15; "Unto Him". £2 2s. 0d.; Thetford, £1 10s. 0d.; Fellow Christian, £8; Bordon, £5.

TWO OLD LADIES

Old, and yet not so old, perhaps only fifty-six years of age, after all. It was just that she looked old and haggard as she sat in the corner of her Kolli Hill hut by the smokey fire, nursing her baby grandson. It was dark as we peered inside, but to her it made no difference for she was blind. She gave the baby to her husband and groped her way out of the hut to sit with us for a while. "Shall we sing something to you," we asked. "Yes," she replied, and then proceeded to tell us which lyrics (Tamil Christian songs) to sing, and to join in singing them with us. As a girl she had spent a year or two in the S.B. Mission Girls' Hostel in Vazhavanthi. It was now thirty-eight years since she had left the Hostel to get married. She and her husband had returned to live among their Hindu relatives. She was illiterate and yet she had not forgotten the things she had learnt so long ago. She could still repeat the first few verses of John 14. In a simple way she had told her people about the Lord Jesus, for some of them had told us that we were telling them the same things. Now she was blind. "These eyes are sightless," she said, "but I have inward light."

The second old lady, rather older than the first, but in better trim, arrived at our home in Belukurichi, from her home at the foot of the Kollis. We had known her for about six years. She had come to have her three remaining teeth removed, for they were neither useful nor were they a decoration. We sat down on a mat on the floor together to have a chat. For several years now she has known the Lord Jesus, but she has not yet broken away from all her old customs. While out on the fields she has tried to tell those working alongside her, about the Lord Jesus. "They won't listen to me," she said. Then she continued, "I have told my son (she is a widow) that when I die there is to be no wailing and there is to be no beating of drums. My body is to be covered with flowers and buried in a corner of our land. Then people will know that I died as a Christian. If they want comfort they must read the Bible." They have a Bible in the home. We had prayer together. She prayed that she might be cleansed and that Jesus might dwell within her. She went off with a John's Gospel marked at Chapter 14, to be read at her funeral. Although she has all this organised, she is not expecting to die yet.

These two women need your prayers. Pray for them.

Dr. R. M. Harris.

BAPTISMS

With the change in the nature of our missionary responsibilities we do not so often report baptisms as we used to do. However, that does not mean that baptisms do not take place. As editor of the little Tamil monthly "Deepikai" baptisms are sometimes reported to me and a somewhat unusual number were reported to me this month and I gladly pass on the information to readers of the *Mission Herald.*

Nagalur, Kalarayan Hills. A man and wife were baptised here by Preacher Paul Chakaravarthi on December 17th. This couple were probably converts from Hinduism, though I received no precise information on this point, and both Church and preacher are connected with Mrs. Brand's Hill Fellowship.

Vepery Tamil Baptist Church, Madras. Pastor B. G. Samuel baptised eleven people (five men and six women) on January 1st. Five were converts from Hinduism, three were children of Baptist families and three were previously Lutherans.

Rasipuram Tamil Baptist Church, Salem District. On December 31st, Pastor D. Rajarathanam baptised six people (two men and four women). Three were converts from Hinduism and three formerly belonged to the Church of South India.

Irrukkur Tamil Baptist Church, Namakkal. Mr. Huckett baptised two men in connection with this Church in the River Cauvery on December 31st. Both were sons of Church members.

Tiruverkadu Tamil Baptist Church, Madras. Pastor M. T. Daniel baptised one young man on December 31st. The young man belonged to a Baptist Christian family.

Seithur Tamil Baptist Church, Ramnad. Pastor D. John Albert baptised a teacher named Srimivasan on December 31st. Although not until now a member, this brother has been helping the Church for some years and indeed it is probable that but for his timely help the Church might have completely disappeared.

Please pray for these twenty-three men and women and for the Churches and pastors concerned.

W. N. H. Kuhrt.

TAMIL STRICT BAPTIST TRUST SOCIETIES

During the first nine months of 1967 four Trust Societies were set up for the Districts respectively of Madras, Tirunelveli (the new spelling of the old and more familiar Tinnevelly), Ramnad and Salem. At the time of writing (mid-October) only the Madras Society possesses any property and that, very little. It is therefore far too early to say how these bodies are likely to fulfil their functions and whether they will or will not rise to the new responsibilities that are being placed upon them.

But we may be pardoned for giving a brief account of one task that the Madras Society has undertaken and perhaps permitted to hope that this rather unexpected activity in Madras will set the pattern for the future. One of the Madras Churches has

for years been a source of anxiety, being riven by faction and having no proper arrangements for the holding of its funds. Last year I was summoned to help the Church and after a series of solemn talks on Church Order and Government a temporary arrangement was made for carrying on the Church affairs. But this arrangement was not a very good one and was not intended to last for long. However the officers appointed temporarily appeared to think that the arrangement was good enough for them and could very well go on for ever. This naturally provoked a large number of the members and the Church was threatened with further violence. So they again appealed to me but by that time none of our missionaries felt that any good purpose would be served by further intervention. I therefore replied that I personally would not set foot again in the Church until all the Church funds had been properly banked and until the Church had sorted out its affairs. If they needed help, I added, they might find the secretary of the newly established Trust in a position to help them. This was "a bow at a venture" as I had no idea whether the Trust would be willing or able to help.

At their request, therefore, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Trust have made repeated visits to this Church and insisted upon the same conditions as I had suggested, namely, that the funds of the Church should be collected from the various hands in which they were dispersed and properly banked and that there should then be a fresh election of Church officers. So far Rs. 269 has been brought in and temporarily banked in the Trust's account. Only one of the erstwhile officers is proving intransigent; unfortunately he has, it is alleged, a very large amount of the Church's money. At a meeting of the Trust which I attended last month the Secretary reported on this intervention and the Trust recorded a minute calling for the opening of a Bank Account in the Church's name and for the transfer of the above mentioned sum from the Trust Account to the Church Account. The following day after this meeting the Trust Officers took Pastor E. R. Moses, of Ayanpuram, along with them to the erring Church, which has not enjoyed a communion service for two or three years, and they helped the Church to resume this part of its worship. Before the service took place six of the Church leaders (almost all of them had been under the necessity of restoring sums to the Church treasury) made brief statements confessing their misdemeanours and asking pardon. Only the one brother mentioned above stayed away from this meeting.

I have counselled the Secretary of the Trust to advise the Church to wait patiently another month or two and then if the dissident leader has still not come to a proper frame of mind, to proceed with an election of Church officers without him and, if necessary, to write off the Church money which he owes. One overwhelming fear about the Trusts has been that they will infringe the autonomy and independence of the local Churches. This is undoubtedly something that may very easily happen. But with the example set out above in mind, one may be permitted to make two remarks. The first is that in this case the Madras Trust does not appear to have done anything without the invitation of the distraught Church itself. The second remark is that where conditions are as they have been in this particular Church and as they are in some other congregations, talk of autonomy becomes rather meaningless.

P.S.—Since writing the above the S.B.M. has successfully divested itself of all its properties in Madras, Tirunelveli and Ramnad to the respective Societies. Only Salem remains to be dealt with. The condition of the Church is still much as it was two months ago but some little progress is being made.

W. N. H. Kuhrt.

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The travel brochure spoke of a great wide road—a national highway—sweeping unhindered through the modern city of Madras, to carry visitors swiftly to their destinations. Obviously the writer of this piece of information had not visited Madras. It is true that a national highway runs through Madras and that the city is, in parts, quite modern but the word "swift" is hardly appropriate of travel through the city. For the most part the roads are full of people, some on foot, some in rickshaws, some on bicycles (by the hundred) and some in cars. Then to add to the general state of affairs there are bullock carts and donkeys—these are often sadly overloaded with laundry—pigs and other assorted animals; not to mention the cows! No, "swift" is not the right word to use at all. In fact the story is told of the missionary who was driving through a certain city when his hooter suddenly refused to work. He had to abandon his vehicle and walk the rest of the way!

All this may seem rather amusing but the total impact of this great land and her people is not. Here you will find poverty, illiteracy and idolatry on a vast scale. And I had come to see those whose task for many years has been to prepare a "highway for our God" in this and many other places. How are they standing up to the strain of living in this hot and often unhealthy country? What is the state of the Indian Church? What, too, of the future? Such questions and many more flooded through my mind as I surveyed the scene in Madras on my arrival in India. How thankful Miss Monica Harris—with whom I had travelled from London—and I were, to be welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and Mr. and Mrs. Huckett. It was a joy to be among friends!

The journey from London had been uneventful but rather tiring. However, we praised God for journeying mercies and for all His provision for us. As many who read this article will already know the Lord appeared for the Mission in a very wonderful way in the provision—through the kindness of Sabena, Belgian World Airlines, who were operating an inaugural flight to Bombay on the day I wished to travel—of a free return ticket for my journey.

But we were not to stay in Madras for long. A few meetings in local Churches and with the local Trust Society and we set out for Sendamangalam. There we met with another Trust Society and shared fellowship in the chapel and saw the girls' Hostel where Miss Margaret Cook has

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'RESSIONS

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CONFERENCE 1968

"He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul . . . ." In such a "dry and thirsty land" as India, this passage from the Shepherd Psalm comes alive in a new way, and "Brooklands", Coonoor, where this year's Conference was held, is a place where the Lord has literally fulfilled these words in the lives of His servants on many occasions. After the heat of the plains and the demands of work such a time of refreshing is needed.

But Conference is no holiday! There is work to be done as well as fellowship to be enjoyed and worship for the refreshing and nourishing of the souls of God's servants.

It was a great privilege for me to share in the Conference this year and also to bring the Word of God in a series of five addresses from John 15. 16. It was a joy to join with all the missionaries on the field in this way and to share in discussion concerning the future of the work in India.

The leading of the Lord was very evident in the day of prayer on February 14th and throughout the Conference, both in the devotional sessions—led in turn by one of the male missionaries—and during the business sessions, ably presided over by Mr. W. H. Kuhrt, the Conference chairman.

Business was conducted on the 15th, 16th and 19th February, and Sunday, 18th, was spent in worship and fellowship with one another. As is to be expected at such a time as this there were serious matters to discuss concerning future courses of action. It needed, and will continue to need, great wisdom to know how best to use the talents and time of a small group of missionaries faced with an increasing amount of work. Special wisdom, too, is needed to know how the Indian Church may best be prepared for the responsibilities which lie ahead. But the unanimity which characterised the decisions which were reached encouraged us to feel that the Lord is with us.

The evenings gave opportunity of hearing about the Lord's work in other lands. It was a joy to hear Miss Joyce Huckett speak of her translation work on Goodenough Island, New Guinea; and a visit from Miss Norma Stewart, who is working among Tamils in Malaya, brought back memories for some and inspired us all to pray for the Lord's work among these people.

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worked so ably in recent years. From this centre I was able to visit the Kolli Hills and see something of the valuable contribution made by Dr. Ruth and Miss Monica Harris. Then I visited Namakkal, to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett and to see the work in and around Musiri and Velur. It is in these places that Miss Nellie Hawes, Miss Yvonne Conacher, Miss Ethel Flory and Miss Phyllis White spend their energies in serving the Master.

Then we travelled south, to the Tirunelveli and Ramnad districts. In most of the places visited there were meetings to attend, addresses to be given, garlands to receive and the constant and generous hospitality of the Indian Christians themselves. It seemed strange, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt, to visit the bungalows at Kovilpatti and Paniadipatti, not as representatives of the owners, but as guests of the Tirunelveli and Ramnad Trust Societies. Nevertheless, this served as a reminder of the need to praise God for the way in which the major part of the property, previously belonging to the Mission, has now been handed over to Indian trusteeship.

Soon, however, with a brief break for a visit to Dohnavur, where Miss Amy Carmichael laboured so fruitfully for many years, it was time to travel north again. I was left in the care of the friends at Dindigul while Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt went back to Sendamangalam.



Conference 1968. Sitting: Misses P. White, M. M. Cook, E. M. Flory, Dr. R. M. Harris, M. E. Harris, N. Hawes, Y. Conacher, and O. R. Knight. Standing: Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt, Mr. and Mrs. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. Huckett, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan. Back row: Mr. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Appleby and Mr. Field.

In Dindigul I was able to get some idea of the work involved in literature distribution and to discuss various problems with Mr. John Field and Mr. and Mrs. Les. Ryan. I was glad, too, to see Miss Olive Knight now comfortably settled in and enjoying the new and challenging job of managing the Book Depot, as well as looking after radio follow-up work. Although there is much illiteracy there is a great demand for literature and it is tragic that so much of this demand is met by communistic and secular literature of a type which is destructive to the truth of God. However, we praise God for the many agents who are spread throughout South India and are supplied from our Depot with sound Biblical literature. We pray that God will use this to the conversion of sinners and the strengthening of His people.

Mr. and Mrs. John Appleby next provided hospitality and this gave an opportunity of seeing something of what is involved in maintaining the radio ministry. If all missionaries have eventually to leave India such a ministry could be of even greater importance than it is now. But, how could it be carried on? The Indian Churches are, for the most part, very poor, and men of gifts in this field are rare. Might it be possible for the work to be carried on from outside India? Such are the questions which run through the minds of many people and to which the Lord's answer is being sought both in regard to literature and radio work—and for other types of ministry too.

And so we left Dindigul and travelled to Kotagiri where Mr. and Mrs. Thrower live in semi-retirement—at least that is what it is officially called. No doubt it is a blessing to be able to relax a little in the cooler climate of the Nilgiri hills, but doing nothing would hardly suit those who for so many years have worked so hard in the Lord's service! After a few days at Kotagiri we left for Coonoor where the Conference was to be held. This is reported elsewhere in this magazine.

From Coonoor we went to Bangalore to see the work done by the Far East Broadcasting Company's Indian "arm". It is through this company that our radio programmes are broadcast. Then I travelled on to Madras where I spent a few days in visiting local Churches before flying home.

To sum up, four matters have particularly impressed me as calling for concern and prayer.

1. One cannot speak of widespread blessing; the situation so far as evangelistic work is concerned is similar to that in England, but in many places there are those who are truly born again believers. Most of these people are in small and struggling Churches grappling with the problem of nominal Christianity in the local communities and many of them are fearful at the thought of losing the missionaries to whom they have so often turned in times of difficulty in the past.

2. There are few outstanding men in the Churches and there is a general dearth of leadership. Men of gifts and grace are greatly needed and those who are in authority need our prayers that God will give them a spirit of loving faithfulness in the face of many temptations and dangers.

3. The group of missionaries who are still on the field need our prayers that they may have wisdom and grace to make the best use of time and talents in these days; and our practical support so that the plans they are able to make may be put into operation. We must remember too that it is God who both shuts and opens doors. He is in control and could open the door again to-morrow, if it pleased Him, to new missionaries. But as the door to new missionaries seems closed, God opens to us in a new way the powerful door of prayer. This "door" is no second best!

4. There is need for prayer that God will show us how, in these difficult days, we can maintain those Tamil language skills which He has been pleased to use over the years to the blessing of many, so that in the future these skills may continue to be used to reach these needy people with the Gospel whether in India or elsewhere.

Finally, I wish to record my gratitude to God for journeying mercies, for rich seasons of fellowship, for enlightenment concerning His work in South India and for all the blessings of this seven week visit which attended me in India and my wife and family at home. I am grateful, too, to the Council of the Mission for calling me to undertake this trip at this time. I shall look forward to speaking of it more fully among the Churches and people whose prayers I so much valued whilst away from England. It will be a pleasure, too, to show colour slides of the many interesting people and places which I saw.

B. F. Ellis.

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India, which operates in Bangalore, vetting tapes in all languages in India. He gave us some interesting facts and figures concerning the Radio programmes they prepare, and number of hours per week maintained, etc., when the Gospel is put over the air. Although no Christian broadcasting (or any other private Broadcasting, for that matter) is allowed in India, it is wonderful to know that so much can be done in Bangalore, Dindigul and a score of other places at a time when missionary activities are being curtailed. Mr. Buckwalter called upon his wife to give to the company a few short stories of people who write to F.E.B.A.I. Her experiences in handling this vast mail from all over the world were very enlightening. What it means to exiled people to hear such messages in their own language can only be imagined. Our own Tamil Broadcasting brings many letters each week which takes a missionary, at the present, Miss Knight, many hours to answer promptly.

Lastly in this interesting Opening Meeting Mr. Kuhrt brought the closing message, using the words,

Why we preach?
What we preach?
What results do we expect from our preaching?

The hearers were left in no doubt that in the S.B.M. Studio in Dindigul only the TRUTH is preached. We were glad to make this witness to local Christians who gathered with us.

This gathering ended with welcome coffee and palakarams (Indian sweetmeats) kindly provided by Mrs. Appleby, who was ably assisted by her two daughters, tastefully dressed in Indian skirts and blouses.

This was the Opening of the new Studio. Before the Door to India shuts, may God use this Ministry to the saving of many TAMILS all over the world.

Mrs. D. A. Kuhrt.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MAY AND JUNE, 1968

(God Willing)

General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—MAY 5th, Reigate, Meadvale.
JUNE 2nd, Potton, Beds.; 9th, Clifton, Providence; 16th, Whitton; 23rd, Ipswich, Mt. Zion; 30th, Gt. Gransden.

Assistant General Secretary: Mr. B. F. Ellis.—MAY 5th, West Ham; 12th, Accrington; 18th, Midlands Missionary Rally, Bedworth; 19th, Hinckley/Bedworth.
JUNE 2nd and 3rd, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 9th, Brighton, Ebenezer; 16th, New Cross; 30th, Richmond, Salem.
ADDRESS: 61, Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel.: 01-692 1841.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. H. A. Huckett.—MAY 1st, Croydon District, Derby Road; 3rd, Tunstall; Sudbourne; 5th, Lt. Stonham; 11th, Fellowship Day, Stowmarket; 12th, Rattlesden; 18th and 19th, Royton; 22nd, Meopham; 23rd, Sutton-at-Hone; 26th, West Ham; 29th, High Wycombe.
JUNE 2nd, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 5th, Stratford, Gurney Road; 9th, Chadwell St.; 12th, North Finchley; 16th, Highbury; 19th, New Cross; 23rd, Kenninghall; 25th and 26th, Kesgrave; 30th, Greenwich.
Mrs. H. A. Huckett.—MAY 28th, High Wycombe.
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Mr. J. R. Field.—MAY 2nd, Warbleton; 5th, Woolwich; 7th, Aylesbury; 8th, Borough Green; 12th, Bexleyheath/Belvedere; 19th, Brentford; 20th, Thame; 26th, Tunbridge Wells.
JUNE 2nd, Wandsworth; 4th, Epsom; 5th, Caterham; 9th, Leyton; 12th, Shalford; 13th, Croydon, Derby Road, W.M.; 16th, Prittlewell; 20th, Tenterden, Trinity; 23rd, Hadleigh, Suffolk; 30th, Brighton, Tabernacle.
ADDRESS: Birchwood, Punnetts Town, Heathfield, Sussex.
Miss M. M. Cook.—MAY 18th and 19th, Midlands Missionary Rally, Bedworth.
JUNE 2nd and 3rd, Wiltshire Missionary Week-end; 13th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hill; 15th, New Cross, Prayer Circle; 18th, Kings Langley, W.M.; 19th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 20th, Staines; 25th, Brentford; 27th, Colchester.
ADDRESS: 73, The Down, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.
Pastor E. Orchard.—MAY 23rd, Rotherham.
JUNE 6th, Newcastle; 9th, Hailsham; 23rd, Haworth.
ADDRESS: 47, Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel.: Hartlepool 66261.

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Saying "goodbye" to missionaries coming home on furlough had special significance this year and it was marked by a suitable presentation to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett who were returning to England after a combined total of seventy-five years' work in India. Conference also wished "Godspeed" to Mr. John Field and Miss Margaret Cook.

All too soon it was time to descend to the plains once again; some to travel many thousands of miles, others to return to work in various locations, but all strengthened to go on in the service of the Lord who had brought them "to the kingdom for such a time as this". *B. F. Ellis*

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"The friendly eye of the Recording Operator is upon him." Mr. Appleby recording a programme for Radio Ministry.

O, EARTH . . . HEAR!

DEDICATION OF NEW STUDIO

It was a privilege to be present at the Opening Day of the new S.B.M. Recording Studio. It was held on Sunday, December 3rd at 5 p.m., in the new Studio itself, which held forty or fifty people sitting fairly close. The Studio has been built on top of the new house in Dindigul and is about twenty feet by fifteen feet which can be divided into two studios by folding doors. The smaller studio is sufficient for one or two persons recording speech while the larger one is necessary for a choir and/or an orchestra. Music is loved by Indians and plays a great part in programmes. As I sat looking around this unusual room I noticed the modern inventions for tone-levelling and acoustics. Acoustics play an important part in the preparation of programmes, and no noise must be able to penetrate the Studio, although India is a very noisy place, so the doors not only lie flush with the walls but there is a closing device which gives that extra push shut. A rather unusual situation pertains after the speaker is esconced in the Studio for he cannot let himself out. He is caught in the "den" as it were, and must get on with his job. However, it is good to know that if he suddenly feels claustrophobia overtaking him the friendly eye of the Recording Operator is upon him through a double glass window. That important little room where the Recording Operator works is as clinically clean as an operating room and the shining equipment is mounted upon trolleys for easy movement.

At the Opening Meeting, Mr. Huckett, as Chairman, conducted the proceedings and in his speech traced the history of S.B.M. involvement in Radio since 1954 when we helped provide speakers for other programmes, until the present, when we have a new Rs. 16,000 Studio for our own programmes. He testified to blessing received himself through Radio evangelism.

The first visiting Speaker was Mr. Allan Buckwalter who is the Director of F.E.B.A.I., which as most of our readers will now know is Far East Broadcasting Associates of

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"Europe is the most needy and certainly the most strategic mission field of the world".

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General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—JULY 14th, Smarden. AUGUST 11th, South Ockendon.

Assistant General Secretary: Mr. B. F. Ellis.—JULY 14th, Stowmarket; 21st, Borough Green; 28th, Wattisham; AUGUST 25th, Staines.

MISSIONARIES

Mr. H. A. Huckett.—JULY 7th, Waldringfield; 10th, Yateley; 28th, Brockley. AUGUST 4th, Guildford; 11th, Ipswich, Zoar.

Mrs. H. A. Huckett.—JULY 3rd, St. Leonards.
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Mr. J. R. Field.—JULY 7th, Clapham, Courland Grove; 9th, Bedworth; 10th, Hinckley; 13th, Croydon Friends; 14th, Haslemere; 21st, Beccles; 28th, Gadebridge.

Mrs. J. R. Field.—JULY 3rd, St. Leonards.
ADDRESS: Birchwood, Punnetts Town, Heathfield, Sussex.

Miss M. M. Cook.—JULY 2nd, Southport; 9th, Stoke Ash; 15th, Brentford, W.M.
ADDRESS: 73 The Down, Trowbridge, Wilts.

Mr. C. Howells.—AUGUST 18th, Rishangles.
ADDRESS: 9 Park Hill, Bickley, Kent.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

RAYS' RALLIES

AT 3.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14th
"EDEN,"
CAMBRIDGE

SPORTS BEFOREHAND
on
MIDSUMMER COMMON
1 p.m.—3 p.m.

Speaker:
MISSIONARY J. R. FIELD
Chairman:
MR. M. CHAMPION (Ely)

SEPTEMBER 21st
WEST HAM
TABERNACLE

SPORTS BEFOREHAND
on
WEST HAM PARK,
PORTWAY
1 p.m.—3 p.m.

Speaker:
MISSIONARY H. A. HUCKETT
Chairman:
MR. IAN BROWN (New Cross)

DRINKS SUPPLIED—BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE CHILDREN

Get your School to organise a coach party

RECENT CHANGES IN S.B.M.

PASTOR P. H. CREES (General Secretary)

The recent experience of the Mission can be summed up in the words of Acts 16. In a partial sense we have experienced something of the "forbidding to preach the Word in Asia". In a deep sense we have received the vision of Europe, "Come over and help us". After we "had seen the vision, we immediately endeavoured to go into" Europe, "assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them". We will explain more fully by writing first about Asia and then of Europe.

Asia, and more particularly **India.** We would not forget that for some years we worked in Malaya alongside the Overseas Missionary Fellowship and we praise God that we have been able to establish the Tamil work there and to train some of the Tamil staff of the O.M.F. We had to withdraw mainly because of lack of staff but what the Lord enabled us to begin is now going on through the O.M.F.

Last year in common with other Indian missions we had the experience of the refusal of visas for new missionaries into India. We rejoice that our present missionaries are not affected and are being given return certificates after furlough. Nevertheless new missionaries are the life blood of any mission, and apart from the sovereign act of God, we can foresee the run-down of the work in India in the years to come. This is a very heart-searching time for our missionaries in India, for our Council at home and also to our candidates at home, all of whom had felt the call of God to India. We feel that we shall have to be pioneers through prayer to pierce the curtain that man is raising and we hope that this may be accomplished by such means as our Radio and Literature work which could continue outside of India.

The present emphasis of the Mission in India is to follow all the more vigorously our indigenous policy which was begun in 1954. The year 1968 has seen the completion of the free transfer of all our properties, compounds, bungalows, hostels, schools and chapels to Indian trusteeship. We intend to have no more institutional work or ownership of property; every missionary now lives among the people in rented property. Most of all, we long to see the Tamil Baptist Churches of South India become more and more like the Thessalonian Church, based on sound doctrine but thoroughly evangelistic, so that we need not to say anything. For we are convinced that the best missionary work is

done when the Mission does itself out of a job in a given area and is able to move on to new areas

Europe. A few members of the Mission Council had experienced a very real sense of fellowship with the members and Pastors of the Evangelical Associations of French- and Spanish-speaking Baptist Churches and also the Baptist Union of Ireland, the latter having nothing to do with the Baptist Union of Great Britain. It is true to say that through this fellowship some of us had caught the vision of Europe some time before India decided to close the door to new missionaries. There were other reasons too why Europe was laid on our hearts. Many Strict Baptists who felt the call of God to the mission field did not and could not go to India and we increasingly felt the need to meet this situation. Strict Baptist men and money were being used for non-Baptist work, hence the present climate of thought in the Mission Council, "into all the world" wherever God may lead.

We were not alone in feeling this call to Europe. There seemed to be working in many hearts a call that had a common authorship from above. We knew that there were Reformed, Baptistic and non-ecumenical people who were burdened in the same way and so we were led to be willing to co-operate with others who are likeminded with us.

God had called us—and we endeavoured to go—and we accepted in July, 1967, our first two candidates for Europe in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cook, who are now studying in Brussels under the guidance of Pastor Berge.

We have also accepted two other candidates for France, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Howells, and we hope that they will go to Albertville for language and culture studies in September, 1968 (D.V.).

There are also young people who are burdened for Spain and we are prayerfully waiting upon the Lord in this matter, ready to do His will, believing He will provide.

Perhaps this article can best be closed by reference to some principles along which we hope to work.

1. We have no intention of working independently on the Continent, whether in Belgium, France or Spain. We desire and feel it right to work in full fellowship with the Associations of French- or Spanish-speaking Churches. All decisions would be subject to Council after fullest considerations between Church, Association and Mission.
2. After adequate preparation in fellowship with a local Church, our missionaries would be used in outreach, recommended by the local

Church, and they would do that which the Church would otherwise be unable to do through lack of finance or personnel. We would hope that this new work would not be too far from existing work so as to keep the lines of communication as short as possible.

3. We would require of our candidates, as in India so too in Europe, a high standard of language study, together with diligence in work and discipline within the local Church.

4. Because of the special problems in Spain we would exercise great care in the acceptance and recommendation of workers in consultation with the Spanish Association, but of the opportunities and open doors we are certain. Of the call of God we are assured and so we endeavour to go.

"HE LEADETH ME"

Roger Cook (Brussels)

"Are you sure you are not being misled?"

"Why do so many of our young people feel it necessary to go outside the denomination to do their missionary work?"

And so they came: arguments for our *not* coming to Europe. For some it was quite impossible to have a missionary call to any other country but India!

Indeed, when we *did* come to Brussels over three years ago, we never dreamed that the day would dawn when we would be working with the S.B.M. Our future appeared secure; everything had been directed so clearly by the Lord. And so we came.

But, after some time, it became our growing conviction that our ministry was not closely enough attached to a local Church. We searched the Lord's will in His Word and found that the general pattern of the New Testament was evangelism through local Churches. On discussing this problem with Christian friends we were more and more convinced of the need to be fully Church-based.

At this same time we heard that the S.B.M. Council was seeking the Lord's will concerning other fields of service in view of the situation in India. We were naturally interested and yet we only wanted to see the

way the Lord would have us go and not run on ahead. We therefore did nothing but pray.

Then, while spending a short break with our families at Christmas (1966), the opportunity arose to meet and talk with the S.B.M. Officers about our respective leadings. As a result of our discussions, we felt it right to inform the staff of the Mission with which we were working of the burden on our heart. During January we became so clearly convinced of the Lord's directing that we tendered our official resignation on the 31st of that month. At this time we had no definite acceptance from the S.B.M.—*not even in principle!*

Perhaps we should now mention the drawing that we felt toward the local Church which we had been attending. Ever since coming to Brussels we had been very much "one" with them and in particular with their Pastor, Mr. Berge, whom many will already know. Like the little Church of Philadelphia in Revelation 3, this group of God's children realise deeply their human lack of strength. And yet there are many open doors before them.

To tell all the details of the systematic way in which the Lord led would require more space than we dispose of here. Suffice it to say that, after much prayer, a further meeting with the Officers of the S.B.M. and many talks with Christian friends, we made formal application to join the S.B.M. for work in Europe. Our home Church at Hounslow had been as fully informed as possible of the facts and assured us that they believed the Lord's hand to be in it all. Finally, on May 5th, 1967, the Council unanimously accepted our application and from August 1st we became part of the S.B.M. family.

At the present moment we are engaged in language study and further Bible training, which will occupy us for a further year. Our task will then be to enable the local Church to extend its ministry into other areas—much of Belgium is untouched by the pure Gospel of Grace. But there is yet much ground to be covered before we can begin this work.

We trust that this brief testimony of the Lord's leading will encourage you to pray for the sending out of others whom the Lord might be calling and preparing to work in His vineyard.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Whilst one or two Churches and Schools still prefer the Christmas and New Year offerings, most find the new Harvest Thankoffering much better—envelopes will be supplied in good time for September.

NORTHERN RALLY

This will be held (D.V.) at Preston, on September 7th.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Cook
and Andrew,
Brussels

THE FIRST TWINS OF THE S.B.M. FAMILY

Left:
Sean Cook
(pronounce as
Shawn)

Right:
Stephanie Cook



"THESE FORTY YEARS . . ."

A TRIBUTE TO OUR LOVED MISSIONARIES, MR. AND MRS. G. F. CHAMPION, *by Pastor J. K. Thorpe*

By the grace of God, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Champion have given to us all a noble example of faithful missionary service which has extended over forty years—nearly forty-two years in the case of Mrs. Champion, who, as Miss E. Savage, first went to India in November, 1926.

It is the purpose of this little article first to express praise to God for all that He enabled our friends to be and to do, and then to pay sincere tribute to our brother and sister as we thank them for their long and valuable service. They have our love and admiration.

Both have been sustained from the very beginning and in the variety of their work by a deep sense of the Lord's call to the mission field of India. To this calling they have always given themselves without hesitation or reserve, and it is not surprising that they now have in India very many who think highly of them and love them for their work's sake.

Their work has always been characterised by a deep love to the Lord and the people amongst whom they have laboured. Constrained by love they have readily given medical and practical help wherever possible, but their supreme desire has been the spiritual welfare of all to whom they have ministered. It has been their joy to see many brought to Christ and called into His service in the Tamil Churches of South India.

During their long period of service they have worked in each of the S.B.M. fields in India, and they have contributed much in each area by their consecrated ability and devotion. They have also helpfully shared in responsibility and administration through our Conference of Missionaries in India; our brother being for some years the greatly respected Chairman of that Conference.

