Theology on the Web.org.uk

Making Biblical Scholarship Accessible

This document was supplied for free educational purposes. Unless it is in the public domain, it may not be sold for profit or hosted on a webserver without the permission of the copyright holder.

If you find it of help to you and would like to support the ministry of Theology on the Web, please consider using the links below:



https://www.buymeacoffee.com/theology



https://patreon.com/theologyontheweb

PayPal https://paypal.me/robbradshaw

A table of contents for the *Strict Baptist Mission Herald and Report* can be found here:

https://missiology.org.uk/journal_strict-baptist-mission-herald-and-report_01.php

THE
STRICT BAPTIST
MISSION HERALD

THE

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION HERALD

VOL. LXIX.—1970

LONDON:
THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION
61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD, BROCKLEY, S.E.4

INDEX

A	PAGE
An Answer to Prayer	29
Appleby, Mr. H. J.	6
B	
Burnett, Miss B.	54
C	
Continuing Ministry	51, 63
Crees, Mr.	28, 66, 69
Children Read the Bible	67
Camp from Camp	58, 57
Conacher, Miss Y.	8, 58
Conference in India	27
Conference, 1970, Pastors	6, 68
Customers Write	34
Cattle upon a Thousand Hills	35
Cook, Mr. R.	18
E	
Early Ministry	32
Early Impressions	44
Ellis, Mr. B. F.	35, 53
F	
Febe	65
Fellow Workers in Salem	42
Field, Mr. J. R.	40
Flory, Miss E. M.	3, 42
Future Prospects	46
H	
Harris, Miss M. E.	20, 56
Harris, Dr. R.	57
Hill, Pastor L. S.	28
Holdstock, Mr. E.	39
Huckett, Mr. H. A.	29

I	PAGE
Into all the World	53
K	
Kuhrt, Mr. W. H.	32, 44, 51, 63, 68
Knight, Miss O. R.	21, 34, 67
Kuhrt, Mrs. D.	27
M	
Meeting with Antichrist	40
Mission Worldwide	39
Mission in Spain	15
Mission in Spain—Needed	5
Mountain Top Bible School	56
N	
Nepal Visit	30
P	
Preaching—Healing	8
R	
Radio Follow-up	17
Reunion, a Retreat in Madras	20
T	
That I may known Him	54
Teacher's Treasure, A.	21
Thorpe, Pastor J. K.	5, 15
Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. D.	30
W	
We First Met the Irish Baptists in France	69
What are we doing Here?	18
White, Miss P. L.	17
Woman's Bible School in Dindigul	3

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1970

THE HERALD



Women's Bible School at Dindigul.

61, BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E. 4.

SBM
into all the world

INFORMATION AND MINISTRY DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1970 (D.V.)

GENERAL

General Secretary: Mr. FRANK ELLIS, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel. 01-692 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission should be addressed.

Northern Representative: Pastor E. ORCHARD, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel. Hartlepool 66261, to whom all enquiries regarding deputation ministry in the Northern Counties should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. N. Cox, 90 Upper Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Tel. Tunbridge Wells 22551.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PAYMENTS FOR MAGAZINES, DONATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE MISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT: 61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E.4.

Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1970 (D.V.)

Mr. Frank Ellis.—JANUARY 4th, Caterham; 11th, Sutton-at-Hone; 18th, "Rehoboth", Tunbridge Wells; 21st, "Eden", Cambridge; 25th, Leiston; 30th, N. Berks Y.P.F. FEBRUARY 1st, Kingston; 8th, "Trinity", Tenterden; 15th, St. Neots and Little Staughton; 22nd, Clifton; 27th, Stamford; 28th, Sleaford.

Pastor M. M. Howells.—JANUARY 18th, Hinckley and Stoke Golding.
ADDRESS: 62 Raglan Road, Bromley, Kent.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—JANUARY 18th, Margate.
ADDRESS: 18 Haldon Road, Wandsworth, London, S.W.18.

STAMP CORNER

Please note that MRS. MAY's address is 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts., and not 27 as printed in the current Annual Report.

EXTRACT FROM AN S.B. CHURCH "MESSENGER"

"A prayer meeting for the work of the STRICT BAPTIST MISSION is held on the first Thursday of each month at . . ."

WOMEN'S BIBLE SCHOOL IN DINDIGUL

Miss E. M. Flory

If you had been able to peep into a certain hired house in Nehrujinagar, Dindigul, during a week in October, you would have seen something that would cheer your hearts. Seven women, members of Churches in Ayanavaram and Kilpauk in Madras, Alathur on the Kolli Hills, and Anbinagaram in Ramnad District, had all left their home responsibilities and their daily work, and met together for six precious days of fellowship and Bible study.

For several months previously an advertisement had appeared in the Tamil magazine of the Churches, announcing that a Bible school for women was being arranged in Dindigul from October 17th to 22nd. Notices were also sent to the secretaries of every Tamil Baptist Church. Much prayer was made. Would there be any applications? The course was intended for women already engaged in some form of Christian service. Many such are employed as school teachers. Would they be able to get the time off? And would their husbands be willing to take over the household responsibilities, to free their wives for a week? As time went on, and few applications were received, doubts arose in our minds. Then, almost at the last minute, applications began to pour in, from more than could be accommodated! Even three men wanted to attend. After much thought and prayer, eight women were selected, although one of these could not come in the end, as she couldn't get time off from school work. So by mid-day of October 17th, these seven women had arrived in Dindigul; three of them brought young babies with them, and there were three other little girls, the eldest two to look after the babies during classes, so the mothers would not be disturbed.

The first afternoon a "preparation meeting" was held, in which time was given for praise and prayer, together with a short devotional message. In the evening each of the women, and those who were to give the lessons, had the opportunity of introducing themselves, and telling briefly of the type of Christian service in which they were engaged.

On Saturday morning (18th) lessons began in earnest. Miss E. M.

Flory gave the first lessons each morning, on the subject of "The Doctrine of the Church—its nature, ordinances and ministry". After a short break for refreshment, Miss M. E. Harris gave a series of Bible studies in the epistle to the Philippians. The women had been encouraged to memorise the 3rd chapter, and four of them were able to repeat this word perfect. In the afternoons Miss Y. Conacher gave lessons on more practical subjects, such as health and hygiene, preparation of Sunday School lessons, and Bible talks, etc. One afternoon they paid a visit to the book shop, and were able to purchase Christian books which will be useful to them in their Christian service. One evening Mr. Appleby showed them the radio recording studio, and explained something of what is involved in preparing Tamil programmes. Two evenings they saw Kodachrome slides. One woman, from the Kolli Hills, had never seen the sea, and was enthralled to see pictures of the harbour at Madras. Incidentally her journey from her home to Dindigul involved a twelve mile walk in the rain, down from the Kolli Hills to the plains, as well as a long bus journey. On the Sunday morning Miss O. R. Knight conducted a worship service. The unanimous decision of the women was that the offering be devoted to the Tamil Good News Radio Ministry.

The needs of the body were well catered for, and the Hindu woman who was the cook for the week did a fine job in providing varied and tasty meals. The babies and children were kept in good health, although the weather was rainy and cool. Rain had come just in time, to ease the water situation! In the testimony meeting on the final day, there was a fine spirit of praise.

Now the women are back again in their own homes. Some had made such decisions as, to engage more actively in Christian service; to give sacrificially to the Lord's work; to pray for the provision of pastors for the Churches. As they seek to put these resolutions into practice, and to share the blessings of the Bible School with others, the Lord will prove their sufficiency.

From conversation with some of the women, we gather there are plans being made for further Bible Schools to be arranged, notably in Ramnad district. We pray for increasing opportunities for such ministry among women in Tamil Baptist Churches.

MISSION IN SPAIN—NEEDED

Pastor J. K. Thorpe

Vast numbers of people today know something of Spain, but they know of it as the great holiday playground of Europe. The tourists just come and go, bringing to Spain the economic advantages of this greatest trade of the country, but in many cases these visitors leave without even being aware of the great spiritual need of the Spanish people.

Spain is a very needy mission field, and the more the situation is examined and understood the greater that need appears to be.

It is interesting to remember that Paul thought of Spain in his day as a challenging sphere for Christian service. It was his great ambition to go to Spain; not for a short visit, but in order to conduct a Gospel campaign in that country (Rom. 15. 24, 28). He thought of Rome as the base for this operation and the Christians there as his partners in mission by their love and prayers and practical support.

The question naturally arises, did Paul ever reach Spain? Were his hopes and aims realised, or must we consider this to have been one of the many frustrated plans of Christian missionary enterprise?

Christians in Spain believe that Paul did reach their country, and they will proudly show you in Tarragona, the foremost city of Roman Spain, the place where according to tradition Paul landed.

If it is true that Paul himself laid the foundation of Gospel work in Spain, then it is very sad indeed to contemplate what other men have built on that foundation through the passing years. Today Roman Catholicism dominates the country, outwardly in its Churches and other religious buildings, but also in a deeper sense in the thinking and customs of the masses of the people.

It is true that there are two kinds of Catholicism in Spain today. The ancient form of superstition and the unthinking acceptance of tradition and Church authority, with its drab, dark buildings, and its images and candles. The other form is that of the new thinking and freedom that has come about in recent years. This is reflected in the new laws of religious liberty, being fully implemented at the present time, and in the open distribution and reading of the Scriptures. This

(*Continued on page 10*)

PASTORS' CONFERENCE 1969

Mr. H. J. Appleby



Pastor Devanesam, Kilpauk, Madras.

By noon on Tuesday, September 23rd, the seven Pastors had assembled in a small guest house in Kotagiri—"Northern Hay"—which we rented for the week. Four of them had visited the hills previously, and had some idea what to expect; but for three of them this was a real adventure, and for one brother in particular it was only the second time he had ever been in a train, or away from Madras, in all his 60 odd years. He told me that as he sat in the bus at the hill foot, waiting to travel up, his heart was trembling for he thought he should never survive such a climb. But by the end of the week all of them were acclimatised and at ease.

One Pastor fell over; one was stung by a hornet; one succumbed to hill dysentery; and three complained of heart pains after climbing to the third floor of a tea factory on one of the outings. However, ointments and aspirins seemed to do the trick, and we were greatly relieved to be able to return the same seven to the plains again when the week was over. Drinking water had to be supplied warmed ("cold drinking water is a common cause of the teeth falling out") but otherwise they made a brave show of demolishing the various meals that were put in front of them —even some meals, be it whispered, without rice!

There was a lot of appreciation expressed of the beauties of the hills and the flowers. One of the outings was to Lambs Rock in Coonoor, and the mist lifted long enough for us to have an excellent view for at least ten minutes. Some of them found the sight really amazing. "If we told our folk at home that it was like this they wouldn't believe us", said one. Another outing was to a local tea factory, where they enjoyed discovering the processes whereby tea is made. The owner made a fuss of them afterwards by having us all to tea and cakes in his house.

Four lectures were given by Mr. Thrower, based on four sections of the Tamil version of the book by Eric Sauer, "The Dawn of World Redemption". A copy of the book was given to each Pastor. Mr. Field conducted four conversational lectures on the Epistle to Titus. "He gave some good thoughts", one of the men said to me. In the two remaining periods I gave two studies on the subject of Faith, which seemed to provoke some thoughtful discussion. One session was spent in giving each Pastor ten minutes to review a book. These books had been



Pastor M. T. Daniel, Tiruverkadu, Madras.



Pastor D. J. Albert, Thayilpatti, Ramnad.

selected and sent to the various Pastors a month before the meeting. All of the books except one received favourable reviews, and several expressed appreciation of the book they had to read. Following this session each of the Pastors chose his free grant of books, paid for by the David Morling Memorial Fund, from a display arranged by Mr. Field.

Sunday morning was spent in worship at the local Tamil Baptist Church, when one Pastor was asked to give a testimony and another was asked to preach. During the Sunday afternoon a session called "Five minutes talk" allowed each Pastor to speak for five minutes about any subject that he felt burdened to share. This was an interesting time; Pastor Devanesam told us how he was challenged to a life of more faith, after reading a biography of George Mueller; Pastor Rajaratnam shared with us two Church problems at Rasipuram; Pastor Albert told how he was first burdened to take communion to the 24 Churches in his area that were not holding it regularly, and how the Lord was opening the way for him to visit these Churches and render this service; Pastor Paul Raj gave us a brief meditation on II Samuel 15. 15, asking if we were really ready to follow our King David barefoot out into the wilderness; Pastor Samuel told us how he and his wife were challenged to more prayer, and how, since they began midday prayer for revival each day, the Sunday School had grown rapidly, and a new Sunday School started in the nearby district; Pastor Moses told us of the conversion and growth in grace of a young man in his Church, in the last few years; Pastor Daniel shared with us the burden of his unconverted sons; and the rebuilding of his chapel which was now nearing completion.

Invitations were sent to the three Pastors of the Tamil Churches on the hills—*viz.* Pastor Dorairaj of Kotagiri, Pastor Daniel Paul of Coonoor and Pastor Victor Benjamin of Ooty—to join us in the days of study, and Pastors Dorairaj and Benjamin did so. We trust that the meetings may have been of help and encouragement to them also.

(Continued at bottom of page 9)

PREACHING . . .

We read in Luke 9. 2 that Jesus sent His disciples forth to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. This has been my ministry, shared with others, here in Belukurichi and the Kolli Hills. I praise God for this privilege and take this opportunity to introduce some of our patients to you.

There is a loud knock on the back door of the compound wall and a shout "Amma, Amma—a—a—a". "I am coming", is the reply. Upon opening the door one is greeted by a long lost friend, though I couldn't remember having met him before. The usual questions, "Which village?". "Kolli Hills, Amma", in such a tone of surprise as to why we don't remember just who, and where, and which house! "Which village?" Finally it is extracted. "Vazhavanthy side—ten miles from there. I came before and you did so and so, and so and so, don't you remember?" It is necessary to try and appear intelligent in spite of ignorance. "What have you come for?" "Tooth Amma." "Open your mouth." "O, yes, two teeth—one not too bad, the other a root only. May I give you an injection?", explaining also that the root could be difficult and so an injection would be better, and one will do the two. He happily agrees.

The instruments are prepared and the syringe revealed. Now the struggle begins. With just a prick and his hand come up to remove mine, and his head is turned the other way. "I am afraid." After more explaining, "Just a small prick", and a few more struggles and with one or two holding him down he submits, and in a second it is all over. "Not so bad after all!" The teeth were extracted without any trouble.

"O, Amma, six months ago my wife was bitten by a snake. We did our medicine but now her leg swells, she has glands and faints from time to time. Can you give her an injection?" he asks. He has come without his wife by the way, so after explaining that he must bring her, that one cannot do very much without seeing her, he promises to come with her—but he doesn't say when. Will it be in another six months time? After a word about the Lord he went off happily with some tracts and a Mark's Gospel.

Another group of patients have collected so they hear the Word of the Lord together. I remind them that they have heard this before and some appear quite eager and say, "Tell us again". And so the story of how sin entered the world and the work of the Lord Jesus is briefly told to them again. O for the day when they see the Light and the Truths of the Gospel become clear to them.

These patients have various illnesses. One man has a nasty throat. He has not eaten for some days and can hardly talk. After an injection and a supply of tablets he went off home to bed. He returned about ten days later quite well and happy.

Another patient, a poor woman with anaemia, just manages to walk along and tell about her symptoms. On examination of her blood her haemoglobin is 15 per cent. It is a continual wonder to us how some of these people get around at all, their haemoglobins are often so low. "Amma, I am at the point of death, help me", is her plea. After a little talk with her, an injection and a course of treatment, she is instructed to return in a month. The treatment needs to be continued for some months with monthly check up. It is encouraging to see the gradual signs of improvement and we praise the Lord and desire for the day when He shall open their eyes to His mercy and grace.

. . . HEALING

Miss Y. Conacher

It is not always an easy matter to hand someone his tablets and say take them four times a day for so many days. One repeats it two or three times and then on getting them to repeat it they are lost. One needs great patience as again the chorus is repeated. Thinking this time they have understood one is perplexed again as they go out the door and again ask, "How many tablets, Amma?". Once again we explain and they seem at last to understand.

It was Sunday afternoon and we were just about to begin our evening service when a little boy came along crying very loudly and suffering severe pain from a scorpion bite. Scorpion bites, so I am told, are most painful and the patient is usually in agony for 24 hours. This little boy was bitten on the head. He was treated with homeopathy and when visited after two hours was free from all pain, though in a slightly shocked condition. Next morning he reported as having slept well all night and was fine. This was a marvellous wonder to us as previously patients have just had to suffer it through, as it were, taking pain killers.

When on the Kollis on one occasion a man came to us with pneumonia. He was treated and sent off home with a supply of tablets. Two or three days later we were visiting his village ministering the Gospel. After we had sung and talked with the people we went to his house to see—as we hoped—how he was progressing. We found him crouched up, complaining because he still had fever and was no better. "Have you taken your tablets?" "Yes, Amma". "How many?" To this he wasn't sure how to answer. We asked him to show us how many he had left. After fumbling around in the dark there he found them on the shelf—not touched!! I think he thought the injection and tablets which we gave him to eat statum would be sufficient. After further instructions we left him and he faithfully took his tablets as directed.

In sharing a little about the work and patients with you, pray for us, that our life and ministry may magnify the Lord and exalt His name.

(*Continued from page 7*)

In my personal opinion this retreat was the best of the several retreats that we have held in the last few years. Contributing to this was the fact that we had a week together instead of four days as formerly, and this meant that proceedings could be more leisurely and more opportunity was available for discussion of topics raised in the talks. From this point of view I have felt pleased with what we have been able to achieve. And I am very grateful for all the help of colleagues which made the retreat possible.

On the other hand these few days of discussion together only serve to reveal the tremendous need of mutual study and instruction indicated by the questions raised during discussion times, and also to underline again the tragic inadequacy of this tiny band of elderly men as over against the ministerial needs of, I suppose, some 70 Tamil Baptist congregations in our areas!

(*Continued from page 5*)

new Catholicism has done much to commend itself to the modern mind and mood, with its current literature and new style of Church buildings, but it carries within it the great danger of modernistic theology and of scepticism and the ultimate rejection of religion.

So far as the Strict Baptist Mission is concerned, the call to consider Spain as a sphere for missionary work first came to us in 1967, when Pastor Antonio Sanchis, from Barcelona, came to Geneva to meet the S.B.M. deputation then in that city. He presented an earnest appeal to us to think of the great need of Spain and urged us to consider helping in the Lord's work in his country—especially in connection with the Association of Independent Evangelical Baptist Churches, of which he was the respected leader. We were not able, at that time, to do more than express our sympathy and concern, but subsequently the Lord moved us to take more definite action through the call of Miss Nellie Hawes, and later of Mr. and Mrs. Lacueva, to this field of service.

Now Mission in Spain is for us an actual fact, and the Lord is clearly leading us into the great opportunities of Gospel witness and work in this country.

There can be no question about the need for our Mission in Spain. It is firmly established by the conditions arising from centuries of Roman Catholic domination, and by the way in which large numbers today are rejecting the Christian religion as represented by the Roman Catholic Church.

The Lord also has shown us that He needs us in Spain. He has set before us an open door, which we can see clearly in the earnest appeal and loving welcome of those small and scattered, independent Baptist Churches, with which we can have real fellowship and in co-operation with which we can share in the evangelisation of Spain today.

Let us humbly thank God that He is showing us so clearly that THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION IS NEEDED IN SPAIN TODAY!

Mrs. Thorpe and I have had the privilege of being in Spain for a whole month, and it is out of this experience we can write so feelingly of the need and opportunity in Spain today.

In the next issue I hope to write on: *Mission in Spain—Initiated.*

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

MR. and MRS. HUCKETT write:—

"After very prayerful consideration we have accepted an invitation to the pastorate of the Union Church, Coonoor, South India. This Church has no connection with the ecumenical movement and is strongly evangelical. A clause in its constitution states: 'Those invited to preach in the Union Church should be only those who stand in the mainstream of the Evangelical Christian Faith'. In addition to local residents on the Nilgiri Hills, both Indian and European, the Church ministers to the staff and students of two large high schools, one of them, 'Hebron', being the school to which many missionaries send their children. The Church is attended by a large number of missionaries in the hot season and is one of the centres where a Convention is held every year in May. There is also work amongst Tamil-speaking people. Our duties will also include the chaplaincy of Stanes High School and some Bible teaching ministry there.

"Believing that this is a call from the Lord, we have applied for visas to re-enter India and are praying that these may be forthcoming by the end of the year. We have been promised berths on a ship sailing early in January. Realising that the work at Coonoor is a big responsibility as well as a great opportunity, we earnestly request you to uphold us in your prayers. 'Our sufficiency is of God.' It is a real encouragement to us to know that members of Council and other friends in the Churches are praying for us."

Although return to our own Mission work on the hot and testing South Indian plains was not possible we rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Huckett in the prospect of their renewing fellowship with many of the Lord's people in the context of the cooler climate of the Nilgiri Hills. We pray that the Lord's will may be made clear with the granting of re-entry visas and that this pastoral ministry will be richly blessed.

We would underline the need for prayer support, not only now but in the future, and we are thankful that recent developments in relation to retirement provision for S.B.M. missionaries give opportunity for some small practical acknowledgement of many years faithful service. We shall be pleased to give further news of our friends as this becomes available.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

* * * * *

MR. and MRS. KUHRT and DR. R. M. HARRIS will (D.V.) be sailing from Southampton on the S.S. Chusan on January 9th, 1970. We wish them God's blessing as they leave these shores once more and return to India: may they have a happy and safe voyage.

DR. and MRS. F. LACUEVA'S address is now Camp, 41, pral., 3a, Barcelona 6, Spain.

MISS E. M. FLORY'S address from February, 1970, will be C3, Nehrujinagar, Dindigul 1, Madurai District, S. India.

* * * * *

RADIO MINISTRY SLIDES AND TAPES

We would remind friends of the availability of this excellent set of slides. Quite a number of Churches and F.O.Y. groups have booked them, but there is still some time when they are available. Please send 5/- with your request.

Vol. LXIX; No. 1. Printed at the Burlington Press, Foxton, Near Cambridge, and published by the Strict Baptist Mission. Price: Single Copies 5s. 0d.—in Quantities 4s. 0d.—for six copies per year (post paid).

NEW • ANGEL
YEAR • BAPTIST
PRAYER • CHURCH
MEETING • 7.00 p.m.

JANUARY 2nd 1970

FAREWELL TO MISSIONARIES
MR. & MRS. W. H. KUHRT
DR. R. M. HARRIS

SPEAKERS:- PASTOR O. F. CLARKE
PASTOR R. G. MARTIN

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

MARCH - APRIL 1970

THE HERALD



Mr. F. Lacueva with Mr. D. Estrada outside Evangelical Bookshop, Barcelona, Spain.

61, BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E. 4.

SBM
into all the world

INFORMATION AND MINISTRY DURING MARCH AND APRIL, 1970 (D.V.)

GENERAL

General Secretary: MR. FRANK ELLIS, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel. 01-692 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission should be addressed.

Northern Representative: PASTOR E. ORCHARD, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel. Hartlepool 66261, to whom all enquiries regarding deputation ministry in the Northern Counties should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PAYMENTS FOR MAGAZINES, DONATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE MISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT: 61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E.4.

Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MARCH AND APRIL, 1970 (D.V.)

Mr. Frank Ellis.—MARCH 1st, Billinghay; 8th, Leicester Forest East; 15th-16th, March; 22nd, Bradfield St. George; 29th, Potton. APRIL 5th, Little Downham; 10th-12th, F.O.Y. President's Weekend; 19th, Potton End; 25th, Farnham, Hungry Hill; 26th, High Wycombe.

Mr. Les Ryan.—MARCH 8th, Guildford; 10th, Thame; 15th, Aylesbury; 18th, Mount Zion, Ipswich, F.O.Y. Southern Group; 19th, Rattlesden; 20th, West Suffolk F.O.Y.; 22nd, Knaphill and Mayford; 29th, Bermondsey. APRIL 2nd, Fulham; 5th, Woolwich; 6th, Greenwich; 9th, Tabernacle, Brighton; 10th-11th, F.O.Y. President's Weekend; 12th, Zoar, Ipswich; 14th, Colchester; 15th, Hadleigh; 16th, Bury St. Edmunds; 19th, Chelmsford; 26th, Caterham; 27th, Leyton F.O.Y. Address: c/o 61 Breakspears Road, Brockley, S.E.4.

Pastor C. C. Pond.—MARCH 8th, Ramsey. Address: 15 Aldershot Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Pastor P. H. Crees.—MARCH 8th, Occold. APRIL 12th, Grundisburgh. Address: The Manse, Cransford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—MARCH 15th, Mendlesham Green. Address: 18 Haldon Road, Wandsworth, London, S.W.18.

Pastor P. A. Grist.—APRIL 12th, Prittlewell. Address: 58 Magazine Farm Way, Lexden, Colchester, Essex.

Mr. J. C. Fromow.—APRIL 12th, St. Albans. Address: 57 Cedar Close, Bagshot, Surrey.

NOTE. The number of copies of Pink's "Sovereignty of God" reported in Miss Hogwood's article in the November/December, 1969, "Herald" to have been sold should read 50, not 15. We are glad to be able to make this correction.

MISSION IN SPAIN—INITIATED

Pastor J. K. Thorpe

What I now have to write is not the story of how we planned and then set out to implement things, but rather the account of how the Lord set before us an "open door" and then graciously conducted us to it, and through it, step by step.

For several years we had a large degree of uncertainty and hesitation about work in Spain, but the Lord has now shown us very clearly, as I tried to indicate in my previous article, that He has a work for the Strict Baptist Mission to do in this needy mission field today.

For us this is just a day of small beginnings, but what has been actually started could well develop into something far-reaching and important for us and for the Churches and their work in Spain.

I suppose the introductory key to the situation was the call that brought Miss Nellie Hawes home from India in order to take up an entirely new work in Spain. For her this meant beginning all over again. Many thought such action very strange, but our sister was able to convince her Church and the S.B.M. Council that this was indeed the call of God to her, and so at the end of 1968 Miss Hawes went to Barcelona and started her study of the language there. In this she has persevered and made real progress, and she will soon be moving out amongst the Churches in Spain for a period of about six months. We expect her to move from place to place in order to gain experience in the use of the language and that she may have a sound understanding of the Spanish people and their ways of life. Her ultimate location for missionary work alongside one of the Churches may in this way be made clear to her and all concerned in this important matter.

Then came in October, 1968, the application of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Lacueva, who testified of the call of God to them to go and work for the Lord in Spain. This meant for our brother the return to his own country and people, amongst whom he had served as a Roman Catholic priest for many years. The situation was very carefully investigated, and it became quite evident that under the new law of religious liberty it would be possible for our brother to live and work in Spain. We found many ready to welcome him and those who were eager to have his help in teaching and literature work, as well as in the ministry and fellowship of the Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacueva and their two children, therefore, set off for Spain in November of last year. Mrs. Thorpe and I had the privilege

of going with them and of sharing in the initial arrangements, both domestic and Mission, that were made in Barcelona for the residence and work of our brother.

In these matters we were deeply conscious of the Lord's gracious guidance and provision, and we trust that our friends will be happy and comfortable in their new home, and that Mrs. Lacueva and the children will quickly adapt themselves to life in a Spanish city. For Mr. Lacueva things are naturally easier in this respect, and it was a joy to see and hear our brother preaching and teaching in his own language and also happily conversing with his own people in all kinds of places.

Mr. Lacueva's work will be mainly in connection with evangelical literature, for which great opportunities are opening up in Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries. He is well fitted for this as a scholar and theologian, and as an able writer, especially in his native language, and he is already engaged in writing and translating work.

The Lord has also shown us as a Mission how we may share with others in this important field of literature evangelism in Spain, and He has given us good friends to advise and encourage us in this aspect of our work. To set up our own publishing house would involve a great deal of expense, far beyond anything at present possible to us, but it may well be that the "Editiones Evangelicas Europeas" will help us in this matter of publication and distribution in Spain and South America of any books and pamphlets we may be able to produce. We would most gratefully acknowledge the kindness and help of Mr. José Grau, who is himself one of the foremost evangelical writers in Spain today and the one in charge of this missionary publishing house.

In this small, yet very significant way, Mission in Spain for the S.B.M. has been initiated, and we ask for the constant prayers and practical help of all friends in support of this new venture. It can, under God's blessing, grow quickly into a far greater work as we share together with the Churches in Spain. Mission in Spain is theirs as well as ours and, God willing, there is soon to be a conference, probably at Valencia, of key workers from the Independent Baptist Churches, with which we are so happily linked, with a view to seeking the will of God and ways of co-operation together in this project of MISSION in these exciting days in Christian work in Spain. The S.B.M. President and the General Secretary will hope to attend, and from this meeting, "Mission in Spain", now actually initiated, could become a means of far-reaching evangelism and of building up the Churches of God's grace in Spain.

Please pray that this may be so, to the encouragement of all concerned and to the glory of God in every way.

RADIO FOLLOW-UP

Miss P. L. White

Twenty-nine thousand listeners to the Narcheythi programmes! This is the figure arrived at, using a formula submitted by a Research Programme into Christian Broadcasting in India, based on the number of letters received from listeners over the past twelve months. In India, to every listener who writes, it is estimated that there are 39 listeners who do not write. Of these listeners, over 200 have written in during the past three months, and I share extracts of some letters with you for your prayer interest.

" . . . All say there is an evil spirit in the house in which I live. I am living here believing that it can't touch anybody who is in Christ Jesus. I request you to pray for us that Jesus' Spirit will always lead us and remove that evil spirit from the house. My mother, who lives with us in this house, is not well. Even though she is a Hindu she wants Jesus Christ Himself to heal her. Pray . . ."

" . . . Thank you for the words of the lyrics—'God is our Refuge', 'Deep in the Everlasting Mind', and 'Show me some token Lord, for good'. Our family are deeply saddened. My younger sister died in the Lord; a month later my sister's husband (my uncle) died in the Lord. See how great trials my family endures. Pray for us. Please send us comfort . . ."

" . . . We are listening to your radio programmes over 19 metre band, and rejoice in the Lord. We are pure Tamilians settled in Andhra. We are keeping high volume on our two-speaker radio to reach the message to the surrounding houses and to the Non-Christians . . ."

" . . . In this programme I can spend half an hour forgetting my surroundings and enjoying the love of lovable Lord Jesus . . . I am very much benefitted every day by these Tamil programmes to improve Christian life and love for Christ . . . I want full explanation on this subject of the Holy Spirit, stating that the man with the Spirit is like the wind . . ."

" . . . I was a Roman Catholic. My parents and all the family are Roman Catholics. I never knew peace or happiness in my life . . . I was a slave to sin. But the Lord Jesus Christ made known His truth to me. Having confessed all my sins, He forgave me and gave me salvation. Wonderful salvation! He gave me peace and happiness . . . He is leading me in witness, in speaking, in praying and in giving out tracts. Pray . . ."

"I was born in a Hindu family. I was brought up as a Hindu. After reading some tracts and other small books, I had a great desire to know about the Christ. Now I have read about how on the third day Jesus Christ arose. In no other religion is there a miracle like this. Therefore there is a further great desire to know about Christ . . ."

WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?

Mr. R. Cook—Mons

I have found myself asking this question several times in recent months—sometimes because things did not seem to be moving fast enough, and again when God stepped in to take a hopeless situation out of our hands to work out His plan. Indeed, if you push the doctrine of God's sovereignty too far, such a question becomes almost valid.

Such Scriptures as Zech. 4: 6 (not by force nor by power . . . by My Spirit, says the Lord) are called in to demonstrate the *fact* that the battle *is* the Lord's. And we do need to remember this, since a swing in the opposite direction would place too much emphasis on the part we play as we "walk . . . in the good works . . . which God prepared beforehand" (Eph. 2: 10). God is sovereign and His will is being done, in spite of the apparent contradiction of our day! And yet it is also obvious that man plays a significant part in the working out of the divine will: God chooses earthen vessels "to show that the transcendant power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor. 4: 7).

The problem—if you, like myself, experience one—is finding the balance between these fundamental truths. Even when you think you've reached that point, through prayerful searching of God's Word and your own heart, the theory still remains to be put into hard, everyday practice. But what has all this preamble to do with the work in Mons?

It would not be difficult to describe what *we* are doing here. Firstly, there would be the literature distribution programme: the whole town is covered at two-monthly intervals, while a series of five tracts are used systematically in a smaller sector of the town between the larger efforts. Distribution necessarily demands thorough "follow-up" and this is why we have prepared a simple correspondence course on Luke's Gospel (more like a reading guide than anything else) which is sent to all serious enquirers. Those who indicate the desire are visited, their problems placed in the light of the Bible and any further help is offered. Already we have a small group of students coming to the Centre Biblique Baptiste (alias our home) for Bible study. And so we could go on.

It would be more difficult to put into words what *God* is doing. Spiritual results are not always seen immediately; the Spirit's work is

not necessarily accompanied by noise; it is also true that a negative reaction *will* go hand in hand with the positive (see 2 Cor. 2: 14-16). How often do we become discouraged because we are not seeing "signs following"? Might it be that some discordance between our message and our life, seen by others but hidden to our limited view, has caused a hold-up in the Lord's plan? Perhaps . . . but the Lord is not bound to do His work in the way we expect it to be done. He simply looks for day-by-day obedience in the smallest tasks and promises nothing spectacular as a recompense, rather the opposite.

