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Pastor P. H. Crees.—JANUARY 5th, Brighton (Ebenezer); 12th, St. Albans; 26th, "Faith", Leiston; FEBRUARY 16th, Kings Langley.

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Mr. and Mrs. LACUEVA, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

These two friends have applied and been accepted as Missionaries for a ministry to the people of Spain. We praise God for yet another manifestation of His blessing and gladly accept the responsibilities involved in faith. More news will be given later.

WOMEN'S BIBLE SCHOOL AND RETREAT DR. R. M. HARRIS

In response to a notice circulated in the churches and in the Tamil Baptist Churches' Magazine, eight Indian Christian women gathered in Dindigul for a four and half days Bible School and Retreat.

Who are these women who came? Women of leisure with no family responsibilities, presumably?

No, not at all.

Of the three women who came from Madras, one is a Pastor's wife. She is an active worker among the women of the Church, conducts the Women's Meeting, and is the mother of twelve children, the youngest of whom is two-and-a-half years old. The older members of the family encouraged their mother to come, offering to run the home in her absence. One of her sons returned home on leave just as she was setting off, and was frankly disappointed, but she was not to be deterred. They would have time together when she returned home. She had sent in her application and would not go back on her word.

Another is a young widow, the mother of three small children. She gets called in to help patients in the Government Hospital, and has opportunities to witness there.

The third is an elderly widow, who, having no children of her own, has brought up her sister's four orphaned children, of whom one is still with her. Her presence was an inspiration as she witnessed to God's unfailing goodness to her in providing for all her needs.

These three women are all members of the Vepery Tamil Baptist Church in Madras.

The remaining five women came from the Salem area.

One of these women is a member of the Namakkal Tamil Baptist Church, the mother of four children, between ten and fifteen years of age. She is one of Mrs. Brand's group working on the Kalaryan Hills in the Salem District. It has been relayed to us that she greatly appreciated the time, short though it was, to come apart for awhile to study the Word and have spiritual refreshment.

The leader of the Women's meeting at the Kakkaveri Tamil Baptist Church, who is a school teacher and the mother of six youngsters, took time out of her school holidays to come along to Dindigul to study the Word. In addition to her other responsibilities she is taking an examination in the near future to advance her status as a teacher.

Three young unmarried women complete the list. They have all had a High School education. One of them, a member of the Rasipuram Tamil Baptist Church, has completed her teacher's training, and is waiting to get a teacher's post somewhere.

These women were a mixed group in age, experience, education, and even in language, as one of them was Malayalam-speaking, though she understood Tamil. They were happy and there was a spirit of fellowship and friendliness. It was a privilege to sit down with them on a mat on the floor, between sessions, and share experiences of the faithfulness of God and discuss problems.

In the mornings between 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. there were two 1½-hour Bible Study sessions with an interval of half-hour.

The subject of one series was Prayer, based on what is known as the Lord's Prayer. Suffering for Christ's Sake in Witness and Service was the subject of the second series.

There were a variety of subjects for the afternoon and evening Sessions. There was a visit to the S.B.M. Bookshop, where each woman was able to choose books to the value of Rs. 5 (about six shillings) to take home with her.

Two very enjoyable evenings were spent in the Radio Studio. One was a musical evening, when new Tamil songs were learnt and sung with the help of the tape-recorder. On the other evening the women were able to hear something of what goes into the production of a radio programme, and of the different countries and types of persons from whom correspondence is received. They also heard a variety of taped programmes.

There was a health talk, an evening in Palestine with Kodachromes, and a Testimony meeting. There was also a meeting at which people introduced themselves and gave what amounted to a short life-history.

The younger members of the group were launched on to the Navigator's system of memory verses. Some of the time between meetings was spent in memorising the first twelve verses and repeating them over and over again so as to get them word-perfect with the references.

From the missionaries' point of view it was a piece of team work between the Dindigul missionaries and the Belukurichi missionaries. Vital to the success of this short Bible School and Retreat was the faithful teamwork done by prayer-partners in Britain. All that and the fellowship enjoyed with Indian sisters made it altogether a very enriching experience.

A VILLAGE WOMAN'S TESTIMONY

MISS E. M. FLORY

The following has been composed from the experiences of a number of village Christian women, and may help in the understanding of some of their problems:

My name is Kirubai (Grace), and I live, with my husband and two children, in a village a long way from my own home, sharing this house with my husband's parents. There are no other Christians living here, and no place of Christian worship. I was born about fifty miles from here, in a Christian family; in that village there were about twenty other Christian families, and we attended the local chapel. As children we were sent to Sunday School regularly. At home, my father would read the Bible and pray every day. I was sent to the village school and studied up to fifth standard; then my parents decided that I had had enough education. I'm glad to say I can still read and write, with some difficulty, but wish I knew more!

When I was sixteen years old, my father told me I was old enough to be baptised and join the Church. This rather frightened me, as I didn't feel fit; and I didn't understand what baptism was all about anyway. I said, "But I don't know if I am a Christian yet." "Oh," my father said, "Don't worry about that. Of course you are a Christian. Our family have been Christians for five generations; my forefathers left Hinduism and joined Christianity, and since then all our family have been Christians." I knew I would have to give a "testimony" before the Church, and this scared me as I didn't know what I was expected to say. But again my father tried to reassure me; "Don't worry; I will teach you what to say; and in any case, I am a Deacon and will see that you are accepted." Well it was all made easy and one day, with six others, I was baptised in the tank outside our village.

But my baptism seemed to do me no good; I had no joy, and kept getting the feeling that I was still a sinner and God was angry with me. The more I tried to do the right things, the worse I felt! It was some months later when, while reading my Bible and praying, the Lord showed

me my real state before Him, and gave me the assurance that He had died for my sins. Now I had a peace that I had never experienced before. But when I tried to explain this to my parents, they were puzzled: "All this talk about conversion and new birth—that is for Hindus, but not for us Christians", said my father.

Soon after this my father told me arrangements were being made for my marriage. A suitable young man had asked for me; everything was as it should be; he was of a good family, in our caste; he had a good job and his family had land. I timidly asked, "Is he a Christian?" My father hesitated, "Not exactly, but he has signed a document promising that he will give up idol worship, and that he will not hinder you going to Church and reading your Bible. So you have nothing to fear."

I wasn't happy about it, as I had read in the Bible that these mixed marriages are against the command of God; but what could I do? If I refused to obey my parents in this matter, and was turned out of home, who would protect me? So I submitted to the marriage, and came to my husband's home to live. My husband has been kind to me, and up to a point has kept his promise; he does not interfere with my Christian practise, but he does expect the children to be brought up in Hindu ways. And as I said, his parents live with us, and my mother-in-law ridicules me because I will not go to their temple, and she makes it difficult for me to read my Bible. If any of the children get ill, she is quick to put the blame on me and my strange religion. And sometimes she compels me to do things that I know to be wrong, as eating food that has been offered at the temple.

It wouldn't be so bad if I could sometimes meet other Christians, or attend Christian services. I long for someone to help me to understand the Bible, and to pray with me. Yet I know God is with me, and He does comfort me and strengthen me. I try to tell others about Him too; but this is not easy for me, as they do not understand. Will you pray for me?

THE FUTURE

MR. B. F. ELLIS

IT may seem presumptuous to speak of the future—God only knows what it will contain—but it is precisely because of this that we believe we must shape our planning to His will and not merely to our own desires. Forward thinking which arises from a clear grasp of biblical principles is not only wise, it is essential. Furthermore, although we do not know "the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh" we know He will come again and that He has left us a pattern of faith and practice to follow as we "occupy 'till He comes".

In this spirit some far reaching decisions have been taken in Mission Council recently. They may be summed up by quoting from a leaflet which will soon be available for free distribution.

THE S.B.M. BELIEVES

It is called, in the service of the Lord and His Churches, to be a means whereby the Churches may fulfil their commission to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". To this end

THE S.B.M. CALLS

Its supporting Churches to embrace this vision and desire to hear from Church members who are called by God to missionary work in any part of the world, with a view to commending them to work, either directly with the SBM or through other suitable avenues of service.

THE S.B.M. CALLS

You to pray urgently that God will thrust forth into His harvest field many who, being persuaded of their call to missionary work, will serve Him with sacrificial devotion. "The harvest truly is great but the labourers are few, pray ye, therefore . . ."

"Into all the world." Is this not presumptuous too? The S.B. Churches with their limited resources facing the whole world! Two points may be made in reply.

First, we do not face the Lord's command relying on our own resources. The resources of God, in whom we trust, are limitless. What He commands He will give power to perform.

Second, it is obvious that we could not, at present, maintain a physical presence in every part of the world, nor is it our intention to compete with others who are providing a truly biblical witness in any area, but we do desire, in the light of the Lord's command, to go wherever He may call any of our Churches to serve Him through the ministry of its members.

The S.B.M. is nothing without the Churches. It has no existence apart from them. All it seeks to do is to provide the means whereby the Churches may together support one another in their world-wide ministry. May God grant us an increasing part in His mission as He performs His will in the world, calling out from "all nations" a people for His praise.

The leaflet mentioned and other literature, including the current Annual Report "Change and Challenge" (price 1s. plus postage), can be obtained from the Mission Office, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

Miss M. M. COOK believes that the Lord is leading her to work in this country. This means that she will not be returning to India. Pray that our sister may see clearly what the Lord has planned for her so that both in India and England there may be rejoicing in the knowledge that the will of the Lord is done.

Miss ANGELA CREECY has been released from the S.B.M. in order that she may prayerfully consider her whole future with her fiancé, a fellow Bible student. For similar reasons **Miss R. BUCKNALL** has been released from commitment to the Mission. Both of our friends still feel deeply their call to serve the Lord. Pray that they may be led of Him in the important decisions they will have to take in the future.

YOUTH WEEK-END

MR. B. KUHRT

Take a place like Sunbury Court in Middlesex, add two Missionaries from India, a Pastor from Belgium, six members of Council, and forty-seven young people from various parts of the country and you have a Mission Weekend. Consider also the wise guidance of Pastor and Mrs. Thorpe, the thorough preparation of the Mission office, the diligent study of the speakers, the dedication of the young people and the prayers of many friends, and the result is described as something akin to the Pastor's retreat at Leicester.

This was our experience from November 8th-11th. A balanced weekend was the comment of one delegate. Spiritual food and up-to-date information. Humour and seriousness. Prayer and praise. Small discussions and large debates. Hearty hymn singing and intent listening. These were some of the impressions gathered. Normally a Conference has to break the ice, but at Sunbury Court things went with a swing right from the start. Friday evening's films of Europe and India prepared us for important matters that lay ahead. Pre-breakfast Prayer Meetings were well attended, and there was a real burden evident for missionary work.

Saturday morning was rightly spent in examining the spiritual conditions in Europe and India, led by Pastor Berge and Mr. J. R. Field respectively. After a free afternoon we returned from the pleasures of the river and the tangles of Hampton Court maze to hear Pastor C. C. Pond, who dealt ably with the subject of "Christian Giving and Mission". With plenty of Scriptural references we heard of the attitude of the missionary, the responsibility of the home Churches and the individual towards money and mission. (Please note that an offering taken later in the weekend amounted to over £25.) In the evening a lively forum took place with Pastor J. Hoad in the chair, Mr. and Mrs. Field and Pastor Pond on the panel and a good deal of participation from the floor.

On Sunday morning Mr. B. F. Ellis turned our attention to the New Testament World Vision, dealing with the scope, the dynamic, the world and the S.B.M. Later, Pastor Crees led us in a much appreciated devotional service. In the afternoon Mr. Field gave an interesting account of the literature ministry in India. Our attention was held from the opening remark that it was the Missionaries who taught the Indians to read, but the Marxists who are giving them the books: and we

followed the speaker from his first encounter with Tamil literature in Madras to the use of the Bookmobile in Dindigul.

Time was our biggest enemy, and Pastor Thorpe concluded the afternoon programme with a comprehensive summary before many had to be on the road home. Those who were privileged to stay will long remember Pastor Berge's address on the "Spiritual Qualities required in God's Servants". And so we came to the final session where a film was shown of the Far East Broadcasting Company's Seychelles project, which will one day be beaming our S.B.M. messages to the Tamil-speaking world.

We learnt of the challenge of India, the opening doors of Europe, the responsibility of Christians, and the possibility of going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature.

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ANNUAL MEETINGS 1968. Owing to lack of space in this issue, reports of the meetings are to be found in the denominational magazines.

ANNUAL MEETINGS 1969.

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GENERAL SECRETARYSHIP

PASTOR P. H. CREES.
MR. B. F. ELLIS.

We prayerfully welcome Mr. B. F. Ellis into the office of General Secretary. He has served as Assistant Secretary for eighteen months in a gracious and efficient way and has proved himself, by the grace of God, as a man to whom we can confidently commit such a responsible task. He will need, and will value, your prayerful support and your ready and speedy co-operation will make his task easier. I would like to pay my tribute to him for all the helpfulness and understanding he has given to me, and to pray that God will mightily use him in the days to come for His glory.

P. H. Crees

Since March, 1959, Pastor P. H. Crees has served as the General Secretary of the Strict Baptist Mission, and the Officers and Council of the Mission place on record their deep appreciation of the faithful service rendered by our dear brother. He has served diligently and well, and the Lord has greatly helped him in his heavy responsibilities of work and administration at home and abroad, during a very difficult and critical period of our history.

Pastor Crees visited India in 1962, and he has also taken an active part in opening up our work in Europe by his visits to the Churches there, in many of which he is well-known and esteemed.

After nearly ten years in office, our brother will be handing over to his successor, Mr. B. F. Ellis, this month, and he and Mrs. Crees will be settling at Cransford, Suffolk, where our brother has accepted the pastorate of the Church. For at least another year he will be helping in S.B.M. deputation work, and we wish for him the Lord's gracious help and blessing in every way.

The Officers and Council of the Mission feel that friends will wish to show their love and appreciation by way of a financial gift to Pastor Crees at this time of his retirement from office, and so a special fund is being opened for this purpose.

Such gifts, marked P. H. Crees Gift Fund, should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Pastor A. D. Rowland, 10 Bradfield Crescent, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk.

We trust that Churches and friends will respond generously.

J. K. Thorpe,
President, S.B.M.

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Some of the Church and congregation at Barcelona, Spain. Their Pastor, Mr. Sanchis, is next to Pastor J. K. Thorpe, and Pastor C. C. Pond is at the end on the right.

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General Secretary: Mr. Frank Ellis.—MARCH 2nd, Sleaford and Billinghay; 4th, Homerton; 9th, Ramsey; 12th, Hungry Hill, Farnham; 16th-17th, March; 23rd. Knaphill and Mayford; 25th, Bromley; 30th, Bradfield St. George.
APRIL 6th. Little Downham; 13th, Potten End; 17th, Poynings; 20th, Chesham and Lee Common.

Pastor P. B. Crees.—MARCH 4th, Thame; 16th, Mendlesham Green.
APRIL 13th, Clifton; 27th, Chelmsford.

Northern Representative: Pastor E. Orchard.—MARCH 9th, Clayton West; 23rd, Bury.
APRIL 20th. Bedford.

Mr. W. H. Kuhrt.—MARCH 7th-9th, F.O.Y. President's Weekend.

Dr. R. M. Harris.—APRIL 13th, St. John's Wood.

Mr. J. C. Fromow.—APRIL 6th, Staines.

Pastor P. Day.—APRIL 27th, Kenninghall.

Mr. E. J. S. Rapley.—APRIL 20th, Ryarsh (morning).

Pastor D. A. Dawson.—APRIL 20th, Ryarsh (afternoon).

Dr. F. Lacueva.—MARCH 9th, Hadleigh and Whitton; 20th, Hounslow; 23rd Woolwich.
APRIL 13th, Basildon; 15th, Colchester; 24th, Greenwich.

YOUR PRAYERS

MR. H. J. APPLEBY

John saw it. He was impressed by the fact. He wrote it for our encouragement. And we should understand that it is no small thing. There was silence in Heaven for the space of half an hour. In that silence the prayers of the saints were offered at the throne. Prayers that had been kept in golden vessels. So valuable. So remarkable. Even the angels stopped to watch. Prayers!—from hearts that once were dead. Prayers!—from hearts that once were rebellious. Prayers!—bought at the impressive price of Jesus' Blood. So astonishing! So precious! Your prayers?

Your prayers for the Indian missionary?

Pray for him physically. Heat saps his will power; soaks up his energy; slackens his physique; spoils his food.

Pray for him mentally. He needs balance in his thinking; breadth in his understanding; variety in his interests; concentration in his work.

Pray for him socially. With his colleagues he needs fellowship; in his family he carries responsibilities; amid his circumstances he will need patience—lonely and perhaps irritated in a foreign culture.

Pray for him officially. In his relations with Government; with non-Christians; with Christians; with Home Council and Church.

Pray for him financially. There must be faithfulness with Mission funds; wisdom with personal monies; trust, for special needs; quietness in emergencies.

Pray for him professionally. Communication skill in literature work; medical skill in healing work; technical skill in radio work; conversational skill in personal work; teaching skill in Church work; spiritual skill in soul work; linguistic skill in all work.

Pray for him spiritually. For freshness in Bible study; reality in his prayer; satisfaction in his witness; strength in his temptations; Christ in his life.

One other thing John saw.

Voices . . . thunderings . . . lightnings . . . earthquakes . . . furious activity. Things happened on earth when those prayers were offered before the throne.

Our earth?

Your prayers?

OUR CALL

DR. FRANCISCO LACUEVA

I am sure all Roman Catholic ex-priests (and many learned laymen) who have been converted to the only true Gospel (*v.* Gal. 1: 8-9), cannot help but feel a strong call to preach the Gospel, in some way, to their former fellow-believers. This was how I felt. In fact, the 21 months I spent in sending evangelical messages twice per week to my own countrymen through Radio Montecarlo and Radio ELWA, soon after my conversion in 1961, were some of the happiest months in my life, notwithstanding the hard work I had to do.

Then I had the bitter experience of a spiritual crisis from 1964 to 1967. This crisis, however, has proved to be very providential, because it gave me the opportunity to study more deeply the subject of Christian unity and the basic error of the Roman Church. My recovery was slow, as I have pointed out in my book "What Happened", but the unexpected coming of my wife to Madrid in July, 1967, was the means God used to hasten the work of the Spirit in my heart to bring me back to a full restoration of my evangelical convictions and of my spiritual condition.

Since my return to England, I had hoped to find some work teaching or translating to avoid engaging myself for preaching or broadcasting, but once I joined the Church (Grove Hill Baptist Hall) in Tunbridge Wells and after attending a lantern lecture on missionary work in Spain, my interest in missionary work was aroused again, although I cannot say that I felt an immediate call to that work.

At this point I must say that, in my opinion, there are three kinds of ways to feel the call to the Mission field: (*a*) a miraculous one, like that of the Apostle Paul; (*b*) a clear call by the Lord, urging a person to proclaim the message, as we see in Jeremiah 20: 9; (*c*) an external guidance in God's providential leadings, when one finds all doors shut, but *one*.

Perhaps my case has been like this latter. Since August, 1967, I have tried everything: I have applied to teach classical languages in a college, or to lecture permanently on Roman Catholicism, to translate religious books for any publisher, even to find a Baptist Church which would accept me as Pastor or part-time Minister. Curiously enough, the only two ministerial jobs offered me were in contrast with my denominational principles and I could not help but decline them.

Finally both my wife and I began to feel we should put in an application to the Strict Baptist Mission and as we have been accepted by them, cannot but feel this to be a confirmation of God's calling.

PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS

MR. FRANK ELLIS

For some time the Officers and Council have been prayerfully considering the principles upon which the S.B.M. work on the Continent should be done. Finally, we felt the need to ask our General Secretary, Mr. Ellis, and our Vice-President, Mr. Pond, to visit Brussels and Geneva and discuss these matters with the Pastors and Elders there.

It was very confirming to find that the Lord had prepared us here and our friends on the Continent with the result that the principles found a ready acceptance on both sides of the Channel. We see in this the leading of the Holy Spirit and we rejoice in His blessing.

Briefly the principles are as follows:—

1. Council will deal with individual Continental Churches alongside of which our missionaries will be working. Such Churches may make recommendations to Council or vice versa, but all decisions will be made in a spirit of prayer and co-operation.
2. There will not be a Conference of missionaries as there is now in India, although a meeting for fellowship may develop in the years to come. Therefore, on matters of policy, missionaries will approach Council through the Church with which they are working so that Missionary, Church and Council may work together in the mind of the Lord.
3. Missionaries will normally retain membership of their own home Church but will come under the discipline and be received into the fellowship of the Church alongside which they are working.

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MISSIONARY STRATEGY

PASTOR C. C. POND

An important aspect of the Apostles' missionary strategy is underlined in a paragraph in the study paper issued by the National Assembly last year, entitled "The ministry and administration of New Testament Churches" (obtainable from Mission House). Paragraph 6 on page 4 begins:

"*GOSPEL ACTIVITY outside the local Church ought to be regarded as an extension of the work of the local Church.*

It is impossible to set down a rigid rule in this connection but the normal pattern followed by the local Church is clear.

(*a*) Those called to evangelistic or missionary work outside the local Church were called through the local Church and were responsible to the local Church.

The case of Paul is instructive. He received his call to missionary work on the road to Damascus but this was not carried into effect until the Church at Antioch was moved by the Spirit to send him out (Acts 13: 1-3). He was careful to return to Antioch and Jerusalem to report to them from time to time. A study of the history of Timothy, Silas, Tychicus and Titus will show that in each case they were initially sent out by the local Church."

It is well if we heed this teaching. It is also well if we think through the things that follow from it. I would list three consequences in missionary strategy that are basic to our work.

The S.B.M. is a Mission and not a Society. When local Churches band together to assist one another in advancing the Gospel the organisation they set up is not to take the place of the local Churches. A society can exist independently of the Churches and it can act independently of the Churches. A Mission is composed of the Churches, and has no existence apart from the Churches.

Each local Church is to be alive to the need for issuing the missionary call in its own setting (not leaving it until a missionary deputation comes round): each is to be alert to the leading of the Holy Spirit in calling and thrusting out evangelists for work at home and overseas: each has to exercise a great responsibility in the matter of training, guiding and supporting those who are sent out from them. The S.B.M. is the tool not the workman. The Council elected by the Churches exists to do the bidding of the Churches.

We are to seek the founding of Churches, not missions. The New Testament missionaries did not leave behind them groups of people in constant dependence on them for finance or teaching. They left in each city, independent Churches, realising their one-ness in spiritual and practical fellowship with all other groups of believers, but led by their own Pastors, Elders, and Deacons. They managed their own affairs under the direction of the great Head of the Churches.

The new Churches should become Mission Centres. The best missionary work is done by people working in their own setting. The task of the missionary is to do what the local Churches cannot do for themselves. A new Church immediately becomes a home Church in its own setting. Of the new Church at Thessalonica Paul wrote, "From you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad, so that we need not to speak anything." This is "indigenous" Church Mission strategy.

Churches who wish to study these matters further may obtain literature and help from Mission House. May there be an increasing desire to lay hold of the teaching of Scripture. As is so often proved, this teaching is also the most practical and the most effective wherever it is followed. In a day of rising nationalism, Communist aggression, and decreasing godliness in the West, these principles become daily more important. Above all may the Lord give us rich revival blessing in which we shall know as never before, the power of His touch in the Gospel of His grace.

A WEDDING IN MADRAS

MRS. DORIS A. KUHRT

Friends who pray for our Pastors and for other parents who have the responsibility of arranging marriages for their sons and daughters will be interested in an account of the wedding of Chandra, the eldest daughter of Pastor Devanesam. This Pastor, who is our senior Pastor in Madras, and his wife have been determined to marry their children to Christian partners only, and we believe that the Lord is honouring them in consequence. Their eldest son has a good Christian wife: now Chandra has a Christian husband named Paul.

Mr. Kuhrt and I were invited to the wedding as the representatives of the S.B.M. and we were very glad to make an effort to attend although it entailed a drive of 220 miles each way. The weather in Madras was unusually wet at that time and although one can usually reckon upon dry weather for most weddings in this land there was some doubt right up until the last hour. As Paul is a member of the Church of South India he and Chandra were married in the Madras Cathedral, which was tastefully decorated with white lilies. The wedding, timed for 5 p.m., and only 15 minutes late, was solemnised by the Assistant Minister of the Cathedral, but Paul's Australian Padre gave the sermon. Chandra made a poised and gracious bride, unusual for an Indian girl. There is much to be said for an older bride with no silly shyness which is often simulated. Chandra was most tastefully dressed in a lemon-gold sari with a blouse to match in colour. Her hair was dressed in true Indian style, parted in the centre, with a knot at the nape of the neck, decorated with jasmine flowers; she carried a sheaf bouquet of white flowers adorned with trailing fern.

After the signing of the register the happy couple came down the aisle to glorious organ music. Tea tables were laid out in the grounds and although the sky threatened, the rain kept off. Mr. Kuhrt was privileged to have a part in the proceedings, two parts in fact; he was asked to read the Scripture in the service and later to pray at the reception. We sat at the Bridal table and I specially noted the quiet radiance of the bride's face. Later as she and her husband were greeted by many friends and relations her manner was most poised and mature. She still retains her position of Head Mistress in the Kilpauk School.

Paul is an organist at St. Mary's Church in Fort St. George, one of the oldest Protestant Churches in the East. We were told that he is of a very genial disposition and that the choir boys whom he trains love him. We do rejoice in Chandra's happiness and pray that she will be greatly blessed in this marriage.

Six out of Pastor's seven sons were present at the marriage of their sister—they are fine lads and all doing well. Most of them are men now. The one who was missing was excused happily because he is their missionary son who works for the Lord in North India.

THE BATTLE FOR THE MINDS

MISS E. M. FLORY

Christ or Communism?

A crowd of children saunters along the street on their way to school. At the school entrance a Christian stands, offering them Scripture booklets for sale. Many children produce their "karsu" (money) and buy. But a short distance from the school is another bookstall. The local organiser of the Communist Party has his home here; in his doorway, spread on an Indian-type string-cot, is a large selection of Communistic literature—all very attractively produced, at subsidised prices.

This man has four children, and his wife frequently calls me into the house to sing a "Jesus song" and tell a Bible story. Their children, from the eldest, now in college, to the youngest, five years old, have all memorised a large number of Scripture verses. Their mother helps to teach them, and tells them that Jesus is the Son of God. But father tells them there is no God!

Christ or Roman Catholicism?

Two teenage girls, after a long struggle to get work, were offered employment as Nursery Schoolteachers in a village some miles from their home. Their parents are Christians, and they have been taught to attend God's house on His day. But in this village the only Christian place of worship is a Roman Catholic Church, within a stone's throw of their home. So they wrote home asking their parents, "What should we do on Sunday? Go to the Roman Catholic Church, or spend the day at home?". The mothers were perplexed. To the daughters it seemed as great a sin to refrain from going to God's house, as to attend the wrong Church!

A WEDDING IN MADRAS (*continued*)

We feel that the Lord is blessing this family and we know that readers will join us in prayer that the Lord will help Pastor and Mrs. Devanesam in the choice of partners for their remaining unmarried sons and one daughter.

This is in great contrast to a recent unhappy arrangement in one of our congregations where a family chose to marry their daughter to a Hindu for the sake of a large dowry! despite a serious warning from the Pastor and Deacons. This has so troubled the leaders of the Church that the family concerned has been debarred from Church fellowship.