We can understand that our friends feel deeply leaving the country in which they have lived and served for so many years, but they have the joy of knowing that the Lord helped and greatly used them in the seeking and finding of many of His "other sheep" in that great country of India.

Mr. and Mrs. Champion will now be serving the Churches at Willingham and Sutton in Cambridgeshire, and we wish for them very happy and fruitful years of service as we garland them with our admiration and love.



Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Champion



Dijon Church (France)
(On the Continent "Church" is used for the building, because "Chapel" is used for Roman Catholic buildings.)

Pastors P. Tyson (Lyons) and P. Crees (S.B.M.)



European Pastors' Conference, Munster, France, Easter, 1968.

ALBERTVILLE

"Our Candidates off to India in November"—so runs the caption over the photograph of Mr. Colin Howells and his wife, Carole, in the current Annual Report. But they did not go "to India in November"—the first candidates of the S.B.M. to be refused entry into that country, they were faced with the heart-searching task of discovering the Lord's will after this disappointment and after much thought and prayer they applied for service in Europe.

It has always been the policy of the Mission to insist on a high standard of language skill and this has proved to be a most valuable contribution to the impact of the work in India. Consequently, when the call came to work in Europe the question of language learning was high on our list of priorities. Adequate provision has been made for Mr. Roger Cook and his wife, Helen, in Brussels, but further provision needed to be made in France for Colin and Carole. But the Lord knew our need and through Pastor Appere of the S.B. Church at Geneva there came to our notice the "Association Française d'Ensignement Biblique" (French Association for Bible Teaching) whose Centre is situated at Albertville, in a lovely valley of the French Alps about fifty miles south of Geneva. It was a pleasure to visit this place recently and now to be able to report in this way.

The Centre takes the form of a French language school for foreign missionaries preparing for work in French-speaking countries. Over-all direction is the responsibility of the Rev. Jacques Blocher and a committee of evangelical pastors and others. The Principal of the school is Miss Estelle Chevallier, B.A., who is assisted by a fully qualified staff.

An audio-visual method is used in teaching and there is a fully equipped language laboratory. The method is designed to enable a student to speak French fluently in nine months and we expect Colin and Carole to start their studies on September 16th.

The vocabulary taught in the classroom will be mostly biblical and theological, in order to give a thorough knowledge of the French needed in preaching the Gospel. Besides these language lectures there will be lectures on French evangelical history and French culture.

We are also assured that the devotional life of the students will not be neglected, nor will Christian service. The Centre will provide opportunities for evangelistic work in the Alpine districts. There will be time for work among children and for witness in the town where a Bible stall is set up regularly in the Market Place. We hope, also, that there will be opportunities of fellowship with the Church at Geneva.

We feel sure that Colin and Carole will be comfortable and well cared for at Albertville. The accommodation is new and quite adequate in every way and we know they will find themselves among friends. In a recent letter Mr. Blocher said, "... my family has been close friends

with the Harris family for many years and my mother has known Dr. Harris of your Mission since her childhood"!

So we rejoice together in this further evidence of God's approbation concerning the work in Europe and ask for the prayers of our friends that the Holy Spirit will enable our candidates, and all who are concerned in any way with the running of the Centre, to benefit from the period spent together in study, service and fellowship. *B. F. Ellis.*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Because of necessary changes in home administration, responsibility for editorship of the "Herald" and arrangements for deputation work will, in future, be undertaken from the Mission office.

All correspondence relating to deputation ministry and the "Herald" should now be addressed to the Mission office.

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THE TREASURY **APRIL and MAY, 1968**

		RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund	...	£3044	£3236
Special Funds	...	182	164
Legacy	...	100	
		£3326	£3400

Our figures this month include £115 for the offerings at the regional meeting at Tring, and they also show that many friends have noted that our end of year has been made earlier (June 30th instead of July 31st), and have speeded up their remittances. We are indeed grateful for the many hundreds of letters and gifts received—tangible evidence of the great volume of prayer made unceasingly for our missionaries and our work.

Anonymous gifts thankfully acknowledged: Ipswich, £6; Keighley, £10 10s. 6d. ("as the doors open in France or Spain"); Yeovil, £2; Morley, £2; A. K., £1; Richmond, £10; Hastings, £10.

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NOVEMBER 8TH—11TH, 1968 (D.V.)

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General Secretary: Pastor P. H. Crees.—SEPTEMBER 1st, Manor Park; 7th/8th, Preston; 15th, Stretham; 22nd, Kings Langley; 29th, Cransford.

OCTOBER 5th/6th, Walsall; 9th, Brighton, "Ebenezer"; 13th, Egham; 20th, Chatteris; 27th, Wellingborough.

Assistant General Secretary: Mr. B. F. Ellis.—SEPTEMBER 1st, Occold; 5th, Bromley, Hayes Lane; 8th, Acton; 15th, Redhill, Station Road, and Holmwood; 22nd, Cheltenham; 24th, Bath; 29th, Tunbridge Wells, "Rehoboth".

OCTOBER 6th, Henfield; 13th, Whittlesey; 20th, Cambridge, "Eden"; 27th, Warboys.

Mr. H. A. Huckett.—SEPTEMBER 1st, Laxfield; 4th, Wimbledon; 8th, Over; 15th, Grundisburgh; 17th, Richmond, "Salem"; 21st, West Ham, Rays Rally; 22nd, St. John's Wood; 26th, Staines; 29th, Kesgrave.

OCTOBER 1st, Watford, "Tabernacle"; 3rd, Brentford; 5th, Walsall; 6th, Willenhall; 9th, Brighton, "Ebenezer"; 12th, Epsom; 13th, Homerton; 17th, Ramsey; 20th, Halstead; 23rd, Colchester; 26th, Chelmsford; 27th, Stoke Ash; 28th, Hoxne; 29th, Rishangles; 30th, Hadleigh.

Mrs. H. A. Huckett.—SEPTEMBER 17th, Richmond, "Salem".

OCTOBER 9th, Brighton, "Ebenezer"; 15th, Stratford; 23rd, Colchester.

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Mr. J. R. Field.—SEPTEMBER 1st, Bierton; 5th, Ipswich, "Mount Zion"; 7th, Preston; 8th, Southport; 9th, Accrington; 14th, Cambridge, "Eden", Rays Rally; 15th, Tunstall and Sudbourne; 22nd, Horsham, "Rehoboth"; 23rd-25th, South Asia. Prayer Fellowship; 29th, Yateley.

OCTOBER 2nd, Chingford; 3rd, Warbleton; 5th, Streatham, Hambro Road; 6th, Basildon; 8th, Rishangles; 9th, Laxfield; 10th, Bradfield St. George; 13th, Downe; 15th-17th, Guildford; 18th, Handcross; 20th, Dunstable; 27th-28th, Middlesbrough; 29th, Hartlepool; 30th, Newcastle.

Mrs. J. R. Field.—SEPTEMBER 30th, Bromley, Hayes Lane.

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Miss M. M. Cook.—SEPTEMBER 10th, Croydon District; 17th, Wellingborough; 18th, Irthlingborough; 24th, Horham; 25th, Grundisburgh.

OCTOBER 2nd, Bexleyheath; 3rd, Walthamstow; 8th, Ipswich, "Zoar"; 9th, Gt. Blakenham; 10th, Occold; 12th/13th, Caterham; 15th, Epsom; 16th, Potten End; 23rd, Lewisham and Greenwich; 24th, Belvedere; 28th, Bradenstoke; 29th, Devizes; 30th, Trowbridge.

ADDRESS: 73 The Down, Trowbridge, Wilts.

Mr. E. Orchard.—SEPTEMBER 7th, N. W. Gatherings; 8th, Burnley (Even); 22nd, Sheffield (Wycliffe).

Mr. R. Cook.—SEPTEMBER 15th, Wetherden; 18th, Knaphill; 24th, Zion New Cross; 25th, Ipswich, "Zoar"; 26th, Hadleigh; 27th, Stowmarket.

OCTOBER 5th/6th, West Midlands Weekend.

Miss N. Hawes.—SEPTEMBER 18th, Knaphill; 24th, Zion New Cross.

OCTOBER 8th, Colchester.

A TROPHY OF GRACE

It was one day while eating our meal in a hotel (café), that a tall grey-haired, elderly woman came up, asking if we had a book about Jesus Swami. She did not appear to be an educated woman, and on enquiry, she said that, No, she couldn't read but she would get one of her relatives to read this precious book to her. She joyfully told us that she had trusted Jesus Swami for twenty years. Thus, we were introduced to Mariammal.

On subsequent visits to her house we learned more of Mariammal, and she became a sister beloved in the Lord. She had a simple and whole-hearted trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as her Sufficiency. Perhaps she might not have put it in quite that way, but her whole-hearted trust in the Lord was something which became very evident.

As a young girl of eighteen, Mariammal was married to an elderly man. This was arranged by her parents, and her duty was to follow her parents' wishes. She was his fourth wife. One can imagine her position in the household as being a subservient one to the other wives. After four years she was widowed, and her position then would have been even more subservient, as it used to be felt that a wife was only a person while her husband was living. She had no rights of her own. After her husband's death her joy and comfort from the harshness of life was found in the life of the young son which she had borne.

The happenings of the intervening years are not known, but God placed in this town a Preacher and his wife, who was a Biblewoman. Through the Biblewoman, Mariammal first heard of Christ and of salvation through His shed blood. According to Mariammal's testimony, twenty years ago she came to know the Lord as her Saviour, and she became His child. Before many years had passed these two servants of God were taken to be with Him; and thus Mariammal had very little fellowship except when missionaries and other Christians came to this area and visited her.

She could not read; she had not the benefits that we have; she was not able to have fellowship with others except very irregularly—yet she was kept holding fast to her salvation and standing firm in her trust in Him. She had a simple faith, but it withstood the darts of the evil one. She was the only one in that household who was a Christian, and there must have been many temptations because Hinduism touches every aspect of life.

Two years ago God brought us to this place and, as mentioned, met Mariammal in the hotel. She was overjoyed to know that she would now be visited and again hear the Word regularly. She would call others to tell them to listen to the words about Jesus Swami.

A few months before her passing, she became very ill and weak—an illness that would not leave her and she gradually faded away to a shadow of her former self. Yet her strength was in the Lord, and her confidence was that He was coming for her and she would ever be with Him. Her concern was not for herself but for those of us children of God whom she was leaving behind. A few weeks before her passing she suffered a stroke, losing ability to speak, except for one word constantly heard on her lips—Jesus Swami.

Her relatives fulfilled her last wish which was to be buried even as other Christians are. In the tranquil setting of palm trees, there lies an unmarked grave.

We rejoice to know of God's keeping power of this child of His, and of His grace that was bestowed on her. Truly, she could say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness".

Phyllis E. White.

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house, so in 1967 some Jehovah's Witness missionaries came along and being attracted (as we were) by the family, thought it might be a fruitful field for their propaganda. They were courteously received and for some little while they held meetings in the house until the fast growing up sons (by now probably nineteen and seventeen years old) discerned the danger of their teaching. Considerable debate ensued which at times became heated, until at last the family asked their visitors not to come any more.

The father goes on to say that his children join with Chinese believers in English language Bible Classes and other Christian activities, and that they are prominent in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, of which the eldest son, Chellam Jacob is currently President. Mr Masillamani twice in his letters gratefully records that we laid the foundations of spiritual interest in his family. In the goodness and kindness of God we were permitted to do this and we are grateful to have some little evidence that our labour was not in vain either in Gemas or in Tangkak.

W. N. H. Kuhrt.

MALAYAN FLASH-BACK

Recent letters from an old O.M.F. missionary friend in Gemas have brought us welcome news of the Sunday School which was started by Mr. and Mrs. Orchard, maintained by us, and continued ever since by the joint efforts of O.M.F. missionaries and national Christians. "This Sunday School for some months has been run single-handed by Saraswathy (eighteen years old) but one of our senior boys is soon going to help her with this," writes our friend.

Saraswathy was only a very young girl—barely in her teens—when we knew her but she already gave much promise and eagerly devoured every book we could give her. Since our time she has made a public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus and was baptised by immersion by an O.M.F. missionary. Saraswathy comes of a Hindu family as her name indicates (it is the name of the Hindu goddess of learning and culture) but since her conversion her widowed mother has followed in her daughter's steps and more recently her elder brother too has been baptised after some years of antagonism. All the younger children of the family are enthusaistic members of the Sunday School which their eldest sister conducts.

Ever since we left Malaya we have continued to send our monthly Tamil magazine to Teacher I. Masillamani with whose family in Tangkak we became so friendly. After the lapse of a year or two letters came from them last March. Mr. Masillamani has retired from teaching and appears to have made a somewhat disastrous business venture. On the material side therefore things appear a trifle dismal and it is doubtless, largely on this account that they have not written. But the letters speak very happily of the children of whom there are six. The father says that the older children have made great strides in understanding of the Scriptures (we had left with them a number of English and Tamil Bibles and had encouraged them to join Scripture Union) and gives as a proof of this claim the following story. Just as we turned up in Tangkak away back in 1960 and asked whether we could hold meetings in our friend's

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AN APPRECIATION OF MR. AND MRS. ORCHARD

Missionary E. Orchard first went to India more than thirty-two years ago, after training at the Strict Baptist Bible Institute, under Principal Willoughby, M.A. Owing to the intervention of the Second World War, he had the longest period of service as an unmarried missionary that any of our men missionaries has had. This enabled him to enter into the evangelistic and church work of our mission with single-hearted devotion, and he became acquainted with our town and country churches in all the areas in which our mission worked. His loving concern for the welfare of all whom he met was quite characteristic of his ministry, and I have often been surprised at his detailed knowledge of the families and lives of various of our Indian brothers and sisters.

When Mr. Orchard went to India for his second term of service during the closing months of the war, he had the joy of taking with him his bride Ethel, who has been a true help and blessing to him in all his ministry for the Lord to the present time. Ben and Ethel Orchard had periods of service together in Tirunelveli, Madras, and the Kolli Hills, and wherever they laboured they were esteemed with affection by those among whom they worked.

When they were called to go to Malaya as our first missionaries to the Tamils in that country, we bade them farewell from our Indian Conference with a keen sense of loss, which was only mitigated by the news we received from time to time of their earnest and energetic activities for the Lord in Malaya. We can feel with them their sorrow in having to leave the foreign field as a result of increasing family responsibilities, but rejoice that the Lord is using them in this country to accomplish His purposes through them.

G. F. Champion.

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a welcome for us into the homes and hearts of the people. Through the medical work we are now well known all over the Kolli Hills, and are warmly received in all the villages. We have therefore been able to sow the Seed of God's Holy Word, widely and freely and repeatedly wherever we go. We now continue in faith, and watch and pray for the wonderful day when the Lord will bring forth life from the seed sown. May the Lord give us patience as we wait on Him, so that having done the will of God, we may receive the fulfilment of His promise concerning His own Word. For God has said, "My Word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55. 11.)

Miss M. E. Harris.

MEDICAL FOLLOW-UP WORK ON THE KOLLI HILLS

"Oh, Amma! Come and have your meeting here," called out a happy-looking village woman, holding a sweet baby in her arms. I had been going all round the village, looking in at all the little mud huts, which are their homes, to make my arrival known. The children had come along with me, and I had gathered up quite a crowd. Now I was looking for a suitable place to have a meeting. This invitation from the young mother was just what I wanted. "Look!" she said to me. "This is the baby we brought with fever. It has a 'needle' (injection), and now it is quite well again."

"Oh! I am so glad," said I. "How good of the Lord to heal your child."

With this happy introduction I prepare to have the meeting. The young mother spreads a blanket made of goat's hair on the verandah for me to sit on, if I want to. This is a sign of respect. The women and children all gather round, as I get out my cymbals and suggest that we start off with some singing. The Hill people love singing. So they asked me to sing to them again and again. The "hand-bells", as they called the cymbals, gave added attraction. A few men gathered around as well. Now was the time to give the Gospel message. So with the use of suitable pictures, I told them a Bible story, and explained to them the Way of Salvation. They listened and nodded assent as I pointed out to them how great was God's love to send His only begotten Son into the world to die for sinners. Soon I noticed that time was running out, because one by one the women had to go back to their cooking, or to their work of getting water from the well, which they had left when I arrived. That morning I had set off very early before sunrise, in order to reach the village before everyone left to go off to their field work. So now I turned to the children and told them that I had brought them some picture-cards, which I would give them after they had repeated the Bible verses I had taught them. "God is love," came the prompt response for the first verse. Then, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," they repeated, and so on, until they had repeated all the verses they had been taught. Great excitement followed as they each received the picture cards with Tamil Texts on them, sent out from England.

The meeting over, I lingered on in the village, looking in at various homes, and making enquiries after those who had been to us as patients. This is the time when patients-to-be are also seen and given advice about the best time to come for medicine, and the place where the Doctor-Ammal is staying on camp.

There is no doubt about the fact that the medical help given and received up on the Kolli Hills has been greatly used by the Lord to make

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BOYS AND GIRLS IN MUSIRI

It was Thursday afternoon and the children's meeting day at our home. Everything was ready, mats had been laid on the floor of the front verandah and the flannelgraph board and easel stood ready at one end.

Small pictures, note books, Tamil texts, and coloured pencils were ready for use in an adjoining room and in a farther verandah.

The children who attended came from four different schools in the town, *e.g.* local government and Roman Catholic schools. When these schools closed, at varying times between 4 and 5 p.m., the children would run straight from school and climb up the three steps to our house, calling, "AKKA" (which means elder sister) or "Teacher", to let us know that they had arrived for the meeting. The first ones began by colouring in the small pictures, then when they had stuck these in their note books, they wrote underneath a Scripture portion; learnt it and recited it. Tamil text pictures were also available for colouring; these the children coloured and took home.

As five o'clock approached everyone was asked to finish or drop their pencils and congregate on the front verandah. The first part of the time was given over to singing. The children greatly enjoyed this. The children's lustful singing, although not always "on key", invariably attracted many to our front door.

When the chorus sheet had been exhausted the cry would be, "Now let us hear the story". Week by week a story from Genesis or the Gospels was taught and illustrated appropriately, by flannelgraph pictures. On occasions women and sometimes men being attracted by the singing would stay on to hear the story.

After prayer the meeting would close. Some of the children would leave immediately while others would continue with their colouring lessons. Prizes were given after each five weeks' attendance. These prizes were some of the more special Tamil Text Cards which had been selected from the packets of cards sent from Australia and England.

One evening after the meeting a little Muslim boy asked if he could have a small prayer written out for him to pray each night. His elder sisters and twin brother also shared this with him.

In writing to them since I have asked them if they are still praying. Sometimes they forget. Will you remember to pray for these children in Misuri. They need your continued prayers.

[There is now no resident missionary in Musiri but in the goodness of God the work is continuing.—Editor.]

Miss Y. Conacher.

LISTENERS' REACTIONS

We have recently heard of two contrasting reactions to one of our Tamil Narcheythi (good news) radio programmes. The first of the two post cards to reach us brought us a complaint.

"I was very sad when I heard the programme, which had been recorded in your studio, that was broadcast from Manila on 8.6.68. What do we lack when our Redeemer is alive? Why must we weep instead of rejoicing? If the broadcasters were Hindus I should not think much about this weeping. Because Hindus have no redeemer they will lament, they will weep. May we, who must speak about the Redeemer, weep? Should not a joy sound out in our speech? Must we not sing of our unspeakable joy? How can we speak a testimony to our Lord if we weep like Hindus? I think it would be good if the broadcasts showed the joy we have obtained through Christ."

The programme mentioned contained the lament of a man who became aware of his sinfulness. It was good to receive the comments of another listener and to have their evidence to use when replying to the first letter. A man whose home is in the south-west coastal area of India, and whose mother tongue is Malayalam, wrote to us in English from the North-east Frontier Area, as follows:

"This is just to thank you for the beautiful and wonderful Narcheythi programme of yours which came on the FEBC Manila on June 8th, between 2030 and 2100 Hrs. I.S.T. It was so powerful, appealing, and soul-inspiring that I have been very much blessed by the same. I hope that many have heard it and have been helped by its message. Thank you once again for the message.

"I had earlier also written to you that I listen to your programmes as much as I can. I am also very glad that you are connected with the Baptist Radio Crusade of England, with whom I am in correspondence.

"May the Lord bless you all real good.

"With Christian greetings, Yours in His service."

We rejoice with both of these listeners. Although we do not lament in the way that non-Christians do, tears have a place in Christian experience. But our Redeemer lives, and in Him we should be always rejoicing. God grant that, whether our experience at this time is pleasant or distressing, we may have His joy in our hearts and show sympathy and understanding to other people.

O. R. Knight.

CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION

That we live in days of change is beyond question, but some changes are inevitable with the passing of the years and are not brought about in a spirit of "change for change's sake". It is the continual and earnest prayer of the Mission Council that the Lord will show His will clearly in every aspect of the Mission's affairs and in this spirit certain decisions have been taken which affect home administration.

First, it has been decided that Mr. B. F. Ellis will, D.V., become the General Secretary from January 1st, 1969. This will permit Pastor P. H. Crees to undertake a rather less strenuous role and he will then become the Assistant General Secretary. It is anticipated that this arrangement may continue until the summer of 1970 but, in the meantime, if the Lord so led, Mr. Crees will be at liberty to accept a call to pastoral responsibility in one of the churches.

Then, as many of our friends will know, Pastor E. E. Orchard, has now relinquished the office of Deputation Secretary, after many years of faithful service. (An appreciation of whose work in India and Malaya is elsewhere.) This aspect of the work is being administered from the London Office. Mr. Orchard has, however, accepted the position of Northern Representative and is looking forward to continuing his work among the churches in County Durham, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Northumberland, and Yorkshire. All deputation enquiries for these areas should be addressed to Mr. Orchard at 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

"COME OVER AND HELP US"

The Lord called Paul from needy Asia to Europe and we are equally sure that the Holy Spirit has led Miss Nellie Hawes and the Council to work in Spain in response to repeated calls from that country.

It is our policy not to transfer missionaries from one country to another, but in this case we feel under a divine compulsion.

God willing, Miss Nellie Hawes will leave for Barcelona after the Annual meetings to study the Spanish language. In the meantime we hope she will be able to give her testimony in October when we gather at Westminster and also at meetings in the Churches.

Editors.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

RAYS' RALLIES

AT 3.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14th
"EDEN"
CAMBRIDGE

SPORTS BEFOREHAND
on
MIDSUMMER COMMON
1 p.m.—3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21st
WEST HAM
TABERNACLE

SPORTS BEFOREHAND
on
WEST HAM PARK,
PORTWAY
1 p.m.—3 p.m.

WEST MIDLANDS WEEKEND
MIDLAND ROAD STRICT BAPTIST CHAPEL
WALSALL

Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th October 1968.
(Commencing 3 p.m. Saturday.)

Speakers: Pastor P. H. Crees. Mr. H. A. Huckett. Mr. Roger Cook.

Slides, Interviews, Exhibition, Buffet Tea.

Full details, from:- P. R. Farrington, 20, Gorway Road.
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THE TREASURY **JUNE and JULY, 1968**

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund ..	£6267	£3058
Special Funds ..	248	203
	£6515	£3261

Our financial year ended on June 30th, and we are thankful to say that over the year there has been an increase in giving, and our year ends with a credit balance. We are full of thanks to our God, Who has supplied all our needs; and we are grateful to all who so faithfully remember us prayerfully and practically. Our receipts include £100 16s. 5d. from the Stamp Corner—a considerable increase over last year, and a very welcome help.

Anonymous gifts thankfully received: Thetford, £25; Watford, £1; Brockenhurst, £15; Bromley, £1; Woodbridge, £1.

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AT WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, BUCKINGHAM GATE

OCTOBER 22nd 1968.

11.00. BUSINESS MEETING FOR DELEGATES.

2.00. LADIES' MEETING, CHAPEL.

Speakers: MISS M. M. COOK and MRS. H. A. HUCKETT.

2.00. MEN'S PRAYER MEETING, INSTITUTE HALL.

Conducted by: PASTOR D. A. DAWSON.

3.15. FOCUS ON INDIA

Chairman: PASTOR C. C. POND.

Speakers: MISSIONARIES J. R. FIELD and H. A. HUCKETT.

TEA. Tickets may be obtained from the office at 2/- each.

6.15. FOCUS ON EUROPE

This Meeting will take the form of launching our European Work.

Chairman: PASTOR J. K. THORPE.

Speakers: PASTOR E. HUSER, Munster.
MR. R. COOK, Brussels.
MR. C. HOWELLS, Albertville.
MISS N. HAWES, Candidate for Spain.

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PRAYER MEETING AND FAREWELL

Friday, Dec. 6th, 1968

ANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH

7.00 p.m.

LISTENING. SIX LISTENERS' LETTERS

From the soldier from whose earlier letter we quoted last month:

"It was as if the programme was specially for me. . . . The pastor was explaining about prayer. . . . I and the friends who were with me forgot everything around us and realised the greatness of prayer to the God of gods. . . . Such programmes will be very good for people like us. If I send a gift next month, may I send it to the address to which I am sending this letter? . . . Thank you again and again".

From another soldier:

"I am a soldier in the Indian army. One day when I was tuning my radio at about 8.30 p.m. I happened to hear a Christian programme from the Philippines, in the 19 metre band. Although I was a Hindu that broadcast made a great change in my heart. From that day I have not failed to listen to your programmes.

"I have known something of Christ. Now I am telling the soldiers who are serving with me, as much as I can about Christ.

"I do not have a Bible. My friends are eager to know about Christ. And I also am keen to know about the Christian faith, Christ, and the story of His life. Can you satisfy my desire?"

From Trichy District:

"I have been hearing the Tamil programmes broadcast by the Far East Broadcasting Company since January 1968. Of these Narcheythi is the most attractive to me—is the one that grips me. Because your programme is lively 15 minutes fly like 15 seconds. I should like to help you in some way. . . ."

From Madras:

"I hear your programme regularly. It feeds new life to my soul. I pray for your programme. I want to know more about Jesus. I believe you will help me in this."

From Bombay:

". . . What must I do to get peace of mind? . . ."

From Kerala State:

". . . It will be good if you can send me some spiritual books. I have a doubt. What authority is there for saying that Christ is God? After 2,000 years may not people call Mahatma Ghandi god, in view of his nature? . . ."

TEACHING.

BIBLE TEACHING MINISTRY

It is nearly twenty years since our last and final efforts to conduct a regular SBM Bible Institute came to an end. Only four of our seven pastors enjoyed the privileges of this full length course and all of them are now beginning to show signs of age. During the past eight years we have felt the need to provide at least short-term Bible Schools and a number of such schools have been successfully conducted. The strain of running such schools, usually in the hottest month of the year, was considerable, and partly for that reason the whole project ground to a halt during the years 1964-7. Attempts to run such schools at cooler times of the year proved unsuccessful.

This year we determined afresh that something must be done and plans have been worked out for making Dindigul a semi-permanent conference centre where Bible Schools, Pastors' Conferences, Youth Workers Training Classes, for men and for women, can be conducted throughout the year. The programme got off to a good start with an eight day Bible School in the last week of May. It was, as we expected, a very hot time, but there was nothing else for it but to accept that time with its disadvantages or else give up the idea altogether.

We had eighteen students—all men—who were drawn from each of our areas. Tinnevelly sent five, Ramnad five, Salem five, and Madras two, and one other student (who hails originally from Ramnad but now works in Tanjore) also attended. There were four lecturers—three pastors and one missionary. One of the pastors, Mr. D. John Albert also took the heavy responsibility of catering, and part of the success of the Bible School must undoubtedly be attributed to his efforts in this department. At the end of the School an examination was set in which fifteen of the students took part. Of these thirteen secured pass marks and four secured a score of more than 70%. Certificates will be issued to the thirteen who passed, and a special prize given to David Soundararajan of the Rasipuram Church who was top of the list with 73%. The age range of our students was a little bewildering as it ran from 17 to 57! However, even the two grandfathers who were exempted from writing the examination derived

much benefit from being with us and one of them also contributed greatly to the happy spiritual atmosphere.

The subjects taught were as follows: Pastor S. Paul gave about ten lessons on 1 Peter. Pastor Devanesam gave six talks on The Holy Spirit. Pastor Albert gave five talks on elementary instruction to new converts and the writer of this article gave six lessons on The Lord's Supper. The neglect of the Lord's Supper in the Tirunelveli/Ramnad area and the inroads of Pentecostalism everywhere, made these subjects timely, and Pastor Devanesam's talks, given in his characteristic conversational style, were particularly useful.

The next item on the Dindigul programme is a Conference for our seven pastors. The considerable duties of organising such a regular programme of Bible Schools in Dindigul fall upon Mr. Appleby, and he carries this load in addition to his very full time-table connected with the Radio Ministry.

W. N. H. Kuhrt

Mr. S. W. ANDERSON

It is almost impossible to say what Mr. S. W. Anderson meant to the denomination and to the S.B.M. in particular. He was a real friend to many pastors and missionaries, and his prayerful and practical interest in the S.B.M. was a real encouragement in the Lord.

In the days prior to World War 2, and during the whole of that trying period, Mr. Anderson was the beloved Vice-President of the Mission (1936-49). In the years 1950-1 he became President of the Mission and fulfilled his task with true leadership and Christian grace.

He served on the Council after that until 1960 and was then appointed a life member of the Mission. He maintained his deep interest in the spread of the Gospel and the doctrines of grace right to the end.

We must not forget his beloved partner in life, and the Mission Council would express their prayerful condolence to our sister as well as to the Church at Epsom. Mrs. Anderson served the Mission for some years as the Financial Secretary of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary. This was a work of faith and labour of love in the Lord.

CAMPING. NOT IN VAIN

It is Wednesday to-day. So instead of doing medical work, we went off early in the morning to visit in one of the villages further up the valley.

As far as possible, when we are on camp up on the Kolli Hills, we keep Wednesdays and Sundays free for visiting the people in their homes. To do this we have to get up before dawn and have our chota very early, in order to get to the villages before the people go off to their field work.

This morning as soon as we got to the village, we went round all the houses at the entrance to the village, and spoke to everyone who made an appearance, and invited them to come together for a little while to listen to our message. We chose a suitable place where those who preferred to stand in the sun could do so, while those of us who preferred the shade could also do so. The sun can be hot enough even at 7 a.m. up on the Kolli Hills in April. A small crowd of children from different houses soon came together, and a few mothers also stood, holding their babies, while various men sat about in their doorways or on their verandahs, or on a rock nearby, and listened from a short distance away.

We started the meeting by singing a Tamil lyric, which we afterwards explained to them line by line; and then we told them the gospel message, illustrated by a story, which they could understand.

Most of the people in this village had been to us for medicine at some time or another, so we were by no means strangers to them. Nor was the gospel message we brought new to them any longer, although, alas, it still seems to be a "foreign religion" in their thinking. They still find it far easier to shout out the names of their Hindu gods, than to try to pronounce the name of Jesus.

Before we finished the meeting, we asked the children to repeat the memory verses they had learnt. All those who attempted to repeat these scripture verses were given a Tamil Text picture card. If it was a card that had not been cut down at all, they were tremendously pleased. If it had been cut down, they were very disappointed. In many things children are the same all over the world. Kolli Hills children do like the whole uncut greeting card just as our English children do.

This morning we had three meetings in three different parts of the village. Before we had finished the second meeting the school children were beginning to leave the village to go to school. By the time we had finished the third meeting, several people had already gone off for field work; and the sun was high in the sky, and getting hotter. In one of the houses they wanted us to see their five-month old baby, which had been born during the last Kolli Hills camp, and at the birth of which they had received medical assistance from the Missionary Doctor. In another

house they showed us a beautiful baby parakeet, which they had caught in the forest and tamed. It had exquisite colours—bright green, blue, and yellow, with a brilliant orange beak. In the last house we visited they showed us a little child which had been ill with fever for three days. So we asked them to bring it along for treatment as soon as possible. But they will probably try their own native medicines first, and then bring the child only after all their efforts have proved useless. Age-old customs die hard, up on the Kolli Hills, in spite of the untiring efforts of missionaries all down the years. In spiritual things it seems to be just the same. They cling tenaciously to their devil worship, caste rules and customs, and feel no need to change for something which, to them, seems strange and foreign.