What I am trying to say is that, although we have no "results" to report about the work in Mons at present, we are very conscious that the Lord is working. I would go further: it has been our experience that just when all our plans were falling flat God has stepped in and done something quite unexpected. We stand gaping on, wondering "how on earth this came about", only to find that it was more a question of "how in heaven"! It may be months, or even years later (or only in heaven?) that we discover someone was praying, seeking to bind the strong man, and thus releasing spiritual power. This is what we are sure has been happening in many a situation, for we have seen doors open, and that not as a result of our effort.

Even so, much land remains to be possessed and the enemies are numerous. We cannot storm our Jericho in our own strength; it would be sheer folly to try. Will you join us as we "walk round the walls" through prayer, waiting thus to see the Lord's power demonstrated. HIS will in HIS way at HIS time—might our contact with Him be real enough to leave us in no doubt of our place, however insignificant or seemingly important it might be, in that plan. True for Israel, true for the disciples and for us today, here in Mons or anywhere.

Just one last word. When Paul was discouraged in the work at Corinth, he was given a vision (Acts 18: 9 and 10). God told him He had many people in the city and Paul was to speak boldly. We have not had any visions, and we are probably nowhere near as discouraged as Paul was on that occasion, but it seems clear that, since the Lord has opened the way for this work, He must also have a group of chosen ones here in Mons. Pray that we might have grace to speak boldly and not be silent—He will do the rest!

REUNION AND RETREAT IN MADRAS

Miss M. E. Harris

Exactly two weeks after we had said good-bye to the last of the women who had attended our Bible Study Retreat in Dindigul, we were on our way to take part in Special Meetings for the women of the Madras Churches. The invitation had come through Pastor Devanesam, the Pastor of the Church in Kilpauk, in whose Chapel building the meetings were to be held. In all his correspondence with me Pastor had called the meetings a "Retreat", but they were really to be more in the form of a "Rally".

During the past two years seven women had come from Madras to take part in the Bible Study Classes in Dindigul, so it was good to have this opportunity for a reunion with these women, and for meeting them in their own Churches too.

We had not been many hours in Madras before Mrs. Rosemary Samuel, the wife of the Pastor of the Church in Vepery, came along to see us. Rosemary is the mother of a large family of children, but she had managed to leave her family to come and study with us in Dindigul in 1968. So it was a great joy to meet her again, and to accept her invitation to go along to their Women's Fellowship Meeting on the following Tuesday. In that meeting we met two other sisters who had studied with us in Dindigul in 1968. What a joy it was to find that these three sisters-in-the-Lord were bearing witness for His Glory.

Saturday was the day which had been chosen for the Special Retreat Meetings, because it was a public holiday for a Hindu festival, which meant that the women could safely leave their children at home with their husbands, while they travelled in to Madras. Women came from the Tamil Baptist Churches in and around Madras, and there were groups from Poonamalee, Sembiam, Ayanapuram, Vepery and Kilpauk.

The detailed programme for each meeting had not been drawn up when we arrived in time for the first meeting. But Pastor had arranged for five different meetings to take place throughout the day, and I had been asked to give the message in two meetings, while an Indian Christian sister had been asked to give the message in one meeting. I was most intrigued with the informality of the whole programme. The first meeting started a little late, but while we were waiting for the women, who were still arriving from distant Churches, to get settled, old friends who had been to Dindigul to study with us this year came up and greeted us, and made arrangements for us to have fellowship with them in their Churches before we left Madras. We accepted an invitation to go to Ayanapuram on Sunday morning, and to visit the day schools in Kilpauk on Monday, Poonamalee on Tuesday, and Sembiam on Wednesday. In each place I was asked to give a message, and Miss Phyllis White spoke to the Sunday School children in Kilpauk and Vepery, and also at their Women's Fellowship in Vepery. In each place I had the joy of meeting old friends, some of whom I had first known in 1938, when I spent my first year in India studying Tamil in the Kilpauk Mission bungalow.

The first meeting ended one hour late, because after I had given the message, an item originally planned for the second meeting was included in the programme. Groups of women from the different Churches stood up in turn and sang hymns and lyrics they had practised especially for the occasion. After a short break the second meeting started off with a Bible Question Competition. I was amazed at the keenness of those taking part, and of the unusually difficult questions, which were written up on a blackboard. While the more educated women were busy writing down the answers on paper, the other women sat and talked; and I found this a good opportunity for having a chat with one and another, and for getting to know about some of the women I had not met before.

(Continued on page 21)

A TEACHER'S TREASURE

Miss O. R. Knight

The Tamil Christian Book Depot supplies Bibles (in several languages), posters, books, texts for framing, etc., from a number of publishers. We also serve by arranging to have Bibles and other books re-bound in leather or calico, or part leather and part calico. I should like to see the binders at work, but we send the books a few hundred miles to the west coast where the work is done well and cheaply. We have sent badly dog-eared books for re-binding, and have sometimes expected that work on them would not be attempted. However, the Bibles have come back looking "as good as new", and there has been no extra charge. It is challenging to think of the patience the workers must have. Customers who come into the shop when a consignment of re-bound books has arrived are attracted by their appearance.

One evening we were talking with a young teacher who was considering having his Bible bound in leather. Its cloth cover was wearing out. We explained that it was sometimes two months before the books were returned by the binder. Our customer's disappointment showed in his face, and he said of his Bible, "I can't part with it; it is like my life".

A few months later this teacher did send his Bible to us to be re-bound. We were pleased that the binder worked more quickly than he had done previously. When the teacher came to collect his Bible it was smart in its new black leather cover with his name in gilt letters. The happy owner gladly paid the price. Then a group of adults and children arrived. The teacher knew them, and I heard him say to the children, "I came to get my treasure".

Reunion and Retreat in Madras (*continued*)

After the competition was closed, and while some teacher ladies were judging the answers, the women were given the opportunity of sharing their spiritual experiences through testimony. Several women got up and boldly testified of the way the Lord had undertaken for them in various times of trouble and sickness. This second meeting went on longer than planned, because Pastor Devanesam sent a message to say the meal was not ready, and so to continue until he sent further information. The mid-day meal was finally ready one and a half hours late, but no one seemed to be in the least put out by this, and I marvelled at the wonderful way our Indian friends have of being able to adjust the time-table to suit the circumstances. Half an hour after the third meeting was due to begin Pastor told us we could feel free to rest for half an hour, as the third meeting would not begin till later. So we gratefully followed his advice, and returned refreshed for the rest of the meetings.

Apparently the speaker for the third meeting had been told that it would begin late, as she did not arrive until one hour later than planned. This meeting began with the distribution of prizes by Miss Phyllis White to those who had gained high marks in the Bible Competition. After this a letter from the friends of the Women's Fellowship in England was read out in Tamil. Only then was the speaker able to begin her message, which was a very thoughtful and helpful

(*Continued on page 22*)

GIFT WEEK
MARCH 1st-7th, 1970

"*See that ye abound in this grace also*" (2 Cor. 8. 7).

This year the Women's Gift Week is considering the need of the children of our missionaries. Parents will readily understand the worthy cause this presents. Here in England we have allowances for children under the Welfare State, but for parents serving the Lord overseas the added burden of education is a very real one. We thank the Lord that in India it is possible for the children to be placed in Christian schools where they are under the influence of dedicated teachers. We are sure this influence will, under the direction of God, do much in moulding their characters for Him.

We as a Mission, feel the women will gladly do all in their power to contribute in a tangible way an expression of love and practical understanding of the situation of those who bear this responsibility. Our Mission Treasurer informs us the overall cost is in the region of £1.000 so in faith we are aiming to raise this amount.

In the chapter from which our verse is taken it is interesting to note that Titus was the organiser of a special collection among the Corinthians and the Apostle Paul shows us clearly that our giving should stem from a high spiritual level as he proceeds to describe the spirit in which Christians should give for the need of others. God has so constituted human life that our service for each other leads to blessing to ourselves and is itself to God's glory.

The Amplified Version helps us: "For you are coming progressively to be acquainted with and to recognise more strongly and clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ—His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favour and spiritual blessing (in) that though He was (so very) rich, yet for your sakes He became (so very) poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched—abundantly supplied" (2 Cor. 8. 9).

Mrs. E. Driscoll

Reunion and Retreat in Madras (*continued*)

one. Before the meeting ended, a discussion took place as to who should write an answer to the letter from the friends of the Women's Fellowship in England. It was also decided that the next year's meetings should take place in Sembiam. Needless to say this meeting ended late, but the tea refreshments were not to be omitted. So in spite of the fact that one hour late at the end of the day is slightly more devastating than earlier on in the day, cups of tea and buns were distributed to all the women, and plenty of time was given for the enjoyment of the same. No one seemed in the least perturbed that the fourth meeting would have to begin one and a half hours later than planned. Eventually Pastor decided that the next meeting could begin, in which he had asked me to give the message. But now at last I was to know why "Retreat" was the correct name

(*Continued on page 23*)

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

ADDRESSES

MISS P. L. WHITE, Montville, Queensland, 4555, Australia. From February, 1970 to September, 1970.

MR. AND MRS. R. COOK, Marche Aux Herbes 10, B-7000-Mons, Belgium.

MR. AND MRS. W. H. KUHRT, 55 Palaniappa Nagar, Salem 5, S. India.

MR. AND MRS. H. A. HUCKETT, The Manse, Union Church, Coonoor 1, S. India.

ARRIVAL

MR. AND MRS. L. RYAN arrive in England (D.V.) during the first week in March.

GIFTS

MR. ELLIS regrets that it is not always possible to send a personal letter in response to gifts received. Owing to the increasing pressure of work receipts for Church gifts will, in most cases, be accompanied by a duplicated letter. We wish our friends to know, however, that all their letters are most gratefully received and carefully read. The acknowledgement, too, though formal is none-the-less sincere.

Praise God, income does appear to have increased so far this year. However, we are now more than half-way through our financial year. Please remember these great needs of increasing work before the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP OF YOUTH

LONDON FELLOWSHIP OF YOUTH'S 1970 "President's Weekend", Friday, April 10th to Sunday, 12th.

Theme: "Mission Worldwide".

Speakers: From S.B.M., India and Europe.

Please make this a SPECIAL MATTER FOR PRAYER.

Reunion and Retreat in Madras *(concluded)*

for the meetings this year. The women had left their husbands and families of children to carry on without them all day. It would soon be time to cook the evening meal, and before that some of them had long distances to travel, and buses to catch in the city. So as I stood at the table ready to begin the meeting, first one group, and then another of happy, smiling women came forward to ask if they might leave. Thinking how wise they were, I readily gave permission, and accompanied them to the door to bid them farewell. They only had a short time now before the rush hour would begin in the city, and they might have to wait hours for a bus. Thus group after group of happy and satisfied women wisely "beat a retreat". The last little group was going our way, so after thanking the Pastor for all his help, and bidding him farewell, we all left together at the end of a very full and happy day of reunion, and fellowship with each other and in the Lord.

Vol. LXIX; No. 2. Printed at the Burlington Press, Foxton, Near Cambridge, and published by the Strict Baptist Mission. Price: Single Copies 5s. 0d.—in Quantities 4s. 0d.—for six copies per year (post paid).

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

"See that ye abound in this grace also" (2 Cor. 8. 7)

WOMEN'S GIFT WEEK

MARCH 1st—7th

"OUR MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN"

£1,000 COVERS ALLOWANCES AND EDUCATION

Please send your gift, in the envelopes distributed by local Secretaries, to: Mr. Frank Ellis, 61 Breakspears Road,, Brockley, London, S.E.4.

SPECIAL MEETINGS IN GUILDFORD

At the OLD BAPTIST CHAPEL, CHERTSEY STREET
on
APRIL 28th, 1970

3.00 UNITED PRAYER MEETING
Conducted by Pastor D. Steere

4.15 Missionaries Mr. D. A. Thrower and Mrs. L. Ryan will speak

7.30 Missionaries Mr. L. Ryan and Mrs. D. A. Thrower will address the meeting

5.45 TEA. Tickets 2s. 6d. each
Apply to: Pastor C. C. Pond, 15 Aldershot Road, Guildford, Surrey. Tel. 64278

THANKOFFERING BOOK STALL

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

MAY - JUNE 1970

THE HERALD



Missionary Conference—1970—India.

61, BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E. 4.

SBM
into all the world

INFORMATION AND MINISTRY DURING MAY AND JUNE, 1970 (D.V.)

GENERAL

General Secretary: MR. FRANK ELLIS, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel. 01-692 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission should be addressed.

Northern Representative: PASTOR E. ORCHARD, 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Tel. Hartlepool 66261, to whom all enquiries regarding deputation ministry in the Northern Counties should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PAYMENTS FOR MAGAZINES, DONATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE MISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT: 61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E.4.

Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING MAY AND JUNE, 1970 (D.V.)

Mr. Frank Ellis.—MAY 5th, Warbleton; 8th, Croydon; 10th, Bethesda, Ipswich; 11th, Trinity, Tenterden; 16th, Suffolk F.O.Y., Kesgrave; 17th, Grove Hill Hall, Tunbridge Wells; 24th-25th, Wiltshire Weekend; 31st, Irthlingborough. JUNE 7th, Angel Baptist Church; 14th, Salem, Richmond; 20th, Midlands Rally, Bedworth; 21st, Bedworth; 28th, Greenwich.

Mr. Les Ryan.—MAY 1st, Over; 3rd, Yateley; 4th, St. John's Wood; 5th, Halstead; 6th, Croydon; 7th, Angel Baptist Church; 9th, Southport; 10th, Accrington; 12th, Willenhall; 14th, Basildon; 17th, Wandsworth; 18th, Lewisham; 24th-25th, Wiltshire Weekend; 27th, Newick; 28th, Chingford; 30th-31st, Royton. JUNE 2nd-3rd, Haslemere; 4th, Walthamstow; 7th, Homerton; 9th, Ashford; 10th, Margate; 13th, Chingford; 14th, Leyton; 16th, Kesgrave; 17th, New Cross; 18th, Bromley; 20th, Midlands Rally, Bedworth; 21st, Highbury; 23rd, Brentford; 24th, Clapham; 26th, Hounslow; 27th, Stratford; 28th, Staines.
Address: 61 Breakspears Road, Brockley, S.E.4.

Mr. D. A. Thrower.—MAY 10th, Otley; 17th, Brentford; 24th-25th, Wiltshire Weekend; 31st, Tabernacle, Watford. JUNE 7th, Beulah, Watford; 11th, Guildford; 14th, Ebenezer, Brighton; 21st, Mount Zion, Ipswich; 24th-25th, Beccles; 28th, Whitton.

Mrs. D. A. Thrower.—JUNE 4th, Brighton, Garden Meeting; 9th, Dorking; 10th, Wandsworth.
Address: 22a Grange Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—JUNE 28th, Great Gransden.
Address: 18 Haldon Road, London, S.W.18

Pastor J. K. Thorpe.—JUNE 28th, Waldringfield.
Address: 16 Station Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

Pastor E. Orchard.—JUNE 28th, Haworth.

CONFERENCE IN INDIA

FEBRUARY 1970

Mrs. Doris Kuhrt

Some of us went to this year's Conference with a little apprehension. We were going to a different place—Ootacamund, instead of the familiar "Brooklands" Coonoor. We were to be only eleven, the smallest number attending for nearly forty years while three were travelling to their home countries. As there are now so few ships calling at Bombay missionaries must embark when they can.

A good bit of committee work and auditing was attended to on Saturday but Conference proper began on Sunday the 15th of February and for some of us, perhaps for all of us, it was a very good day. As we worshipped together travel tiredness, weariness and apprehension dropped away like a cloak.

Mr. Kuhrt started his series of studies in second Corinthians and drew our attention to the "Ministry of Comfort" as found in chapter 1, verses 1-11. Later we had two prayer sessions during the day led by Mr. Field and Mr. Appleby in somewhat different fashion. In the first session after Mr. Field had directed our thoughts to Matthew 16 verse 18, "I will build my church", we were each asked to give a Praise suggestion and the gathering turned into a Testimony meeting.

In the second meeting in the afternoon we spent more time in prayer and each set of prayers was directed mainly to topics which we all in turn contributed. The spontaneity of the praise and prayer was heart-warming and we were indeed conscious of the Lord's presence. Mr. Appleby spoke on the subject "Christian Communication".

There followed on the next four days challenging messages when we were reminded of St. Paul's sufferings and courage under the headings:

Sincerity and straightforwardness in our Ministry—2 Cor. 1: 12-2: 11.
Nature of our Ministry—2: 12-4: 6.
The Cross in our Ministry—4: 7-5: 5.
The Motive, Method and Message of our Ministry—5: 6-21.

One afternoon instead of the usual devotional session we heard a talk given by Pastor Benjamin of the Ootacamund Baptist Church concerning the "All India Congress on Evangelism" held in Deolali, Western India, to which Indian Christians only were invited. There uninhibited by the presence of European or American missionaries they faced up to the need to evangelise the teeming millions of this great sub-continent as well as the neighbouring countries of Southern and South-East Asia.

Another afternoon set aside for a discussion we had a lady speaker telling us about the Correspondence Course work she used to do in East Pakistan. As we had been considering work of this kind we were all very interested.

In each of our business sessions we were greatly helped, though in planning our work we constantly needed to bear in mind our decreasing numbers.

As we went our various ways after a week in the cool of the hills, back to the blistering heat, we were thankful to the Lord for every mercy and praised Him for His fellowship with us and for our fellowship with one another.

PASTOR L. S. HILL

A TRUE MAN OF GOD *by Pastor P. H. Crees*

My first close contact with our dear brother was while we were both in our first pastorates, he at East Ham and I at Over. Whilst taking some days of special services at East Ham I found the Pastor to be a man of prayer, a man concerned for souls, a man of spiritual calibre seeking to lead the Church into the deeper things of God.

As our friendship grew I found him to be a man of very real ability in business and in his heavenly Father's business too. Yet by the grace of God he was a man of humble mind and gracious spirit for ability and humility do not always go together.

Working together in projects like Basildon and Hemel Hempstead, revealed his profound interest in Mission and the establishment of the Church of God. He was never able, as he would have liked, to take an active interest in the S.B.M., except within the churches where he laboured so abundantly for his Master, yet where better could he serve Mission than in the local Church where the Lord had placed him. He was nevertheless delighted to have the opportunity of serving on the S.B.M. Council a little while before he was called home. He also enjoyed the fellowship in the wider sphere of the Evangelical Baptist Churches in Europe.

No doubt others will be writing of his devoted labours in the M.A.S.B.C. for 22 years. Latterly through changes and loss he missed some of his former colleagues in this work, for he was a man who formed a deep attachment to those with whom he worked in the Lord's service. I cannot write much concerning his work with the National Assembly, but as a Joint Secretary for eight years with our beloved brother Ellis the Lord led him to be a great blessing to the denomination in fellowship as well as in a practical ministry.

Mr. Hill was a man who knew the truth of the words "Freely ye have received, freely give" for whilst he delighted in the truths of free and sovereign Grace he also gave himself sacrificially to the work of the Lord.

I remember the thrill of being with him on the coast of Northern Ireland feeling the strength of the wind, seeing the might of the waves, and the security of the rocks. Together we felt something of the might and majesty of our God, now he worships in His presence admiring the grace as well as the power that redeemed him from sin and brought him into the very presence of the Eternal Light.

We know that our friend Mrs. Hill and her family have lost for a time a beloved husband and father and we express to them our love, and appreciation and prayers. Our brother owed much to the "joint ministry" of husband and wife in the service of the Lord. In paying tribute to "Len" we do not forget all that "Edie" has given of loving devotion to the Lord's service.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Mr. H. A. Huckett

During our furlough ministry we asked prayer for a young man named Paul Gopal who met with much opposition when he became a Christian. On one occasion his mother, under the influence of an evil spirit, bit him in the throat in an endeavour to make him give up his faith in Christ. Later, when a marriage was arranged for him with a Christian girl, not a single relative on his side of the family came to the wedding. God has blessed their union and they now have a little son whom they have called Ebenezer.

Paul is engaged in evangelistic work in Salem District and his wife is a teacher in a school connected with the "Bethel" Agricultural Fellowship about twenty miles from Salem. Paul has kept in touch with his parents by correspondence, but until recently there seemed no desire on their part to have anything more to do with him. They considered that he had disgraced the family by becoming a Christian.

At 3.15 a.m. on February 10th as our train from Madras to Coonoor stopped at Salem Junction, he and his wife together with some other Indian friends were on the platform to greet us with garlands and to welcome us back to India. Imagine our joy when Paul told us that his father and mother have been reconciled to him and had been to the "Bethel" Fellowship and had stayed with them for a month. They want to know more about the Way of Life. They have also given Paul a gift towards the work he is doing.

Please continue to pray for this family that the Lord may grant them true repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

WILTSHIRE MISSIONARY MEETINGS

MAY 24th and 25th (D.V.)

24th will be "MISSION SUNDAY" in a number of Chapels

25th—Maryport Street Baptist Chapel, Devizes

11 a.m. Games and Picnic for boys and girls
3 p.m. Children's Meeting
3 p.m. "Meet the Missionaries" for the adults
6 p.m. Missionary Meeting

Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower and Mr. and Mrs. L. Ryan, and the General Secretary will, D.V., take part.

All are welcome

NEPAL VISIT



Group of Nepali believers outside Church in Tansen. (Pastor in black.)

In response to an invitation from friends working with the United Mission to Nepal, we visited that country for two weeks during January 1970. Travelling by train from Madras, via Calcutta and Benares, we entered Nepal at the small town of Nautanwa. On its Indian side this town is situated in the northern part of Uttar Pradesh (formerly United Provinces), while from its Nepalese sector emerges a road that runs for some twenty miles on the plains to the town of Butwal, and thence ascends the hills as far as Tansen and Pokhra. We spent twelve days at Butwal and two at Tansen.

Nepal is said to be the world's only officially Hindu state, in which respect it is in contrast to India which, although its population is predominantly Hindu, is a secular state. The religious basis of the regime in Nepal is reflected in the fact that the official weekly holiday falls on Saturday, a fact which makes it difficult for the Christian community to observe Sunday (a working day) as the day of worship and results in some groups meeting for worship on Saturdays.

Geographically the country has three areas, which all run from East to West the whole length of the land. There are the southern plains adjoining India, the central hilly tract of 4,000-5,000 ft. altitude, and the area of the great snow mountains in the north. The capital, Kathmandu, several other towns and a vast number of villages are situated in the hills, while the Himalayas in the north contain Mount Everest and many other mountains above 25,000 ft. in altitude. While we were at Tansen we had a magnificent view of Annapurana, with its four great peaks.

Economically it is a poor country, tourism being its only money-spinning industry. If, however, the mineral resources of the land are later developed, the picture in this respect could change dramatically.

The country is ruled by King Mahendra by what might be called a benevolent autocracy.

Butwal is a town of some 10,000 inhabitants in Western Nepal situated on the plains and almost completely surrounded by hills. It has apparently been a trading centre for the hill people for many centuries. Here the United Mission has a technical institute where under an agreement with the government, sixty-four Nepali lads are given four years' training in a number of skills, including metal work, welding, carpentry,

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Thrower



View of Tansen, a small town in Nepali hills, 5,000 ft.

electrical engineering, motor mechanics, accounting and office routine. Eight missionary couples care for eight boys each in hostels attached to their own homes. We spent an interesting hour with the whole group of these trainees, answering questions on a variety of topics, our interpreter being a converted Nepali Brahman.

The Butwal Technical Institute undertakes repair and construction work of many kinds in connection with the training scheme. High quality furniture is made, machinery repaired, timber sawn, bridges constructed and the town of Butwal lit with electricity. In connection with the last-mentioned, a hydro-electric plant is currently being installed in a river above the town and we had the pleasure of seeing this work in progress. It involved scrambling down one side of a breath-taking gorge, crossing the river by a light suspension bridge and making our way up the opposite hillside. Finally, we were led, in semi-darkness and through deep mud and water along the tunnel up to a point where the rock face was being prepared for the next blasting operation.

Butwal has recently developed a new attraction, for work is rapidly progressing on Nepal's new East-West Highway, two sections of which meet at this town. The Highway, which is being constructed as a first-class road, even by modern standards, will eventually traverse the entire length of Nepal's southern border. It will also be joined by roads from Kathmandu and other towns in the mountain area.

During our stay in the country we preached the Word on seven occasions: once in Tamil, twice at English services, and four times at Nepali gatherings, the last-mentioned by interpretation. We met two Nepali pastors and many indigenous Christians and, as a result of conversing with them and with foreign workers of long residence in the country, it seems to us that the hearts of many of the Nepali people have been divinely prepared for the reception of the truth. Indeed, one Nepali Christian worker says he believes that the year 1970 will be one of Gospel reaping in his country.

Although foreigners are not permitted to engage in direct evangelism, official opposition to Christian work is not at present serious. On the contrary, it is said that at least one influential member of the royal family maintains a friendly attitude to foreign workers and their activities. On the other hand, however, there is no doubt that pressures of all kinds are constantly being brought to bear on the king and his advisers.

As far as is known only one Nepali believer is, at the present time, in prison because of his faith, and it appears that he courted trouble by "unwise" actions. Moreover, since his arrest he has found new outlets for his evangelistic zeal by preaching to his guards and distributing Christian literature throughout the prison.

EARLY MINISTRY

Mr. W. N. H. Kuhrt

Opportunities of ministry came our way even while we were on the ship. Largely as a result of the helpful initiative of Mr. Huckett, almost daily gatherings were held at night in the children's nursery for all who cared to come. About twenty came to this meeting fairly regularly including several who were not expecting such arrangements on a passenger liner and who were obviously very grateful for them. Some of our lady missionaries quickly discovered that there were a number of our fellow passengers who had quite profound and distressing problems and it was part of their ministry to listen to such people. Almost to our surprise, as a result of the very first address I gave a young Australian married woman sought me out two days later because she was in considerable distress as to her spiritual state. It was a joy to help her briefly and then to commend her to Dr. Harris and my wife for more extended counselling. A letter received from her since leads us to hope that she is truly trusting in the Lord.

As soon as it was known that we had returned we began to receive three different kinds of requests for help. First of all some of the churches in the Salem area (Namakkal, Rasipuram, Kakkaveri and Velur) asked for regular monthly or bi-monthly visits for the conducting of Sunday services. The Sendamangalam church has also asked us for occasional dates but has not asked, nor does it need to ask, for regular frequent visits as they enjoy the excellent ministry of their own Pastor. Although we do not for a moment pretend that all is well in all of these congregations we regard it as, on the whole, a hopeful sign that they wish to resume fellowship in this way and when we are in Salem we shall consider it part of our duty to respond to these invitations as often as possible. There is also a new congregation in a distant (distant from us, that is) suburb of Salem made up largely of Kakkaveri people, who desire our presence with them as often as possible in the evening of every second Sunday in the month. The congregations of Morupatti and Urukkarai associated with the labours of Mr. and Mrs. Champion do not normally invite us but we have been in the habit of inviting ourselves two or three times a year and shall continue this practice. Our first visit is to be on the coming Good Friday.

The second kind of request comes from our more distant fields. As we passed through Madras on the morning of February 9th Pastor Devanesam asked me to visit the Kilpauk church during the first week in June for a series of special gatherings night and morning. We are glad when we receive specific requests like this but more commonly the requests are of a vague sort worded usually thus: "When can you come to the Ramnad District? There are many congregations that will welcome you", or "When you come to Madras for the Kilpauk convention please stay on a few days and include our church in your itinerary".

Pastor Albert of Thayilpatti is responsible for the vague invitation to Ramnad District but he has added to that a specific invitation for us to spend Christmas with them from December 20th to 26th (as we did in 1967 and 1968).

Rather to our surprise and embarrassment we had hardly arrived before we had two invitations that we felt bound to decline. They were from CSI and Lutheran congregations in Tanjore District and both invitations came through old S.B.M. friends who at present live and work in that district. The CSI Pastor wished me to speak twice in the open air on Saturday and promised me a congregation of 1,000 and also large congregations on the Sunday and he added, "There is an eager longing to hear sound biblical messages of salvation". Tanjore is about the only district of Tamil Nadu in which I have never preached and it was a temptation but, so early after our arrival in India, I was unwilling to stretch myself so far geographically or ecclesiastically!

One outside invitation we felt bound to accept. Dr. Sterrett, an old friend of ours, was conducting a Bible School in Kotagiri for graduates in connection with the Union of Evangelical students of India (I.V.F.). Visiting lecturers had to disappoint him on account of illness so he sent me an S O S. As a result I spent five days there with his group of seven students and five junior U.E.S.I. workers and conducted eight sessions on Daniel and gave two other addresses. The group was made up of eight men and four women, seven from South India, four from North India and one young lady from England. The languages represented were Hindi, Bengali, Gujerati, Telegu, Tamil and, of course, English. As soon as I was introduced one of the young staff workers hailed me with the remark, "It is nice to meet a Baptist". He proved to be a member of the Carey Baptist Church, Calcutta. During my stay in Kotagiri he was often listening to the news because he was anxious about the political chaos in West Bengal and anxious for his not very well wife whom he had left in Calcutta. One of the students was from Gujerat (where an earthquake has just devastated a considerable area) and he told me his story. He was born and brought up in a strongly orthodox Hindu family, and had dabbled in reactionary Hindu politics as well as in Communism. Two years ago he was persuaded to attend an E.U. camp and was there brought to know the Lord. This involved him in leaving his home and forfeiting any claim he might have had upon the family inheritance. However, his family, which includes a mother, five brothers and a little sister are not so strongly antagonistic as they might be. They write to him and he is able sometimes to visit them. But the other day one of his brothers wrote to announce his wedding and to say that he would have liked to invite his Christian brother to attend the marriage but in the circumstances, of course, he could not do so. It is not surprising if with this sort of background the young man should have problems. I was glad to be able to pray with him and for him and he begged me to continue to do so and to remember also his family.

One of the lady staff workers based on Madurai urged Mrs. Kuhrt and me to try and help lady students studying in a strongly Hindu College here in Salem. We shall certainly do what we can. It looks as if there will be no lack of opportunities. The problem will be to decide where the priorities lie and how much can be attempted. A Church of Scotland friend of ours who labours in Central India and who returned to this land almost the same time as we did, wrote to us the other day "My first weeks have been peppered with the usual interruptions which beset missionaries but I pray for freedom now to get to the Word and writing . . . I hope you are preaching and teaching much. Only the Word will turn people to Christ and cleanse the Church."

CUSTOMERS WRITE

Miss O. R. Knight

There is plenty of routine work in the Tamil Christian Book Depot, but this is interesting and often has to be left on one side while we supply books to personal shoppers and the many customers who write to us.

Although she usually requires Tamil books one customer who writes to us in English signs herself, "a slave of Jesus". Her brief postal address suggested that her family was a prominent one in the town. Later we heard indirectly that her husband is a wealthy man. This lady not only buys books for herself, but encourages others to read by sending books to them.

We have received requests for books, and help to know the Lord Jesus, from prisoners. One prisoner wrote, "I have read leaflets from your book depot, and received comfort. Each of the words of the Lord Jesus is like a rich feast to my heart. Therefore I am eager to get a complete Bible . . . and to go in the good ways of the Lord Jesus. So I humbly request you to send me a Bible. I am a prisoner for life . . ." A friend who takes a share in Christian work among prisoners told us that this man was illiterate when he came to the jail. Within three years he has learnt to read and write.

"I have some Hindu students living around me . . . Please send me six copies of Gospel Lyrics in Tamil. I will pay cash on delivery." The teacher who wrote this continued, "I am teaching them the lyrics in the evenings, so they may carry the message to their homes every day. They also read the Bible verse in the Bible Lovers' Calendar". Before concluding her letter this mother said, "We are seven members in our family. I need your kind prayers".

A schoolboy in Bangalore wrote that he and a few Christian friends wanted to have an exhibition, and would like us to help them. There are ten children in their prayer group. After listing the booklets he wanted this boy explained that they had collected some money, and would pay for the booklets. It was a joy to read this. There are many people who would like us to give them books and tracts free of charge. We had recently had a letter from a lad who acknowledged that he and his friends had received many free books from various places, but he asked us for more. Pray that we may have wisdom to deal with such requests in a way that will be really helpful.

All of our customers do not live in the south of India. A man who works in a thermal power station writes each year from a northern state for a supply of calendars in three languages. A teacher wrote from Assam for English Bibles. We were disappointed when they were returned because the postal deliveries to that area were suspended owing to floods. We have written again but still await a reply. Not long ago

a minister in Ceylon wrote for tracts. A few Tamil books have been supplied to South Africa.

The book depot staffs' work is here in Dindigul, but we have the privilege of serving people in towns and villages near at hand and far away. And we are strengthened in the knowledge that you also are sharing in this ministry . . . "helping together by prayer".

"THE CATTLE UPON A THOUSAND HILLS . . . ARE MINE" *Mr. B. F. Ellis*

These words from Psalm 50 are often used to illustrate both God's ability to provide and our responsibility to give. In pursuit of this principle Christians regard all that they have as belonging to the Lord and many ways have been found to serve Him and to further His cause. The following incident illustrates this in a novel and challenging way.