May the Lord hear our prayer that in connection with our Churches an increasingly large number of marriages may be truly Christian and that the Lord's name may not be brought into disrepute.

WOMEN'S GIFT WEEK

MRS. N. R. PERRY

"Freely ye have received, freely give"
(Matthew 10: 8)

As we open our gift envelopes for 1969 we are faced with the word "Freely".

From the moment of our birth, and even before, we have been receiving what God has been giving. Even on a natural level, all the best gifts in life are free—sunshine and fresh air, our health and strength, and our physical and mental abilities to use and enjoy them. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" Let us also remember that "It is He that giveth thee power to get wealth."

No amount of money can buy human love, but when we consider the love of God to sinners, we are staggered to realise just how freely we have received. We can only have a faint idea of what it cost God the Father to give His only Son, or what it cost the Son of His love to give Himself—His all. Very few of us, if any, give till it really hurts or without counting the cost. It is so easy to sing,

"Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold."

The Lord knows exactly how many mites we withhold, yet, if by His grace we have first given our own selves to Him, we shall need no target or other incentive. It will be a matter of the heart.

Your response last year was most encouraging, but the need is even greater now. Before we close our envelopes are we sure we are giving what the Lord would have us give? May we have such a sense of His love to us, that we give out of love to Him.

"For this is love's prerogative
To give, and give, and give."

THE TREASURY—August to November, 1968

	RECEIVED	PAID
General Fund	£5407	£6329
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The offerings at our annual meetings, which are included above, amounted to £479. which was an encouragement to us. There was a good response to the Harvest Offering. too. On the "paying out" side we are beginning to meet the growing costs of our work in Europe as doors gradually open there, and we are thankful to those friends who give specially in order to help us with this added commitment.

Anonymous gifts thankfully received:

Ipswich £5 10s. 0d.; Birmingham, £1; Ashford, 10s.; C.L.B., £1; Eastleigh, £5; Gerrards Cross, 10s.; "Unto Him", £1; per R.C., £1.

NEWS . . . NEWS . . . NEWS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt. We gladly welcome our friends back again to this country, and we pray that their furlough may be made a blessing to them as well as to the Churches.

Dr. R. M. Harris. After a personal visit to a relative in Africa our sister arrives home for furlough at the end of March. We wish her safe travelling and a useful and happy furlough.

Miss N. Hawes has arrived safely in Barcelona; her address is Calle Manacor, 30. 3. 3. Barcelona, 6, Spain. May the Lord prosper her in her studies.

Mr. S. W. Anderson. The response for donations to the S.B.M. instead of flowers on the occasion of the passing of our dear brother, resulted in £70 being given to the work of the Lord.

Willingham. Correction of Abstract of Receipts for this Church in the Annual Report. It should read £12 5s. 0d. Sincere apologies.

Tapes of the Mission Youth Weekend are still available from the Mission office.

Pastor P. H. Crees. The new address is The Manse, Cransford, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Telephone: Rendham 571.

Mrs. J. Crisp (Angel Baptist Church) is now assisting our General Secretary in the capacity of shorthand-typist and we wish her God's speed in her work for the Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Field. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Field left for India with their family on January 27th. As it was impossible to arrange a public valedictory service, our friends were given a loving and prayerful farewell by the members of Council after their meeting on January 3rd. We praise God for His wonderful over-ruling in the return to India of our friends.

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on

22nd APRIL, 1969

2.45 UNITED PRAYER MEETING.
Conducted by Pastor D. Smith.

4.00 MISSIONARY W. H. KUHRT will speak.

7.00 PASTOR GUY APPERE (Geneva) will address the meeting.
DR. RUTH HARRIS and
DR. FRANCISCO LACUEVA will give testimonies.

5.30 TEA. Tickets 2/- each. Apply to Mr. H. Hall, 60 Shelford Road, Trumpington, Cambridge.

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Tamil team (O.M.F.) visited by Mr. and Mrs. D. Thrower

Left to right, standing: *Miss Ruth Beckett (Kuala Lumpur), Mr. D. A. Thrower, Miss Norma Stewart (Taiping), Mrs. D. A. Thrower, Miss Margaret Wale (Taiping), Mr. Michael Guy (Kuala Kangsar).*

Left to right, seated: *Miss Joanne Jodon (Kuala Lumpur), Mrs. Judy Guy (Michael's wife).*

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Mr. W. H. Kuhrt.—MAY 4th, Bromley; 7th, Croydon, Derby Road; 8th, Hounslow; 11th, Ipswich, Bethesda; 13th, Caterham; 14th, Halstead; 17/18th, Royton; 21st, Newick (Mr. and Mrs.); 22nd, Warbleton; 25/26th, Wiltshire Weekend; 28th, East Ham. JUNE 1st, Grundisburgh; 8th, Angel Baptist, Chadwell Street; 11th, Yateley; 15th, Richmond; 18th, New Cross; 22nd, Ipswich, Mount Zion; 25th, Borough Green; 28th, Croydon, Garden Meeting; 29th, Greenwich.

Mr. E. Orchard.—JUNE 8th, Hailsham; 22nd, Haworth.

Dr. R. M. Harris.—MAY 29th, Tunbridge Wells, Grove Hall. JUNE 4th, Haslemere; 5th, Staines; 10th, Dorking; 11th, Guildford; 17th, Stowmarket; 18/19th, Beccles; 21st, Midlands Rally, Hinckley; 24th, Brentford; 25th, Clapham; 26th/27th, Colchester.

Pastor C. C. Pond.—MAY 25/26th, Wiltshire Weekend. JUNE 21/22nd, Midlands Rally, Hinckley and Stoke Golding.

Mr. J. C. Fromow.—JUNE 22nd, Prittlewell.

Dr. F. Lacueva.—MAY 4th, West Hill, Wandsworth; 7th, St. John's Wood; 18th, West Ham; 20th, Stowmarket; 21st, Chelmsford; 25/26th, Wiltshire Weekend; 27th, Devizes. JUNE 21st/22nd, Midlands Rally, Hinckley; 24th, Ashford.

Pastor P. H. Crees.—MAY 11th, Rattlesden; 25th, Wiltshire. JUNE 8th, Hounslow.

MALAYA

MR. AND MRS. D. A. THROWER

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

The country of Malaya is far from the town of Namakkal in South India; yet there are living links between them—as we discovered during our recent visit to the former.

It was just a matter of purchasing stamps in an out-of-the-way village. The postmaster heard his native Tamil as music in his ears and greeted the foreigner cordially. The conversation which followed led to an introduction to the postmaster's friend who had recently arrived on a visit from Namakkal. You, reader, will appreciate the thrill with which we chatted to this man about our mutual friends in the Namakkal area. On another occasion the Westerner needed a haircut and it transpired that the local barber was a Tamil man who had married a Namakkal girl who formerly studied in the S.B.M. Higher Elementary School in that town. We later visited the home and met the woman and the children. Although we found that the woman did not know the Lord we were able to give her a little instruction and to leave a few Tamil booklets in the home.

Another link of this kind concerns Singapore Island. More than thirty years ago Dr. G. D. James, D.D., studied in the Namakkal Mission boarding school where he came to know the Lord and where seeds were sown in his heart which later sprang up and developed into a powerful ministry for God in many countries, but particularly in our friend's native land of Malaya. While we were in Singapore for a brief visit the rather tight schedules of both our friend and ourselves allowed us one day only in which to meet. Dr. James embraced that fleeting opportunity to have a long chat with us about the things of God while he and his wife entertained us to a meal. Our friend speaks Tamil, Malay and English and conducts meetings in all three languages. His work has thus far taken him all over the peninsula of Malaya and the Island of Singapore, and also to Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Laos and Cambodia. He is a member of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship Consultative Council in Singapore.

There are still further connections between the S.B.M. work in Tamilnadu and the people of Malaya, *e.g.* during our visit to the latter country we heard appreciative remarks on the gospel broadcasts in Tamil which are taped in Dindigul and aired from Manila. We also met people who were blessed under the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt in former years. For instance, Saraswathy, a Tamil girl converted during the period of our colleagues' service in Malaya, conducts a Sunday School and also witnesses for her Lord in other ways. She recently had the joy of seeing her elder brother baptised. When we visited their home we learned that the mother was seeking the Lord. In Saraswathy's town, Gemas, we also had the pleasure of visiting three other Tamil Christian families.

Another place visited by us is Segamat in the state of Johore. It was our earnest desire to contact a number of Tamil friends whose names and addresses we had received from Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and who were located on rubber estates in widely-separated places around Segamat. Time did not permit us to visit these friends in their homes but we did invite them to meet us in Segamat. Three groups travelled considerable distances in response to our invitation, and we had some hours of helpful conversation with them.

A few hours after our departure from Taiping in north Malaya for our return journey to India via Singapore, Mr. Charles Sounthararaj of Kotagiri arrived at Taiping for ministry. We were deeply disappointed by our failure to meet our friend, especially as our itineraries brought us within a few miles of each other. Mr. Sounthararaj is a son of a former warden of the Namakkal S.B.M. Boys' Hostel. However, our sadness was turned to joy when we arrived at Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaya, where our friend had ministered to several of the churches a few days previously; for there we learned that the Christians in that town had been greatly blessed by the visit of Mr. Sounthararaj. It was particularly gratifying to us to hear such testimony concerning a servant of God with whom we were closely associated in his childhood and youth.

". . . into all the world." Thus the servants of the Lord connected with the S.B.M. are in these days not only extending their activities westwards but are doing this in an easterly direction also. The ties referred to above have, we trust, been strengthened by the fellowship made possible through our visit to Malaya.

INDIA CONFERENCE, 1969

MISS Y. CONACHER

"O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God." As we concluded our conference this year, this we could truly say. As we considered the things which were revealed unto us we saw displayed the wisdom of God. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God but those things which are revealed belong unto us . . . that we may do all . . ."

We as a Conference are full of praise to the Lord for His bountiful goodness to us during our time spent at Brooklands, Coonoor, in the cool of the Nilgiri Hills. We met in worship together on Sunday morning after which we had a time of prayer. Mr. Appleby brought us the Word of God in our morning devotions in a series of four addresses on faith. These times spent around the Word were most helpful and refreshing and a great blessing to us all. In the devotional sessions and times of prayer we spent together the Lord's presence was felt.

We are full of gratitude and praise to God for His leading, guiding and direction in all our business sessions. In all things as we have acknowledged Him we have known Him to lead and direct our path. There seems so much to be done with so few personnel. Great wisdom is needed as we walk into the future and the responsibilities we have together with our Indian brethren. Through the guidance of the Spirit we were a people of one mind in all our deliberations for which we praise God.

At Conference there is always time given for relaxation—Mr. and Mrs. Thrower gave us a delightful evening taking us over their journey and ministry in Malaya with many coloured slides. Mr. Charles Sounthararaj, an old scholar from the Namakkal school, gave us an interesting talk one afternoon on his recent visit to Malaya and the opportunities he had for ministry in many places. He also gave a short talk on "The place of the Missionary in India".

As always at Conference there are farewells to be said and we bade "Godspeed" to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and Dr. Harris as they return to England for another furlough, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Ryan as they will go to Australia in July to begin their furlough. We were unable personally to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Field back to India as they were still on the high seas at the time of Conference. A letter of welcome awaited them in Ooty to express the delight and appreciation of Conference that they were able to return for another short term of service. We give praise to God for His undertaking for them and bringing them back to us.

As we endeavour to fulfil all that has been revealed to us we covet the prayers of you all in the home land that "the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified".

SPAIN FIRST IMPRESSIONS

MISS N. HAWES

Twenty-four hours of travelling brought us through snow-covered England and France to the green and drier slopes of Spain. Even here in the distance, freshly fallen snow lay thick on the high mountains. The bright sunshine in a clear sky had little effect on the frosty air.

On arrival Mr. Sanchis and three church members met me: one being the owner of the flat I now occupy. We got into a car and climbed steadily through the traffic to the northern part of the city, to an area which lies not far from the foot of Mt. Tibidabo, one of the highest points in Barcelona.

My apartment looks out towards this, but the view is hidden by a steep hillside. This slope is being prepared and planted with fir and fruit trees, cacti and other similar plants in readiness for its use as a public park. The apartment itself has two light airy rooms, the other rooms need artificial light when in use. The tiled floors can be cleaned easily. The kitchen lends itself to simplicity and the shelves made from blocks of white stone must have their added usefulness in the heat of summer.

The Spanish people generally have been most helpful and friendly. Dress varies little and most people seem to speak the language fluently, although recently when I asked a lady the way to the post office in Spanish, she shook her head, and I realised afterwards, a good plain English sentence might have been welcomed!

On the day of my arrival I was invited out to a New Year's Eve dinner with Mr. Sanchis' family and later taken to a Watchnight Service in the home of one of the deacons. Christmas decorations were much in evidence, these I understood are not removed until after January 6th when the festival, called the Three Kings (Wise Men), is celebrated. The

Watchnight Service was brief but helpful. The hours before had been preceded by the singing of hymns, accompanied by the piano, violin and accordion. This gave me an introduction to Spanish music, the tunes of some hymns were very well known to me.

The chapel is the first large room of a flat on the ground floor and seats about fifty people. When I first entered it one evening it looked very inviting with its polished wooden seats, pulpit and piano, and one or two well known texts written on the walls and pulpit. This flat also contains a room for the Sunday School with blackboard and flannel-graph equipment, another room is used for the display of literature, and yet another room is used as an office.

On New Year's Sunday Mr. Sanchis and family being away, the two services were conducted by the Church elders and deacons. The morning service took the form of a prayer-meeting, when most members took part. I was given a very warm welcome. My surname is proving to be an exercise in English!

Settling in needless to say has meant frequent excursions to the shops, of which there are many. The local market and general stores have supplied most of my needs. There is plenty of food compared with Indian standards and that which I have eaten seems quite inviting. The main shopping centre is some 35 minutes' journey from here, down in the old part of the town and not far from the harbour. The shopping hours vary but at this time of the year the hours generally are from 9.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m., but some keep open much later.

The language school which is near to the large Cathedral, is on the top floor of a block of flats. There are about eighty students all studying Spanish at various levels. It is truly international as many countries are represented. The course is intensive, the first term covering eleven or so weeks during which the main grammar parts, conversation, etc., are taught. Spanish for business, Spanish for commercial ends, but what are these compared with Spanish for His service.

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN MISSION

DR. F. LACUEVA

Every Christian Church is responsible for the extension of the Gospel and we can test its life by the measure of its missionary aim.

1. BIBICAL BASIS. The missionary character of every Church is based on three main biblical points:

(*a*) Heb. 11: 6 states clearly that *faith* is absolutely necessary for salvation. Rom. 3: 9-26 tells us that saving faith is complete trust in the only Saviour, *our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(*b*) Rom. 10: 13-17 emphasises that faith cometh *by hearing,* and *"how shall they hear without a preacher?".*

(*c*) The great commission to preach the Gospel was given *to the whole Church,* not to the Twelve alone (*v.* Matt. 28: 19-20; Mark 16: 15-16; Luke 24: 45-48—note verse 33; John 20: 21-23; Acts 1: 7-8).

2. PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES:

(1) *Every Christian must be a missionary.* We must remember that, although salvation is quite a personal matter, once we are born again, we enter a *family circle* (*v.* 1 John 3: 1) and share in the main Christian family business of the proclamation of the Gospel. Some people hold the mistaken idea that only our personal relationship with God matters, but we are members of one Body (*v.* Eph. 4: 15-16) that must be built up by a *communal* work of edification.

In which way must every believer share the responsibility of the missionary task?

(*a*) By witnessing to the risen Saviour in the proclamation of the Gospel of salvation. This is the main sense of Acts 1: 7-8.

(*b*) By true Christian behaviour. The Apostle Paul could say of the Christian Thessalonians: "From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad" (1 Thess. 1: 8). Christian behaviour sounds out like the trumpet of a "herald" spreading the message of Christian faith.

(*c*) By prayer. Missionary work is *the Lord's battle.* Exod. 17: 8-13 is the best illustration: if the Church draws near to God (to the mountain!) in prayer, the missionary field will achieve wonderful victories.

(*d*) By financial support. Someone has skilfully remarked: "The Gospel is *free,* but the vessels in which we carry it *cost money*".

(*e*) By giving your whole life in complete consecration to the Mission. Becoming a "missionary" in the strictest sense of the word, you are called to the front of God's battle. Have you felt this wonderful call? Let the Spirit lead you (Rom. 8: 14) in this way as well as in all ways of Christian life!

(2) *The missionary work is the most urgent work of every Christian Church,* for the following reasons:



Dr. and Mrs. F. Lacueva and family.

(*a*) If we appreciate the most precious gift of God (John 3: 16), we "should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light" (1 Pet. 2: 9).

(*b*) To hide the good tidings of salvation within ourselves is a sin against God's chosen people (remember the narrative of the four lepers in 2 Kings 2: 1-9). We know that God is sovereign in the fulfilment of His plan of salvation, but this does not absolve us from our responsibility. The Holy Spirit normally uses men as instruments to convince others of sin and lead them, through the preaching of the Word, to a saving knowledge of Christ.

(*c*) We are in the last times "and the Gospel must first be published among all nations" (Mark 13: 10). Will you face the Second Coming of our Lord unashamed having done nothing for the extension of His kingdom?

(*d*) The urgency of the missionary work is *especially* clear for all of us who hold firmly the biblical standpoint of *particular redemption*. All who believe in an unbiblical "universal salvation" need not be concerned about something that is a "fait accompli". Roman Catholics who place in the way of salvation all men "who strive to live a good life" (*v*. Documents of Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, point 16), can value the missionary work as something pertaining to the "well being" of Christianity (something merely "complementary" for the human nature), not to the "being" (as something absolutely necessary for salvation), as we firmly believe. *Only people born again by the Spirit can be saved* (*v*. John 3: 3-8), and this spiritual new birth takes place ordinarily through the instrumentality of *the word of God* preached by the Gospel (*v*. 1 Pet. 1: 23, 25).

How urgent must we therefore consider the missionary work which brings "faith by hearing", by the Spirit and through the word!

THE BOOKMOBILE

MR. AND MRS. L. RYAN

While we were on holiday the Bookmobile created a lot of interest. Many missionaries came to have a close look at the Bookmobile. Two missionaries have even asked for the plans because they feel this is just what they need for their work. When another Christian worker from North India saw the Bookmobile he said, "A van like this would be a wonderful asset to Christian work in North India. Just imagine, we don't have anything like this in the whole of North India."

We thank God for the people we are able to reach through the Bookmobile, and we also thank God for the Tamilian Christians who have a burden for their own people and are glad to make use of the Bookmobile to reach them. At the end of our holidays I had the privilege of doing Gospel work on the Nilgiri Hills with Victor Benjamin, the Pastor of the Ottacamund Tamil Baptist Church and three of his Church members. The Pastor and many of the members are very active in doing gospel work. When possible a new village is visited each Monday, and each Wednesday night they conduct an open-air meeting in or around Ooty. I wish all in England and Australia who are prayerfully interested in the work here could have seen how thrilled these people were to have the use of the Bookmobile. Now, in just a few days, through the use of the Bookmobile they would be able to reach more people and sell more Christian literature than they would have done in almost a year's work in the ordinary way.

I arrived Sunday night in Ooty ready to leave with the others early the next morning. One of the men who was able to take leave said he wasn't able to come as he had important things he must attend to. But while he was reading the Word that morning from 1 Cor. 9 God spoke to him very clearly through v. 16, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!" When he told his wife she said, "If God has spoken to you through this verse you cannot stay at home, you must go and preach the gospel with the others." And so five of us set out for Kotagiri.

Whenever we came to a village or group of people we stopped, and while one brother beat the drum and another played the tamborine, we sang. This was followed by a short message and a word of encouragement to the people to buy the books displayed in the Bookmobile. Then one of us stayed to sell from the Bookmobile while the others sold to those further away. This was the method used at each place we stopped, and throughout the day we sold many portions of God's word and had some good contacts with the people.

At the end of the day we came to a Traveller's Bungalow ten miles the other side of Kotagiri, where Victor had hoped we would be able

to spend the night. However God had other plans. The bungalow was full but the man in charge of the nearby Tea Estate Office was a Christian and he invited us to spend the night with him. Then as soon as we were settled in his house he asked us to conduct a meeting to which he invited his neighbours. Next morning before breakfast, at their request, we visited the homes of three who had attended the meeting the previous night. We had reading and prayer in each of these homes.

Later that day in one of the villages we visited we met a Pastor who held meetings in his house each Sunday and during the week. He showed us a scar on his wrist he had received through doing the Lord's Work. Through his witness and help a Malayalam man was converted. Later when the Pastor went to visit the man in his village, the converted man's two brothers came out to meet him. One of these men had in his hand a knife, something like a jungle knife, with which he attacked the Pastor. Through God's protection the only wound he received was to his wrist. He still continues to witness faithfully. We sold three Bibles during the time we spent in his village.

On Wednesday night I took some of the members of the Ooty Tamil Baptist Church out for their usual Wednesday night open-air meeting. Because they had the use of the Bookmobile they were able to go further and held meetings in a number of villages. In the last place we visited we were taken to a poorly-lit one-roomed house. An old blind man and his family were living there. The old man was one of Victor's father's converts and in spite of his age, blindness and a walk of over ten miles, he still went every now and then to the services at Ooty. Before we left we conducted a meeting in the dim light of the small candle that was meant to light the room. As we were leaving they offered to make coffee for us, but we refused. It would have been a great sacrifice for these people to have given six cups of coffee, but they would have done it gladly.

On Thursday, after visiting many villages we came, about nightfall, to a tea estate where we held a meeting in a teacher's house. We stayed that night in the house of one of the foremen and were having our evening meal at 11 p.m.

Next day, after selling books around the tea estate, we travelled to a village where we were directed to a Christian teacher's home. After a good time of fellowship and Bible reading and prayer with the family he directed us to another Christian home. We visited a number of other homes in various villages on the way home, and could have visited many more if there had been time.

It was a real joy and privilege to have had this opportunity of working with these Indian brethren during these days.

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NEWS . . . NEWS . . . NEWS . . .

MISS P. WHITE is being transferred from Velur to Dindigul to give assistance in Radio and Literature Outreach.

MISS M. E. HARRIS is being transferred from Belukurichi to Dindigul for Bible teaching and preparation of Correspondence Course material.

Note change of address for Miss White and Miss Harris:— No. C-3, Nehruji Nagar, Dindigul 1, Madurai District, S. India.

MISS E. M. FLORY is to move from Velur to Belukurichi where she and MISS Y. CONACHER can live and work together in evangelism in the Salem area, including Velur.

MR. AND MRS. C. HOWELLS, after finishing studies at Albertville, will move to Geneva for further language instruction in the late summer.

MR. AND MRS. R. COOK, after finishing language studies at Brussels, will most likely move on to Mons for outreach and evangelism.

MR. AND MRS. FIELD now live at Oak End Cottage, Wood House Road, Ootacamund, Nilgiris, S. India. We praise God for this provision, and for the way in which the children are settling in at school.

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From the news above you will see that (D.V.) we shall still be undertaking a teaching ministry, evangelistic outreach, as well as continuing in the specialised ministries of Radio and Literature. Our depleted staff in India would greatly value your prayers in these important ministries for the Lord.

THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDS ON **30th JUNE.**

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Photograph of Bible School students on the Kalryan Hills, March, 1969. The children in front belong to the women and often sat in the meetings with their mothers.

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Northern Representative, Pastor E. Orchard:—JULY 20th, Sheffield, Wycliffe. AUGUST 10th, Thornhill.

Pastor P. H. Crees:—JULY 13th, Smarden. AUGUST 10th, West Ham; 24th, New Cross. Address: The Manse, Cransford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Dr. R. M. Harris:—JULY 15th, Southport; 22nd, Wetherden; 23rd, Kesgrave. Address: 32 Elm Grove Road, Ealing, W.5.

Mr. W. H. Kuhrt:—JULY 5th/6th, Meopham; 9th, "Eden", Cambridge; 27th, "Tabernacle", Watford. AUGUST 24th, Rishangles; 31st, Bierton.

Mrs. W. H. Kuhrt:—JULY 2nd, St. Leonard's; 4th, Meopham; 24th, Brighton, Garden Meeting. Address: 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

Mr. F. Lacueva:—JULY 6th, Greenwich; 8th, Bromley; 9th, "Bethesda", Ipswich. AUGUST 31st, Ireland. Address: Birkin Lodge, Camden Park, Tunbridge Wells. Kent.

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Pastor P. A. Grist:—JULY 13th, Stowmarket. Address: 58 Magazine Farm Way, Lexden, Colchester, Essex.

BIBLE SCHOOL

MISS M. E. HARRIS

The Bible School, which took place on the Kalryan Hills in March was attended by eleven women-workers belonging to the Hill Gospel Fellowship. These women had all come in from their places of work on different Hills, and some of them had travelled many miles.

We three Missionaries ourselves had had quite an interesting journey from Belukurichi, which should have taken us only about four hours by Jeep, without stops. Instead of which it took us nearly one and a half days to reach our destination. All went well for the first 56 miles or so, but then the Jeep, in which we were travelling, broke down, so we had to complete the journey the next day. Because of this hold-up, our eight-day programme was cut short by a whole day. But Mrs. Brand, who belongs to this Hill Fellowship had come to the rescue, and had gathered all the women together for their opening meetings, which she had conducted herself.

Kumminkurichi, the place where the Bible School was held, is accessible by Jeep to within a short distance of the Mission Station. But for the last few miles of the journey there is no road at all, and the Jeep has to be driven across very rough country. Some of us were glad to be able, at last, to get out and walk, when the Jeep finally came to a stop.

Most of the women who attended the Bible School were married, and three of them had quite small babies, which they themselves had to cope with, while trying to study in the classes, as no one had been appointed to look after them. One could not help but admire the determination of these young mothers to try and not to miss any of the Bible Lessons. This meant they had to nurse their baby in one arm, while writing with their free hand in their notebooks at the same time.

Miss Flory, Miss Conacher and myself each taught a different set of lessons on a variety of subjects, which included six lessons on the study of the Epistle to the Ephesians; six lessons on the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ; and various lessons on Health, Sunday School Preparation, the Women in the Bible, and Important Verses in the Bible. Prizes were given to those who could repeat

the whole of the first chapter of Ephesians from memory without a mistake. Seven of the women gained prizes for this, and it was a real joy to see their eagerness to get each verse word perfect. Another prize was given to the woman who kept the best note-book of notes written up on each day's lesson.

Our programme included one Sunday in which we all had a time of worship together in the morning, and a time of singing in the afternoon, when some of the women sang solos, or duets, or three of them sang together. Sunday evening was spent in gospel work. We all went out as a group to Kumminkurichi village, where we held an open-air meeting which was well attended. Two of the Bible School women and one of the Missionaries spoke in this meeting, and we all took part in the singing of Tamil lyrics and hymns. On three other evenings, too, some of us went out visiting in four of the villages nearby, and spoke to the Hill people in their homes about the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord greatly bless the teaching of His Holy Word, which was given during the time of the Bible School on the Kalryans. Pray also that the Lord may bless the witness that was given to the Hill people in their villages.

In a recent letter Miss Harris mentioned that she had read through Charles Hodge's commentary on the Ephesians in preparation for this Bible School. An extract, taken from the Banner of Truth Trust reprint, is given below.