Let us pray earnestly that the Lord will raise up Indian Christians to be missionaries to their own people. Pray that the Lord will send them forth to reap a harvest where the seed has been sown. Pray that we missionaries may be helped to continue faithfully teaching the Word of God to all who will listen. Pray also that more Indian Christians may desire to know how to teach others about the way of salvation, and may give our Missionaries opportunities for teaching them how to do so.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord". (1 Cor. 15, 58).

M. E. Harris

MONSIEUR HENRI WEBER (Pastor) died July 1968. Aged 64.

Pastor Henri Weber ministered the Word of God at Court in Switzerland, and was one of the first to welcome S.B.M. personnel to the Continent. His interest in the Mission was informed and real, and the last time I saw him (April, 1968) we discussed the principles of "Mission" together. His church has shown both practical and prayerful interest in the S.B.M.

He was a man of grace and loved the doctrines of grace, and he will be sadly missed by his family, the Church, and the Churches in the Evangelical Association. We prayerfully extend our sympathies to his wife at this time, who has been such a gracious companion to her husband at all times.

P. H. Crees

BAPTISING.

"I WILL INCREASE THEM WITH MEN"

Rasipuram. On the first day of 1967 the preacher appointed for the New Year's Service took as his subject part of Ezekiel 36 and by way of text v. 11: "I will do more good to you than ever before". The address closed with a reference to the 37th verse: "I will increase them with men like a flock" and the hope was expressed that the Rasipuram Church, which had tended to stagnate, might see this promise fulfilled during the coming months. The Pastor of the Church and his wife and son were overjoyed at this message and felt quite sure that it was a prophetic word for them which would find its fulfilment in due time.

During the long twelve months after that New Year Service only one new member was added, a man who came into the Church by testimony from the neighbouring village of Kakkavery. But on the last day of 1967 Pastor D. Rajarathanam baptised six people (two men and four women). Three were converts from Hinduism and three formerly belonged to the Church of South India (see article on page 28 of the May/June issue).

On May 5th three more friends were baptised in connection with the Rasipuram Church and received into the fellowship along with one other person who joined on testimony having been already baptised at Dohnavur. And so in less than eighteen months since the giving of the promise, 11 have been added and the total Church membership is now 32.

Kilpauk. Eleven persons (8 men and 3 women) were baptised by Pastor S. Devanesam on May 12th, 1968. Eight of these were converts from Hinduism. The total Church membership now stands at 184.

In the midst of a good deal which is depressing, it is a pleasure to be able to write of these two Churches with much confidence. They are both spiritually thriving and those baptised in connection with them are likely to be genuine subjects of God's gracious working.

W. N. H. Kuhrt

ADVANCING.

RETREAT TO ADVANCE

There are times when to retreat is to advance. We have just concluded a Tamil Baptist Pastors' retreat, here in Dindigul, and we feel it has been a time of advance for them.

Fireworks, processsions, bunting across the road, all-night drama, temple worship amplified to about 20 watts of distorted audio—these were just nearby to us, all the time! The temple festival left us in no doubt that we strive in a war.

But a war we cannot win by physical might; only seven men gathered. One brother, the eighth pastor last year, walks no more with us. Now we are seven. And, physically, a frail group; the "youngster" among them nearly 50 years of age, most of them over 60 years. These serve among perhaps 70 Tamil Baptist congregations, supported by the Churches that have called them.

The devotional ministry of the retreat came through a respected Indian brother and his expositions on the life of Abraham. The ministry reached hearts because of its vitality and its relevance. How often, indeed, we scheme our Ishmaels because we cannot wait any longer for God's Isaacs—and, oh! how trying it is subsequently to remove that Ishmael again.

The doctrinal ministry was the charge of Mr. Kuhrt. Starting from the position that not lack of assurance, but a plentiful false assurance, was often the situation that the Pastors meet, Mr. Kuhrt gave a series of studies from the non-Pauline epistles to demonstrate scriptural tests for the examination of peace and assurance in Christian experience. Bunyan's Mr. Help drew Christian out from the Slough of Despond; but in a situation of much nominality should we not help best by pushing people in?

A session in the Bookshop, when each Pastor selected free books granted from the David Morling Memorial Fund; a session in the Goodnews recording studio; a session when each gave his appraisal of a book previously received for detailed study, and a session of kodachrome slides showing views of England and Australia—these provided times of relaxation.

There were many informal chats. There were earnest prayers. There was fellowship in sharing experiences. And now they return to the old places and the old problems again—but with refreshed spirits. The weak things of the world shall confound the wise, their Master said, through Paul's pen. So be it.

H. J. Appleby

SELLING.

CUSTOMERS IN THE BOOKSHOP

Our customers are people of varied ages, standards of education, and income. Many of those who frequently buy books from us send their orders by post, and I have not met them. We rejoice that they buy so many Bibles and other books, and sell them in widely spread areas.

Encouragement also comes to us through the customers who come into the shop. Yesterday, a few minutes before noon, a weary man arrived and asked for a drink of water. He lives in a village thirty miles away, and had cycled to Dindigul to buy Gospels. This was his third visit to the shop. My respect for him now is greater than it was the first time, when I was cautious in my dealings with a man who was keen to get things free or at a very cheap rate. I have since been told that he has been given the bicycle, and money to pay his house rent, but apart from that has to support himself with the help of his congregation. Any profit he can make on the sale of books is useful. Let us thank God that His word is going to some villages, and pray that our customer, and others serving in rural areas may be given grace to overcome discouragements and continue in this ministry.

This (10.9.68) morning a tall young man came into the shop. He had been once before, but I was away at that time. Our assistant introduced him to me as a student of a theological college, on holiday. It was not long before the student was telling us of recent events. "We students have recently been doing evangelistic work around O——. We sold 2.000 Gospels, and 7 Bibles. The Bibles and 500 of the Gospels were supplied by you. One day I got into conversation with a Hindu holy man. He knows a lot of the Bible, but he does not have faith in the Lord Jesus. We talked for about three-quarters of an hour. He says I can meet him in Dindigul on Friday. He will be sitting near a temple with a cloth spread out in front of him to receive gifts. He asked for a free Bible. As a student I do not have enough money to pay for a Bible

for him. I shall give him this New Testament". I was glad to see that our student customer had selected several books from among shop soiled and slightly damaged ones which we are selling at reduced prices.

Our conversation continued, and the student mentioned that he has to write a thesis on Evangelistic work among Hindus in the Musiri area. His home is not very many miles from Musiri. "I'm thinking of visiting the missionaries there and asking their help," he said. I told him that they had left. It was good to see his interest in the area, which he recognises as one to which God's word must be taken. He had twice conducted the service in Musiri, and we began talking of some of the members of the congregation.

Then I remembered, and shared with him, two letters that a lad from a Hindu family in Musiri had written to us. After introducing himself he wrote: "There is no Bible Book Shop in our town. Six months ago a lady taught us lessons, and gave us good picture cards, and little books. Then, when she went to her country, she told me that if I wanted books to read or sell I should write to an address in Dindigul. She gave me the address. . . . So I humbly ask you to send books. Please send your catalogue and I will choose the books. . . ." We sent the catalogue. No order arrived; so we wrote a letter. He replied, "Thank you very much for your letter. We marked a lot of books in your catalogue. Please do not think that we are in business. We want to spread Christianity, but we have no money. As soon as we saw the catalogue we had a big shock. But we have chosen some little books as you suggested. . . ." The books have been sent. We await more news from Musiri.

DORKING
Nov. 16

Sale of Work. 2.30.
Meetings for Men and Women. 3.30.
Sale resumed. 4.15.
Evening Meeting. 6.15
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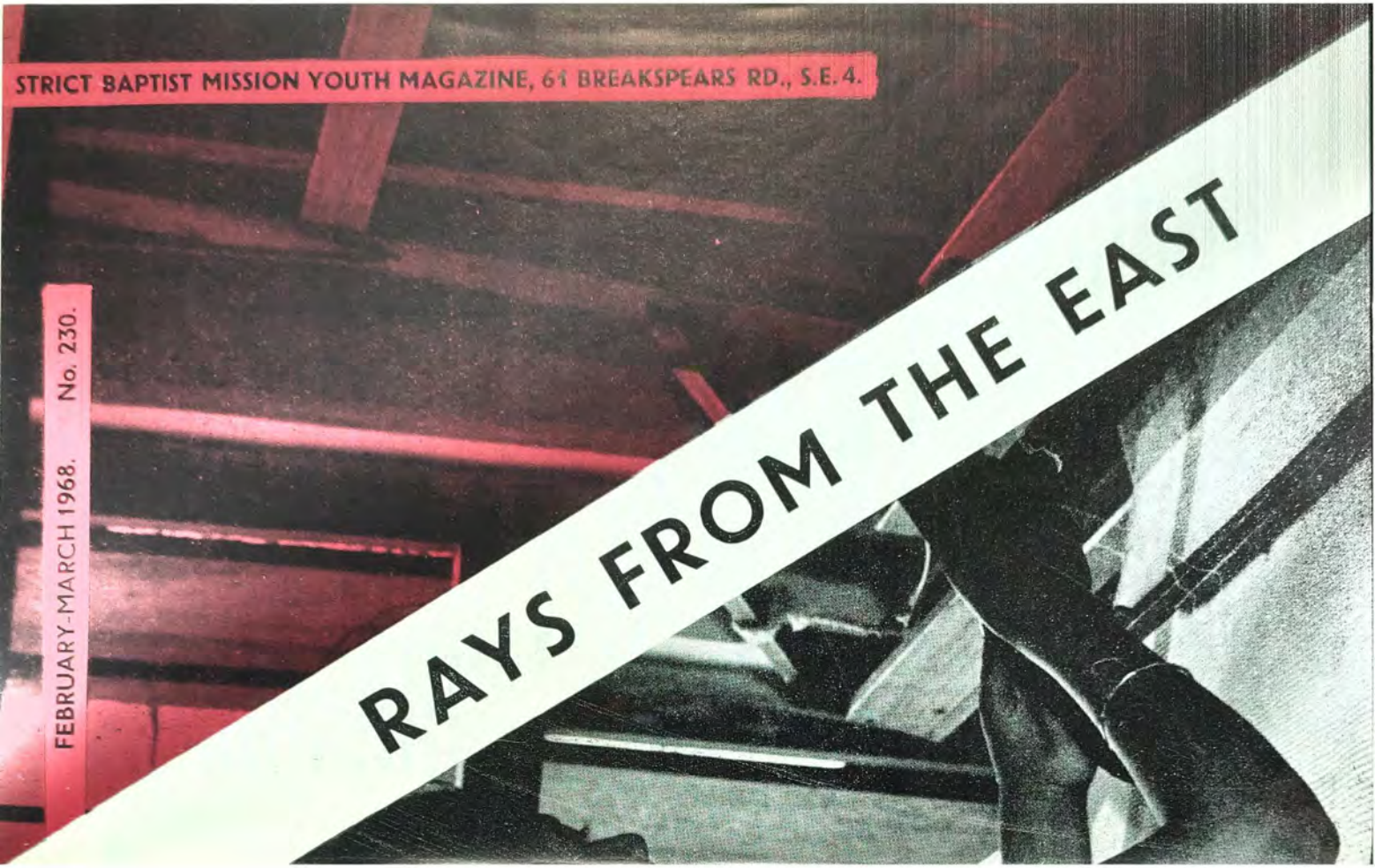
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ABOUT OUR COVER PICTURE

India, a triangular-shaped country, is mainly separated from the rest of Asia by the snowy Himalayas in the North. Although fertile, India depends upon regular monsoons which enable all the food to be grown for its dense population. These dense areas consist mainly of villages in which weaving is a prominent industry. Large quantities of towelling are produced in village homes. Our cover picture shows a girl pupil at the school at Sendamangalam, in South India (once run by our Mission). She is efficiently weaving a piece of colourful fabric. Girls start learning this craft at an early age.

Our great burden for these children is that they might come to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. It isn't easy for them to be Christians. If they serve the Lord Jesus they will experience great persecution from people of different religions. Do pray for these children and those who seek to tell of the love of Jesus in this school.

WHO STOLE THE TAMIL TEXT CARD?

by Miss N. Hawes, Musiri, South India

When we held our first children's meeting here, the young folk were each given a Tamil text card: they were so excited that the news soon spread through the streets, and we were literally besieged.

At the next meeting, we decided that it might be more helpful to register the names of the children, and in this way we could give something special each month to those who attended regularly. We found the large birthday cards very useful as "something special".

In the meanwhile, we put the cards on the sales-rack with the literature. After the first week or so a regular flow of purchasers have been taking texts, booklets, and children's tracts to their homes.

When the children first saw the pretty cards, some were so excited they grabbed them and danced round the floor; a few of the girls even kissed them! Flowers, or glittering, frosty scenes, photos of seasides, towns, bright colours, large ones or small ones, all seem to disappear as quickly as the postman brings them.

After a time we got to know the children better, and soon found that not all of them were honest. Some of the boys would take cards or booklets to the door to look at them and while your back was turned they would disappear through the door, and run up the street as quickly as their legs would carry them. Another one carefully counted out her cards in front of me, but a tell-tale edge of another card hidden underneath found her out. When the group found that I had discovered the hidden card, they all got up and shook their blouses and skirts, and said: "I have not hidden any". Yet other children find their school bags very handy for quietly tucking away an odd item of literature.

We may all be clever at times and think we can get away with it. But let us never forget that we cannot hide from the Lord, for "His EYES are in every place, beholding the evil and the good".

Sundays are like weekdays to most of the children here and they find it difficult to understand what it means and why we cannot sell on that day. Sometimes when we have carefully explained the reason, one will say: "Just one naye paise then!" (one paise is worth about 1/100th part of a shilling).

Those of you who colour in the S.G.M. Tamil texts and send them out to us, will be pleased to know that the children love to have these. Sometimes we have a colouring session with the children when they themselves will colour in the texts and proudly take them to their homes. Very few of the children have the luxury of coloured pencils or anything much to paint.

Some of the older children when they leave, after making their purchases, say "Thank you" in perfect English and I am sure their thank you is but the expression of their thanks to you young people and older ones, too.

A RIDE WITH A COBRA

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

In Namakkal there is a lady doctor with a man's name! She is Dr. Peter, a retired Government doctor who still does some medical work. She is a Christian and is always ready to help others. The other night about 11 p.m. some people came to her door and asked her to go and help a little baby into the world. They said they were poor and could not afford any better vehicle than a bullock cart. So Dr. Peter said she would go with them, and she and her nurse got ready. The cartman collected arms full of hay and put it on the floor of the cart. Bullock carts do not normally have any springs and the way to the village was rough. They all set out taking a torch with them, and after a somewhat bumpy ride came to the house where the doctor was needed. Presently, the little baby was born and by this time it was about 2 a.m.

The tired doctor and nurse came out, and the doctor got into the cart. The nurse thought she would climb up over the wheel and sit more in the middle. Shining the torch to find a suitable place, they were all astonished to see a cobra rising up out of the hay and spreading its hood ready to strike. Shouting to Dr. Peter to get out at once, the nurse quickly stepped back, while the cart driver attacked the snake and soon killed it. They all realised that they had had a very narrow escape. The cartman must have held it in his arms when he brought the hay. The doctor and the nurse must have had it for company on the journey to the house. God wonderfully took care of them all and so the good doctor was full of praise, but she says that when she thinks about it, even now, she trembles. The bite of a cobra is very poisonous and can quickly kill a person. It is a snake that is worshipped by Hindus, as well

as feared. Once, when we killed a big cobra near the bungalow, the people were very angry. Some of the Hindu women went and made offerings at the ant-hill where it was supposed to live. Perhaps they thought that there was another one there, and that it would be pacified by their worship and offerings.

You may say "Oh, I would never worship a snake!" Yet, when you do naughty things, that is just as bad, for that pleases Satan who is called a serpent. Only Jesus can deliver you from Satan's power and cleanse you from the poison of sin. Then, just as He saved the doctor from harm, He will take care of you. He is able to SAVE and He is able to KEEP.

HONOURS LIST

The following prizes have been awarded to those who have received many Honours Certificates, showing that they have been very regular Bible Searchers, but have as yet received no prize:

Mary Bater, Bromley; Joan Justice, Yateley; May Williams, Tring; Marvelle Dublin, Woolwich; Joy Mutimer, Horham; Elizabeth Wood, Warboys.

Here is the Honours List of Regular Bible Searchers. To each Searcher a Certificate will be sent and to those who receive their first Certificate a Badge will also be included:

Aldringham: Ann Barber, Susanna Hunt, Paul King. **Aylesbury:** Martin Dowding, Christopher Dowding. **Basildon:** Julie Blagden, Dianne Fielden, Brian Whiffin, Susan Lamb. **Belvedere:** Julia Barber, Kay Ford, Andrew, Rachael, John, and Judith Orchard, Michael Wayman; Michael Cole. **Billinghay:** Jacqueline Maltby, Keith Maltby, Anthony and Yvonne Wood. **Borough Green:** Vanessa Ford, Angela Hope **Bradenstoke:** Pauline, Mandy, Kathleen Elms, Lynn and Claire Weston, Simon Tanfield. **Brentford:** Timothy Saunders. **Brighton:** Jeanette Anscombe, Elizabeth Mayell, Betty Wilson, Clifford Chapman, Donald Hensby, David Pickett, Susan Payne. **Brockley:** Richard Underwood. **Bromley:** Mary and Eric Bater. **Chelmsford:** Mary Toms, Andrew Toms, Ross Thompson. **Clapham:** Graham and Philip Collins. **Clifton:** Mary Arnold, Berys Bird, Jill Ford, Penny Punter. **Colchester:** Lydia and Jeremy Pyke, Sharon Rivers. **Coonoor, South India:** Kathryn Appleby. **Crowfield:** Raymond Grimwood, Raymond, Stephen, Paul, and Shirley Hart. **Cuckfield:** Ruth Gadd. **Downe:** Christine Edwards, Linda Stevens. **Gadebridge:** Karen Brazer, Jacky Bustin, Christina Carter, Tonia Drury, Sandra Horsted, Elizabeth and Ruth Willmott, Alastair Waylett. **Gosbeck:** Philip Page, Melvin Cattermole, Martin Page, Philip, Graham and Clifford Hart, David Thurlow. **Greenwich:** Philip, Lois and Graeme Clarkson, Peter and James Geall, Jennifer and Jacqueline Weise. **Hadleigh:** Rosina Riddleston, Nigel and Julie Double, Evelyn Rowland. **Hailsham:** Emelia Higgs, Paul Heasman, David Monk, Doreen Biggs. **Halstead:** Monica Jarritt. **Hammerfield:** Marilyn Croucher, Dianne and Lynn Elliot, Sara Jardine, Steven Sandford, Louise Webber, Nicky Sampson, Dawn Yarham. **Highbury:** Laura Hamilton, Michael, Andrew, and Elaine Hewitt, Janet Thompson. **Hilmarton:** Jean Smith. **Horham:** Sylvia, Wendy, Ann and Joy Chapman, Gillian Harvey, Virginia and Alan Hawes, Joy Mutimer, Valerie Rodwell, Bernard and Monica Gooderham, Timothy and Andrew Debenham, Christine Frost, Christopher and Malcolm Harvey. **Bethesda, Ipswich:** Heather Gardner. **Ipswich, Mount Zion:** Irene and Ronald Carter, Paul Gray, Sandra Ling, Paul and Joy Thrower, Christine Rogers. **Ipswich, Zoar:** Ian Garrod. **Kenninghall:** Jane Gobble, Anthea Brinded. **Kesgrave:** Kenneth, Nicholas and Philip Alexander. **Laxfield:** Catherine Balls. **Lewes:** Elizabeth and Jennifer Starnes, Christine Relf. **Little Staughton:** Avril Chessum, Sheila Stringer, Carol Chessum,

Roger and Christopher Jordan. **March:** Sheila Cross, Julie and Susan Mann, Lorna Murden, Margaret Seymour. **Reigate:** Barbara Wright, Jane and Clare Wicking, Ian Lane, Valerie Scrace, Susan and David Edge. **Rishangles:** Ivan and Sally Chapman, Valerie and Sarah Blake. **Ryarsh:** Alan Parris, Paul Watts. **Staines:** Jill and Kim Reuter, Mary Bower. **Stonham:** Joy Denny. **Streatham:** John and Ruth Layzell, Gloria Browne. **Grindon:** Lorna Oakes. **Tring:** Mary, Lesley and M. Williams, Paul Nash, David Rance. **Tunbridge Wells:** Rosalind Wilkinson. **Tunstall:** Kingsley Reeve. **Waldringfield:** Linda and Christine Chapman. **Warboys:** David Blackman, Shirley Clifford, Ian Evemy, Mandy Spalton, Elizabeth Wood, Alan Burrows. **Watford:** Andrew and Stephen Cooke. **West Ham:** Susan Hayday. **Wetherden:** Andrew Ottley. **Wooburn Green:** Elizabeth Robinson. **Woolwich:** Anthony and Philip Kiddell, Graham Dennis, Cynthia and Marvelle Dublin, Lydia and Lorna Gonsalves, Anne and John Wills. **Yateley:** Joan and Grace Justice.

CASUALTY LIST FOR 1967

We are very sorry to record that 59 Bible Searchers failed by only one entry to gain Honours Certificates. They came from the following schools: Basildon (4), Belvedere (2), Billinghay (1), Borough Green (1), Bradenstoke (3), Brighton (1), Clifton (2), Crowfield (1), Eastbourne (1), Gadebridge (3), Greenwich (2), Hailsham (5), Hammerfield (3), Highbury (2), Horham (1), Zoar, Ipswich (1), Kenninghall (2), Laxfield (1), L. Staughton (1), Middlesbrough (1), New Cross (1), Rishangles (1), Ryarsh (1), Sunderland (2), Tring (2), Warboys (7), Wetherden (1), Wooburn Green (1), Park Ridings (3), Woolwich (1), Yateley (1).

THE FOODS AND FRUITS OF THE BIBLE

When God created the heavens and the earth, He planted a garden in which Adam might live, and in this garden He planted all manner of trees whose fruit was good for food. In this Searcher, we shall find many of the fruits which God provided and many other foods also. It is so easy for us, in these days when our food comes from near-by shops, to forget that in the first place all our food comes from the good earth created by the loving hand of God. Then let us, before we eat, remember to thank Him for all that He has provided for us.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named very carefully and find the verse where these words occur. When you have found them write down the words, filling in the name of the food and give the book, chapter and verse where found:

1. And as they were eating, Jesus took . . .
2. They saw a fire of coals there and . . . laid thereon.
3. What is sweeter than . . . ?
4. And he took butter and . . . and the calf.
5. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her . . .
6. Take now, for thy brethren, these ten . . .

The answers will be found in Matthew 26, John 21, Judges 14, Genesis 18, Ruth 2, and 1 Samuel 17.

Extra marks will be given for extra references in any of these chapters to any of the foods which you can find. Write them down as follows:

. . . is also found in . . . chapter . . . verse . . .

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

1. What cluster of fruit was so large that two men had to bear it?
2. Which tree bore fruit that was sweet to the taste?
3. What fruits did Israel send as a present, being the best in the land?
4. What fruits were brought to David when he was a little past the top of the hill?
5. What fruit did David give to a young man who had been starving for three days?
6. When Aaron's rod budded, which kernel of a fruit was brought forth?

The answers will be found in 2 Samuel 16, Numbers 17, Genesis 43, Numbers 13, Song of Solomon 2, 1 Samuel 30. These chapters are not in the same order at the questions.

YOU NEED NOT DO THE LOWER GROUP QUESTIONS.

When you have found the above answers, write down the name(s) of the fruits and give the book, chapter, and verse where found. Also copy out the words of our Lord found in John chapter 15 verse 5.

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

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CLOSING DATE—FEBRUARY 29th, 1968.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before February 29th. Entries received after March 1st, 1968, will be too late for entry.

RESULTS OF BIBLE SEARCHER

Some very good papers were sent in. Sixty-five Sunday Schools were represented and we welcome 21 new entries. The number of entries was a little lower than usual but reached nearly 300.

Now is the opportunity to start the New Year and make a new effort to obtain an Honours Certificate at the end of the year. You need to do at least five entries out of six.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Martin Page, aged 13, Gosbeck.
2. Ruth Gadd, aged 15, Cuckfield.

Special Mention: Christine Hills, Mary Bates, Graham Collins, Stephen Hart, Philip Clarkson, Lois Clarkson, Richard Clarkson, Monica Jarritt, Sylvia Chapman, Monica Gooderham, Bernard Gooderham, Joy Thrower, Ian Garrod, Anthea Brinded, Joy Hall, Angela Jordan, Avril Chessum, Sheila Stringer, Sheila Cross, Jill Reuter, John Layzell; Linda Chapman, Susan Garner, Jennifer Noble, Susan Hayday, Grace Justin.

Very Highly Commended: Martin Dowding, Jenny Cornwell, Andrew Orchard, Michael Wayman, Jacqueline Maltby, Keith Maltby, Linda Tanfield, Kathleen Elms, Lyn Weston, Anne Mayell, Jenny Day, Richard Underwood, Andrew Toms, Mary Arnold, Lydia Pyke, Raymond Grimwood, Trevor Hart, Philip Hart, Christine Edwards, Sandra Horsted, Melvin

Cattermole, Juliet Hayes, Kathleen Watts, Jean Smith, Christopher Harvey, Joy Chapman, Kenneth Alexander, Elizabeth Starnes, Roger Jordan, Lorna Murden, Stephen Kingston, Jane Wicking, Claire Wicking, Barbara Wright, Alan Parris, Ivan Sams, Alan Burrows, Lorraine Clifford, Ian Evemy, Yvonne Steward, Christine Relf.

Highly Commended: Christine Twigg, N. Double, Doreen Biggs, Suzanne Lysaght, Donald Clarke, M. Williams, Mary D. Williams, David Blackman, Anthony Kiddell.

Commended: Emelia Higgs, Susan Betts.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1. Ann Barber, aged 11, Aldringham.
2. Keith Milne, age 9, Basildon.

Special Mention: Peter Gutteridge, Christopher Dowding, Judith Orchard, Gay Rich, Jane Rose, Susan Payne, Stephen Roe, Ross Thompson, Berys Bird, Stephen Wade, Paul Hart, Hilary Lawton, Judith Payne, Michael Christie, Lynn Horsted, Alastair Waylett, Sian Smith, Graeme Clarkson, Peter Geall, Kathy Steadman, Janet Thompson, Valerie Rodwell, Virginia Hawes, Gillian Harvey, Malcolm Harvey, Wendy Chapman, Joy Mutimer, Ian Lane, Martin Wells, Mary Bower, Julie Warren, Ruth Layzell, Bryan Upchurch, Elizabeth Wood, Joan Justice.

Very Highly Commended: Paul King, Jane Malpass, Mark Cornwell, Graham Milne, Michael Cole, Kevin Mose, John Orchard, Rachael Orchard, Steven Saunders, Kay Ford; Peter Reed, Nigel Ogden, Vanessa Ford, Elaine Hope, Angela Hope, Simon Tarfield, Claire Weston, Mandy Elms, Pauline Elms, Joanne Jafrate, Timothy Saunders, Clifford Chapman, Louisa Chapman, Donald Hensby, David Pickett, Geoffrey Payne, Anne Leaver, Eric Bater, Alan Schieiber, Mary Toms, Paul Toms, Philip Collins, Stephen Lawrence, Sharon Rivers, Raymond Hart, Shirley Hart, Thomas Turner, Philip Turner, Diane Fielden, Christina Carter, Lise O'Neal, Karen Brazer, Ian Smith, Tonia Drury, Denison Drury, Angela Hart, Graham Hart, Clifford Hart, Philip Page, Larry Young, Jennifer Weise, Kathryn Appleby, (also October entry), James Geall, Rosina Riddleston, Evelyn Rowland, Julia Double, Paul Heasman, Christine Phillips, Paul Francis, Denise Moore, Steven Sandford, Nicky Sampson, Derek Phillips, Karen Ellis, Diane Elliot, Lorraine Phillips, Lynn Elliott, Christopher Attwood, Dawn Yarham, Sara Jardine, Louise Webber, Carol Gardiner, Lesley Gardiner, Simon Varley, Elaine Hewitt, Pat Steadman, Ann Chapman, Andrew Debenham, Timothy Debenham, Christine Frost, Heather Gardner, Kim Plumb, Sandra Ling, Ronald Carter, Irene Carter, Paul Thrower, Neil Garrod, Linda Moore, Jane Gobble, Tony Dennis, Geraldine Brinded, Russell Frost, Catherine Balls, Jennifer Starnes, Christopher Jordan, Carol Chessum, Jane Reynold, Margaret Seymour, Julie Mann, Susan Mann, David Edge, Susan Edge, Sandra Shepherd, Sally Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Susan Lamb, Valerie Blake, Sarah Blake, Paul Watts, Dianne Wheeler, Kim Reuter, Nigel Agus, Joy Denny, Gloria Browne, Kingsley Reeve, Christine Chapman, Stephen Ambrose, Christopher Brown, Shirley Clifford, Martin Jacklin, Ruth Steward, Mandy Spalton, Monica Spalton, Andrew Ottley, Grace Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Philip Kiddell, Anne Wills, John Wills, Cynthia Dublin, Marvelle Dublin, Sheena Smith.

Highly Commended: Nicola King, Virginia Saunders, Joanna Alsop, Elizabeth Willmott, Jacqueline Bustin, Sharon Bustin, Lorraine Young, Jacqueline Weise, Sharon Weise, Janet Biggs, Michael Hewitt, Andrew Hewitt, Enid Hawes, Allan Hawes, Philip Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Amanda Durrant, Susan Watts, Yvonne Dawkins, Sandra Gourley, Lesley Williams, Rosalind Wilkinson, Diana Clarke, Stephen Evemy, M. Spalton, Angela Freshwater, Graham Dennis, Dawn Gladwin.

Commended: Roy Mayell, Jill Ford, Ruth Willmott, Jacqueline Higgs, Neil Grayston, Leon Golding, Dennis Saunders, Debra Smith, Sonia Kelly, Andrea Lawrenson, S. Rogers, Jacqueline Merritt, Eileen Colman, Linda Fellingham, Lydia Gonsalves, Colin Kiddell, Lorna Gonsalves.

Once again Hammerfield heads the list.

During 1967, six schools led the field with the largest number of entries. They are as follows: Hammerfield 127 entries; Horham 110; Gadebridge 101; Warboys 99; Woolwich, and Belvedere 80.

Congratulations to Hammerfield—but watch it!

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Today, someone told me that the moles are "working". The snow is now on the ground and it is so cold and frozen that people are going about with heavy overcoats and furry caps on their heads. You might feel sorry for the moles buried beneath the frozen ground in the cold earth but there would be no need to be sorry for them. God has given them lovely black or dark grey coats of thick, soft fur which keeps them so warm in the winter that they do not feel the cold. Besides which, if they feel cold they just go down a little deeper into the ground, for beneath the frozen surface the temperature of the soil is much warmer than it is on top. It hardly changes winter or summer twelve inches down, and when a mole goes to his bedroom he goes downstairs until he is about two feet below the surface. At that depth he is warm and snug in the winter and delightfully cool in the summer. Next time you see a molehill being pushed up above the cold, snowy ground do not pity him for he needs no pity. He just goes down a little deeper and there, in his beautiful fur coat, he is as warm and snug as can be, sleeping in his bedroom made of leaves and grass.

There are many people today who could learn a lesson from Mr. Mole. For there are many people today, even boys and girls, who become very disturbed by small worries and get very upset at small disappointments. They need to listen to the prophet Jeremiah who advised certain people to "dwell deep". He told them that trouble was on the way and they would be caught unless they hid themselves in some deep place. For those who put their trust in the Lord Jesus have no need to fear when trouble comes. If they are hiding themselves deep down in the love of Jesus they can be at peace. He is the only safe place in which our souls may hide when fear and temptation come. The winds may blow, the snow may fall, and storms may sweep across the earth but down in his deep place Mr. Mole has no need to worry. Neither have we any real cause for anxious care, if we have sought the Lord Jesus and are abiding in Him.