On a visit to Halstead, Essex, Pastor P. H. Crees, then Secretary of the Mission, mentioned that the cost of maintaining the Mission's work was, approximately, £3 per hour. This interested Mr. H. S. Hawkins, the Sunday School Superintendent, and the boys and girls of the school. Later they heard of an American boy who bought a pig, fattened it up and sold it at a profit. The proceeds he gave to a Missionary society.

Mr. Hawkins keeps pigs and so this idea appealed to him, and three of his pigs were allocated to the Sunday School. The children named them **S**amuel, **B**enjamin and **M**ary and in due course the pigs were ready for market. Careful accounts were kept and the profit on the transaction —£18 8s. 6d.—was sent to the Mission. It was accompanied by a number of letters which the children had written and showed their keen interest in the project.

We feel sure our readers will be interested to know about this project. We cannot all keep pigs, but if any of our friends have any other ideas I hope they will write and tell us about them—and put them into effect!

May the Lord bless the boys and girls and our friends at Halstead and all those—old and young—through whose loving prayer and gifts the work of the Mission is undertaken.

Vol. LXIX; No. 3. Printed at the Burlington Press, Foxton, Near Cambridge, and published by the Strict Baptist Mission. Price: Single Copies 5s. 0d.—in Quantities 4s. 0d.—for six copies per year (post paid).

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

DEPUTATION. Miss P. L. White will, D.V., be in this country from October 1970 to January 1971. She still has a number of vacancies in her deputation programme and churches are invited to write to the Mission Office to secure a booking.

DELEGATES FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS. Although the Annual Meetings are not due to take place until October 27th we would take this opportunity of reminding churches of the need to make provision for the appointing of Delegates. A number of churches have asked that this reminder should be given so that arrangements may be made in good time.

ADDRESS AMENDMENT. Please note that Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt's address in India should not bear a Street Number. Palaniappa Nagar is sufficient.

THE WOMEN'S GIFT WEEK

SO FAR HAS REACHED THE SUM OF

£650

There should be more to come which we hope will make it up to the amount of £1,000.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GIFTS

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDS JUNE 30TH

We shall be pleased to receive your gifts before this date. The burden of an expanding work is increasing—"Freely ye have received, freely give."

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

JULY - AUGUST 1970

THE HERALD



The London F.O.Y. Group who studied "Mission Worldwide."

61, BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E. 4.

SBM

into all the world

INFORMATION AND MINISTRY DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1970 [D.V.]

GENERAL

General Secretary: MR. FRANK ELLIS, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel. 01-692 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PAYMENTS FOR MAGAZINES, DONATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE MISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT: 61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E.4.

Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

DEPUTATION MINISTRY DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1970 (D.V.)

Mr. Frank Ellis.—JULY 5th, Haslemere; 12th, Smarden; 19th Pemberton; 26th, Wattisham.

Mr. D. A. Thrower.—JULY 7th, Stoke Ash Garden Meeting; 9th, Staines; 11th, Croydon, Garden Meeting; 12th, Clapham; 19th, Brighton "Tabernacle"; 23rd, Sutton at Hone; 26th, Brockley. AUGUST 2nd, Horsham; 9th, Kenninghall. Address: c/o 22A Grange Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Pastor P. H. Crees.—JULY 12th, Stowmarket. Address: The Manse, Cransford, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Pastor E. Orchard.—JULY 19th, Sheffield. AUGUST 9th, Royton. Address: 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

"MISSION WORLDWIDE"

Mr. Eric Holdstock

LONDON FELLOWSHIP OF YOUTH. PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

London F.O.Y.'s 1970 "President's Weekend" brought an invitation to Herne Bay Court from our able hosts, President and Mrs. Brian Kuhrt.

The Theme of the weekend, **Mission Worldwide,** was unfolded as speaker followed speaker and truly the world field became great and white in our eyes like at harvest time.

Our first look at the fields was with Pastor M. Toogood from "Zion" Baptist Church, New Cross. His field is an ever-changing and re-developing area and perhaps a site familiar to us. Yet for Pastor Toogood there is no doubt that **The Homeland** is his place of mission in the name of Jesus Christ. And mission, wherever it be, is commenced and continued by **Daily Consecration** to The Lord of the harvest.

We were next turned to the field of **India** by Mr. Les Ryan of the Strict Baptist Mission. Mr. Ryan particularly spoke of the Bookmobile work and mission through **Literature.** A mission which we may also use as effectually.

Coming nearer home, geographically speaking, Mr. Clifford Pond, President of S.B.M., spoke of the field of **Spain** and brought to the conference up to date information of events with S.B.M. in Spain and local details of this **opening field** by showing how God's plans for future days are being revealed, for those who would serve Him there. I wonder how many of the weekend's guests are included in those plans?

On Saturday evening the Seychelles **Radio** project was presented by colour slides and tape recording as yet another field.

The first session on Sunday, following Morning Worship and breakfast (in that order), took us to **China** with Mr. Leslie B. Lyall of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. Mr. Lyall spoke of the work in past years by the China Inland Mission, describing his last days in China and mission among Chinese *by* Chinese to-day.

Coming back again to just across the English moat and to the field of **French-Speaking Souls,** Pastor B. F. Berge of La Bonne Nouvelle Eglise, Bruxelles, talked of his early days in his own little church, old and *Faithful Praying* ladies, and now of the ever-increasing *opportunities* in these days from those humble beginnings. He mentioned in particular work amongst students and the use of *Study Groups* and *Public Lectures* for reaching the otherwise unreachables with the evangelical Protestant Good News about Jesus Christ.

Some of these fields may seem distant in our vision and some perhaps are nearer, but whichever is the case we seek to know HIS WILL until His field fills our vision.

(*Continued at bottom of page 41*)

A MEETING WITH "ANTI-CHRIST"?

Mr. J. R. Field

The still evening air was full of drifting mist and smoke and just as the Bookmobile reached the crowded Bazaar the town electricity supply failed. All the way down the dark, pot-holed street shop-keepers began to light candles and lamps. Blackness shrouded the slightly wider stretch of road where the Book Bus was standing, until the big side doors were opened, and the fluorescent tube above the books suddenly shone out. In less than a minute a curious crowd surrounded the vehicle, and began to examine the colourful display. One or two bought Scripture portions, but many of the men who took the books into their hands for a closer look soon handed them back to us and walked away. One of the Indian believers accompanying us gave an address in the Malayalam language, and then witnessed similarly in Tamil. People came and went. Some merely spared us a sidelong glance, but even those who were interested enough to take books into their hands, soon disappointed us by returning them unbought. One man who took a book from me, and was searching in the folds of the "loongi" tied around his waist, was approached by another man who sidled up to him, and said quietly, "If you buy that book, you will have to join their religion". The coin rejoined its fellows in the intending purchaser's waistband, and the book was replaced in the rack. It appeared that these men were the fanatical Muslims sometimes called "Moplahs", who became notorious in the days before independence because of a rebellion engineered by them. It is, of course, generally known that Muslims are not easily persuaded to read the Christian Scriptures. However, in recent times we have found that prejudice seems to be less, and there have been occasions recently when we have seen them buy copies of an edition of one of the Gospels which has been adapted in "Muslim Tamil" with an interest approaching enthusiasm. Here, however, in the mud and murk of the tumble-down shopping street prejudice and antagonism seemed to hold sway.

When we left the straggling line of shack-shops behind we were soon back in the tea estates again. Noticing a long line of labourers' huts we halted the van and were surrounded almost immediately by a cheerful group of labourers and their families. Most of them belonged to the

Christian community and Bibles, Testaments and Hymn Books were quickly disposed of. Cheered by this evidence of interest in "better things" we continued our way up the stony road until we reached a barrier gate, and beyond it, the main highway at the top of a steep hill. Before we turned into the main road loud shouts brought us to a halt. A young man came running up and asked rather breathlessly for a Bible at a cheap rate. One of my companions, intrigued by his apparent keen desire, asked him why he was so anxious to get a Bible. Was he a Christian? Answering the first question only, the man said he wanted the Bible as he understood it contained details concerning Antichrist. Interest aroused, my fellow workers pressed their second question in a new form: "What is your name?" they enquired. He said his name was "Kristu" (Christ) but later, after he had purchased a Testament and was going away, when asked to give his full name, he called over his shoulder as he ran off to inform us that his full name was "Kristu Olikkan". Enquiries amongst bystanders established that he was indeed known by this name, which means, literally, "he who casts off Christ" and could, therefore, be translated, "Anti-Christ".

Speculation concerning the way in which this seemingly pleasant young man came to be called by such an objectionable name was mixed with prayer, when we reported the incident to fellow-believers back at "base". We hope that you, too, as you read this report, will be stirred to pray. We know that, under the blessing of God, the Word of Life now in the possession of our importunate customer could bring him to the position where he would be led, not to "cast off" but to "put on" Christ.

Pray too that the hearts of many Muslims, still darkened by superstitious traditions, may be enlightened by the entrance of the Truth. We know, personally, more than one follower of "The Prophet" who has thus been delivered.

(*Continued from page 39*)

The journeyings and "site" seeing were completed and put into perspective by the concluding session with Mr. Frank Ellis, Secretary of S.B.M., urging action. Yet not because the fields are there. Not because we think we ought to be up and doing. But *RESPONSE* because of and out of our *LOVE FOR THE LORD.* Mr. Ellis spoke from the words in John 21. 15-17 where *JESUS ASKS, "DO YOU LOVE ME?".*

What shall we answer?

FELLOW-WORKERS IN SALEM DISTRICT

Miss E. M. Flory

After a number of years serving the Lord in Salem District, in Sendamangalam, Namakkal Velur and Belukurichi, the Lord has called me away to a different type of work in Dindigul. But thank God there are still Indian sisters serving Him in Salem District. If you know a little about the work they are doing, you will be able to pray for them.

Sendamangalam Girls' Hostel was closed at the end of April 1969, and the Matron, Miss Devabakkiam, lost her job. Instead of being rebellious about it, she is praising the Lord for setting her free for more direct evangelistic work. She herself is a Hindu convert so is specially suited to witness among Hindus. She is living in a rented house in Rasipuram, and visits people in all parts of that town. Hindu, Moslem, and Roman Catholic homes are all open to her. In spite of the physical handicap of being lame, she is amazingly active. The Kakkaveri Church has invited her to conduct the Bible Class for women that was formerly led by missionaries. Recently she shared in the teaching ministry during the Bible school for women on the Kalryan Hills. Devabakkiam realises her own need for further Bible study and wants to come to the next Women's Bible School in Dindigul, to study and also has expressed her willingness to help in the teaching.

Missionaries have been called away from Velur since April 1969, but there too there are Indian sisters serving the Lord. Marjorie is the wife of the Government Excise Officer at present stationed there. Both she and her husband are keen Christians, given to hospitality. Their home is open to missionaries and national Christian workers visiting the town. Marjorie exercises her witness in a quiet way, taking her Bible and reading to her neighbours, and distributing Gospel tracts. In Velur a staff nurse,

a nursing orderly, a school teacher, and the wife of a worker in the sugar mill, are all known as Christians and their influence is felt in different spheres.

Victoria, who was formerly in Namakkal, now serves the Lord with her husband on the Kalryan Hills. In obedience to what they firmly believe to be the call of God, they have left their four children, all girls, to continue their education in Namakkal. Three out of the four have confessed their faith in Christ by baptism, and on Sundays, while two of them lead a Sunday school in their home, the two elder girls go and conduct a meeting among Hindu children in another part of the town.

Rukmonie, with her husband and young children, is living in a village on the banks of the river Cauvery: there is no church of any kind for them to attend. There is one other Christian woman, a nurse, in the village, but she has married a Hindu. On Sundays Rukmonie's husband leads a simple service in their home, and this is attended by the nurse and her husband, and Hindu neighbours. Afterwards Rukmonie gathers her own and neighbours' children and teaches them about the Lord Jesus. She is seeking to serve the Lord faithfully, but sometimes complains of loneliness and lack of fellowship with other Christians. In her own home, she was accustomed to attending the House of God on the Lord's Day in company with other Christians; "But I didn't appreciate it in those days", she says. It is not easy for such isolated Christian families to bear a clear Christian testimony, when surrounded by Hinduism and superstition. One great fear for Rukmonie, and other Christian mothers, is that their children will learn Hindu ways and customs from their playmates.

These Indian women are our sisters in Christ. They are labouring with us in the Gospel. Their Names are written in the Book of Life. They are not perfect, any more that the Christian women mentioned by Paul in Phil. 4: 2, 3. God's Word challenges us to help them. Surely the least we can do is to help them by our prayers.

EARLY IMPRESSIONS

Mr. W. N. H. Kuhrt

The long voyage which we made around the Cape of Good Hope to Bombay was historic, it was the last voyage to be made by a ship of the P. and O. Line to an Indian port. Another link with Britain's imperial past has been broken and it becomes increasingly difficult to travel home by ship. The voyage, a little long, gave us a good rest after the fairly hectic time in England. We visited four places on the African continent—Dakar, Cape Town, Durban and Mombasa. In Cape Town we were welcomed by friends from Watford, Mr. and Mrs. Greengrass, who arranged an interesting programme of sightseeing and visiting. It was a privilege to visit the home of Pastor and Mrs. T. Funnell on Saturday and to attend Three Anchors Bay Baptist church on Sunday morning.

The next Sunday we were in Mombasa and we were able to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tuck who, although he is a busy engineer, gives a great deal of time to assisting the Seychelles F.E.B.A. project. The Seychelle Islands are about 900 miles due East of Mombasa in the Indian Ocean. Later in the day we attended the evening service in Mombasa Gospel Tabernacle. There was a large attendance of Africans of both sexes who took some part in the service. A Rhodesian business man who has lived in Mombasa for a good many years took us back to the ship and in that brief time told us the remarkable story of his conversion and also a good deal about the problems of tribal oathing and Kenya Indians. It was quite obvious that these two problems were weighing heavily on the minds of Europeans.

The fifth Sunday out from England we spent in a train making the 31-hour journey from Bombay to Madras—a distance of 800 miles. We travelled in a four berth compartment with a young Indian Christian man who was on his way from Bombay to Tiruchirappalli (perhaps better known to our older readers as Trichinopoly) to visit his wife who was expecting her first baby. We were thus early reminded of some of the problems of this country. The husband living and working in the over-

grown (and still rapidly growing) wen which is Bombay and the wife working as a teacher 1,000 miles to the South. In the evening I managed to conduct a little service. We sang a couple of hymns and I gave a brief word on Psalm 23 in a mixture of English and Tamil (I was greatly relieved to find that some of the Tamil words were coming back!) I prayed, and Doris also attempted to do so but at that time the train was making such a racket that it was almost impossible to hear so we gave it up and said "Amen". In Madras on Monday morning we had some five hours between trains so Dr. Harris went off to Ayanapuram to see two of her married "daughters" (one time Kolli Hill orphans) and I went to greet Pastor Devanesam in Kilpauk and to get up to date with his news.

Then we had another 7-hour train journey to cover the 210 miles to Salem. This was a day time journey and we had seven in our compartment. One of our fellow passengers was dressed in what we in India call "full-suit", which means that he had trousers and jacket and tie complete with socks and shoes. Some of our Indian fellow passengers changed from trousers into the far more comfortable Indian "dhotie" and all of us as the day wore on made various sartorial concessions to the increasingly great heat. All, that is, except our "full-suit" friend. His jacket remained buttoned, his tie remained tightly tied. I gathered from his conversation that he was coming home on leave from one of the Persian Gulf oil states. Disregarding the notice prominently displayed in the carriage about not playing transistors if co-passengers object he produced an expensive looking set and amused himself with a programme of Tamil cinema songs. In glaring contrast with this very modern and sophisticated "newly rich" young man, on another seat we had an old fashioned Indian gentleman (who may for all I know be rich though he certainly made no kind of display) who spent some of his time intoning stanzas from the great Sanskrit epic "Ramayanam". Not altogether a misleading little cameo, I thought, of the clash of India between the old and the new—the brash materialism of the one and the classical and religious culture of the other.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

"The total picture is rather misty and dark. Nevertheless, there are no reasons to despair. There are several factors which ought to fill us with courage and trust.

"The first is that we know that the missionary enterprise is not a human undertaking, in which we must take into account our forces and counter-forces, but it is the work of Jesus Christ who will gather to himself, through our instrumentality, a congregation out of every nation. It is upon this that we base all our expectations. Here we feel that we are on the border of a miracle, and it is for this reason that at each moment great surprises can overtake us. We are engaged in the work that has received great promises from God. In all humility this knowledge is a constant comfort to us. As soon as we reflect upon the present situation in the world there is indeed much that can be depressing to us. However, there are other factors to be taken into consideration. It is to be expected, and here and there we see symptoms, that the present day flush of victory, in which the peoples of Asia and Africa are involved as a result of the tremendous events of the last decades, sooner or later will cease, and then the question of inner certainty will again surge to the fore. There will be a renewed interest in the questions of the basic problems of life. But, at the moment, we cannot predict the course that will be taken. The question remains as to whether or not the witness of the young churches will again meet a greater response in their own world. Will that be the great hour in which God will display his marvellous works? All these things are still hidden from us, and it is useless to speculate. The only thing that is fit for us to do is to go calmly forward now, and in the future, in the power of the Lord. For in ourselves we are more powerless than ever before. We are also ashamed, and we feel guilty. We are indeed doing a sort of penance in our mission work. We learn more and more to understand that God can accomplish what needs to be done. Everything depends upon him, we are only unworthy instruments in his hands. We are thrown back more strongly on the final source of power, the firm trust that God is the king and that much can be accomplished by prayer."

(Extract from *An Introduction to the Science of Missions* by H. Bavinck.)

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

PASTOR E. ORCHARD

The period for which our brother Pastor E. Orchard had agreed with the Mission Council to serve as Northern Representative has now come to an end. However, we know that many churches will continue to benefit from his ministry, especially in the North of England. We are also assured of the continuing support of our brother and his wife as they are able to help in the Mission's work from time to time.

An appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Orchard's service for the Mission has already appeared in these pages but we gladly take this further opportunity of acknowledging the worth of their ministry and of wishing them the Lord's richest blessing as they continue to serve the Lord here in the Homeland.

WOULD CHURCHES PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING DEPUTATION WORK SHOULD NOW BE ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

SPAIN

We are thankful to record that the Lord's blessing and guidance was experienced in a very marked way during the recent visit to Spain by our President and Secretary. The Lord answered prayer in a wonderful manner and those who took part in the Conference at Valencia were deeply conscious of the valuable part played by the friends at home who were remembering the Conference in prayer.

Representatives of seven churches, and our own missionaries gathered together and a profitable time was spent examining in depth various aspects of Mission. Such subjects as "Who is a Missionary?" and "Mission and the local church" were dealt with as well as studying ways and means of working together as local churches and co-operating in Mission.

A practical outcome of the Conference was the setting up of a four man Committee of Reference to study further the subject of our relationship to the Churches and what can be done to extend the work of Gospel witness. We commend these four Spanish brethren to your prayers. They are Pastors A. Sanchis and D. Estrada, Barcelona, Pastor J. Llopis, Carcagente, and Mr. Morrello, Valencia.

Under the good hand of God it should soon be possible to indicate in more detail plans for the future, including the location of Miss Nellie Hawes and the work of Mr. Lacueva. There were a number of ways in which the Lord confirmed that Mr. Lacueva's work is to be mainly in literature. It would appear that there is a real need for a series of books

Vol. LXIX; No. 4. Printed at the Burlington Press, Foxton, Near Cambridge, and published by the Strict Baptist Mission. Price: Single Copies 5s. 0d.—in Quantities 4s. 0d.—for six copies per year (post paid).

on theological subjects. Our brother is well equipped to produce these and we look to the Lord to guide and overrule in every detail.

OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS DURING AUGUST

D. V., Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and family will be on the Continent of Europe for the whole of the month of August. Part of this time is to be spent in visiting the Churches and leading a Camp near Geneva. The F.E.B.E. Conference at Mulhouse is also included in the itinerary. Opportunity will also be afforded for a holiday break.

The office will be staffed during this period but it would help if all but urgent and important correspondence could be dealt with before or after the month of August.

ARRIVAL

D.V., Mr. and Mrs. Appleby and family will be arriving in this country during the latter part of August. We trust they will have a safe journey and we know that many friends will look forward to renewing fellowship during the period of deputation ministry which begins in October.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From mid-July Miss Flory's address will be No. C19 Nehruji Nagar, Dindigul—1, Madurai District, S. India, instead of C3.

THE WOMEN'S GIFT WEEK

The total at the time of going to press, was £920. A few amounts were then outstanding. We hope to reach the target.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GIFTS.

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH — DAY OF PRAYER

We trust that many churches will make special mention of the Mission's work on this day and that God will grant a real spirit of prayer and "the grace of supplication".

Needs in India, Europe, Australia and England are great. Please make full use of the Mission Herald and Prayer Union letters so that you may be fully informed as to specific needs.

> "*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*"
> (*Acts* 4: 31)

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 1970

THE HERALD



Preaching on a verandah in a Tamil house in North Malaya.

61, BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E. 4.

SBM
into all the world

INFORMATION AND MINISTRY DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1970 (D.V.)

GENERAL

General Secretary: MR. FRANK ELLIS, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel. 01-692 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PAYMENTS FOR MAGAZINES, DONATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE MISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT: 61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E.4.

Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

MINISTRY DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1970 (D.V.)

Mr. Frank Ellis.—SEPTEMBER 9th, Wimbledon; 12th, Southport: N-West Gatherings; 13th, Preston (m), Southport (e); 15th, Richmond; 20th, Redhill/Holmwood; 27th, Bradford on Avon; 28th, Bath; 30th, Tabernacle/Ebenezer, Brighton; OCTOBER 4th, Carlton; 8th, Dorking Y.P.F.; 11th/12th, Cradley Heath, Spring Meadow; 13th, Brentford; 18th, Hungry Hill, Farnham; 25th, Whittlesey; 27th, A.G.M.

Mr. D. A. Thrower.—SEPTEMBER 12th, Southport: N-West Gatherings; 13th, Southport (m); 27th, Belvedere (m), Blackheath (e); 30th, Tabernacle/Ebenezer, Brighton. OCTOBER 1st, Homerton; 4th, "Eden", Cambridge; 6th, District Meeting, Derby Road, Croydon; 8th, Grove Hill, Tunbridge Wells; 9th, Handcross; 11th, Downe; 18th, Dunstable; 20th, Mendlesham Green; 21st, Cransford; 25th, Stoke Ash; 27th, A.G.M. Address: Swiss Cottage West, 32 Cauldwell Avenue, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mrs. D. A. Thrower.—OCTOBER 13th, Zoar, Ipswich; 14th, Horham.

Pastor E. Orchard.—SEPTEMBER 13th, Accrington. Address: 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

Mr. H. J. Appleby.—OCTOBER 4th, Tunstall/Sudbourne; 7th, Bexleyheath; 8th, Basildon; 10th, Angel Baptist Church; 11th, Lewisham; 13th, Epsom; 14th, Streatham; 15th, Ramsey; 17th, East Ham; 18th, Bromley; 21st, Chingford; 22nd, Staines; 24th, J. F.O.Y. Rally; 25th, Borough Green; 27th, A.G.M. Address: c/o 61 Breakspears Road, Brockley, S.E.4.

Mrs. H. J. Appleby.—OCTOBER 12th, Bromley W/M.

Pastor C. C. Pond.—OCTOBER 11th, Walsall. Address: 15 Aldershot Road, Guildford, Surrey.

Pastor J. K. Thorpe.—OCTOBER 11th, Cransford, **Pastor P. H. Crees** at Beccles.

Pastor P. A. Grist.—OCTOBER 18th, Warboys. Address: 58 Magazine Farm, Lexden, Colchester, Essex.

Pastor D. J. Moon.—OCTOBER 18th, Chatteris. Address: 18 Haldon Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18.

Miss P. D. White.—OCTOBER 20th, Colchester; 21st, Great Blakenham; 22nd, Occold; 23rd, Wetherden; 27th, A.G.M.; 28th, Beccles; 29th, Bradfield St. George; 30th, Chelmsford. Address: c/o 61 Breakspears Road, Brockley, S.E.4.

CONTINUING MINISTRY — I. THE NILGIRIS

Mr W. N. H. Kuhrt

We have sometimes itched to get away from "the serving of tables" but within two months of our arrival back in India we found ourselves committed with a vengeance to "the serving of tables" as we responded, with the support of our colleagues, to a repeated request to care for the "Selborne" Missionary Home during the hot weather vacation season of 1970. Or at least Mrs. Kuhrt found herself involved up to the hilt in "the serving of tables". Happily for me my duties proved to be but light, although I can claim to have buttered many hundreds of slices of bread. Apart from occasional help of this sort on the domestic front my chief tasks have been arranging the morning and evening devotional periods and conducting daily prayers for the ten Tamil-speaking servants. The number of guests rose during May to 57 including 21 children but has now, in the middle of June, dropped to nine with no children. We are to stay here until the end of June partly because there will continue to be guests to be cared for and partly to secure some rest for ourselves after the hectic days of May.

A nearly three months' absence from Salem has meant the temporary suspension of my regular Sunday visits to the Churches in that district but two brief periods of sustained ministry have proved possible, one for eight days right here in Ootacamund in connection with the local Tamil Baptist Church and one for nine days in Madras. In Ootacamund I was asked to conduct Bible Studies in the book of Revelation each morning at 7 a.m. and this I gladly did although it meant getting up a little early for a quick bath and a shave (probably my congregation wouldn't have minded much if I had neglected to shave!) and a cup of coffee before scrambling up the steep and often muddy mountain road which leads to the Tamil Baptist Church on the top of a nearby hill. Despite a good deal of rain and the chilly mornings 35 people assembled every morning for a somewhat adventurous journey through Revelation chapters 4-10 and on the final morning of these studies more than 50 turned up. Later when Pastor Victor Benjamin of this Church accompanied me to Madras he spoke with a little pardonable pride of this early morning attendance and railled the Kilpauk Church on its inability to guarantee more than half a dozen if similar morning gatherings were to be attempted there! The evening meetings in Ootacamund were of a more evangelistic nature

when I preached a series of sermons on such subjects as The New Birth, Redemption, Justification, Glorification and The Lord's Return.

During the week of meetings two men sought me out for counsel and prayer. One was a man who appeared to be suffering from some incurable abdominal complaint. The other was the eldest son of our Sendamangalam Pastor, Mr. S. Paulraj. Two of his sons are currently working on the Nilgiris with an organisation called "Every Home Crusade" which aims to leave a piece of Christian literature in every home. These two young men joined us from Kotagiri for the final weekend of the meetings and were baptised along with five others on Sunday at mid-day. The baptistery is out of doors and just as the seven candidates began to file towards the baptistery a heavy shower of hail and rain descended upon us; however, the service went on. The two sons of Pastor Paul had planned to leave for Kotagiri in the afternoon but were persuaded to stay for the final meeting and it was in that meeting that the Lord led me to say something about my own baptism 45 years ago which evidently touched the heart of the elder of these two boys and made him come to me with tears in his eyes confessing his need and seeking my prayers. It was a joy to be able to write to his parents reporting on these events.

(*Continued from page 53*)

(*b*) S.B.M. has no existence apart from the Churches and its authority is both subject to and derived from the Churches, which are themselves governed directly by the Ascended Christ through His Word and Spirit.

(*c*) Missionary work is primarily in pioneer situations.
In most cases missionaries will work directly within the framework of existing S.B.M. organisation. (That is, reaching out in pioneer work within the context of an established field or in the establishing of new fields.)
Sometimes this will involve their working alongside likeminded local Churches —as on the Continent.
Occasionally they may be seconded to work alongside, or within, the temporary administration of other groups, including Missions, which while not entirely of the same order as ourselves, are nonetheless evangelical in the fundamentals of the faith."

This then is the basic thinking of your Mission at the present time and it is hoped that a booklet may soon be issued which sets out more of the doctrine of mission. We believe the pattern we have now outlined is biblical—we desire above all else that it should be—and we also believe that Churches, such as those to which we belong, which have a distinctive witness as to the doctrines of Grace and Baptist Church order will wish that in mission, as in all the work and witness of the Churches, what is done shall be consistent with the doctrines held by the Churches.

In the spirit of this policy we are happy to publish elsewhere in this issue of "The Herald" the testimony of Miss Barbara Burrett a member of the Church at Hinckley.

INTO ALL THE WORLD

Mr B. F. Ellis

The "all the world" vision of the Mission opens up, in a new way, the possibility for Strict Baptist Churches to commend their members who are serving the Lord in Mission, to the loving concern and prayers of the Churches.

Speaking of the relationship of the Mission to the Churches and the oneness and wholeness of our work a recent Mission Council policy document says:—

"Rapid political, social and economic changes in the world are creating new situations for Christian Missions. The lessons of the past, the frustrations and opportunities of the present are driving us to rediscover the abiding principles of the New Testament and to form and reform our policies and practices accordingly.

"The biblical background which lies behind our thinking can be summarised as follows:—

(*a*) Christ is the Head of the Churches. In the New Testament the Churches are seen to be governed by Christ and the work of the Churches is seen to be Christ authenticated. The whole scene is vibrant with the life and presence of Christ.

(*b*) The government of Christ is seen to have been exercised in 'normal' and in 'extraordinary' ways.

(i) Normal—along the lines of a clearly discernable pattern.

(ii) Extraordinary—sovereign activity alongside the normal pattern. This is never seen in opposition to the normal pattern but feeds and strengthens it. (The conversion of Saul of Tarsus; the work of those scattered by persecution, see Acts 8 and 11, 19-26, are examples of this.)

"Our business is to discern the 'normal' pattern and work out its application to our modern situation, whilst at the same time looking constantly to the Lord for the exercise of His sovereign activity. The normal pattern was Church-based and indigenous.

(*a*) Church-based. The general evidence for this is given in the Affirmation of Faith under 'The Nature of the Church'. The local Church is the basic unit of the work of Mission. Two points ought to be underlined.

(i) All converts were brought into local Churches to be edified under the leadership of the elders.

(ii) Workers were thrust out by the Lord through local Churches.

(*b*) Indigenous. We find that the Churches thus formed were independent, having responsibility for their own administration, worship, finance, etc. These new Churches were immediately reckoned to be units for mission in their own and in a wider field."

The Report from which we are quoting also lays great stress upon the duties and responsibilities of "sending" Churches—that is Churches from which persons have been duly and adequately commended to missionary work. A further section deals with The Mission and the Sending Church, as follows:—

"(*a*) Local Churches are responsible to act in concert in obeying the Lord's command in Matt. 28 and Mark 16, etc. Therefore, within this context, S.B.M. is an instrument of fellowship whereby the Churches may fulfil their responsibilities in evangelism.

(*Continued on page 52*

"THAT I MAY KNOW HIM . . ."

Miss Barbara Burrett



My testimony really begins from the day that I was born. As I look back over my life I can see the hand of God so distinctly in all that has happened to me.

My religious training as a child left me with a distinct idea of the existence of God but the knowledge I then had was only on the level of my knowing of the existence of the Eskimos. I attended a Roman Catholic Junior School and a Secondary School later on. I also attended the village Church and enjoyed most of its functions.

When I was fourteen I went to a C.S.S.M. beach service locally—I lived at that time at Gt. Holland in Essex—and for the first time I heard that it was possible to know God in a personal way. However, I did not fully appreciate what was involved, relating this knowledge of God to Church membership. But the period of really seeking had begun and the Lord has promised that those who seek shall find. From this time until I was eighteen my search was centred upon the Roman Catholic Church and although I still attended the evangelical Anglican Church in the village I was inwardly deciding that I must become a full member of the R.C. Church. Then the Lord intervened, a short while before I was due to be confirmed and I was unable to continue. Although not at this stage really knowing the Lord I did realise that being a member of the R.C. Church could not give me what I desired.

I started my nursing training in 1962 and during this time I joined the Nurses Christian Fellowship, thinking that now I was really a Protestant full membership would bring the relationship I longed for. During this time I attended a Brethren assembly and was received for baptism. Alas I still found no real satisfaction and drifted into a type of existence which depended not on a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ but upon various activities. This led to a gradual disillusionment and a growing feeling that perhaps it was impossible to really know God at all. I even began to speculate on God only being man's awareness of nature.

In 1964 I was invited to an N.C.F. Conference in Austria. I went rather for the opportunity of seeing Austria than for any spiritual reason. Consequently I attended very few of the meetings. However, towards the end of the time there

I was out on one of the very beautiful walks when I became aware of the presence of Someone beside myself. I knew at that moment that God was with me. My immediate reaction was one of fear and a consciousness that I had really been playing with religion. I also felt deeply that knowing God involved complete commitment to Him in every aspect of myself. At last I knew that this was not a question of Church membership or of any religious duty performed, this required that my whole life should be given over to God. His Holy Spirit filled me as I was enabled to acknowledge His complete right to my life and I was able to say with a loud shout as I raced up the remainder of that mountain, "I really have met God".