Eph. 1. 20, ". . . There are two things evidently intended in these words. First, that the power which raises the believer from spiritual death, is the same as that which raises Christ from the grave. And, secondly, that there is a striking analogy between these events and an intimate connection between them. The one was not only the symbol, but the pledge and procuring cause of the other. The resurrection of Christ is both the type and the cause of the spiritual resurrection of His people, as well of their future rising from the grave in his glorious likeness . . . As often, therefore, as the believer contemplates Christ as risen and seated at the right hand of God, he has at once an illustration of the change which has been effected in his own spiritual state, and a pledge that the work commenced in regeneration shall be consummated in glory."

May the faith of the women often be strengthened as they contemplate the truth here enshrined and may they have the joy of seeing many others raised from spiritual death to new life in Christ.

REGIONAL MEETING

The Church at Eden, Cambridge, entertained us very happily and satisfactorily at our meetings on April 22nd. It was a day which will long be remembered for the evident leading and blessing of the Lord.

The Prayer Meeting, led by Pastor D. Smith, set the tone for the day as we were encouraged to join fervently in prayer and in confidence based on the promises of God (Psalm 72. 19).

We shall not easily forget the searching message of our Missionary on furlough, Mr. W. H. Kuhrt. Speaking of the agonising responsibilities of transfer of property in India and of the lessons the S.B.M. and the Tamil Churches had to learn, he summed it all up in the words of Ornan and Mephibosheth, "I give it all" and "Oh let him take it all" (1 Chron. 21. 23 and 2 Sam. 19. 30). This spirit must also apply to the Home Churches as we give ourselves to total Mission, for nothing less than giving all can sustain the new vision "Into all the world". God has given His all to us and we need to learn that there is such a thing as a *continual whole burnt offering* to the Lord.

Speaking of Mephibosheth Mr. Kuhrt said that because his King had returned Mephibosheth was ready to give everything—the King meant more than everyone and everything else. Isn't the Lord Jesus enough? God alone is as much as God and all the world! Then let Him take all we have, since having Him we possess all things.

The theme of the evening meeting, though undesigned by us, was the triumph of Christ. This was seen in the testimony of Dr. Harris especially as we rejoiced together in the uniting once more of Chinnamuthu and Sundoshi of Vazhavanthi, this is the triumph of God in their lives. The same theme was manifest in the testimony of Dr. Lacueva who revealed the triumph of Christ in his own life and in his call to Mission, as well as in the way in which doors of opportunity are opening in Spain.

Pastor G. Appere, of Geneva, after revealing the deep need of France asked the question, "Can new Churches be formed having regard to all the problems?", and the answer he gave was "The Lord can do much through a simple but devoted ministry. It happened in Haldane's time, it can happen again". He then spoke of the revival which swept through Europe about 100 years ago, and which began as Robert Haldane gathered a group of young students around him in Geneva and expounded the Epistle to the Romans to them. He also told the story of the founding of the Church in Geneva of which he is Pastor, and this, too, was a triumph of the grace of God. May God cause us continually to triumph in Christ Jesus.

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Philemon had a Church in his house. We have a studio in ours. A Church in your house could produce some interesting situations. The studio in ours certainly does.

We have three lines of electric supply to the house. This allows us to juggle things around, to avoid the situation of the recorders being on the same line as, say, the electric iron. We found that this latter beast was capable of recording a noise reminiscent of bacon and eggs frying, when its thermostat chattered on and off. The Far East Broadcasting Co. doesn't seem to like recordings of bacon and eggs frying. So the housewife must search around the house and do the weekly ironing at a plug point on a different line from the studio line!

Our house is well built, tied together at base, first floor and roof level by reinforced cement beams which encircle all rooms. Fine for structural stability . . . but a nightmare for structure borne noise. We solemnly recorded the steady rumble of an apparent thunderstorm one day. But the Far East Broadcasting Co. doesn't like recordings of thunderstorms either. Doing the Sherlock Holmes, we traced the noise to a big grindstone grimly grinding on the ground floor . . . Grrrrrrrr. Now the grindstone sits on a thick rubber mat, and the thunder is exorcised from the studio.

Our lounge room boasts but four easy chairs—north, south, east and west. From time to time their canes tremble under the weight of sudden invasion. What else can they do but tremble when an orchestral group



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MR. and MRS. H. J. APPLEBY

of eight hefty young men descends upon them? (To say nothing of the accompanying harmonium, drums, guitars, cymbals and violins.) It can be quite an exercise in logistics to usher an orchestra through the house and up the stairs to the studio! And The Housewife feels the impact of the invasion too: "Can we have nine cups of coffee in ten minutes, please, dear?" We wonder if Philemon ever gave his congregation drinks.

Perhaps our children are the ones who "suffer" most. The delightful pastime of slamming doors may be official practice on British Rail, but it's definitely not the done thing in Goodnews House when recording is on. The Far East Broadcasting Co. doesn't approve of recordings of a distant artillery barrage. Thumping down the stairs can be an expressive way to release inner tensions; but if Dad is trying to record at the time, no such release is permissable. There is the inevitable urge to peer through the control-room window to discover what all those Indian uncles and aunties are doing. But flattened noses on control-room windows are not the most helpful of sights to preach to, and the practice is discouraged. We wonder what Philemon did with his children, during service times.

Oddly enough, The Housewife quite approves of a studio in the house. She knows what's going on, she says. It is good to know what's going on, and so to share in this wonderful way of preaching by radio. That would be an advantage that Philemon would find, having the Church in his house. He'd always be there when it met!

FELLOWSHIP IN WORSHIP AND WITNESS

DR. R. M. HARRIS

Early in the morning of the Thursday before Good Friday, John Abraham had set out from his home down in Alatur on the lower slopes of the Kollis, and climbed the Hills to Lundapali, where Nesam, his grand-daughter, lived with her husband, Arulmitren. He and Arulmitren had planned to go to Bailnadu about ten miles over the hills, to have fellowship during that weekend with the two women Missionaries camping there.

They had sent a card to give notice of their intended arrival on Good Friday morning—the two Missionaries had been thrilled to receive the card with its good news, for they had prayed and had asked others to pray, that they might have fellowship with Indian Christians, members of the Kolli Hill Churches, while on their four-months camp on the Northern Kollis. Nesam was expecting her first little one in two months time so it had seemed unlikely that she and her husband would come over, and it was a long way for the old man. But on Thursday evening, at sunset, just as the Missionaries were finishing an early supper prior to a visit to the village nearby, they arrived, four of them—John Abraham, Arulmitren, Nesam (who did not want to be left behind) and Nethiammal, her bright young sister. What a joy it was to see them.

The hut where they were to stay was ready for them, swept, and the wheat straw stored there, stacked up in one corner. After the travellers had had their supper, and the missionaries had had a meeting in the village, so as not to disappoint the children, they gathered together for evening prayers.

Good Friday morning dawned sunny and bright. Directly after breakfast John Abraham was out on the hillside, behind the huts, looking for a good spot, under the shade of a tree, where a service could be held out of doors. A start was made with a hymn and prayer, by which time the sun had chased the shade away and another place had to be

found. It was an informal service with no sermon. Tamil hymns were sung, portions of the Gospels were read, each literate member of the small congregation reading in turn. So the sufferings, death and burial of the Lord were followed through in the Scriptures with only a word or two of comment now and again. A few Hindus, adults and children, came and stood, or sat, for a while and then went away.

After the service was over some of the group sat on, sharing problems and turning to God's Word for their solution. Again in the afternoon there was time for this sort of fellowship.

That night after darkness had fallen this little band of Christians went along by the fields to the village. They sat down on the ground outside one of the homes, on mats and on the coarse goat-hair rug put down for them, surrounded by the village children. The older people sat on the low walls, which divided one house courtyard from the next one, and on verandahs of nearby houses people listened attentively to the singing of lyrics accompanied by cymbals and as John Abraham, one of their own people, spoke to them in their own dialect, taking his illustrations from their daily lives, they showed special interest when he told them who he was, where he came from and gave a personal testimony.

Early the following morning, provided with a picnic meal for the journey, the four of them set off for home again. It was a disappointment that they could not stay over the weekend but the little girl had to get back to school early Monday morning.

May God raise up from among the people those who shall be His witnesses to them.

"Man of Sorrows!" What a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!"

PHILIP BLISS.

APPRECIATIONS OF PASTOR A. D. ROWLAND

For almost four years Pastor Rowland, of Hadleigh, has very ably undertaken financial duties in connection with the Mission. However, the pressure of increasing pastoral responsibilities, which have coincided with reorganisation of the Mission's work, make it necessary that he should lay down the Financial Secretaryship at the end of the present Financial Year. He will, however, continue to give valuable help on the Council of Management. The Council appreciate the way in which he has contributed to the efficiency of the Mission's work and supporters of the Mission have been assured, through the correspondence accompanying receipts for gifts, that their help is warmly appreciated. It is good, therefore, to have this opportunity of publicly acknowledging Mr. Rowland's service for the Lord and the Mission. We wish our brother every blessing in his pastoral work and pray that his ministry will continue to bear fruit to the glory of God.

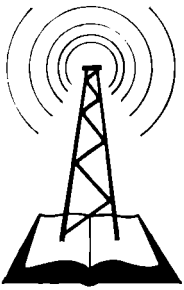
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FROM PASTOR P. H. CREES

When, at the Mission's Half-Yearly Meetings, I received the gift of the Churches to me upon my retirement from the Mission, I was lost for words. I felt that I expressed very inadequately my very deep and real appreciation, but I do most sincerely thank the Lord and the Churches for this magnificent gift of £310.

For me the Lord's service has always been its own reward and in the Mission I received so much in opportunity, and fellowship and friendship. This extra gift is so like the Lord, He does exceedingly above what we ask or think, bless His holy name.

It is a joy to me that my service for the Lord in the Mission has not ended abruptly, but that I am being let out gradually, and that for this year I am able to serve the S.B.M., particularly in deputation ministry. It also gives me the opportunity to help, as occasion arises, my beloved colleague, Mr. B. F. Ellis, and this is a real joy to me. My prayer is that the Mission and Mr. Ellis may be blessed and owned of God more than ever in the days to come.



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JULY 13—ENGLAND: EUROPE: INDIA: AUSTRALIA

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"Since God has prepared himself a lamb, a sacrifice, a priest, a throne of grace and has bid you come to him . . . come boldly . . . What better warrant can you have to come than to be bid to come of God? . . . That we have our friend at court should also make us come boldly. Jesus, as sacrifice and high priest, is there, 'in whom we have boldness, and access with confidence by the faith of Him' (Eph. 3. 12) . . . What can be more plain, more encouraging, more comfortable to them who would obtain mercy, 'and find grace to help in time of need'! It is a dishonour to God, a disadvantage to you, and an encouragement to Satan, when you hang back, and seem afraid to 'come boldly unto the throne of grace'. 'Let us', therefore, 'draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith . . .' (Heb. 10. 22)." From "Prayer" by John Bunyan—reprinted by The Banner of Truth Trust.

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20—CHELMSFORD

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21—WESTMINSTER

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Further details in the next issue—why not arrange a coach party for your Sunday School or Church?

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View of Belukurichi—Kolli Hills in background

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SUNDAY SCHOOL IN BELUKURICHI

MISS M. E. HARRIS

Sunday School in Belukurichi is now ten years old. It began when my sister and I first moved from Vazhavanthi to Belukurichi in 1959. Having the local children into our house for Sunday School was a wonderful way of getting to know them and also their families. My sister had all the bigger boys from the 1st Form High School age and upwards. I had all the smaller boys and girls from Nursery School age up to Standard V, and also some older girls. The boys had their Sunday School out in the back-yard under the Hospital Shelter. I had the girls and little children inside the house in front of the wide open front door, so that the children's parents could keep an eye on them if they wanted to do so. Some of the parents sat on the front verandah and listened for quite a long time.

We had very few rules, but one necessary rule was that the small children should come having had a wash, and having done their hair, and dressed in some clothes. I never stipulated what clothes, so little children often arrived either with only the top half of their naked little brown bodies covered, or with only the lower half covered. The little children from the Headmaster's house used to arrive in spotlessly clean clothes, and with well-washed faces, and hair oiled and neatly combed. But the children from another family up our street used to run into Sunday School straight from their games in the road, with their naked little bodies covered in dust and mud, dirty faces, and hair that looked as if it had not been combed for weeks. As soon as they got inside they would stop and remember, and then wait for what they knew would come, namely, a howl of horrified exclamations from the other children, who had remembered to wash and be clothed, and a host of instructions to be carried out quickly.

Children in India get their new clothes given to them for some of the more important Hindu Festivals. Two little girls appeared at our front door one day to show me their beautiful new dresses. "We have left our 'trouse' at home", they said. Next Sunday School one of the

little girls turned up dressed in her new "trouse" only, which turned out to be the very briefest of bikinis, but she was obviously very pleased with them, and completely devoid of any self-consciousness.

Many children are named after Hindu gods, and so several children would have the same name. But usually this soon became sorted out, as in the case of Periaswamy. One day while I was giving out Tamil Text Cards, without my seeing, Periaswamy helped himself to several cards from the Hospital table and ran off home. But the children had seen him and told me. Of course we all went off to his home to investigate and put the matter right But ever after that Periaswamy was described to me by the children, and distinguished from all other Periaswamys, as "the one who stole the cards".

Attendance at Sunday School grew so rapidly that we had to have the boys and the smaller children at different times, in order that the Junior section could use the back verandah, where there was more room than in the front part of our house. Long before I opened the door for the children to come in they would be asking me, "When are we going to have 'Parthu'?", which means "singing". They loved the "singing" part of Sunday School because for the Tamil lyrics they were allowed to clang cymbals, or bang a tambourine, or ring tiny bells, or just to clap their hands to keep in time with the rhythm. Other singing, such as choruses, was done with actions, which helped them to remember the words and enjoy the meaning.

The daughter of our milkman, next door, has attended regularly at Sunday School, and is quite a leader amongst the children. She helps them to memorise their Scripture verses during the week, and leads in the singing. Our Sunday School always ends with prayer, in which the children are asked if there is anything special for which they want to pray. More than once our neighbour's daughter has asked for prayer for her family, and especially her father. All the children come from Hindu or Muslim families.

When my sister and I started to go off on camp to the Kolli Hills for two to three months at a time, we were glad to be able to arrange for others to carry on the Sunday School work. Now it is being conducted by Pushpam ammal, who lives in Rasipuram, a town seven miles away from Belukurichi. She is an active member of the Church there, and

attends all their services and women's meetings regularly. Pushpam is married and has a family of children and works hard all the week as a teacher in a Government School in Rasipuram. But on Sundays she travels by bus to Belukurichi, arriving there at about 2 p.m. to take Sunday School, and usually some of the children are waiting at the bus-stand to meet her. For some time she conducted Sunday School on the verandah of a big house on the other side of the village to ours. Now she is being allowed to conduct it in our neighbour's house, so that the children, about whom I have now written, are still able to attend Sunday School and be taught from the Bible, whether the missionaries have to be away on camp or not. Let us pray that by means of Sunday School work in Belukurichi many children may come to know and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Friend.

NOTE FROM MR. J. R. FIELD

The Tamil Baptist Church at Kilpauk, Madras, has given their Chapel Vestry as a home for the newly-formed branch of the Evangelical Library, Madras. We are very pleased to hear of this new venture and commend it all to your prayers. Gifts of suitable second-hand English books would also be much appreciated. These should be sent to Pastor S. Devanesam, Evangelical Library, 3 Madavakkam Tank Road, Madras 10, South India.

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"I GIVE IT ALL"

Notes on an address by Mr. W. H. K

1. "I GIVE IT ALL"

"Take it, and let my Lord the King do what seems good to him; see I give the oxen . . . and the threshing instruments . . . and the wheat . . . I GIVE IT ALL."—I Chron. 21: 23.

1. THE GENEROSITY OF ORNAN'S GIVING

(*a*) To give the site only would have been generous.
To give the site, even if he were well-paid for it would have been generous. Remember the value that people then (and still in many parts of the world, including India) put upon the retention of ancestral property, *e.g.* Naboth.

(*b*) But he gave oxen, threshing instruments, wheat—THE LOT.
It is only generous giving on this scale that can sustain the new sense of Mission that has taken possession of the Strict Baptists.

With the threatened closure of the doors into our first and long-loved Mission Field among the Tamil people of South India it would have been all too easy for our Churches in England to fold their hands in helpless resignation. But a reviving breath from God Himself has made us lift up our eyes and look to "all the world". For this we who represent the handful of missionaries left in South India are deeply grateful.

The Mission of the Strict Baptist Churches is ONE, whether it be exercised in India or Malaya, or Europe or England. We must have a new willingness for total commitment to the total missionary task.

(*c*) Total commitment means not only a readiness to give land, money, men, our own sons and daughters but also our own selves in the sense of I Thess. 2: 8.

"Giving oneself (not simply a message) is of the essence of all genuine Christian teaching and evangelistic activity . . . Much of our service is of that tepid sort which keeps our innermost self to ourself. It may be that this is at the root of much modern ineffectiveness. It is still true that vital Christian service is costly" (quoted from Leon Morris on I Thess. 2: 8 in the Tyndale Series).

2. THE MOTIVES FOR ORNAN'S GIVING

(*a*) "Grant me the place" (I Chron. 21: 22). The King asked and for Ornan King David's requests were royal commands. That our Lord the King has commanded is the supreme and sufficient motive for mission.

(*b*) That the plague might be stayed.

Friction between the Mission and some sections of the Indian Christian community had become a wasting plague which we had been trying to deal with for many years. This particular form of the plague has been stayed by "We give it all" though it must be admitted the plague may break out in different forms and in other places.

We give for our Churches' Mission because in that way and in God's mercy the plague of sin may be stayed at least in some hearts and homes, if not in the world at large.

This kind of total commitment to the total missionary task is the one thing that may help to stay the creeping paralysis that otherwise threatens to overtake our Churches.

This kind of commitment will stay the mood of frustration and aimlessness that infects so many young people.

"LET HIM TAKE IT ALL"

given at "Eden" Chapel, Cambridge

3. THE SINCERITY OF ORNAN'S GIVING

Unless we take a very cynical view of Ornan's offer it was wholly sincere: he could not know that all he gave would be handsomely paid for any more than Abraham could have known that a voice from heaven would reprieve, at the last moment, his only and beloved son.

God is no man's debtor and "he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time" is a true word but no true servant of God sits down to calculate what sort of return he will get for his giving. He gives spontaneously and totally not counting the cost.

God has an uncomfortable way of sometimes taking us at our word. If He accepts our offering it may well turn out to be a WHOLE BURNT offering leaving nothing but ashes—and even those ashes we must determinedly rake out and cart away to make room for more—ashes! The whole burnt offering must be a CONTINUAL whole burnt offering.

4. WE HAVE PRECEDENTS FOR SUCH GIVING

Whether Ornan knew or not we know that 800 years earlier on that same site Abraham had offered up his son, his only son, Isaac, whom he loved.

Ornan could not have known but we know that 1,000 years later not far from Moriah on Mount Calvary God had offered up His only beloved Son that the plague might be stayed.

II. "LET HIM TAKE ALL"

"Yea let him take all, forasmuch as my Lord the King is come again in peace unto his own house."—II Sam. 19: 30.

There are two views that may be taken of Mephibosheth's conduct:—

1. THE MORE CHARITABLE VIEW

He was lame and unable to follow. Some of us have temperamental handicaps (a melancholic disposition?) which from time to time rob us of the "felt presence" of our Lord.

The conduct of Ziba. The conduct of others may rob us of our peace and of the sense of God's presence.

Love of ease and complacency may do so (see Cant. 5: 2, 3).

2. THE HARSHER VIEW

Mephibosheth had long nursed a secret grudge, was guilty of ambition and place seeking. How can we continue to enjoy the sense of the Lord's presence if we are trying to take advantage of other people's follies, sins, and misfortunes?

What follows convinces me that the former view of Mephibosheth is the true one but I think we all need to search our hearts lest the latter view should be the truth concerning you and me.

3. RESTORATION OF FELLOWSHIP

(*a*) Marks of Mourning (19: 24). If what Mephibosheth here says was the truth he had from the first been aware of the king's absence and bewailed it.

For how many days, weeks, months are we content to go on without even realising that we have lost the presence and blessing of the Lord? And without mourning deeply our loss? "Blessed are they that mourn" (Matt. 5: 4).

Where is the blessedness I knew
When last I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view
Of Jesus and His word? (Cowper—one word altered.)

(*b*) Go out to meet HIM—even if you have to go on hands and knees.

(*c*) Commit all judgment to HIM (19: 27, 28).
Confess that you do not deserve anything.

(*d*) Large heartedness (19: 30). Confess that Ziba's injustice and ill treatment of you now means nothing to you if only the king has come back.

My Lord the King has come back into my hungry heart. Jesus again grants me a soul refreshing view of Himself and, in a sense, nothing else matters; everything else drops into place.

When we see people squabbling over land and houses, when we see Christians insisting they MUST have this or that we are tempted to ask "Don't they know Jesus?" or "Isn't the Lord Jesus enough?".

"He that thinks anything less than God will suffice, understandeth not a soul: and he that wants anything more understands not God. GOD ALONE is as much as God and all the world." (Alleine in "Heaven Opened".)

Has my Lord the King come safely home to your heart?

Is your heart's door wide open to receive Him when He does come?

SEYCHELLES
A MIRACLE IN MID-OCEAN

MR. H. J. APPLEBY

As the new transmitting station on the Seychelles is of such vital concern to our Radio work the following article, recently published by the Far East Broadcasting Company, will be of interest to readers of "The Herald". May it please the Lord to make all needful provision for this work and to hasten the day of its completion.

Take a tropical and mountainous group of islands totalling only 87 square miles, cover them with coconut palms and cinnamon bushes, surround them with clean white beaches and large quantities of fish, and populate them with a mixed European and African ancestry, and what do you have?—SEYCHELLES!

Locate this in the Arabian Sea and you have a first-class base for an international short wave missionary radio station.

NOT ALL BLUE LAGOONS!

The business of building a broadcasting station is very demanding, especially in a tropical climate.

The tentative target date for "on-the-air" day, is mid-1969, though it is expected that some low-power test transmissions will be operating before then. The first transmissions will, of course, be towards India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, but as soon as we can install the additional antennas, transmissions toward Africa, and the Middle-East will be added. We are anticipating that this will be possible in 1970 . . . The first phase is nearing completion, so experimental broadcasts will soon be possible.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE SEYCHELLES

BUILDING

House Two.—Internally this is almost complete, and the electrical wiring is not yet complete due to the slowness of the sub-contractor. All built-in cupboards have yet to be made, and for these we are awaiting a shipment of particle-board and also the woodworking machine.

Flat.—This is almost complete and will be used as a temporary transmitter building and office.

NEW SITES

Studio.—The remainder of site clearance has been accomplished, including the removal of two tree stumps weighing approximately 3 tons each, and a vast amount of smaller roots. Levelling for Stage 1 has been completed and about 20 truck-loads of free fill from the nearby Rochan Dam has helped in this. Foundation trenches have all been dug, and some of the concrete footings poured. Much of the steel work for the columns is complete.

Transmitter.—Being unable to hire a bull-dozer for either this site or the studio site, the levelling of soil and rock has all been done by hand. On this site, there were few trees in comparison to the studio site, but a great deal of rock, which after blasting has provided much material for the retaining wall.

REEF SURVEY

Another day was spent surveying the reef area in detail, noting the contours of the plateau. As this can best be done at extreme low tide, the survey was not completed, but it is to be completed at a later date. Some probing has been done along the path that the transmission line will have to follow, and so far it is found that wherever sand exists, hard rock or coral is found 6 in. to 3 ft. below the top of the sand. This is encouraging for foundations for transmission line supports.

Cal Neibling arriving in the Seychelles in January to commence the erection of the towers. Please remember his wife and children in Australia.

A new landmark now graces the skyline at Sans Souci, on the island of Mahe. Christians in Australia have given a 90 ft. mast (together with two others to be used elsewhere), and Christians in U.K. have given the log periodic aerial that now rotates above it.

SOUTH AFRICA
MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITY

MR. ERROLL HULSE

Mr. Hulse has recently returned from a visit to South Africa and the article which follows is based on a report given to the Mission Council. This is not the first time that this country has been mentioned in the "Mission Herald"—because there is a sizeable group of Tamilians in South Africa it has featured in previous articles. However, we feel that this further contribution is valuable and it is printed here in order to give information and to stimulate prayerful interest.

"It is not possible to think of South Africa without facing political problems and it is true that we could spend years discussing the sociological and political implications of these problems. In the meantime there is the living situation, and it is with that we are primarily concerned in this brief report especially as we remember that ultimately it is only the Gospel that brings a true and real unity to different races.

"South Africa consists of some fifteen million people; three million whites, all of whom are supposed to be bilingual (English and Afrikaan); half a million Indians; half a million coloured people (mixed blood) with the great majority of the remainder springing from original Bantu tribes—the Xhosa, Zulu, Sotho tribes predominating, but with several other smaller groups with their own languages. There are also minorities of Chinese and Malayans.

"Unbounded missionary opportunity prevails. Generally speaking, all groups, with perhaps the exception of the Moslem Indians, are wide open to the Gospel, and the authorities give every encouragement to missionaries provided they do not become embroiled in political debate. Some areas are much better catered for than others, but it would be true to say that reinforcements would be welcomed in almost every part. I will give you just two examples, although many could be quoted:

"1. South of Durban there are large numbers of Zulu people who are practically without any provision as far as leadership is concerned in regard to the Gospel. Generally the policy of all missionaries in the country is to teach the converts in such a way that they are able to form their own indigenous Churches with their own pastors. Missionaries who have the ability and experience to attempt such work are greatly valued.

"2. Both to the north and south of Durban there is a fairly large population of Indians who are mainly Hindu. Although the older generation still speak Tamil and Telegu, so that a knowledge of these languages would be useful in contacting them, the English language is being increasingly used and as a consequence the old language problem will soon disappear. The South African General Mission and the South African Baptist Missionary Society have missionaries working in these parts and these same missionaries are in partnership with Indian Pastors helping them. In conversation with these missionaries it was discovered that they are overwhelmed by the extent of the work and there are boundless opportunities for missionaries from abroad who will join the present forces and work on the basis of multiplying trained Indian Pastors to work among their own people.

"There are several Bible Colleges in the country for the training of African Pastors. The Dutch Reformed Church lead in this respect, and during my trip to South Africa I visited two of these, one at Turfloop in the Northern Transvaal and one at Umtata in the Transkei which is now an Independent African State of some two million people (Xhosa speaking). Further south in the Eastern Province there is a Baptist College for Africans. The standard of training is very high in the Dutch Reformed Colleges.

"I would say there are opportunities for service both in colleges and hospitals with the Baptist denomination. Generally speaking, from the doctrinal point of view, the Reformed Faith is not very well known among the Baptists although there is evidence of an increasing interest in expository preaching, and Spurgeon's writings are much in demand. The Baptist denomination, unlike its English counterpart, is thoroughly evangelical with very little tendency to Neo-orthodoxy. Pentecostalism of the shallow kind has increased within Baptist ranks which emphasises the need for a return to the old foundations and an increasing number of ministers favour the latter."

ANNUAL THANKOFFERING

Envelopes are being supplied to the Churches for your Thankoffering. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest . . . shall not cease."