I was pleased to receive letters from Christine Carter and Karen Brazer (so sorry your name was omitted but your entry was marked), Linda Chapman and Christine Edwards. Also from the following friends: Mrs. E. R. Barkaway, Mr. J. Christie, Mr. Norman Cox, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mr. F. S. Kimber, Messrs. O. and D. Payne, Mrs. Dorothy Pyke, Pastor J. Skull, Miss C. Taylor.

May I, at the commencement of this year, wish you each every blessing and, whilst thanking you each and all for your help during the past year, seek a renewal of your kindnesses during the year ahead.

UNCLE PETER.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

All over India men are busy at work making new roads or improving old ones. Instead of the old-fashioned bullock cart, many people of India are using buses and motor-cars to travel from place to place and the speed of travel is increasing, which not only means better roads but it means better bridges also. On our cover picture is the notice in English showing that men are at work upon the road and that drivers must therefore be careful lest they injure them. Underneath the notice in English, is one in the Tamil language which tells the driver that a bridge is being built, and therefore this means still more care.

Our missionaries are builders of bridges, so that all who heed God's warning and listen to His Word may cross God's bridge from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God. If you want to travel from one bank of a river to the other, you cross the bridge. And if you want to travel from earth to heaven, there is only one bridge—it is the Good News that, by His death and resurrection, Jesus has made a way from earth to heaven and He Himself is the Way.

SCHOOLBOYS AND SCHOOLGIRLS OF INDIA—AND HOW THEY DRESS

by Missionary Doris Kuhrt, Salem

Just recently my husband and I have had to make many journeys in connection with our work. We have been all directions in the Tamil country which, although only a small part of India, is still fairly large. It is 500 miles from Cape Comorin at the southernmost tip to Madras city in the north. We are privileged to use a Mission van and one can see a lot of Indian life as one travels by road, especially if one is not driving at the time. The one who is driving must, as you know, keep his mind on that alone. As you can imagine, we need to keep our eyes well on the road ahead and to use all powers of resourcefulness at times of emergency. We could write another article sometime on the behaviour of two-legged and four-legged beings on Indian roads. (Please do—Editor.)

Just now we want to tell you something of the boys and girls we meet. First of all the majority of them are very friendly and genuinely interested in us, but occasionally it is different, as for instance, when recently on the road to Kerala, we had heard of student agitation, but were not prepared to find our way blocked by a mob of schoolboys. We had to pull up and go slow, but were able to keep going and got through eventually. This sort of thing is on the increase and they need our prayers so that such actions do not get out of hand.

As we journey we are more and more amazed at the vast numbers of children on the move at school-time. At school opening time between 8 and 9 a.m. there will be hordes of small size children in each town we pass through, going to their junior schools. Later,

between 9 and 10 a.m., these will be replaced by older children wending their way to High School. It is amazing how many towns and even villages have High Schools—in some larger towns like Velur, Kovilpatti, and Virudhanagar, there are even Colleges. Most of these children and young people have large packs of books, some walking, some cycling, some in rickshaws and pony carts, some even in cars. There have never been so many going to school but even so there are still many who do NOT go to school and we were astonished recently to read that the growth of literacy does not keep pace with the growth of population, so that illiteracy is still gaining ground. The one great desire now is Education. Illiterate old grandparents, having put their children through elementary school, have lived to see their grandchildren go to High School. Great-grandchildren must of course go to College, and so it goes on. Occasionally we meet a young man in a village home who is a B.A. or B.Sc. He will leave his humble home for the nearest city for work. When this happens amongst the Christians, we are sometimes able to introduce them to a good Christian group. Some boys like to become engineers and we were rather amused recently when my husband was trying to change a wheel after a puncture. An over-zealous mechanic had tightened the bolts of the wheel too tightly, so my husband had to seek help in a nearby petrol station. I stayed with the van and and as usual a large crowd, mostly schoolboys, stood around. One boy, hearing what my husband had failed to do, instantly tried his might and unturned the screw, looking very pleased with himself. Another boy turned to me and said in broken English, "He mechanics boy"! Perhaps he will be one day.

Now, I must say, it is little short of amazing how the dress of school children has improved. They used to go in any old clothes in the villages and even in some towns, but now it is uniforms nearly everywhere. The girls will be more interested in this, but even the boys will be glad to read that their Indian cousins are tidy and clean, when they start out from home, anyway! The uniform of the boys is the same in most schools, khaki shorts and white shirts, bare feet or sandals is usual. In cities like Madras, socks and shoes are worn in some schools.

Girls, of course, can wear something a bit gayer and there are green, blue or mauve skirts, with blouses and scarves in contrasting colours, all looking clean and smart. Skirts are mostly to the ankles and they still manage to run races in them, but I have seen some girls in the colleges in Madras wearing a kind of pyjama for sports, which is a Punjabi mode of dress. College girls wear saris of all colours denoting their freedom from uniform. This all makes for a great kaleidoscope of colour through town and country, and I never tire of watching them as they go to their places of learning. When we go through these thoroughfares where so many children are, we like to give them your lovely cards, but we had to give up throwing the cards out of the car window for fear of accidents. We find it better to take them to the schools and give them

personally. Many of these children who have been taught in Christian schools and some who have been brought up in Christian homes, grow away from their Christian upbringing when they leave home to find work in the towns. Will you pray specially for those who have been taught in Christian schools and who know the Way of Salvation that they may have not only a head knowledge but a HEART knowledge of the Lord JESUS CHRIST? GOD BLESS YOU.

CHILDREN . . . AND MORE CHILDREN . . . AND MORE CHILDREN

by Missionary Phyllis White, Velur, South India.

Do you know the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin? If you have read it, you will know that when the Pied Piper played a certain tune on his pipe all the children gathered around him, and followed him . . . over the hills and far away.

On Sunday afternoons I feel very much like the Pied Piper. No! it is not that I walk along playing a pipe. But as I walk to Pothinur some of the Sunday School children walk from there to meet me. We meet about a half a mile from the Sunday School and walk there together, more and more children coming out from their homes and joining us as we go along. There is usually a big group waiting at the end of the street where Sunday School is held. They too give a shout and run to join us. There are so many children—big children, tiny children, older children carrying baby brothers and sisters; happy, laughing, chattering children; some of the children wearing flowers in their hair and pretty clothes; others who are very poor, wearing a torn piece of material wrapped around them; there is a great hub-bub of happy voices. Noisy, laughing, chattering children . . . they are each one so different. Yet in one thing they are all alike . . . they have each one come to hear about the Lord Jesus.

Before coming to Sunday School, these children had not heard about the Lord Jesus because their parents are not Christians. Some of the children are taught by their parents to worship idols made of stone, and others are taught to worship a prophet named Mohammed, whom they think is more important than Jesus Christ. But every week many come to Sunday School to hear God's word being read, and they hear about the Lord Jesus Christ and how He came to this world and gave His life to save sinners. They love to sing choruses and can repeat many verses which they have learnt from the Bible. I wonder whether you could repeat as many Bible verses as some of these children can.

Many of them can tell the stories about the Lord Jesus. These happy laughing children know about the Lord Jesus . . . it is our prayer that they might know Him and trust Him as their Saviour. Jesus said, "Allow the children to come to me". When you are praying remember these children in India, praying that they may grow up to be men and women who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LIGHT

Have you ever noticed that when a light is switched on in the evenings of late summer, little moths find their way from all parts and come fluttering through the open window out of the darkness in order to circle around the brightness of the lamp? They come because the light draws them.

This is a picture to us of the Lord Jesus for He is God's Light shining out into this world of darkness. As His lamp of truth is held up, so that its light may be seen, all who love the truth come to the light, for the light draws them.

I wonder if you have felt attracted by the light which shines out from the Lord Jesus. If so, ask Him to shine upon you as you do this Bible Searcher.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named, very carefully, and find the verse where these words occur. When you have found the right verse, write down the words, filling in the missing word in its right place, and give the book, chapter, and verse where found.

When you have done this, write down the missing words in order and they will form a sentence spoken by the Lord Jesus. Give the verse in John, chapter 8 where these words are found.

1. . . . form the light and create darkness.
2. I . . . come a light into the world.
3. Thou hast prepared . . . light and the sun.
4. I saw in the way a . . . from heaven.
5. Walk as children . . . light.
6. The greater light to rule . . . day.
7. Ye are the light of the . . . .

The answers will be found in Isaiah 45, John 12, Psalm 74, Acts 26, Ephesians 5, Genesis 1, Matthew 5. Extra marks will be given if you can, find the word "light" in any other verses of the above chapters.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

The answers to the following questions will be found in the chapters mentioned below. You need not do the Lower Group questions.

1. What was the first command of God in creation?
2. What gives light to our hearts when it enters?
3. How did the people of Israel know that God went before them at night? What did He give to them?
4. What promises did Jesus make to those who follow Him?
5. What did Saul of Tarsus see when he was near to Damascus?
6. Jesus said that men bring condemnation upon themselves. What reasons did He give for this?
7. How is the path of the just described?

Your answers will be found in Genesis 1, Psalm 119, Exodus 13, John 8, Acts 22, John 3, Proverbs 4. Write down the answers in this manner, giving the book, chapter, and verse where found:—

1. The first command of God in creation was . . . .

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CLOSING DATE—APRIL 30th, 1968.

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RESULTS OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

The entries for the Upper Group reached a very high standard and we were pleased to welcome a larger number of entrants than we have had for some months. Also we welcome three new schools: Bexley Heath, Walton-on-Thames, and Wellingborough Tabernacle. Some Lower Group papers were splendid and showed that the Young Bible Searchers had read the chapters very carefully.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: 1. Suzanne Lysaght, aged 13, Hailsham.

2. Juliet Hoyes, aged 12, Greenwich.

Special Mention: Gillian Maidstone, Simon Petitt, Christine Peek, Carol Gardner, Lydia Baker, Sandra Cole, Michael Wayman, Keith Maltby, Jacqueline Maltby, Charmaine Brown, Kathleen Jafrate, Betty Wilson, Christine Hills, Anne Mayell, Mary Bater, Lydia Pyke, Graham Collins, Andrew Toms, Elizabeth Kindred, Ruth Gadd, Pat Bustin, Philip Hart, Martin Page, Philip Clarkson, Peter Geall, Lois Clarkson, Richard Clarkson, Patricia Turner, Doreen Biggs, Marilyn Croucher, Jean Smith, Joy Chapman, Monica Jarritt, Joy Thrower, Ian Garrod, Kenneth Alexander, Rosemary Barnes, Tina Lloyd, Christine Relf, Leon Golding, Joy Hall, Shiela Stringer, Angela Jordan, Avil Chessum, Sheila Cross, Patricia McDonald, Claire Wicking, Jane Wicking, Barbara Wright, Carol Bedford, Jill Reuter, Heather Wicks, Ivan Sams, Valerie Clover, Linda Chapman, Alan Burrows, Lorraine Clifford, Susan Garner, Alison Hoare, Gwenda Kiddell, Grace Justice.

Very Highly Commended: Martin Dowding, Andrew Orchard, Susan Oliver, Kathleen Elms, Linda Tanfield, Sandra Beerenwinkel, Susan Bezant, Lyn Weston, Jenny Day, Annette Cartwright, Marilyn Phillips, Ross Thompson, Mary Arnold, Stephen Hart, David Bennett, Trevor Hart, Christine Edwards, David Thurlow, Melvin Cattermole, Nigel Double, Emelia Higgs, David Monk, Janet Biggs, Andrew Hewitt, Kathleen Watts, Catherine Ferguson, Bernard Gooderham, Monica Gooderham, Sulvia Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Christopher Harvey, Christine Murdock, Stephen Duncan, Anthea Brinded, Jeanette Gobbold, Elizabeth Starnes, Donald Clarke, Christopher Rookyard, David Edge, Alan Parris, C. Kirkwood, Robert Clover, John Layzell, Shelagh Norris, Lesley Williams, May Williams, Gwen Curtis, Ian Evemy, Christine Smith, David Blackman, Yvonne Steward, Stephen Lambert, Ruth Lambert, Anthony Kiddell, Marvelle Dublin, Stephen Cooke, Valerie Scrace.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1. Ruth Layzell, aged 10 years, Streatham.

2. Andrew Alsop, aged 10 years, Bradford-on-Avon.

Special Mention: Diane Fielden, Timothy Saunders, Anne Leaver, Mark Ellis, Lise O'Neal, Judith Moore, Anita May, Janet Thompson, Valerie Rodwell, Joy Mutimer, Heather Gardner, Linda Moore, Ann Barber, Barbara Chatteris, Ian Killick, Veronica Killick, Sarah and Valerie Blake, Mary Bower, Debbie Finnis, Bryan Upchurch, Sharon Oliver.

Very Highly Commended: Jane Malpass, Susan Lamb, Andrew Baker, Judith Orchard, Rachael Orchard, John Orchard, Carol Barber, Linda Warner, Vanessa Ford, Louise Chinery, Joanna Alsop, Jianne Jafrate, David Pickett, Louisa Chapman, Clifford Chapman, Graham Leaver, Eric Bater, Stephen Wade, Raymond Hart, Marion Duncan, Hilary Lawton, Michael

Christie, Philip Turner, Christina Carter, Ruth Willmott, Alastair Waylett, Teresa James, Sharon Bustin, Robert Driver, Rosemary Mitchell, James Geall, Elizabeth Mitchell, Evelyn Rowland, Julia Double, Andrew Higgs, Jacqueline Higgs, Sara Jardine, Lynn Elliott, Ann Stimpson, Elaine Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, Stephen Lamb, John Mudge, Christine Frost, Roy Mutimer, Linda Debenham, Ann Chapman, Virginia Hawes, Enid Hawes, Gillian Harvey, Bernard Fenn, Sandra Ling, Christine Rogers, Philip and Nicholas Alexander, Paul King, Susan Mann, Julie Mann, Susan Edge, Ian Lane, David Morris, Gloria Browne, Lorna Oakes, Lesley Oakes, Julie Baighton, John Pinnock, Shirley Abbott, Christine Chapman, Richard and Graham Toms, Peter Burrows, Ruth Steward, Alison Smith, Elizabeth Wood, Christopher Brown, Martin Jacklin, Andrew Ottley, Grace Robinson, Judy Hartley, Joan Justice, Sheena Smith.

Highly Commended: Christopher Dowding, Melanie Lewin, Nichola King, Susan Gillions, Elizabeth Litchfield, Linda Gardner, Christine Hanks, Linda King, Kevin Morgan, Lynn Rushbrook, Teresa Gorne, Kevin Shipton, Julie Reed, Kay Ford, Julie Barber, Leslie Barber, David Warner, Yvonne Wood, Lynette Mackenzie, Sarah J. Ford, Jane Rose, Derek Labbett, Mandy Elms, Pauline Elms, Simon Tanfield, George Amos, Claire Weston, Leah Alsop, Anita Payne, Martin Payne, Sharon Ball, Janice Dickens, Geoffrey Payne, Susan Payne, Stephen Roe, Gabriel Bennett, Paul Toms, Mary Toms, Berys Bird, Sharon Rivers, Paul Hart, Shirley Hart, Rodney Bennett, Linda Stevens, Judith Payne, Ann Murray, Thomas Turner, Paul Kellythron, Paul Howell, Cenarth Howell, Jacqueline Wells, Glynda Larter, Joanna Collett, Trevor Thomas, Gregory Coblett, Sadie Riches, Shirley Davidson, Alison Sherman, Tonia Drury, Karen Brazier, Denise Drury, Ian Smith, Elizabeth Willmott, Jacqueline Bustin, Philip Page, Clifford Hart, Graham Hart, Angela Hart, Jonathan Clarkson, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Larry Young, Sharon Weise, Lorraine Young, Graeme Clarkson, Kathryn Appleby, Paul Heasman, Andrew Martin, Susan Moore, Margaret Moore, Lesley Turner, Conrad Swan, Tereza Grange, Christopher Attwood, Gaye Yarham, Denise Moore, Dawn Yarham, Nicky Yarham, Diane Elliott, Paul Francis, Andrew Francis, Kathy Steadman, Gary Corsi, Ian Hutton, Reuben Parker, Terry Parker, Alan Hawes, Timothy Debenham, Andrew Debenham, Jill Hawes, Malcolm Harvey, Sonia Duncan, Andy Duncan, Irene Carter, Ronald Carter, Paul Thrower, Timothy Rogers, Paul Gray, Pearl Brinded, Brian Wilson, Geraldine Brinded, Christopher Barnes, Russell Frost, Melvyn Barnes, Catherine Balls, Rachel Balls, Trudy Wright, Jean Wright, Julie Swain, Trudy Lloyd, Jennifer Starnes, Angela Walters, Timothy Fisher, Julie Fisher, Denise Payne, Alan Barrett, Gordon Portwood, Jean Portwood, Nigel Rookyard, Ann Wharfe, Margaret Wharfe, Sonia Kelly, Janet Laville, Linda Rush, Sandra Shepherd, Richard Shepherd, Brian Lane, Erika Snape, Julia Edge, Heather Rush, Ivan Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Sally Chapman, Paul Watts, Susan Watts, Kim Reuter, Julie Warren, Joy Denny, Louise Waspe, Stuart Waspe, Brian Newcombe, David Goymer, Henny Kirkwood, Sandra Gourley, Paul Nash, Jill Smith, Raymond Seligman, Susan Seligman, Christine Edwards, Kingsley Reeve, Jane Kersey, Susan Wynne, Elaine Clack, Danny Robinson, Mandy Spolton, Shirley Clifford, Stephen Evenmy, Loraine Jacklin, Susan Fletcher, Stephen Rignall, Andrew Moulds, Kevin Moulds, Amanda Hoare, Marcos Lambert, Eileen Colmon, Graham Wright, Alan Huffey, Elizabeth Robinson, Carole Piggott, Philip Kiddel, Anne Wills, Lydia and Lorna Gonsalves, John Wills, Keith Whiting, Graham Dennis, Jacqueline John, Julie Willett, Alison Stein, Andrew Cooke. Denise Copeland and Julie Dean should have answered the Upper questions as they are both 12 years.

Commended: Anita Morris, Janet Wyeth, Virginia Saunders, Steven Saunders, Angela Hope, Elaine Hope, Philip Collin, John Rogan, Sam Riches, Josephine Kemp, Alison Kerr, Rose Coomber, Karen Haward, Jeffrey Attwood, Louise Webber, Tony Dennis, Susan Grayston, Neil Grayston, Sharon Grayston, Heather Grayston, Alan Scrace, Alan Pace, Andrew Godfrey, Stephen Moriarty, Colin Kiddell, Cynthia Dublin, Marion Kiddell, Vincent Dublin, Irene Kelly.

One Lower Group entry sent in from a young searcher with "no name, school, or age", but post mark "IPSWICH SUFFOLK".

Head of List: Warboys Sunday School heads the list this time, and Horham come second. Others are close behind (including Hammerfield who have kept at the head for so long). There is going to be a struggle for top place in the next issue.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Once again spring is on the way. The crocuses are all in blossom, and the buds of the daffodils are rising from their hiding places beneath the soil. It only needs a little sunshine and the life that is beneath the ground begins to show itself. So it will be until we reach the summer days. As the sun begins to strengthen, more light will shine, and as more light shines, more life will be seen, until both light and life reach their full beauty in the warmer days that are ahead. Only the other day, a number of bees came buzzing around. They too had spotted the golden crocus and they were flying home carrying loads of yellow pollen on their legs, just as lively as if June had already come.

Not very far from the beds where these flowers are blooming is a stone pathway. The pathway gets just as much sunshine as the crocus or the daffodil or the bee, but unlike these things it shows no change; it does not receive any benefit from the sunshine. It has no life, and no amount of light will cause it to change.

Now which are you going to be like? Like the crocus, or the daffodil or the bee, that springs to life when the light shines? For Jesus is the true Light that shines from heaven and when the light of His Holy Word falls on our hearts they begin to live. Just as the flower turns its face towards the sun, so we turn our faces towards the Lord Jesus, and that shows that His light has brought life to us.

I hope no boy or girl who reads "Rays" will be like the stone path that remains hard and unchanged however much light falls on it. And yet there are people like this. They hear about Jesus but never turn towards Him. They forget all about His Words and there is no life in them. They can hear about Jesus, about His death on the cross, His rising from the dead. They can listen to the wonderful words of life that He spoke, and all the time their hearts are just as cold and dead as a stone path. If you are afraid that you have a stony heart, ask the Lord Jesus to take it away and give you a new heart. Ask Him to send forth His Light and His truth that they may lead you to Him.

I was pleased to receive letters from Rosemary Barnes, Pat and Sharon Bustin, and Mary Williams, and I would also like to thank these friends for their very kind letters: Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. S. Chapman, Pastor Geoffrey Blake, Miss Mildred Clarkson, Mrs. Audrey Cooke, Miss E. K. Gardner, Mr. H. W. Harmer, Mrs. M. Jago, Mrs. D. Justice, Mr. Brian Kuhrt, Mrs. Hazel Marjoram, Mr. Don Payne, Mrs. Dorothy Pyke, Miss June Sinclair, Mrs. C. Taylor, and an old (but still young) Bible Searcher, Mrs. S. M. Toms.

With every good wish from,

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

INTRODUCING OUR COVER PICTURE

by Miss L. S. Hazel

Most of our Indian boys and girls go to school, as the children in this country do. In our picture we see some of the girls outside our school in Sendamangalam, where they attend. They are encouraged to wear uniform, and these girls are dressed in green skirts with white blouses.

Here they are seen performing some drill with the help of coloured paper lanterns in their hands. As they do the various actions they usually sing words applicable which are set to music, thus helping all to keep together in rhythm. In the background on the left of the picture is the teacher who instructs them. On the right side of the picture are steps leading up to the entrance to the school, where a group of interested boys and girls are the onlookers.

Do you like school? Evidently these girls do, as they are very intent on what they are doing. These can be some of the best years of your lives. May you all learn the good things you can to be helpful citizens and loyal followers of our Great Teacher Jesus Christ.

LET THE CHILDREN COME

by Miss Monica E. Harris, Kolli Hills

"Amma! This evening you must come to my house", says a small boy called Palanimuthu. "All right, tumbi (little brother)", we answer, "we will come to your house today. But remember to come and call us when you are ready."

Palanimuthu gives us a broad, but toothless, smile, and dances up and down with delight. The other boys tease him because his front "milk" teeth have fallen out, and his permanent teeth have not yet come. But Palanimuthu is not the least bit concerned, and continues his antics in sublime defiance of his teasers.

That same evening at about 7 p.m. a whole crowd of boys come along from the village to take us along to Palanimuthu's house. We walk single file from our mud huts to the village along the narrow path at the edge of a steep bank. The children sing and run ahead of us, and we soon reach the village. Climbing over the stile-like entrance to the village, and carefully picking our way along the uneven stony path between the houses, we climb down over the rocks from the top row of houses to the third row, and arrive at Palanimuthu's house. His father takes a heavy blanket from off his shoulders, and spreads it out on his verandah for us to sit on. The children all gather round. Some

sit up on the verandah, some sit at our feet, and others crouch down on the ground in front of the house. There are about twenty of them.

Some of the village grown-ups stand or sit around too. It is dark, but the moon rises and gives us some welcome light. We sing the Tamil lyric we have been learning day by day. It begins,

"Cleanse me, oh God, I have come just now.
Make me clean, oh God, make me clean!"

Palanimuthu sings with the other boys, and his father sits and listens. Then we sing another lyric,

"Keep watching, keep watching!
Join the Heavenly way!
He is coming, He is coming!
Jesus Himself will come!"

The children like the singing very much, and afterwards they are ready to listen to the story. Every night they hear a new Bible story, and then they listen while we have a short prayer before we go.

As soon as the meeting is finished, the children all jump up, and run before us to show us the way through the dark village. We climb back over the stile leading out of the village, and wend our way homewards. As soon as we are out of the village the children start jumping and shouting and dancing around, letting off their high spirits in the bright moonlight, until we finally reach our mud hut. Then they all bid us good-bye, and shouting again at the top of their voices, they run all the way back until they reach their homes.

Each night we are invited to a different house. This gives us the opportunity to have a meeting in different parts of the village, and so makes it possible for everyone to hear about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray that these Kolli Hills children may remember what they are hearing now, and may learn to love and trust the Lord Jesus with all their hearts. For Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me" (Mark 10: 14).

AN INTERRUPTED SUNDAY SCHOOL

by Miss E. Flory, Velur

I wonder what your Sunday School teacher would say if, in the middle of the lesson, you all got up and ran outside? I don't

advise you to try it! But something similar to that happened in Namakkal a few weeks ago.

There are two Sunday Schools held in Namakkal; one in the Chapel and another in a different part of the town, in a big house belonging to a famous Tamil Poet. Although he is a Hindu man he has a great respect for Christianity and reads the Bible. For many years he has allowed two Indian Christian women to hold a Sunday School in his house each week, and many children who live in the neighbourhood attend.

Once a year, usually soon after Christmas, they have an annual "treat", and some of us missionaries are invited to attend. On this particular occasion about sixty children were there, as well as a number of women and the poet's relations. The poet and his wife had to go to Madras. The first part of the meeting went well. The children sang heartily their Tamil lyrics and choruses, specially one about Jesus giving sight to a blind man. They did actions with that. They then took turns in coming to the front and reciting Bible verses, and it was while one little girl was having her turn that we heard drums in the distance.

Suddenly all the children got up from their seats on the floor and ran outside. The little girl hurriedly finished quoting her verses, and she too ran out. Where had they gone? Would they come back? The noise got nearer and, besides the drum-beating, we could hear slogans being shouted out. It was a political procession. We wondered if the children would follow the procession round the town. That would be the end of Sunday School for that day! But no. After about five minutes they all came back, sat themselves down as before, and we carried on as if nothing had happened.

We sung some more choruses, and they listened well to a Bible story. Then a gift of fruit and flowers was presented to the family of the Poet, in gratitude to them for letting us use their house all the year. Then came the great moment for the children. They were made to stand in long line by the door and each in turn was given a pretty card with a Tamil text pasted to it, and a mug-full of puffed rice, which they eat instead of sweets. They were so excited! For some it was a problem to know how to carry it. Those wearing long skirts or shirts could take it home in their clothing; but some little boys were only wearing shorts; they stuffed as much of the puffed rice as they could into their pockets, and carried the rest in their hands. Too bad if their pockets had holes!

Perhaps the cards that we gave them were some that you sent! You would be pleased if you could see how the children love them. Please pray for this Poet's House Sunday School.

A HOUSE

The Bible has much to tell us about houses—all sorts of houses—kings' houses, dungeons, poor men's houses, rich men's houses, but best of all it tells us that the Lord Jesus has a house. The Bible says that if we hold fast our trust in the Lord Jesus firm unto the end then we indeed belong to His house.

In the Lower Group, we take a look inside a house at some of its furniture. In the Upper Group, we shall discover those parts of a house to which our Lord Jesus Christ is likened.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named and find the verse where these words occur. Then write out these sentences in order filling in the missing words, which tell us of a part of furniture. Give the book, chapter, and verse where found.

1. A bed, and a table and a . . . , and a candlestick.
2. The ark of God dwelleth within . . .
3. Lazarus was one of them that sat . . . with Him.
4. "I remember Thee upon . . ."
5. But setteth it on . . . that they which enter in may see the light.
6. They brought forth the sick into the street and laid them on . and . . .

The answers will be found in 2 Kings 4; 2 Samuel 7; John 12; Psalm 63; Luke 8; Acts 5. When you have done the above, find Luke chapter 19, verse 9 and copy it out; for it tells us what Jesus brought with Him when He entered into a house.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Draw a line drawing of the front of a house, and if you are fond of drawing you can colour it. Extra marks will be given for care and neatness. Your drawing should measure about five inches across and four inches upright.

When you have made your drawing put in the following parts of the house. Each one of these parts tell us about the Lord Jesus Himself. Mark the reference, with book, chapter, and verse on your drawing in its right place.

1. **A window;** found in Genesis 6.
2. **A door;** found in John 10.
3. **A foundation;** found in 1 Corinthians 3.
4. **Walls and gates;** found in Isaiah 60.
5. **The chief corner stone;** found in Ephesians 2.

Now turn up Psalm 84 and copy out verse four.

You need not do the Lower Group questions.

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, 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—JUNE 30th, 1968.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before June 30th. Entries received after July 2nd, 1968, will be too late for entry.

RESULTS OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

There was a splendid number of entries for the Bible Searcher in this issue. Entries came rolling in during the last few days; fortunately none were too late for entry. We are pleased to welcome wanderers back from Southport, Whitton, and Carlton and are glad to hear from Stoke Ash for the first time for many years. We are missing entries from Whittlesey, Sunderland (Grindon), and Finchley North. Even though we welcome forty-nine new entries we do not like missing old friends and shall be glad to receive Bible Searcher entries again!

Some of the Upper Group entries were not so good this time, and some Bible Searchers will be losing marks for lack of neatness, unless they are very careful.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Claire Wicking, aged 12, "Jireh", Reigate.
2. Alan Burrows, aged 14, Warboys.

Special Mention: Gillian Maidstone, Martin Dowding, Michael Wayman, Jacqueline Maltby, Vanessa Ford, Betty Wilson, Christine Hills, Jenny Day, Richard Underwood, Mary Bater, Annette Cartwright, Ross Thompson, Lydia Pyke, Trevor Hart, Martin Page, Philip Clarkson, Peter Geall, Lois Clarkson, Juliet Hoyes, Nigel Double, Doreen Biggs, Marilyn Croucher, Cathie Ferguson, Janet Thompson, Jean Smith, Sylvia Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Joy Thrower, Ian Garrod, Kenneth Alexander, Linda Bower, Christine Relf, Sheila Stringer, Joy Hall, Sheila Cross, Barbara Wright, Jane Wicking, Jill Reuter, C. Kirkwood, Heather Wicks, Ivan Sams, Linda Chapman, Christine Smith, Lorraine Clifford, Ruth Lambert.

Very Highly Commended: Christopher Dowding, Carol Gardiner, Keith Maltby, Susan Bessant, Lyn Weston, Linda Tanfield, Kathleen Elms, Sandra Beerenwinkel, Andrew Toms, Mary Arnold, Graham Collins, Marilyn Phillips, Stephen Hart, Ruth Gadd, Christine Edwards, Susan Lupton, Sandra Horsted, Melvin Cattermole, David Thurlow, Philip Hart, David Monk, Emelia Higgs, Suzanne Lysaght, Patricia Turner, Andrew Hewitt, Ann Stimpson, Kathleen Watts, Maureen Dimelow, Ian Hutton, Joy Chapman, Bernard Gooderham, Monica Gooderham, Elizabeth Starnes, Leon Golding, Roger Jordan, Alan Paris, John Layzell, Shelagh Norris, Lesley Williams, Michael Williams, Gwen Curtis, David Blackman, Ian Evemy, Gwenda Kiddell, Marvelle Dublin, Grace Justice, Anthea Brinded.

Highly Commended: Stephen Lambert, Julie Dean, Andrew Orchard, Angela Hope, Christopher Harvey, Valeria Scrace, Sally Chapman, Lesley Piggott.

Commended: Donald Clarke.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Rosina Riddleston, aged 11 years, Hadleigh.
2. Lynn Elliot, aged 10 years, Hammerfield.

Special Mention: Diane Fielden, Julia Barber, Judith Orchard, Rachel Orchard, John Orchard, David Warner, Claire Weston, Andrew Alsop, Leah Alsop, Timothy Saunders, Geoffrey Payne, Susan Payne, David Pickett, Sharon Rivers, Jeremy Pyke, Jennifer Grist, Stephen Wade, Yeresa James, Robert Driver, James Geall, Elizabeth Mitchell, Barbara Hobden, Margaret Moore, Judith Moore, Paul Heasman, Paul Francis, Sara Jardine, Irene Kelly, Pat Steadman, Kathy Steadman, Gem Griffiths, Ann Chapman, Linda Debenham, Gillian Harvey, Joy Mutimer, Valerie Rodwell, Christine Frost, Heather Gardner, Christine Rogers, Paul Thrower, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Ann Barber, Nicholas Toogood, Joanne Toogood, Sandra Shepherd, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Gillian Etchells, Dianne Wheeler, Nigel Agus, Julie Warren, Louise Waspe, Stuart Waspe, Gloria Browne, Christine Edwards, Leslie Hall, Christine Chapman,

Shirley Abbott, Richard Toms, Graham Toms, Elizabeth Wood, Bryan Upchurch, Andrew Cooke, Linda Fellingham, A. Ottley, Catherine Manley, Sharon Oliver, Lydia Gonsalves.