Following this experience I was shown gradually the things that were involved in being a Christian. My sin and the full effect of Christ's death, also my responsibility to the lost became real. The Lord has continued to show me many things but uppermost in my mind at the moment is His call to me to go overseas. Having always wanted, even previous to my conversion, to work overseas as a nurse I had to learn the hard lesson that I must be prepared to go anywhere and do anything for the Lord, even if that meant staying in this country and giving up nursing. But God is not a severe Father delighting to make us do what we do not want to and when we finally submit to Him we discover that His desire for us becomes our greatest desire too. I found this in a very real way.

The Lord has led me very clearly to go and work in Afghanistan as a Christian Worker Overseas. This means that although I go under the auspices of a Mission I shall not be allowed directly to witness for the Lord. The Government forbids this. I am only allowed to speak to people if they ask me about my faith but, most important of all, I trust that my life will "speak" of Jesus Christ. In many ways this is not an easy situation and I shall need much prayer. The Mission with which I feel led to serve is The Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship. Its work is mainly in Central Asia.

I have been thrilled with the love and concern which my home Church at Hinckley has shown me and I count it a real honour that the Lord should send me out with such wonderful praying friends behind me. The manner in which the Lord led me to Hinckley is something to which I would wish to testify. My family had moved to Hinckley and after a lot of Church wandering when I was home I still had not found anywhere to call "home". So one Saturday evening I went to a local Brethren Hall. After the meeting I was talking to a member who knew of the Strict Baptist Church in Hinckley and he told me of it. So I went. From the first I felt the warmth of the Christian fellowship and although I had to be instructed in regard to membership, etc., I felt myself to be a part of them. That fellowship has grown and I have learnt a great deal from the Church and I am deeply indebted to the friends there. The overruling factor in all this was that the Lord so clearly directed my steps to them.

I hope to fly to Afghanistan at the end of September. The type of work I shall be doing is with a Christian medical team in the remote mountain villages, setting up temporary clinics to treat people who have never had any medical attention. The work will be hard and the mountains are high, rugged and difficult to cross. Also the temperature in winter can drop as low as 20°*F*.—in the summer it is a constant 80°*F*.

The prospect of going thrills me, not because I have any confidence in myself but because I know that Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth . . . and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world".

MOUNTAIN-TOP BIBLE SCHOOL

Miss M. E. Harris

Bump! Bump! Crash, Bang! Up a bank, down the other side! Crash, Bang! Sway to one side, lurch back again! Bump! Bump! Crash, Bang! Yes, we are on our way to Kumminkurichi on the Kalryan Hills (mountains) in a Jeep with a trailer behind, full of baggage and provisions. We have safely negotiated the rough, rocky, unsurfaced mountain "road" to the top. Now we are bumping and crashing across fields, through gaps in the hedges, down to a stream, through the water and mud, and up a twisting track the other side. "We got stuck in the mud on our last trip", says our expert driver, Miss Carol Weever, as she skilfully steers the Jeep round sharp hair-pin bends, and past rocks and thorn-bushes. Two of us are sitting in the front with the driver, and holding two hurricane lanterns between our legs. Four women are sitting in the back, two mothers holding onto their babies tightly with one hand, and hanging onto the Jeep with the other. At their feet every available space is filled with baggage and provisions. One baby sleeps peacefully through it all. The other baby travels protesting frequently.

We arrive triumphantly at last right up to the Mission Settlement. Mrs. E. C. Brand and a small group of women give us a warm welcome. We edge carefully away from the gear-levers and hurricane lanterns and climb out of the Jeep. Babies are then handed out and held by eager admirers, while their mothers extricate themselves from the baggage and creep out through the front. The trailer is unloaded by willing hands. It has taken us one and a quarter hours to do the journey from the hill foot. Other women arrive later on foot. Some do not arrive. They have been prevented by sickness, troubles in their village, or family responsibilities. Out of an expected 16 women, nine only manage to attend this year's Bible School. They have come from five different ranges of hills. One is the married daughter of the Kolli Hills Vazhavanthi Church treasurer. The two men who have come to cook the food are also members of the Vazhavanthi Church.

Excellent arrangements have been made this year for the mothers to leave their babies and small children with three responsible women during the lesson periods, in a specially improvised "crêche". Even toys have been provided for the children to play with, and brightly coloured hammocks, for the babies to sleep in, are hanging from the beams of the roof in true Indian style. As a result, the mothers enjoy the luxury of being able to study in undisturbed peace and quietness. How grateful we all are for this!

Mrs. Brand gives the message in the opening meeting on the day of arrival. Each morning the rising bell goes at 5 a.m. One morning soon after the bell rings I see a little group of women looking up in the sky. "Look at the star-with-a-tail", they say to me. I look up, and there sure enough is the Comet Bennett clearly seen in the Eastern sky, shining in all its splendour.

At 7 a.m. we all gather together for morning prayers, which are conducted by a different woman each morning. The men join us for this, and also for evening prayers last thing at night. In the first morning sessions we study 1 Thessalonians verse by verse. In the second morning sessions the Church of Christ is the subject of the lessons taught. In the afternoons Devabakkium, our fellow-worker, and friend of Sendamangalam hostel days, gives useful talks on practical work amongst Hindus, and amongst enquirers after the truth. Opportunities are given in these afternoon sessions for each woman to give a report of the work she has been doing amongst the Hill Tribes. After which we commit the work and the women and their families to God in prayer.

On Sunday morning a brother belonging to the Gospel Hill Fellowship leads the morning devotions. In the afternoon we have a time of singing and some new hymns and tunes are learnt. In the evening we all go out together and hold

(Continued on page 57)

CAMP FROM CAMP *Dr. R. M. Harris*

We enjoyed our camp from camp. It was what we had prayed for on the Kollis for years, yet of which we have experienced all too little—the privilege of being invited by Indian Christians to have fellowship with them in evangelism, all the organisation being in their hands. The programme was arranged for us and we just fell into line as it were. This family is the only Christian family in the village.

In the villages it was the Christian teacher and his wife's grandfather who did the speaking. We would arrive at a village at about 8 p.m. and the open-air meeting lasted until 10 p.m. or later. The villagers sat around on the verandah of the house, on the low surrounding stone walls or squatted on the ground, shrouded in blankets—they listened well.

Family prayers with the Christian family which had invited us to spend this fortnight with them were conducted in the mornings by the Christian teacher and in the evenings by one of us. We sat round on mats on the floor of either their house or the hut where I stayed. We enjoyed singing hymns and lyrics to the accompaniment of tambourine and cymbals. People from the village sometimes joined us.

We took very little in the way of medicines and medical equipment but were able to help several needy cases, including a baby with a burnt hand. We were very conscious of the medical work fitting into God's plan of things.

Heavy rain and high winds came during the second week of our stay. We heard that soon after we left the roof of one of the huts we were using and which was leaking badly anyway, was finally blown right off!

There are many Indian Christian teachers living either alone or with their families as the only Christians in the village. Let us pray for them.

(Continued from page 56)

open-air meetings in different parts of one of the nearest hill villages. It is the night of the full moon. The villagers all gather around and listen intently. They enjoy the singing accompanied by a drum and cymbals and a tambourine. I secretly admire our mothers, who have come along with their babies in their arms, in order to help with the singing. We visit another village in the same way three days later.

A test paper on the lessons studied in 1 Thessalonians is given on the last morning. Each of the seven women who writes the paper manages to get pass marks. The prizes are distributed on the last evening by Mrs. Brand, with an appropriate word spoken to each prizewinner. Seven women also get prizes for repeating 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 from memory without any mistakes.

At the testimony meeting on the last day before we part many testimonies are given of blessing received through the lessons taught.

On the day of departure, well before sunrise, we all gather around to have prayer together, and to sing a last triumphant chorus of worship and praise. Then with a Jeep-load of eight women and three babies, our baggage and the trailer, we bump and crash our way across the fields and down the mountain track singing all the way. The sun rises gloriously from behind the mountain ranges, and the world is flooded with light. Another Bible School is over. Another year of service begins. May the Word of God, which these women have been studying, become an ever increasing flood of "light upon their paths". And through them, in God's providence, may the "light of the glorious gospel of Christ" shine into the hearts of many of the hill people who are still in heathen darkness.

CAMP FROM CAMP

Miss Y. Conacher

As the sun rose over the hill in the early morning we set out on our ten-mile walk (part of the way being carried in a dholi) across the hills to a village called Sundaikadu where a Christian teacher and his wife are living. At their invitation we went over to share in the ministry of the Gospel with them. Throughout the whole camp we knew of the Lord's presence with us and Him leading us step by step. Indeed all things worked together for good. God in His providence over-ruled all things.

The meetings in the villages took place early morning before the people went out to work in their fields or in the evening after the day's work was done. Usually the head man's house of the village was the meeting place and the people gathered around to listen. The grandfather of this couple, John Abraham, came up from Alatur to share in these meetings with us and it was a joy to hear him witnessing to his own people. Most people listened intently, some showed a real desire to know more, so bought a Bible or New Testament or Gospels. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Pray for these people.

The first week we were there school was in session so the children enjoyed meetings every afternoon, learning choruses and texts and hearing the Word of God.

During this fortnight we were also asked to have Bible studies with the grandchildren of John Abraham. Three of the children came up from Alatur most days—a two-mile walk up a very steep hill—to have these lessons. To see their eagerness and desire for this was a real encouragement to us. In many ways hindrances came trying to prevent them from coming but God over-ruled and we were able to have all the lessons with them. These children all study in secondary schools away from home so need to board in a Government hostel. Pray that they may be born again of the Spirit of God and that they may be kept while living in Hindu surroundings. Hindu boys living in the same hostel as the eldest of these children have borne testimony that he reads his Bible.

It was a joy to us to see this family take all the responsibility in running and organising this camp and in every way preparing for our stay there. The Lord guided and helped them all the way. This is something we would desire that our Churches would do. Instead of being organised, as they have been in the past by missionaries, may they have the vision and be willing to take the responsibility for these things themselves. Pray.

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

TAMIL TEXTS. MRS. E. C. BRAND, Belur P.O. Salem District, S. India will be pleased to receive Tamil texts.

MISS N. HAWES NEWS LETTER. MISS L. S. HAZEL, 4 Chichester Close, Bexhill on Sea, would be glad to know of any change of addresses or additions of code numbers of those who receive these News Letters.

DEPUTATION. MISS P. WHITE will be in this country from October, 1970—January, 1971, and
MISS Y. CONACHER will be here from mid-March to mid-June, 1971. Both will be glad to serve the Churches whilst on furlough. Please write to the Mission Office to secure a booking.

ADDRESSES

MR. AND MRS. D. A. THROWER, Swiss Cottage West, 32 Cauldwell Avenue, Ipswich, Suffolk.

MISS M. E. HARRIS, C4, Nehruji Nagar, Dindigul, 1, Madurai District, S. India.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. FIELD, The Manse, Union Church, Ootacamund, Nilgiri District, S. India. (Mr. Field is not undertaking any pastoral work, but the family are able to live in the manse in view of the Church not wishing to use it themselves for the time being.)

TIBETAN CHILDREN (Note from MRS. BOORMAN, Knaphill). "Please pray that the Lord may work in the hearts of the Tibetan children at Stanes and give them courage to confess Him as their Saviour and Lord. We met a representative of the Dalai Llama last month at Stanes when the school gave a concert in aid of the funds, and we have been invited to visit a Tibetan camp near Mysore where refugees are being housed and cared for."

WE ARE HAPPY to announce the arrival of NARELLE ANNE RYAN (7 lbs.). Mother and baby are both well. We rejoice with our friends.

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Westminster Chapel, London

Tuesday, 27th October, 1970

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

"RAYS" RALLY

Saturday, 12th September, 1970

at 3.30 p.m.

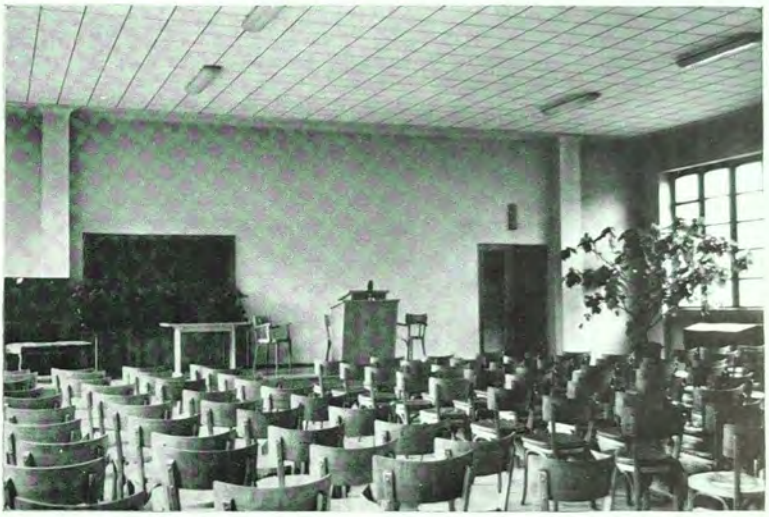
"Zion" Chapel, New Cross, London, S.E.14.

(See notices in Churches for full details)

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1970

THE HERALD



MULHOUSE CHAPEL (FRANCE).

Centre of Gospel teaching, literature, and Mission outreach at home and abroad. Pastor F. Buhler.

61, BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E. 4.

SBM
into all the world

INFORMATION AND MINISTRY DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1970 (D.V.)

GENERAL

General Secretary: MR. FRANK ELLIS, 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4. Tel. 01-692 1841, to whom all enquiries concerning the ministry of the Mission should be addressed.

FINANCIAL

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PAYMENTS FOR MAGAZINES, DONATIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUNDS OF THE MISSION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY AT: 61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E.4.

Cheques and Postal Orders, etc., should be made payable to "THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION" and crossed.

MINISTRY DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1970 (D.V.)

Mr. Frank Ellis.—NOVEMBER 1st, Laxfield; 8th, Horham; 14th, Farnham, Hungry Hill; 15th Walthamstow; 18th, Longford; 21st, Dorking; 22nd, Gt. Blakenham; 29th, Knaphill. DECEMBER 1st, Guildford F.O.Y.; 6th, Over; 10th, Claygate; 13th, Ashford; 27th, Tring.

Mr. H. J. Appleby.—NOVEMBER 1st, Wetherden; 2nd, Purley; 8th, New Cross; 9th, Horham; 10th, Over; 11th, Stretham; 13th, Sudbourne, Suffolk F.O.Y. Northern Group; 15th, Colchester; 17th, Stowmarket; 18th, Cuckfield; 21st, Dorking; 22nd, North Finchley; 23rd-27th, Wiltshire Meetings; 29th, Kesgrave. DECEMBER 1st, Woolwich; 4th, Greenwich F.O.Y.; 6th, Hounslow; 13th, Greenwich; 20th, Croydon, Derby Road. Address: c/o 61, Breakspears Road, Brockley, London, S.E.4.

Mr. D. A. Thrower.—NOVEMBER 1st, Hadleigh; 7th, Clapham.

Miss P. L. White.—NOVEMBER 3rd, Epsom; 4th, Horsham; 5th, Croydon, Derby Road; 10th, Homerton; 11th, Greenwich/Lewisham; 12th, Tunbridge Wells; 14th, Streatham; 16th, Brentford; 18th, Laxfield; 19th, Ipswich, Mount Zion; 20th, Suffolk F.O.Y.; 24th, Slaithwaite; 25th, Royton; 26th, Thornhill. DECEMBER 1st, Carlton; 2nd, Potton End; 3rd, Belvedere; 8th, Kesgrave; 9th, Rishangles; 10th, Hoxne; 14th, Bradenstoke; 15th Devizes; 16th, Trowbridge. Address: c/o 61 Breakspears Road, Brockley, London, S.E.4.

Pastor E. Orchard.—NOVEMBER 22nd, Rotherham. DECEMBER 13th, Middlesbrough. Address: 47 Arncliffe Gardens, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

Pastor P. H. Crees.—NOVEMBER 8th, St. John's Wood.

CONTINUING MINISTRY—II. (MADRAS)

Mr. W. N. H. Kuhrt

On May 30th, a little reluctantly, I left Mrs. Kuhrt to cope with forty-two guests including fifteen children while I set out to fulfil a series of engagements in Madras City. Kilpauk was the scene of a week-long convention in which three speakers took part. On the first four days Pastor Victor Benjamin and I were the speakers and except for the Sunday morning service inside the large chapel all the gatherings were outside in the chapel compound. At each of the evening services there were always contingents from other churches and the attendances though not particularly impressive were satisfactory. One evening Pastor Benjamin finished the service hurriedly just before a terrific and prolonged thunder storm broke and on the following evening, as a consequence of the rain, I had to contend with a plague of winged insects that, attracted by the strip light immediately above the pulpit invaded my hair, my collar and my mouth. I repeated some of the addresses on Revelation which I had given only a few days earlier in Ootacamund while Pastor Benjamin had a more evangelistic emphasis and at the conclusion of most gatherings had the privilege of counselling and praying with a little knot of men and women who gathered around him for that purpose. On subsequent evenings a visiting Baptist Missionary, Rev. C. Victor Barnard, from North India was the speaker. He had been warmly recommended by Kilpauk Pastor Devanesam's own son, Mr. Emmanuel Raj, B.D., who works as a missionary in Dehra Dun in the Himalayan foothills. Mr. Barnard could speak, of course, only through interpretation and on three occasions it fell to my lot to do the interpretation. I will only comment that I would rather preach a hundred of my own sermons directly in Tamil than interpret one of somebody else's. However, it was in some ways a stimulating experience.

On Sunday morning, June 7th, I visited Mannur which has been for several years without a minister but where Pastor M. T. Daniel gives occasional help. Two months earlier he had baptised some twenty men and women in connection with the many tiny scattered village groups that make up the Mannur church. During the service I asked those who had recently been baptised to stand up so that I might specially commend them to the Lord and fourteen of the twenty were present and stood. The Church Secretary is a man of considerable ability in some directions and appears to be keeping together quite well the hundred or more members of which the church is made up. Pastor Daniel was present and conducted the Lord's Supper service after the morning sermon.

While I was at Mannur Pastor Benjamin was involved in a whole series of services Sunday morning and mid-day in Kolathur. One of these services was a baptising service when twenty people publicly confessed their faith in the Lord. I had been asked to baptise these people but had declined; I would of course have been glad to be present if I had not already been committed to Mannur. This baptismal service on Sunday

morning had been preceded by three evening gatherings in which Pastor Benjamin and I had shared. The rather smallish village chapel was full to overflowing on each occasion. I preached two sermons on Joel and was to have preached a third on Sunday night but by that time I had had enough and was feeling so tired as a result of heat, short nights and constantly being on the go that I had to cancel my last visit. Pastor Benjamin was there so my not going didn't matter very much and when subsequently I learned that they did not get back from Kolathur until midnight I felt quite sure that I had been right to stay at home. Readers may be interested to know that all the journeys to and from Kolathur were made in the Kilpauk chapel car, driven by the Kilpauk Church Treasurer who bought the car, donated it to the church and learned to drive on purpose that he might assist his Pastor and others to reach the various out stations and village churches in which from time to time the Kilpauk church takes interest. Candour compels me to admit that the car, which is said to have cost the equivalent of some £130, gave me a few anxious moments and I was quite glad not to have to drive it myself. But it is certainly no worse than several taxis I used during my sojourn in the city and once it got started seemed to go along quite merrily though, happily for my peace of mind, at no great speed.

The care of the churches is not merely preaching, of course. I spent some hours istening with what patience I could muster to various individuals or groups representing four of the churches. Feuds between warring factions, a dispute between a school manager and the church in whose building the school is conducted, a weeping lady school manager, and in another case a feud between a pastor and a somewhat domineering senior deacon! Sometimes I felt physically ill after some of these encounters. The Trust is involved in two suits and could be involved in a third. In none of them can the Trust be properly blamed for they are only trying to clear up awkward situations which we had allowed to develop over the years and which we were compelled to leave unsettled when we handed over the property.

An interesting appointment took me to the opening ceremony connected with the renovated and enlarged Chintadripet School. This is without question the oldest Strict Baptist Mission building in Madras City and possibly the oldest in India. It has recently been sold by the Trust to the friends who for fifteeen or more years have been responsible for the school. For sentimental reasons one may feel a little sad but the decision was a right one and, in fact, I had advised the Trust to make it. The building had long ceased to be used as a chapel and could only have been a liability. Instead of which the school managers (who are members of the Kilpauk church) now feel free to spend their money on its upkeep and the Trust enjoys a regular income.

Almost my last task was to walk along late Sunday afternoon to the nearby Mental Hospital to seek out an old friend of mine who had been confined there for more than ten years and whom I had not seen since before our furlough. Much to my surprise I learned that he had been discharged some twelve months ago. Now I must try and find out how this one time Tinnevelly SBM teacher is getting on back in his old home eight miles from Kovilpatti.

FEBE IS NOT ANOTHER ORGANISATION OR association, it is a fellowship of Evangelical Baptists in Europe. It is a means of fellowship open to all New Testament churches which declare their unqualified fellowship in the terms of its declaration. FEBE is a fellowship of those who desire to study the Word of God in depth together. Moreover we see it as the appropriate fellowship within which we may properly consult on matters of Mission and we trust that this consultation will result, under the good hand of God, in such Mission arrangements as co-ordination, co-operation, seconding and other helpful ways of making known the glorious tidings of redeeming love. Being a fellowship it has no executive powers, but fellowship in the Word, a platform for discussion, and a forum for consultation are essential for European Baptists today.

Not all the churches in FEBE are as yet reformed in the English sense of the word, though all the churches alongside which SBM are working are of the reformed faith. Nevertheless the churches in fellowship affirm their allegiance to Christ as their Saviour and Lord, their common desire to maintain the integrity of His Word, to fulfil His will, concerning His work on earth in and through local churches constituted according to the New Testament pattern. A copy of the declaration of Fellowship will be sent to any one who will send a S.A.E. to me.

A brief report of the recent Conference in Mulhouse will reveal the Scriptural and Baptistic character of our studies together and also show that not only do we cherish the heritage which is ours, but seek to know and accept our responsibilities in the world in which we live.

A Swiss Baptist Pastor, Mr. Hoffman, opened the Conference with a meditation on Isa. 6, showing that Conviction, Cleansing and Commission come alone from the Lord Himself.

Principal Kingdon spoke on Baptist heritage and showed that it is both Doctrinal and Practical. Some of the points he made were, we have a heritage of the supremacy of Scripture, of a regenerate church membership, of the voluntary nature of discipleship, of believer's baptism by

immersion, of the Headship of Christ alone and of the priesthood and prophethood of all believers. The flexibility of our church order has great value today in the separation of church and state, in adaptation to changes of political regime, in allowing the local church to decide with whom it will or will not associate, and in keeping alive a concern for a spiritual church fellowship.

Pastor Appere of Geneva spoke on Baptist responsibility, quoting a well-known scholar as saying, the future is for Baptists and their position and not for ecumenism. In a world where Atheism must bring about a reaction, where Rome is disintegrating and Authority is dwindling, Baptist doctrine and practice has meaning. The liberty of conscience before God alone, a living correction of mind and heart by Scripture alone, salvation by faith alone without any additions, the local church where fellowship and participation can be experienced, and the separation of church and state are very relevant to tomorrow's needs.

Pastor E. Huser of Munster, France, spoke about a lesser-known Swiss reformer, Conrad Grebel, and the emergence of Anabaptism. He showed how Grebel went beyond Luther and Calvin in his doctrine of the church and of the ordinances despite great suffering and misunderstanding. Grebel's contribution to the Baptist position of today cannot be overestimated.

Mr. B. F. Ellis, S.B.M., London, spoke on William Carey and Modern Mission. After an outline of Carey's life and work, Mr. Ellis pointed out Carey's theology and principles of Mission. He was a Particular Baptist holding Calvinistic doctrines of Grace and an independent congregational church polity. In modern Mission we must emphasise Carey's insistence in planting indigenous churches. On the other hand we must query his society base of Mission rather than church based Mission, as well as his method of sending and supporting missionaries. His institutional work also calls for reconsideration.

Pastor P. H. Crees,
THE MANSE, CRANSFORD, SUFFOLK, IP139 NZ.

CHILDREN READ THE BIBLE

Miss O. R. Knight

A letter addressed in English to "Strict Baptist Mission, Kilpauk, Madras 10", and re-directed to Post Box 28, Dindigul 1, in Pastor Devanesam's handwriting, arrived safely. The letter was in Tamil;

"To God's beloved servants,

"I saw in the book about Ruth that you have printed a card to guide in reading through the Bible. May God bless all your efforts. I am conducting a Sunday School, and some of the children are eagerly reading the Bible. In order to encourage them in this, please send me 50 copies of the Bible Reading Guide. Please tell me how much money I should send . . ."

The Bible Reading Guide referred to is a booklet entitled, "A Plan For Reading Through the Bible in Two Years." This was published a number of years ago.

We supplied the booklets at a reduced price, and received a grateful letter of thanks. ". . . The children eagerly received the booklets. They are reading the listed portions, and even more. When I need some more copies and booklets from the catalogue which you sent, I will write to you . . ."

A money order for Rs. 5/- soon arrived. But we received no list of the books required; so wrote to enquire. The reply thanked us for the receipt and letter and continued, ". . . the letter in which I wrote the details is lost in the post. In these days God has given an awakening among the children . . . Daily from morning till evening many children from Christian and Hindu homes are coming to my house for prayer. They are boys and girls from 5 to 15 years old. Each day they memorise a Bible verse and pray, and then go home. This month many children have been saved . . . I request God's children to support this work by prayer. Many people are reading the Bible regularly because of the Bible Reading Plan. So please send ten more copies, and booklets I have listed on the back of this letter. May God give grace so that His Name is glorified through your service . . ."

PASTORS' CONFERENCE 1970

Mr. W. N. H. Kuhrt

When I first came to India our Pastors' Conferences comprised five brethren from Tinnevelly, two from Salem District, one from Madras, making eight in all, and nearly as many missionaries. For many years no such conferences were held at all and now that they have been resumed the number of Pastors has not changed, which is a sad comment on our lack of progress. But there has been a significant change in their geographical distribution. Five are working in and around Madras; there are still only two in the Salem District and there is now but one in the huge Tirunelveli/Ramnad field. At this year's conference there were only two missionaries of whom one could be present for only half of the time.

We met in a delightful rural setting near the foot of the Shevaroy Hills, not far from Salem, on the premises of the Bethel Agricultural Fellowship by kind permission of its Secretary, an old Kovilpatti friend of thirty years' standing, named Mr. P. Samuel. Most of us were there by Monday mid-day and our conference broke up on the following Friday evening; so we had four and a half days together. Unhappily two of our more sickly brethren were finally advised not to travel so Pastors M. T. Daniel and B. G. Samuel, both of Madras, regretfully had to miss this year's conference. We were glad to welcome Mr. V. G. B. Paulraj, recently recognised by the Madras Pastors as Minister in Charge of two small village congregations, Meppur and Numbal.

So our members would have been only six had we not repeated the invitations issued last year to three brethren ministering to Baptist Churches on the Nilgiri Hills. These invitations were eagerly accepted by Pastor Victor Benjamin of Ootacamund, Pastor D. Dorairaj of Kotagiri and Pastor Peter Natesan of Mettupalayam. Pastor Prakash of nearby Harur (Ceylon and India General Mission) Church hearing what was afoot begged to be allowed to come so we were ten in all. It would be too much to claim that we were all from churches and missions that were like-minded in all respects! But at least we are all Baptists,

(Continued on page 70)

WE FIRST MET THE IRISH BAPTISTS IN FRANCE!

Pastor P. H. Crees

We crossed the English Channel to meet our Brethren from across the Irish Channel. FEBE is a wonderful way of getting to know our neighbours across both channels. We have learned a great deal from them and we humbly hope that they have learned a little from us. Together we have learned much of the Word of God and of Mission at home and abroad.

When first we met our brethren from Ireland we found that they were facing a very similar situation in Mission as the SBM. They were a one land and a one language Mission facing very real problems in Peru as we were in India. The sharing of our experiences, our hopes and the leading of the Lord has led to a deep fellowship in the Gospel. Their Mission Committee is exploring the possibility of entering Europe as a Mission Field in addition to that in Peru and we must pray for them in this very important step. We are glad to feel that in FEBE we may discuss together where our respective responsibilities may lay in Europe, so that IBM and SBM may honour the Lord in our chosen places of work.

Across the English Channel we did not find such an organised Mission outreach as in IBM and SBM, but that they were Mission minded we were to find in many different ways. A number of the churches in the French Association had sent missionaries out in the name of the Lord, especially to Africa. But it was in their Home Mission that we were to learn most from them. The way that the Brussels church reached out to African students in the Brussels University was a necessary lesson for us to learn. The homes of the people are much more used for outreach by our friends on the Continent for Bible Study than we in England use them. We know of one case where they are reading through such books as Billy Graham's "Peace with God" and then subjecting them to Biblical scrutiny as a means of discerning what is the truth and thereby strengthening believers

(*Continued on page 70*)

(*Continued from page 68*)

we are all evangelical and we all use the same hymn book, the one first produced by the S.B.M. as far back as 1932 and now in its fifth edition. I think the net result of this wider representation was good and I hope we may be able to continue to extend our influence in this way. But one also ardently hopes that the number of Pastors serving the Lord in connection with our own congregations may soon begin to grow.

Mr. Field gave four talks on the book of Esther; a visiting Bible Teacher connected with the Christian Brethren and recommended by Mr. Field gave five talks on divers subjects while I gave six talks covering the first four chapters of II Corinthians. Our host, Mr. P. Samuel gave two characteristic and most challenging messages in one of which he described the Lord's remarkable dealings with them as an indigenous missionary group and in the other of which he spoke of the importance of work amongst children and young people. The same brother also provided films which helped to provide a little relaxation at the end of the day. One afternoon we were taken, again by the kindness of Mr. Samuel, to the Mettur Dam some twenty-eight miles away where we enjoyed a picnic tea, group prayer meetings and an open air meeting. No attempt was made to organise the spare time of the brethren but all sorts of little groups emerged for discussion and prayer and one wonders whether the greatest good of this sort of conference may not derive from these times rather than from the more formal teaching sessions. Happily in this group we had several men of spiritual capacity and with gifts of leadership who really came into their own at these times.

(*Continued from page 69*)

in the faith. One Pastor makes it his declared intention to contact the man of the house believing this will be the best way to contact the whole family. In seeking to spread the Word of God they "sit where they sit, listening, to understand and discern the real needs, and then presenting the truth as it is in Christ, answering the questions that are on the minds of people without ever losing sight of the need to introduce them to a person —the living Christ." That must be our purpose in Mission, by the Grace of God, both at home and abroad.

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

News from MR. H. A. HUCKETT

The other day a young man named Paul Yesudason was brought to me by an Indian brother who is a worker in "Ambassadors for Christ," and who is also very interested in the Tamil Baptist Church in Coonoor and sometimes takes a service there. He told me that Paul was brought to know the Lord in the Union Church last September, through the ministry of Mr. Theodore Williams, when he was conducting a mission there. He also said that Paul wanted to be baptised and would I write a note to the lady in charge of "Brooklands" Rest Home to see if the pool in the garden there could be used for the baptism. After a talk with the young man and some prayer, we gave him a copy of "Discipleship" in Tamil and exhorted him to read it and pray over it. Permission was kindly given for the baptising service to be held at "Brooklands."

This afternoon, July 25th, I met Pastor Victor Benjamin from Ooty at Sims Park and took him along with two or three other friends to the Home. He asked me to conduct the service and give a short message. This I did, and then after some words of testimony from the candidate, Pastor Benjamin baptised him. Some of the Tamil helpers at Brooklands attended the service and a number of guests were also present. John 5: 24 and 1 Cor. 10: 13 were verses that had been made a blessing to Paul. He said that before he knew Christ as his Saviour he used to go to the cinema and sometimes used bad language, but now he does neither. After the baptism he showed me a Tamil Bible which he had bought for Rs. 10/-. We urged him to read it every day. He plans to join the Indian Navy. Please pray with us that he may be kept faithful to the Lord.

ANNUAL THANKOFFERING. Envelopes are being sent out a little later this year than usual, but we earnestly hope that God's people will give as He has given them.

PASSING WITH DISTINCTION. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. C. Howells on passing their French language examinations with such distinction, having had such a difficult time during the period of their studies.

LATE ARRIVAL. Owing to the fire on the "Oriana" Miss Phyllis White will be unable to be present at the Annual Meetings as she does not arrive till October 31st. We pray for her a safe journey and a blessed furlough.

AVAILABLE FOR DEPUTATION. Miss Y. Conacher will be free to serve the churches from 15th March to the 13th June, and we trust that many churches will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing our sister.

MR. AND MRS. D. A. THROWER are leaving this country for Malaya on Nov. 15th and will go on to India in January 1971 (D.V.).

MISS N. HAWES' New Address is Samuel Ros 35. 2^{O} 12^{A}, Valencia 11, Spain.

Vol. LXIX; No. 6. Printed at the Burlington Press, Foxton, Near Cambridge, and published by the Strict Baptist Mission. Price: Single Copies 5s. 0d.—in Quantities 4s. 0d.—for six copies per year (post paid).