Gen. 8: 22.

HOW BIG IS OUR FAMILY?

MR. & MRS. D. A. THROWER

This article was written whilst we were in Malaya paying a visit to the Tamil workers and Churches at the invitation of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (formerly the China Inland Mission). This is a prosperous country which luxuriates in many good things that are not available in India.

One of these luxuries that we have enjoyed, consisted of an electric frying-pan placed in the middle of the dining table in such a way that the family were able to eat from it while the contents continued to cook. One day we were entertained by a family who possess such a cooker. We all sat round the table while a delicious dish of a cheese mixture bubbled in the pan in the centre. Chunks of bread were handed round, and these we pierced with our forks and dipped into the toothsome fry. It was real fun eating together in this fashion, and our enjoyment was enhanced by this delightful method of sharing the meal from a common dish. The party round that table included three Americans, a Scot, a Netherlander, a New Zealander, and two from England. Although we hailed from a number of widely separated parts of the world, we shared real and rich fellowship in this way.

In a somewhat similar manner we, your missionaries, sometimes have the pleasure and privilege of enjoying a meal with our Indian friends in their homes. We are welcomed as if we were members of the family and share the meal in the intimacy of the family circle.

Again, when we come to the table of the Lord the privilege of sharing is still more precious to us. Whether our friends are poor or rich, Indian, British, or of some other nationality, we all partake together of this feast which our Lord has graciously provided for us. On such occasions the love of our heavenly Father is very real to us all, because we are reminded of the great cost of the Feast both to our Father in heaven and to our Elder Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ. This fellowship eclipses all differences of race, class and culture, for we are all children in the one family of God. Reader! Do you belong to this family and enjoy the privilege of sharing in this world-wide fellowship?

This reminds us of an incident attributed to Lawrence of Arabia. When a price had been put on his head and his Arab enemies were determined to win the prize by putting him to death, he is said to have taken refuge in an Arab home. There he quietly waited for a meal to be served and, as soon as the food became available, quickly took and ate a portion of it and then revealed his identity. The fact that Lawrence had eaten of the food of that family made him a blood relation, although the folk had never met him before. Consequently those people pledged themselves to protect their new brother and suffered considerable trouble and even danger through their determined efforts to preserve his life at all costs. Similarly, we who enjoy the great privilege of being members of the family of God, of eating heavenly food and drinking the wine of heaven, have also the honour and responsibility of protecting each other from the attacks of our common enemy, the devil. This is one of the reasons for which you have sent us missionaries to this foreign field of service. Your love to the Lord Jesus has led you to share your good things with others in the family of God. And we on our part gladly embrace this opportunity of expressing on our own behalf and on that of our Indian and Malayan Christian friends, our greetings and salaams to you all, together with a word of grateful thanks for your faithful support by prayer and gift.

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By PASTOR C. C. POND

"A SENSE OF MISSION"

When J. K. Thorpe first indicated his intention not to complete the normal five years as Mission President, my reply was that this retirement would mark the end of an era in the Mission's history. Many years as General Secretary followed by five years as Vice-President and three as President have not only stamped a name indelibly on the records, but also the man himself upon the work.

My knowledge of the beginning of this era is rather hazy. During the Second World War I stayed for a time in the Mission Bungalow in Kilpauk, Madras, with our esteemed friends David and Marty Thrower and Mrs. Brand. I knew little or nothing about the S.B.M. when I went there, neither was I a Strict Baptist. Both of these limitations were corrected by the end of my three-week stay. While I was there I was frequently asked what I thought of the appointment of J. K. Thorpe as Mission General Secretary. Was it not a great move? Did it not auger well for the future? Was he not a man of faith? Sad to say, I knew not the man! But I gathered that in the view of those good people he was a good man. Now at the end of that era I am able to confirm all this to be true and count it no small privilege to pay this tribute.

A phrase often used by Mr. Thorpe is "a sense of mission". If he had never used the phrase or uttered a word on the theme it would still have been exemplified fully in his life and in his work in the Mission and among the churches. Our brother lives by the conviction that the churches ought to be committed to mission —mission in total and irrespective of geography. Mission being more than occasional special efforts but a continuous, unremitting dedication to the service of Christ in the churches and among our fellows, in compassionate concern for their physical well-being and a burden for their salvation through the grace of Christ.

Our brother lives by this conviction. He is not simply content to preach these things to others, they are the substance of his life as we know him. Those who have observed his pastoral work and his many years of labour to unite and strengthen the churches will recognise the truth of these statements. But it is in connection with the Strict Baptist Mission that all this has been most clearly demonstrated. More than once I have heard him say that he would have gladly gone overseas himself for Christ's sake and would rejoice in anyone whom he dearly loved doing the same. Members of Mission Council will be more aware than most of the able and strong leadership exercised by John Thorpe. The test of a leader is to inspire others to follow and to bring others into harmony, and yet to know how to yield to others without loss of respect. A leader has to speak

strong words to beloved colleagues and even to carry through unpopular measures, and yet to retain their love, respect and loyalty. This man of conviction is such a leader.

One wonders how much would have been possible without the full support of Mrs. Thorpe. Her commitment to the Lord and the work is a constant inspiration to us all. We thank God for this dedicated partnership.

It is typical of Mr. Thorpe that he has desired to pass on the leadership at a time when the affairs of the Mission are least problematical. Not a man to shirk responsibility, he has wanted to make it as easy as possible for his successor. Of course, whilst we are confronted by the enemy of souls there will be no time without grave problems. Yet our brother has so far succeeded in his desire that I cannot imagine a better time than this for very many years to have followed him. We still have his help and for this we are most grateful.

Our prayer to God is in praise and thankfulness for such a man for so long, in desire that he may be given many more fruitful years in continuing service, and in fervent hope that those who follow may be worthy of the heritage that is ours.

OF PASTOR O. F. CLARKE

By PASTOR P. H. CREES

There are a number of duties within the S.B.M. of which the public know very little. One of these is the Minute Secretary to the Council and the Annual Delegates Meeting. To be able to record the business transacted in any one Council Meeting is an exacting task and a very important one. Pastor O. F. Clarke has filled this office with grace and patience for seven years. Besides being Minute Secretary he has always been able to contribute helpfully to the discussion especially in the officers' meetings where he has been free from minute recording. We take this opportunity upon his retirement to express our heartfelt appreciation of the time and thought and grace which he has given to his task in the service of the Lord and the S.B.M. We wish his successor much wisdom and blessing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MR. N. COX

We reproduce this report in order that our supporters may be fully informed. Praise God that income last year was the highest ever recorded. In this respect we thank Him for all those who so loyally support the work.

Pray that as the Lord has given grace (see II Cor. 9. 8) to meet every need in the past He may do so in the future also.

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"LENGTHEN THY CORDS, AND STRENGTHEN THY STAKES."

The accounts are set out in full at the back of the S.B.M. Report, but may be summarised as follows:

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£22,937
TOTAL INCOME	£19,782
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE	£3,155
DRAWN FROM LEGACIES FUND	£1,545
LEAVING A DEFICIT OF	£1,610

To meet this we have had to draw on our reserves and Sustentation Fund.

WHY SO LARGE A DEFICIT?

Because by the goodness of God our work is growing. As compared with last year (actually 11 months):

COST OF INDIAN WORK—	UP BY	£999
COST OF EUROPEAN WORK—	UP BY	£2,741
COST OF PASSAGES—	UP BY	£897

IN THE CURRENT YEAR I CALCULATE THAT THE WORK TO WHICH WE ARE ALREADY COMMITTED WILL COST £24,500. TO MEET THIS WE NEED AN INCREASE OF **£3,000** IN GIVING.

May we on the Home Front be enabled to measure up to this great challenge, so that the work be not hindered.

"LENGTHEN THY CORDS, AND STRENGTHEN THY STAKES."

MADRAS REVISITED

MRS. E. R. APPLEBY

We saw two accidents. Where were we going? To Madras—the city where we were married, and where we lived, before the Mission vacated that field of work and left those churches to "stand on their own feet". Why were we going? In response to invitations from some churches for special meetings and to see the Ryan family on their plane for furlough.

The main roads of Madras State are kept in fairly good condition. The tremendous heat, the tremendous rain at monsoon-time, and bullock-cart wheels, all take their toll. But, on the whole, the roads are good. So why so many accidents? Lorries with broken axles and vehicles in distress are common sights. We suspect bad driving is one reason. Impatience and lack of knowledge of the rules of the road seem obvious faults in many drivers.

Two corpses and a mangled bicycle beside the road. A huge crowd of wailing women beside the corpses and a huge crowd of men round two police inspectors who were seated under a tree on the opposite side. Where was the hit-and-run vehicle? Perhaps that is what the police enquiry will eventually find out.

Putting the roof on! We were invited to the Church Anniversary at Tiruverkadu—a village on the edge of Madras. John was the preacher. We duly arrived in good time for the morning service. Surprise! Where was the chapel? The old S.B.M. building is in the process of being rebuilt. The beams of the roof were stark naked to the sun. Where would the meeting be held? A short search revealed four mud walls, waist high, close by, under a half-finished roof. A scene of feverish activity! Men rapidly tying leaf-mats on temporary beams for the roof, and an electrician trying to find suitable places to hang his wire and lights. The service eventually began one and a half hours late and was a happy time for us all. Pastor Daniel was encouraged and we were blessed by the message and the fellowship.

Twelve years ago we knew Mannur as a small village surrounded by rice fields. Now, industrial India has arrived, and huge factories surround our little chapel. The church has built a wall round their site to keep it private. Traffic whizzes by on the main road three yards from the porch. Again we arrived in good time for the service. As yet few people were there, so we had time to chat, sitting comfortably on the grass mats on the floor.

"How many children have you?"—a harmless question, but the answer shook me. "None! I did have two small sons, but they both died—of smallpox. Now our house is empty." This was said with the radiant face of a person who obviously loved her Lord. "Were they vaccinated?" No answer. This church has had much trouble from Pentecostal pressure and eventually told their pastor to go, as he was no longer a Baptist. We wondered if a Pentecostal refusal to use doctors and medicines lay behind these two small deaths.

"Is Dindigul in Tamil country?" This from a woman in Mannur chapel. Madras is 250 miles away from Dindigul, but she knew no geography. It is difficult for us to realise how limited the horizons are, of even "city" people. May the Lord grant us the ability to have fellowship with them and perhaps help them a little on the Way of Life.

A fifteen-year-old girl. A church member. She introduced us to her father —an old man of many years. How does he have such a young family? There

were only two children. Was it a second marriage? How many personal questions can one ask without offending people? A good many, it seems!

An old lady bursting with information and good will. Longing to have a chat with me. But not a tooth in her head! Tamil is a difficult language in the best circumstances. But in such conditions, it is impossible! How long can I carry on this conversation without either appearing utterly unintelligent, or else collapsing with laughter?

Vepery—the largest of our chapels in Madras. Memorial tablets to Mr. Ernest Booth and Mr. Lincoln Watts on the walls. A place of sacred memories. A place with an unhappy history. Quarrels, divisions, a split, and dominance by one man. But now—how would it be? It was Youth Night, and a good number attended. Young men took part in several ways, and a group of ladies sang. The pastor was happy to see us. He has twelve beautiful children, the youngest of whom is only four, and he and his wife have been through hard times. The women's side of the work has not suffered. A fine group of enthusiastic women surrounded the Pastor's wife and we were encouraged to see their obvious devotion to the Lord and to her.

Madras climate is unbearable! Especially so this year, when the expected rains have not fallen. The whole city seems baked dry. Even the slightest activity causes profuse sweating. We were glad to leave the uncomfortable humidity and return home to Dindigul. But we were happy to have made the visit, despite the fact that while we were away, two radio speakers had applied to come for recording and had had to be refused. We were able to sell hymn-books and Bibles in three churches.

The second accident. A lorry and trailer had crashed at speed, turned upside down and fallen over the edge of the raised road on top of a mud and thatch house. We slowed down to ask the crowd "How many killed?" "Three", came the solemn reply, "and the driver escaped."

And so we finished our journey back to Dindigul and our radio recording work.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS & SALE OF WORK

on behalf of the Strict Baptist Mission, will be held in

THE ODDFELLOWS' HALL, HIGH STREET, DORKING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 1969 (D.V.)

2.30 p.m. SALE OF WORK. 3.30-4.15 p.m. LADIES' MEETING

Speaker: Mrs. W. H. KUHRT (from India)

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

4.15 p.m. SALE OF WORK Continued

6.15 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING

Speakers: Missionary W. H. KUHRT and Mr. FRANK ELLIS (Gen. Secretary)

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"BEFORE THEY CALL"

MISS E. M. FLORY

In her home in Namakkal recently an elderly child of God was sad and burdened that she could not longer go out and tell others about Christ. She is a retired Biblewoman; is now blind and deaf, and physically weak; yet strong in faith.

As she sat quietly in her room, to use her own words, the Lord gave her a vision. She saw two missionary women surrounded by Kolli Hill people who were eagerly listening to the Gospel. She awoke, and was led to pray earnestly that the Lord would send someone to minister to the Kolli Hill people. She did not know it, but at that very time two of the Lord's servants were camping in Naducombai and having opportunities for witness among these hill people, who live in surrounding villages. On being told this, she replied, "It was the Lord who gave me that vision and urged me to pray at the very time He was answering my prayer."

NO FELLOWSHIP—NO LIGHT

MISS E. M. FLORY

"We have no light on our village." The speaker was an elderly Hindu widow, who has often heard the Gospel. She was referring to electric light. Although electricity has been brought to surrounding villages, and irrigation pumps are powered by it, the houses in her village are still lit by primitive oil lamps.

"We could have had electricity if we had all united together and been prepared to meet the cost. But, alas, there are quarrels in our village", she said. "We have no fellowship, and so we have no light!"

My thoughts turned to some of the Tamil Baptist churches. The evil one has sown discord among the members, so that the witness in the neighbourhood is marred. "There is no fellowship, and so there is no light."

There seems to be a close connection between light and fellowship. God's Word teaches, "If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth. If we walk in the light . . . we have fellowship."

NADUCOMBAI CAMP

MISS Y. CONACHER

It was about 8.30 a.m. when we arrived at Naducombai, a small village at the foot of the Kolli Hills. The children, with excitement, followed the van up the hill to the bungalow, crying "White woman, white woman".

This camp is a little different from our camps on the Kolli Hills. Here we do not have to stay in a barn, but can stay in the Forest Bungalow for a small charge. Though only one room this is a palace after the barns, even though the roof revealed the holes it had during the rain. We managed to accommodate ourselves with the use of plastics.

Each morning we went to the surrounding villages with the Gospel. We needed to go early morning as soon after breakfast the folk set out for the fields. Some even go before and come home for their food later or someone will take it to them. To get to these villages we often had to walk through fields of rice, tapioca or other plantations of grains. Most evenings we had rain and this made the paths along which we had to walk quite muddy. This was the first time Miss Flory and I had been here on camp and so finding the villages was very new to us. There is no clear, defined way, but the Lord always provided someone to ask and show us the way when we were in doubt.

Upon arriving at the village the one or two people whom we first saw would advise us of a good place in the village to stand, or sometimes they would provide us with a bed to sit on, and folk would gather round. We usually began by singing a Gospel lyric to them and then explaining it. This was followed by a story. After we had finished some of those who could read bought books or received tracts. The children waited eagerly for their Tamil Text Card which they received after saying a Bible verse. It is some time since a camp was held in this area and it was encouraging to find some of the children remembering the things which they had been taught in the past. We pray that the Holy Spirit will bring these things to their remembrance with power that they may be convicted and born again of Him.

After our visit to the village we would return to the bungalow and see patients as they came throughout the day, and perhaps do some study and other necessary things. In the evenings the children came to the bungalow to sing choruses and listen to a story. Sometimes we went to the village to them.

We spent two weeks on this camp but the Forest Bungalow rules insist that after staying seven days we must leave for one day and then we may return for another seven days. For this day's break we were grateful to be able to stay at Sendamangalam and enjoy fellowship with the folk there.

Five Hindus in this area have Bibles of their own and read them regularly. Three are teachers. One teacher bought a Bible from us while we were there. He first heard the Word from Miss Hazel when she visited his village years ago. The Forest Guard also has a Bible which he has owned for some time and reads each evening. Another family in Naducombai also have a Bible. May the Lord give light to them as they read it and show them the great truths revealed therein. "He is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

INDIA

MISS E. HOGWOOD

This letter was written from India in August by Miss Elizabeth Hogwood, of Cuckfield. Miss Hogwood spent two months at Vellore on a medical course.

I have now been at Vellore Hospital for six weeks and have covered a number of aspects of medicine and have learned a great deal, and seen many cases one would never see at home. This is supposed to be the best Medical College in India and the teaching is very good; in other colleges there are usually far too many students and the teaching leaves much to be desired. Vellore Hospital and Medical College were founded by Dr. Ida Scudder, an American Missionary; they were founded by faith, and originally to train women doctors because in those days Hindu women of higher castes could only be attended by women doctors. But the hospital and college were founded also to glorify God. Now the hospital has grown and grown and that original aim, to glorify God, seems to have been dulled in this growth. They now take 65 per cent. male students and 35 per cent. female—of each batch 70 per cent. are supposed to be Christians but this is only nominally.

I have been living in the Women's Hostel which is on the college campus about five miles out of Vellore, the hospital being right in the centre of the town. All the girls have been very, very friendly.

Some weekends I have used to travel around and see something of South India. This last weekend I made a very long trip and spent time with the Strict Baptist Missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Appleby, Miss Knight, Miss Harris and Miss White in Dindigul; and Mr. and Mrs. Field in Ootacamund. I spent Saturday evening and Sunday with the Applebys and had a marvellous time. It is at their house that the tapes are prepared for the radio work—that is Christian broadcasting in Tamil. It is only by being here that one sees the desperate need and opportunity in this means of proclaiming the gospel. Wherever you go in India you will hear transistors blaring forth on the streets, in shops, etc., etc. Then on the Monday I made a 145-mile bus ride up to Ootacamund where I was welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Field. I was picked up at the bus stand in the Bookmobile donated to the mission by F.O.Y. Mr. Field is doing literature work. Well, I wonder how you imagine Strict Baptist missionaries! The day after I arrived Mr. Field, two of the children and I got up at 4.30 a.m., went out in the jeep down the hillside from Ooty, which is 7,500 ft., to a place called Mudumalai, a wild life sanctuary. We were down there by dawn and then spent one and a half hours travelling through the jungle looking at the wild life. Then we left the jeep and spent an hour going through the forests riding on an elephant. The jungle itself was beautiful and we also saw deer, foxes, elephants, mongoose, kingfishers, jungle fowl, owls and many other beautiful birds and flowers. Looking at all this made it seem so wonderful that "God who made the earth; the air, the sky, the sea, who gave the light its birth", should care for us.

There is a much greater problem of nominal Christianity in India than in England, but there are some groups of faithful preachers and people and some who are making great sacrifices for the gospel. It is thrilling, too, that both

Mr. Appleby and Mr. Field have seen some of these men investigate and accept the doctrines of free grace and of the sovereignty of God. Fifteen copies of Pink's "Sovereignty of God" have been sold through the radio work, more copies than of any other single book.

The last few days I have spent at the Leprosarium attached to the hospital. I have found the leprosy work fascinating and challenging and this morning watched some operations of tendon transplantation to give use to these deformed hands. These operations were first devised by Dr. Paul Brand here at Vellore. In the afternoon yesterday I saw a young boy, aged 19; one of his feet is nearly gone and he sat and watched the top part of his middle finger, which had decayed, be removed. The tears streamed down his face, a sight one never sees in male patients in India. As I watched him I thought how, had Christ been here, He would heal him. I could not even speak his language to tell him about Christ—the one who could make even his useless life worth living and make his decaying body the temple of the living God. Population explosion, poverty, lack of education, are huge problems here but nothing to the millions who have never once heard the gospel. Even though a Communist president has been elected today the door to India is NOT yet closed.

AND WHEN HE SOWED

MR. H. J. APPLEBY

"I'm one of your best customers", he said, and his bearded face crinkled in a beaming smile at his little joke. We do not think of them as "customers"; to us, in the work of radio evangelism, they are "listeners". But he went on, "I listen to all your Narcheythi programmes, you know. There was a very good message the other Wednesday. I enjoyed that." And he told us something about the programme, to prove that he had indeed heard it.

His next words interested us even more. "Do you know how I came to hear of these Christian broadcasts? I was in hospital at the time. I heard a Christian broadcast coming from a radio belonging to a Hindu patient in the next bed. I asked him how he was getting these broadcasts and he showed me on his radio. Since coming home I have not failed to listen on my own radio."

He said he would like a tape copy of some of our Tamil Christian songs. And I promised him a copy, if he provided the tape!

Getting up to leave, he said, "I've put your notice of the Tamil broadcast times on my church noticeboard, and told my church members to be sure to listen." This was almost the biggest surprise of the visit!

As he went, I wondered how he would like the programme due next week; it was the story of Martin Luther's conversion. I wondered how many of his church members would be listening then?

You see, he was a Roman Catholic priest . . .

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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

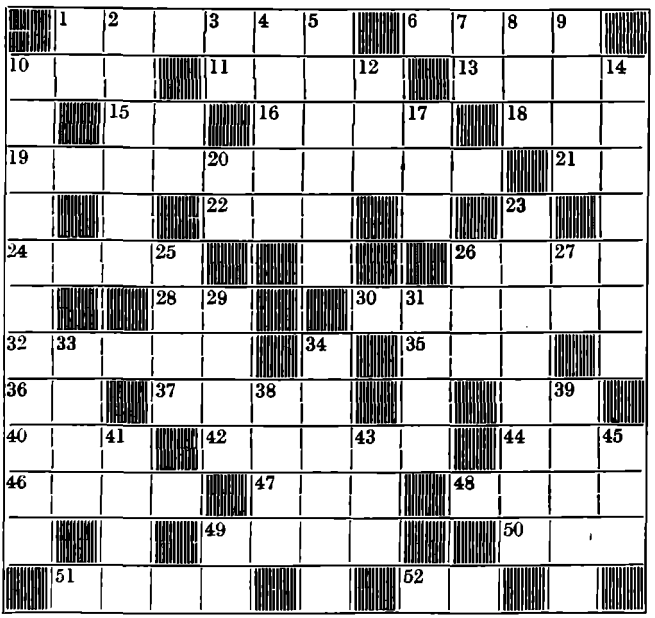
Here is another Crossword puzzle which Missionary H. A. Huckett has sent us. When you have found all the answers and filled them in, write your name, age and address in the space below, cut out this page and post it in a sealed envelope (postage 4d.) to "UNCLE PETER", 57 Cedar Close, Bagshot, Surrey.

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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,

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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.

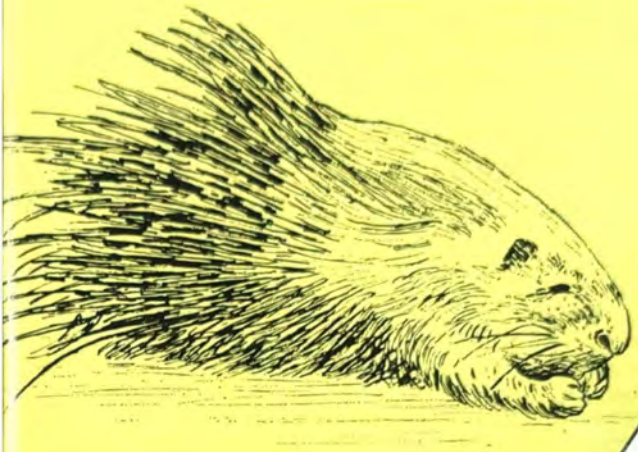
I was pleased to receive letters from the following boys and girls:—

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.

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RAYS

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In this Issue :—

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OUR COVER PICTURE

By Miss L. H. Hazel

What a strange animal, do you know what it is? Well it is a Porcupine, and I expect some of you have seen them at the Zoo, and have been glad that you were separated from them by a cage or wire enclosure.

In India these can be found wild, living on the Kolli Hills in the South where our missionaries have worked. The porcupine is very fond of root crops and therefore an enemy of the farmer as it devastates the land and devours the potatoes and other roots for its food. It has a very prickly coat and the tigers who are fond of them often get pierced with the sharp thorn-like prickles.

I wouldn't like to be too close, would you? in case the sharp quills pricked, and possibly became stuck in my flesh. These too are a protection to the porcupine against would-be foes.

I wonder if our natures are sometimes prickly and undesirable, so that our friends are afraid to come too close, for fear that we should hit out at them with angry and spiteful words or actions.

Only Jesus Christ can change our sinful natures and make them clean and lovely, fit places for Him to live. Has He yet changed your nature?

CHIEFLY FOR BOYS

(Girls may read if they are interested)

Dindigul.
December 9th, 1968.

Dear Uncle Peter,

I heard someone reading from your Rays magazine for December, 1968. They were reading about $1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$. I don't know who he is. And I don't care either. But I think you should know that I am as important as he is. So I am writing to tell you, and your readers, $1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$ wouldn't be able to tell Tamil people about the Lord Jesus Christ if it were not for me! That's how important I am!

Can you guess who I am? I'm as sharp as a needle yet I am so small you couldn't see me. If you had a microscope which could magnify me 14,000 times I would be about a centimetre high! I was born in a terribly hot place. There were millions of us all born together. We were washed, and dried; we were mixed with sticky stuff and smeared all over a piece of plastic. Then I lost a lot of my brothers, because some horrid knives cut our plastic into long pieces. But I still had some brothers with me.

I slept for a while until suddenly I felt something punch me and I jumped about! My brothers were all punched too. Someone said that now we had jumped about we were actually spelling the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in Tamil; so I stayed as I was, because I didn't want to lose the spelling of that wonderful name,

even though it hurt to be all shaken up like that. Have you guessed what I am? At least you can see now that $1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$ wouldn't have the name of the Lord Jesus to carry to others unless I gave it to him first. So you see I **am** more important than he is!

Yours truly,

Fe_2O_3

If any of you boys (or girls) can tell Uncle Peter who Fe_2O_3 *is, and why he is so important, he would be glad to hear from you when you send in your Bible Searcher. Clue—He is made of metal.*

A BROKEN SHOE

By Phyllis L. White, Velur.

Now, what has a broken shoe to do with the telling of the Gospel?

It was early one Tuesday morning and the missionary was walking to a village three miles away, along a narrow track which winds in and out by the side of an irrigation canal. It was a very pretty walk amongst rice fields and coconut palms, but just before she came to the place where she had to wade through the water, her sandal strap broke. On the track again, she tried to wear it when another strap broke. Alas! Should she return home and get another pair of sandals or walk with only one sandal. She decided to go on, for otherwise she would not get to the village before school began and the purpose of going was to sell Christian books and Gospels to the school children. So she walked on feeling embarrassed; but the children thought it a huge joke . . . a white woman carrying a bag of books, wearing sunglasses and using a big black umbrella (because of the fierceness of the sun), AND, wearing only one sandal! But at that school many children bought portions of God's Word.

On her return, people were just going to commence work in the rice fields. Each person who saw the missionary asked "Why are you only wearing one sandal? Where have you been? Where do you live?" And some asked, "Why did you go to that village?" and so she was able to show copies of Gospels to many people and also tell them of "God who so loved us that He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, in order that whoever believes in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." Many who heard were so interested that they bought copies of Gospels so as to be able to read about this for themselves in their own homes.