Very Highly Commended: Susan Gillions, Jane Malpass, Kevin Comer, Diane Turner, Kevin Turner, D. Christopher, Susan Lamb, Andrew Baker, Kay Ford, Gay Rich, Carol Barber, Linda Warner, Yvonne Wood, Nigel Ogden, Sarah Ford, Elaine Hope, Jane Rose, Mandy Elms, Simon Tanfield, Pauline Elms, Derek Labbett, Joanna Alsop, Clifford Chapman, Sharon Ball, Louisa Chapman, Donald Hensby, Anita Payne, Stephen Roe, Eric Bater, Julia Hussen, Paul Toms, Mary Toms, Philip Collins, Jill Ford, Berys Bird, Raymond Hart, Paul Hart, Shirley Hart, Linda Stevens, Gillian Carpenter, Mark Ellis, Judith Payne, Hilary Lawton, Michael Christie, Sharon Bustin, Alastair Waylett, Elizabeth Dillmott, Karen Brazer, Christina Carter, Valerie Gadsdon, Lyn Horsted, Tonia Drury, Ruth Willmott, Jacqueline Bustin, Angela Hart, Clifford Hart, Graham Hart, Graeme Clarkson, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Larry Young, Lorraine Young, Kathryn Appleby, Jacqueline Appleby, Christine Holbrow, Julia Double, Evelyn Rowland, Sharon Talbot, Stephen Diprose, Andrew Higgs, Susan Moore, Andrew McLauchlin, Julia Arnold, Gaye Yarham, Andrew Varley, Fiona McLauchlin, Diane Elliott, Karen Ellis, Denise Moore, Dawn Yarham, Louise Webber, Nicky Sampson, Michael Hewitt, Elaine Hewitt, Gary Corsi, Virginia Hawes, Alan Hawes, Reuben Parker, Terry Parker, Roy Mutimer, Andrew Debenham, Timothy Debenham, Enid Hawes, Malcolm Harvey, Sonia Duncan, Andrew Duncan, Paul Mickelson, Paul Gray, Ronald Carter, Irene Carter, Karen Ling, Sandra Ling, Bernard Fenn, Catherine Balls, Rachel Balls, Russell Frost, Paul King, Julie Swain, Jeanette Park, Carol Chessum, Rosemary Bradley, Jane Reynolds, Christopher Jordan, Julie Mann, Barbara Chatteris, Julie Fisher, Debra Smith, Susan Mann, Sandra Miller, Margaret Rose, Julia Edge, Richard Shepherd, Susan Edge, Ivan Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Nigel Woodhouse, Amanda Durrant, Pamela Etchells, Kim Reuter, Mary Bower, Neil Lummis, Henry Kirkwood, David Goymer, Ruth Layzell, Stephanie Johnston, Susan Seligmann, Raymond Seligmann, Jane Fulks, Julie Boughton, Barrie James, John Pinnock, Jill Smith, Jacqueline Parker, Shirley Manning, Kingsley Reeve, Susan Scarce, Roland Scarce, Debbie Finnis, Christopher Brown, Stephen Evemy, Martin Jacklin, Mandy Spalton, Shirley Clifford, Ruth Steward, Susan Fletcher, Loraine Jacklin, Alison Smith, Andrew Moulds, Kevin Moulds, Jackie Merritt, Elizabeth Robinson, Grace Robinson, Carole Piggott, Stephen Moriarty, Susan Manning, Colin Kiddell, Judy Hartley, Lorna Gonsalves, Cynthia Dublin, Joan Justice, Sheena Smith, Geraldine Brinded, Brian Wilson, one Kenninghall (no name), Rosalind Wilkinson, David Gant.

Anne Edwards is aged 13; she did Lower Group questions instead of the Upper Group.

Highly Commended: Andrea Donnan, Mark Griffin, Linda Gardiner, Kevin Mole, Leslie Barber, George Amos, Janice Dickens, John Rogan, Ann Murray, Terry Bustin, Denise Drury, Lynn Bustin, Deborah Kemp, Vanessa Kemp, Andrew Dodd, Conrad Swan, Christopher Attwood, Nicky Yarham, Trevor Newton, Timothy Rogers, Patricia Mitchell, Jacky Pearce, Norma Aterley, Richard Fisher, David Miller, Timothy Fisher, Denise Payne, Ann Wharfe, Veronica Killick, Alan Scrace, Paul Watts, Susan Watts, David Stockbridge, Brian Newcombe, Kerry Marshall, Marcos Lambert, Elizabeth Hilton, Linda Sewell, Valerie Coppin, Jacqueline John, Keith Whiting, Anne Wills, Philip Kiddell, Vincent Dublin.

Commended: Virginia Saunders, Cindy Potter, Susan Yarham, Andrew Francis, Karen Howard, Jeffrey Attwood, Jennifer Starnes, Joy Denny, Catherine Patmore, Deborah Feeney, Annette Whiting, John Wills, Marion Kiddell.

An entry sent in from Basildon with no name.

Entry received from Yvonne Boxall from Hammerfield "Not for competition".

Hammerfield have regained their place at the head of the list; with Horham only one behind.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

The other day I was on a road and came up against a large notice bearing the words "Give Way", inside a big red triangle. These are warning notices and those who obey them are very wise and very right to "Give Way" before entering a main road.

But this notice reminded me of another road—the road of life, on which we are each one travelling. There are many who press along this road shouting "Give Way! Give Way!" merely because they are selfish. There are others who seek to encourage boys and girls to "Give Way" to sinful and shameful things which will spoil their lives.

There was once a young man whose name was Augustine. His mother's name was Monica, and day by day Monica prayed to the Lord for her son and pleaded with him that he should not "give way" to sinful actions and bad habits. But Augustine liked the broad road; he liked to do what everybody else was doing and keep in with the crowd. He "gave way" to temptation, and Satan became his master for many unhappy years.

At that time, Augustine became very sad for he had given way to sin. And then one day, he heard God's voice speaking to him in just two words, "Take . . . Read". He looked down and there in front of him was a Bible, open at the 13th Chapter of the Epistle to the Romans. Augustine took the book and read at v. 12, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness . . . not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh ('do not give way to temptation'), to fulfil the lusts thereof." Augustine knew that God was speaking to him through the Scriptures. He truly repented of his sins and sought forgiveness and mercy from the Lord Jesus. He now knew that nothing but the power of the Saviour could keep him; nothing but His grace could save him from "giving way", where he ought to "Halt" and take his stand beside the Lord Jesus.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "Enter ye in through the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in through it: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it". Only the Lord Jesus can teach us when to take our stand, and when we should "Give Way" in order to help others.

For many years, two dear friends of "Rays" have been serving the Lord in India. Mr. H. A. Huckett was at one time Editor of "Rays", until he went to India as a missionary. We gave him a pen when he sailed and both he and his wife, Mrs. Grace Huckett, have sent us many interesting articles from India. We welcome them home and hope that we may still be able to welcome articles from them.

I was pleased to receive letters from: Kathryn Appleby (welcome to Jacqueline), Mary Bater (don't worry Mary; enjoy reading your prize); and Ruth Willmott. Also I was glad to hear from the following friends: Mrs. Blakeman, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mrs. F. S. Kimber, Mr. Don Payne (glad to hear about Maureen Lowe), and Pastor J. Stockbridge to whom we extend a "Rays" welcome.

With best wishes to you all,

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST



SPECIAL NOTICE

COME TO THE

1968 "RAYS" RALLIES

● **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th**

At "Eden" Chapel, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge
From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Games on Midsummer Common
At 3.30 p.m.—RAYS RALLY

Chairman: Mr. M. Champion (Ely)
Speaker: Missionary J. R. Field

● **Also SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**

At West Ham Tabernacle, West Ham Lane, Stratford
(near Stratford Broadway)
From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Games on West Ham Park, Portway
At 3.30 p.m.—RAYS RALLY

Chairman: Mr. Ian Brown (New Cross)
Speaker: Missionary H. A. Huckett

Lemonade or orange will be provided for boys and girls, but bring your own "eats"

DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE CHILDREN

Come all together in a coach from your Sunday School.

INTRODUCING OUR COVER PICTURE

By Miss L. S. Hazel

India is a country that depends a lot on its cows and buffaloes. The cow is considered a sacred animal, therefore, it must not be killed, but is worshipped by many who do not know our Saviour. It has many uses, providing milk, ploughing the land, harnessed to carts that carry grain, vegetables, fruits and various pots for market. Also this is the common mode of transport to weddings, Hindu festivals, etc., for bullock carts can travel the roughest roads or cross open stretches of land or rocky paths where the modern motor cars and buses are unable to go.

In our picture we see one of these animals being washed in the river. This is done two or three times a week to keep it clean and healthy. In a hot country like India, many insects called "Ticks" can be seen clinging to the hide and in the ears, so it is very necessary to cleanse them repeatedly. The beautiful palm tree in the background is the Coconut Palm.

Like the buffalo and cow we need to wash daily many times, since we become dirty with the soot and smoke and dirty things with which we are in contact.

Unlike the cow and buffalo where only the outside is washed, WE need to come to the Lord Jesus in order that He may cleanse our hearts and make them clean through His blood that was shed on Calvary.

Boys and girls have YOU come to Him for that cleansing?

"Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing flood,
Are YOU washed in the blood of the Lamb?"

WHAT AM I?

A clothes peg of course—just an ordinary wooden one, not beautiful like the plastic ones, but they say I am more dependable and last longer.



What am I doing talking in "Rays"? Well, *SHE*—that's the person I belong to—takes me up to the Kolli Hills—mountains they really are—on camp. Don't ask me what her name is; I hear people calling her Perammal, or Doctor Ammal, so that's all I know. She is what they call a "Missionary", so I thought I would tell you people who read "Rays" something of what I hear and see. I can't tell you everything, it would take far too long.

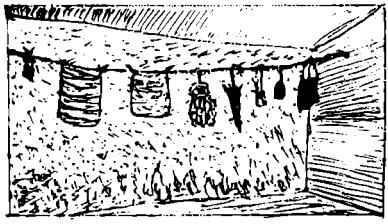
I always know when I and my friends, a whole crowd of us, are going on camp because she wraps us up in a bag and puts us in another bag which she calls "a bedding roll". My friend, the Camp Cot, and also the sleeping bag and mosquito net all get wrapped up in plastic sheets in case it rains. After that we are all in darkness and what happens next is a complete blank. I asked my friend the Rope, to whom I am pegged to tell us all about it as he was tied round the outside of the bundle. He told me that we get carried on somebody's head up the mountains; as there is no road, this is the only way we can travel. He said the path was very rocky and steep up through the forest, and that the views were breathtaking.



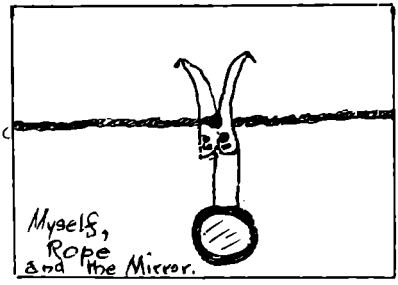
When we get there and the tape is untied, I blink my eyes and look around to see where I am. I am in a hut. The walls are made of dried mud and are only just about 5 feet thick. Two large wooden beams cross the hut from wall to wall. Fortunately, two large stones are placed on top of the mud walls and these are used to bear the stones; otherwise

She would be bashing her head on them all day long, even though She is herself not tall. The roof is of grass thatch. That is where the rats usually have their homes and it is good fun to watch their antics, but this time it is a bit dull, there are no rats. My friend "Rope" is then tied up round the hut from beam to beam. His duties are rather heavy; he has to take the place of cupboards and wardrobe and dressing table, as there isn't anything of that up here. Rope is having to hold up all sorts of things, mostly in bags hanging up on hooks. Some of the bags hold books, some string, one has a rolled up blackboard inside, for She tries drawing pictures to explain what she says. Then there is a many purpose bag which holds a brush and comb and all the various things humans use to keep themselves spruced up with—and also a torch. The bag that puzzles me is the one with ten compartments, that is where powder medicines are kept, made up into little packets.

As for me, I am holding up a mirror by its string with my mouth. When you think I am upside down, I am really the right way up. If you have ever seen a Bat hanging from the roof, well, I am something like that.



I do not have a very good view as I am round the corner, but I can hear a lot and my friend on duty opposite tells me what he sees. All sorts of people come along. I can see some of them out of the corner of my eye as they stand in the doorway. Most of the people who come here are ill. Those poor children who have nasty holes in their teeth cannot sleep for the pain, so their daddies say. They will have to have those teeth out. Then She gives them some sweets and some pretty text cards. She tells them that children in England have sent them to us. There was one little girl who had medicine to make her sleep, so that she wouldn't feel the pain. I heard her say in a dreamy far-away voice, "Where is my card?" It was such a pretty one with a pussy and her kitten on it. Sometimes a baby is brought in with a bad cough. She says it has a high temperature. It has to have an injection.



I must tell you just a little bit of what She tells these people. In case you have forgotten She is the person I belong

to (don't write telling me that it should be "to whom I belong". I know all about that but it sounds so stuffy).

She tells them about Someone called the Lord Jesus. He must have been a wonderful person with such lovely gentle hands, which made everyone better when He touched them. She says that He actually gave His own life to make people clean in their hearts and their minds, and thus make them really and truly happy—Terrific, isn't it! What love He must have. She says that He died and came to life again and that one day this same Lord Jesus is actually coming back to this world. Thrilling, isn't it!

There's lots more I could write but I'll finish off now. I am not too good at concentrating, although as a clothes peg I have quite a good grip when I get on anybody's finger. I may write again—when I feel like it. Goodbye,

Yours . . . no, Hers faithfully,
A. Clothes Peg.

[Miss Clothes Peg's article was sent to us from the Kolli Hills by Doctor Ruth Harris.]

THE CHRISTIAN'S SECRET CODE

Years and years ago, under the reign of cruel kings, the early Christians were bitterly persecuted and had to hide underground in order to worship. They had a secret code; it was the sign of a fish drawn upon the stones and rocks, so that friends might be guided to the place of worship without the enemy knowing. This sign was an acrostic on the Greek word for "fish", because the letters of this word spelt out the name they loved best of all. This name was:—

"Jesus Christ, of God the Son, Saviour."

We do not need a secret code any longer: we can go without any fear to worship the Lord Jesus. As we do this Searcher let us thank God for His loving gift of His Son to be our Saviour.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named and find the verse where these words occur. Then write out these sentences in order, filling in the missing words. Give the book, chapter and verse where found.

1. The fowl of the air . . . and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
2. Five barley loaves and . . .
3. Or if he ask . . . a serpent.
4. And upon all . . . into your hand are they delivered.
5. And the . . . shall declare unto thee.
6. They inclosed . . . and their net brake.
7. And He saith unto them, "Follow me . . . ".

The answers will be found in the following chapters, which are listed in the same order as the questions:—

Psalms 8, John 6, Matthew 7, Genesis 9, Job 12, Luke 5, Matthew 4.

Upper Group age 12 and under 16

If you read through the chapters given below you will discover the answers to the following questions. When you have found the verse quoted, look for the answer in either that verse or one near to it, and write down your answers in order. You need not answer Lower Group questions.

1. A fish was caught with a piece of money in his mouth. Who caught it and for whom was the money used?

2. Why did a very great multitude of fish come to the waters?
3. Why were men that sold fish shut outside the gates?
4. Who was swallowed by a fish, and how long was he there?
5. What did they do with the net after it was drawn to the shore?
6. How many large fishes did Simon Peter catch in one net and who caused this to happen?

The answers will be found in the following chapters which are in the same order as the questions:—

Matthew 17, Ezekiel 47, Nehemiah 13, Jonah 1, Matthew 13, John 21.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until December, 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—AUGUST 31st, 1968.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before August 31st. Entries received after September 3rd, 1968, will be too late for entry.

RESULT OF LAST BIBLE SEARCHER

Here are the results; and there were some good entries, especially amongst some Upper Groupers who drew some beautiful houses fit to live in. If some of the "Rays" Bible Searchers do not make young architects I shall be surprised. There were 376 Searcher entries, and out of this total we welcome 43 new entrants.

BUT WHAT OF THE THINGS LEFT OUT?

Some Lower Group Searchers lost marks because they left out the answer to the last question; **Some** because they did not enter their age; **Some** because they left out the name of their Sunday School; **Some** Searchers may have had a name but they did not put it on their paper; and then when we come to count up for the Honours List, they want marks for their entries, although we do not know who they are!

So please: Name, age, address, Sunday School to be written clearly on each entry.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: Stephen Cooke, aged 12, "Tabernacle", Watford.
Jenny Day, aged 14, "Tabernacle", Brighton.

Special Mention: Anne Mayell, Richard Clarkson, Joy Chapman, Joy Thrower, Jill Reuter.

Very Highly Commended: Keith Maltby, Jacqueline Maltby, Susan Bessant, Christine Hills, Annette Cartwright, Robert Bennett, Mary Arnold, Marilyn Phillips, Lydia Pyke, Paul Hart, Stephen Hart, Trevor Hart, Philip Clarkson, Juliet Hoyes, Lois Clarkson, David Monk, Emelia Higgs, Doreen Biggs, Anita May, Suzanne Lysaght, Janet Biggs, Wendy Chapman, Sylvia Chapman, K. Alexander, Christine Relf, Elizabeth Starnes, Donald Clarke, Sheila Stringer, K. Chatteris, Sheila Cross, David Edge, Claire Wicking, Valerie Scrace, Stephen Mowle, Oliver Green, C. Kirkwood, John Layzell, Linda Chapman, Ian Evemy, Ruth Lambert, Jane Wicking.

Highly Commended: Gillian Maidstone, Carol Gardiner, Michael Wayman, Andrew Orchard, Angela Hope, Clifford Chapman, Betty Wilson,

Mary Bater, Arthur Bennett, Andrew Toms, Ross Thompson, Graham Collins, Christine Edwards, Susan Lupton, Pat Bustin, Philip Hart, Melvin Cattermole, Peter Geall, Nigel Double, Patricia Turner, Andrew Hewitt, Janet Thompson, Ann Stimpson, Jean Smith, Christopher Harvey, Leon Golding, Angela Jordan, Roger Jordan, Sally Chapman, Alan Parris, Ivan Sams, Lesley Williams, M. Williams, Alan Burrows, Marvelle Dublin, Anthony Kiddell, Anthea Brinded.

Commended: Christopher Dowding, Vanessa Ford, Kathleen Elms, Claire Weston, Linda Tanfield, Sandra Beerenwinkel, Peter Turner, Anne Edwards, Sandra Horsted, Stanley Esworth, David Blackman, Lesley Piggott, Steven Alsford, Julie Dean, Afwa Rodgepeng, Gwenda Kiddell.

Lower Group, age under 12

Prizewinners: 1. Christine Edwards, aged 8, Tunstall.

2. Julie Carter, aged 11, Tring.

Special Mention: Susan Lamb, Eric Bater, Gabriel Bennett, Judith Dix, Teresa James, Rosina Riddleston, Ann Chapman, Heather Gardner, Ann Barber, Victoria Balmforth, Gillian Etchells, Gloria Browne.

Very Highly Commended: Susan Gillions, Diane Turner, Josephine Donnan, Andrea Donnan, Jane Malpass, Peter Gutteridge, Vivian Skelton, Andrew Baker, Diane Fielden, Judith Orchard, Rachel Orchard, Julia Barber, Caroline Short, Jane Rose, Sarah Ford, George Amos, Leah Alsop, Timothy Saunders, Sharon Ball, David Pickett, Janice Dickens, Graham Leaver, Anne Leaver, Berys Bird, Jillian Runnacles, Stephen Wade, Jennifer Grist, Jeremy Pyke, Janet Silverton, Philip Collins, Shirley Hart, Linda Stevens, Judith Payne, David James, Elaine Jarvis, Peter Oldhamstead, Karen Brazer, Sian Smith, Tonia Drury, Sharon Bustin, Lise O'Neal, Lynn Horsted, Alastair Waylett, Jacqueline Bustin, Valerie Gadsdon, Melanie Bell, Jacqueline Weise, Graeme Clarkson, James Geale, Margaret Gant, Julia Double, David Gant, Evelyn Rowland, Paul Heasman, Andrew Dodd, Lynn Elliott, Kathy Steadman, Elaine Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, Gem Griffiths, Valerie Rodwell, Linda Debenham, Joy Mutimer, Roy Mutimer, Timothy Debenham, Enid Hawes, Virginia Hawes, Gillian Harvey, Malcolm Harvey, Evadney Dayton, Paul Mickelson, Christine Rogers, Karen Ling, Sandra Ling, Irene Carter, Paul Thrower, Patricia Roberts, Linda Moore, Geraldine Brinded, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Joy Brown, Susan Brown, Rachel Balls, Catherine Balls, Russell Frost, Paul King, Jennifer Starnes, Susan Moore, Linda Carol, Jane Reynolds, Ellen Syer, Susan Mann, Barbara Chatteris, Amanda Hodgson, Carol Barton, Sandra Shepherd, Nigel Woodhouse, Rosemary Chapman, Valerie Blake, Sarah Blake, Glynis Hayward, Kathryn Twist, Pamela Etchells, Kim Reuter, Mary Bower, Nicola Lummis, David Stockbridge, Julie Warren, Louise Waspe, Stuart Waspe, Henny Kirkwood, Ruth Layzell, Julie Boughton, John Pinnock, Raymond Seligmann, Susan Seligmann, Paul Nash, Shirley Manning, Kingsley Reeve, Michaela Read, Graham Toms, Richard Toms, Barbara Skelton, Elizabeth Skelton, Dave Knowles, Yvonne Sallis, Elizabeth Wood, Shirley Clifford, Stephen Ambrose, Andrew Cooke, Linda Fellingham, A. Ottley, Eileen Colman, Catherine Manley, Sharon Oliver, Grace Joy, Judy Harvey, Lydia Gonsalves, Susan Manning.

Highly Commended: Michael Cole, Leslie Barber, John Orchard, Elaine Hope, Derek Labbett, Pauline Elms, Simon Tanfield, Mandy Elms, Joanna Alsop, Andrew Alsop, Susan Payne, Geoffrey Payne, Louisa Chapman, Paul Toms, Mary Toms, Sheila Cowe, Sharon Rivers, Mark Ellis, Cindy Potter, Paul Lupton, Sandra Lupton, Gillian Paine, Christine Parker, Joanne Parker, Terry Bustin, Elizabeth Willmott, Denise Drury, Ruth Willmott, Alison Kerr, Robert Driver, Graham Hart, Clifford Hart, Angela Hart, Jennifer Weise, Sharon Weise, Larry Young, Lorraine Young, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mandy Fox, Stephen Diprose, Andrew Montin, Judith Moore, Andrew Higgs, Simon Varley, Dianne Elliott, Andrew Mc'Lachlin, Louise Webber, Gaye Yarham, Nicky Yarham, Christopher Attwood, Nicky

Sampson, Julia Arnold, Aron Wood, Alan Hawes, Andrew Debenham, Timothy Rogers, Sally Rawden, Patricia Mitchell, Ronald Carter, Paul Gray, Tony Dennis, Tommy Herbert, Rosemary Bradley, Christopher Jordan, Andrew Laver, Julie Mann, Denise Payne, Ann Warfe, Susan Edge, Julia Edge, Ivan Chapman, Amanda Durrant, Paul Watts, Susan Watts, Elizabeth Mowle, Joy Denny, Brian Newcombe, Jacqueline Parker, Susan Scarce, Monica Spolton, Susan Fletcher, Mandy Spolton, Diana Clarke, Peter Burrows, Stephen Rignall, Marcos Lambert, Caroline Colman, Elizabeth Robinson, Graham Dennis, Jacqueline John, Marion Kiddell, Vincent Dublin, Colin Kiddell, Cynthia Dublin, Ann Wills, Keith Whiting, Annette Whiting, Lorna Gonsalves, Sheila Babbs, Sheens Smith, (one entry "Ipswich" no name, age or Sunday School).

Commended: Peter Reed, Kevin Mose, Lynn Bustin, Susan Yarham, Jeffrey Attwood, Andrew Francis, Julie A., Karen H., Weil Hadley, Susan Edards, Catherine Patmore, Philip Kiddell, John Wills, Kevin Spitty, Sean Harrow, Lorraine Hatcher, Stephen Hatcher, Michael Clifford, Lynette Gonsalves.

Woolwich have the highest number of entries this time. We congratulate Woolwich for their vigorous climb, but would like to remind other vigorous schools that this is a competition!

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

First of all, I want you each to remember the Annual "Rays" Rallies which are being held on September 14th at Cambridge, and September 21st at West Ham Tabernacle. We have never held a "Rays" Rally at Cambridge before, so we want to see what the boys and girls in that district can do. If you look at a map and imagine Cambridge to be a spider in the middle of a big web, then the web stretches from Little Staughton to Warboys, and includes all the places in between. So because Cambridge will not come to you, you will need to come to Cambridge on September 14th.

We are also much looking forward to being at West Ham a week after. It is a long time since we had a "Rays" Rally there but we did have one many years ago and the Tabernacle was filled with boys and girls, who enjoyed a good rally such as we are looking forward to on September 21st.

Talking about looking forward, I wonder if any of you have had a look through a telescope lately. Not so long ago, we went with some boys and girls to Southsea and on the seafront there was a nice fat telescope. We all tried looking through it, but could not see a thing. Then someone dropped a penny in its slot and we all tried to look in it at once. It was wonderful to behold! We could see the hovercraft starting out from Ryde, five miles across the sea, and it looked so near that one felt like getting out of its way, lest it should come too close.

And that makes one think of the most wonderful look of all—the Bible. It's just like a telescope—but you do not have to pay every time you look into it—for the Bible seems to bring us so near to people who lived long, long ago.

The best object, however, that the Bible telescope reveals is the figure of the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The closer we gaze upon Him, the more wonderful He becomes.

I was pleased the receive letters from Mr. A. Alsop, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Miss E. K. Gardner, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mrs. C. Howells, Miss Rhoda Payne, Mrs. E. E. F. Rayner, Pastor J. Skull, and Mrs. J. Stockbridge.

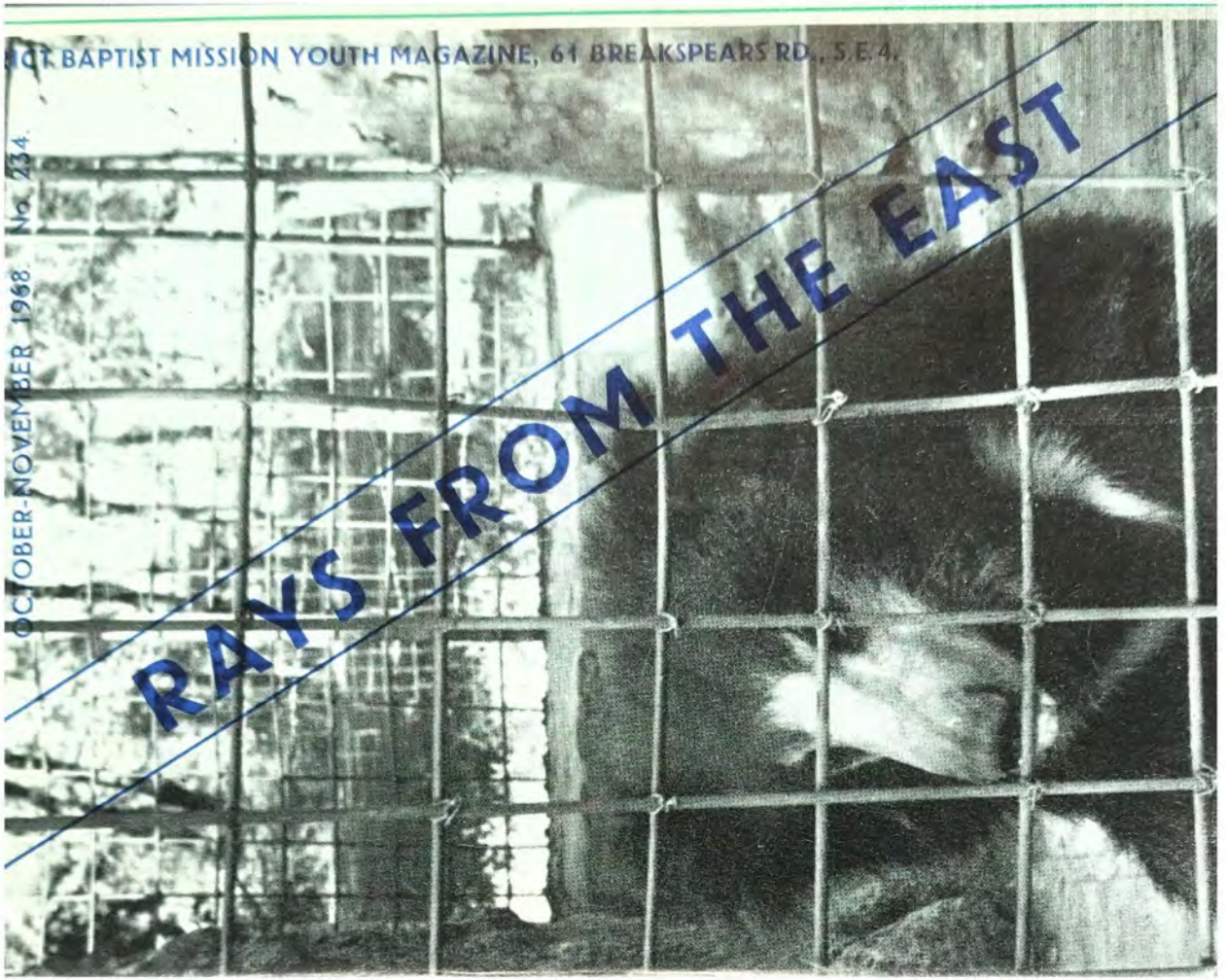
With best wishes to you all,

UNCLE PETER.

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RAYS FROM THE EAST

OUR COVER PICTURE

by Miss Stella Hazel

When you visit the Zoo and see so many different animals, I wonder which you like best. On the cover page, we have a picture of a Sloth Bear inside a large cage, and probably photographed while on a visit to the Zoo in Madras in South India. It looks very handsome with its dark furry coat, white face and white furry neck-piece in the shape of a necklace round its throat. Notice too its very large claws. I wouldn't want to meet one in my path would you?

These Bears are found wild on the Kolli Hills in South India. They eat white ants (which are very destructive insects) and their footprints can often be traced to where jack fruit trees are, especially when the fruit is ripe, as it gives off a strong pungent scent, very attractive to Bears. The outer covering of the fruit, which hangs down from the trees, is a greenish yellow in colour, prickled all over and some are very large indeed, weighing several pounds. Inside are yellow segments, all needing to be separated from the main fruit, and inside each a kind of nut that has to be removed before eating the fleshy portion.

Besides Bears, our Indian friends, and even some of the Missionaries too, like jack fruit, but most Europeans are not attracted because of the strong pungent scent.

As we look at the picture of this handsome animal, the Sloth Bear, which some of you may have seen in our London Zoo, think of those girls and boys in far away India who have not had the opportunity of visiting a Zoo because they are too poor to find the money for the train fare. Then pray that they may hear about and come to know the Lord Jesus as their Friend, Saviour and Protector.

BIBLE SEARCHERS GO ON DUTY

By Colin and Carole Howells

[*We are very pleased to be able to publish this article from Colin and Carole, especially because one was a "Rays" prizewinner.*]

I wonder if any of you have been abroad and seen the mountains in Switzerland. If not I expect you have seen pictures of

them. The Alps stretch from France, right through Switzerland, and into Austria, too. Well, we are going to live for a year up in the Alps. We will be in a town called Albertville, in France, not very far from the border of Italy, and about fifty miles south of Geneva. See if you can find it on a map. If you can find Mt. Blanc then you will not be very far away, because Albertville is only about ten miles from there.