MISSIONARY MEETINGS & SALE OF WORK

on behalf of the STRICT BAPTIST MISSION, will be held in

THE ODDFELLOWS HALL, HIGH STREET, DORKING

On SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1970 (D.V.)

2.30 p.m. SALE OF WORK. 3.45 - 4.30 p.m. LADIES' MEETING.
Speaker: Mrs. H. J. APPLEBY.

3.45 - 4.30 p.m. MEN'S MEETING in Strict Baptist Chapel, High Street.

4.30 p.m. SALE OF WORK continued.

6.15 p.m. EVENING MEETING. Speakers: Mr. H. J. APPLEBY and Mr. FRANK ELLIS (Gen. Secretary). COLOURED SLIDES.

Collections for the Mission. Sincere Welcome. Car Park nearby, opposite Hall.

GIFTS (not second-hand) welcomed by—

Mrs. Mason, 1 Uplands, Harrow Road West, Dorking (3984)

Mrs. Hollands, Clanricarde, 55 Westbank, Dorking (4164)

THE STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

1971 COLOUR CALENDAR

(Colour Photograph or Illustration with Text and Prayer Request for each month)

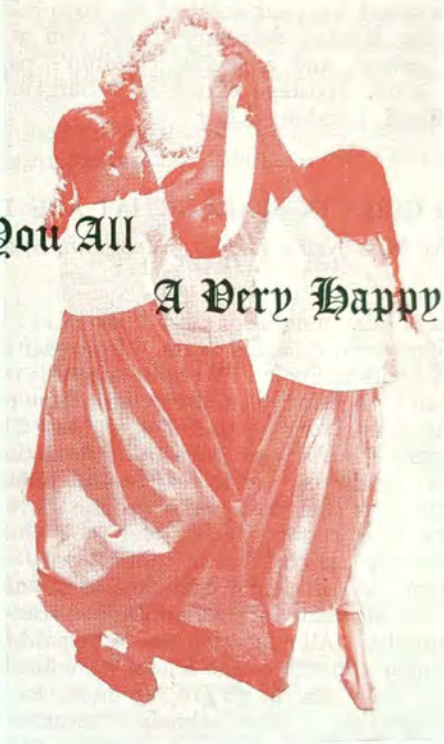
PRICE 3s. 6d.

Obtain your copy at the Annual Meetings or write to 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION

DECEMBER 1969-
JANUARY 1970
No. 241

Rays



To Wish You All
A Very Happy Christmas



Strict Baptist Mission
Youth Magazine
61 Breakspears Road
S.E.4

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER

1.—Have you yet sent your order for "Rays" in 1970? We do not charge any more than the cost, but the price next year will be a little higher.

One copy will cost you 3/- for six issues, post free.
from 2 to 12 copies: 1/4d. for each copy for six issues, post free.
13 and over: 1/2d. for each copy for six issues, post free.

The more copies that are purchased, the better for the Mission.

2.—Have you asked for your copy of the 1970 S.B.M. Calendar? If not, ask your Mission Secretary to get you a copy. Twelve pages, all in colour, and a special children's page in October. The price at 2/6d. (postage extra) is a bargain. Write to 61 Breakspears Road, London, S.E.4.

BOYS AND GIRLS IN SPAIN—WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

by Miss Nellie Hawes, Barcelona, Spain.

Part II.

August is a holiday month for most children in Europe but when September comes school begins again. I wonder how you would like the school hours in Spain. Morning school is from 9-9.30 a.m. until 1-1.30 p.m., when many children come home for dinner. The afternoon sessions are from 3-3.30 to 6-6.30 p.m. Children in many of the elementary schools wear their ordinary clothes, but children at college have uniforms, mostly skirts and blouses of different colours for the girls and dark suits for the boys. The kindergarten children wear cotton smocks over their clothes.

Clothes worn by the children in summer vary little from those worn in England, but in winter coats and skirts of skin are much used. These are all made locally, and find a ready export during the summer months. All education has to be paid for, and parents must pay so much a month to the school for educational purposes. This may vary from 30s. to £8-£10, or more, each month. The medium of instruction in most schools is naturally Spanish, but a few schools use French as their only medium of instruction.

Reading, outside of school hours, is not a habit that is very widely established as books cost money and parents often do not have sufficient money to pay for this type of luxury. On the other hand, where the habit may have been to some extent established, it has been superseded by television.

How would you like this?

Those of you who have visited Europe will know what I mean by a Continental breakfast. It usually consists of bread rolls, jam or honey, and coffee. For "elevenses" you don't drink milk, eat apples or sweets, but bread rolls and meat. If you are hungry

after school in the afternoon, then you munch a bread roll or sandwich as you walk along the street. Actually a number of adults eat their breakfast walking along the street—I expect they had overslept, don't you!

And that reminds me boys and girls of a text of Scripture that I learned when I was in Sunday School, and when I was 13 years I proved it to be true: the words are, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me" (Prov. 8. 17). There are many boys and girls in Barcelona and indeed in Spain who as yet know little or nothing of the love of God or of His power to forgive sins. I want you to pray for them—but first seek Him for yourselves and the Lord who will hear your prayers for yourselves and your need will also answer your prayers for the boys and girls of Spain.

[*We are all glad to hear from Miss Hawes again and shall look forward to hearing more about Spain.—Uncle Peter.*]

THE LOST SHEEP

by Miss Ethel Flory, Belukurichi, South India.

I wonder what is your favourite Bible story? Perhaps David and Goliath, or Daniel in the Lions' Den? Recently we have been camping in a village at the foot of the Kolli Hills, and the village children came to us each evening for a meeting. They loved singing choruses (in their own language, Tamil, of course). And then when it came for time to hear the Bible lesson, they kept asking for the story of the Lost Sheep. That really did seem to be their favourite. Perhaps it is not surprising, as many of these children do not go to school, but have to look after the goats and sheep all day! Sometimes they would come and sit in the meeting for a little while, then someone would call them away, because they had left their sheep alone!

Many of these children who have had little or no schooling, do not understand even simple words, and so the Bible stories have to be explained very carefully. They did not understand the ordinary word used in the Bible for Shepherd, so we had to explain it as the man who looks after the sheep. Another group did not know the meaning of the word a hundred, so the story had to be changed to ten sheep! But they could all understand what it meant for one sheep to get lost, and were so happy when we came to the part of the story where it was found again!

One night, just as we were getting ready to go to bed, we heard "Baa, baa", and looked outside, and there we saw a real lost sheep! It was wandering about all alone; somehow it had got separated from the rest of the flock, and couldn't find the way home. Heavy rain had been falling, and it looked most miserable, all wet and bedraggled. Off and on through that night we could

hear it bleating. Alas, no good shepherd came to find it that night. Later we heard that no one looked for it until the next morning.

How different from the Good Shepherd in the Bible story. He didn't wait till next day, did He? As soon as He counted His sheep and found one was missing, He set off to find it, and didn't give up till he found it. The poor sheep could never find its own way home! Sometimes people talk about silly sheep; but you know we are really just as bad. We have wandered far away from God, who is our Good Shepherd, and we can never find our way back to Him; but He came all the way from Heaven to earth to seek and find us.

Our story had a happy ending; how pleased the sheep must have been when next morning someone came to look for it, and take it back home. I suppose the other sheep were pleased too! And when the Good Shepherd finds you, how glad you will be; not only you, but the Shepherd rejoices, and so do His friends!

"RAYS" PRAYER CORNER

Not long ago, the General Secretary received a letter telling him that there were some "Rays" readers who wished to pray for God's blessing on the work of the Mission but there were no Prayer Subjects printed in "Rays". We are therefore including a "Prayer Corner" in this issue.

May the Lord Jesus bless you as you pray and may He hear and answer your petitions. There is a prayer for each week, beginning on the Sunday.

For week beginning:

Sunday, November 30th, 1969.—Ask the Lord Jesus to teach us to pray, not only with our lips but also from our hearts. Ask Him to show us more of Himself and more of our need of Him.

Sunday, December 7th.—Pray for all who love us and especially for those at home, our fathers and mothers, our brothers or sisters. Pray too for boys and girls in India, many not loved, many starving, and many in very poor homes.

Sunday, December 14th.—Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Lacueva in Barcelona, Spain (find Barcelona on the map). Ask the Lord Jesus to bless their two children in a strange land. Pray that their father and mother may be guided as they sow the good seed of God's Word.

Sunday, December 21st.—Let us thank God for His precious gift of a Saviour, Jesus Christ, born at Bethlehem. Pray that this Christmas-tide many in all parts of the world may be brought to believe in Him.

Sunday, December 28th.—Ask the Lord Jesus to forgive all that we have done wrong during the year that is past. Pray for all in foreign lands who suffer for the sake of the Lord Jesus. For those despised for His sake, persecuted, or in prison.

Sunday, January 4th, 1970.—Let us thank God for this New Year. Pray that, during this year, you may come to know the Lord Jesus more truly; that you may live more as He would have you live, and that you may obey Him, whatever the cost may be.

Sunday, January 11th.—Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Kuhrt and Dr. Ruth Harris who are now leaving Britain to return to India. That they may

have a safe and happy journey and that God will use them greatly in the work they seek to do for Him.

Sunday, January 18th.—Pray that the new term at school may be one of the best you have known and that the Lord will help you in your lessons. Pray also for the boys and girls who are being taught by our missionaries and teachers in India.

Sunday, January 25th.—Pray for Andrew, Sean, and Stephanie, the three children of Roger and Helen Cook in the town of Mons in Belgium (find it on the map). That they may be able to make friends with the children in their town and that their father and mother may be able to tell others about the Lord Jesus.

Sunday, February 1st.—Pray for the children of India who have learnt to read but have no Christian books and no Bibles. Only one out of twenty are able to receive Scriptures or even parts of the Bible. Pray that more Bibles may be provided, and more people to take them around.

LIGHT

Just before Christmas is the shortest day and therefore the longest night. Would it not be dreadful if the daylight continued to get shorter and shorter and the darkness longer and longer? We should soon be in darkness all the time.

But just after the shortest day, there comes Christmas Day when we think of the birth of the Lord Jesus. This is to teach each one of us that He is the true light which came from heaven to chase away the darkness of sin and death.

Lower Group, age under 12

Read through the chapters named and find the verse where the words are found. Copy out the words filling in the missing word. Give the book, chapter and verse where found. The missing words put together will form part of a text found in John, chapter 8. Find the verse, copy it out, and say to whom it refers.

1. . . . saw in the way a light from heaven.
2. As long as I . . . in the world, I am the Light of the world.
3. And . . . light shineth in the darkness.
4. While ye have the . . . believe in the light.
5. The light . . . the body is the eye.
6. And God saw . . . light that it was good.
7. Light is come into the . . . and man loved darkness rather than light.

The answers will be found in the following chapters: Acts 26, John 9, John 1, John 12, Matthew 6, Genesis 1, John 3.

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

This Bible Searcher teaches us about the Lord Jesus as the Light of the World. Turn up the chapters named and find a verse which gives you the answer to the following questions. Write down the answers in the same order as the questions and give the book, chapter and verse where found:

1. What promises does Jesus make to those who follow Him?
2. Upon what people was the light to shine?
3. Who are said to come to the light?
4. Where can we see the light of the knowledge of . . . God?
5. Who is said to abide in the light?
6. To whom was Christ to give light?

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

John 8, Luke 2, John 3, II Cor. 4, 1st Epistle of John chap. 2, Luke 1.

Copy out the verse in Luke, chapter 1, which gives the answer to question number 6.

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, 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,

57 CEDAR CLOSE, BAGSHOT, SURREY.

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

CLOSING DATE—DECEMBER 31st, 1969.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before December 29th. Entries received after December 31st, 1969, will be too late for entry.

BIBLE SEARCHER RESULTS

The number of entries to the last Searcher was lower than usual due to many schools being engaged in study for the Scripture Examination. We hope that the loss of entries to "Rays" will result in better entries to the Examinations, for there is not one of us who can know sufficient of the Word of God. Sixty-nine schools entered and there were thirty-one new entries.

Please put your NAME, your AGE, your ADDRESS, and your SUNDAY SCHOOL on your Bible Searcher entry. Some may miss their Honours Certificates because this has not been done.

We welcome fresh entries from Romford and from Potten End.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years.

Prizewinners: 1. Barbara Wright, aged 14 years, "Jireh", Reigate.
2. Sheila Cross, aged 14 years, March.

Special Mention: Heather Gardner, Philip Tait.

Very Highly Commended: Diane Fielden, Graham Milne, Karen Parkins, Michael Wayman, Rosemary Higgins, Margaret Woodger, Angela Hope, Susan Light, Pearl Smith, Marilyn Maddon, Sian Smith, Alastair Waylett, Peter Geall, Lois Clarkson, Philip Clarkson, David Monk, Emelia Higgs, Jan Hutton, Andrew Hewitt, Joy Chapman, Virginia Hawes, Joy Mutimer, Rosemary Howe, Kenneth Alexander, Ann Barber, Shirley Worne, Elizabeth Starnes, Christine Relf, Christopher Rookyard, Janet Dighton, Sally Chapman, Mary Bower, Kevin Ward, Lesley Williams, Lorraine Clifford, Christine Smith, Stephen Cooke, Susan Smith, Valerie Haslam.

Highly Commended: Rachel Orchard, Alan Church, Edward Broad, Simon Tanfields, Pauline Elms, Eric Bater, Andrew Toms, Mary Toms, Philip Collins, Berys Bird, Stephen Wade, Paul Hart, Susan Austin, Loi Ward, Philip Hart, Graham Hart, Jennifer Weise, Paul Heasman, Rose Coomber, Susan Streeter, Shirley Epton, Denise Moore, Michael Hewitt, Gillian Harvey, Christopher Harvey, Richard Brackenbury, Paul Pontin, Jennifer Starnes, Carol Beeby, Mary Bemment, Ivan Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Hennie Kirkwood, Stuart Waspe, Ruth Steward, Shirley Kerry, Alison Stein. Gerald Moore of Leyton did Lower Group questions.

Commended: Gillian Maidstone, Carol Barber, Elizabeth Spurgeon, Anita May, Irene Carter, Carol Baines, John Layzell, Ruth Layzell, Gary Grierson, A. Ottley, Noella Dowdye, Carol Carter, Marvelle Dublin.

LOWER GROUP, age under 12 years.

Prizewinners: 1. Susan Lamb, aged 11 years, Basildon.
2. Andrew Cooke, aged 11 years, Watford Tabernacle.

Special Mention: Judith Orchard, Jonathan Saunders, Alison Runnacles, Sonia Jeremy, Andrew Ward, Margaret Gant, Bridget Spurgeon, Ann Chapman, Amanda Hodgson, Victoria Balmforth, Brian Newcombe, Helen Jessop.

Very Highly Commended: Antonia Mezzone, Lorraine Strutt, Susan Gillion, Andrea Donnan, Peter Brown, Martin Squires, Keith Milne, Julia Barber, John Orchard, Leslie Barber, Linda Flint, Paul Flint, Teresa Church, Jonathan Dawson, Sherrie Simpson, Joanna Hopegood, Kay Pullen, Derek Labbett Mandy Elms, Leah Alsop, T. Saunders, Adrian Mann, Mark Pickett, David Pickett, Amanda Smith, Anne Leaver, Graham Leaver, Linda Cannings, Elaine Cannings, Ruth Bater, Ann Fry, Stephen Roe, Paul Toms, Jacqueline Harrell, Lesley Jordan, Susan Runnacles, Andrew Grist, Jennifer Grist, Julie Howard, Christine Saint, Shirley Hart, Elizabeth Gregory, Mark Ellis, Judith Payne, Linda Stevens, Sandra Lupton, Susan Horrill, Alison Sherman, Diane Smith, Carol Smith, Mark Oxborrow, Denise Drury, Tonia Drury, Elizabeth Willmott, Terry Bustin, Fiona Waylett, Angela Seaford, Angela Ellis, Sylvia Ellis, Sharon Collins, James Geall, Sharon Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Paul Gant, David Gant, Brian Alcock, Sharon Chilton, Andrew Dodd, Fiona Keen, Fiona Starkey, Gary Corsi, Belinda Corsi, Sandra Brocklehurst, Elaine Hewitt, Wendy Dennis, Roy Mutimer, Enid Hawes, Timothy Debenham, Andrew Debenham, Randal Harvey, Malcolm Harvey, Stephen Harvey, John Roberts, Pauline Jarritt, Sharon Cook, Colin Poulding, Roger Barker, Linda Wade, Sandra Ling, Karen Ling, Alan Smith, Margaret Thrower, Philip Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Russell Frost, Catherine Balls, Rachel Balls, Paul King, Jane Cornwell, Gerald Moore, Linda Moore, Carol Barton, Sandra Miller, Susan Mitchell, Nigel Rookyard, Joanne Toogood, A. Roffey, Julia Edge, Susan Edge, Glynis Hayward, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Sheree Towers, Paul Watts, Susan Watts, Elizabeth Balmforth, Jane Miller, Anne Cargill, Carole Pearce, Linda Smith, Joy Denny, Graham Brown, Lorraine Stannard, Louise Waspe, Julie Harris, Rosemary Harris, Judith Cooper, Gloria Browne, Yvonne Dawkins, Dawn LeGros, Marion Cooper, Barbara Cooper, Melvin Ward, Christine Ward, Shirley Cooper, Jane Fulks, Martyn Page, Trevor Bugg, Jean Bugg, Monica Vincent, Elizabeth Wood, Susan Fletcher, Hilary Bugden, Kevin Moulds, Shirley Clifford, Lynette Bugden, Julia Coulson, Karen Blackman, Evelyn Rowland, Diane Cook, Catherine Manley, Sharon Oliver, Grace Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Susan Manning, Elizabeth Jones, Graham Dennis, Lorna Lidbury, Lydia Lidbury, Annetta Dowdye, Mary Dowdye, Sheena Smith. Andrew Laver (March) did Upper Group instead of Lower Group.

We regret that the name of David Pickett was omitted from the last issue.

Highly Commended: Debbie Gwyther, Gabriel Spodini, Tracey Freeman, Susan Cole, Peter Gutheridge, Virginia Saunders, Julie Preston, Sharon Hydand, Elaine Hope, Jacqueline Brown, Simon Ellis, Helen Burnip, Ricky Hall, Lorraine Pretty, Rodney Sherman, John Self, Karen Smith, Ceri Smith, Lynn Bustin, Gillian Collins, Clifford Hart, Angela Hart, Karena Ellis, Mandy Fox, Andrew Martin, Elizabeth Dodd, Richard Upton, Stephen Diprose, Jennifer Frost, Richard Hawes, Alan Hawes, Jacqueline Poulding, Kevan Poulding, Andy Duncan, Clive Sawyer, Sandra Mitchell, Patricia Mitchell, Ronald Carter, Brenda Verrall, Susan Moore, Susan Miller, Denise Payne, Dawn Payne, Susan Larham, David Steward, Nicholas Toogood, Lorraine Buddle, Sandra Hodges, Elizabeth Tait, Alan Scrace, Madeline Dixon, Sean Dixon, Amanda Dunnant, Andrew Cargill, Timothy Johnson, Julie Warren, Paul Chapman, Esther Layzell, Teresa Rose, Kingsley Reeve, Graham Bugg, Peter Burrows, Stephen Evemy, Elaine Clack, Andrew Moulds, Alison Smith, Beverley Smith, Carole Smith, Robin Marcelle, Samuel Grierson, Paul Higgs, Vincent Dublin, Catherine Patmore, Anne Wills, Cynthia Dublin, (Brighton, no name, age, etc.).

Commended: David Tole, Janne Reith, Sandra Keith, David Kurpe, Lynette Lidbury, Gary Hawkins.

Warboys, Woolwich, and Horham tied for the head of the list in the last issue.

FOR ALL STAMP COLLECTORS

Made up packets of 100 World Stamps cost 1/-; 200 World Stamps cost 2/-. Real value for money: worth double the price. Send cash to Mrs. A. W. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

First of all may I remind you that the Bible Searcher in this issue is the last Searcher for the year. Many Searchers have already entered four times, some have entered five. But if your name is to be on the Honours List and if you are to receive an Honours Certificate, you will need to be certain to enter for this Bible Searcher in the event of your having done four Searchers only.

Next, I want each of you to remember the real meaning of Christmas. The real thrill of Christmas lies in the fact that God Himself has given to this world a Gift which is so precious that it is impossible to find words to speak of its preciousness. That most precious Gift was none other than God giving Himself in the person of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And when God's Gift came down from Heaven to earth, He came in the form of a little baby boy, born of His mother Mary, and laid upon the hay in a wooden manger. They called His name Jesus, for He had come to save His people from their sins. God's Eternal Son took to Himself a body like our own—the same tiny body as any other proper child. But although the world was made by Him, the world failed to recognise Him.

Yet the death of the Lord Jesus upon the Cross was the fulfilment of His coming at Christmas, for it was by His death that He saved His people from their sins. Suppose that Jesus had never come at Christmas—there would never have been a happy Christmas for any boy or girl, there would have been no Bible to guide us through life and, saddest of all, there would have been no Saviour to deliver us from God's punishment for our disobedience. There would have been no joy, no love, no hope, no heaven; only a fearful sadness about an unknown future. And this is why we say in the words of the Apostle Paul, "Thanks be unto God for His un-speak-able Gift."

I was very pleased to receive a letter from Mrs. Barnes of Laxfield, together with a big parcel of picture post-cards with Tamil Texts pasted on the back to be sent to India. Mrs. Barnes says, "I did want to do 6,000 of them this year and have just managed it." Thank you, Mrs. Barnes. Our thanks for Tamil Text Cards are also due to Virginia Constable, Rehoboth Sunday School, Tunbridge Wells, also to Mrs. W. M. Hudson, of Lewisham Sunday School, and friends at Grove Hill, Tunbridge Wells. Your help will be much appreciated by the workers in India. Many of the cards are now going to Indian pastors and teachers.

I was pleased to receive letters from Mary Bemment and Christine Relf, also from the following friends and helpers: Mr. H. Alsop (delighted to hear of increase in Sunday School), Mr. Clive Betts, Mrs. M. Boxall, Mr. George W. Brown, Mr. Harold Harmer, and Miss June Sinclair.

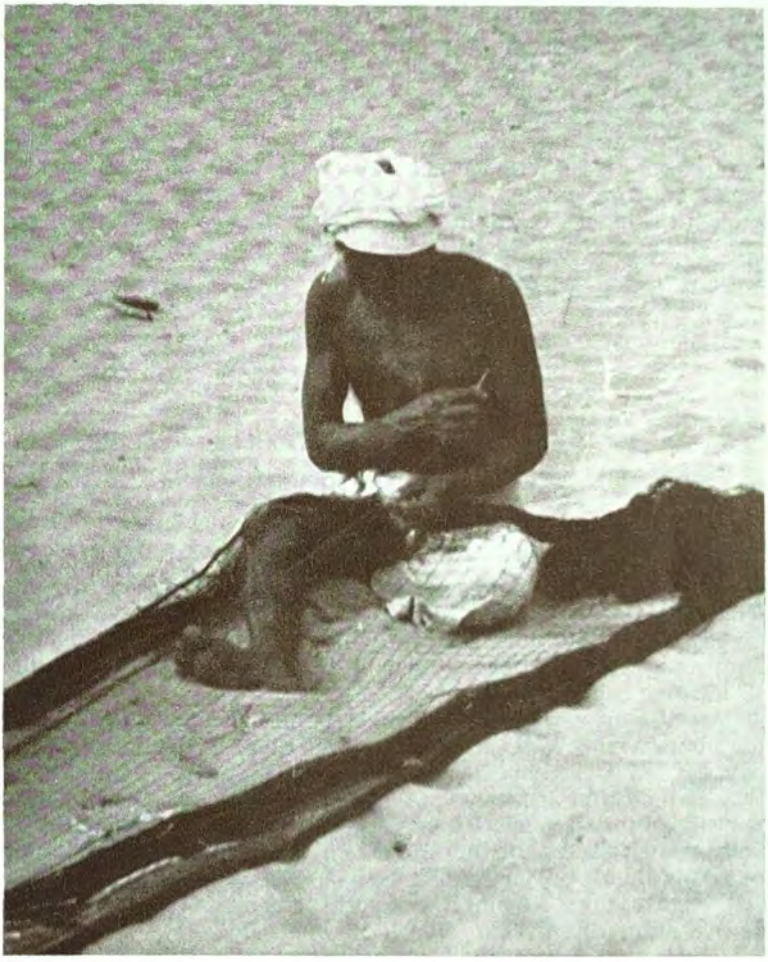
May I wish all of you every blessing at this season? And may I render a very sincere word of thanks to all the teachers and helpers who have gathered the children around to do the Bible Searcher or who have, in other ways, acted as the link which connects "Rays" and our boys and girls.

UNCLE PETER.

PRINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN AT THE BURLINGTON PRESS, FOXTON, NR. CAMBRIDGE

FEBRUARY-MARCH, 1970. No. 242.

RAYS



STRICT BAPTIST MISSION YOUTH MAGAZINE, 61 BREAKSPEARS RD., S.E.4

ABOUT OUR COVER PICTURE

Dear Girls and Boys,

A very happy New Year 1970 from Auntie Stella. Many of you have done splendidly in answering the "Rays" questions during 1969, but of course all have not managed to win prizes. Don't get discouraged; as you have entered the race, keep on and in the end you will reap your reward. Do advertise this to your friends so that we get more entries, as these have dropped somewhat during the latter part of 1969.

I expect you are wondering what the cover picture is all about. Well! out in the most southern part of India in a town called Tuticorin there is quite a bit of fishing. Here is a man sitting on the sands mending his net. We all know the old proverb, "A stitch in time saves nine", and this is very true, especially in this case. If he left the holes, they would become larger and he would probably lose his haul of fish.

How true in our lives. We need to look over the past and see where we need to mend our ways. I expect some of you have made good resolutions, but I wonder how many have already broken them. If we try in our own strength, we shall soon falter and fall; but if we ask daily the Lord Jesus to help us, then we shall be useful, kind and loving to so many around.

God bless you all and make you fishers for Him.

With love from

AUNTIE STELLA.

ÉCOLE DU JEUDI

by Carole Howells, Gaillard, France

I wonder how many of you know a little French. It is taught even in Primary School now, so I expect most of you can say "BONJOUR" (=Hello!), but do you know what I have written for my title? It is quite easy really—école=school; jeudi=Thursday; du=of. So we have, "school of Thursday", or easier still, "Thursday School".

Are you now wondering if French children only go to school on Thursdays? Well, actually most of them go to school every day EXCEPT Thursday—and, of course, Sunday. Thursday is their day off, but at Church we have a special school for all children who want to come. It is very much like Sunday School at your chapel, except, of course, it is on Thursday and the children come for almost two and a half hours! Does your Sunday School last for that long? I doubt it, but perhaps you go to Junior F.O.Y. as well during the week.

Children in France (and in Switzerland, for, although we live in France, we are only fifty yards away from the Swiss border, and

our nearest Church is actually in Geneva—look it up on a map if you have one!) do not generally have a Sunday School, so Thursday School is like Sunday School and Junior F.O.Y., all rolled into one.

For the first half an hour we sing choruses and hymns like "Le sage bâtit sa maison sur le roc". (Can you guess which chorus that is?) Yes, "The wise man built his house upon the rock". If the children have brought a few centimes (5 centimes = almost 1d.), they put them into a box for missionaries. Our box has a little African doll on the top which nods its head as the money drops, to say, "Thank you!"

During the next half an hour we have a lesson from the Bible—all in our different classes—and the children learn all about the wonderful things God tells us in His Word and how the Lord Jesus came to save boys and girls, and grown-ups too. We tell them that if we love Him, and are sorry for all the things we have done wrong, He will forgive us our sins. The children gain points for answering questions and for learning a memory text—prizes are awarded at Christmas!

After the lesson we have refreshments. Orange squash and biscuits? No! We have a "tartine". This is a thick slice of French bread with a few squares of chocolate on top. (No butter.) French children love this and you can always see them eating it for a snack. You must try it sometime.

Then one of the teachers tells a story to the whole school. Usually a true story about a boy or a girl, or a missionary, or someone else who loved and served the Lord Jesus.

Last of all we play some games. All sorts of games. One week one of the older children gave us a puppet show. That was fun!

Now you know all about Thursday School in France or Switzerland, but what you do not know perhaps is that there are very, very few Thursday Schools in these two large countries. Not many children have the opportunity to go to them and hear about the love of the Lord Jesus. This is why we have come to France—to help spread this Good News. Will you help too? By praying for us, and for French-speaking boys and girls. Thank you!

Special Prizes for regular Bible Searchers who have had no prize.

Aylesbury, Susan Gillian. **Belvedere,** Rachel Orchard. **Bradenstoke,** Pauline Elms. **Brighton,** David Pickett. **Bromley,** Eric Bater. **Courland Grove,** Philip Collins. **Crowfield,** Stephen Hart. **Friston,** Sonia Jermey. **Greenwich,** Philip Clarkson. **Hadleigh,** Margaret Gant. **Hailsham,** Emelia Higgs. **Highbury,** Elaine Hewitt. **Horham,** Joy Chapman. **Lewes,** Elizabeth Starnes. **Reigate,** Susan Edge. **Southport,** Victoria Balmforth.

HONOURS LIST, 1969-70

Angel Baptist: Gillian Maidstone, Susan Tole, David Tole, Cabrella Spodini, Lorraine Strutt, Debbie Gwyther, Antonino Mazzone. **Aylesbury:**

Susan Gillian, Andrea Donnan. **Basildon:** Diane Fielden, Susan Lamb, Keith Milne. **Belvedere:** Andrew Orchard, John Orchard, Judith Orchard, Susan Lelliott, Vivienne Taylor, Julie Preston. **Bradenstoke:** Pauline Elms, Mandy Elms, Simon Tanfield, Kay Pullen, Joanna Hopegood. **Bradford-on-Avon:** Leah Alsop. **Brentford:** Timothy Saunders, Jonathan Saunders, Adrian Mann. **Brighton:** David Pickett, Susan Payne, Geoffrey Payne, Amanda Smith. **Bromley:** Eric Bater, Stephen Roe. **Chelmsford:** Mary Toms, Andrew Toms, Paul Toms. **Courland Grove:** Philip Collins. **Clifton:** Berys Bird. **Colchester:** Stephen Wade, Jennifer Grist, Andrew Grist. **Crowfield:** Stephen Hart, Paul Hart, Shirley Hart. **Friston:** Dianne Smith, Carole Smith, Andrew Ward, Sonia Jermey, Lois Ward. **Gadebridge:** Denise Drury, Tonia Drury, Elizabeth Willmott, Alastair Waylett, Terry Bustin, Lynn Bustin, Angela Seaford, Fiona Waylett. **Gosbeck:** Philip Hart, Graham Hart, Angela Hart. **Greenwich:** Philip Clarkson, Peter Geall, James Geall, Jennifer Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Lois Clarkson, Kathryn Appleby, Sharon Weise. **Hadleigh:** David Gant, Margaret Gant, Paul Gant, Brian Alcock. **Hailsham:** Emelia Higgs, Paul Heasman, Anita May, David Monk, Rose Coomber, Stephen Diprose, Andrew Martin, Andrew Dodd, Elizabeth Dodd. **Highbury:** Michael Hewitt, Andrew Hewitt, Elaine Hewitt, Gary Corsi, Belinda Corsi. **Horham:** Wendy Chapman, Ann Chapman, Joy Chapman, Gillian Harvey, Alan Hawes, Virginia Hawes, Joy Mutimer, Timothy Debenham, Andrew Debenham, Malcolm Harvey, Christopher Harvey, Enid Hawes, Roy Mutimer, Richard Hawes, Randal Harvey. **Ipswich, Bethesda:** Heather Gardner, Andrew Duncan, Pauline Jarrett; Jacqueline Poulding, Colin Poulding, Kevan Poulding, Richard Brackenbury. **Ipswich, Mount Zion:** Ronald Carter, Sandra Ling, Karen Ling, Alan Smith, Margaret Thrower. **Kesgrave:** Kenneth Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander. **Laxfield:** Catherine Balls, Russell Frost, Rachael Balls. **Leiston:** Paul King. **Lewes:** Elizabeth Starnes. **March:** Denise Payne, Sheila Cross, Amanda Hodgson. **New Cross:** Nicholas Toogood, Joanne Toogood. **Pidley:** Carol Beeby. **Prittlewell:** Mary Bemment, Elizabeth Tait. **Reigate:** Barbara Wright, Susan Edge, Julia Edge, Madeline Dixon, Sean Dixon. **Rishangles:** Ivan Chapman, Sally Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Valerie Blake, Sarah Blake, Nigel Woodhouse, Paul Chapman. **Southport:** Victoria Balmforth, Elizabeth Balmforth, Anne Cargill. **Staines:** Kim Reuter, Mary Bower. **Stonham Parva:** Julie Warren, Joy Denny. **Stowmarket:** Henny Kirkwood, Stuart Waspe, Louise Waspe, Graham Brown. **Streatham:** Gloria Browne, Yvonne Dawkins. **Thorndon:** Kevin Ward, Christine Ward, Melvin Ward. **Tunstall:** Kingsley Reeve, Trevor Bugg, Jean Bugg. **Warboys:** Elaine Clack, Shirley Clifford, Elizabeth Wood, Christine Smith, Kevin Moulds, Alison Smith, Stephen Evemy, Susan Fletcher, Andrew Moulds, Lynette Bugden, Karen Blackman. **Watford:** Stephen Cooke, Andrew Cooke, Evelyn Rowland. **Wellingborough:** Beverley Smith, Carole Smith. **Wetherden:** A. Ottley. **Whitton:** Catherine Manley, Paul Higgs. **Wooburn Green:** Elizabeth Robinson; Grace Robinson, Sharon Oliver. **Woolwich:** Dennis Graham, Cynthia Dublin, Marvelle Dublin, Lydia Lidbury, Lorna Lidbury, Anne Wills, Catherine Patmore, Susan Mannings, Lynette Lidbury, Sevilley Piggott, Elizabeth Jones, Carol Carter. **Yateley:** Sheena Smith, Alison Stein. **Belvedere:** Rachel Orchard. **Gosbeck:** Clifford Hart.