We do not know where any of these workers live, and without that broken sandal they might not have heard about Jesus Christ that day, and might not now have a Gospel in their home to read.

A broken shoe . . . sore foot . . . very embarrassing position . . . Yet God had a purpose even in this. God orders all our circumstances for His glory.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE RESULTS

The correct solution of the Puzzle is as follows:—

Across:

1. Island
6. Dirt
10. Arc
11. Mahe
13. Fort
15. Ho!
16. Bole
18. Doh
19. Bookmobile
21. Dr.
22. Abi
24. Roll
26. View
28. Og
30. France
32. Velur
35. And
36. Is
37. Tugs
40. L.s.d.
42. Bible
44. Gas
46. Look
47. Via
48. Mule
49. Feed
50. Let
51. Fête
52. P.S.

Down:

1. I.R.
2. School
3. AM
4. Nabob
5. Dhobie
7. If
8. Rod
9. Trod
10. Albertville
12. Eli
14. Thrower
17. Elm
20. MA
23. Dindigul
25. Lout
26. Van
27. EC
29. Grub
31. Rate
33. Esso
34. Esbiem
38. Give
39. Salem
41. Dope
43. Lad
45. Set
49. FE

The following four "Puzzlers" were the first to send in correct answers. They all arrived by the same post and therefore each will receive a prize:—

Richard Clarkson, aged 14, Greenwich; Jacqueline Rushbrooke, aged 13, Wattisham; James Hart, aged 14, Crowfield; Peter Geall, aged 12, Greenwich.

Correct answers were afterwards received from the following:—

Judy Hartley, aged 12, Woolwich; Diane Fielden, aged 11, Basildon; Gillian Maidstone, aged 15, Highbury; Sylvia Chapman, aged 15, Horham; Jonathan Dawson, aged 8¾, Borough Green; Elaine Stowe, aged 9, Sudbury; Andrew Runnacles, aged 12, Colchester.

A few had one or more mistakes. These were from Alan Hawes, Stephen Wade, Royston Center, Philip Baker, Nigel Ogden, Carol Gardiner.

HONOURS LIST

We are very pleased to be able to publish more names in our Honours List than last year. There are now no less than 217 names of boys and girls all of which have sent in five or more Bible Searcher entries during the past year. To each an Honours Certificate will be sent and to those who receive a Certificate for the first time, a Badge will be included.

Here are the names of four Bible Searchers who have sent in very regular entries of a high standard but who have not recently been awarded a prize. To each of them a prize will be sent:—

Jacqueline Maltby, Billinghay; Lois Clarkson, Greenwich;
Jill Reuter, Staines; Alan Burrows, Warboys.

The Honours List is as follows:—

Angel: Gillian Maidstone. **Aylesbury:** Susan Gillion, Jane Malpass. **Basildon:** Diane Fieldon, Carol Gardiner, Susan Lamb, Andrew Baker. **Belvedere:** Julia Barber, Andrew, Rachael, John and Judith Orchard, Virginia Saunders, Michael Wayman, Kevin Mose. **Billinghay:** Jacqueline Maltby, Keith Maltby. **Borough Green:** Sarah Ford, Angela Hope, Jane Rose. **Bradford-on-Avon:** Andrew, Leah and Joanna Alsop. **Bradenstoke:** Linda Tanfield, Kathleen Elms, Derek Labbett. **Brentford:** Timothy Saunders. **Brighton:** Betty Wilson, David Pickett, Susan and Geoffrey Payne, Jenny Day, Louisa Chapman, Janice Dickens. **Bromley:** Mary and Eric Bater. **Cambridge:** Annette Cartwright. **Chelmsford:** Mary, Paul and Andrew Toms. **Courland Grove:** Graham and Philip Collins. **Clifton:** Mary Arnold, Berys Bird. **Colchester:** Lydia and Jeremy Pyke, Sharon Rivers, Stephen Wade. **Crowfield:** Trevor, Raymond, Stephen, Paul and Shirley Hart. **Downe:** Linda Stevens, Christine Edwards, Judith

Payne, Mark Ellis. **Gadebridge:** Patricia, Jacky and Sharon Bustin, Karen Brazer, Denise and Tonia Drury, Elizabeth and Ruth Wilmott, Teresa James, Alastair Waylett, Lise O'Neal, Terry Bustin. **Gosbeck:** Melvin Cattermole, Philip, Graham, Clifford and Angela Hart. **Greenwich:** Philip Clarkson, Peter and James Geall, Juliet Hoyes, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Lois Clarkson, Kathryn Appleby, Graeme Clarkson, Sharon Weise, Lorraine Young, Elizabeth Mitchell. **Hadleigh:** David Gant, Evelyn Rowland, Julia Double. **Hailsham:** Emelia and Andrew Higgs, Suzanne Lysaght, Paul Heasman, David Monk, Doreen Biggs, Judith Moore, Stephen Diprose. **Hammerfield:** Diane and Lynn Elliott, Sara Jardine, Louise Webber, Nicky Sampson, Gaye and Nicky Yarham, Christopher and Geoffry Attwood. **Highbury:** Michael, Andrew and Elaine Hewitt, Janet Thompson, Gary Corsi, Ann Stimpson. **Hilmarton:** Jean Smith. **Horham:** Sylvia, Wendy, Ann and Joy Chapman, Linda and Timothy Debenham, Gillian, Christopher and Malcolm Harvey, Virginia, Alan and Enid Hawes, Joy Mutimer, Valerie Rodwell, Roy Mutimer, Andrew Debenham. **Ipswich (Bethesda):** Heather Gardner. **Ipswich (Mount Zion):** Irene and Ronald Carter, Paul Gray, Sandra Ling, Bernard Fenn. **Kesgrave:** Kenneth, Nicholas and Philip Alexander. **Laxfield:** Catherine and Rachael Balls, Russell Frost. **Leiston:** Paul King, Ann Barber. **Lewes:** Elizabeth and Jennifer Starnes, Christine Relf. **Lewisham:** Leon Golding. **March:** Denise Payne, Sheila Cross, Julie and Susan Mann. **Reigate:** Susan and Julia Edge, Barbara Wright, Sandra Shepherd. **Rishangles:** Ivan, Sally and Rosemary Chapman, Valerie and Sarah Blake, Nigel Woodhouse. **Ryarsh:** Paul and Susan Watts. **Staines:** Mary Bower, Jill and Kim Reuter. **Stonham Parva:** Julie Warren, Joy Denny. **Stowmarket:** Ivan Sams, C. Kirkwood, Brian Newcombe, Henry Kirkwood, Stuart and Louise Waspe. **Streatham:** John and Ruth Layzell, Gloria Browne. **Tring:** Raymond and Susan Seligman, Lesley Williams. **Tunstall:** Kingsley Reeve, Christine Edwards. **Waldringfield:** Linda Chapman. **Walton-on-Thames:** Richard and Graham Toms. **Warboys:** Shirley and Lorraine Clifford, Elizabeth Wood, Alan Burrows, Kevin Moulds, Peter Burrows, Loraine Jacklin, Susan Fletcher, Andrew Moulds. **Whitton:** Catherine Manley. **Wooburn Green:** Elizabeth and Grace Robinson, Sharon Oliver. **Woolwich:** Gwenda Kiddell, Dennis Graham, Cynthia, Marvelle and Vincent Dublin, Lydia and Lorna Gonsalves, Judy Hartley, Keith Whiting, Anne and John Wills, Susan Manning. **Watford:** Andrew Cooke. **Yateley:** Sheena Smith. **Bradenstoke:** Susan Bessant, George Amos, Pauline Elms, Claire Weston, Simon Tanfield, Mandy Elms.

THE HEAVENS

When the Bible speaks of the "heavens" it is telling us of the wonderful work of God above, beyond and around this earth. It tells us of the sky, the sun, the moon, the stars, and even heaven itself. At Christmastime, three astronauts ascended as far as the region of the Moon. This was a very wonderful feat, but God's "heavens" stretch like a vast curtain far beyond the moon and far beyond the farthest reach of man. Let us then try to learn a little of what the Bible tells us concerning the "heavens".

Lower Group, age under 12

Look in the following chapters and find how many times the "heavens" are mentioned. The chapters are:—

Genesis 2; Job 9; Psalm 2; Joel 2; Isaiah 34; Isaiah 65.

In these chapters we read about:—

1. God making the heavens.
2. God spreading out the heavens.
3. God sitting in the heavens.
4. God showing wonders in the heavens.
5. God rolling together the heavens.
6. God creating new heavens and a new earth.

Write out your answers in this way:—

We read about (1) God making the heavens in ....., chapter ....., verse ..... (And so on for the other references).

Extra marks will be given for extra references in these chapters, where they can be found.

Upper Group, age over 12

What do the heavens tell us about God? Look in the following chapters:—

Psalm 8; Psalm 19; Psalm 36; Psalm 50; Psalm 89; Psalm 136; Hebrews 8.

Write down your answers in this manner:— 1. In Psalm 8 we learn that . . . (and so on for each of the six following references). You may find more than one mention of the heavens, also one verse may tell us more than one truth about God. Extra marks will be given for extra answers.

YOU NEED NOT ANSWER 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 June, 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,

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CLOSING DATE—FEBRUARY 28th, 1969.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before February 28th. Entries received after March 1st, 1969, will be too late for entry.

BIBLE SEARCHER RESULTS

There was an excellent entry for the last Bible Searcher and 64 schools entered for the Competition. We are pleased to welcome one more new Sunday School, at Pidley. There was an especially high standard in the Lower Group and 20 entrants receive Special Mention. We are pleased to be able to award a first prize to an entrant from "Eden", Cambridge. It is some time since "Eden" received a prize from "Rays'.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: Annette Cartwright, aged 14, "Eden", Cambridge.
Sally Chapman, aged 12, Rishangles.

Special Mention: Gillian Maidstone, Keith Maltby, Jenny Day, Juliet Hoyes, Christine Relf, Jill Reuter, Heather Wicks, Alan Burrows, Judy Hartley.

Very Highly Commended: Claire Batchelor, Jacqueline Maltby, Joanne Jalfrate, Mary Bater, Mary Arnold, Anne Edwards, Christine Edwards, Miriam Mitchell, Susan Austin, Melvin Cattermole, Peter Geall, Emelia Higgs, Judith Moore, Suzanne Lysaght, Andrew Hewitt, Jean Smith, Joy Chapman, Sylvia Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Kenneth Alexander, Philip Boylett, Jean Osborne, Ann Barber, Carol Beeby, Anthea Baxter, Susan Bowden, Valerie Clover, Stuart Waspe, Ivan Sams, Martin Jacklin, Christopher Brown, Bryan Upchurch, Stephen Cooke, Gary Grierson, A. Ottley, Gwenda Kiddell, Marvelle Dublin, Christine Twigg, Simon Tanfield, Linda Tanfield, Kathleen Elms.

Highly Commended: Michael Wayman, Sharon Rivers, Lydia Pyke, Trevor Hart, Raymond Hart, Christopher Mitchell, Pat Bustin, Philip Clarkson, David Monk, Christopher Harvey, Elizabeth Starnes, Leon Golding, Christopher Rookyard, Yvette Gulliver, Barbara Wright, C. Kirkwood, David Blackman, Elaine Stowe, Claire Weston.

Commended: Carol Gardiner, Steven Saunders, Andrew Orchard, Angela Hope, Betty Wilson, Andrew Toms, Stephen Hart, Paul Hart, Phillip Hart, Grahaim Hart, Sheila Cross, Susan Mann, John Layzell, Danny Robinson, Christine Smith, Lorraine Clifford, Ruth Steward, Mandy Spolton, Jonathan Bugden.

Stephen Rignall, aged 12, did Lower Group instead of Upper Group.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: Louisa Chapman, aged 11, "Tabernacle", Brighton.
Jane Rose, ? age, Borough Green.

Special Mention: Karen Thomas, Judith Orchard, Shirley Hart, Alastair Waylett, Ruth Willmott, Lise O'Neal, Sian Smith, Kathryn Appleby, Julia Double, Lynn Elliott, Sara Jardine, Gary Corsi, Gillian Harvey, Valerie Rodwell, Susan Edge, Rosemary Chapman, Valerie Blake, Brian Newcombe, Ruth Layzell, Janet Pratt.

Very Highly Commended. Suzanne Gay, Linda Peck, Josephine Donnan, Jane Malpass, Peter Gutteridge, Diane Fielden, Colin Parkins, Susan Lamb, Andrew Baker, Peter Reed, Kevin Mose, Steven Lang, Christine Smith, Virginia Saunders, John Orchard, Rachel Orchard, Nigel Ogden, Sandra Davidson, Debrah Ladd, Joanna Alsop, Andrew Alsop, Timothy Saunders, Jonathan Saunders, Geoffrey Payne, Teresa Ball, Amanda Smith; David Pickett, Janice Dickens, Susan Payne, Eric Bater, Katherine Gates, Pauline Gates, Paul Toms, Berys Bird, Jillian Runnacles, Jennifer Grist, Stephen Wade, Jeremy Pyke, Philip Collins, Judith Payne, Paul Lupton, Karen Brazer, Sharon Bustin, Elizabeth Willmott, Gay Decausc, Terry Bustin, Denise Drury, Jacqueline Bustin. Ceri Smith, Beverley Morgan, Sandra Provis, Tracey Calladine, Angel Seaford, Angela Hart, Clifford Hart, Graeme Clarkson, James Geall, Sharon Weisse, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Lorraine Young, Jacqueline Appleby, Elizabeth Mitchell, Evelyn Rowland, David Gant, Paul Heasman, Gillian Heasman, Jacqueline Higgs, Andrew Higgs, Diane Elliot, Louise Webber, Nicky Sampson, Nicky Yarham, Simon Varley, Christopher Attwood, Jeffrey Attwood, Andrew McLauchlin, David Monk, Gaye Yarham, Michael Hewitt, Elaine Hewitt, Belinda Corsi, Alan Hawes, Malcolm Harvey, Andrew Debenham, Ann Chapman, Timothy Debenham, Virginia Hawes, Joy Mutimer, Roy Mutimer, Heather Gardnew, Ronald Carter, Bernard Fenn, Philip Naunton, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Rachel Balls, Catherine Balls, Paul King, John Edards, Susan Edards, Ellen Syer, Christine Edards, Denise Payne, Julie Mann, Andrew Laver, Janet Dighton, Madeline Dixon, Kevin Balcombe, Sara Balcombe, Julia Edge, Ivan Chapman, Sarah Blake, Susan Watts, Paul Watts, Elizabeth Balmforth, Victoria Balmforth, Kim Reuter, Dianne Wheeler, Mary Bower, Graham Brown, Louise Waste, H. Kirkwood, Joy Denny, Gloria Browne, Kingsley Reeve, Elisabeth Skelton, Stephen Rignall, Loraine Jacklin, Lynette Bugden, Shirley Clifford, Yvonne Sallis, Elizabeth Wood, Diana Clarke, Alison Smith, Stephen Ambrose, Andrew Cooke, Carole Smith, Catherine Manley, Grace Joy, Elizabeth Robinson, Sharon Oliver, Lydia Gonsalves, Lorna Gonsalves, Jacqueline John, Seville Piggott, Susan Manning, Pat Riches, Mandy Elms, Pauline Elms, Derek Labbett.

Highly Commended: Stephanie Batchelor, Caroline Ungle, Susan Gillions, Mark Griffin, Robin Ingamells, Elaine Hope, Sarah Ford, Barry Ford, John Rogan, Andrew Grist, Janet Silverton, Mark Ellis, Lesley Cole, Angela Cole, Lynn Bustins, Tonia Drury, Paul Gant, Margaret Gant, Mandy Fox, Neil Hadley, Jonathan Bowler, Richard Hawes, Sandra Ling, Karen Ling, Irene Carter, Alan Smith, Russel Frost, Debra Smith, Sandra Shepherd, Sharon Balcombe, Heather McLellan, Nigel Woodhouse, Anne Cargill, Julie Warren, Stephanie Johnston, Julie Carter, Royston Center, Susan Fletcher, Andrew Moulds, Kevin Moulds, Peter Burrows, Stephen Evemi, Beverly Smith, Graham Dennis, Vincent Dublin, John Wills, Cynthia Dublin, Annette Whiting, Catherine Passmore, Keith Whiting, Anne Wills, Elizabeth Jones, Rodney Sherman, Alison Sherman, Sam Riches, Sadie Riches.

Commended: Carl Jeffery, Leah Alsop, Robin Marcelle, Thomas Grierson.

Not for Competition: Yvonne Boxall, Hammerfield.

Late entries for previous Searchers were received from: Sharon Rivers and Suzanne Gay.

Warboys Sunday School heads the list this time, with Gadebridge coming second.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

We were all thrilled by the wonderful journey made at Christmas by the three American Astronauts. For once, the whole world was united in goodwill as people in every land listened for news of the three brave men whose voices were heard over the wireless waves as they circled the Moon ten times in 20 hours. Their whole journey was packed with thrills from the moment when the great rocket, 363 feet high, roared its way into space from Cape Kennedy, until six days later when the men safely splashed down on the waves of the Pacific Ocean and were gathered on board the aircraft carrier "Yorktown".

To all who love their Bibles, and I am sure many Bible Searchers were among them, the biggest thrill of all came on the Christmas afternoon broadcast when the strong, clear voices of the three men, each in their turn beginning with Col. Frank Borman, repeated verses from the first chapter of the Bible, Genesis 1, verses 1-10. From 250,000 miles away, and sixty miles above the surface of the Moon, all the world listened to the majestic verses commencing with, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth"; and ending with verse 10, "And God called the dry land earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He seas: and God saw that it was good."

No earthbound programmes could compete with the simple confession of these three Bible loving men in their spacecraft, from a height far greater than ever man has yet reached. They were taking part in the greatest scientific feat that man has ever accomplished; they gazed upon the Moon and the Earth from heights never before seen, and what they saw as they looked out from their conical capsule was the littleness of man and the majesty of God.

Exactly 3,000 years ago, David discovered what the spacemen found out. In Psalm 19, he wrote:

"The heavens declare the glory of God;

"And the firmament (or 'expanse') sheweth His handwork.

"Day unto day uttereth speech,

"And night unto night sheweth knowledge."

So it was that on the very night that this message of God's majesty sounded through all the world from the lips of men, multitudes were remembering an ever greater marvel—that this wondrous God who created the heavens and the earth, came down to this earth, in the person of the Lord Jesus, and was born at Bethlehem to be our Saviour. It may not be easy for boys and girls to understand these wonderful things, but none of us are too young to begin to learn about God's greatness and God's wonderful love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

I was pleased to receive two nice Christmas cards from Sharon Rivers and Andrew Toms; also letters from Mr. C. E. Davidson, Mr. Harold Harmer, Miss E. M. Shrimpton, and Miss J. C. Sinclair.

May the Lord greatly bless us all during the year 1969; may He show Himself to many of our boys and girls; and may He graciously reward all of you teachers and helpers in our Sunday Schools whose faithful work on behalf of "Rays" is so greatly valued and appreciated.

UNCLE PETER.

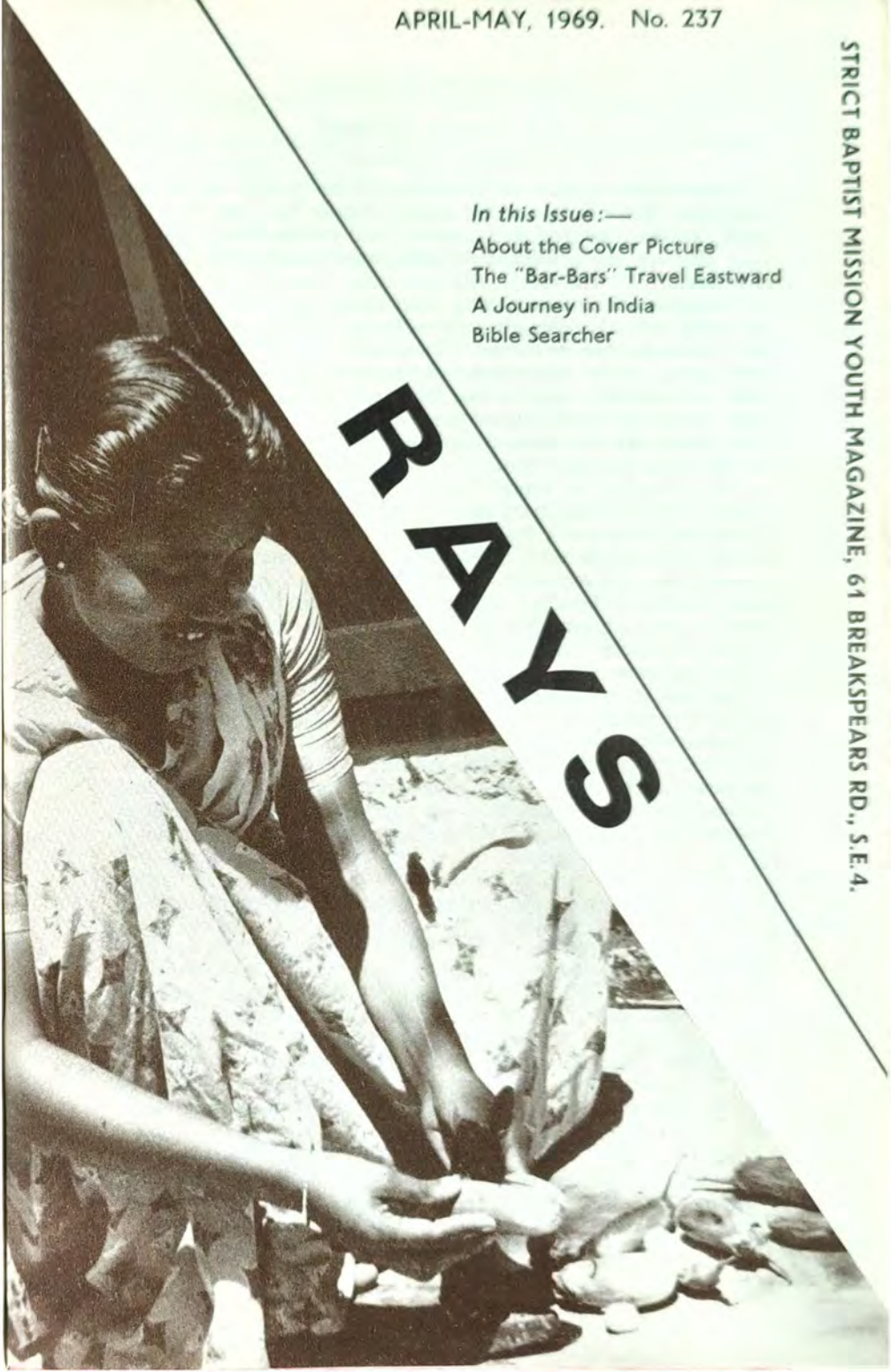
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RAYS

In this Issue:—

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OUR COVER PICTURE

by Miss L. S. Hazel

This month our picture shows one of the girls in our Sendamangalam Hostel. Notice her bright smiling face, how tidy she looks, her hair brushed and combed, and clothes neatly put on, even although she is helping in preparing vegetables for the midday meal.

I expect you are wondering what these long fruits are; they are called Brinjals or egg fruit, sometimes in the shape of an egg and are used much in curries. They are very tasty when mixed with various curry ingredients, which latter are pounded into a paste and added to give a nice flavour to the meal. Inside are small seeds, which the Missionaries often remove from the outer skin casing, mix with minced meat and bread-crumbs, replace and fry the whole to a nice brown.

Do you notice the funny thing on which the girl is cutting the Brinjal? It is a very sharp piece of iron on a wooden foundation. It is steadied by one's foot, and the article needing to be cut is pressed downwards with both hands and the sharp blade soon produces the size required. On the top of the cutter is a round piece with sharp, bevelled edges. This is often used to scrape out coconuts, which when added make a really tasty meal.

Indian cooking takes a long time to prepare, as so many different ingredients are needed to get good results. I wonder if any of you have eaten an Indian curry. I can tell you from experience that it is "real good" (I mean made in the Indian way).

Perhaps some day the Lord may call some of you to visit that land and you will then be able to sample this food; but above anything else, by the giving of your pennies, Ship-halfpennies, and birthday boxes, may you have the joy of sending His Gospel to those who are still living in the darkness of sin and superstition.

THE "BAR-BARS" TRAVEL EASTWARD

by Mrs. David Thrower, Kotagiri, South India.

Some time ago we wrote to the readers of "Rays" while we were on holiday on the west coast of India, where we were like the "bar-bar"-ians that the Apostle Paul found on the Island of Malta. The word "barbarian" means a person whose language sounds like "Bar-bar-bar-bar . . .". That is what we must have been to the people of that place who didn't know the Tamil or English language, and we on our part were unable to speak their Tulu language.

Now we have travelled Eastward, and are spending some time in Malaya, where Malay, Chinese, Tamil, and English are spoken. Many Tamil children in this country speak English, because they study in school in that language. So we do not find ourselves in the same difficulty in making ourselves understood, or in under-

standing what the people say, as that which we told you about some time ago.

But there is a place where those who love the Lord Jesus Christ can meet and find themselves at home with each other in spite of language difficulties. That place is called the "Mercy seat". That is, they all meet when they pray to Him.

One night, several years ago, a young missionary was left alone in a mission house. A man had gone mad and attacked the boys and boarding master of the boarding school across the road. Everyone who was strong enough had to go and help in that difficult situation. So the young missionary who didn't know much Tamil was left alone in the house. The boys in the boarding home were sent across to the Mission house for the night to get them out of danger. They spread out their grass mats under the dining table and everywhere else that they could find an empty space, lay down and soon went to sleep.

But the missionary couldn't sleep, and having recently arrived from England, found that he was a tasty meal for the hungry mosquitoes. There was also one boy who couldn't sleep. He had put his sleeping mat near the door and he tried to cheer up the anxious lady by talking to her. "Bad man," he said, pointing across the road. "No, sick man," was the reply. There, apparently, his English had stretched to the limit. His next word was "jebam" (prayer) and suiting his action to the word, got on his knees. His companion obediently did the same. Then the boy poured out his heart in prayer in Tamil and his friend followed by a prayer in English. Although there had previously been anxiety and fear in the heart of the missionary and although she did not understand what the boy said in his Tamil prayer, peace and assurance of God's help came to her through that prayer.

Now let us take another example. In our home at Kotagiri, our morning family prayers are conducted in Tamil. All of us take turns in selecting a lyric to be sung, reading a Bible portion, and in leading the prayer. One member of our group is not a Tamil man, but he has lived in the Tamil country for a number of years, and can speak the language fairly well. His native tongue is Hindi and he finds it difficult to pray in Tamil. So he writes beforehand, in Hindi, what he wishes to say in prayer, and then carefully translates it into Tamil as he goes along. Although he is a man he is learning to pray like a little child, and we are sure that his prayers give to our Heavenly Father, as they do to us, more joy than do the prayers of those of us who are able to pray more easily.

Here in Malaya, we meet Christian people who speak a number of different languages. But we can all pray together, even if we cannot understand each other's speech. Our Heavenly Father is with us, and hears our prayers. All of us are His children and we recognise each other as brothers and sisters in the same family.

Boys and girls, don't forget to pray for the boys and girls of every country and language.

A JOURNEY IN INDIA

by Miss Yvonne Conacher, Belukirichi, Kolli Hills.