The reason we are going to live at Albertville is because there is a college there where we will be able to learn to speak French, so that we can tell the French men and women, and boys and girls, about the Lord Jesus. When we get to the college we are not allowed to speak any English, so I wonder how we will get on! I hope we don't stand up when they tell us to sit down, or anything like that! We also have to take a Sunday School class in French, so we hope that the children understand what we are trying to say. This college sets out to teach us in the best possible way, over a short space of time, so that by the time we leave the college we should be able to speak French quite well.

France is a lot different from this country. It is much bigger for one thing, and you can go for miles and miles without finding a town or village where people know about the Lord Jesus, or where there is a Sunday School for the children to go to. After learning French we are going to help one of the Churches already out there in their work. We may even be able to get the children to do a Bible Searcher something like the one I used to do, and you now do, in "Rays".

We do hope that you will think about us as we go to France, because although the scenery is very beautiful around Albertville, and we may be able to do a little bit of climbing and ski-ing, our main task is to learn French as quickly as possible, and as well as we can. To do this we need people to pray and ask the Lord Jesus to help us, and however young or old you are you can help us in this way too.

[*We shall look forward to hearing from Colin and Carole quite often, so that we may all know how they enjoy learning French. We hope they will not forget to write to us in English.*]

TO ALL WHO HAVE SENT TAMIL TEXT CARDS

From Miss Phyllis L. White, Velur, South India

Dear Boys and Girls,

Thank you very much for the bundle of Tamil text cards which you made and posted on to me. It was very kind of you.

The boys and girls here love to have these cards, and many of them paste them on to the walls of their homes; others paste them into books. One of the things that the children say most often is, "Please give me a photo!" These Tamil cards are very specially valued by them, for in India boys and girls do not have story books or anything like that.

Will you pray for these boys and girls who come to our Sunday Schools? Pray that, as they hear about the Lord and learn the texts on the cards, they, too, may come to love the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Children in India, and their parents also, worship many different things such as snakes or elephants. There is also a goddess of smallpox, and Indian people make many offerings to this goddess, so that this terrible disease may not come to their house. We hope that, as these children learn of the Lord Jesus, they may forget about these other worthless things and worship Jesus only. Do pray for the boys and girls of India.

Thank you, once again, very much for your work in making these cards.

With every good wish,

PHYLLIS L. WHITE.

[*Now that you know how useful these Tamil Text Cards are, and how much the boys and girls of India value them, we are sure you will be saving up all your picture post-cards and will send them to Uncle Peter, 57 Cedar Close, Bagshot, Surrey, with Tamil Texts pasted on the back. Leave the postage stamps on, the children of India value these greatly.—Uncle Peter.*]

HARVEST TIME

By the time you receive this the harvest will be over, but we should still be thanking the Lord for His goodness and remembering that He always keeps His promises.

Lower Group, age under 12

In each of the chapters mentioned below you will find the word "harvest". Find the FIRST verse where the word is written and then copy out the verse.

1. MATTHEW chapter 9.
2. PROVERBS chapter 6.
3. JEREMIAH chapter 8.
4. MATTHEW chapter 13.
5. MARK chapter 4.

Write down the chapter and verse where found.

Upper Group age 12 and under 16.

Here is a JUMBLED ACROSTIC SEARCHER. First, answer the FIVE questions below, setting out the answers in the same order as printed and giving book, chapter and verse where found.

1. T..... Who was the disciple whom Peter raised from the dead and presented alive?
2. H..... Who was the king who turned his face to the wall?
3. A..... Who believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness?
4. W..... The sight of these caused the spirit of Jacob to revive. What were they?
5. E..... Which prophet told a king to "shoot!"?

The answers will be found in Acts 9, Isaiah 38, Romans 4, Genesis 45, 2 Kings 13, in that order.

The first letters of these answers, when arranged in the **proper** order, not as above, spell the name of a type of grain from which bread is made.

Write down the first letters in the proper order, find the verse in John chap. 12 where the grain or corn is mentioned, and copy it out.

YOU NEED NOT ANSWER THE LOWER GROUP QUESTIONS.

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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS. There is no longer a 3d. post, 4d. is the cheapest, but you can seal it up and, if you wish, put a letter inside.

RESULTS OF BIBLE SEARCHER

There was a splendid number of entries to the last Bible Searcher and we were pleased to welcome increased entries from many schools, including Cleveland Road, Ilford; Borough Green; "Providence", March; Stoke Ash; "Ebenezer", Wooburn Green; and Belvedere. We were also very pleased to receive entries from a new Sunday School at Swanley in Kent, and Thorndon, Eye, Suffolk.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Prizewinners: 1. Gillian Maidstone, aged 14, Angel Baptist Church.
2. Carol Bedford, aged 14, Staines Baptist Church.

Special Mention: Andrew Orchard, Penny Punter, Lois Clarkson, Linda Chapman, Mary Arnold, Kenneth Alexander, Jean Smith, Jacqueline Maltby, Sylvia Chapman, Christine Relf.

Very Highly Commended: Jill Reuter, Juliet Hoyes, Graham Collins, Jean Osborne, Trevor Hart, Joy Chapman, Marvelle Dublin, Valerie Clover, Ann Simpson, Ivan Sams, Christopher Rookyard, Emelia Higgs, Suzanne Lysaght, Phillip Hart, Susan Clements, John Layzell, Maureen Dimelow, Barbara Wright, Christine Edwards, Tony New, Mary Bater, Anthea Brinded, Betty Wilson, Leon Golding, Philip Stevens, Janet Thompson, Ruth Lambert, Keith Maltby, Joy Hall, Sheila Stringer, Wendy Chapman, Roger Jordan.

Highly Commended: Janet Biggs, Stella Swaby, Lorraine Clifford, Alan Burrows, David Edge, Lyn Weston, Susan Beszant, Yvette Gulliver, Clifford Chapman, Sheila Cross, Christine Twigg, Cathy Ferguson, Lesley Williams, Claire Weston, Graham Hart, Carole Evans, Heather Dudney, Stephen and Paul Hart, Doreen Biggs, Elizabeth Starnes, Peter Geall, Lydia Pyke, Gwenda Kiddell, David Monk, Philip Clarkson, A. Ottley, Phillip Boylett, Stuart Waspe, Gillian Turner, Raymond Hart, Andrew Hewitt, Christopher Harvey, Lydia Baker, Melvin Cattermole, Angela Hope, Sally Chapman.

Commended: Anne Mayell, Robert Clover, Andrew Toms, Stanley Esworth, Lesley Piggott, Anthony Kiddell.

Lower Group, age under 12.

Prizewinners: 1. Sandra Ransome, aged 11, March Sunday School.
2. Diane Fielden, aged 11, Basildon Sunday School.

Special Mention: Sara Jardine, Valerie Rodwell, Paul King, Kay Ford, Joanna Alsop, Susan Payne, Keith Milne, Gloria Browne, Michelle Wink, Graham Toms.

Very Highly Commended: Ruth Layzell, Bryan Upchurch, Paul D. Gray, Linda Debenham, Anne Leaver, Graham Leaver, Nicky Yarham, Lynn Elliott, Gaye Yarham, Dawn Yarham, Conrad Swan, Susan Gillions, Josephine Donnan, Elizabeth Clements, Angela Hart, Andrew Alsop, Eric Bater, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Yvonne Wood, Joy Denny, Elizabeth Mitchell, Linda Stevens. Victoria Balmforth, Jonathan Dawson, Ivan Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Philip Collins, David Gant, Michael Hewitt, Mary Bower, Julie Ridgeon, Irene Kelly, Gillian Harvey, Timothy Saunders, Alan Church, Angela Seymour, Ann Barber, Martin Jacklin, Susan Edge, Wendy Joyce Powell, Angela Evans, Rachel Balls, Susan Mann, Andrew Laver, Amanda Hodgson, Nigel Ogden, Catherine Manley, Julia Barber, John Orchard, Judith Orchard, Rosina Riddleston, Graham Milne, Margaret Moore, Louise Waspe, Heather Gardner, Stephen Diprose, Sheena Woollard, Shirley Manning, Virginia Hawes, Joy Mutimer, Christopher Jordan, Rosemary Bradley, Mandy Ball, Ann Chapman, Christine Frost, Kathryn Appleby, Philip Turner, Lesley Gardiner, Rosemary Mitchell, Susan Lamb, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Leah Alsop, Teresa James, Gillian Rance, Paul Nash, Susan Seligmann, Gary Corsi, Judith Payne, Julie Mann, Carol Barton, George Amos, Jeremy Pyke, Cynthia Dublin, Gabriel Bennett, Russell Frost, Stephen Roe, Susan Yarham, Deborah Richardson, Barbara Cooper, Lesley Pate, Shirley Hart, Stephen Wade, Rose Coomber, Mark Ellis, Sheena Smith, Julie Warren, Elizabeth Balmforth, Peter Burrows, Ellen Syer, Elaine Hewitt, Ann Wharfe, Robert Driver, Margaret Seymour, Sharon Rayment, Christopher Brown, Julia Edge, Simon Tanfield, Mandy Elms, Jennifer Evans, Catherine Balls, David Pickett, Andrew Stevens, Sharyn Smith, Julie Reed, Rachel Orchard, Diane Wheeler, Richard Toms, C. Short, Enid Hawes, Jacqueline Higgs, Belinda Corsi, Jane Kersey, Andrew Baker, Christine Edwards, Linda Moore, Christine Rogers, Timothy Rogers, James Geall, Alastair Waylett, David Stockbridge, Raymond Seligmann, Jonathan Lambert.

Highly Commended: Christine Packer, Anne Moore, Timothy Debenham, Andrew Debenham, Karen Howard, Nicola King, Kevin Ward, Jane Malpass, Christine Ward, Marion Cooper, Clifford Hart, Stephen Clarke, Jane Rose, Roy Mutimer, Berys Bird, Susan Edwards, Richard Hawes, Alan Hawes, Sheila Cowe, Margaret Aunt, Norma Atherley, Vivian Skelton, Paul Lupton, Terry Parker, Patricia Mitchell, Jean Armstrong, Teresa Church, Annette Hollman, David Seymour, Alison Smith, Loraine Jacklin, Yvonne Salis, Elizabeth Wood, Shirley Clifford, Shirley Davidson, Sharon Ball, Althea Allen, Jacqueline Weise, Sharon Weise, Sandra Ling, Karen Ling, Bernard Fenn, Joanne Parker, Lesley Cole, Janice Dickens, Louisa Chapman, Geoffrey Payne, N. Ransome, Sandra Miller, David Miller, Denise Payne, Kevin Mose, Susan Moore, Brian Newcombe, Judith Dix, Andrew Martin, Christine Chapman, Andrew Higgs, Seville Piggott, Karen Ball, Stephen Conquer, Irene Carter, Sharon Oliver, Annette Miller, Sarah Jayne Ford, Geraldine Brinded, Barry Clarke, Richard Clarke, Diana Clarke, Graham Dennis, Jennifer Starnes, Michael J. Woollard, Jean C. New, Mary Toms, Paul Toms, Sandra Cattermole, Nigel Woodhouse, Evelyn Rowland, Paul Heasman, Reuben E. Parker, Malcolm Harvey, Monica Spotta, Pauline Elms, Lorraine Pretty, Joanna Cobbett, Helen Starr, Philip Cobbold, Susan Tole, Jennifer Weise, Andrew Dodd, Linda Flint, Keith Piggott, Glenn Piggott, Yvonne Dawkins, Kingsley Reeve, David James, Jackie Pearse,

Elizabeth Robinson, Grace Robinson, Mandy Fox, Martin Cook, Susan Wade, Lydia Gonsalves, Anne Wills, Lorna Gonsalves, Lynette Gonsalves, Vincent Dublin, Angela Cole, Jeffrey Attwood, Nicholas Sampson, Melvin Ward, Judith Woodhouse, Kim Reuter, Sadie Riches, Wendy Thornhill, Debra Smith, Virginia Saunders, Keith Whiting, Susan Manning, Ronald Carter, Peter Oldhamstead.

Commended: Lester Piggott, Catherine Patmore, John Wills, Susan Doyle, Martin Jones, Gary Jones, Lorraine Hatcher, Marion Kiddell, Judy Hartley, Julie Attwood, Kevin Moulds, Stephen Evemy, Colin Kiddell, Valerie Coppins, Diane Curnick. Entries for the June-July Searcher from Kevin and Andrew Moulds.

Woolwich Sunday School heads the list, with March and Warboys following closely behind.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Not long ago, I was surprised to see a little creature walking across the road right in front of my car. Sad to say, he had no road sense at all. He did not look where he was going but came over the kerb and straight across the road. I was able to stop quickly, jump out of the car, and in a few seconds I was holding in my hands a beautiful little hedgehog—not too tightly, of course! He had a ride in my car and, some hours afterwards, found himself running around my garden. Did he stay? Oh no! Puss came to look at him but, although she was interested, she kept well away from his sharp, pointed spines.

And then Master Hedgehog did a very clever thing. He ran around in a perfect circle—only once—in order to get his sense of direction, and set off for his home. He found his way into the neighbour's garden, checked course for the second time, and then climbing over the bank, set off as straight for home as any hedgehog could go.

Don't you think that was clever of him? You see, he knew exactly where he wanted to go. We all love to hear boys and girls tell us that they have made up their mind and have decided to do something that is really worth doing in life. It's no use dithering—it is far better to find a good purpose in life and then stick to it. But the highest purpose that any boy or girl can have is to seek to become a follower of the Lord Jesus. Ask Him to show you His way and then seek Him first. For the Lord Jesus is not only the Way of Life, He is also the Goal of Life.

I was pleased to receive letters from: Christine Edwards and Rosina Riddleston. In addition I was glad to hear from the following friends: Mrs. E. R. Barkaway, Mrs. S. J. Bixby, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mrs. M. Boxall, Mr. J. Christie, Mr. R. G. Douglas, Miss E. K. Gardner, Mr. Harold W. Harmer, Mr. Stephen Heather, Mrs. F. A. Hollman, Mr. F. S. Kimber (glad to hear better news of our old friend), Mr. Sidney Mowle, Mrs. L. Rowlands, Miss J. M. Sawyer, Mr. K. Skull, Mr. V. A. Steward, and Mr. John Watkins (so glad to hear of the new venture at Swanley).

With best wishes to you all,

UNCLE PETER.

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Christmas Greetings from India to all readers of

"RAYS"

"Unto Him shall the gathering of the people be"—Gen. 49. 10.

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TO ALL FRIENDS OF "RAYS"

Owing to the increased postal charges "Rays" will cost a little more, but is still good value for money. The charges are as follows:—

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Pastor A. D. Rowland,
10 Bradfield Crescent,
Hadleigh,
Ipswich, Suffolk.

WHAT AM I?

by Missionary John Appleby, Dindigul, South India

You'll never guess what I am! You can't see me with your eyes. You can't hear me with your ears. I can go right through your hands and you wouldn't feel a thing! I have no smell. I don't have a body at all. And yet I can travel faster than anything else on earth! Well . . . what am I?

I don't live very long, usually. You see there is a way of catching me. Lots of people all over the world try to catch me. But I don't mind being caught, really, because I'm only useful when I'm caught. It's always better to be useful, than to be of no use to anyone. I can be caught more than once! However, each time I'm caught I get weaker and weaker. That's why I don't live very long. Have you guessed what I am?

There are millions more like me! So I don't feel lonely. And when we all travel together we carry a message with us, in Tamil! If you catch us, you can find out what the message is. Lots of people do find out. The message we carry helps them a lot, because it is about the Lord Jesus Christ. I don't mind living only a short while, if my life can help people learn of Jesus. I get all my strength from Him, so I know how wonderful He is. Do you?

I believe some of you may hear about me in your studies at school. You may hate working out all the maths. that describe me. It *is* rather horrid being so disliked. Fancy being described as $1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$ instead of being described as "pink cheeked" and "blue eyed"! Still, if it helps people to catch me better, I'll be patient and not mind being $1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$

Have you guessed *exactly* what I am?

[NOTE. *For those who are unable to guess, Uncle Peter thinks*

that this is the formula by which the frequency of wireless waves is measured. Frequency is measured by the number of wireless waves per second. Each wireless station works on its own particular frequencies and we may find out by this formula which station is giving the broadcast.]

WHERE IS THE EAST?

by Missionary Roger Cook, Brussels, Belgium

Do you like geography? Would you be able to find Belgium on a map of the world? Perhaps you know that Belgium is a very small country tucked in between two much larger ones on the Continent of Europe. Can you find it now? That's right: in the north is Holland and to the south is France. Actually, Belgium is one of your closest neighbours. Its capital city, Brussels, is the same distance from London as Liverpool.

You may well be asking what all this has to do with "Rays from the East". My wife and I have come to Belgium to spread the "good news" about Jesus Christ, working with the Strict Baptist Mission. We are still "east" of England, so our news can rightly be included in your magazine. The people and the countryside here are very different from those in India and Malaya, even so, there is no difference in the fact that these people, too, need to hear the Gospel so that they might call on the Lord. When they do this, they will be saved by the same Grace of God that saves men everywhere. (See what Romans 10, vv. 11-18 has to say about this.)

Now let me ask you another question: how far away from your church is the closest Strict Baptist chapel? If you don't know, ask your parents or your Sunday School teacher. But I am quite sure that it is not all that far away. For us here in Brussels, there is a seventy-mile journey to make before you come to our nearest Strict Baptist church, and by then you are in France! In fact, there are many quite large towns in Belgium and France where you would not be able to go to Sunday School to learn about Jesus. It is just because of this that we have come here.

I mentioned above that Belgium is sandwiched between two larger countries. This has caused an unusual situation: there are two languages spoken in Belgium. In the northern part, people generally speak Flemish, which is similar to Dutch. Down in the southern area you will find mainly French-speaking people. Some of the big towns, like Brussels, are so mixed up that everything has to be written in the two languages in order that everybody can understand! For a year now, we have been trying to learn the French language, and we must continue our studies for another year before we shall be fully able to talk to people about the Lord. When we have finished French study, it may be necessary for us to learn the Flemish as well.

Instead of getting "Rays" from India and Malaya now, we hope to be able to send some of our news from time to time. Although we are not so far away, we are still in the "East".

[*All readers of "Rays" will welcome Roger, and we shall all be interested to hear from him again, so long as he doesn't give us French lessons out of school. In our last issue, we heard from Colin in France, and now we hear from Roger in Belgium, so we have made two new friends in two months.*]

S.B.M. CROSSWORD

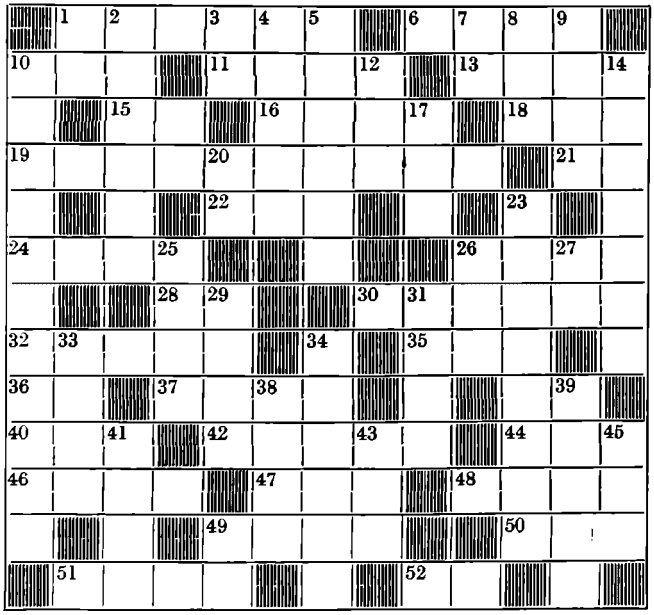
Here is another Crossword puzzle which Missionary H. A. Huckett has sent us. When you have found all the answers and filled them in, write your name, age and address in the space below, cut out this page and post it in a sealed envelope (postage 4d.) to "UNCLE PETER", 57 Cedar Close, Bagshot, Surrey.

A prize will be given for the first correct solution to reach "Uncle Peter" before December 31st, 1968.

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

Address .....

.....



The correct solution will be published in the February issue of "Rays". Send your entry to "Uncle Peter" even if you cannot find all the answers.

CLUES TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Ceylon is one.
6. Last word of Isaiah 57. 20.
10. Part of a circle.
11. An island in the Seychelles.
13. Where David dwelt (2 Sam. 5. 9).
15. Begins Isaiah 55.
16. Part of a tree.
18. The first note of the Tonic Solfa.
19. Given by F.O.Y.
21. Short for Doctor.
22. Hezekiah's mother (2 Kings 18).
24. Ezekiel ate this (Ezekiel 3).
26. Two men did this (Joshua 2).
28. A King, see Deuteronomy 1.
30. New field for S.B.M.
32. Two Missionaries live here.
35. A conjunction.
36. Third person singular of verb "To be".
37. Used in ports.
40. Needed by S.B.M.
42. S.B.M. Textbook.
44. Another word for petrol.
46. Abram had to do this (Genesis 15. 5).
47. Through, or by way of.
48. Absalom rode one.
49. Peter had to do this (John 21. 15).
50. Allow.
51. An open-air party in summer.
52. Something added to a letter.

DOWN

1. On Indian trains.
2. Missionaries' children go there.
3. Part of God's name (Exodus 3. 14).
4. Indian ruler.
5. Indian laundry man.
7. Begins James 1. 5.
8. Moses had one in his hand (Exodus 4).
9. Stepped.
10. Where Colin and Carol Howells have gone.
12. A priest (1 Samuel 1. 9).
14. A Missionary of the S.B.M.
17. English timber tree.
20. University degree.
23. Our radio studio is here.
25. An untidy and rude fellow.
26. A vehicle.
27. London postal district.
29. Your name for food.
31. Miles per hour.
33. A petrol company.
34. Telegraphic address of S.B.M.
38. Begins Matthew 5. 42.
39. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt live here.
41. Slang for "Drugs".
43. Helped to feed 5000.
45. Term in tennis.
49. Initials of Far East.

GOOD NEWS

We all know what is meant by "Good News". When each one of us was born somebody said, "This is good news", and Dad and Mum felt so pleased that we had come to be their son or daughter.

But there never has been such good news for the whole wide world as the news that God's Son had come to this earth to be our Saviour. It is because of this glad and joyful news that we all remember Christmas as a time of rejoicing and happiness.

Lower Group, age under 12

Find each verse where the following sentences are found and copy out the whole verse filling in the missing words.

1. And ..... and his mother marvelled.
2. For mine ..... have seen Thy salvation.
3. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a .....
4. And lo, the angel of the Lord came ..... them.
5. And there were in the same country ..... abiding in the field.

All the verses are in Luke's Gospel chapter 2. The first letters of the missing words spell a name which you will find in Matthew chapter 1, verse 21. Copy out this verse also, and write down the name in capital letters.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16

Find the answers to the following questions:

1. Who sang, "My soul doth magnify the Lord"?
2. Who "gave thanks unto the Lord and spake of Him . . ."?
3. From which city in Galilee did Joseph go up to Bethlehem?
4. Who said, "Fear not Mary, for thou hast found favour with God"?
5. Who said, "Blessed is she that believed"?
6. What did the Lord God of Israel do for His people when He "visited" them?

All the answers will be found in the first and second chapters of St. Luke's Gospel. When you have found the answers, arrange them in the right order so that the first letter of each answer spells out the place where Mary laid her firstborn Son.

YOU NEED NOT DO THE LOWER GROUP QUESTIONS.

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, 1969, 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 bearing a 4d. stamp, to UNCLE PETER,

57 CEDAR CLOSE, BAGSHOT, SURREY.

TWO OR MORE ENTRIES can come in one envelope bearing a 4d. stamp, provided the weight does not exceed 4 ozs.; over 4 ozs. and under 6 ozs. will cost 6d.

CLOSING DATE—DECEMBER 31st, 1968.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW POSTAL REGULATIONS. There is no longer a 3d. post, 4d. is the cheapest, but you can seal it up and, if you wish, put a letter inside.

RESULTS OF OCTOBER, 1968, BIBLE SEARCHER

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: Gillian Turner, (?) age, Aldbury Baptist Sunday School.
Lorraine Clifford, aged 13, Warboys Sunday School.

Special Mention: Jacqueline Maltby, Anne Mayell, Jenny Day, Annette Cartwright, Philip Clarkson, Peter Geale, Dorreon Biggs, Jannette Biggs, Anita May, Felicity Lawler, Christine Relf, Heather Wicks, Ivan Sams, Stephen Cooke.

Very Highly Commended: Gillian Maidstone, Carol Gardiner, Lydia Baker, Graham Milne, Michael Wayman, Andrew Orchard, Christine Twigg, Susan Bezzant, Claire Weston, Betty Wilson, Mary Bater, Yvonne Clarke, Penny Punter, Mary Arnold, Paul Hart, Stephen Hart, Raymond Hart, Trevor Hart, Christine Edwards, Anne Edwards, Miriam Mitchell, C. Mitchell, Susan Lupton, Pat Bustin, Juliet Hoyes, Emelia Higgs, Judith Moore, David Monk, Suzanne Lysaght, Andrew Hewitt, Kathy Ferguson, Ann Stimpson, Kathleen Watts, Jean Smith, Joy Chapman, Sylvia Chapman, Christopher Harvey, Joy Thrower, Kenneth Alexander, Jean Osborne, Elizabeth Starnes, Leon Golding, Sheila Cross, Yretta Gulliver, Lindsey Arbon, Barbara Wright, Valerie Scrace, Sharron McQuirk, Beryl Newman, Anthea Baxter, Jill Reuter, Robert Clover, Stuart Waspe, C. Kirkwood, John Layzell, Brenda Rooks, M. Watkin, Lesley Williams, Jeremy Hill,

Alan Burrows, Christine Smith, Susan Garner, Andrew Ottley, Marvelle Dublin, Grace Justice.

Highly Commended: Claire Batchelor, Carol Barber, Gay Rich, Keith Maltby, Vanessa Ford, Angela Hope, Kathleen Elms, Lyn Weston, Linda Tanfield, Simon Tanfield, Andrew Toms, Graham Collins, Martin Bland, Tony New, Lydia Pyke, Philip Hart, Melvin Cattermole, Lois Clarkson, Janet Thompson, Ian Hutton, Pat Steadman, Wendy Chapman, Christopher Rookyard, Sonia Kelly, Luther Kelly, David Edge, Sally Chapman, Linda Chapman, Jennifer Noble, Joan Justice.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: Judith Orchard, aged 9, Belvedere School.
Elizabeth Mitchell, aged 10, Greenwich.

Special Mention: Josephine Donnan, Alan Church, Andrew Alsop, Joanna Alsop, Harvey Bund, Gay Decaux, Gary Corsi, Janine Carr, Victoria Balmforth, Bryan Newcombe, Ruth Layzell, Judy Hartley.

Very Highly Commended: Karen Thomas, Linda Peake, Jane Malpass, Andrea Donnan, Susan Gillions, Andrew Baker, Susan Lamb, Diane Fielden, Keith Milne, John Orchard, Rachael Orchard, Julia Barber, Sharyn Smith, Kay Ford, Virginia Saunders, Julie Reed, Nigel Ogden, Sandra Davidson, Teresa Church, Jane Rose, Jonathan Dawson, Sarah Ford, Leah Alsop, Timothy Saunders, Geoffrey Payne, Susan Payne, David Pickett, Eric Bater, Pauline Gates, Gabriel Bennett, Catherine Gates, Paul Toms, Janet Silverton, Philip Colins, Jill Ford, Berys Bird, Jeremy Pyke, Susan Wade, Stephen Wade, Jennifer Grist, Gillian Bund, Judith Payne, Linda Stevens, Mark Ellis, Elaine Jarvis, Peter Oldhamstead, Paul Lupton, Sandra Lupton, Teresa James, Terry Bustin, Sharon Bustin, Tonia Drury, Elizabeth Willmott, Ruth Willmott, Alastair Waylett, Lise O'Neal, Denise Drury, Angela Hart, Kathryn Appleby, Evelyn Rowland, Rosina Riddleston, David Gant, Paul Gant, Margaret Gant, Julia Double, Andrew Dodd, Andrew Higgs, Paul Heasman, Sara Jardine, Lynn Elliott, Julia Arnold, Louise Webber, Diane Elliott, Dawn Yarham, Michael Hewitt, Belinda Corsi, Kathy Steadman, Elaine Hewitt, Ann Chapman, Joy Mutimer, Valerie Rodwell, Gillian Harvey, Linda Debenham, Terry Parker, Roy Mutimer, Christine Frost, Alan Hawes, Timothy Debenham, Malcolm Harvey, Virginia Hawes, Enid Hawes, Jill Hawes, Jacqueline Bentley, Mandy Ball, Heather Gardner, Paul Mickelson; Paul Gray, Paul Thrower, Nicholas Alexander, Elaine Bowen, Michelle Wink, Katherine Balls, Trudy Wright, Tommy Herbert, Paul King, Jennifer Starnes, John Edards, Susan Mann, Julie Mann, Sandra Ransome, Denise Payne, Amanda Hodgson, Linda Louokee, Andrew Laver, Debra Smith, Nigel Rookyard, Susan Edge, Sandra Shepherd, Julia Edge, Richard Shepherd, Glynis Hayward, Rosemary Chapman, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Mary Bower, Dianne Wheeler, Julie Warren, Louise Waspe, Hennie Kirkwood, Gloria Browne, Keith Thompson, Sandra Gourley, Marion Cooper, Elizabeth Clements, Shirley Cooper, Deborah Saunders, Julie Boughton, Julie Carter, Paul Nash, Susan Seligmann, Shirley Manning, Kingsley Reeve, Christine Edwards, Jayne Kersey, Richard Toms, Graham Toms, Loraine Jacklin, Elizabeth Wood, Susan Fletcher, Yvonnne Sallis, Andrew Cooke, Carol Goadage, Jean Armstrong, Eileen Colman, Elizabeth Robinson, Sharon Oliver, Susan Mannings, Lorna Gonsalves, (one Bethesda Sunday School but no name), Shirley Hart, Ivan Chapman, Jacqueline Higgs, Susan Buzzonie.

Highly Commended: John Enright, Christopher Donnan, Paul Greenham, Steven Lang, Michael Cole, Kevin Mose, Annette Hollman, Mandy Elms, Pauline Elms, Derek Labbett, George Amos, Linda Cannings, Elaine Cannings, Mary Toms, John Rogan, John New, Jean New, David James, Lynn Bustin, Karen Brazer, Jacqueline Bustin, Alison Kerr, Clifford Hart, Sandra Cattermole, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Laurence Young, Lorraine Young, Sharon Weise, James Geall, Graeme Clarkson, Mandy Fox, Susan Tole, Elizabeth Dodd, Gillian Heasman, Neil Hadley, Karen Ellis,

Richard Hawes, Reuben Parker, Andrew Debenham, Karen Ball, Ronald Carter, Irene Carter, Bernard Fenn, Philip Alexander, Rachel Balls, Russell Frost, Jacky Pearse, Dorothy Blair, Susan Edwards, Heather Rush, Wendy Powell, Tony Molloy, Madeline Dixon, Nigel Woodhouse, Susan Watts, Paul Watts, Elizabeth Balmforth, Kim Reuter, Joy Denny, Robert Driver, Graham Brown, Jenny Whiting, Barbara Cooper, Kevin Ward, Christine Ward, Melvin Ward, Jamie Fulks, Graham Gower, Beverley Saunders, Raymond Seligmann, Leslie Hall, Christine Chapman, Kevin Moulds, Peter Burrows, Andrew Moulds, Linda Fellingham, Catherine Manley, Grace Robinson, Graham Dennis, Anne Wills, Lynette Gonsalves, Annette Whiting, Cynthia Dublin, Keith Whiting, Sevilley Piggott, Lydia Gonsalves, Elizabeth Jones, Sheena Smith.