CASUALTY LIST

Here is a list of schools with numbers placed alongside. The numbers represent the boys and girls who would have been in the Honours List if only they had done ONE more Bible Searcher.

Angel Baptist	1	Belvedere	5
Aylesbury	1	Bermondsey	1
Basildon	2	Blaxhall	1
Borough Green ...			4
Bradenstoke			2
Bradford on Avon ...			1

Bromley	4	Ipswich (Bethesda)	1	Southport	2
Courland Grove ...	2	Ipswich (Mt Zion)	1	Stowmarket	1
Downe	3	Leiston	1	Streatham ...	3
Egham	1	Lewes	2	Thorndon	4
Friston	1	Manor Park	3	Tring (Buckland) ...	1
Gadebridge	3	March	2	Warboys	4
Greenwich	2	New Cross	2	Wellingborough ...	1
Hailsham	3	Prittlewell	1	Whitton	2
Hammerfield	5	Reigate	3	Woolwich	3
Highbury	1	Rishangles	2		
Ilford	2	Ryarsh	2	Total	86

"RAYS" PRAYER CORNER

For week beginning:

Sunday, February 1st (repeated from last issue).—Pray for the children of India who have learnt to read but have no Christian books and no Bibles. Only one out of twenty are able to receive Scriptures, or even parts of the Bible. Pray that more Bibles may be provided, and that there may be more people to take them around.

Sunday, February 8th.—Jesus told us that "your Father knows what things you need before you ask Him". Pray then to our Heavenly Father that He will show us our need of the Lord Jesus, for we need Him every hour. Pray too for needy boys and girls in Spain, that through our missionaries, many may realise their need of the Lord Jesus.

Sunday, February 15th.—Jesus told us to "pray to our Father who sees us in secret". This is wonderful. It tells us that our Father in heaven knows every secret of our hearts and when we pray to Him, He can make our hearts clean and lead us in His way, which is best for each one of us. Pray, too, that this wonderful secret may be known by many boys and girls on the Kolli Hills in India.

Sunday, February 22nd.—Jesus told us not to pray for ourselves alone, but to "lift up our eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Pray therefore that God will bless each one of our missionaries in India, in Spain, in Belgium and in France, and grant that as they work in the Lord's harvest field they may have the joy of seeing many gathered in.

Sunday, March 1st.—Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." This is a promise, made by One who never breaks His word. The missionaries' children go back to school on the hills of India this week, ASK God to bless them. SEEK the Lord Jesus that many lost sheep may be found. KNOCK, and keep on knocking, for Jesus is the Door. Pray that you may enter in and be saved.

Miss Phyllis White is now arriving home in Australia. Remember her; pray for blessing on her work at home.

RUNNING A RACE

"On your marks! Get set! Go!" And you are away like the rabbits down the field to the tape. It's good fun is running, except when your legs are cold.

The Bible compares our lives to a race, begun on earth and ended, may it please God, in heaven. The Apostle Paul loved watching the races and he loved to see the winner receive his prize. "Therefore", he said, "so run that you may win." Be keen about your games, your work at school, and all you do. Above all, run the heavenly race "looking unto Jesus".

Lower Group, age under 12

In each of these verses you will find the word "run". The answers will be found in Philippians 2, 2 Samuel 22, 2 Samuel 18, 1 Samuel 17, Galatians 2, Psalm 19. Find the verses containing the words set out below, state where they are found, and copy out the words, filling in the missing words. The first letters of the missing words will spell the winner. What is he called?

1. That I have not run in . . . , nor laboured in vain.
2. For by Thee . . . have run through a troop.
3. Let me, I pray thee, also run after . . .
4. And run . . . the camp, to thy brethren.
5. Lest by any means I should run, . . . had run in vain.
6. . . . as a strong man to run a race.

Extra marks will be given for extra references to running found in the chapters.

Upper Group, aged over 12 and under 16

Here are six purposes in running found in the Bible.

1. Running home to Bethlehem.
2. Running and looking to the right Person.
3. Running without getting weary.
4. Running the right way.
5. Running to bring word of good news.
6. Running with a worthwhile purpose.

The answers will be found in 1 Samuel 20, Hebrews 12, Isaiah 40, Psalm 119, Matthew 28, 1 Corinthians 9.

Find the verses in the chapters which describe these purposes in running and then set down the answers as follows:

1. Running home to Bethlehem is found in ....., chapter ....., verse .... Then turn up Galatians 5, verse 7 which tells of some who did run well but were hindered. What happened when they slowed down?

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, 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,

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—FEBRUARY 28th, 1970.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before February 28th. Entries received after March 3rd, 1970, will be too late for entry.

BIBLE SEARCHER RESULTS

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: 1. David Monk, aged 14 years, Hailsham.
2. Peter Geall, aged 14 years, Devonshire Drive, Greenwich.

Special Mention: Margaret Woodger, Kenneth Alexander, Philip Tait, Valerie Haslam.

Very Highly Commended: Gillian Maidstone, Diane Fielden, Michael Wayman, Andrew Orchard, Rachel Orchard, Yvonne Wood, Elaine Weston, Linda Tanfield, Eric Bater, Philip Collins, Stephen Wade, Stephen Hart, Paul Hart, Lois Ward, Graham Hart, Lois Clarkson, Kathryn Appleby, Jennifer Weise, Philip Clarkson, Andrew Hewitt, Gary Corsi, Joy Chapman, Wendy Chapman, Gillian Harvey, Randal Harvey, Chris Harvey, Timothy Debenham, Virginia Hawes, Valerie Rodwell, Joy Mutimer, Heather Gardner, Sheila Henbrey, Paul Pontin. Elizabeth Starnes, Sheila Cross, Carol Baines, Sonia Kelly, Rachel Denningage, Barbara Wright, Susan Edge, Nigel Woodhouse, Ivan Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Sally Chapman, Mary Bower, Hennie Kirkwood, Stuart Waspe, John Layzell, Ruth Layzell, Christine Smith, Elizabeth Wood, Amanda Hoare, A. Ottley, Marvelle Dublin, Noella Dowdye, Sandra Cairney.

Highly Commended: Ricardo Sloley, Rosemary Higgins, Simon Tanfield; Pauline Elms, Janice Dickens, Mary Toms, Andrew Toms, Berys Bird, Susan Ligth, Christine Edwards, Alastair Waylett, Rose Coomber, Anita May, Susan Streeter, Michael Hewitt, Ian Hutton, Richard Brackenbury, Christine Wilkie, Aubrey Carby, Michael Carby, David Ramsey, Joy Bemment, Shirley Cooper, Kevin Ward, Alison Stein.

Commended: Edward Broad, Denise Payne, Christopher Brown.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1. Janet Silverton, aged 11½ years, Courland Grove, Clapham.
2. Jonathan Saunders, aged 7 years, Brentford.

Special Mention: Karen Thomas, Sharon Cox, Virginia Saunders, Timothy Saunders, Jennifer Grist, Andrew Ward, Jacqueline Weise, Linda Wade, Nicholas Alexander, Amanda Hodgson, Julia Edge, Victoria Balmforth, Graham Brown, Jean Bugg, Christine Edwards, Diane Cook.

Very Highly Commended: Linda Peek, Susan Gillions, Susan Lamb, Vanesa Sloley, Judith Orchard, John Orchard, Annette Hollman, Mandy Elms, Derek Labbett, Kay Pullen, Leah Alsop, Adrian Mann, Mandy Smith, Susan Payne, Geoffrey Payne, Mark Pickett, David Pickett, Andrea Adams, Karen Gardner, Teresa Meacock, Stephen Roe, Ann Fry, Linda Cannings, Elaine Callings, Bernard Bater, Ruth Bater, Gabriel Bennett, Paul Toms, Jacqueline Brown, Andrew Grist, Julie Agell, Shirley Hart, Susan Horrill, Sandra Lupton, Sadie Riches, Shirley Davidson, Sonia Jermy, Mark Oxborrow, Diane Smith, Carol Smith, Fiona Waylett, Terry Bustin, Jacqueline Appleby, James Geall, Angela Ellis, Sylvia Ellis, Paul Gant, Margaret Gant, David Gant, Brian Alcock, Stephen Diprose, Bridget Spurgeon, Andrew Dodd, Elizabeth Dodd, Belinda Corsi, Sandra Brocklehurst, Elaine Hewitt, Stephen Harvey, Malcolm Harvey, Enid Hawes, Andrew Debenham, Alan Hawes, Ann Chapman, Roy Mutimer, Jacqueline Poulding, Pauline Jarritt, Andrew Duncan, Karen Wilkie, Alan Smith, Margaret Thrower, Sandra Ling, Karen Ling, Russell Frost, Rachel Balls, Catherine Balls, Paul King, Hilary Tourle, Julia Tourle, Andrew Laver, Sadie Brown, Nicholas Toogood, Joanne Toogood, Marcia Carby, Paul

Roberts, Kevin Roberts, Elizabeth Tait, Judith Denning, Erika Snape, Sean Dixon, Madeleine Dixon, Andre Roffey, Jamie Dixon, Glynis Hayward, Valerie Blake, Sarah Blake, Paul Chapman, Louise Blake, Anne Cargill, Jane Miller, Linda Smith, Kim Reuter, Joy Denny, Sheena Woollard, Michael Woollard, Julie Warren, Lorraine Stannard, Louise Waspe, Rosemary Harris, Judith Cooper, Julie Harris, Gloria Brown, Yvonne Dawkins, Esther Layzell, Christine Ward, Melvin Ward, Barbara Cooper, Teresa Rose, Marion Cooper, Martyn Page, Kingsley Reeve, Trevor Bugg, Graham Bugg, Carol Edwards, Hilary Bugden, Susan Fletcher, Elaine Black, Alison Black, Lynette Bugden, Kevin Moulds, Julia Coulson, Stephen Evemy, Karen Blackman, Evelyn Rowland, Carole Smith, Helen Jessop, Sharon Oliver, Grace Robinson, Graham Dennis, Mary Dowdye, Lydia Lidbury, Sevilley Piggott, Anne Wills, Lorna Lidbury, Sheena Smith, (Christine Whittaker).

This last named, I think, comes from Southport as there is Allan Whittaker from that School. Sadie Riches, underlined, should have answered Upper Group as she is 12 years.

Highly Commended: Sharon Hyland, Julie Preston, Susan Lelliott, Billy Parnter, Petula Field, John Rogan, Cindy Potter, Sam Riches, John Enright, Gillian Collins, Ricky Hall, Janet Ewer, Richard Hawes, Colin Poulding, Kevan Poulding, Ronald Carter, Philip Alexander, Cabrella Spodini, Dawn Payne, David Stewart, Clive Wright, Olga Kelly, Ericka Stewart, Antonino Mazzone, Andrew Frost, Alan Scrace, Allan Whittaker, Judith Woollard, Susan Tole, Lorraine Strutt, Mark Brunning, Andrew Moulds, Peter Burrows, Beverley Smith, Debbie Gwyther, David Tole, Dawn Hammond, Paul Higgs, Elizabeth Robinson, Susan Manning, Vincent Dublin, Lynette Lidbury, Cynthia Dublin, Elizabeth Jones, Susan Cairney, Ann Wharfe is 12 years and should have answered Upper Group questions.

Commended: Vivienne Taylor, Andrew Martin, Carol Stewart, Patsy Carter, Catherine Patmore, Linda Cairney.

Woolwich and Horham tied for the head of the list in the last issue.

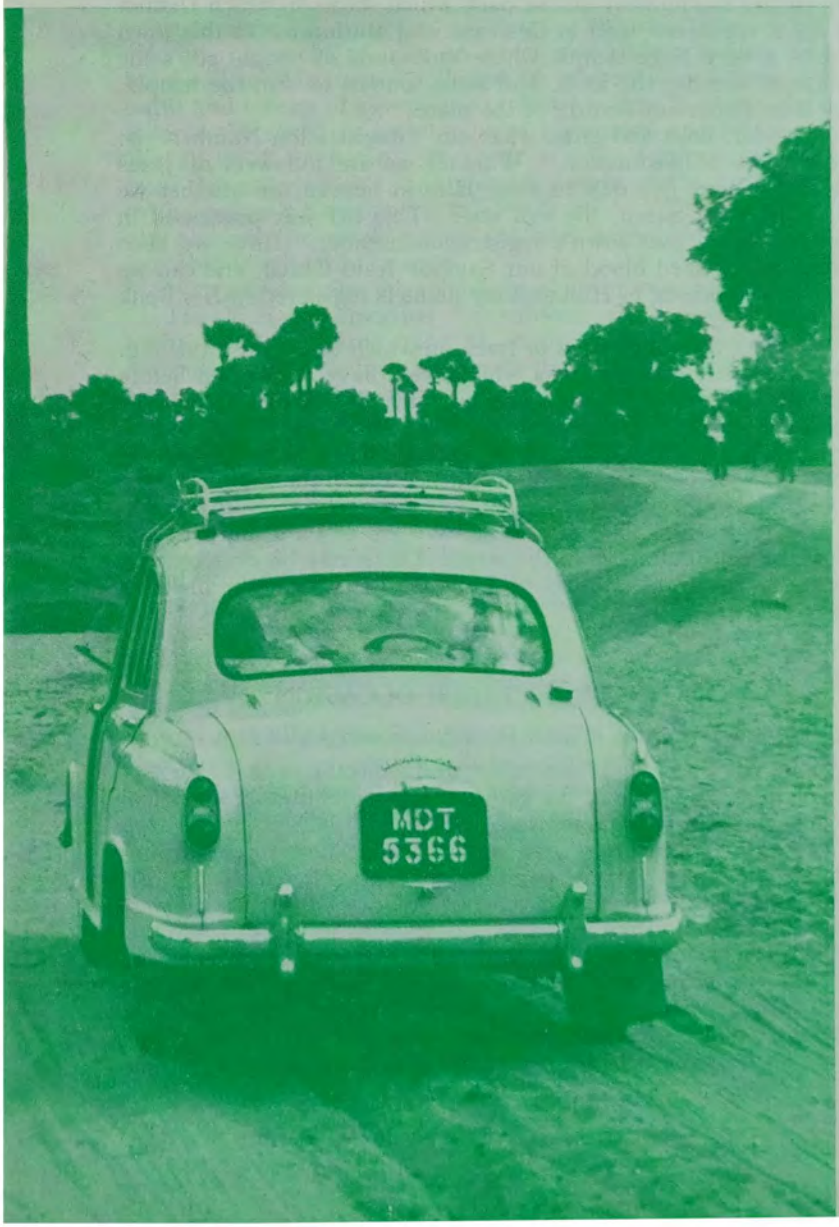
There is no room for a letter in this issue, but "Uncle Peter" would like to acknowledge letters from: Mr. H. W. Harmer (glad to hear better news), Mr. W. Kisbee, Pastor J. Hewitt, Mrs. N. Purdie (glad to welcome Potten End once again), an aerogramme from Mrs. Lilian Bone, Miss Pauline Stokes, Mrs. Rowlands (Erith), and Mrs. Betty Thrower. My thanks are due to you each.

PRINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN AT THE BURLINGTON PRESS, FOXTON, NR. CAMBRIDGE

APRIL-MAY, 1970. No. 243.

RAYS

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION YOUTH MAGAZINE, 61 BREAKSPEARS RD., S.E.4



ABOUT OUR COVER PAGE

by Miss L. S. Hazel

I am so pleased to see an increase this month in the number of Bible searchers; now having made a good start for the year, keep right on to the end so that you earn your Honours Certificate.

On our front page we have a photograph of the car used by Mr. John Appleby for his radio work in India. You will notice very clearly the number on the back which shows in which District the car is registered, and in this case it is Madurai. In this town there is a very large temple where thousands of people go, some Hindus to worship the idols, and some tourists to visit the temple. This is an important feature of the place.

I wonder, boys and girls, what our "Registration Number" is: or our place of destination? Whether we are followers of Jesus Christ and hope one day to meet Him in heaven, or whether we are followers of Satan, the evil one? This car was purchased in Madurai, hence that town's registration number. Have we been bought by the shed blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and can we say, "Now I belong to Him and my name is registered in His Book of Life"?

Note also the rough road or track on which the car is travelling. There are many such in India which often have to be used before one can finally get to one's destination. Sometimes it is even necessary to get out and push the car, especially if the way is through deep sandy soil and the wheels are liable to become stuck. However, with perseverance and patience the obstacles in the way are overcome.

How typical this is of our lives! We are all on a journey, and we often meet hindrances in the way. These may be overcome by trusting in our Guide, the Lord Jesus Christ, who never makes a mistake.

AN UNFORGETTABLE OCCASION

by Phyllis White, Dindigul, South India

There was a feeling of excitement and expectation in the air . . . the hundreds of people in the galleries had suddenly become silent . . . outside hundreds more were waiting.

The hall in which we were was beautiful: heavy red curtains with golden tassels; lovely painting on the vaulted ceilings; carpeted floor; gold, silver and marble ornaments. Servants were dressed in green and red uniforms; bodyguards in black, white and gold uniforms; others in black and red. The "Loyal Men" were in black, white and gold Indian dress and turbans, and wearing small garlands made of fragrant white flowers. The women in glorious coloured saris and jewellery all added to the colour and beauty of the scene. In the centre of the hall was a golden throne,

about 10 ft. high, studded with precious jewels, and surmounted by a huge golden canopy. The fragrance of rose petals and sandalwood was wafting in on the breeze.

Then, a fanfare of trumpets; men swirling cloths of brightly coloured material around and around . . . the excitement quickens and the Maharaja of Mysore, resplendent in cloth of gold and a jewelled turban of the same cloth, enters the Reception Hall. Everyone stands; people acclaim him; servants, bodyguards all bow . . . what a splendid sight. All the splendour of an oriental court is seen. A bearer is walking backwards at the Maharaja's side bearing a red cushion on which the Maharaja rests his right hand. The Maharaja is followed by his son who is dressed in an outfit and turban of silver cloth. There is a hush as the Maharaja mounts the seven or eight steps of his throne and reclines there. We all sit down again. We hear a sigh of appreciation arising from the many outside, and glimpse a sight of the main entrances to the palace all outlined with electric lights. The people outside can also see the whole palace outlined in electric lights. It is a veritable fairyland of beauty.

Who can describe the splendour of an oriental court!

The Maharaja receives his subjects and acknowledges their homage. Bodyguards stand at attention; the band plays; horses and riders salute their Raja; camels stand stiffly in the background; elephants, gorgeously arrayed with golden ornament, bow before the Raja, and one elephant stays there and with its trunk, picks up rose petals from a golden platter and tosses them up in the air.

Such colour, such pageantry, such splendour! I had to keep reminding myself that it was all real and not make-believe.

Being there made me think "What will it be like when the Lord Jesus, the King of kings comes again". For He is coming again, you know. Oh, it won't be like the coming of an earthly king—there will not be all the pageantry and beautiful, costly clothes—but it will be a glorious occasion for those who are true believers. There will be the homage (even such as an earthly king receives) for we read in the Bible that everyone shall bow: those in heaven, those on earth and those under the earth; and everyone shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Even more than that. For true believers it will be a time when we will be with the Lord Jesus and never more be separated from Him. For those who do not believe in Him as their Saviour, it will not be a happy time, for it will be the time of separation, never to see Him any more.

Won't it be a glorious time for His children . . . the Lord Jesus coming again in all His glory to claim His own. It will be a day of rejoicing for us, far surpassing any joy that we have already known. The Lord Jesus tells us to "Be always ready; for the Son of Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) will come at an hour when you do not expect Him".

BIBLE SEARCHER RESULTS

We were delighted to receive a splendid batch of entries for the last Bible Searcher; there were no less than 428 starters for the Honours List "race"—you will remember that the Bible Searcher was about a Race, or about Running. The thing to do is to keep the pace up until you reach the tape and the Honours List next January.

Quite a number of boys and girls in the Upper Group did not state their ages. Surely you are not yet so old that you are shy of saying how old you are! No, please put your age on your entry AND write your name so distinctly that everybody who sees it can tell who you are. Somebody from Hailsham and somebody else from Chingford hasn't got a name; or if they have they did not put it down so as to start their entry for the Honours List.

We welcome one new school at Easthampstead; 77 new Bible Searchers entered from 67 different schools—that's splendid!

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: 1. Angela Hope, Borough Green.
2. Graham Hunt, Gosbeck.

Special Mention: Andrew Alsop, Eric Bater, Alastair Waylett, Gary Corsi, Valerie Rodwell, Timothy Debenham, Joy Mutimer, Heather Gardner, Sally Chapman, Ruth Steward.

Very Highy Commended: Ricardo Sloley, Karen Parkins, Dianne Fielden, Andrew Orchard, Rachel Orchard, Carol Barber, Pauline Elms, Simon Tanfield, Julie Padfield, Denise Copeland, Beryl Copeland, Janice Dickens, Sally Duwell, Mary Toms, Andrew Toms, Philip Collins, Susan Light, Janet Campbell, Linda Jordan, Stephan Wade, Jeremy Pyke, Lydia Pyke, Paul Hart, Diane Smith, Marilyn Haddon, Sian Smith, Lois Clarkson, Philip Clarkson, Juliet Hoyes, Jennifer Weise, Peter Geall, Kathryn Appleby, David Monk, Rose Coomber, Susan Streeter, Anita May, Shirley Upton, Paul Heasman, Elizabeth Spurgeon, Dennis Moore, Sara Jardine, Michael Hewitt, Andrew Hewitt, Ian Hutton, Joy Chapman, Virginia Hawes, Randal Harvey, Gillian Harvey, Chris Harvey, Wendy Chapman, Rosemary Howe, Paul Pontin, Kenneth Alexander, Shirley Worne, Sheila Cross, Janet Westley, Denise Payne, Sonia Kelly, Janet Dighton, Susan Clements, Rachel Denning, Susan Edge, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Mary Bower, Stuart Waspe, Ruth Layzell, Shirley Cooper, Kevin Ward, Paul Nash, Elizabeth Sketton, Shirley Clifford, Christopher Brown, Steve Rignall, Lindsay Swannell, Jonathan Bugden, Elizabeth Wood, Trevor Jacklin, David Jacklin, Stephen Cooke, Amanda Hoare, Susan Smith, Jacqueline Merritt, Andrew Ottley, Sandra Grant, Sevilley Piggott.

Highly Commended: Edward Broad, Paul Mothersole, Anne Edwards, Linda Stevens, Irene Carter, Mary Bemment, Nigel Woodhouse, Stephanie Johnston, Yvonne Dawkins, Alison Stein.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: 1, Linda Moore, Leyton.
2. Jennifer Grist, Colchester.

Special Mention: David Pickett, Nicholas Houghton, James Geall, Roy Mutimer, Linda Wade, Susan Newton, Susan Moore, Jane Miller, Anne Cargill.

Very Highly Commended: Sharon Cox, Karen Thomas, Vanessa Sloley, Susan Lamb, Virginia Saunders, Judith Orchard, John Orchard, Leslie Barber, Julia Barber, Elaine Hope, Annetta Hollman, Mandy Elms, Joanna Hopegood, Kay Pullen, Graham Barber, Deborah Ladd, Leah Alsop, Julie Agell, T. Saunders, Adrian Mann, Clare Everard, Jonathan Saunders, Geoffrey Payne, Susan Payne, Mandy Smith, Karen Gardner, Linda Cannings,

Anne Leaver, Janet Silverton, Leslie Jordan, Alison Runnacles, Jacqueline Brown, Susan Runnacles, Andrew Grist, Shirley Hart, Judith Payne, Mark Ellis, Simon Ellis, Lynette Bugden, Hilary Bugden, Teresa Lane, Christine Parker, Joanne Parker, Janet Hollingbery, Sonia Jermy, Carol Smith, Mark Oxborrow, Tracey Calladine, Lynn Bustin, Karen Smith, Beverley, Morgan, Fiona Waylett, Angela Ellis, Sharon Weise, Jacqueline Weise, Karena Ellis, Sylvia Ellis, Sharon Collins, Margaret Gant, Paul Gant, David Gant, Bridget Spurgeon, Andrew Dodd, Julia Darlow, Julie Moore, Sandra Brocklehurst, Elaine Hewitt, Belinda Corsi, Richard Hawes, Alan Hawes, Stephen Harvey, Malcolm Harvey, Enid Hawes, Andrew Debenham, Ann Chapman, Mandy Ball, Sonia Duncan, Pauline Jarritt, Kevan Poulding, Jacqueline Poulding, Colin Poulding, Christopher Norman, Beverley Knights, Alan Smith, Lydia Pontin, Sandra Ling, Margaret Thrower, Hilary Cousins, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Terence Booty, Russell Frost, Donna Newton, Susan Worne, Paul King, Sally Cross, Anne Wills, Carol Barton, Andrew Laver, Amanda Hodgson, Kim Faulkner, Sadie Brown, Nicholas Toogood, Denise Murden, James Simpson, Paul Roberts, Kevin Roberts, Jacqueline Mead, Ann Mead, Judith Denning, Elizabeth Tait, Wendy Powell, Erika Snape, Jamie Dixon, Julia Edge, Glynis Hayward, Louise Blake, Sarah Blake, Valerie Blake, Linda Smith, Victoria Balmforth, Elizabeth Balmforth, Joy Denny, Julie Warren, Susan Smith, Judith Lacey, Neill Rumsey, Louise Waspe, Graham Brown, Judith Cooper, Rosemary Harris, Julie Harris, Gloria Browne, Esther Layzell, Marion Cooper, Dawn LeGross, Melvin Ward, Barbara Cooper, Christine Ward, Trevor Fulks, Jane Fulks, Jean Bugg, Graham Bugg, Trevor Bugg, Kingsley Reeve, Christine Edwards, Rosalie Stokes, Susan Fletcher, Julia Coulson, Andrew Cooke, Evelyn Rowland, Carole Smith, Linda Fellingham, Dawn Hammond, Julie Rockell, Grace Robinson, Sharon Oliver, Ann Russell, Cynthia Dublin, Graham Dennis, Elizabeth Jones, Lydia Lidbury, Lorna Lidbury, Sheena Smith.

Highly Commended: Tracey Posher, Linda Peek, Lorraine Strutt, Sharon Strachan, Susan Gillions, Sally Adams, Andrew Baker, Kevin Mose, Susan Lelliott, Julie Preston, Susan Collins, Corinne Perry, Elaine Hope, Teresa Kims, Robert Baker, Mark Pickett, Andrea Adams, Teresa Meacock, Wendy Duwell, Lynn Acton, Karen Hazle, Elaine Cannings, Graham Leaver, Paul Toms, Carol Kennedy, Petula Field, John New, Helen Rudd, Cindy Potter, Gaynor Jarvis, Susan Horrill, Sandra Lupton, Shirley Davidson, Philip Stollery, Jane Beckley, Mandy Morgan, Angela Seaford, Terry Bustin, Sandra Joy, Gillian Collins, Denise Drury, Clair Beckley, Robert Driver, Clifford Hart, Angela Hart, Kim Matthews, Jonathan Clarkson, Brian Alcock, Carol Austin, John Chisholm, Andrew Martin, Susan Morris, Mandy Fox, Stephen Diprose, Gillian Heasman, Elizabeth Dodd, Janet Ewer, Tina Doyle, Gabriel Oyewole, Julie Parkins, Jeremy Parkins, Gary Burdett, Carol Burdett, Susan Bazzoni, Jacqueline Bentley, Andy Duncan, Sonia Rhoden, Alison Stoner, Ronald Carter, Karen Ling, Rachel Balls, Catherine Balls, Caroline Fox, Zena Wright, Jackie Pearse, Julia Tourle, Hilary Tourle, David Miller, Susan Miller, Sandra Miller, David Steward, Susan Larham, David Campbell, Clive Denham, Carl Stewart, Marcia Carby, Clive Wright, Rose Williams, Olga Kelly, Joanne Toogood, Sandra Hodges, Andrea Roffey, Madelain Dixon, Alan Scrace, Sean Dixon, Amanda Durrant, Paul Chapman, Judith Woodhouse, Kim Reuter, Timothy Johnson, Lorraine Stannard, Teresa Rose, Timothy Hart, Stephen Bohl, Julie Huggins, Neil Evemy, Richard Stokes, Stephen Evemy, Andrew Moulds, Karen Blackman, Kevin Moulds, Beverley Smith, Pat Hamilton, Mark Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Brenda Russell, Jackie Sacre, Keith Whiting, Cathy Patmore, Eddie Hammond, Lynette Lidbury, Susan Manning, (**Hailsham** entry without name), (**Chingford** entry without name), Melita Tobin did Lower Group but should have answered Upper.

Commended: Roy Strachan, Vivienne Taylor, Sharon Neal, Anthony Amos, Josephine Elms, Nicola Light, Janice Keith, Karen Pearse, Betty

Brown, Kelvin Williams, Ian Dyrnad, Erica Stewart, Beresford Williams, Stephen Hart, Ian Stokes, Sheila Cummins, Teresa Cummins.

FINCHLEY. Christine Parker late entry for October.

NOT FOR COMPETITION. Carol Beeby, Emelia Higgs, Christine Edwards; glad to receive your entries.

WARBOYS headed the list with 22 entries, but Woolwich and Horham were not far behind.

THE ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE

The last word in the Book of Psalms is this:—

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

"Praise ye the Lord."

And the whole round of nature renders praise to the Lord, from the seals in the icy seas of the north, right down to the little bee that comes buzzing around the flowers in your summer garden. All creation joins in a song of praise to God—only the children of men, who owe more to God than any other of His creation, fail to praise Him.

Let us then not fail to join the song of praise as we do our Bible Searcher.

Lower Group, age under 12

The answer to each of these five questions will be found in the chapters named, and the answer will be the name of an animal.

Write down the number of the question; the name of the animal and the book, chapter, and verse where found.

1. Who are the feeble folk that make their house in the rocks?
2. Which animal spoke with man's voice?
3. What little creatures were made in models of gold?
4. What was the one little animal which the poor man had and loved so much?
5. What animal shall lie down with the kid?

The answers will be found in Proverbs chap. 30; 2 Peter chap. 2; 1 Samuel chap. 6; 2 Samuel chap. 12; and Isaiah chap 11. Write underneath your answers the name of the animal spelt out by the first letters of your answers.

Upper Group, aged over 12 and under 16

Find the answers to each of these questions. The initial letters of the answers **when set in the right order,** give the name of an animal which most boys and girls love very much.

1. What horns were used to make the trumpets that Joshua used as the priests marched around Jericho?
2. What animal was used to tread out the corn.
3. What animal does God say we are like, because we have strayed away from Him?
4. What bird builds its nest high up in the mountains?
5. What animal can leap cleverly and nimbly?

The answers will be found in:—

Joshua chap. 6; Deuteronomy chap. 25; Isaiah chap. 53; Jeremiah chap. 49; Isaiah chap. 35.

Copy out Psalm 20 verse 7, in which is contained the name of this beautiful creature.

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, 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,

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 oz.; over 4 ozs. and under 6 ozs. will cost 6d.

CLOSING DATE—APRIL 30th, 1970.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before April 30th. Entries received after May 2nd, 1970, will be too late for entry.

"RAYS" PRAYER CORNER

For week beginning:

Sunday, April 5th. India. Until early in the year 1969, Sunday Schools, which were well-attended were held in houses in Velur and Pothenur, in the Salam District. Now, both of them have had to be closed because those who were leading them have had to move away. Pray that the children will not forget what they have learned.

Sunday, April 12th. Spain. Mr. and Mrs. Lacueva have two children, Raquel and Francisca. Francisca, who is five, started school recently. Ask the Lord Jesus to help her as she learns Spanish and gets to know her Spanish friends.

Sunday, April 19th. India. In Belukirichi, on the Kolli Hills, a teacher comes each Sunday afternoon from Rasipuram, seven miles away. The Sunday School is held in a Hindu house. Please pray for her and for the children who come each week.

Sunday, April 26th. Spain. Pastor Sanchis is the minister of the Church in Barcelona. The name of his youngest son is Daniel. He finishes at college in June and would like to study medicine. Pray that, if this is God's will for him, he may be able to find suitable work so that he may earn enough money to pay for his medical training.

Sunday, May 3rd. India. A Sunday School is held each Sunday in Namakkal in the house of a famous poet. Pray for this Sunday School, and also for Vijaya, a high-school girl who was baptised last year and is now helping to teach others about the Lord Jesus.