It is quite early in the morning and the sun is shining brightly over the Kolli Hills. We are going to Jederpalayam a village on the Western side of Namakkal, but no matter where one is going interesting things are seen on the journey. Though called a Highway, in some places the road is rather narrow but it is nevertheless used by many, from the smallest animal to the biggest passenger bus as a line of communication.

Usually, the first to be warned of our coming as we leave our house are men and women setting out to the fields to work with their tiffin carrier and a basket on their heads. "Toot-toot", "toot-toot", and with some reluctance, so it seems, for they are ever so slow, they move to the side of the road. A little further along we pass some bullock carts slowly wending their way to the factory with big loads of tapioca which will be ground into flour.

Now it is time for the children to set out for school. Those who have long distances to walk are seen with their tiffin carrier and a bag of books. Many children here do not study. Some make the roadside their playground, and suddenly, "Screech!! . . ." the brakes are applied as one little boy runs across in front of a bus, but he escaped unhurt. The children here do not seem to know the golden rule about looking to the right, and to the left, and then to the right again before crossing the road. Other children are seen taking a bullock or a cow, or perhaps some sheep and goats to the fields to graze and so they idle away the day. At the sound of a vehicle the children run around trying to drive the animals off the road. This can be sometimes rather amusing as they drive one goat off and two more come on. This causes anxiety to the child and at the same time confusion to the motorist. One day we saw two goats butting each other in the middle of the road and neither would move until it was ready!

Pigs, chickens and dogs also claim the road to be their main thoroughfare. Another common sight is "Paddy" which has been put out to dry on the road after having been boiled. After it is dry it will be taken to the mill. Sometimes the children sit out and watch this to chase away any crows which come along to enjoy a meal. So you see when one takes a journey you must wind in and out of animals, pedestrians, bullock carts and cycles from beginning to end.

Sometimes on the journey we were able to enjoy lovely scenery of nice green "Paddy" growing, and other crops such as tapioca and sugar. But in other places the land was so dry and parched and rocky that nothing at all could be grown.

Boys and girls, what sort of a road are you journeying along? When you go to school do you have to go out on to the highway or do you just walk down a small and perhaps narrow road? God's

Word tells us that the "Highway of the upright is to depart from Evil". Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life. The path of life leads to the eternal city. If we had taken the wrong road we would not have arrived at Jederpalayam. It is only the path of life which leads to the eternal city. Make your prayer that of the Psalmist "Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths".

[*We are very pleased to welcome Miss Conacher's interesting article and wish her safe journey.—Uncle Peter.*]

BIBLE SEARCHER

This year Easter comes at a time when the flowers will be beginning to blossom, and we shall hope to feel more of the warm sunshine than we have felt of late. For most boys and girls Easter is a time of joy and freedom, but Easter also speaks to us of the saddest event that this earth has ever seen. For it was on the day that we now call Good Friday, that the Lord Jesus was nailed to a cross and there laid down His life for all those whom He loved.

At the same time, we must always remember that on the third day after, that is Easter Sunday, He arose from the dead in glorious victory over sin and death and hell.

As you do this Bible Searcher, may your thoughts turn towards the Lord Jesus and may you learn to pray from your heart the short prayer that Peter used in Matthew 14, verse 30.

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. . . . love them that love me.
2. Seek and ye shall . . . ; knock and it shall be opened unto you.
3. Who did . . . sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.
4. Neither was there any error or . . . found in him.
5. Therefore if any man be . . . Christ, he is a new creature.
6. God is light and in . . . is no darkness at all.

The answers will be found in the following chapters: Proverbs 8, Luke 11, 1 Peter 2, Daniel 6, 2 Corinthians 5, First Epistle of John chapter 1.

Write down the missing words in order and state in which verse of John chapter 19 they are found.

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

Here are five questions which were asked of Jesus in the last few hours before He was crucified. First find the questions, write down the chapter and verse where found, and then write out the answers which He gave. The answers will be found in the same or in the following verse.

1. How can we know the way?
2. Art Thou the Christ the Son of the Blessed?
3. Art Thou then the Son of God?
4. Art Thou the King of the Jews?
5. Art Thou a King then?

Write your answers in this form:—

Question No. 1 is found in
Jesus' answer was . . .
The questions and their answers will be found in John 14, Mark 14, Luke 22, Matthew 27, John 18.

What answer did Paul and Silas give to the question asked them in Acts 16, verse 30?

You need not answer 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 August, 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—APRIL 30th, 1969.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before April 30th. Entries received after May 1st, 1969, will be too late for entry.

RESULTS OF BIBLE SEARCHER

Once again we were pleased to receive a splendid number of entries to the Bible Searcher. Some Searchers found extra references and were awarded extra marks. One Searcher found as many as eight extra references and won a prize. We welcome 51 new Bible Searchers and are also pleased to receive entries from more schools—there are 68 schools represented in the present list.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: 1. Mary Bower, aged 12 years, Staines (full marks).
2. Pat Bustin, aged 13 years, Gadebridge.

Special Mention: Gillian Maidstone, Valerie Scrace, Christopher Harvey, Ivan Sams, Stephen Cooke.

Very Highly Commended: Graham Milne, Carol Barber, Gay Rich, N. P. Ogden, Angela Hope, Betty Wilson, Mary Bater, Stephen Hart, Christopher Mitchell, Emelia Higgs, Judith Moore, David Monk, Kathleen Watts, Joy Mutimer, Joy Thrower, Elizabeth Starnes, Mary Bemment, Barbara Wright, Anne Phillips, Carol Bedford, Stuart Waspe, Heather Wicks, Christine Smith, Alan Burrows, Marvelle Dublin, Judy Hartley.

Highly Commended: Michael Wayman, Andrew Orchard, Margaret Woodger, Andrew Toms, Mary Arnold, Sharon Rivers, Raymond Hart, Paul Hart, Miriam Mitchell, Tina Smith, Christine Young, Graham Hart, Philip Hart, Lois Clarkson, Peter Geall, Juliet Hoyes, Suzanne Lysaght, Anita May, Ian Hutton, Andrew Hewitt, Ann Stimpson, Joy Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Christine Relf, Leon Golding, Sheila Cross, Ann Pattson (only 10 years but did Upper Group), Colin Mustill, Carol Beeby, Sally Chapman, Valerie Clover, Ian Clements, Bryan Upchurch, Stephen Rignall, Stephen Ambrose, Mandy Spolton, Lorraine Clifford, Martin Jacklin, J. Bugden, Christopher Brown, A. Ottley

Commended: Susan Lupton, K. Alexander, Janet Dighton, Jacqueline Merritt, Alison Stein.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1. Timothy Saunders, aged 9 years, Brentford.
2. Alastair Waylett, aged 11 years, Gadebridge.

Special Mention: Sian Smith.

Very Highly Commended: Karen Thomas, Suzanne Gay, Josephine Donnan, Andrea Donnan, Keith Milne, Linda King, Susan Lamb, Dianne Fielden, Leslie Barber, Julia Barber, Judith Orchard, John Orchard, Rachel Orchard, Susan Ridley, Sarah Ford, Pauline Elms, Kay Pullen, Joanna Hopgood, Joanna Alsop, Andrew Alsop, Jonathan Saunders; Adrian Mann, Janice Dickens, Louisa Chapman, David Pickett, Theresa Ball, Amanda Smith, Susan Payne, Eric Bater, Stephen Roe, Paul Toms, Berys Bird, Stephen Wade, Andrew Grist, Jennifer Grist, Janet Silverton, Gillian Carpenter, Yvonne Norton, Ceri Smith, Jacqueline Bustin, Sharon Bustin, Fiona Waylett, Ruth Willmott, Tonia Drury, Lise O'Neal, Beverley Morgan, Kathryn Appleby, Graeme Clarkson, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise, David Gant, Margaret Gant, Paul Gant, Evelyn Rowland, Gillian Heasman; Barbara Hobden, Susan Moore, Julia Stobbart, Mandy Fox, Deborah Moore, Valerie Hobden, Sara Jardine, Louise Webber, Sandra Brocklehurst, Gary Corsi, Elaine Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, Mark Christopher, Mary Christopher, Enid Hawes, Malcolm Harvey, Gillian Harvey, Richard Hawes, Ann Chapman, Alan Hawes, Timothy Debenham, Andrew Debenham, Roy Mutimer, Jackie Bentley, Heather Gardner, Pauline Jerritt, Andrew Duncan, Timothy Rogers, Christine Rogers, Sandra Ling, Philip Naunton, Russell Frost, Trudy Wright, Zena Wright, Jennifer Starnes, Denise Payne, Amanda Hodgson, Julia Edge, Susan Edge, Sandra Shepherd, Amanda Durrant, Ivan Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Valerie Blake, Sarah Blake, Elizabeth Balmforth, Anne Cargill, Victoria Balmforth, Kim Reuter, Julie Warren, Louise Waspe, Graham Brown, Brian Newcombe, Grace Headley, Debra Brown, Gloria Browne, Christine Ward, Melvin Ward, Kevin Ward, Christine Edwards, Loraine Jacklin, Elaine Clack, Shirley Clifford, Elizabeth Wood, Alison Smith, Lymette Bugden, Susan Fletcher, Karen Blackman, Andrew Cooke, Paul Higgs, Sharon Oliver, Grace Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Graham Dennis, Lorna Lidbury.

Highly Commended: Susan Tole, Linda Peek, Christopher Donnan, Nicola King, Andrew Baker, Susan Lelliott, Christine Smith, Vivienne Talor, Julie Preston, Sandra Davidson, Sara Gibbs, Mandy Elms, Patricia Togwell, Patricia Webb, Sharon Ball, Geoffrey Payne, Mary Toms, John Rogan, Jillian Runnacles, Philip Collins. Helen Rudd, Shirley Hart, Mark Ellis, Judith Payne, Elaine Jarvis, Joan Smith, Paul Lupton, Nigel Messenger, Lynn Bustin, Terry Bustin, Elizabeth Willmott, Karen Brazer, Angela Seaford, Denise Drury, Tracey Calladine, Robert Driver, Laurence Young, Sharon Weise, Lorraine Young, James Geall, Julia Double, Paul Heasman, Stephen Diprose, Elizabeth Dodd, Andrew Dodd, Jacqueline Higgs, Andrew Martin, Andrew Higgs, David Coomber, Julia Arnold, Alison Jardine, Julia Darlow, Andrew McLauchlin, Christopher Attwood, Jeffrey Attwood, Nicholas Sampson, David Monk, Neil Hadley, Caroline O'Sullivan, Lynn Elliott, Dianne Elliott, Julie Attwood, Andrew Francis, Gay Recaux, Belinda Corsi, Gary Burdett, Carol Burdett, Vivien Potter, Karen Ling, Margaret Thrower, Alan Smith, Irene Carter, Ronald Carter, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Rachel Balls, Catherine Balls, Paul King, Christine Edards, Ellen Syer, Susan Edards, Tony Moploy, Madeline Dixon, Allan Scrace, Paul Chapman, Nigel Woodhouse, Joy Denny, H. Kirkwood, Sherry Grant, Timothy Duneall, Martyn Page, Trevor Bugg, Jean Bugg, Kingsley Reeve, Richard Toms, Graham Toms, Andrew Moulds, Peter Burrows, Stephen Evemy, Beverley Smith, Carol Smith, Catherine Manley, Anne Wills, Elizabeth Jones, Lynette Lidbury, John Wills, Jacqueline John, Cynthia Dublin, Keith Whiting, Lydia Lidbury, Susan Manning, Catherine Patmore, Sevilley Piggott, Ruth Owen, Sheena Smith, Rose Coomber (Rose Coomber is only 11½ years but she answered to Upper Group).

Commended: Susan Gillian, Virginia Saunders, Elaine Hope, Angela Hart, Clifford Hart, Susan Bazzoni, Mandy Ball, Sharon Gregory, Sean Dixon, Paul Watts, Susan Watts, Peter Not, Barrie James, Kevin Moulds,

Annette Whiting, Jeremy Hartley, Carol Carter, Eddie Hammond, Robert Jupp.

Too late for entry: Sadie Riches, John Riches, Shirley Davidson.

Warboys Sunday School heads the list with 22 entries; Gadebridge and Hailsham tie with 21 entries.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some of you rightly guessed who Fe_2O_3 is. I know that he would need to be pretty smart to hide himself from readers of "Rays". Yes, his full name is Ferric Oxide and he is the iron compound which is used for coating tape, rendering it magnetic for the purpose of recording.

There was a wonderful story in the newspaper recently about Capt. David O'Neill, the master of the small coaster, "Firth Fisher". She was on her way from Amsterdam to Glasgow loaded with 1,100 tons of grain, when a storm broke on her as she tried to round Lands End. As the ship was tossed about, the cargo began to shift causing her to list to one side until every wave that struck her threatened to capsize the ship.

By midnight on the Friday, Capt. O'Neill had to call the lifeboat from Penzance, for the wind was blowing a 90 mile-an-hour gale and seas 30 ft. high were striking the drifting vessel. For 14 hours Captain O'Neill stood on the outer bridge of his ship, soaked to the skin but giving the orders which kept the vessel head-on to the great waves. As the morning broke, other ships came to his help, and the brave captain was able to bring his vessel slowly but surely into Falmouth harbour and safety.

The lives of the ship's crew of ten men and two engineers all depended upon the skill and courage of the captain. He had ordered his men to the cabin behind the bridge where they would be as near to safety as possible, but the captain himself was outside facing the full fury of the storm and wind. It was because the Captain cared for his men and because they obeyed him instantly, that all on board that ship were saved.

This story of a captain at sea reminds us of another Captain—the Captain of our salvation, even the Lord Jesus Himself. He Himself led the way. He endured the full fury of the worst storms of temptation and evil and finally died for our sins upon the Cross. And He endured all this for poor sinners like you and me, who could not keep themselves, in order that He might, in the end, bring us to glory.

It was only because the crew of the "Firth Fisher" obeyed their captain's orders that he could bring them safely into port. And it is only when we place our trust in the Lord Jesus and submit obediently to Him, that we can become His true followers and receive His salvation. Let us always remember, however, that the Captain of our salvation is the Son of God Himself.

I was pleased to receive letters from: Andrea Donnan, Jane Rose, Elizabeth Starnes (so glad to hear your good news), Alison Stein, and Gillian Turner. Also I would like to thank the following friends for their letters: Mrs. E. Blakeman, Mrs. Mabel Boxall, Mr. J. Christie, Mr. J. Dodd, Mr. D. J. Endersby, Mr. A. J. Goddard, Mr. Harold Harmer, Miss M. Judge (Stowmarket), Mr. F. S. Kimber (so sorry to hear of the passing of a good friend of "Rays"), Mrs. M. Ottley, Miss R. Whitehead, and Mrs. M. E. Wright.

With every good wish to you all,
from,

UNCLE PETER.

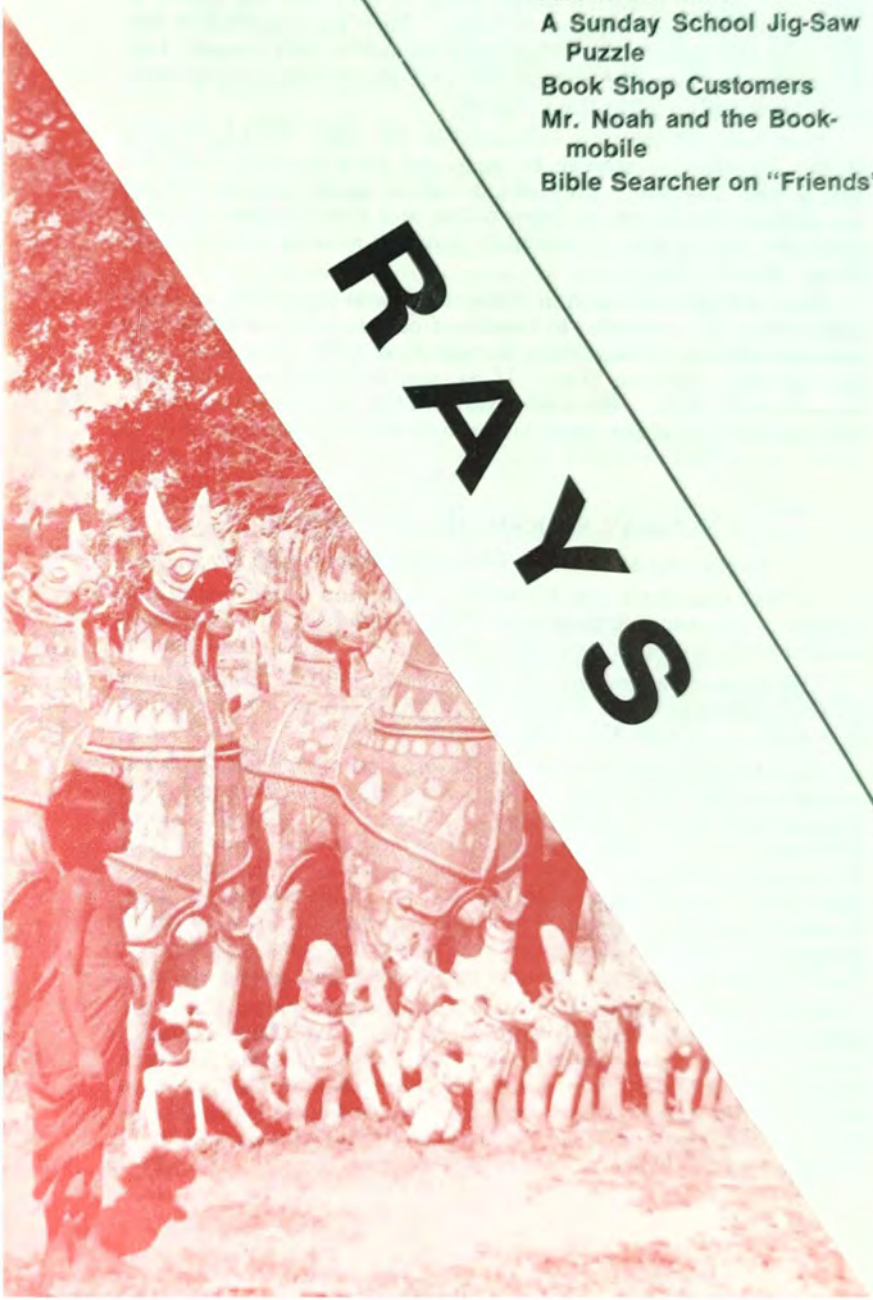
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FRONT PAGE COVER

by Miss L. S. Hazel

Do you know what these animals are on our cover page? Well, they are brightly coloured horses made of clay that are placed at the entrance to most villages in India. They are provided so that the spirit that guards the village shall be able to ride around, thus protecting the inhabitants from the evil spirits and chasing them away so as not to harm the villagers.

Note how tall they are compared to the small child looking at them. It seems so strange to us to put faith in these idols, for that is what they are. They can do neither good nor evil, and yet our Indian friends are so superstitious and worship these to keep away the evil spirits. I wouldn't want to worship such hideous things, would you?

Boys and girls, we read in Psalm 115 about these idols and how useless they are; and also in Exodus, God has told us that we may have no other gods but Him, for our God is the true God. Do you worship and love Him? If so, you will need no other protector in your lives. He sends His guardian angels to watch over you and keep your feet from falling and straying into sin.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL JIG-SAW PUZZLE

by Mr. and Mrs. David Thrower, Kotagiri, S. India

In Malaysia there are Chinese, Tamil, and English-speaking children. As some of these attend English schools they can only read English, although they speak Chinese or Tamil in their homes.

This means that lessons in Sunday School need to be taught in all three languages, and this is how the teachers manage to do this in a school at Kuala Kangsar in North Malaya:—

At 9.30 on a Sunday morning a class for junior Chinese children was taking place in a large porch. While this was going on, older Chinese and Indian children were gathering in the main school building. As soon as the junior Chinese children had finished their lesson, the opening exercises of the main school took place, and these served as closing exercises for the junior Chinese class. Everyone joined in singing choruses in English, some of them being action songs. These were greatly enjoyed, although some of the children did not know the meaning of what they were singing.

After this the junior Chinese children went home, while the seniors assembled under a tree for their class. Two English classes usually do the same, but on that day one of their teachers was absent; so all the children decided that they would like to remain in the Tamil class. They were able to understand the lesson, although they could not read the Bible in Tamil. It was something like open school, when all the classes unite.

That day the lesson was from the text "If any man (or child) be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5: 17). The children were shown a series of pictures of a monkey who stole a lion's skin and thought he would be brave like a lion if he wrapped himself up in it. When he met small animals he was very brave and they ran away from him. So he started to walk around like a lion, but when a leopard came along the monkey not only lost his courage, but, as he scampered up a tree to save his life, he lost the lion's skin as well.

We, too, can deceive ourselves into thinking that we are all right if we wear clean clothes and behave ourselves. But, unless the Lord Jesus makes us clean inside and changes our nature, so that "all things (in us) become new" we cannot become new boys and girls by anything that we ourselves can change. So, let us ask the Lord Jesus to deal with our sinful nature and cleanse it and give us His nature, so that we can truly live the new life. We shall then be able to get the victory over bad habits and live as real Christians.

When the Sunday school session was over there seemed to be no difference between the children. They were all friends together and talked among themselves in Tamil, Chinese, English or just in the common language of play.

Three cheers for the Sunday School teachers who persevere and find the way to cope with such difficulties and teach the children in these three different languages!

BOOK SHOP CUSTOMERS

by Miss Olive Knight, Dindigul, South India.

The Tamil Christian Book Depot in Dindigul (pronounced din-di-gull) is in a shop near the edge of the town. There is a barber's shop on one side of the book shop, and a food shop on the other side. Not far away is a café. So many people pass our book shop. Some of these people read the big posters with verses from the Bible, which are hanging outside, and others stop to look at the small books displayed just inside the wide open doors. We have put cheap booklets there. Many of them have pictures on their covers. There are pictures of a boy falling over a cliff, a man running away from another man, a doctor looking after a man, a vegetable shop, and many others. The title of a booklet with a drawing of a boy with a happy face is, "The Way to Heaven".

Children often take a long time to decide which book to buy. "The Little Girl and the Lions", "You Cannot Escape", "Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?", "God's Answers to Your Questions"; these are some of the Titles that the children read. A boy who came in one afternoon was looking for nearly half an hour. He chose—"God Reveals Himself", and "The Birth of the Lord Jesus".

One evening three girls came and bought eight booklets for a quarter of a rupee. That is less than 4d. But yesterday morning a girl who looked much poorer bought one booklet for less than a halfpenny. I was glad to see her. I remembered that she had looked at the booklets and bought one about a week ago when she was on her way to the food shop. When the children have bought booklets we give them Tamil Text Cards, and they are very pleased to have them.

Later yesterday morning an old man came in and asked for a book. He took a copy of the Gospel of John. It is now some months since a group of boys sheltered in our doorway when it was raining. We gave them tracts to read. Afterwards they looked round and saw some Gospels. They were surprised that these books were so cheap, and bought some to take home.

All of these books and booklets that I have mentioned are in Tamil. We do sell English books. Some of these are printed in England and some in India. A few Indian boys and girls who come to our shop want to buy books in English. These children have their lessons in English, and want to read and speak it well.

MR. NOAH AND THE BOOKMOBILE

by Les Ryan, Dindigul, South India

Hello children,

Many of you will know that while Mr. Field has been in England I have been working with the Bookmobile. The Bookmobile is a special van for carrying lots of books, and it was bought with money collected by the young people of F.O.Y. Now that we have the Bookmobile we are able to load it with books people have ordered and also other books to sell at schools, universities, or hospitals. We then spend five or six days going from place to place selling them.

It makes us very happy to see so many people buying Bibles and other Christian books that tell about the Lord Jesus. Yes, people have been buying these books, but this is not enough. We must pray that they might read them and let us also pray that when they read these books, God will teach them the truth, and make them His people. It is important for us all to read the Bible because the Bible is God's Word, and if you are old enough to read this, it means you are old enough to read the Bible each day.

When I am going from place to place selling books I meet many people whose names are found in the Bible. Perhaps some of the boys and girls reading this article have names that are found in the Bible—like Ruth, Mary, Elizabeth, or David, Peter, John, Paul and many others. The names of the people I sell books to, however, are a little different. There is Mr. Moses, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Lazareth, and another man named Isaac.

One day I was sitting in the van with the windows up waiting for a passenger to return, who had gone shopping. Suddenly I

heard a tapping on the side window. When I opened the window I saw a man standing in the rain. He smiled and said, "Good morning; I am Mr. Noah." When we think of Noah in the Bible, we usually think of the great flood God sent on the earth, and it was rather funny that I should meet this Mr. Noah for the first time when it was raining.

However, there is a big difference between this story and the story of Noah in the Bible. In the Bible we read that when the rain came, Noah was safe inside the ark, but this Mr. Noah was out in the heavy rain.

You know boys and girls, the story of Noah and the flood shows us what a terrible thing sin is. Sin is so terrible that God sent this awful flood to punish the people because they had sinned so much. But there is something else that shows us more clearly what a terrible thing sin is; this is not so much that people are punished because of it, but that the Lord Jesus Christ was punished because of it. The Lord Jesus Christ is no ordinary man; He is God, the Son, and sin must be a terrible thing if He had to die in order to take the punishment that was due to others.

We have all sinned and we all need God to forgive us for our sins. Although we are all sinners, it is possible for God to forgive us and make us safe from judgment, like Noah was in the ark, because the Lord Jesus Christ has died upon the cross. This is the message God has sent us to tell to the people here in India and this is why we are glad to have such a van to use for selling books that give this message to the people.

FRIENDS

The Bible is full of friendly people, and people who were friends with each other. Moses had his Joshua; and Joshua had Caleb; Gideon had Abi-ezer; David had Jonathan, each to help the other. And only once in all his long journeys, and in the time spent in prison, is there any suggestion that the Apostle Paul was left alone.

But the disciples of Jesus were the only ones to find their perfect friend, for He never let them down, nor did He once fail them, however much they failed Him. He loved them right to the very end. As you do this Bible Searcher therefore, remember the Lord Jesus—the perfect Friend.

Lower Group, age under 12

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

1. When she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her .
2. For a friend of mine in his journey . . . come to me.
3. The friend of the bridegroom which standeth and heareth him . . . greatly.
4. The seed of Abraham Thy friend for . . .
5. There is a . . . that sticketh closer than a brother.
6. And ye . . . a pit for your friend.

The answers will be found in the following chapters: Luke 15, Luke 11, John 3, II Chronicles 20, Proverbs 18, Job 6.

The first letters of the missing words if arranged in the right order, spell another word. What is that word?

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

You will find the answers to these questions in the chapters set out below. Write down the answers and give the book, chapter and verse where found. Be sure to answer the last question of all.

1. If we have friends, how must we show it?
2. After healing a man, what did Jesus tell him to say to his friends?
3. What is the test of a true friend?
4. How should the disciples of Jesus show that they are His friends?
5. Who is it that can separate chief friends?
6. Who believed God and was called His friend?

The answers will be found in the following chapters and in this order: Proverbs 18, Mark 5, Proverbs 17, John 15, Proverbs 16, James 2. At the bottom of your paper, write the answer to this question:—

Who loved his friends with the greatest love and how did he prove it? (See John 15.)

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, 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,

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CLOSING DATE—JUNE 30th, 1969.