Commended: Peter Reed, Elaine James, Kay Jarvie, Stephen Diprose, Nicholas Sampson, Christopher Attwood, Vivien Potter, Lyndsay Mann, Martyn Page, Aileen Alsford.

Horham Sunday School came top of the list this time. Congratulations, Horham!

An entry was received from 64 Chelsworth Avenue, Ipswich, but no name was given. There was also another entry postmarked "Stowmarket" having neither name, nor address, nor Sunday School. Stephen and Andrew Cooke sent late entries for the August Searcher—their entries have been counted for their Honours Certificate.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

You will all be glad to hear that we had two very successful "Rays" rallies, one on September 14th, at Cambridge, and the other on September 21st, at West Ham. Each meeting was marked by the attendance of a new Sunday School. At Cambridge we were pleased to welcome teachers and scholars from a new school at Turves; and at West Ham, some cheerful fresh faces from Hadlow, in Kent. We welcome both schools and look forward to receiving Bible Searcher entries from them.

One morning this week, I opened my front door and looking up saw a fleet of tiny helicopters come winging their way down on the breeze, spinning round and round as they came down to the ground. They were seeds from a sycamore tree. Each seed had a tiny wing, slightly twisted to the shape of a propeller to make it spin as it came down. Joined to the leading edge of each wing was the precious living seed, so perfectly balanced on the wing that it floated gently and horizontally on the breeze. These seeds were behaving as God had designed that they should, coming down in the right way at the right time. But few of them will ever grow. Some fell on the hard roadway, some on concrete paths, and some were crushed by the foot of man.

They led me to think of the Coming of the Lord Jesus—on the first Christmas night. How wonderful, how perfect He was! How He came at God's appointed time down to this very earth like the seed of Heaven itself. By most men He was despised and rejected, but by others He was received. And "to as many as received Him", He entered into their hearts like the living seed. "To them He gave power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name". May it be that He may come to the hearts of very many readers of "Rays" and may He find an abiding place in your hearts like good seed in good ground.

I was pleased to receive letters from the following boys and girls:—

Julie Carter, Graham Collins (we shall miss you, Graham), Lynn Elliott; also from the following friends:—Mr. J. Christie, Mrs. Audrey Cooke, Mrs. K. M. Fulks, Mrs. B. Gant, Mrs. M. Griffin (so sorry to hear about the accident), Mr. Harold Harmer, Mr. Sidney Mowle, Miss Joan Sinclair, and Mrs. C. Taylor.

May you all, both young and old, enjoy a very happy Christmas, and may God bless you each one.

UNCLE PETER.

CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

Change and Challenge

"THEY SHALL BE CHANGED."
"THOU REMAINEST."

Hebrews.

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

PASTOR P. H. CREES

CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

FEW decades can have witnessed such changes as there have been in the S.B.M. in these past ten years. These changes have brought with them unprecedented challenge which has been faced with prayer and faith. It has been an experience of heart searching and fellowship and obedience in the Spirit of God. We "bless the hand that guided". We "bless the heart that planned". To God be the glory.

There have been changes of personnel. Honoured and trusted servants of the Lord are no longer on the field, though some are still concerned with Mission in the Homeland. Mr. and Mrs. Champion are now in a Pastorate after many fruitful years in India. Mr. and Mrs. Huckett have come home after long years of faithful endeavour and are now seeking the Lord's will for their future. We remember with gratitude the service of brethren and sisters like Mr. and Mrs. Grist, Mr. and Mrs. Moon, and Mr. and Mrs. Jones, but if the changes have meant losses on the field there have also been gains and we praise God for the unexpected additions of the four young people from Australia, who have integrated so well into the Mission family. We also rejoice that there have been a number of applications for Mission service from young people in the homeland, but we remember that we and they have passed through a trying and challenging experience through the closing of the door to new recruits in India. D.V. two of them, Mr. and Mrs. C. Howells, will be on their way to Albertville in France to begin their life's work for the Lord at about the time when you first see this report. Two others are prayerfully seeking the Lord's will for their lives and we will remember Miss Angela Creecy and Miss Ruth Bucknall at the throne of grace. Miss N. Hawes has for long felt the call to Europe and particularly Spain and so she has come home from India where she feels her work is done to prepare herself to obey this further call of the Lord. Last year at this time we were feeling the challenge of the need of Spain, indeed we felt that the Lord was calling us there, and now we begin to see how the Lord is guiding us in His perfect way.

There have been great changes in India in the last decade. The work which was begun by Pastor and Mrs. Moon had to close because of illness, then in the Providence of God it was opened once more by our two sisters Misses Flory and White. The

pioneering work which was begun by Mr. and Mrs. Champion at Morupatti, though now without a missionary, is going on under the leadership of Mr. John the headmaster there. Three large areas are now left without missionaries following our policy of an indigenous work in India. Ramnad, Tinnevelly and Salem as well as Madras are continuing without missionary support and they now have the responsibility of all their properties invested in their respective Trusts. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt, now living in the large town of Salem and being free from property responsibility, can give themselves to a more devoted teaching ministry. Dindigul has become the centre of our Literature and Radio work, both ministries exercising an increasing influence for the Gospel.

There have also been changes in administration. The combining of the Ladies' Zenana Auxiliary with the S.B.M. has gone smoothly and now we have voting lady members on Council. The work among women and children has continued and the ministry on the Kolli Hills has greatly increased. We bless God for our lady missionaries and we must not forget the quiet but helpful service of Mrs. Symonds with regard to the Ladies' side of the work.

The coming of Mr. B. F. Ellis as Assistant General Secretary, who will take over full responsibility from January 1st, 1969, has meant many changes in the Mission House, but we feel that we must say it has been a fellowship and partnership in prayer and service together. Pastor E. Orchard has been appointed as Northern Representative and we wish him well as he continues his ministry for the Mission. Southern deputation and the Editorship of the "Mission Herald" has reverted to the Office so that Mr. Orchard will now only be responsible for the Northern arrangements. Pastor Rowlands has promised to help for a further year as Financial Secretary, for which we are grateful, and Mr. Cox in his very busy life continues to give us gracious service as Treasurer. Pastor Thorpe with his many commitments and his great distance from London feels that the year 1968-69 must be his last year as our President. He has given us courageous and wise leadership and we shall miss him, but we thank God that we have a Vice-President who is earnestly devoted to the work and will give of his best to the Lord's service. We know that he will accept the call and challenge that such changes will involve.

Perhaps one of the greatest changes that has taken place in a thrilling and yet peaceful manner has been the change from a one language and one country Mission to a Mission that is becoming increasingly involved in other languages and countries. This is the Lord's doings and it is marvellous in our eyes. India, Belgium, France, Spain—"Into all the world" is the challenge of the Lord to our hearts. We are more than ever convinced that Mission is ONE whether at home or abroad and we long that our

churches shall become more and more involved in Mission and accept the thrilling challenges of the days in which we live.

In 1877 the Council of the Mission called the denomination together to give them four reasons why the whole denomination should support the S.B.M. Briefly stated those four reasons were,

1. Because the preaching of the Gospel to every creature is the Lord's command.

2. It is necessary to preach the Gospel in all the world because God's elect people will be gathered from all the world.

3. The preaching of the Gospel is God's way of calling the elect from out of the world.

4. The Council pleaded for the support of the whole denomination because there were manifold openings in the Providence of God for extending our operations that cannot be entered for want of means.

1877 or 1968—This still is God's call to us.

NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT

We acknowledge with gratitude to God the faithful service of Pastor P. H. Crees as General Secretary of the Mission since March, 1959, and he is assured of our Christian love and esteem in the changes now coming about.

When Mr. B. F. Ellis takes over as General Secretary in January, 1969, Pastor Crees has kindly consented to help as Assistant Secretary, but he will also be free to serve our Churches with a view to ultimate ministry as a Pastor in one of them, should this be the Lord's will.

The interest and prayers of friends will be appreciated in these important matters.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MR. FRANK ELLIS

FIRST on the list of memorable events during the past year must be my visit to India during January and February. A sudden change in the weather locked much of England in the grip of snow and ice during the days immediately prior to departure but we were able to leave on time and in a few hours we had arrived safely in the heat and sunshine of India. The seven weeks which

followed saw largely unclouded skies and soaring temperatures but through all the days God's faithfulness was so evident. In many miles of travelling, in preaching and writing, in conference and in fellowship with both Indian and English brethren and sisters, the "joy of the Lord" was our strength and the experience was immensely enriching in every way. The faithfulness of God to those left at home, too, is something I look back on with a deep sense of gratitude.

Now one is left with the memories—blessed and fragrant, stern and challenging—but one is also aware of an equipping for service which could not have been promoted so effectively in any other way.

Then there was the visit to Albertville, with the opportunity it gave of renewing fellowship with Pastor Appere of Geneva, and the joy of feeling that we were following after One who had prepared the way before us. The provision of such a Language Training Centre is an evidence of God's approval of the work we are seeking to do in Europe and must also have encouraged the hearts of Mr. Colin Howells and his wife, Carole, as they contemplated following the Lord's call to work in France.

Yes, in many ways it has been a year of change—and we anticipate more to come! It has been a privilege to work with Pastor P. H. Crees and to share so fully in Mission administration with him. These months of preparation have been well worth while and will, I am sure, prove their usefulness increasingly as the days pass. Nevertheless the challenge of the future fills me with a sobering sense of my own weakness. We ask "who is sufficient for these things?" The Word says "our sufficiency is of God" and faith responds with thanksgiving and hopeful expectancy.

Change always brings challenge but it is not always met. This is the point where the Lord will test us in the year ahead. Among the challenges are these:

The challenge to faith. This is fundamental. One "sin which doth so easily beset us" is unbelief and it is a subtle foe. We must, however, be people of faith, believing all that God says in His Word—both the promises and the threatenings—and behaving in every thing consistently with God's righteous character. Only thus shall we "do all to the glory of God".

The challenge to pray. Doors may be closing to our physical presence but God will never close the door of prayer.

The challenge to give. We must first give ourselves to the Lord and to one another. Then we must give of our substance as God has blessed us. So shall we, ourselves, also prosper.

May the Lord bless us with a spirit of faithfulness so that we shall "run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus . . ." (Heb. 12. 1, 2).

TREASURER'S REPORT

MR. N. COX

Highlights from the Treasury

"O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD; FOR HE IS GOOD."

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Total giving up by some £1,500 on last year (about 9½%).

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All needs met, and a balance of some £480 for the year (before transfer from Legacies Fund).

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Wise stewardship demanded that our Mission House should be renovated and modernised, and we have been able to meet the cost of this (some £1,350) in the year.

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A further gift of £750 from the Fellowship of Youth for Bookmobile and literature work. This greatly encouraged us.

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Over £100 received from the Stamp Corner (£60 last year). We are grateful to all who help so tirelessly in this matter.

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The cost of the expanding work in Europe now begins to show. Nearly £900 this year—it could be well over £2,000 next year.

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"A great door and effectual" is still open to our missionaries who are in India, and our financial commitments there continue to be very great—the devaluation of the £ added some 16 per cent. to our costs out there, as from December, 1967.

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WE PRAY THAT, AS THE WORK OF THE MISSION GROWS, AND THERE WILL BE GROWING DEMANDS ON OUR FUNDS, THERE MAY BE GROWING NUMBERS OF PRAYERFUL GIFTS AND GIVERS.

SALEM AREA

MR. AND MRS. W. H. KUHRT
DR. R. M. HARRIS
MISS M. E. HARRIS
MISS E. M. FLORY
MISS P. WHITE
MISS Y. CONACHER

ROVING COMMISSION

W. N. H. KUHRT

MISSION PROPERTY—CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

"THE task is still unfinished and often drives us to our knees but it can and will be finished . . ." On this note we concluded last year's report. In the Lord's goodness this task was finished in March and it is with profound gratitude to God that we report what God has done for us. It was on January 25th, 1967, that, with Mr. Thrower's help, we brought into being the Madras Trust Society. The Tirunelveli and Ramnad Societies were registered in July and the Salem District Trust in September. After long months of work the conveyance of S.B.M. properties to the Madras, Tirunelveli and Ramnad Societies was accomplished in November and, after heroic exertions, our Mission attorney, Mr. Thrower, completed his task by conveying the Salem District properties on March 2nd, 1968. Since the vital emergency conference with the Mission President at the end of October, 1966, it has taken slightly less than eighteen months to implement the decisions then arrived at.

SALEM AREA—CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

While Mr. Thrower was attending to the legal business of conveying Salem District properties we here in Salem District were bidding farewell to our colleagues who have lived for so long in Namakkal and Sendamangalam and were clearing up in preparation for our move to a new home in Salem Town. On March 16th it was possible for me to hand over the keys of the two bungalows and to give effective control of all the one-time S.B.M. properties to the Salem District Tamil Baptist Trust Society. Mrs. Kuhrt and I remained responsible until April 30th for the two hostels. Each Trust Society has had to face early problems and strains but we are grateful that so far these problems have produced no serious upset. Because of the background and because the stakes (to use crude language) are higher it was always likely that this district would produce the most serious difficulties and until the last day

of May it looked very likely that the Trust would make ship-wreck on the rock of hostel management. However, the Lord graciously intervened for us and a sensible compromise has been reached so that the two hostels were duly opened on June 8th at functions over which Mrs. Kuhrt presided, and at which I spoke. This happy agreement makes it possible for the S.B.M. to fulfil its promise to subsidise the work of the hostels for the ensuing twelve months.

With the departure of senior colleagues, the disposal of all our property and the final devolution of all our old responsibilities, another era of S.B.M. history has come to an end. The era upon which we have now entered may be short; but whether short or long, it cannot, in the nature of the case, be very long for us. But however many or few we gladly dedicate the years that are left to that ministry amongst the churches for which we have now been set free.

MADRAS AREA—THE CHALLENGE OF URBAN INDIA

With the completion of our part of the legal business connected with property our visits to the metropolis have become fewer. However, during the past twelve months we have made four visits extending over a total period of twenty-eight days. Of the ten congregations that are now connected with us we were able to visit seven.

Kilpauk remains the only church that can be described as flourishing in almost all respects. There were eleven baptisms in connection with this church during the month of May and Pastor Devanesam continues to do good work not only in his own church but further afield and in connection with the Ministry and Literature Committees of the S.B.M. The village churches of Mannur, Kolathur and Tiruverkadu are in a fairly satisfactory state though only the last of the three enjoys a regular pastoral ministry.

For some years Pastor D. Asirvatham's position has been in doubt and he has now linked himself with a group that gets funds from U.S.A., and has promised him a house and a chapel. We do not know yet where his congregation will be housed.

The second son of the Kilpauk Pastor is a missionary labouring for the Lord in the foothills of the Himalayas. One of the younger sons of the Vepery Pastor is studying in the Madras Bible Seminary.

TIRUNELVELI AREA–THE CHALLENGE OF RURAL INDIA

To compensate for fewer visits to Madras we have had a much larger number of visits to our southernmost field. Six visits in all covering a total period of forty-six days. We have been able to

preach in about half of the more than forty scattered chapels and it was a special joy to spend the Christmas holiday period in Kovilpatti. There is only one Pastor in this wide field and, except for marriages, he confines his pastoral activities to just a few congregations within easy reach of his home at Thayilpatti. Partly because of lack of pastoral care there is a widespread and regrettable neglect of the Lord's Supper throughout the area and there are many marriage irregularities.

There are no particular Trust worries in the Tirunelveli (Kovilpatti) side of the field and we are grateful that a long continued dispute over the management of eight ex-S.B.M. schools has at last been resolved in a manner which is eminently satisfactory to those of us who have anxiously watched and prayed over this matter for more than three and a half years. Neither are there any very urgent Trust worries on the Ramnad (Panayadipatti) side, though the harassed secretary seems to think there are. Although this large area is full of problems it is perhaps not without significance that it contributed eleven out of the eighteen students at the recent Bible School.

MINISTRY COMMITTEE—THE CHALLENGE OF THE MINISTRY

This committee which met in March is being re-organised. It will henceforth consist of four missionaries and six Indian brethren: two from Madras, two from Salem and two from the south. The six Indian brethren will, for the time being, be three Pastors and three leaders who are not ministers. The March meeting approved a scheme for making Dindigul a permanent Conference and Bible School centre. In accordance with this decision our first Dindigul Short Term Bible School was successfully conducted during the last week of May when eighteen students spent a week in some intensive study and fellowship. Six came from Ramnad, five from Tirunelveli, five from Salem and two from Madras. Pastors Devanesam, Paulraj and Albert and one missionary shared the teaching. We are planning a Pastors' Conference for later this year and it is hoped to organise short schools for men, women and young people; for church workers, itinerant preachers and Sunday School teachers.

Besides this Dindigul-based Bible School ministry and the ministry to the churches in Madras, Tirunelveli, Ramnad and Salem referred to elsewhere opportunities continue to arise beyond our borders. To such invitations we are glad to respond when we can. Such ministry has taken us to Satyamangalam, Karamadai and Tirupur in Coimbatore District, to Kuzhithurai and Mangkarai in Kanykumari District, to Kotagiri on the Nilgiris, to Tiruvalla in Kerala State and to Dohnavur in Tirunelveli District.

Our senior Pastor, Mr. S. Devanesam at our recent Dindigul Bible School gave a series of talks on the Holy Spirit and in the course of one of those talks he remarked: "When the missionaries sail away they aren't going to take the Holy Spirit with them". This wise remark raised a general laugh. I laughed too, but was also made to think and to praise God. Ten or more years ago when we left Madras this good brother was not so sure of himself. These years without our living alongside of him have brought a noticeable maturity and a growing confidence in God and in the Holy Spirit.

While the truth embodied in the good Pastor's remark does not absolve us from the necessity of working while it is day it does take the strain out of our work. For instance, it would have been folly to continue dilly-dallying with property for another ten years and it would be culpable not to do what we can for the encouragement of our churches in their search for an adequate ministry. But we inevitably work within certain limitations imposed upon us by our own lack of abilities, by our lack of colleagues or by the set-up within which God has placed us. Believing in the sovereignty of God and in the presidency of the Holy Spirit we do not gird against these limitations but accept them ("in acceptance lieth peace") and humbly remind ourselves that the outcome does not entirely depend upon our frantic exertions. When we are gone the Holy Spirit remains and where He abides the Church and its ministry will persist.

KOLLI HILLS AND BELUKURICHI

DR. R. M. HARRIS
MISS M. E. HARRIS
MISS Y. CONACHER

CHANGE? NO, NO CHANGE. DR. R. M. HARRIS.

CHANGE? No, no change—This is where the challenge comes to faith, faith to keep on believing that God is able and purposes to bring about a change in what appears a changeless state of affairs in the spiritual realm, faith to keep on, keeping on, working under God to this end.

Kolli Hills. Here on the Kollis 20th century scientific advances seem to have made little or no impact on people's daily lives. People still plough with bullocks, harvest by hand with a small sickle, and winnow with the winnowing fan as in Old Testament days. It all seems quiet and peaceful in this age of machinery, and matey too, as people work in groups laughing and talking together as they do so. We are not interested in changing this aspect of things. Social and religious customs also seem to have altered

but little over the years. There is nothing to compare with the revolt against religion which has swept over the Western world. We are, however, concerned that people should experience that change in the quality of life which salvation brings.

Camping. Since writing the last report in June, 1967, five and a half months have been spent on the Kolli Hills. We have lived in huts among the people, ministering to them in their times of sickness, visiting them in their villages, holding open-air meetings and conducting small after-supper meetings on the verandahs or in the courtyards of their homes. The pattern of the work has not changed except that we have gone in for after-supper meetings in a bigger way.

Sample glimpses of the pattern

Evening meetings. Shining brown eyes in little brown faces, touzley hair, little children standing in the doorway—"Amma, Amma, yen vien ttookoo" (to my house) or "Partookoo" (for a song)—we are just having supper and they have come to call for us.

A mat out on the courtyard—two hurricane lanterns, children sitting round, toddlers and youngsters, a little kid four-legged, nosing at one, and another, distractingly—grown-ups and teenagers standing round about in the darkness or sitting on verandahs and courtyard walls—a sing-song, a Bible story and prayer.

The medical work. 7.30 a.m. patients waiting outside the hut —someone nursing a swollen face for a tooth extraction. A small boy clutching his tummy, the combined effects of jack fruit and worms have bumped him up inside, a baby covered with sores, a child, with pneumonia, a young man for removal of a small tumour under a "local"—and others.

God's Word for them and then the clinic starts.

Village visiting. Off at crack of dawn—a rocky path—a steep hill—a cluster of thatched huts—people still at home, not yet gone to the fields—a Tamil song—the sound of cymbals—a little group of adults and children—the Gospel message—a story for the children—Scripture verses repeated—Tamil texts distributed—visiting in the homes—enquiring after patients and so home to our huts after light refreshments in some shady spot.

Miss Olive Knight and I camped in **Pungampatti** in August-September, 1967. We praised God for the opportunity to go there again—five years had elapsed since our last camp in this place—the villages in that area were re-visited and old contracts renewed.

At the end of the year, when Miss Knight went to Dindigul to take up work there, Miss Yvonne Conacher came up to share in

the medical and evangelistic work in Panankirai on the Kollis. Now, as I write this in June, 1968, my sister and I have been nine weeks in camp on the Kollis in a new place but in the same area as before. We expect to be here for another six weeks.

The farmers around us on the Kollis have ploughed their fields, terrace upon terrace. They have cut and burnt down lantana bushes, broken up and removed boulders on the mountain side in order to sow their precious seed. They have done all they can do at present towards producing a crop. They are now waiting for rain and in the sphere of spiritual things we too wait expectantly.

Fellowship with Indian Christians

During the past year, while in camp, we have enjoyed fellowship with Indian Christians both in evangelism and in worship. Arulmittran, a Christian teacher, and his wife Nesam have been over to stay with us several times, also Nesam's grandfather, John Abraham. This is something for which we have prayed and for which we praise God.

Down on the plains the Church at Rasipuram prays for us every Sunday, and when I am in Belukurichi I enjoy fellowship with them also.

Belukurichi. Teacher Pushpammal continues to come from Rasipuram to conduct Sunday School. Sunday services only take place when we are in Belukurichi, when they are held on the back verandah of our house. We have long prayed that God would raise up an Indian Christian couple who would be keen enough to hold services in their home in Belukurichi.

Kolli Hills orphan girls. There are only two girls for whom we are now responsible. Inbuman has nearly finished her auxiliary nurses' training. In answer to much prayer God has enabled us to arrange a marriage for her (it is done that way in India and believe it or not it works). We hope she will be happily settled with her husband in Madras by the time this comes into print.

There will then be only Machattaram (known to some of you as Star) to be settled in life. In His love, God opened up the way for her to go as older sister to a little family of orphan children being brought up by a missionary. She is very happy there—we are praying that God will help us to get her fixed up with a good husband, and He surely will.

FURLOUGH CHANGE—MISSION FIELD CHALLENGE

MISS M. E. HARRIS

MEMORIES of furlough spent in England last year are still very vivid. The time went far too quickly. Sometimes I find it hard to believe that it has really taken place! It was so

good to be back in the home country again. As usual I noticed many changes; some for good, some not so good. But one has to learn to be philosophical, and to take material changes as they come, and for what they are worth. The Lord our God changes not. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. Such truths as these help to keep one's thinking steady and sane, and to give right values to spiritual things.

This time last year, when I woke up at 4 o'clock in the morning I found myself in a comfortable bed in England, and through the wide-open windows the first sound I heard was the wonderful dawn chorus of hundreds of birds in the gardens all around. Spring was in the air.

This morning, when I woke up at 4 a.m. I found myself lying on a camp-cot in a mud hut devoid of any windows or ceiling. The first sound I heard was the droppings of a rat from the thatched roof overhead on to the plastic sheet stretched above my mosquito net. What a change! But what a challenge! For I remembered that all around me were hundreds of Hill people living in villages of mud huts similar to the one in which I was staying; and that the only way to reach these people with the Gospel was to live amongst them at their level as far as possible. How thankful I am that the Lord has allowed me to return to India to serve Him once more amongst the people on the Kolli Hills.

We are now in the midst of a four-month camp in Bailnadu, and have had the privilege of teaching the people from God's Holy Word in many of the villages around us. Had Miss Yvonne Conacher been fit and well, she would have joined us on this camp. Because Miss Conacher is now no longer in Musiri, but has come to live and work with us on the Kolli Hills and in Belukurichi, her keen interest in the medical side of the work will be especially appreciated. We are glad to report that she is now well on the road to recovery from her illness.

My return journey to India by air early in January this year was a big change from the previous mode of travelling by sea. Instead of the two to three weeks voyage by ship, I travelled from London to Madras in one day by jet plane. We left England, covered in a beautiful blanket of pure white snow, at about 9 a.m. one icy-cold morning; and we arrived in Madras at 8.30 a.m. the next day, right into the tropical heat, glaring sun, and dusty roads of the unchanging East. What a change! But again, what a challenge to be back again in India, by the grace of God, to serve Him once more amongst the Tamil people of South India, for so long as He permits.

The challenge which Jesus gave to His disciples remains unchanged: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20: 21).

Miss Yvonne Conacher

THE changes which have taken place over the past year have been numerous and varied. Last June I moved from Sendamangalam to Musiri. I spent the first five months preparing for my second Tamil examination, but as there was no Munshi available in Musiri I occasionally went back to Sendamangalam for lessons and did other lessons through correspondence. May God receive all the praise and glory for His grace and help given to me enabling me to pass this examination.

During December and January a wonderful six weeks was spent on camp with Dr. Harris on the Kolli Hills. In the ministry of the Gospel and the medical work the presence of God was with us. Our greatest joy was to conduct little meetings on the verandahs of the cottages in the village in which we stayed. The children would come and take us to their homes each evening. Here the Lord gave us great liberty in ministering to them.

Our work in Musiri was mainly among the children. The Sunday school and the mid-week meeting which we had with them drew them very near to our hearts. Many Hindus and Muslims around us came under the sound of the Gospel. Many visited us daily. Since March, due to lack of Missionary personnel, we have had to close our Musiri station. A Christian schoolteacher in the village has commenced a Sunday School since we left. Though our time here was short we pray that God shall water the seed sown and give the increase. "All things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

It is now my joy to have the opportunity to share in the work with Dr. and Miss Harris on the Kolli Hills. Though the Lord took them alone on this last camp I look forward to future times of blessing with them.

With every change comes a new challenge. Sometimes it is a planned change. Sometimes our plans are changed unexpectedly. "God hath set one thing over against another." The change and the challenge. In the challenges we are faced with the resources of Christ are at our disposal. It is for us to trust, believe and rest in God. The hand of providence leads us this way for our good.

"All may change, but Jesus never,
—Glory to His Name."

VELUR AND DISTRICT

Miss E. M. Flory
Miss P. E. White

"GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE" Miss E. M. Flory.

IN these days of rapid changes, it is necessary to remind ourselves that the last Commission given by the Lord Jesus Christ is as binding on us as ever; He bids us "Go and teach all nations"; "Go and preach the Gospel", "Go and make disciples". As long as He permits us to remain in India, this is our task; the two-fold ministry of preaching the Gospel and teaching the believers, building them up in the faith and seeking to prepare them for responsibility in coming days.

During the year the Lord has provided us with a more suitable house in Velur, and this has brought us into contact with different people. In some ways the year has been marked by sadness, as a number of women who had been regularly taught, have passed away. The woman in whose house the women's meeting was held, took her own life, and since then this meeting has been discontinued. Mariammal, the elderly lady who had secretly believed in the Saviour for many years, passed triumphantly into His Presence; two others also died, one a Christian who had known much physical suffering, and the other a Hindu woman who although always friendly and willing to listen to the Gospel, gave no evidence of saving grace.

Efforts to obtain a place for services have met with no success; the five or six Christian families together with a few interested Hindu friends, meet for worship in the home of the Christian teacher. Door-to-door visiting, tract distribution, selling of literature and teaching women in their homes have been maintained, with some measure of encouragement. However, we have to confess that, after just over two years' ministry here in Velur no local church has yet been formed, and we cannot report definite conversions.

Visits have been made most weeks to village congregations, and here there are opportunities for teaching the Word of God. With sadness we have to report continued quarrels and divisions in some of the churches, and lack of interest in meeting together for public worship. In Namakkal the meeting in the Poet's house is led each week by two retired Biblewomen, and a young lad there has recently bought a Bible, which he is reading. In February the annual Women's Rally was held in Sendamangalam, the women there taking full responsibility for arrangements. Guest speaker was Miss Joyce Huckett. The Namakkal and Sendamangalam hostels are both under Indian management this year, and prayer is asked for the matrons, Mrs. Manomonie James and Miss M. Devabakkiam—both ex-Biblewomen.

Some of my time this year has been given to checking Tamil translations of a course of Sunday School lessons; it is hoped that this course will encourage Indian Christians to organise Sunday Schools. The future is uncertain to us, but we rejoice that "God is still on the throne", and we believe He is working out His purpose for India.

Miss P. E. White

LOOKING back over this past year we rejoice at God's faithfulness and goodness unto us, and for all the way in which He had led us. There have been many **outward changes** since the last report: In God's goodness and providence we obtained a house in a different part of Velur and this has given new openings—folk have felt more free to visit here than in the Brahmin Street, and many have come seeking to know more of Christ. A meeting for children is now held every Sunday morning and attendances average sixty—High School children, toddlers; literates, illiterates; girls and boys; Hindus and Muslims . . . all so needy and some not having heard the Gospel before.

Contrary to last year's report, a separate building for worship was not obtained. Two days before the first meeting was to be held in it, the plans for obtaining it fell through; hence meetings continue to be held in the home of the High School teacher.

A sad change has been that four friends to whom we regularly ministered have passed away. One was Mariammal, the secret believer, and it was for her a triumphant entry into the Presence of the Lord, even as for another sister, Miss Nathan.

Our longing is, though, that we might see **inward** changes: changes within the hearts of people to whom we are ministering. We long to see a movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

The **Challenge** that this town presents is tremendous.

At a private College here 700 young men are studying . . . 700 souls. What potential there is there! What opportunities for the Gospel of Christ! Yet, how can two women reach them? We only have very slight contact with them, and that when a group sometimes comes to visit us here. Will you not pray with us that one of our Indian brethren will be knowing this burden and accept the challenge for service amongst these young lads.

Velur is a town of approximately 20,000 people; a town that is expanding quickly; a town of Hindus, Moslems . . . and a handful of Christians. Praise God for this handful. We have a great unchangeable God. He said "I am the Lord, I change not". The God who led Gideon's small army to victory, is our God and is

able to accomplish wonders through a few, through this handful of Christians. Pray for our Indian brothers and sisters as they engage in this spiritual warfare that they might know a God-given victory.

God grant we may see this victory being worked out in the hearts of people here in Velur.

DINDIGUL AREA

MR. AND MRS. H. J. APPLEBY
MR. AND MRS. L. RYAN
MISS O. R. KNIGHT

RADIO EVANGELISM

FOUR Tamil programmes per week—three at 15 minutes and one at 30 minutes.

Changes 1968

1. A new studio built, and now functioning satisfactorily.
2. Some new speakers and singers and musicians sent to us by the Lord, with a real vision and a message.
3. New listeners contacted, and a new prayer fellowship started among them.
4. New government regulations for our residence in India.

Challenges 1969

1. To produce more and better programmes with the new facilities.
2. To record better messages and better music with new speakers and singers.
3. To encourage Indian Christian support in prayer and finance.
4. To examine priorities carefully, and concentrate effort on first things first.

From each change, a challenge. In each challenge, a need. To each need—the unchanging Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MR. AND MRS. L. RYAN

AS many of you will know, throughout this past year Jeanette and I have been helping in literature work. This has meant that the people in Morupatti have been left without a Missionary in their district. We were pleased we were able to visit them earlier this year. Apart from school holidays and a few other

occasions the services have been held each Sunday since we left. However, we long to see many there brought to a greater experimental knowledge of the truth of God's Word.

The work at Morupatti consisted mainly of preparation for Sunday and mid-week meetings, and visits with Christian books to nearby schools and villages. Therefore it has been a great change for us to now be involved in a work that has as its scope the whole of Madras State.