Sunday, May 10th. Spain. Daniel Sanchis has an elder sister whose name is Miriam. Miriam has now left college and is at work. Pray for her that she may make friends with those who will help her to remain faithful to the Lord Jesus.

Sunday, May 17th. India. Boys and girls at school love to buy little books about the Lord Jesus, and to receive Tamil Text Cards from England. Pray that these may be blessed to their hearts, and that they may come to know the Lord Jesus as the only true God and Saviour.

Sunday, May 24th. Spain. Mr. and Mrs. Gordillo have been living in France for ten years but their home is in Barcelona, in Spain, and they have very kindly allowed Miss Nellie Hawes to live in their home. Will you ask the Lord Jesus to bless their two little children, their daughter Danice, and baby Mark.

Sunday, May 31st. India. Will you ask the Lord Jesus that He will send Indian Christian teachers to re-open the Sunday Schools at Velur and Pothenur, so that once again the children may learn about Him. Ask Him too to teach you more about Himself, so that you may know Him better.

HOW TO HELP THE MISSION

Dear Boys and Girls,

This month's Bible Searcher is about Bible animals. Here then is another animal story. Although the first letters of the names Samuel, Benjamin and Mary stand for S.B.M., you would never guess who these creatures really were. So here is the story:—

Eleven boys and girls of Halstead Sunday School once heard that it cost £3 for every hour to maintain the S.B.M., or "Strict Baptist Mission". And so they began to think what they could do to help our missionaries to tell other boys and girls about the Lord Jesus.

And then they had a bright idea! They heard the story of an American boy who wanted to help the lepers, and so he bought a little pig for five dollars, sold it for 25 dollars and gave the profit to the lepers. Now why should not the boys and girls of Halstead do the same kind of thing?

They therefore bought three little pigs and named them Samuel, Benjamin and Mary after the S.B.M. Each little pig cost £7 5s.; the food for each cost £3 10s., in addition to all the scraps that the Halstead boys and girls could save. And then when ready for market the piggies were sold and fetched a total of £50 15s., leaving £18 8s. 6d. for the Mission. Christopher worked it out and found that the boys and girls of Halstead had maintained the whole Mission for six hours eight and a half minutes. Well done Halstead.

Now who else can beat that one? You cannot all grow pigs but you can all help, for the Mission costs much more than £3 an hour now. Some of you can save up your pennies and sixpenses for the Missionary box. Some can collect all the picture post cards they can find, and stick Tamil Text Cards on the back. When you get 100 cards write to me and I will send the Tamil Texts. The Indian boys and girls love them.

Another first class way of helping the Mission (and yourself, too!) is to buy packets of stamps for "swaps". You can get a packet of 200 World Stamps for 2s. (or 100 for 1s.) and they are good too! Send the money to: Mrs. F. May, 23 Thorpe Road, St. Albans, Herts., and you will receive the stamps. Mrs. May also has some excellent approval cards; write and ask her about them.

Now what else can you think of? If someone has a bright idea, let me know and we will put the best ideas in "Rays". No gift is too small for the Lord Jesus; and none is too great for Him to use.

I would like to thank the boys and girls of Gadebridge for the happy time we spent together and also for their letter. I was also pleased to receive letters from: Philip Clarkson, Philip Collins, Andrew Cooke, Peter Geall, Sonia Jermy, Sharon Oliver, Jonathan Saunders, and Diane and Carol Smith. May I also thank these friends for their letters, to some of which I shall be replying: Mrs. S. Bixby, Mrs. E. Blakeman, Mrs. D. J. Chapman, Mr. D. J. Endersby, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mr. Stephen Heather, Mr. F. S. Kimber, Mr. W. Kisbee, Mrs. Nora Marshall, Miss J. E. Smith, Mrs. E. Rayner, Miss June Sinclair, Mr. V. A. Steward, and Mrs. S. Wade.

With every good wish to you all, from

UNCLE PETER.

PRINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN AT THE BURLINGTON PRESS, FOXTON, NR. CAMBRIDGE

JUNE-JULY, 1970. No. 244.

RAYS



STRICT BAPTIST MISSION YOUTH MAGAZINE, 61 BREAKSPEARS RD., S.E.4

OUR COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture is of a wrecked ship, S.S. Biamatis of Monrovia. She was driven ashore on the beach off Madras in the cyclone of October 1966. A cyclone is a violent storm raging within a limited area, which becomes more violent still at its centre. You will notice that this ship has Monrovia, which is in Liberia, as its port of registration. Now Liberia is a small state on the coast of West Africa and the rules for vessels registering in Liberia are not so strict as the rules for vessels registering in London or other European ports. It may be all right to sail the seas under the Liberian flag when the sun shines and all goes well but it needs much more care about rules for safety when the violent storm sweeps the seas. There are many who think they can do without Jesus when all goes well with them, but we shall need Him when we come into deep waters and the floods overflow us. It will be well with us then, if we are named by His Name and are trusting Him for safety.

THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE

by Colin Howells, France

How far do you have to go to your nearest Protestant Church or Chapel? Here in France you might have to go miles and miles before you find one. There are lots of Roman Catholic Churches and you can see lots of crucifixes at the sides of the roads. There are also little boxes with a statue of the Virgin Mary or another "saint" inside, where people pay money to have their sins forgiven. I saw one not very long ago with some words on it, "To our lady of Lourdes—guide us on the road of life." This is very sad when we know from the Bible that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and that no one can get to heaven, but by Him.

There are so few Protestant Churches that you might have to go about 40-50 miles before you found one, so you see, there are many boys and girls who have never heard of Jesus. I heard a story recently of a Christian preacher who was passing through a village and asked a man if he knew about Jesus Christ. The reply he got was this: "Which street does he live in?" This just goes to show that it is not only the young people who have not heard the good news that Jesus saves us, but there are adults too who do not know about God and His plan to save men from their sins.

Not very long ago our baby daughter was born here in France. To get a British birth certificate for her we had to write to the British Consulate—this is a large office where a member of the British Government works. When we received the certificate there was a large red seal stuck to it. She was the very first entry in their books for the last 20 years. All of us know that we have been born, but how many of us have been born again? How many of us have got a heavenly birth certificate with the red seal of the blood of

Jesus on it? As you read your Bible and search out the verses (as I used to when I was your age), I hope that you will come to put your trust in Jesus as the Only Way, because in doing this you will obtain your heavenly birth certificate. This is the most important thing, and in a sense it doesn't matter how many Churches or Chapels you have in your town or village, so long as you know Jesus as your Saviour. Here in France though, there is a great need: because the people have never heard about Christ as you have. Will you pray that God will help us in our work for Him as we try to tell boys and girls, and men and women about Him?

(We welcome this article from Colin, who was once a "Rays" Bible Searcher and a prizewinner, and is now a Missionary to the people of France.—Uncle Peter.)

MEETING AN ELEPHANT

by Mrs. H. J. Appleby, Dindigul, India

Yesterday, I went shopping and met an ELEPHANT. A huge, grey, fat, ear-flapping elephant, with a long trunk. I was in a long, narrow street full of shops and crowded with people when the elephant came by. He was so large that he seemed to fill the busy little street. When a car came along, the elephant nearly squeezed into the tiny shops to make room for it on the road. A man was sitting up top and lifting any children who felt like having a short ride up on to the elephant's bare back.

The elephant went from shop to shop. Most Indian shops have open fronts, so it was easy for him to put his trunk into each shop and ask for something to eat. Some shopkeepers gave him old banana leaves that had been used to wrap things up. Someone gave him a young green coconut. I expected him to pop this whole into his huge mouth. But no! He carefully bit small pieces off and chewed them thoroughly before swallowing.

He was a well-beloved elephant. I'll tell you how I know. Have you heard of guavas? A guava is a small round delicious fruit which grows in South India. Children love to eat them. A man was sitting beside the road with a lot of guavas spread out in a pattern on a mat in front of him. And elephants *love* guavas. Oh! oh! My elephant walked gently and gracefully up to the guavas and stood there, waving his trunk. Back and forth it went, catching the delicious smell. Twitch went his ears. The guava man looked at the elephant and smiled. He picked up six of his nicest guavas and gave them to the elephant. Six small guavas for one huge elephant? I thought he could easily have eaten *all* the man's guavas and not been satisfied. But he took no more. He just quietly stood beside the guavas. He *could* easily have taken the lot, for he was so huge that no one could have stopped him. That is why I think he was such a good elephant. He did

not steal although he was twice as tall as the car in which I was sitting.

I want you to remember my elephant next time Satan tempts you to do wrong. He *could* have been naughty, but he *wasn't*. Surely, if an elephant can be like that, so can you. With the Lord Jesus' help, we *can* be made good.

"RAYS" PRAYER CORNER

For week beginning:

Sunday, June 7.—Spain. Ingrid and Raquel are young children who, with their parents, attend Chapel fairly regularly. Pray that their father and mother may teach them in early years about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday, June 14.—India. Christian teaching is not allowed to be given during school hours in India. So in Christian schools the children like to go to school a quarter of an hour earlier so that they may hear about the Lord Jesus. Pray for the teachers and the children.

Sunday, June 21.—Spain. Pray for Sonia and Joseph Moté, Sunday School scholars at Barcelona. Pray also for their relatives who are mainly Roman Catholic.

Sunday, June 28.—India. Pray for many children in India who do not have enough to eat, and who never go to school.

Sunday, July 5.—Spain. Pray for all the children who attend Sunday Schools in Barcelona, and ask the Lord that they may tell their friends in day school about Him.

Sunday, July 12.—India. There are not many children's books in the Tamil language that teach boys and girls about the Lord Jesus. Pray that more people may write them.

Sunday, July 19.—Spain. Pray that there may be more Bibles and New Testaments for children in Spain to read, and pray that those who have them may read them.

Sunday, July 26.—India. Pray that there may be enough Bibles in the Tamil language for all who want to buy them.

Sunday, August 2.—Spain. Will you thank God that you live in a land where you are free to worship God as you choose, and pray for children in lands which are not so blessed as you are.

THE BIRDS OF THE BIBLE

Have you ever thought that every time a little bird spreads its wings and lifts its little body into the air, he is praising his Maker. Who gave a little bird perfect balance in the air, so that it is just as heavy on one side as the other? Who made it able to do all that an aeroplane does and do it without any fuss or bother, just as naturally as pussy walks on the ground? Next time you see a bird in the air, and watch it wheeling around, climbing rapidly, diving steeply, side-slipping and coming in to land, think of the wonderful mind of God who formed this tiny life to do all these things and so much more beside; things which are too wonderful for us to understand.

Lower Group, age under 12

The answer to each of these questions will be found in the chapters named below. Copy out each question and fill in the missing words. Then add the book, chapter, and verse where found.

1. And the . . . a nest for herself.
2. A pair of . . . or two young pigeons.
3. I am like an . . . of the desert.
4. And the . . . brought him bread and flesh in the morning.
5. And the vulture and the . . . after his kind.

The answers will be found in:

Psalm 84, Luke 2, Psalm 102, 1 Kings 17, Leviticus 11. The first letter of each answer will spell the name of a bird which makes her house (or nest) in the fir trees. The name of this bird will be found in Psalm 104. Give the name of the bird and where found in the Psalm.

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

Find the answers to these questions, copy out the question and write down the answer, together with chapter and verse where found:

1. Which bird was not forgotten before God?
2. Which bird gathers her young under her wings?
3. Which bird found no rest for the sole of her foot?
4. Which bird leaves her eggs in the earth?
5. Which bird was brought over by the navy?
6. Which bird sits on eggs and hatches them not?

The answers will be found in: Luke 12, Matthew 23, Genesis 8, Job 39, 1 Kings 10, Jeremiah 17.

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, 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,

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—JUNE 30th, 1970.

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before June 30th. Entries received after July 2nd, 1970, will be too late for entry.

BIBLE SEARCHER RESULTS

Well done Bible Searchers! You have nearly broken the record with a total of 530 entries and 115 new searchers. A total of 74 schools entered and there were four schools which are either new or have rejoined the Bible Searchers, namely: Guildford, Brockford, Epsom, and Ashford.

Once again, there are boys and girls who have not put their ages on their entries. Everybody put their name on their entry this time but please put down quite clearly on your entry your NAME, AGE, ADDRESS, and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners. 1. Gary Corsi, aged 12½ years, Providence, Highbury.
2. Paul Pontin, aged 13 years, Mount Zion, Ipswich.

Special Mention: Diane Fielden, Paul Flint, Shirley Upton, Joy Chapman, Valerie Rodwell, Kenneth Alexander, Susan Newton, Susan Edge, Carol Bedford, Hennie Kirkwood, Ruth Layzell, Amanda Hoare.

Very Highly Commended: Anthony Brooks, Karen Parkins, Ricards Sloley, Rosemary Higgins, Carol Barber, Rachel Orchard, Alan Church, Vanessa Ford, Edward Broad, Angela Hope, Simon Tanfield, Claire Weston, Linda Tanfield, Susan Last, Andrew Woods, Andrew Alsop, Sally Duwell, Eric Bater, Rhonda Hazle, Janet Silverton, Susan Light, Linda Jordan, Berys Bird, Jean New, Lydia Pyke, Stephen Wade, Paul Hart, Linda Stevens, Gillian Carpenter, Lesley Cole, Angela Duke, Pearl Smith, Marilyn Haddon, Alastair Waylett, Peter Geall, Juliet Hoyes, Philip Clarkson, Lois Clarkson, Jennifer Weise, Elizabeth Spurgeon, David Monk, Paul Heasman, Anita May, Rose Coomber, Denise Moore, Lynn Elliot, Dawn Yarham, Sara Jardine, Colin Pinnock, Michael Hewitt, Ian Hutton, Andrew Hewitt, Maureen Dimelow, Gem Griffiths, Delroy Peters, Wendy Chapman, Timothy Debenham, Joy Mutimer, Virginia Hawes, Chris Harvey, Randal Harvey, Gillian Harvey, Heather Gardner, John Roberts, R. M. Brackenbury, Irene Carter, Lorraine Dow, Shirley Worne, Denise Payne, Janet Westley, Sadie Brown, Janet Dighton, Kevin Roberts, Rachel Denning, Rosemary Chapman, Ivan Chapman, Sally Chapman, Nigel Woodhouse, Ian Cargill, Mary Bower, Stuart Waspe, Stephanie Johnson, Faith Dawkins, Yvonne Dawkins, Kevan Ward, Shirley Cooper, Paul Nash, Elisabeth Skelton, Christopher Brown, Steve Rignall, Shirley Clifford, Elizabeth Wood, Ruth Steward, Susan Smith, A. Ottley, Sandra Grant, Sevilley Piggott, Marvelle Dublin, Noella Dowdye.

Highly Commended: Leslie Barber, Andrew Orchard, Pauline Elms, Raymond Balmer, Lorraine Warner, Andrew Toms, Mary Toms, Philip Collins, Melita Tobin, Sabina Parker, Diane Smith, Ruth Willmott, Andy Duncan, Stephen Duncan, Sheila Cross, Susan Clements, Carol Beeby, Mary Bemment, David Jacklin, Stephen Evemy, Jonathan Bugden, Jackie Merritt, Alisen Stein.

Commended: Andrew Runnacles, Evadney Clayton, Trevor Jacklin. (Harish Patel, 16 years, so is really over age.)

Two very late entries for February-March Searchers from Finchley: Lesley Cole, Angela Duke.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners. 1. Deborah Ladd, aged 11 years, Bradford-on-Avon.

2. Helen Jessop, aged 9 years, Wellingborough.

Special Mention: Ivor Parsons, Bridget Spurgeon, Denise Titheridge, Lydia Pontin, Judith Oliver, Jane Miller, Sharon Oliver, Lorna Lidbury.

Very Highly Commended: Antonia Mazzone, Susan Gillions, Vanessa Sloley, Susan Lamb, Susan Lelliott, Julia Barber, Judith Orchard, John Orchard, Kevin Mose, Sharon Hyland, Carol Arnold, Nancy Williamson, Linda Flint, Timothy Oliver, Claire Hope, Elaine Hope, Annette Hollman, Robert Baker, Kay Pullen, Joanna Hopegood, Mandy Elms, Angela Woods, Graham Barber, Leah Alsop, Timothy Saunders, Adrian Mann, Jonathan Saunders, Debra Pollard, Wendy Duwell, Amanda Smith, Susan Payne, Karen Gardner, David Pickett, Geoffrey Payne, Gillian Fenning, Karen Hazle, Elaine Cannings, Anne Leaver, Graham Leaver, Joy Roe, Stephen Roe, Ruth Bater, Linda Cannings, Paul Toms, Petulla Field, Peter Kennedy, Jean Callaghan, John Rogan, Lesley Jordan, Alison Runnacles, Jennifer Grist, Andrew Grist, Cindy Potter, Judith Payne, Helen Burnip, Sandra Lupton, Susan Harrill, Cleve Tibbs, Susan Rutter, Paul Howell, Christine Parker, Joanne Parker, Philip Stollery, Sonia Jermy, Denise Drury, Jane Beckley, Clair Beckley, Lynn Bustin, Tracey Calladine, Angela Seaford, Nigel Messenger, Fiona Waylett, Robert Driver, Karena Ellis, James Geall, Sharon Weise, Angela Ellis, Sharon Collins, Sylvia Ellis, Kim

Matthews, Jonathan Clarkson, Jillian Runnacles, Paul Gant, Margaret Gant, David Gant, Brian Alcock, John Chisholm, Gillian Heasman, Stephen Diprose, Elizabeth Dodd, John Morris, Andrew Dodd, Steven Moy, Alan Woodham, Richard Amos, Diane Elliott, Mark Green, Julia Darlow, Paul Francis, Julie Moore, Andrew McLauchlin, Richard Coughteny, Nicholas Sampson, John Brooks, Gina Titheridge, Wendy Dennis, Elaine Hewitt, Belinda Corsi, Julie Parkins, Deborah Trotman, James Hawes, Stephen Hawes, Roy Mutimer, Enid Hawes, Malcolm Harvey, Alan Hawes, Ann Chapman, Beverley Knights, Sonia Duncan, Colin Poulding, Kevan Poulding, Jacqueline Poulding, Pauline Jarritt, Julie Larter, Linda Wade, Alan Smith, Karen Ling, Sandra Ling, Ronald Carter, Margaret Thrower, Hillary Cousins, Philip Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Russell Frost, Sandra Barnes, Terence Booty, Catherine Balls, Rachel Balls, Paul King, Susan Worne, Julia Tourle, Hilary Tourle, Linda Moore, Susan Moore, Amanda Hodgson, Dawn Payne, Carol Barton, David Steward, Sandra Payne, Hilary Cousins, Olga Kelly, Marcia Carby, Sonia Dixon, Nicholas Toogood, Tony Davis, Clive Wright, Janette Warrington, Joanne Toogood, Denise Murden, Paul Roberts, Ann Mead, Xenia Tyler, Judith Denning, Elizabeth Tait, Wendy Powell, A. Roffey, Madeleine Dixon, Erika Snape, Sean Dixon, Julia Edge, Glynis Hayward, Sarah Blake, Louise Blake, Valeri Blake, Susan Dobson, Victoria Balmforth, Elizabeth Balmforth, Carole Pearce, Anne Cargill, Kim Reuter, Julie Warren, Joy Denny, Paul Bannister, Louise Waspe, Graham Brown, Judith Cooper, Julie Harris, Judith Lacey, Neill Rumsey, Rosemary Harris, Lorraine Stannard, Sharon Dawkins, Gloria Browne, Esther Layzell, Barbara Cooper, Marion Cooper, Teresa Rose, Dawn Legros, Melvin Ward, Christine Ward, Timothy Hart, Stephen Behl, Jacqueline Williams, Helen Pinnock, Kingsley Reeve, Jean Bugg, Graham Bugg, Trevor Bugg, Christine Edwards, Rosalie Stokes, Lynette Bugden, Julie Huggins, Hilary Bugden, Karen Blackman, Andrew Moulds, Alison Smith, Elaine Clack, Peter Burrows, Evelyn Rowland, Dawn Hammond, Diane Cooke, Paul Higgs, Ruth Higgs, Catherine Marley, Lorraine Pryke, Julie Rockell, Grace Robinson, Cynthia Dublin, Graham Dennis, Lydia Lidbury, Deborah Maginnis, Kim Snipp, Sheena Smith, Jonathan Butt.

Highly Commended: Elizabeth Ammons, Lorraine Strutt, Debbie Gwyther, Vivienne Taylor, Sharan Shool, Michele Barber, Terence Kennedy, Peter Houman, Josephine Elms, Derek Labbelt, Mary Alsop, Mark Pickett, Andrea Adams, Lynn Acton, Peter Vincent, Rachel Vincent, Carol Kennedy, Teresa Thurland, Robert New, Shirley Hart, Sarah Harrison, Tina Henry, Kay Jarvie, Julie Howell, Cenarth Howell, Bruce Mandy, Christine Attrell, Kathy Taylor, Janet Hollingbery, Yasmin Pullen; Alan Duke, Carol Smith, Roger Smith, Gillian Collins, Malia Macleod, Diane Tearle, Andrew Messenger, Karen Smith, Janice Reith, Terry Bustin, Clifford Hart, Angela Hart, Jacqueline Weise, Christopher Collins, Michael Ball, Sandra Jennings, Robin Fox, Suzanne Ruffell, Linda Payne, Yvonne Tomsett, Caroline Fox, Mandy Fox, Julia Stobbart, Sharon Chilton, Susan Morris, Andrew Martin, Steven Knight, Kevan McGarry, Julie Kelm, Tony Amos, David Amos, Paul Pinnuk, Janet Ewer, Ian Gheen, Simon Varby, Alison Jardine, Richard Cowley, Michael Dimelow, Gabriel Oyewole, Tina Doyle, Stephen Harvey, Richard Hawes, Andrew Debenham, Ruth Bugg (entered under "Bethesda" no school given), Tracey Bosher, Sharon Cox, Deborah Larter, Christine Ling, Jonathan Frost, Susan Miller, Sandra Miller, David Miller, Andrew Laver, Sally Cross, Mandy Laffling, Betty Brown, David Campbell, Ian Dryhand, Floyd Dixon, Clive Denhom, Horace Warmington, Doreen Dixon, Evelyn Holder, Loretta Lake, Fred Simpson, Raymond Simpson, James Simpson, Jayne Edwards, Jacqueline Mead, Raksha Patel, Rajul Patel, Alan Scrace, Jamie Dixon, (no name but from Rishangles, not entered in register), Paul Chapman, Graham Gunning, Ian Rumsey, Ian Cowie, Sandra Hutshings, Sandra Moore, Susan Fletcher, Neil Evemy, Kevin Moulds, Dabe Stone, Carole Smith, Beverley Smith, Linda Phelan, Wendy Johnson, Caroline Colman, David Heather, Mark Robinson, Lynette

Lidbury, Anne Wills, Elizabeth Jones, Julie Maginnis, Sheila Bentley, Deborah Feeney.

Commended: Kim Turley, Cabrella Spodini, Dawn Miles, Denise Bray, Mark Hodge, Kevan Hughes, Julie Mandy, Stephen Attrell, Sandra Reith, Dan Todd, Roy Baker, Judith Woodhouse, Alison McKenzie, Catherine Patmore, Eddie Hammond, Teresa Cummins, Sheila Cummins, Lorraine Maginnis, Timothy Bentley, Jayne Allen.

Not for competition: Sharon Strachen.

Three very late entries for February-March Searchers: Kathy Taylor, Yasmin Pullen, Anne Wills.

Hammerfield heads the list this time with 27 entries. Runners-up were Warboys and Hailsham with 22 each.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

A strange boat is now crossing the Atlantic on its 9,000-mile journey to Bristol. It is the S.S. "Great Britain" of 1,400 tons, and it is coming all the way from South America standing high on a pontoon, or huge raft, filled with air. The "Great Britain" was the first ocean-going ship to be driven by propellers, and it set out from Bristol in 1845, just 125 years ago, but, sad to say, it sank off the Falkland Islands. There it lay until, just recently, it was raised by pumping air into it and is now being brought home.

Many years before 1845, however, other little ships were sailing from the shores of England to take the Gospel to other lands. It was in June 1793, over 50 years before the "Great Britain" sailed, that William Carey left this country very early one morning, before daylight, to join the Danish vessel "Kron Princessa Maria" in the Straits of Dover. No English vessel would take him because no English government would allow him to sail: but the Lord showed him the way.

Three years later, the tiny vessel "The Duff" slipped down the Thames on the ebb-tide, commanded by an old man-o'-war captain, Captain James Wilson, carrying 'missionaries and provisions" to Tahiti in the South Sea Islands. The Lord wonderfully blessed their work for the savage islanders.

Just 20 years after, John Williams, a young London apprentice, left in the sailing vessel "Harriet", travelling across the Atlantic Ocean, round the south of South America into the Pacific, landing in Tasmania before going on to Sydney and thence to the islands of the South Seas.

And so the wondrous story of brave servants of the Lord Jesus Christ continued on through the years that followed. Year by year brave men left their homes to sail in tiny vessels through stormy seas to distant lands, so that they might obey the command of the Lord Jesus to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". Hudson Taylor left Liverpool in 1853 in the sailing ship "Dumfries"—470 tons—and was all but wrecked off the coast of Holyhead one dark and stormy night, but the Lord delivered him when the ship was only "two ship's lengths from the rocks". There are no stories so interesting or so thrilling as the stories of what God has done, and I hope many of you will take every opportunity of reading all that you can find about these brave and faithful servants of God.

I was pleased to receive letters from the following boys and girls: Vicky Balmforth, Pauline Elms, Jennifer Grist, and Alison Stein. Also I would like to thank these friends and helpers for their letters: Pastor Dawson, Pastor Grist, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mr. F. S. Kimber, Mr. W. Kisbee, Miss J. E. Smith, and Mr. L. E. Squires.

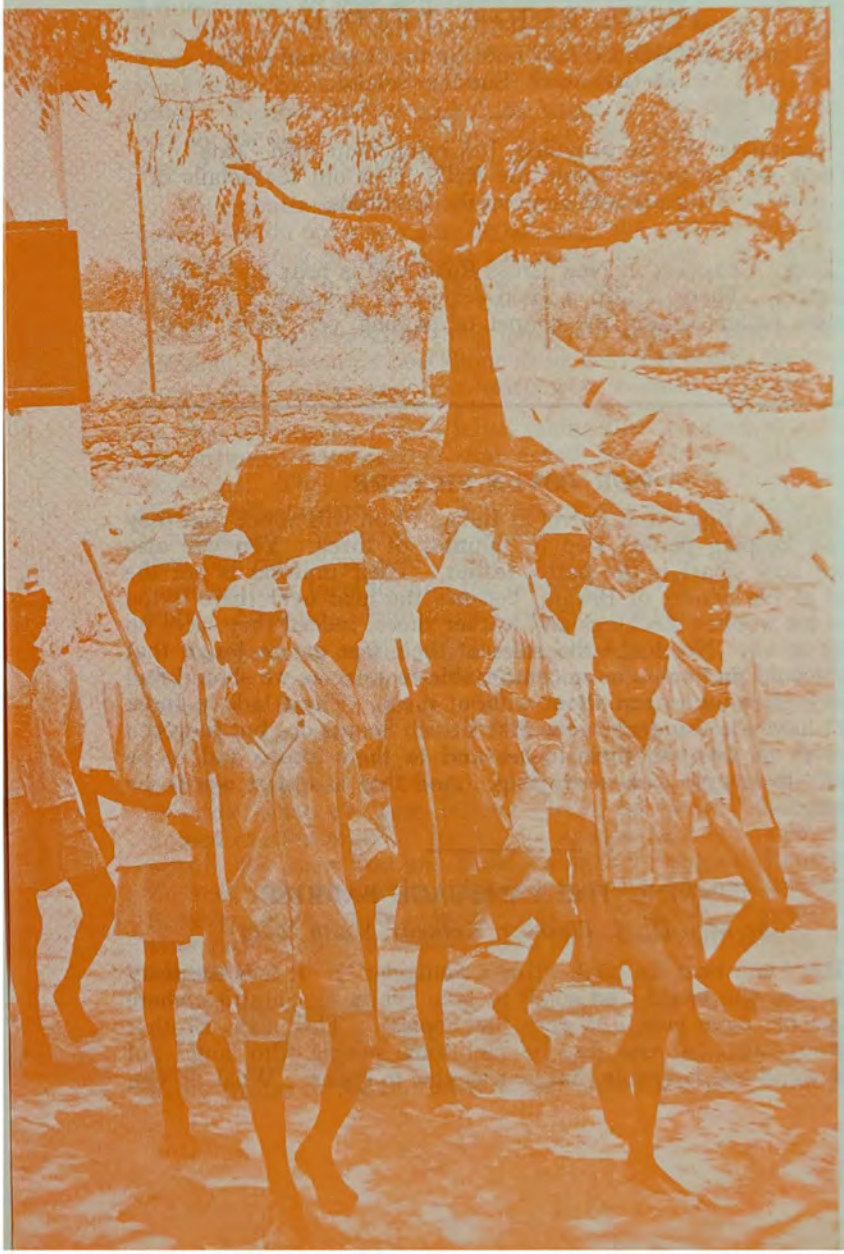
With all good wishes to you each,

UNCLE PETER.

PRINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN AT THE BURLINGTON PRESS, FOXTON, NR. CAMBRIDGE

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1970. No. 245.

RAYS



STRICT BAPTIST MISSION YOUTH MAGAZINE, 61 BREAKSPEARS RD., S.E.4

"RAYS" RALLY

Special Meeting for Bible Searchers and ALL Boys and Girls

Date: Saturday, September 12th, at 3.30 p.m.

Place: "Zion" Chapel, New Cross, London, S.E.

Chairman: PASTOR MICHAEL BENTLEY, Woolwich.

There will be an interesting talk by
PASTOR MICHAEL TOOGOOD
also a DEMONSTRATION by the Boys and Girls
of Greenwich Sunday School.

Lemonade will be provided, but bring your own "eats". There will be games before the Rally, look out for details of place and time on the handbills.

"Zion" Chapel is in New Cross Road and is near New Cross Station. There is also a good service of London Transport buses either passing the chapel or passing very close to it.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Here is a Boy Scout Patrol in India. You will notice that they are all keeping perfect step in columns of three. You will also notice how smart is the patrol leader. Their uniform is not the same as the Scouts of Britain, because the heat over there is too great for woollen stockings and leather shoes, indeed they have no shoes at all. No doubt the soles of their feet get so tough that they would find shoes as uncomfortable to wear as we should find it uncomfortable to run about without them. These lads in India don't have the wonderful time that British Scouts do, but they can learn to be loyal to their leader and to their troop, and to be helpful to anyone who needs help. And that is a start worth the making.

JUMPING THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

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

Have you read the book "God's Smuggler"? It tells the story of a man who heard God's call to take Bibles to countries where the people have none (or very few copies). This man, Brother Andrew, says that one day he met some people who could not understand any language that he was able to speak. What do you

think he did? Well, he noticed a Bible lying on a desk, so he opened his own Bible and pointed to the place where it says: "All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss". The people were able to trace the passage he was pointing to, and to read it in the Bible in their own language. They quickly recognised the greeting and in reply they looked up a text in the book of Proverbs and pointed to these words: "As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country". Now, instead of feeling confused and shy, these people all started laughing. They had a lovely time together showing each other verse after verse in the Bible which expressed what they wanted to say to each other. Brother Andrew called the language that they used in this way by the name "Agape" which is a Greek word meaning "love". Yes, it was the love language, wasn't it?

We recently went to the country of Nepal, north of India. Of course, we do not know the Nepali language, but we were glad to find that a few of the people can speak English. So, when Mr. Thrower spoke to them at various meetings, and the people wanted to know what he was saying, the local pastor was able to interpret for him. Then the same thing happened as in the case of Brother Andrew; the pastor's face shone as he gave his people the message from a far country, and their hearts were warmed by God's love.

One evening 64 Nepali boys, taking their training at a technical institute, met together and asked Mr. Thrower all sorts of questions. They, of course, put their questions in Nepalese, and these were translated into English by one of their number who is a teacher. Similarly, the answers were spoken in English and then put into Nepalese. That evening too, we all had a heart-warming time together and the language hurdle was jumped once more. All were able to have a happy evening.

Another way of jumping the language barrier is by two people, who do not understand each other's speech, carrying on a conversation in a third language. We saw an interesting case of this in Malaya. One day we visited a Tamil woman in her home. While we were there, a neighbour joined us and we saw by her dress that she was from the Panjab in North India. The visitor wanted to know what we were talking about (in Tamil) and the two women chatted together for a time, but we couldn't understand a word! We knew that our Tamil friend did not speak Panjabi and we were quite puzzled by this conversation. The explanation was, however, quite simple. Both women had learned to speak Malay after coming to that country, and they were both talking in that language.

We are now on our way to England, and our ship is off the West African coast. It is two months since we set out from our home at Kotagiri in South India. During this time we have visited many places in North India, Nepal, and East and South Africa.

At these places we have met people who speak many different languages and our fellow passengers on the ship are from a great number of different language areas. So, one way and another, we have heard people speaking in Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Marathi, Hindi, Malayalam, Nepali, Swahili, Afrikans, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, and other languages the names of which we do not know, as well as our own English language.