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RESULTS OF BIBLE SEARCHER

We were pleased to receive 443 entries to the Bible Searcher last month, which was an improvement on the previous month's total. The "sound barrier" is 500 entries; so now you can all get cracking. We were delighted to welcome 93 new Searchers and 79 schools entered, amongst these schools we were glad to hear once again from some of our old friends at Derby Road, Croydon, Royton, Walthamstow, and Hounslow. Some Searchers lost marks in the last competition because they failed to answer the last question in each of the Groups.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners. 1. Nigel Ogden, aged 12 years, Billinghay.
2. Lydia Pyke, aged 13 years, Colchester (Prettygate).

Special Mention: Gillian Maidstone, Christine Edwards, Andrew Hewitt, Joy Mutimer; Joy Chapman, Linda Yates, Lindsey Arbon, Mary Bemment, Barbara Wright, Gillian Turner.

Very Highly Commended: June Enright, Diane Fielden, Carol Gardiner, Graham Milne, Steven Saunders, Andrew Orchard, Michael Wayman, June Rose, Sharon Ball, Mary Bater, Andrew Toms, Denise Webber, Mary Arnold, Stephen Wade, Paul Hart, Raymond Hart, Stephen Hart, Carlotte Roberts,

Marlyn Maddon, Loi Ward, Pearl Smith, Jacqueline Bustin, Alastair Waylett, Graham Hart, Philip Hart, Melvin Cattermole, Lois Clarkson, Philip Clarkson, Peter Geall, Juliet Hoyes, David Monk, Anita May, Emelia Higgs, Suzanne Lysaght, Paul Heasman, Shirley Upton, Felicity Lauler, Catherine Ferguson, Kathleen Watts, Ian Hutton, Christopher Harvey, Virginia Hawes, Valerie Rodwell, Wendy Chapman, Lois Doole, Christine Murdoch, Rosemary Howe, Ian Burns, Philip Naunton, Heather Edwards, Eirlan Keeble, H. Alexander, Ann Barber, Jean Osborne, Christine Relf, Elizabeth Starnes, Leon Golding, John Edards, Sheila Cross, Christopher Rookyard, Sonia Kelly, Janet Dighton, Sandra Shepherd, Valerie Scrace, Sally Chapman, Debra Myson, Anne Phillips, Carol Bedford, Mary Bower, Ivan Sams, Hennie Kirkwood, Stuart Waspe, John Layzell, Julie Straker, Susan Clements, Mandy Spalton, Bryan Upchurch, Christopher Brown, Lorraine Clifford, Christine Smith, Ruth Steward, J. Bugden, Martin Jacklin, Stephen Cooke, Andrew Ottley, Judy Hartley, Marvelle Dublin, Alison Stein, Lesley Williams, David Rance.

Highly Commended: Carol Barber, Alan Church, Simon Tanfields, Pauline Elms, Patricia Bustin, Rosina Riddleston, Lorraine Dow, Robert Clover, Paul Nash, Susan Selignam, Jeremy Hill.

Commended: Carol Beeby.

Lower Group age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1. John Orchard, aged 8 years, Belvedere.
2. Kathryn Appleby, aged 11 years, Greenwich.

Special Mention: Eric Bater, Janet Silverton, Sonia Jeremy, Margaret Gant, Lynn Elliott, Heather Gardner, Timothy Rogers, Paul Thrower, Steven Webster, Susan Edge, Victoria Balmforth, Ruth Layzell.

Very Highly Commended: Tracey Freeman, Sharon Cox, Suzanne Gay, Karen Thomas, Susan Tole, Josephine Donnan, Susan Gillions, Christopher Donnan, Andrea Donnan, Martin Squires, Susan Lamb, Andrew Baker, Keith Milne, Julia Barber, Christine Smith, Kay Ford, Rachel Orchard, Judith Orchard, Linda Flint, Teresa Church, Annette Hollman, Mandy Elms, Derek Tabbett, Joanna Alsop, Andrew Alsop, Leah Alsop, Adrian Mann, Susan Morris, Timothy Saunders, Jonathan Saunders, Susan Payne, Louisa Chapman, David Pickett, Theresa Ball, Geoffrey Payne, Anne Leaver, Graham Leaver, Stephen Roe, Joy Roe, Bernard Bater, Ruth Bater, Paul Toms, Philip Collins, Jill Ford, Berys Bird, Susan Runnacles, Alison Runnacles, Jeremy Pyke, Andrew Grist, Jennifer Grist, Shirley Hart, Doreen Roberts, Linda Stevens, Judith Payne, Elaine Jarvis, Sandra Lupton, Paul Lupton, Diane Smith, Carol Smith, Roger Smith, Andrew Ward, Mark Oxborrow, Sharon Bustin, Lise O'Neal; Angela Seaford, Tracey Calladine, Sandra Provis, Terry Bustin, Elizabeth Willmott, Ruth Willmott, Gay Decaux, Beverley Morgan, Fiona Waylett, Robert Driver, Angela Hart, Clifford Hart, Angela Ellis, Jacqueline Appleby, James Geall, Jacqueline Weise, Paul Gant, David Gant, Julia Double, Evelyn Rowland, Andrew Dodd, Rose Coomber, Tania Chattin, Christopher Attwood, Dianne Elliott, Andrew Varley, Louise Webber, Sara Jardine, M. Tytherleigh, Rosemary Idle, Belinda Corsi, Gary Corsi, Mark Christopher, Michael Hewitt, Elaine Hewitt, Mary Christopher, Carol Burdett, Andrew Debenham, Timothy Debenham, Alan Hawes, Enid Hawes, Ann Chapman, Roy Mutimer, Malcolm Harvey, Gillian Harvey, Mandy Ball, Richard Brackenby, Roger Barker, John Roberts, Colin Poulding, Pauline Jarritt, Andrew Duncan, Paul Mickelson, Bernard Fenn, Sandra Ling, Alan Smith, Ronald Carter, Irene Carter, Christine Rogers, Catherine Balls, Rachel Balls, Elaine Bowen, Russell Frost, Paul Kingage, Jennifer Starnes, Linda Moore, Susan Moore, Gerald Moore, Susan Edards, Ellen Syer, Eva Downer, Debra Smith, Amanda Hodgson, Nicholas Toogood, Joanne Toogood, Sadie Brown, Elizabeth Tait, Madeleine Dixon, Julia Edge, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Anne Gargill, Elizabeth Balmforth,

Lesley Pate, Timothy Johnson, Joy Denny, Julie Wamen, Sheena Woollard, Michael Woollard, Graham Brown, Brian Newcombe, Louise Waspe, Jean Ward, Yvonne Dawkins, Gloria Browne, Dawn LeGros, Christine Ward, Kevin Ward, Melvin Ward, Elizabeth Clements, Julie Carter, (Tunbridge Wells, no name), Christine Edwards, Trevor Bugg, Jean Bugg, Pauline Dean, Carol Dean, Richard Toms, Graham Toms, Alison Smith, Diana Clarke, Lynette Bugden, Loraine Jacklin, Elizabeth Wood, Susan Fletcher, Shirley Clifford, Karen Blackman, Andrew Cooke, Helen Jessop, Christine Allen, Catherine Manley, Sharon Oliver, Elizabeth Robinson, Grace Robinson, Lorna Lidbury, Cynthia Dublin, Keith Whiting, Lydia Lidbury, Shirley Piggott.

Highly Commended: Debbie Gwyther, Cabrella Stodini, David Tole, Lorraine Strutt, Antonina Mazzone, John Enright, Leslie Barber, Susan Lelliott, Julie Preston, Peter Reed, Kay Pullen, Joanna Hopegood, Joan Smith, Yvonne Norton, Tracy Smith, Denise Drury, Tonia Drury, Lynn Bustin, Karen Brazer, Lenny Hoare, Kim Peverill, Clair Beckley, Jonathan Clarkson, Jennifer Weise, Sharon Weise, Brian Alcock, Elizabeth Dodd, Andrew Higgs, Andrew Martin, Mandy Fox, Barbara Hobden, Stephen Diprose, Janet Ewer, Andrew McLauchlin, Jeffrey Attwood, Neil Hadley, Julia Darlow, Nicholas Sampson, Julie Attwood, Gary Burdett, Janet Rodwell, Gillian Rodwell, Randal Harvey, Richard Hawes, Sharon Gregory, Sandra Ball, Kevan Poulding, Jacqueline Poulding, Karen Ling, Margaret Thrower, Philip Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Rosann Riemenschneider, Caroline Fox, Christine Edards, Christine Syer, Andrew Laver, Denise Payne, (Ann Wharfe should have done Upper), Olga Kelly, Jayne Edwards, Sean Dixon, Paul Chapman, Nigel Woodhouse, Ann Westhead, Susan Watts, Paul Watts, Ian Cargill, Jane Miller, Esther Layzell, Shirley Cooper, Barbara Cooper, Marion Cooper, Barrie James, Martyn Page, Monica Vincent, Paul Harmon, Kevin Moulds, Elaine Clack, Andrew Moulds, Stephen Evemy, Beverley Smith, Carole Smith, Paul Higgs, Anne Wills, Susan Manning, Sheila Babbs, Elizabeth Jones, Annette Whiting, Jacqueline John, Graham Dennis, Vincent Dublin, Robert Baines, Rosemary McCaffrey, Sharon Wigfall.

Commended: Dawn Miles, Vivienne Taylor, Patricia Togwell, Karen Grey, Claire Firmin, Christine Cater, Roger Wright, Alison Jardine, Caroline O'Sullivan, Kim Reuter, Mark Brunning, Valerie Coppis, John Wills, Catherine Patmore, Carol Carter, Lynette Lidbury, Eddie Hammond, Nigel Babbs, Alison Clarke, Robin Evers, Danny McCaffrey, Morris Riurden, Kathleen Riurden, Sheena Smith.

The school at Woolwich heads the list this time with 29 entries. This is way ahead of the nearest lower number, so competition will need to be keen.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Watch for further announcements of "Rays" Rallies—Saturday, Sept. 13th at "Providence", Highbury; and Saturday, Sept. 20th at "Ebenezer", Chelmsford.

I was pleased to receive letters from:—Gillian Harvey, Jacqueline Maltby and Timothy Saunders; also from the following friends:—Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mr. George Brown, Mrs. D. Elston (so glad to hear once again from Walthamstow), Mr. Harold Harmer, Mr. F. S. Kimber, Miss M. D. Matthews, Mrs. L. A. Rowlands, Miss J. C. Sinclair, and E. Ward (Finningham).

With very best wishes to you each,

UNCLE PETER.

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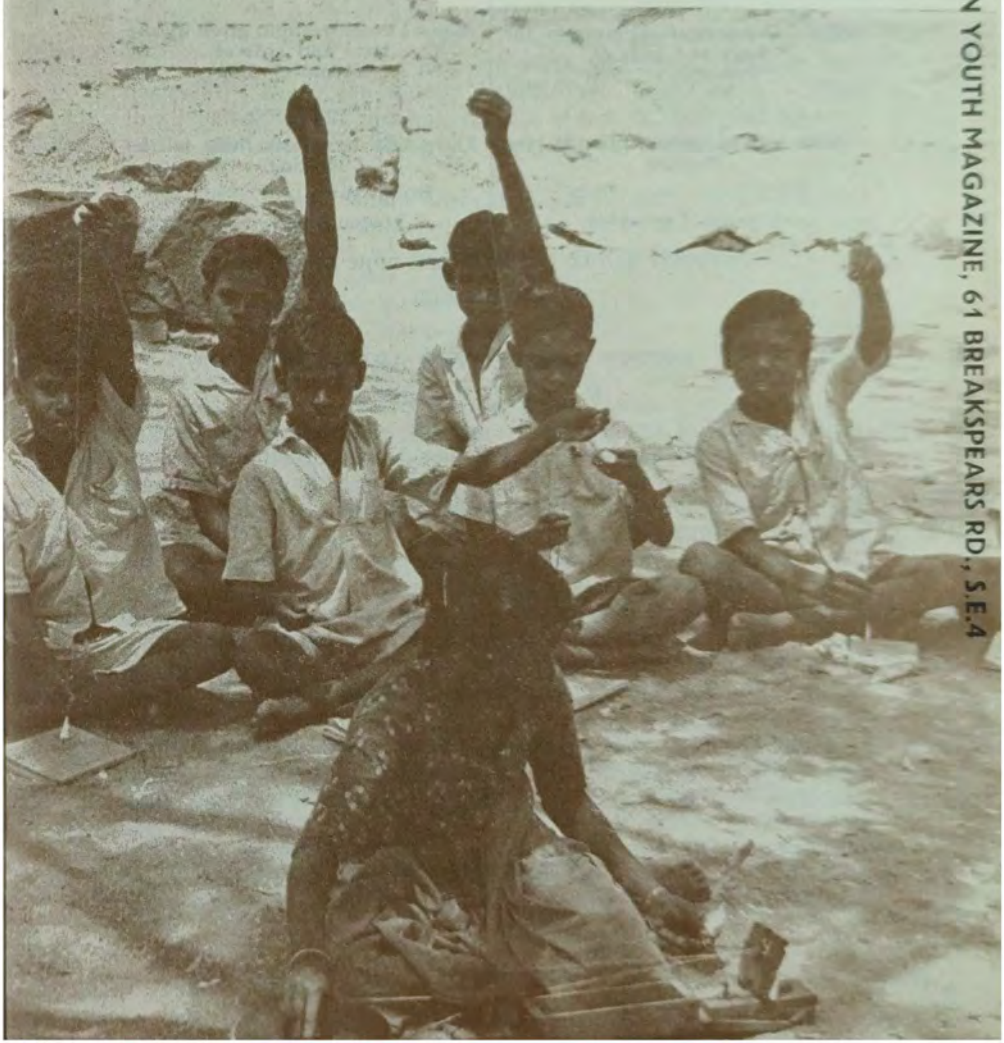
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1969 "RAYS" RALLIES

Saturday, September 13th

at 3.30 p.m.

"PROVIDENCE" CHAPEL
Highbury Place, Highbury,
LONDON, N.5.

(near Highbury and Islington Station)

Speaker:
DR. RUTH HARRIS
(With coloured slides from India)

Also a Demonstration, given by the boys and girls of "Providence" S.S.

There will be games prior to the meeting.
Bring your own "eats".
Lemonade provided.

Saturday, September 20th

at 3.30 p.m.

"EBENEZER" CHAPEL
London Road,
CHELMSFORD,
Essex.

Speakers:
MISSIONARIES, MR. & MRS. W. KUHRT

Also a Demonstration, given by the boys and girls of "Ebenezer" S.S.

There will be games prior to the meeting.
Bring your own "eats".
Lemonade provided.

No party will be too large and none too small
All are welcome.

FRONT PAGE COVER ARTICLE

by Miss L. S. Hazel

At the top of our picture we see the end wall of a classroom of the Sendamangalam School, showing open ventilation in spaces. In the playground under the shade of the trees boys are spinning the raw cotton which has been taken from the pods of the cotton plants grown in South India.

After this the yarn has to be wound on to a bobbin, and the girl in the foreground is engaged in this work. It will then have to be wound into skeins and some dyed various colours or bleached white before it is ready to be threaded on the loom and woven into cloth, for "dhoties" (men's loin cloths), towels, sheeting, or "saries" for the women. What a lot of process from the pod to the finished article!

Boys and girls, since we are born in sin, what a lot Jesus Christ had to do to change our sinful lives and put in His new nature! We need the cleansing of His most precious blood which He shed for us on the cross at Calvary. We need His work within our hearts to change our sinful nature. There is much for the Lord to do in each one of our hearts before we may ever stand before Him complete and perfect.

FRONT-WINDOW VISITORS

by Miss Monica E. Harris, Dindigul

There is no garden or space between the front of our house in Belukurichi and the road. But there is a long narrow verandah built on to the front of the house, on which everybody likes to sit and talk. Children like to climb up on to this verandah and look through the bars of our front windows.

Sarassu, a little girl of about four years old, is a frequent Front-Window Visitor. Sometimes I find her just quietly looking in at all the things going on inside. Other times, when she has some important news to tell me, I hear her calling me, "Amma, Amma!" "What is it, Sarassu?" I asked one day. Then she told me her important news. "Amma, do you know that women are now riding on the back of men's cycles?" she said. "Are they?" I asked, "why is that?" "Oh", she said, "The women say, why should they walk to the fields to work when the men ride their cycles?" "But", she added, "my Mother doesn't do it." From this I gathered that this new fashion is not yet accepted by some of the women in our village as being the proper thing for women to do.

One day the Postman brought us our morning mail, and after calling us he just emptied out his bag on to our front door-step and withdrew. But when I went to pick it all up, I saw little Mohan, the Post-Master's son, standing in the doorway. He was looking down at the packets of Tamil Text Cards, which had arrived in the post. "Amma! I want a picture post-card", he said. "But Mohan, you know I don't give you a card just like that. Can't you remember a Bible verse to say to me?" I replied. By this time interested passers-by had stopped to see what was happening. But in spite of this Mohan was ready with his answer. "God is love", he repeatedly triumphantly. Although he is only about four years old he had learned that verse when he came to Sunday School. So, of course he got his Tamil Text Picture Post-Card, and ran off happily back to his home in the Post Office.

One day a crowd of small children on their way to school climbed up on to the front verandah and peered through our front windows. "What do you want?" I asked. "Books", they said. "Have you brought money?" I asked. "Yes", they said, and showed me an Indian coin. So I went to our book cupboard and brought out some good books, from which they could make their choice. They chose one which had pictures in it, and which told the story of Jesus and the kind things He did to people who came to Him when they were ill, and how He made them better. They took the book and said that they wanted to buy another the next day.

The time came when I had to leave Belukurichi, where I had lived for nearly ten years. When Sarassu heard I was going away from Belukurichi she came to our house one day and said, "Amma,

have you got to go? It will be so empty without you." But I told her that although I had got to go, it would not be empty, because someone else was going to take my place.

I am sure that there are still plenty of children who are Front-Window Visitors in Belukurichi. So please go on praying for them that they may come to know God, who is love, and learn to love and trust Him too.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Miss Phyllis L. White, Dindigul

"Vote for Railway Engine!" . . . "Vote for Horse and Rider!" . . . "Vote for Clock!" . . . "Vote for Elephant!" . . . "Vote for the Rising Sun!" . . . "Vote for Goat!" . . . "Vote for Two Bullocks!".

But what is this all about? . . . Is it a game? No. It is just a local election being held. These words (in Tamil) are painted on walls, on the sides of houses, and even in the middle of roads.

But why railway engines, goats and all the other things? How do they come into an election? I am sure that in England when voting for a government, people are not asked to vote for animals. It would be a funny sort of government if there were goats and elephants, bullocks and railway engines in it! The reason for all these odd things is that they are symbols of the men who want to be elected. In India there are many adults who still cannot read or write. These people are entitled to vote and they want to vote . . . but they are unable to read the names of the people on the voting slips and therefore cannot understand which is the name of the person whom they want to represent them in government. So, each person who wants to receive votes usually takes a symbol as his own (but I don't know that I would particularly wish to be called a goat!); then, when people go to vote they just put a cross beside the symbol of the man for whom they want to vote.

It is impossible not to know that an election is to be held, for the signs and symbols are so big and they seem to be everywhere. The people of one group of houses obviously wanted Mr. "Clock" to be their representative in government because a huge clock was painted on the walls of each house (and for some reason not known to me, all the clocks were "set" at 3 o'clock). But the picture on the outside did show what the people inside believed.

And do you know, it is just like that with all of us. Our actions, our behaviour, our character, those things which people see of us, show what we are like inside. Some people here in India are known as Christians because they have Christian parents, but we know that many of these "Christians" are not truly believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, for they do not show the outward marks which tell us that they are true Christians. Galatians 5:22 tells us some of the marks of a Christian: "Love"—do I have love?

"Joy"—is my life showing forth happiness? Do I have peace? Do I have faith (*i.e.* belief in the Lord Jesus as my Saviour)? There is quite a list in verses 22 and 23 of that chapter. You read them. And remember that what shows on the outside reveals what one is inside.

HIDE AND SEEK

The Bible says much about hidden things—hidden people, hidden treasure, hidden corn, hidden stones, even hidden enemies. So here is a Searcher in which you can find out more about things which are hidden or things which someone wished to hide.

Lower Group, age under 12

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

1. Hide me under the ..... of Thy wings.
2. He shall not be ..... to hide himself.
3. And shall hide a ..... of sins.
4. I flee ..... Thee to hide me.
5. The poor of the ..... hide themselves.
6. And the ..... God said, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?"

The answers will be found in the following chapters: Psalm 17, Jeremiah 49, James 5, Psalm 143, Job 24, Genesis 18.

The first letters of the missing words spell the name of a great Bible prophet whose name is written at the head of two books of the Bible. Write his name at the foot of your answers.

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

You will find the answers to these questions in the chapters set out below but not always in the verse which contains the word "hid" or "hidden".

Write down the answers in the same order as the questions and give the book, chapter and verse where the word "hid", "hide", or "hidden" is found.

1. Who was hidden because he was a goodly child?
2. Who could not hide the fact that their money was spent?
3. Who told the men to hide three days, and where were they told to hide?
4. Who hid wheat, and where did he hide it?
5. Who hid himself in the hill, and who went to seek him?
6. Who hid himself by the brook, and how was he fed?
7. Who hid his girdle and where did he hide it?

The answer will be found in the following chapters and in this order.

Exodus 2, Genesis 47, Joshua 2, Judges 6, 1 Samuel 26, 1 Kings 17, Jeremiah 13.

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RESULTS OF BIBLE SEARCHER

Once again there was a splendid response to the Bible Searcher and our boys and girls sent in all but 400 entries; 68 schools entered but there were no new schools this time. Entries would have been still higher if some of the regular schools had kept on keeping on instead of leaving off. However, you will have the long summer holidays in front of you and heaps of time to do the Bible Searcher. Why not do it right away as soon as you receive "Rays"? It is a special one this time all about "hiding".

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: 1. Ann Barber, aged 12 years, Leiston Mission S. School.
2. Heather Gardner, aged 12 years, Bethesda, Ipswich.

Special Mention: Elizabeth Kindred, Sian Smith, Susan Howard, David Monk, Joy Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Barbara Wright, Anne Phillips, Hennie Kirkwood, Stephen Cooke, Gillian Maidstone, Mary Bater.

Very Highly Commended: Josephine Donnan, Dianne Fielden, Rosemary Higgins, Andrew Orchard, Jane Rose, Angela Hope, Simon Tanfields, Pauline Elms, Andrew Alsop, Susan Light, Andrew Toms, Mary Toms, Stephen Wade, Lydia Pyke, Sharon Rivers, Margaret Scoggins, Paul Hart, Stephen Hart, Christine Edwards, Pearl Smith, Marilyn Haddon, Loi Ward, Jacqueline Bustin, Sandra Griffiths, Pat Bustin, P. Geall, Philip Clarkson, Kathryn Appleby, Juliet Hoyes, Emelia Higgs, Paul Heasman, Shirley Upton, Susan Streeter, Anita May, Rose Coomber, Judith Moore, Virginia Hawes, Ian Burns, Rosemary Howe, K. Alexander, Jean Osborne, Christine Relfe, Elizabeth Starnes, John Edards, Alan Carman, Sheila Cross, Sonia Kelly, Winsome Ferguson, Janet Dighton, Carol Beeby, Mary Bemment, Philip Tait, Yvette Gulliver, Sally Chapman, Mary Bower, Stuart Waspe, John Layzell, Ruth Layzell, Faith Dawkins, Debra Myson, Kevin Ward, Jeremy Hill, David Rance, Paul Nash, Linda Chapman, Helen Blanchard, Stephen Rignall, Stephen Ambrose, Mandy Spalton, Christine Smith, Ruth Steward, C. Brown, Lorraine Clifford, J. Bugden, A. Ottley, Valerie Haslam, Marvelle Dublin, Noella Dowdye.

Highly Commended: Ellen Badrick, Rachel Orchard, Alastair Waylett, Philip Hart, Graham Hart, Suzanne Lysaght, Andrew Hewitt, Joy Mutimer, Valerie Scrace, David Croft, Alisan Stein.

Commended: Carol Barber, Christopher Harvey, Richard Backenbury, Errol Crooks, Vinton Gordon.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1. Susan Runnacles, aged 10 years, Prettygate, Colchester
2. Louise Waspe, aged 9 years, Stowmarket S. School.

Special Mention: Eric Bater, Angela Seaford, Sharon Collins, Margaret Gant, Gary Corsi, Paul Thrower, Susan Edge, Victoria Balmforth.

Very Highly Commended: Debbie Gwyther, Andrea Donnan, Conway Rudd, Andrew Baker, Martin Squires, Keith Milne, Julia Barber, John Orchard, Judith Orchard, Susan Lelliott, Teresa Church, Janet Dunnett, Elaine Hope, Annette Hollman, Karen Titchener, Peter Hollman, Derek Labbett, Patricia Togwell, Jonathan Saunders, Timothy Saunders, Adrian Mann, Clare Everard, Sarah Balmer, Angela Woods, Joanna Alsop, Leah Alsop, Susan Payne, David Pickett, Geoffrey Payne, Amanda Smith, Joy Roe, Stephen Roe, Linda Cannings, Elaine Cannings, Ruth Bater, Janet Silverton, Philip Collins, Berys Bird, Jeremy Pyke, Alison Runnacles, Susan Wade, Jennifer Grist, Andrew Grist, Shirley Hart, Judith Payne, Mark Ellis, Yvonne Norton, Carol Smith, Sonia Jermy, Diane Smith, Andrew Ward, Terry Bustin, Sharon Bustin, Tonia Drury, Tracey Calladine, Denise Drury, Elizabeth Willmott, Beverley Morgan, Ceri Smith, Michelle Long, Clifford Hart, Rosemary Mitchell, James Geall, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise; Sharon Weise, Julia Double, David Gant, Paul Gant, Teresa King, Sharon Chilton, Neil Hadley, Lynn Elliott, Belinda Corsi, Elaine Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, Roy Mutimer, Ann Chapman, Alan Hawes, Timothy Debenham, Andrew Debenham, Enid Hawes, Gillian Harvey, Malcolm Harvey, Karen Ball, Mandy Ball, Jacqueline Bentley, Andy Duncan, Paul Mickelsen, Roger Barker, Kevan Poulding, Colin Poulding, Pauline Jarritt, John Roberts, Jacqueline Poulding, Auriol Welton, John Chamberlain, Alan Smith, Margaret Thrower, Karen Ling, Sandra Ling, Susan Beeston, Philip Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Russell Frost, Catherine Balls, Rachel Balls, Paul King, Jennifer Starnes, Linda Moore, Eva Downer, Steven Webster, Amanda Hodgson, Andrew Laver, Carol Barton, Nigel Rookyard, Sadie Brown, Joanne Toogood, Nicholas Toogood, John Hodson, Elizabeth Tait, Judith Denning, Julia Edge, Madeleine Dixon, A. Roffey, Glynis Hayward, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Amanda Durrant, Paul Watts, Jane Miller, Elizabeth Balmforth, Ian Cargill, Anne Cargill, Carole Pearce, Kim Reuter, Julie Warren, Joy Denny, Graham Brown, M. Smith, Gloria Browne, Marion Cooper, Shirley Cooper, Barbara Cooper, Christine Ward, Melvin Ward, Leslie Hall, Christine Edwards, Jean Bugg, Trevor Bugg, Kingsley Reeve, Monica Vincent, Jane Hall, Elisabeth Skelton, Shirley Clifford, Susan Fletcher, Stephen Evemy, Elizabeth Wood, Alison Smith, Lynette Bugden, Elaine Clack, Karen Blackman, Julia Coulson, Andrew Cooke, Carole Smith, Helen Jessop, Catherine Manley, Elizabeth Robinson, Grace Robinson, Graham Dennis, Lorna Lidbury, Sevilley Piggott, Lydia Lidbury, Annella Dowdye, Mary Dowdye.