This work has brought us into contact with many Christian book-sellers, and taken us to many villages and towns where we have sold Gospels and other portions of God's Word from the Bookmobile. We praise God that as we have travelled in the Bookmobile we have had the privilege of meeting Tamilians whose life and zeal for the Lord has been a rebuke to us. However, we have also seen much that should make us greatly burdened for the glory of the Lord to be seen in His Church.

Throughout the year the Lord has helped us to fulfil all engagements except one visit to Tanjore District, and as this was to have been at the height of the student unrest I have no doubt that God had good reasons for preventing our going. For some time after this we were having some mechanical trouble with the Bookmobile, but I am pleased to be able to report this now seems to have been rectified and the Bookmobile has now been running for several months without trouble.

During the first week in June I was pleased to have the opportunity of accompanying Victor Benjamin (the Pastor of the Ooty Tamil Baptist Church) and three of his church members on an evangelistic tour of the Nilgiri District. With the use of the Bookmobile they were able to cover a large area in a short time, and many people heard or bought God's Word.

There is much in the literature work to encourage and challenge us.

The amount of Christian literature being distributed is encouraging, but we need to pray for the Lord to speak to those who buy the books. We would also like to see the Lord raise up some interested Tamilians of His choice to carry on the work being done with the Bookmobile.

Miss O. R. Knight

THE year since June, 1967, has held many changes and challenges for me. Until the end of November I continued to work with Dr. Harris in Belukurichi and on the Kolli Hills. We had the privilege of speaking of the Lord to people in many different villages on the northern end of the hills. Mention of the more distant villages, or the sight of them on the map, challenged me

to reach them. But I went to most of them only once. Later in the year we spent some hours visiting hill people in a few villages, on the plains, but isolated between the Kollis and a curving spur of these hills. The abiding challenge is to pray that the Lord will send nationals of this country to serve Him in these and other such areas.

Not "change" but "changes" seems the appropriate word as I think of the end of November and moving to Dindigul. I now live in a new house, with a piped water supply, in a housing estate on the edge of a developing town. A number of the neighbours are graduates, and several of them own cars. Another contrast is that my work now keeps me in the house or in the shop. I am thankful that the shop which houses the Book Depot is several minutes' walk from where I live. So I do have a little exercise, though I more often cycle than walk. Apart from exchanging greetings with the women who may be outside as I pass, I have had very little contact with neighbours, and only a little more with their children. Please pray that we Christians living here—there are at least three families besides we missionaries—may be a blessing to our neighbours.

Responsibilities in the Book Depot, and in connection with the follow-up of our radio programmes have kept me fully occupied. Not only in living conditions, but in these tasks also, I am aware of changes in comparison with the work I was doing earlier. In contrast to going to people and speaking to them, most of the contacts are through correspondence. This begins with letters from readers of tracts; from customers for books; and from listeners to our radio programmes.

With the changes has come the renewed challenge to "taste and see how gracious the Lord is". This has been a blessed privilege. His help has changed according to my needs. His mercies have been new every morning. He has given grace upon grace, and strength in my weakness. Consequently, although my courage sometimes faltered as I tried to understand new tasks I have been able to continue, assured of the Lord's faithfulness and knowing that He does not change.

I am very grateful to Mr. Field who patiently introduced me to the work of the Tamil Christian Book Depot. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan have given welcome help with some tasks. A local Christian, Mr. P. T. Ebenezer, started working in the depot in September, 1967. He had worked for some years as a teacher and hostel warden, and is a good children's speaker. He is studying accountancy and is gradually taking more responsibility in this part of the work. Since the beginning of 1968 his salary has been paid from profits. Some of our regular expenses are still paid from Mission funds. We acknowledge this with gratitude, and also the

help received through sales from the Bookmobile. The challenge is to so increase our sales that the depot may become self-supporting. The majority of our sales are to customers who buy at concession rates for re-sale. We are glad to be able to help and encourage them in this way. It has been thrilling to see how large a number of Tamil Bibles and Scripture portions passes through the depot. We are thankful that the number of local people coming into the shop to buy books, texts for framing, writing pads, or greetings cards is increasing. The membership of the lending library opened last October is still small. Some of our customers have shown interest in borrowing Tamil or English books; so we look forward to welcoming them as members.

A science graduate who wrote to us asking for a large supply of tracts for a relative to distribute had obtained our address through the Baptist Radio Crusade. Tracts which we send out have our address on them. Many children and some adults write to us after reading the tracts. They usually ask for tracts or other literature. Some of them write more than once and later buy books.

The number of letters received as a result of radio programmes has been small, due to poor reception during most of the year. We are thankful to report that so far this month, June, reception has been good. The letters received have shown that our programmes have been heard in all parts of India, and in Africa, Malaysia, Burma, Ceylon, and Laos. We have had the privilege of writing to different types of people. One of those in distress because of circumstances was a college student. She was troubled not only by her mother's ill-health, but because it appeared to her that God was not answering the many prayers that had been offered for her recovery. Leaflets and books have been sent to many listeners including men on active service in the army. The use of the word "we" in this paragraph is appropriate because Mrs. Appleby was responsible for the radio follow-up until the end of November, and has given some valuable help with records since then.

We sent a report of the opening of the new studio and a copy of Mr. Kuhrt's address in that meeting with a printed letter to about 650 listeners who wrote to us in 1966, 1967, or early this year. We have had replies to more than ten per cent. of the letters, asking for news and sermons, and have also received a few donations. The challenge is to encourage listeners to share responsibility for the programmes by their prayers and gifts, and by getting many more people to listen to them.

Realising that we live in days of many changes the challenge is to be alert to recognise those whom the Lord has prepared and sends to work with us, or even in place of us. We rejoice, because our confidence is in our unchanging Lord.

NILGIRI AREA

MR. and MRS. DAVID THROWER (Kotagiri)

THESE days, like most, are marked by many changes, each presenting its own challenge. The following examples come to mind as we reflect on another year of life and service.

Changes affecting Mission property. In last year's report we mentioned a visit to Madras city in connection with the transfer of S.B.M. properties to the various Indian Trust Societies in the areas in which our Tamil churches are situated. We visited the city on three subsequent occasions for the preparation of Transfer Deeds and presenting them for registration. This work was finally completed on March 2nd, 1968. However, we still have to secure an Income Tax Clearance Certificate, without which the Registrar cannot complete the registration and release the documents. Much travel and correspondence have thus far failed to produce this document, in spite of personal interviews with officials in widely separated centres in the Madras State. At the present time the matter is being pursued at an Income Tax office in Bombay, with the help of a friend who has presented the application for us in person. We trust this difficulty will be overcome long before this report appears in print.

Changes affecting our service. Changes in our daily routine accompanied the visit of Miss N. D. Stewart of the O.M.F. Tamil Team in Malaya during the first quarter of 1968. Much of our time during that period was occupied in Tamil study with this friend, who came to South India in order to secure a type of assistance in language study not available in Malaya. The visit constituted a major challenge to us, and we trust that the Lord's blessing will follow what was attempted during those days.

The recent withdrawal of missionaries from two areas on the Plains has resulted in additional tasks falling to the Field Treasurer. These concern what are known as the Residual Accounts of these fields of our former labours, and largely consist of the payment of pensions to former Indian co-workers. On the other hand, this change has resulted in one of the motor vehicles which thus became redundant being allocated to our use. This provision has already greatly widened the scope of our ministry.

Changes affecting Indian friends. The eventual outcome of the many changes that are taking place in Christian work in this country in these days depends to a large extent on whether or not these changes are accepted as challenges from our Sovereign Lord and, by His grace, used as means of progress and healthy develop-

ment. This is particularly true of the changes that directly affect our Indian friends.

For example, recent changes in the pattern of S.B.M. work have led to a Kolli Hill orphan lad who was formerly cared for in the Namakkal Hostel joining us at Kotagiri, where he assists in driving and caring for the Standard Ten van and in other useful activities. One of the Kolli Hills orphan girls formerly in the Sendamangalam Hostel, is also in Kotagiri, doing useful work in a children's home. We are in regular touch with her, and do what we can to encourage and help her.

On July 31st, 1967, a Christian Book Centre was opened in the small shop which we used for a similar purpose for a few months a year or two ago. From August, 1967, till March, 1968, the Superintendent of Springhill Missionary Home cared for the work, but he had to relinquish it when visitors began to arrive for the holiday season. Thereafter, for a time two teenage lads carried on the work of the bookstall, but one of them soon secured a regular job elsewhere, and the remaining boy later proved inadequate to the task. Thus we are faced with the urgent need for a person of ability, vision and initiative to carry on this important piece of ministry. We also urgently need a suitable site for a permanent Christian Book Centre for this town.

The correspondence course for children based on a number of our children's booklets (to which we referred in our last report) still functions slowly, and some 150 children have now completed the course and qualified for prizes.

It is not only the changes of these days which challenge us to redoubled effort in the Lord's service. Your continued prayerful and practical support throughout another year also spurs us to renewed dedication to His cause in this needy land.

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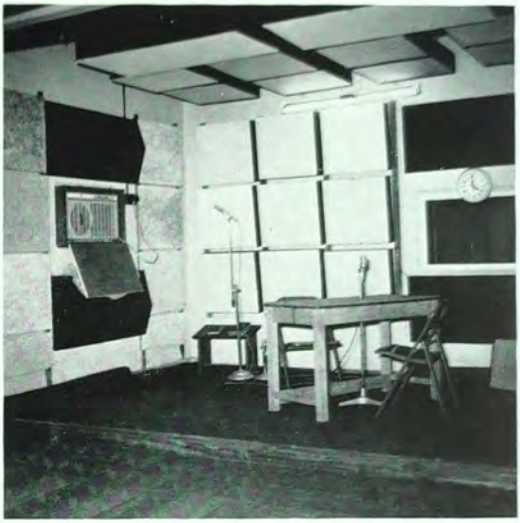
OUR LAST YEAR IN INDIA

MR. AND MRS. H. A. HUCKETT

WE live in an age when things are changing continually and it is not surprising that in the work of our Mission, there have been a number of important changes during recent years. A perusal of the annual reports for the past decade will reveal that we have been definitely following a policy of devolution in India, and have

INDIA

INSIDE PICTURE OF NEW RADIO STUDIO (DINDIGUL)



NEW TAMIL BOOKSHOP (DINDIGUL)



INDIA

OLD:

MADURAI TEMPLE FROM ABOVE



NEW:

MADRAS TRADE FAIR



been seeking to encourage the Indian churches to take an increasing measure of responsibility for their work and witness.

Change is an inseparable part of progress, and while we rejoice in the Immutability of God in the sense that He does not change in His essential Being and Attributes, this does not mean that He cannot MAKE changes in the world He has created, for we read in Daniel 2. 21, "He changeth the times and the seasons".

Changes in our Mission work in India may be summarised under three heads:—

1. A change in relationship

Paternalism has given place to Partnership. This has been welcomed by some, misunderstood by others, and considered inadequate by a few. Inevitably, the missionary enterprise has been affected and even influenced by the change in the political relationship between England and India, and we should be glad that the Christian community in India is now taking a greater share in the management and support of its own institutions, and particularly in church affairs. Financial dependence on overseas help for an indefinite period could have hindered this very welcome development. Hence, the handing over of all church funds to the local churches as far back as 1953 was the first step in the process of devolution.

2. A change in leadership

Then came the choosing of pastors by the local church instead of having them appointed and paid by the Mission. In some cases an annually decreasing grant was given for a short period, but in nearly all our churches this has now ceased. It was not easy to convince some church members that they could support a pastor if they gave generously and regularly in the Sunday offerings.

In the Salem area another big change in leadership took place in 1955, when the management of all the Mission schools was transferred to Indian hands and the teachers were no longer paid by the Missionary. This step was not favoured by all, for there were many who wanted to continue under the sheltering wings of the Mission. Scripture teaching is not allowed now by Government in school hours, but in most schools morning assembly begins with prayer, a hymn and a few verses from the Bible. Some children stay behind after school is over to hear Bible stories from the teachers.

3. A change in ownership

During the past year the Herculean task of transferring all Mission property to properly constituted and legally registered Indian Trust Societies has at last been accomplished. This places responsibility for maintenance and administration on the shoulders of Indian brethren. They are, of course, quite free to consult

Dindigul has become increasingly well-known, and more firmly based on a business footing. This encourages us to believe that the changes that have taken place are, indeed, evidences that the Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The challenge that is now confronting us includes the further extension of the whole ministry through print, but, perhaps more important still, envisages the day when, under the Lord's blessing, the whole work will be fully staffed and controlled by consecrated Indian friends. Such a far-reaching change, in the Lord's time and way, could not but be to the further benefit of the work. It is not possible to see exactly how this may come about, but the testimonies, both of Scripture and of past experience unite to assure us that in this matter as in others, we may well share the confidence of the poet who wrote:—

"Thy ways, O Lord, with wise design,
Are framed upon Thy throne above;
And every dark and bending line
Meets in the centre of Thy love!"

Miss M. M. Cook

MY last report was written from Sendamangalam where I was engaged in the work of the Girls' Hostel there. The Lord has blessed us during the past year and we have seen His hand in guidance and help many times. We have had a good number of girls in the Hostel again and have had opportunity to teach them about the true and living God. Many of the girls come from Hindu homes so we praise God for the opportunity afforded us of giving the Gospel to them.

Inbum, our Kolli Hili girl, will soon finish her auxiliary nursing course and then will be married. We praise God for the way opened for her so that her future is secure. Star is now up on the Nilgiri Hills helping in a children's home and again we see the Lord's provision for her in this time of change and thank Him for His guidance.

The work of the school has continued during this past year and is still a witness in the village, for which we thank God. The teachers, who continue day by day, need our prayers that they may still have opportunity and help to present the Gospel to the children, who are the future of India.

Work amongst the women has continued in Sendamangalam with a women's meeting once a month, usually conducted by one of their own number. Whenever possible, a visit has been made to Karkarveri for an evening meeting there too. We pray that the

women of the district may be enabled to continue these meetings, in spite of the difficulties.

"Change", is certainly a word that sums up the situation in Sendamangalam this year. There have been BIG changes as the Mission has handed over all property to our Indian friends and the Missionaries have left the area after sixty years of labouring there. Our Indian friends now have the responsibility for the Hostel and for the upkeep of the compounds and houses. It is indeed a time of change—but it also brings with it a challenge—a challenge to PRAY—perhaps as we have never prayed before—for our Indian friends upon whom the responsibility now rests for the extension of God's Kingdom in that area. Pray they may have the ability and the wisdom to do all things well and for the glory of God.

EUROPE

MR. and MRS. R. COOK
BRUSSELS

THE recent elections in France were sparked off by the revolt of the students, demanding radical changes in the structure of French society. Now it seems that the whole world has felt the effects and many indicate their dissatisfaction and unrest. We live in days of CHANGE.

S.B.M. has been working for over 100 years seeking to reach the Tamil-speaking peoples. Now a change in the Indian government's policy toward Missionaries compels a rethinking of Mission policy. Perhaps there were few Strict Baptists who ever expected the S.B.M. to have to leave India—or even to think of doing so! Nevertheless, the Lord has been preparing His children for such a change and has already opened many doors in the field of Europe.

Personal plans did not include S.B.M. work in Europe, but the Lord showed us that His way was different. (The story of our own "change" appeared in the "Herald" for July/August, 1968.) We would like to emphasise here just how amazed we are to actually be part of S.B.M. today. Perhaps the greatest lesson we are learning is the need to live in close contact with Him . . . How much time, money and effort could be more effectively used in His service.

And yet it also seems to us that such "changes" are good. They force us to take stock of our position and, when necessary, sort out those inevitable tangles into which we have worked ourselves. We see in our lives many "old ways" which should have disappeared long ago, but which somehow seem to cling to us (or

do we cling to them?). We question our very foundation beliefs and often find points which we acknowledge simply because everyone else does. Consequently we need to re-examine our whole situation and then, in the words of Hebrews 6. 1, ". . . let us go on . . .".

If change causes personal reflection, we should not be surprised to see the structure of the Mission being examined afresh in the light of new developments. Expansion into new areas means a greater need to be quite sure that the "stakes" are well strengthened (Isaiah 54. 2, 3).

First two, then two more Missionaries accepted for work in Europe. What will next year bring forth? Are we really prepared for such increased responsibility—above all spiritually? Will each new Missionary going out be able to experience the undergirding of fervent, believing prayer, or will he have to face the battle alone? And again, is it not true that **as the church prays,** the Spirit is able to "set apart" the Pauls and Barnabases whom He has prepared (Acts 13. 1-3)? Indeed, when we read Matthew 9. 36 to 10. 1, we see those who prayed "the Lord of the harvest" being sent out to fulfil the desire of their own prayers. Have we a similar attitude of readiness to be the answer to our **own** prayers —or must it always be "someone else"?

The world is challenging the foundations of our 20th century society. To meet this challenge the Church has the task of presenting a Christianity that throbs with the life of Christ. Do we have the vision of the urgent need, or are our eyes blind to the situation around us? Where there is no vision the people perish . . . how many more must be "without God and without hope in this world" while we wait for some special revelation? The Lord's command remains UNCHANGED . . . when will the CHALLENGE be met?

MISS N. HAWES

"I have set before THEE an open door and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3. 8).

INDIA, Musiri, Spain. Open doors—doors of challenge, doors of change—doors yes—and all set open by a heavenly Hand. A Hand which opens, a Hand which directs.

MUSIRI—Perhaps the town and its people could be summed up in one word—friendly. There was the Muslim lady, a neighbour, who frequently came to our home for a chat, especially when I was alone. There were Roman Catholic and Hindu neighbours too, who felt a sense of protective responsibility towards us and dealt with any undesirable elements around our house. Others

would make friendly enquiries whenever we had not been seen recently "in their street".

The work among the children and young people in the town was a great challenge. This was met through children's classes, which touched Hindus, Moslems and Roman Catholics. All came together to study and learn the Word of God. High School students came with their Bible Correspondence Courses, and these in turn helped other school friends. Literature and a small lending library equally had its supporters and the Tamil text cards made their way to hundreds of homes. Personal interviews had their place, especially in the home, where it seemed that people were more ready to talk than in their own home, among the family.

Challenges—yes—and for me towards the end of the year, Spain. He calls, who can, or dare, say Him nay?

In Musiri, too, others heard His call. One, a call to a greater sense of Christian responsibility and service: this found practical expression in the renting of a house for Sunday worship and Sunday School work. To another the call to help with farming and starting a Sunday School. Another to recommence the Sunday School which she discontinued when we came. To yet another a call to conduct Sunday worship. To a young man "who had seen the light" to change his Hindu name to Daniel and link himself with the Christian group there.

He opens, He calls, He challenges, He thrusts forth for the fulfilling of His eternal purposes, so let us praise Him, for His mercy endureth forever.

CANDIDATES

Mr. and Mrs. C. Howells
Miss A. Creecy
Miss R. Bucknall

Mr. and Mrs. C. Howells

HOW well these words describe our experience during the past year, for it certainly has been a time of both change and challenge:—THE TIME: October, 1967. THE PLAN: Sail for India November 14th. THE CHANGE: Refusal of visas for entry into India.

During the next few months much prayer was offered by us and for us. God's call never changes, and in His time we were guided:—THE CHALLENGE: Europe. THE TIME: January, 1968. THE PLAN: Sail for France September 1968.

So we see how God shuts one door and opens another.

Yet another change took place during the year:—THE DATE: March 30th. THE PLACE: Bromley. THE CHANGE: Marriage. Now we look forward to the challenge together, confident that God

has called, and though we may change and circumstances may change, God and His Word remain unchanged and endure forever.

MISS A. CREECY.

"FEAR not . . . when thou passest through the waters I will be with thee." When I quoted these words from Isaiah 43 in last year's report I little realised how precious and true I would find these words in the days ahead.

God has been with me as I have faced changes both in the immediate and in the more distant future. I fully expected to finish the course at the Missionary School of Medicine, but was forced to discontinue after two terms so that I might undergo an abdominal operation. It was certainly a change to be a patient in the same hospital where a few weeks previously I had been studying and nursing unfortunate patients! Yet the Lord was with me there.

The way ahead is still veiled from my sight but I am confident that He who does not change has not changed His purpose for me. "The Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He **will be with thee,** He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee" (Duet. 31. 8). The God of Moses and of Joshua is my God, and He has not changed, what a challenge for the future!

MISS R. BUCKNALL

"For this God is our God for ever and ever, he will be our guide even unto death" (Psalm 48. 14).

AS I look back over another year, I can only praise God for His continuing faithfulness to me. My first year at Bible College has been a rich and happy time, for the Lord has taught me more of Himself and His Word has been opened up to me. It is a privilege to spend so much time in the study of God's Word. God does not change—He has faithfully provided every need, both spiritual and material. In many times of weakness He has proved to be my strength.

As the situation in India has changed, I can no longer speak with certainty of my future sphere of service for the Lord. The Lord leads one step at a time, and, although the future is obscure to me, it has always been known to Him. His plan for S.B.M. and for me is not changed with changing circumstances, but He remains the faithful God who knows the end from the beginning. I am therefore encouraged to continue, confident that God will be my guide, and prepared to serve Him wherever He leads, at home or abroad.

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1.—The eternity, equality, and distinct personality of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and the unity of the Godhead.

2.—The plenary and verbal Inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, and their infallible authority in all matters pertaining to faith and worship.

3.—The fall of mankind in Adam—their guilt and condemnation—together with their entire and universal depravity, by which they were alienated from God, and are unable, in and of themselves, to turn to Him.

4.—Eternal and personal election unto salvation.

5.—Particular redemption by the vicarious sacrifice of Christ.

6.—Justification by grace, through faith, by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7.—Regeneration and sanctification by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of Divine truth. Saving faith is not a legal duty, but the sovereign and gracious gift of God.

8.—The absolute necessity for a holy life, as the result of true faith and the evidence of regeneration.

9.—The final perseverance of true believers.

10.—The preaching of the Gospel to every creature of the fallen race of Adam is a Divine command and a solemn obligation.

11.—The necessity of baptism by immersion, on a profession of repentance and faith, in order to Church fellowship and admission to the Lord's Table. The congregational order of the Churches.

12.—The Personal Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead, and the universal judgment, the everlasting punishment of the wicked, and the everlasting happiness of the righteous.

RULES

1.—That this Association be called "The Strict Baptist Mission".

2.—The Membership of the Association is limited to 300, and is composed of members of Particular and Strict Baptist Churches subscribing to its funds according to the Articles of Association.

3.—That it be conducted by a Council of Management elected annually by the members of the Association according to its Articles.

4.—That its Objects be—The diffusion of the Gospel in heathen lands, and the formation of Churches in accordance with the principles of Particular and Strict Communion Baptists.

5.—That its Officers be—a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and the Secretaries; and that the doctrinal basis be taken as representing the principles by which it shall be governed.

6.—That an Annual General Meeting be held once in each year, at such time and place as the Council of Management shall determine, when a report of the past year's proceedings shall be read by one of the Secretaries, and the Council shall be elected for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number according to the Articles of Association.

7.—That the Council meet in London as often as necessary, at such time and place as may be determined upon by a majority of its members present at any such meeting, ten (including the Chairman) to form a quorum.

8.—That a month's notice be given of any new business intended to be introduced to the Council.

9.—That with a view to giving contributing Churches of the faith and order of its doctrinal basis direct participation in the conduct of this Mission, every such Church subscribing—from all sources during the current year—£3 is entitled to nominate one of its members to be a member of the Assooiation for the ensuing year; a similar payment of £10 entitles such a Church to nominate two members; £20, three members; £40 four members. Such nominations to be in writing, signed by the Secretary of the Church, and sent to the General Secretary of The Strict Baptist Mission. Members so nominated will be qualified to attend and vote at the Annual and General Meetings of the Association.

10.—That in the event of the death or retirement of any of the Officers or Council, any such casual vacancy may be filled up by the other members of the Council.

11.—That all meetings be commenced and concluded with prayer.

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Dr. R. M. Harris Miss M. E. Harris Miss Y. Conacher	Belukurichi P.O., Rasipuram, Salem District.

DINDIGUL

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Appleby Mr. and Mrs. L. Ryan Miss O. R. Knight	Nehruji Nagar Dindigul I. Madurai Dist.

NILGIRIS

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower	Danvi, Kotagiri, Nilgiri Hills.

EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cook	41 Rue Scarron Brussels, 5.

ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Huckett	Miss M. M. Cook
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Field	Miss N. Hawes

CANDIDATES IN ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. C. Howells	Miss R. Bucknall
Miss A. Creecy	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE 11 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE 1968

GENERAL FUND

1967			
£		£	£
8683	Indian Expenses	7490	
1509	Passages	1277	
252	European Expenses	892	
135	Indian Christian Literature	—	
738	Office Expenses, etc.	786	
761	Home Salaries	1329	
129	Children's Allowances	180	
206	Postages	204	
1647	Missionaries on furlough	1297	
345	Missionaries in training	347	
1453	Deputation Expenses	1055	
—	Retired Missionaries	37	
256	Life and National Insurance (Balance was paid by Pension Fund)	297	
272	Publicity	245	
32	Audit Fee	32	
171	Council Travelling	151	
21	Expenses at Annual and Half Yearly Meetings	39	
164	Annual Reports	196	
230	Publications (other than magazines)	—	
	Mission House Expenses—		
	(121) Rates, Insurance, Heating, etc. 147		
	(403) Repairs and Renovations 1399		
524		1546	
335	President's Visit to India	—	
—	Assistant Secretary's Visit to India (Air Passage was donated)	86	
100	Medical Expenses	—	
	Transfer to—		
404	Publications (Heralds and Rays) Fund	304	
Deficit −1430	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the period carried down	483	
£16937		£18273	

1967			
£		£	£
	Contributions—		
10963	Churches	11664	
1469	Schools	1480	
2347	Personal	3117	
701	Income Tax Refund (Approx.)	650	
60	Stamp Corner	101	
596	Offerings at Annual and Half Yearly Meetings	645	
			17657
316	Sale of Literature		142
39	Annual Reports		40
446	Investment Income (Gross)		434
£16937			£18273
Deficit −1430	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the period brought down	483	
1477	Transfer from Legacies Fund being a sum equal to the annual average legacies received in the past ten years	1493	
47		£1976	

47	Balance Transferred to Capital Account	1976	
47		£1976	

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1968

1967	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	£	£
	General Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1967	5305	
	Add: Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account for period ...	1976	
5304			7281
	Sustentation Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1967	5193	
	Add: Transfer from Accumulated Income	750	
5193			5943
10497			13224
	REVENUE RESERVES		
	General Fund—		
6737	Balance at 1st August, 1967 ...		6737
	Legacies Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1967	3263	
	Add: Legacies received during period to date	275	
		3538	
	Less: Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account	1493	
3263			2045
	ACCUMULATED INCOME		
	Pension Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1967	218	

1967	FIXED ASSETS	£	£
	Investments (quoted). At Market Value 31st July, 1967 (unless otherwise indicated)—		
	General Fund—		
1534	£2986 4 6 3½% War Stock ...	1534	
208	£400 3½% Conversion Stock ...	208	
1213	£3300 2½% Consolidated Stock ...	1213	
1798	£2000 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70	1798	
76	£100 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	76	
38	£50 United Drapery Stores Ltd. Preference Stock (Market Value at transfer)	38	
	£1913 19 1 6¾% Greater London 1976 Stock at cost October 1967	1900	
—	(Market Value £6321)		6767
	Sustentation Fund—		
3596	£7000 3½% War Stock	3596	
371	£1000 2½% Treasury Stock 1975 or after	371	
1226	£1276 16 8 Mersey Stocks & Harbour Board, 6¾% Debenture Stock 1992/95	1226	
	£755 9 4 6¾% Greater London 1976 Stock at cost October 1967	750	
—	(Market Value £5304)		5943
	CURRENT ASSETS		
906	Sundry Debtors	1719	

	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	114	
218			332
	Sustentation Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1967	758	
	Add: Balance of Income and Expenditure Account	382	
		1140	
	Less: Transfer to Capital Account ...	750	
758			390
	Medical Fund—		
	Balance at 1st August, 1967	6	
	Less: Grant during year	6	
6			—
	Vehicles Fund (India)—		
—	Balance as per Account		501
	Bookmobile Fund—		
172	Balance as per Account ...		641
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
36	Sundry Creditors		108
£21687			*£23978*

	Funds at Short Notice—		
—	Thanet Water Board 5⅜% Loan ...		3000
	Cash at Bank and in Hand (Overseas)—		
1382	India	1483	
123	Australia	83	
			1566
	Cash at Bank—		
5500	Deposit Account ...		2200
3636	Current Account ...		2703
80	Cash in Hand (Floats) ...		80
			11268

NOTES.

(1) Currency conversion rates:—

	Before devaluation	After devaluation
Indian rupee	11⅓d.	1s. 1⅓d.
Australian dollar	8s.	9s. 3d.

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

(3) The Pension Fund is governed by its own Trustees and the income therefrom is held in trust on their behalf by the Mission. Annual allocations are notified by them.

(4) The Sustentation Fund can only be drawn upon in an emergency and then only to a limited extent in any one year.

O. F. CLARKE } Members of the
E. J. WOOD } Council of Management.
P. H. CREES, Secretary.

£21687 *£23978*

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

In our opinion, the above Balance Sheet and notes thereon together with the annexed Income and Expenditure Accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Mission's affairs at 30th June, 1968, and of its surplus for the period ended on that date and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.

IPSWICH.
4th September, 1968.

SCRUTTON AND GOODCHILD.
Chartered Accountants.

Staines	45	16	9
Stamford	23	5	9
Stamp Corner	100	16	5
Stoke Ash	78	13	4
Stoke Golding	35	1	8
Stonham Parva	18	18	7
Stowmarket	65	2	0
Stratford	132	7	11
Streatham	250	0	6
Stretham	21	0	9
St. Albans	12	12	11
St. John's Wood	152	16	0
St. Neots	17	13	7
Sudbourne	93	19	5
Sudbury	18	11	0
Sunderland	2	13	0
Sutton, Cambs.	7	13	0
Sutton at Hone	22	3	0
Swanley	6	0	0
Swindon	70	2	0
Tenterden, Trinity	41	10	2
Thame	27	14	6
Thorndon	6	0	4
Tips End	3	0	0
Tottenham	1	12	6
Tring	79	16	5
Trowbridge	58	5	8
Tunbridge Wells—			
Grove Hill	190	0	2
Rehoboth	2	6	0
Tunstall	42	1	0
Turves	4	7	0
Waldringfield	13	14	0
Walsall	25	1	6
Walthamstow	19	12	2
Wandsworth	83	1	9
Wantage Friends	24	3	8
Warbleton	54	5	0
Warboys	185	12	1
Warrington	2	0	0
Watford—			
Beulah	10	10	2
Tabernacle	166	6	4
Wattisham	51	4	8
Wellingborough	47	15	4
Welwyn, Evangelical	6	0	0
West Ham	101	2	6
West Hoathly	15	9	0
Wetherden	91	12	7
Whitestone	4	4	0
Whittlesey	41	16	3
Whitton	53	7	6
Willenhall	35	10	2
Willingham	1	0	0
Wiltshire Rally	33	11	2
Wimbledon	59	18	9
Wivelsfield	1	5	0
Women's Fellowship,			
Suffolk Area	5	5	0
Wood Green—			
Eldon Road	5	0	0
Evangelical	26	11	6
Woolwich	40	12	6
Yateley	114	10	6
Yaxley	4	14	9

LEGACIES

Mr. E. Mawle	50	0	0
Mrs. M. E. Field	100	0	0
Mr. C. W. T. Leake	25	0	0
Mrs. N. Humphreys	100	0	0
	£275	0	0

Personal Gifts	£3116	14	9
From Australian Churches	£369	10	2

GENERAL INFORMATION

S.B.M. MISSION HOUSE:

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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, except for the North, to the Mission House. We 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. Please address all applications for deputation work in Derbyshire, County Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland and Yorkshire to the Northern Representative, Pastor E. Orchard, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

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.

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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."