Highly Commended: David Tole, Susan Tole, Lorraine Strutt, Antonia Mazzone, Cabrella Spodini, Christopher Donnan, Susan Gillions, Virginia Saunders, Vivienne Taylor, Susan Willett, Linda Flint, Phillip Dunnett, Mandy Elms, Joanna Hopgood, Kay Pullen, Sherrie Simpson, Anthony Adams, Jean New, Linda Stevens, Debbie Cook, Kim Deverill, Clair Beckley, Lynn Bustin, Fiona Waylett, Penny Moore, Angela Hart, Brian Alcock, Susan Moore, Susan Morris, Julia Darlow, Alison Jardine, Andrew Francis, Janet Ewer, Christine Clark, Richard Hawes, Randal Harvey, Sharon Gregory, Sandra Ball, David Mickelsen, Sally Chamberlain, Bernard Fenn, Linda Wade, Philip Cobbold, Christine Syer, Christine Edards, Ellen Syer, Susan Edards, Keith Waymont, Denise Payne, Y. W. Harrill, Dawn Payne, Olga Kelly, Trevor Cox, Tony Davis, Cynthia Henry, Richard Morris, Brian Ruston, Jannette Warrington, Rose Williams, Lorraine Buddie, Kevin Clark, Alan Scrace, Sean Dixon, Nigel Woodhouse, Paul Chapman, Susan Watts, Lesley Pate, Yvonne Dawkins, Dawn LeGros, Kevin Moulds, Caroline Terrill, Beverley Smith, Diane Cook, Sylvia Chappell, Sharon Oliver, Vincent Dublin, Elizabeth Jones, Cynthia Dublin, Jacqueline John, Kathleen Riorden, Annette Whiting, Anne Wills, John Wills, Keith Whiting, Susan Manning, Catherine Patmore, Lynette Lidbury, Eustace Dublin.

Commended: Paul Toms, John Rogan, Jeffrey Attwood, Verica Cox, Paul Finn, Carl Stewart, Beresford Williams, Esther Layzell, Carol Carter, Thomas Riorden, Teresa Cummins, Sheila Cummins.

"Enon", Woolwich, head the list this time but Gadebridge are not far behind. Boys and girls of Warboys are marching on.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

On another page in this issue you will find details of the "Rays" Rallies which are to be held this year—one on Saturday, September 13th, at Highbury and the other on Saturday, September 20th, at Chelmsford. Both Highbury and Chelmsford are keen "Rays" schools and I know that each of them will be doing their best to give us the best ever "Rays" Rally. But all that they can do will not really succeed unless we all do our best to support them. There will be a roll-call of schools at each place and I want your school to be represented, and to show yourselves when the name of your school is called.

I have been wondering how many of you will be playing Hide-and-Seek during these long summer holidays and I can picture you running in and out of some queer places to hide—into caves or behind tall rocks by the seaside; into the barn or behind the hay-rick on the farm; in and out of doorways, up in trees like Zacchaeus, or behind tree trunks. There are all sorts of queer places where boys and girls can hide, and most of them get found out.

But there are hidden things in each of our minds and hearts that none will ever find out; none except God, who sees us exactly as we are and knows our thoughts even before they pass through our minds. Nobody knew more about hiding than David, for King Saul was always hunting him wherever he tried to hide. And it was David who found the best hiding place that anyone has ever discovered. He knew very well that he could never hide himself from God, and so he made God his hiding-place (Psalm 32, verse 7).

Don't you think that was a wonderful idea on David's part! He knew, like we all do, that he had much that he wanted to hide. His sins, his wrong-doings, his unkind thoughts, none of them would stand the test which God requires. And so David prayed to God that He would be gracious enough and merciful enough to cover his sin and allow David to make God his hiding-place. Of course he was quite safe if he was hiding in God. And we too, in spite of all our sin and the things that we are ashamed of and wouldn't tell to anyone else, may come to God and ask Him to cover our sin. We may pray to God and ask Him for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life for sinners, that He will forgive us and allow us to hide ourselves in Him.

And God promises to all who seek His forgiveness that He will remember their sins no more. He says, "I will teach you in the way which you shall go, I will guide you with mine eye". What a wonderful God is the Lord, and how merciful is our Lord Jesus Christ!

I was pleased to receive letters from Mary Bemment, Gillian Harvey, and Alison Stein. Also from Mrs. P. Alexander, Mrs. E. G. Blakeman, Mr. J. Christie, Mrs. Myrtle Frost, Mr. Harold W. Harmer, Mr. W. Kisbee (delighted to receive 19 entries from New Cross).

With the best of good wishes to you all, from

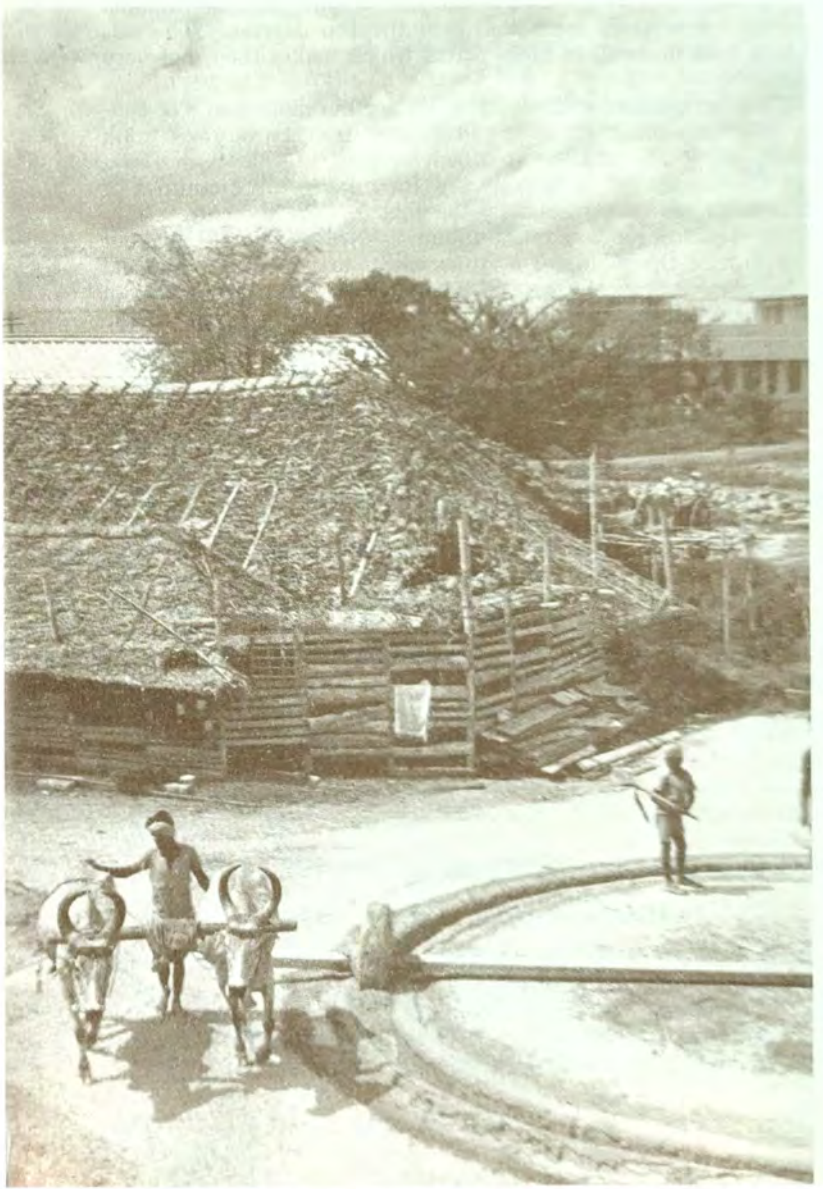
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Our Cover Picture, "THE OLD AND THE NEW".

Notes by Miss L. S. Hazel

What a tumble-down building with broken timber walls and leaking palm-leaf roof we have in the centre of our picture. These wouldn't be much protection during the monsoon months when the rains are usually very heavy for days and weeks at a time. The roofs, however, are very cool in the hot summer months in India when the temperature soars well over the 100 degrees. The rats and bats love to dwell in these places which makes them not very hygienic.

In the background of the picture we see buildings made of concrete which are much stronger and cleaner in every way. I think I would prefer one of these in which to live.

In the foreground is a mill used for mixing the quantities of sand and cement proportionately together to form the correct consistency required for concrete buildings. Notice a circle dug out in the ground the width of a stone wheel to which are attached wooden planks, of which one end is connected to the harness driven by the man with his bulls. The sand and cement is placed in the rut and as the bulls keep moving round and round so the mixture is well graded for use. The young lad is also there with his spade to see that all goes well and if needed give a helping hand.

This can illustrate our hearts by nature. Like the leaky thatched roof and broken sides, our hearts are open to receive sinful and unclean habits. Such habits are like the bats and rats that cause destruction and leave their filth behind them. Satan is ever ready to intrude and mar our lives.

May Jesus Christ dwell in us so that our building, which is our body, may be clean and beautiful, firm as the concrete ones, that we may stand as living witnesses, having changed lives because we belong to Jesus.

Look up the reference John 15. 3 in your Bibles and see what it says.

Is this a true picture of your lives and mine?

BOYS AND GIRLS IN SPAIN. WHAT ARE THEY LIKE . . . ?

by Miss Nellie Hawes, Barcelona, Spain.

Bang! Bang! Bang! I went to my window to find out what was happening and, to my surprise, I saw two Red Indians—not real ones of course—but boys dressed in the costumes of Red Indians and chasing each other with guns in their hands. The costumes were new and must have been Christmas presents.

Their games in winter

Like most English girls and boys, Spanish children love games: these vary according to the season of the year. In winter when it can be cold, wet and windy, the children play indoors with their toys, and a number of these toys are British, for some shops sell only imported toys, and those that I have seen in such shops are imported British goods. Dominos, jigsaws, card games are also much used. Older children and adults take a great interest in the national game of chess.

Games in spring

In spring when the days begin to lengthen and become warmer, other toys come into use such as skipping ropes, tops, marbles, and this year, a new toy, the Yo-yo. Of course there is always the old favourite, the ball, in all its various sizes and colours. There are balls that miss the mark and go through people's glass windows, others that get lost and are never found, and yet others that to this day are stuck on the spikes of barbed wire never to be used again.

Games in summer

In summer when the days are long and can be hot the children find it difficult sometimes to know what to do with their two-three months' school leave. In many areas there are small parks, and the smaller children make use of the swings and slides that are there for use. Those who have toy boats sail them on a pool made for that use, while those who like plenty of exercise can put on their roller skates and use the rink provided until they tire of this particular game. When the wind blows the boys fly their kites or ride their cycles.

Real wheelbarrow races

Just outside my home there is a park. The work in this has not yet been completed, so the gate is usually locked about 6-7 p.m. each day as the workmen leave their wheelbarrows and other tools there. Well, the gate may be locked, but walls can be climbed and one of the recent delights for the boys has been to wheel each other around in these wheelbarrows—sometimes the driver overturns the wheelbarrow and the passenger, but it is all in the game, and if you rip the seam of your trousers—well what matters—mother will mend it! And you know what happens to the boy when he gets home!

(To be continued)

MOVING DAY

from Roger Cook, Belgium.

Boxes and boxes of stuff . . . tables and chairs all upside down . . . front room, back room, kitchen . . . oh! what a mess!

But then, that's the way it is on "moving day". And we are not just moving round the corner, but nearly thirty-five miles away to the town of Mons in Belgium (look it up in your atlas). "Shall we take *my* table, daddy?" Andrew repeats the same question for the umpteenth time . . .

"Everything is going to be taken—everything!", we try to reassure him, but he doesn't seem convinced. "In fact, we shall probably need more than we have at the moment." This is because we shall now have eight rooms instead of just five as at present.

There are several other differences about our new "home": we shall be the only people in our new house; then, instead of being in a quiet side-road, we shall be right on the busy fruit-market, bang in the middle of Mons (you can imagine what sort of a noise that might mean!) And, of course, it will be more work to make up the fires each day instead of sitting back and letting the automatic central heating do all the dirty work!!

But perhaps the biggest change will be that all our friends are here in Brussels and in Mons we know virtually nobody. Oh, I expect our old friends will come to visit us from time to time and we may be able to come up to Brussels occasionally, but that's not quite the same thing. And yet, strange though it may seem, this is the very reason that we are moving to Mons . . .

"Now that's a funny idea!" I can hear someone saying. "Fancy going through all the upheaval of moving and leaving all your old friends behind, just to make new friends!"

Perhaps! But let me explain: this is what it means to be what we call a "missionary". That's right, going from place to place to tell everyone the Good News about Jesus, which amounts to the same thing as making friends with people, so that we can introduce them to our very special friend. To get to know people we shall have to meet them and talk to them. This will mean inviting them into our home, and we hope, being invited into their homes. It will mean being ready to help those who are in some sort of difficulty; we shall need to try to understand the special problems of today's young people; there will be sick people to comfort and encourage . . . and so we could go on. Yes, all that is involved in "moving day".

However, I don't want you to think that we hope to make friends with a lot of people and that's all. No, our main purpose is, as I said earlier, to introduce them as soon as possible to the "best friend" that it's possible to have. Jesus Himself, who is the sinner's friend, will be the One whom we shall present as the solution to all their problems, the One that sticketh closer than a brother. We shall be most glad when our new friends come to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ for themselves and so find perfect peace and joy. Then our "moving day" will have been well worth all the effort.

But, I wonder, have you met this "special Friend" yet? You don't have to move to do that. He is close at hand at any time. All you need to do is call upon Him and He will answer. (Read Romans 10, verses 13 to 17.)

HARVEST

How thankful we are that it has been a better harvest this year than it was last year. All through the lovely summer days, the corn was growing and ripening and even though the weather broke before the harvest was gathered, most of the crops have been brought in. We should bless and praise the Lord for this, so here is a Searcher on Harvest which we are sure you will find full of interest.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named below and find the verse where the words are found. Then write out these sentences in order, giving the book, chapter and verse where found. Fill in the missing words.

1. Pray . . . therefore, the Lord of the harvest.
2. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they . . . white already to harvest.
3. The harvest truly is plenteous but the . . . are few.
4. They came to Bethlehem in the . . . of barley harvest.
5. When ye . . . the harvest of your land thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field.
6. The harvest is the . . . of the world.

The answers will be found in the following chapters: Luke 10, John 4, Matthew 9, Ruth 1, Leviticus 19, Matthew 13. The first letters of the missing words spell the name of a certain corn crop, but the letters will have to be arranged in the right order to spell it properly. Write the name of the corn crop at the bottom of your Searcher entry in capital letters.

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

You will find the answers to these questions in the chapters named, but the chapters are not in the same order as the questions. Extra marks will be given for any further references to harvest in these chapters. Copy out the verses where the answers to the questions are found.

Where do we find references to:

1. The crown of the year.
2. Binding sheaves.
3. Labourers in the harvest.
4. A reaper's wages.
5. Building greater barns.
6. A cart full of sheaves.

The answers will be found in the following chapters (which are not in order): John 4, Amos 2, Psalm 65, Luke 12, Matthew 9, Genesis 37.

Your searching must be done without the aid of any person and with a Bible only. Extra marks will be given in both groups for neatness. At least one prize will be given in each group, but prizewinners in the last Searcher are not eligible for another prize until February, 1970, 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,

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CLOSING DATE—OCTOBER 31st, 1969.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before October 31st. Entries received after November 4th, 1969, will be too late for entry.

BIBLE SEARCHER RESULTS

The entries for the last Bible Searcher were very good indeed and totalled 400 entries, which is not bad for a holiday month. Some of the answers in the Upper Group were very short indeed and showed that little trouble was taken in writing out the answers, and some Upper Groupers answered Lower Group questions, even though they are 12 years old. We welcome 78 new boys and girls to our Bible Searcher list.

Be careful to put your NAME, AGE, ADDRESS, and SUNDAY SCHOOL on your Searcher.

Upper Group, aged 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: 1. Mary Bemment, aged 13 years, Prittlewell S. School.
2. Graham J. Milne, 12 years, Basildon S. School.

Special Mention: Sian Smith, Joy Mutimer, Heather Gardiner, Gillian Maidstone.

Very Highly Commended: Diane Fielden, Rachel Orchard, Andrew Orchard, Rosemary Higgins, Margaret Woodger, Angela Hope, Simon Tanfields, Pauline Elms, Mary Bater, Susan Light, Lydia Pyke, Elizabeth Kindred, Stephen Hart, Loi Ward, Philip Hart, Kathryn Appleby, Lois Clarkson, Juliet Hoyes, Peter Geall, Suzanne Lysaght, Sara Jardine, Lynn Elliott, Andrew Hewitt, Wendy Chapman, Joy Chapman, Ian Burns, Lorraine Dow, Paul Pontin, Kenneth Alexander, Jean Osborne, Ann Barber, Philip Tait, Rachel Denning, Angela Rogers, Sally Chapman, Anne Philips, Ivan Sams, Kevin Ward, Lesley Williams, Stephen Cooke, Amanda Hoare, Andrew Ottley, Valerie Haslam, Alison Stein.

Highly Commended: Josephine Donnan, Alan Church, Andrew Alsop, Andrew Toms, Stephen Wade, Graham Hart, Jennifer Weise, Philip Clarkson, Anita May, Susan Streeter, Rose Coomber, Emelia Higgs, Paul Heasman, David Monk, Elizabeth Spurgeon, Mandy Stephens, C. R. Harvey, Gillian Harvey, Virginia Hawes, Michael Kenton, John Edards, Steven Webster, Alastair Waylett, Sheila Cross, Christopher Rookyard, Winsome Ferguson, Valerie Scrace, Barbara Wright, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Mary Bower, Stuart Waspe, Ruth Steward, Christine Smith, J. Bugden, Claire Taylor, Janica Fisher, Christine Fisher, Noella Dowdye.

Commended: Mary Toms, R. M. Brackenbury, Gary Saunders, Aubrey Carby, Eventon Dixon, Carol Beeby, Sandra Shepherd, Nigel Agus, Stephen Rignall, Sandra Grant.

The following Searchers, being 12 years of age, should have entered for Upper Group instead of Lower Group, Julia Mann, Gillian Carpenter, Jean New, Paul Francis, Dennis Saunders.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1. Brian Newcombe, aged 10 years, Stowmarket S. School.
2. Leah Alsop, aged 9 years, Bradford-on-Avon S. School.

Special Mention: Susan Lamb, Judith Orchard, Susan Payne, Eric Bater, Andrew Ward, Sonia Jeremy, Timothy Debenham, Roy Mutimer, Carol Barton, Susan Edge, Victoria Balmforth.

Very Highly Commended: Susan Gillions, Andrea Donnan, Andrew Baker, Linda King, Keith Milne, Julia Mann, Kay Ford, Susan Lelliott, John Orchard, Dawn Miles, Paul Flint, David Wood, Teresa Church, Peter Hollman, Karen Thomas, Annette Hollman, Elaine Hope, Kay Pullen, Adrian Mann, Timothy Saunders, Jonathan Saunders, Geoffry Payne, Amanda Smith, Desmond Hensby, Mark Pickett, Linda Cannings, Elaine Cannings, Stephen Roe, Susan Gay, Joy Roe, Jennifer Grist, Andrew Grist, Philip Collins, Charles Light, Jill Ford, Berys Bird, Davidson Rand, Gillian Carpenter, Mark Ellis, Diane Smith, Carol Smith, Mark Oxborrow, Ceri Smith, Angela Hart, Sharon Cox, Clifford Hart, Jacqueline Appleby, James Geall, Laurence Young, Sharon Weise, Angela Ellis, Karena Ellis, Ema Whyteukor, Paul Gant, David Gant, Margaret Gant, Evelyn Rowland, Bridget Spurgeon, Jacqueline Higgs, Susan Morris, Sharon Chilton, Andrew Dodd, Angela Osborne, N. Sampson, Tania Chattin, Christine Clark, Dawn Yarham, Lorraine Strutt, Dianne Elliott, Theresa Fullam, Susan Brookwell, Gary Corsi, Belinda Corsi, Elaine Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, Angela Evans, Enid Hawes, Andrew Debenham, Ann Chapman, Alan Hawes, Malcolm Harvey, Jennifer Frost, Jacqueline Bentley, Sharon Gregory, Mandy Ball, Karen Ball, Arlette Hurley, John Roberts, Colin Poulding, Andy Duncan, Sally Chamberlain, Pauline Jarritt, Clive Sawyer, Philip Lawson, Sandra Ling, Karen Ling, Lydia Pontin, Margaret Thrower, Linda Wade, Alan Smith, Paul Thrower, Stephen Dow, Nicholas Alexander, Rachel Balls, Catherine Balls, Russell Frost, Jackie Pearse, Paul King, Dennis Saunders, Susan Edards, Ellen Syer, Keith Waymont, Angela Borley, Amanda Hodgson, Denise Payne, Lyndsay Mann, Nigel Rookyard, Joanne Toogood, Nicholas Toogood, Cynthia Henry, Sadie Brown, Philip Turner, Antonina Mazzone, Anthony Rogers, Elizabeth Tait, Madeleine Dixon, Andrea Roffey, Sean Dixon, Erika Snape, Julia Edge, Amanda Durrant, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Nigel Woodhouse, Glynis Hayward, Carole Pearce, Cabrella Spodini, Elizabeth Balmforth, Anne Cargill, Linda Smith, Lesley Pate, Jube Warren, Louise Waspe, Graham Brown, Judith Cooper, Rosemary Harris, Julie Harris, Lorraine Stannard, Gloria Browne, Yvonne Dawkins, Christine Ward, Jacqueline Williams, Kingsley Reeve, Jean Bugg, Trevor Bugg, Christine Edwards, Karen Blackman, Stephen Evemy, Shirley Clifford, Elizabeth Wood, Lynette Bugden, Susan Fletcher, Alison Smith, Hilary Bugden, Andrew Cooke, Beverley Smith, Carole Smith, Jean Armstrong, Janet Pratt, Diane Cook, Catherine Manley, Grace Robinson, Sharon Oliver, Cynthia Dublin, Sevilley Piggott, Sheena Smith, Debbie Gwyther, Geraint Dearman.

Highly Commended: Julie Preston, Kevin Mose, Vivienne Taylor, Kevin Robinson, Linda Flint, Hilary Ford, Joanna Hopegood, Pat Togwell, Sherrie Simpson, Mandy Elms, Leigh Allan, Graham Barber, Anthony Adams, Roy Mayell, Paul Toms, Jean New, John New, Linda Stevens, Sandra Lupton, Helen Burnip, Susan Horrill, Jacqueline Weise, Sylvia Ellis, Brian Alcock, Mandy Fox, Elizabeth Dodd, Andrew Martin, Janet Ewer, Paul Francis, Karen Howard, Christopher Attwood, Susan Yarham, Alison Jardine, Caroline O'Sulivan, Julia Darlow, Fiona Starkey, Sonia Selinsky, Tina O'Sullivan, Fiona Keen, Karen Brookwell, Paul Gower, Susan and David Tole, Sharon Cowley, Richard Cowley, Gary Burdett, Randal Harvey, Richard Hawes, Jacqueline Pouldine, Kevan Poulding, Richard Hubbard, Ronald Carter, Philip Alexander, Tommy Herbert, Christine Syer, Christine Edards, Anthony Harrison, Yates Harrill, Sandra Miller, David Miller, Fiona Waylett, Dawn Payne, Susan Miller, Olga Kelly, Verica Cox, Trevor Cox, Janette Warrington, Chevol Cooley, Clive Wright, Diane Turner, Ian Farquharson, Michael Carby, Sonia Dixon, Pauline Dixon, Jayne Edwards, Lorraine Buddle, Paul Chapman, Kim Reuter, Joy Denny, Sharon Dawkins, Dawn LeGros, Melvin Ward, Paul Bartholomeusz, Kevin Moulds, Elaine Clack, Andrew Moulds, Beverley Fisher, Paul Higgs, Elizabeth Robinson, Sheila Cummins, Susan Manning, Carol Carter, Elizabeth Jones, Lester Piggott, Mary Dowdye, Catherine Patmore, Graham Dennis.

Commended: Elizabeth Gregory, Andrew Francis, Jeffrey Attwood, Ian Green, Mark Green, Richard Coughery, Karem Pearse, Floyd Dixon, Peter Burrows, Deborah Feney, Anne Wills, Theresa Cummins.

Arlette Hurley of Ilford should have stated age.

Hammerfield Sunday School head the list this time with 31 entries. We congratulate Hammerfield on climbing to the top once again.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Many of you have been able to attend the "Rays" Rallies at Highbury and at Chelmsford. I am quite sure that all who have been to either meeting have enjoyed themselves and we want to see even more boys and girls at next year's Rallies. I would like to thank all those who did so much for us to make the rallies so enjoyable; for those who took part in the demonstrations at Highbury and at Chelmsford, for the workers at both Churches who saw to it that thirsty boys and girls had some nice, cool lemonade to drink, and for all who in any way helped us—a big "Thank you".

Today as I was driving through the countryside I saw some beautiful orchards with splendid young trees laden with apples, pears and plums. The apples, especially, looked as if they really wanted someone to go and pick them; their bright red cheeks were shining in the sun just asking to be picked. The pears too, even if more dull in colour, were so full of juice that it seemed a pity to pass them by without tasting them.

Yes, these fruits are part of the harvest that God has provided for us to enjoy. Next time you get a rosy apple or a juicy pear, just look at it before you dig your teeth into it—look at the beauty of its shape, the loveliness of the coloured stripes on the apple skin, the beauty of the speckled brown on the pear skin. And then hold them to your nose and smell the refreshing scent of the apple and the warm, sunny scent of the pear. And then remember the beautiful words of Genesis 1. 29, "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb . . . and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat . . . And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold it was *very good.*"

When we leave the towns and cities and go into the green countryside; when we look down upon the glistening grass, or gaze around at the beauty of the trees; when we look up at the white clouds sailing across the blue sky, or watch the ripples on the silent river, all these beautiful things are speaking to us with silent voices, for "day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night shewed knowledge, there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." These silent voices all bear witness to God's goodness and His glory.

Now listen a moment longer to the voice of the same Lord and God speaking in His holy word in the 19th Psalm:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.

"The commandment of the Lord is pure, giving light to the eyes.

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever.

"The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

"More to be desired are they than gold . . .

"Moreover by them is thy servant warned:

"And in keeping of them there is great reward."

Just think of that!

I was very pleased to receive letters from: Alison (Yateley), Christine Edwards, Heather Gardner, Gillian Maidstone, and Susan Runnacles. Also I would like to thank these friends for their welcome letters: Mrs. Blakeman, Mr. Harold Harmer, Pastor J. Hewitt, Mr. W. Kisbee, Mrs. L. A. Rowland, Miss Pauline Stokes and Mr. Michael Wicks.

With every good wish to you all, from,

UNCLE PETER.

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