Sometimes God's servants have to work very hard at language study in order to get their message across to those to whom they have been sent. But, how wonderful it is that love jumps the hurdles of language and race, so that God's children everywhere can feel that they belong to each other in a special way, in spite of all differences.

"RAYS" PRAYER CORNER

For week beginning:

Sunday, August 9th.—France. Colin Howells asks us to pray that a building may be found in Gaillard, so that the work there may begin, and the children may be taught.

Sunday, August 16th.—India. Many High School children love to do correspondence courses on the Bible and, if they are successful, they receive a certificate which they get framed and proudly hang in their homes. Pray that they may learn to love the Word of God.

Sunday, August 23rd.—Spain. Ask that the Lord may bless little Damaris (see Acts 17 verse 34) the baby daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Velert of Valencia (200 miles to the south of Barcelona).

Sunday, August 30th.—Belgium. Remember Andrew, Sean, and Stephanie, the three children of Roger and Helen Cook, as they go to school. Pray that the Lord Jesus will bless them each.

Sunday, September 6th.—France. Pray that as Colin and Carole Howells speak in French to the boys and girls over there they may be guided to use words which they shall remember.
Pray also for the "Rays" Rally at New Cross on Saturday next.

Sunday, September 13th.—India. Pray for the four daughters of Victoria now in Namakal. Three have been baptized and each of them is seeking to teach Indian children concerning the Lord Jesus.

Sunday, September 20th.—Spain. Pray for the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Taberner of Valencia, that they may learn more about the Lord Jesus as they attend their Sunday School.

Sunday, September 27th.—Britain. Ask the Lord that by the mighty power of His Spirit, He will bring many more boys and girls of our land to attend Sunday School, and that He will bless them as they listen to His Word.

Sunday, October 4th.—France. Pray for Colin and Carole and their little baby daughter. Ask that they may be able to speak easily to the people of the Lord Jesus, and answer their questions quickly.

BIBLE KINGS

The Bible tells us of many kings. Some good, most of them weak, many of them bad, but we are told the truth about them all. Four books of the Bible are filled with the stories of kings; and it is all for this reason that we may see and know the perfect King when He comes. For there is only One King who rules His people with perfect justice and unfailing mercy, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. As you do this Bible Searcher think therefore of Him.

Lower Group, age under 12

Write down the book, chapter and verse where the following questions are found. Copy out each question, filling in the missing word which is the name of a king.

1. There they made . . . king before the Lord.
2. The Lord strengthened . . . king of Moab against Israel.
3. In the year that king . . . died, I saw also the Lord.
4. That . . . was minded to repair the house of the Lord.
5. The kings of . . . and Seba shall offer gifts.

You will find these references in 1 Samuel 11; Judges 3; Isaiah 6; 2 Chronicles 24; and Psalm 72. When you have done this, re-arrange the capital letters of the names of these kings in a different order and they will spell the name of the greatest of all Kings. Write the name of this King down. Extra marks will be given to those who copy out Psalm 72 verse 11, which tells us about the reign of the Lord Jesus.

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

Find the answers to these questions. Copy out the question and write down the answer, together with book, chapter and verse where found.

1. Which king drove furiously?
2. Which king turned his face to the wall and prayed unto the Lord?
3. Which king ordered three Hebrew lads to be cast into the burning fiery furnace? What were their names?
4. Which king did God say was "a man after mine own heart"?
5. Which king was minded to repair the house of the Lord?
6. Of which king is it recorded that "his heart was perfect with the Lord all his days"?
7. Complete the verse found in Revelation 11, "The kingdoms of this world are become . . .".

Your answers will be found in: 2 Kings 9; Isaiah 38; Daniel 3; Acts 13; 2 Chronicles 24; 1 Kings 15; Revelation 11.

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

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—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1970

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before August 31st. Entries received after September 2nd, 1970, will be too late for entry.

BIBLE SEARCHERS RESULTS

Upper Group, age 12 and under 16 years

Prizewinners: 1. Juliet Hoyes, aged 14 years, Devonshire Drive, Greenwich.
2. Kenneth Alexander, aged 14 years, Kesgrave.

Special Mention: Karen Parkins, Diane Fielden, Andrew Alsop, Gary Corsi, Valerie Rodwell, Heather Gardner, Sadie Brown, Rachel Denning, Elisabeth Skelton, Anne Wills, Mary Bower, Sylvia Ellis.

Very Highly Commended: Anthony Brooks, Joyce Pain, Susan Lamb, Virginia Saunders, Carol Barber, Rosemary Higgins, Rachel Orchard, Terry Miles, Paul Flint, Stephen Mayhew, Edwin Mayhew, Edward Broad, Pauline Elms, Claire Weston, Eric Bater, Grace Vincent, Judith Dix, Andrew Toms, Mary Toms, Janet Silverton, Berys Bird, Linda Jordan, Stephen Wade, Wendy Kirkham, Angela Duke, Alastair Waylett, Philip Clarkson, Peter Geall, Thelma Coverly, Anita May, Shirley Upton, Denise Moore, Sara Jardine. Michael Hewitt, Wendy Chapman, Joy Mutimer, Chris Harvey, Gillian Harvey, Virginia Hawes, John Davis, Paul Pontin, Lorraine Dow, Susan Newton, Sheila Cross, Susan Edge, Sally Chapman, Rosemary Chapman, Iven Chapman, Stephonie Johnston, Stuart Waspe, Kevin Ward, *Linda Chapman, Jonathan Bugden, Elizabeth Wood, Ruth Steward, Amanda Hoare, Jackie Merritt, Janet Chiverall, June Arnold, Marvelle Dublin, Sevilley Piggott, Hennie Kirkwood, Victoria Balmforth.

*Linda Chapman (Waldringfield) answered Lower Group instead of Upper Group and she is 15 years.

Highly Commended: Alan Church, Simon Tanfield, Teresa Meacock, Janice Dickens, Sally Duwell, P. Collins, Susan Light, Joan Kindred, Lesley Cole, Sabina Parker, Melita Tobin, Colin Pinnuck, Dawn Yarham, Andrew Hewitt, Joy Chapman, Ann Chapman, Randal Harvey, A. Duncan, Ronald Carter, Irene Carter, Catherine Balls, Shirley Worne, Denise Payne, Nicholas Toogood, William Berry, Renford Warmington, Sandra Hodges, Kevin Roberts, Nigel Woodhouse, Ian Cargill, Ruth Layzell, David Rance, Stephen Evemy, Peter Burrows, Christopher Brown, Trevor Jacklin, David Jacklin, Susan Smith, Jean Armstrong, Sandra Grant, Alison Stein, Jennifer Weise

Commended: Shirley Cooper.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners: Amanda Hodges, aged 10 years, March, Cambridge.
Jane Miller, aged 8 years, Southport.
(Both obtained full marks.)

Special Mention: Julia Barber, Teresa Church, Hilary Meakings, Joanna Alsop, Debra Pollard, Rachel Vincent, Peter Vincent, Anne Leaver, Sonia Jermy, Jacqueline Weise, Denise Titheridge, Lydia Pontin, Linda Wade, Paul King, Linda Moore, Christine Edwards.

Very Highly Commended: Sharon Cox, Antonina Mazzone, Lorraine Strutt, Nicola King, Susan Gillions, Keith Milne, Corrine Perry, Jillian Pearce, Judith Orchard, John Orchard, Denise Bray, Carol Arnold, Linda

Flint, Deborah Rulton, Linda Warner, Terrence Kennedy, Sonja Orvis (answered Upper instead of Lower as only 9 years), Beverley Mayhew, Mandy Elms, Kay Pullen, Louise Chinery, Elizabeth Hart, Debrah Ladd, Mary Alsop, Leah Alsop, Jonathan Saunders, Elizabeth Rose, Timothy Saunders, Adrian Mann, Wendy Duwell, Susan Payne, Geoffrey Payne, Karen Gardner, Mark Pickett, David Pickett, Joanne Gill, Gillian Fenning, Graham Leaver, Elaine Cannings, Linda Cannings, Lois Register, David Register, Rachel Dix, Paul Toms, Tony Field, Petula Field, Carol Kennedy, Penelope Kennedy, Peter Kennedy, Jean Callaghan, Lesley Jordan, Stephen Clarke, Andrew Grist, Jennifer Grist, Nicola Beaumont, Anne Kindred, Cindy Potter, Sandra Burton, Susan Horrill, Susan Rutter, Clare Tibbs, Joan Della, Rita Della, Angela Cole, Joanne Parker, Christine Parker, Kathy Taylor, Mary Keane, Philip Stollery, Lynn Bustin, Angela Seaford, Denise Drury, Elaine Clark, Terry Bustin, Karen Smith, Alison Gay, Clair Beckley, Deborah Archer, Angela Hart, Clifford Hart, Angela Ellis, Sharon Weise, James Geall, Karena Ellis, Brian Alcock (did Upper instead of Lower, only 8 years), David Gant, Margaret Gant, Paul Gant, Andrew Dodd, Sharon Chilton, Susan Morris, Bridget Spurgeon, Deborah Bailey, Julia Darlaw, Andrew Francis, Julie Moore, Susan Yarham, Deborah Croucher, Andrew McLauchlin, Richard Cowley, Gina Titheridge, Belinda Corsi, Elaine Hewitt, Roy Mutimer, Andrew Debenham, Stephen Hawes, Enid Hawes, Stephen Harvey, Malcolm Harvey, Alan Hawes, Beverley Knights, Jayne Sawyer, Sonia Duncan, Jacqueline Poulding, Kevan Poulding, Colin Poulding, Pauline Jarritt, Margaret Thrower, Alan Smith, Christine Ling, Sandra Ling, Karen Ling, Hillary Cousins, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Jonathan Frost, Rachel Balls, Caroline Fox, Russell Frost, Elaine Hinderer, Susan Worne, Tom Reeves, Susan Moore, Jane Steward, Hilary Cousins, David Steward, Carol Barton, Andrew Laver, Sally Cross, Susan Miller, Evelyn Holder, Clive Denham, Olga Kelly, Lonetta Lake, Cynthia Henry, Joanne Toogood, Janette Warrington, Marcia Carby, Garfield Lawrence, Grahame Hodges, Paul Roberts, Ann Mead, Jacqueline Mead, Rajul Patel, Chandra, Naina Chohan, Alka Chanan, Judith Denning, Xonia Tyler, Elizabeth Tait, Madeleine Dixon, A. Roffey, Wendy Powell, Jamie Dixon, Julia Edge, Amanda Durrant, Valerie Blake, Sarah Blake, Louise Blake, Elizabeth Balmforth, Andrew Cargill, Carole Pearce, Anne Cargill, Kim Reuter, Julie Warren, Graham Brown, Louise Waspe, Julie Harris, Judith Cooper, Rosemary Harris, Paul Bannister, Lorraine Stannard, Gloria Browne, Esther Layzell, Christine Ward, Melvin Ward, Barbara Cooper, Teresa Rose, Marion Cooper, Sara Davies, Jane Fuller, Jean Bugg, Graham Bugg, Trevor Bugg, Barbara Skelton, Richard Stokes, Lynette Bugden, Andrew Moulds, Kevin Moulds, Karen Blackman, Julie Huggins, Monica Terrill, Rosalie Stokes, Elaine Clark, Susan Fletcher, Alison Smith, Hilary Bugden, Julia Coulsen, Caroline Terrill, Evelyn Rowland, Beverley Smith, Carol Smith, Linda McLean, Beverley Laflin, Lynn Chiverall, Catherine Manley, Julie Rockell, Grace Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Sharon Oliver, Lorna Lidbury, Graham Dennis, Cynthia Dublin, Lydia Lidbury.

Highly Commended: Elizabeth Ammons, Gabriella Spodini, Sally Cowan, Vannessa Adams, Richard Adams, Shanon Neal, Vivienne Taylor, Dawn Miles, Robert Baker, G. Barber, Lynn Acton, James Knopp, Paul Hodge, Paul Clarke, Teresa Thurland, Alexandra Duell, Gaynor Jarvis, Matthew Peters, Alan Duke, Gillian Collins, Jane Beckley, Kim Peverill, Michelle Long, Robert Driver, Tracy Ellis, Rodney Coverly, Andrew Martin, Elizabeth Dodd, Mandy Fox, Robin Fox, Julia Stobbart, Lyn Martin, Mark Green, Paul Pinnuck, Karen Howard, Dinky Bailey, Vincent Green, Alison Jardine, Caroline O'Sullivan, Ian Green, Leigh Martin, Taunia Welch, James Hawes, Richard Hawes, Clive Sawyer, Janet Morton, John Bell, Sandra Payne, Dawn Payne, Floyd Dixon, Clive Wright, Rose Williams, Sonia Dixon, Horace Warmington, Kim Faulkner, Ashburn Levy, Sukjan Kour, Linda Kour, Colbert Henry, Raksha Patel, Sean Dixon, Paul Chapman, Judith Woodhouse, Shenee Towers, Ian Rumsey, Neill

Rumsey, Annette Robinson, Dawn LeGros, Tim Hart, Sandra Moore, Stephen Bohl, Kingsley Reeve, Neil Evemy, Deborah Demmel, Carl Orend, Mark Robinson, Pat Hamus, Lynette Lidbury, Kim Snipp, Timothy Bentley, Catherine Patmore, Ashley Murray, Sheena Smith, Deborah Trotman.

Commended: Mary (Angel Baptist), Sharon Strachan, Roy Strachan, Kim Turley, Michael Barb, Ettol Homes, Sharon Beverley, Kelvin Williams, David Campbell, Marcia Palmer, John Bailey, Denzill Todd, Michel Todd, Stephen Hart, Ian Stokes, Deborah Feeney, Gary Hawkins, Jayne Allen, Thomas Riorden, Sheila Bentley, Bernard Hawkins, Janet Jagger.

Congratulations to New Cross Sunday School and to Mr. W. Kisbee for New Cross head the list with 29 entries.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

Please remember our Special "Rays" Rally on Saturday, September 12th, at "Zion", New Cross. I shall look forward to seeing many of our Bible Searchers and many other boys and girls too. It looks to me as if we shall all have an interesting meeting and I hope you will be there.

No doubt all boys and girls have been enjoying this lovely summer, and the long days filled with more sunshine than we are used to in this country. And yet these days of sunshine have been anxious days for very many farmers and growers because of the lack of rain and the hard, dry ground, unsoftened by any moisture.

Seed which was sown early in the Spring has grown up well and will yield a good crop, but much seed which was sown late has, as the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 13, verse 6, "become scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away".

How sad it must be for any farmer to see the young corn drying up and withering away! How he would have wished that he could have sown the seed earlier, so that it could take deep root before the sun began to scorch the hard ground!

God's Holy Word is like good seed which we may receive into our hearts, and although it is never too late for anyone to receive it and to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, yet there are many whose hearts have grown so hard that they are deceived by sin, and God's Word just withers within their hearts. How much better is it that each one of you boys and girls should listen to the Word of God early, like the early-sown seed. What a wonderful blessing to any boy or girl when the Word of God sinks into their heart in early days, so that it may spring up and grow before it is choked, or before it dies in the hard, dry ground. God has said in His Word, "I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me EARLY shall find Me".

I was pleased to receive letters from the following: Joanna Alsop and Margaret Gant, Mrs. Margaret Alsop, Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. B. H. Bugg, Mr. S. G. Comber, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mrs. Marsden, Mr. F. S. Kimber, Mr. W. Kisbee, Mrs. E. M. Richards, and Pastor Leslie Squires.

May I thank you each for your letters.

With every good wish from,

UNCLE PETER.

PRINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN AT THE BURLINGTON PRESS, FOXTON, NR. CAMBRIDGE

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 1970. No. 246.

RAYS

STRICT BAPTIST MISSION YOUTH MAGAZINE, 61 BREAKSPEARS RD., S.E.4



"Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel" Psa. 149, v.3.

CHILDREN AT WORK AND PLAY

by Miss Yvonne Conacher, Kolli Hills, S. India

As we look across the hills from the dispensary there are little groups of children seen working and playing happily together. The hill children have their work and play in one. They are seen looking after the goats and grazing them on the hillside. These children are happy and can be heard laughing and singing their hill songs. They have no toy motor cars, train sets or Meccanno sets, or even little dolls, but they sit on the rocks under the trees and with the leaves and flowers make themselves fancy hats, bows and arrows, or slings, and amuse themselves throughout the day. As the sun begins to set one hears " Oosh, oosh ", as they drive the goats down to the stream for a drink and then home.

Another set of children will be seen grazing the cows. Sometimes the tiny tots are seen with their parents out on the hillside and with a stick in hand drive the cows just like Mum or Dad.

This is the time for ploughing the fields and getting them ready to plant the grain. The bigger boys are seen out behind the ploughs guiding the bullocks along.

On the plains, another job the children have is to keep the crows away from the grain which is drying in the sun. The grain is spread out on the road, or on the top of a flat roof, or some other convenient place and the children keep guard.

There are always the younger children and babies to be taken care of and very often an older child is kept away from school just to look after the baby. They are seen walking the streets or watching the grain or grazing the animals with the baby on their hip.

One little boy called Velliswamy, who studies in the school in Vazhavanthy and is home for school holidays, came to us to learn some Christian lyrics. He is learning two at present and bought a hymn book to have for his own. He told us that he and another little boy while out grazing the goats today sang lyrics and worshipped Jesus.

We pray these little boys may really come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. He has said " Suffer the little children to come unto me ".

Pray for the boys and girls to whom we are ministering here on the Kollis. They love to learn the lyrics and hear the stories. Pray the Lord may hide His Word in their hearts.

THE BOYS AND THE BOOKLETS

by Miss Olive Knight, Dindigul, India

Two boys were standing in the book shop doorway. It was the bigger boy who spoke. " Please give me a drink of water," he said, as he looked toward our duck-shaped clay water container. But the duck was empty, and we had no water to give him.

The boys were in no hurry to go away. They started looking at the booklets on display near the door. A few of the booklets have no picture on the cover and the beginning of the story can be seen. The thirsty boy started reading aloud. After he had read the first page he started reading the titles of the other booklets. He was careful not to touch them. He had read well; so we opened the booklet he had started reading and let him hold it. He read it all through. When he had finished he answered questions correctly. We were glad that he had understood what he read.

After that we asked him more questions and he told us that he had had to leave school after five years. Their clothes showed that he and the smaller boy were poor. They had come to the ration shop next to our book shop to buy rice. When we gave the bigger boy a tract about Jesus to take home he was very pleased, and smiled as he thanked us. The smaller boy had often played truant from school, but he could read a little; so we gave him a small tract.

Then it was their turn to be served in the ration shop. Before they went home they came back to say goodbye. " See you next Thursday," they said.

Is your Junior Fellowship of Youth meeting on Thursday? If it is, that may help you to remember these boys, and to pray for them.

LOST LUGGAGE

by Mrs. Grace Huckett, Coonoor, S. India

Hullo, Rays Readers! Greetings to you all from Coonoor, South India. We are now a long way from Britain, having travelled 11,376 miles by sea and about 1,200 miles overland, mostly by train. So we have had quite a lot of experience in handling luggage. Going away for three years and having to make a home in a new place made it necessary for us to take a good deal of luggage. At different times during our travels three pieces got lost, but happily they were all found in the end. I will tell you about them.

The first thing we lost was a screen on which we show pictures. This disappeared at Southampton. The last we saw of it was when a porter wheeled it away with our suit cases for the big cranes to lift on board the s.s. " Chusan." It was labelled " Cabin " but it did not arrive with the rest of our things. The baggage steward searched and searched for it in various parts of the ship without success. Messages were sent from the ship to Southampton to see if it had been left behind there, but the answer was " No ". Seventeen days later, after we had left Cape Town, there was a knock on the cabin door, and there stood the steward with the long lost screen! He said that at Cape Town the dock police were checking the number of cars down in the hold, when all of a sudden our screen was discovered under one of the cars. How it got there no one knows, but there it was, LOST, DEEP DOWN, and out of sight

under a car. Some people are like that, lost, deep down, not under a car, but under sin and very hard to find. But God knows where each one is and He can find them.

The next piece of luggage to get lost was our bedding roll, which was missing at Bombay. It contained our pillows and rugs which we needed for the long train journey, and for our beds when we arrived in Coonoor. We looked for it amongst the luggage in the Customs Shed, but no, it was missing. The baggage steward declared it was off the ship, and when we went on board again and looked, the Bombay luggage section was empty.

(to be continued)

"RAYS" PRAYER CORNER

For week beginning:

Sunday, October 4.—France. Pray for Colin and Carole and their little baby daughter. Ask that they may be able to speak easily to the people concerning the Lord Jesus, and answer their questions quickly. Praise God that both Colin and Carole have passed their examinations with Distinction.

Sunday, October 11.—India. Miss Flory and others of our missionaries live on a housing estate in Dindigul named Nehruji-nagar, after the famous Indian Prime Minister. There are many children on the estate. Pray that a Sunday School may be started for them.

Sunday, October 18.—Spain. Mr. and Mrs. Taberner came to know the Lord Jesus 10 years ago. They have five children who attend the Sunday School in Valencia. Will you pray for them?

Sunday, October 25.—France. Some of our young people are leaving to do jobs in different places. Pray that other young people may come into the Church to replace those who have gone away.

Sunday, November 1.—India. Owing to lack of tapes for recording, it is becoming difficult to keep Indian Gospel Radio on the air. Pray earnestly that it may be possible to continue our Christian Broadcasts.

Sunday, November 8.—Mons, Belgium. Roger and Helen Cook have been much encouraged because Mr. D . . . has come to enquire more about the Lord Jesus. He picked up a leaflet in the street. Pray that he may truly believe on Him.

Sunday, November 15.—India. Pray for little Stephen and Adrian Ryan and for their little baby sister, Narelle. That they may be all kept in good health in the hot climate of India.

Sunday, November 22.—Spain. Many people in Spain can neither read nor write. Pray that they may hear about the Lord Jesus by the ear and believe on Him.

Sunday, November 29.—The harvest is now ended weeks ago. But God's harvest goes on, as the Souls of men and women, boys and girls, are being gathered in all over the wide world. Pray that the Lord will send forth more labourers into His harvest.

Sunday, December 6.—India. Sometimes High School children hear our Christian Radio programmes and then write to us and ask us for free books. Pray for these children, that, as they read such books about the Lord Jesus, they may be attracted to Him.

THE SEA

Many of you have been able to spend part of your holidays by the sea and you will once again listen to the voice of the waves as you do this Bible Searcher. For those who have not been to the seaside, here is a Searcher that is the next best thing to going there.

Lower Group, age under 12

Copy out each of the following questions and fill in the missing word by reference to the chapters below, which are in the same order as the questions. State the book, chapter and verse where found.

1. What . . . thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest.
2. When they had . . . down the boat into the sea. .
3. And the sea saith, " . . . is not with me."
4. A sea of . . . like unto crystal.
5. He . . . unto a ship, and sat in the sea.
6. He turned the sea into dry . . .
7. Though he hath . . . the sea.

The answers will be found in:
Psalm 114, Acts 27, Job 28, Revelation 4, Mark 4, Psalm 66, Acts 28, The first letters of the missing words when arranged in different order will spell the name of a sea upon which Jesus sailed. Give the name of the sea.

Upper Group, age over 12 and under 16

Find the answers to the following questions all of which relate to the sea.

1. Who tried to walk upon the sea and who saved him?
2. Who was cast forth into the sea and why was this done?
3. What is said to be too wonderful to know?
4. What is a man said to be like who wavers, or doubts the Word of God?
5. To whom is it given to see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep?
6. Who commanded the sea to be still and what effect did this have upon the sea?
7. Who made the sea? Copy out the last half of this verse.

The answers will be found in the following chapters: Matthew 14, Jonah 1, Proverbs 30, James 1, Psalm 107, Mark 4, Acts 4.

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, 1971, 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—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1970

NOTE: It is important that all entries be posted on or before October 31st. Entries received after November 3rd, 1970, will be too late for entry.

RESULTS OF BIBLE SEARCHER

Once again a splendid number of entries came in, well above the average for the August-September " Rays ". It was especially good to see increased numbers of entries from several schools including: Thorndon Mission, Homerton, Hayes Lane, Bromley, Belvedere, and Wooburn Green. Many Searchers lost marks because they did not complete the last part of the Searcher or write out the reference in Psalm 72, verse 11. The entries to the Upper Group were of a high standard.

Upper Group, aged 12 and under 16

Prizewinners. 1. Denise Titheridge, aged 12, " Providence ", Highbury.
2. Elizabeth Skelton, aged 12, West Hill S.S., Wandsworth.

Special Mention: Lorna Lidbury, Jean Armstrong, Gillian Harvey, Andrew Alsop, Sheila Cross, Joy Mutimer, Jane Malpass, Peter Geall, Lois Clarkson, Diane Fielden, Paul Pontin, Eric J. Bater, Karen Parkins, Ruth Steward, Sally Chapman, Heather Gardner, Susan Edge, Diane Smith, Andrew Ottley, Rosemary Chapman, Irene Travi.

Very Highly Commended: Rachel Orchard, Andrew Toms, Susan Newton, Joyce Pain, Anita May, Julie Howard, Margaret Jones, Anne Wills, Sevilley Piggott, Claire Weston, Sirion Lanfield, Paul Flint, Stephen Wade, Sara Jardine, Denise Moore, Randal Harvey, Chris Harvey, J. Chapman, Sadie Brown, Nigel Rookyard, Debrah Ladd, Valerie Rodwell, Susan Lamb, Kevin Roberts, Berys Bird, Wendy Chapman, Philip Clarkson, Elizabeth Wood, Jonathan Bugden, Rosemary Higgins, Virginia Saunders, Sylvia Ellis, Andrew Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, Gary Corsi, Althea Wright, Virginia Hawes, Susan Light, Ruth Layzell, Stephanie Johnston, Kenneth Alexander, Shirley Cooper, Andy Duncan, Linda Stevens, Teresa Meacock, Amanda Hoare, Ann Chapman, Catherine Balls, Anthony Brooks, and One no name.

Highly Commended: Linda Jordan, Pauline Elms, Mary Toms, Martin Jones, Denise Payne, Philip Collins, Gary Birdett, Peter Burrows, David Jacklin, Jennifer Weise, Alison Stein, Ronald Carter, Irene Carter, Jeremy Pyke, Kevin Ward, Victoria Balmforth, Ian Cargill, Susan Smith, Paul Hart, Sally Duwell, Lisa Hassett, Rachel Denning, Ann Barber, Shirley Worne, Janet Silverton, Angela Hope, Yvonne Dawkins.

Commended: Sharon Morris, Beres Williams, Trevor Jacklin, Christopher Brown, Nigel Woodhouse, Paul Heasman, Olivet Carr, Auriol Welton, John Davis, Rhonda Hazel, Mark Wilding, Wendy Duwell answered Lower Group questions.

Lower Group, age under 12 years

Prizewinners. 1. Rachel Vincent, aged 9, Hayes Lane, Bromley.
2. Elizabeth Tait, aged 9½, " Providence " S.S., Prittlewell.

Special Mention: David Gant, Lydia Pontin, Barbara Cooper, Joanna Alsop, Susan Scarce, Paul King, Christine Edwards, Amanda Durrant, Margaret Gant, Glynis Hayward, Julia Barber, Judith Orchard, Sarah Blake, Hilary Meekings, Sonia Jermy, Judith Ann Cooper, Sharon Oliver, Amanda Hodgson, Hilary Cousins.

Very Highly Commended: Nancy Williamson, Linda Flint, Mandy Elms, Kay Pullen, Paul Higgs, Sharon Cox, Russell Frost, Susan Wade, Tracey Hatcher, Paul Toms, Ruth Oliver, Grace Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Timothy Bentley, Cynthia Dublin, Karen Merryweather, Lydia Lidbury, Glenn Piggott, Graham Dennis, Lester Piggott, Sandra Steward, Lesley Jordan, Jean Callaghan, Belinda Corsi, Adrian Mann, Andrew Moulds,

Trevor Bugg, Gillian Clack, Elizabeth Rose, Jayne Sawyer, Graham Leaver, Paul Gant, Linda Cannings, Claire Hope, Kevan Poulding, John Orchard, Catherine Manley, Jacqueline Poulding, Louise Blake, Julie Harrin, Neill Rumsey, Ian Rumsey, Jonathan Frost, Angela Ellis, Gloria Browne, Sharon Dawkins, Pauline Jarritt, John Howard, Elizabeth Balmforth, Alison Runnacles, Valerie Smith, Paul Roberts, Lavern Austin, Rosemary Harris, Simon Ellis, Clare Tibbs, Robert Kornot, Suk Jan, Beverley Knights, Shirley Hart, Carl Stewart, Floyd Dixon, Loretta Lake, Elaine Cannings, Susan Payne, Linda Payne, Geoffrey Payne, Annette Robinson, Jane Miller, Rodney Sherman, Alison Sherman, Karen Smith, Fiona Ridley, Stephen Bohl, Nicholas Alexander, Philip Alexander, Michael Ball, Hillary Cousins, Joanne Toogood, Jennifer Grist, Andrew Grist, Ruth Bigg, Timothy and Jonathan Saunders, Elaine Hewitt, Julia Edge, A Roffey, Lynette and Hilary Bugden, Graham Brown, Esther Layzell, Gillian Fenning, Judith Denning, David Pickett, Mark Pickett, Carole Pearce, Linda King, Caroline Ramsay, Terence Kennedy, Sandra Ling, Anne Leaver, Valerie Dunnett, Xenia Tyler, Sandra Lupton, Stephen Diprose, Roy Mutimer, Jacqueline Weise, Jean Bugg, Alan Smith, Leah and Mary Alsop, Diane Cook, James Geall, Pauline Weise, Sharon Weise, Gina Titheridge, Deborah Clare Skelton, Susan Worne, Julie Parkins, Carol Barton, Andrew Laver, Richard Laver, David Steward, Jane Steward, Annette Hollman, Malcolm Harvey, Stephen Harvey, Elizabeth Hart, Enid Hawes, Stephen Hawes, Elaine Hope, David Brockenbury, Carol Smith, Valerie Blake, Carol Kennedy, Julie Warren, Kim Reuter, Linda Moore, Susan Moore, Clive Sawyer, Ruth Bater, Bernard Bater, Peter Vincent, Cynthia Henry, Carole Jayne Smith, Beverley Smith, Anne Cargill, Jonathan Clarkson, Sonia Duncan, Dawn Le Gros, Lorraine Strutt, Antonina Mazzone, Colin Poulding.

Highly Commended: Margaret Thrower, Rachel Balls, Karena Ellis, Gillian Heasman, Jane Fulks, Trevor Fulks, John Bailey, Kelvin Williams, Janet Rose, Sonia Dixon, Clive Denham, Rose Williams, David Camell, Linda McLear, Alan and Richard Hawes, Andrea Adams, Linda Thompson, Lorna Fisher, Mandy Fox, Karen Ling, Susan Morris, Susan Gillions, Sally Cross, Sally Cowan, Michael Piggott, Tracy Ellis, Penelope Kennedy, John Rogan, Stephanie Elms, Robert Baker, Susan Edwards, Josephine Elms, Kevin Mose, Shelley Hatcher, Denise Murden, Lorraine Buddle, Lindsay Garner, Janice Stallwood, Julie Stallwood, Mark Robinson, Cathy Patmore, Lynette Lidbury, Marion Stebbing, Sheila Bentley, Deborah Fearey, Elizabeth Jones, Alexandra Durell, Stephen Roe, Mary Dillon, Joy Roe, Caroline Fox, Susan Horrill, Shanon Lupton, Angela Hart, Angela Taler, Julia Stobbart, Graham Bugg, Petula Field, Tony Field, David Coomber, Elizabeth Dodd, Andrew Dodd, Michele Barber, Madeleine Dixon, Sean Dixon, Alison Brown, Neil Evemy, Julia Coulson, Kevin Moulds, Karen Blackman, Alison Smith, Elaine Clack, Susan Fletcher, Brian Alcock, Paul Chapman, Lorraine Keogh, Linda Kowa, Carol Burdett, Susan Miller, Clifford Hart, Chandra-8, Clair Beckley, Judith Wilton, Teresa Kinsman, Kim Turley Ray, Andrew Martin, Corinne Terry, Daren Miles, Lyn Martin, James Hawes, Janette White, Andrew White, Joyce McLennon, Thomas Herbert, S. Woollard, Judith Woollard, Joy Denny, Steven Davis, Raksha Patel, Rajul Patel, Lilavati Parmar, Rajesh Parmar, Karen Hazle, Reggie Hazle, Nicola Beaumont, Karen Levy, Cindy Potter, Marcia Carby, Tynel Reid, Kathleen Miller, Olga Kelly, Andrew Cargill, Alison Francis, Teresa Rose, Melvin Ward, Marion Cooper, Christine Ward, Sharon Strachan, Ray Strachan, Debbie Gwather, Deborah Trotman, Kingsley Reeve.

Commended: Joanne Gill, Clive Wright, Jennifer Foster, Ashbarn Levy, Michael Todd, Erick Stewart, Garry May, Christine Ling, Alka-8, Beverly Laklin, Lorne Piggott, Tina Doyle, Susan Lelliott, Sharon Neal, Linda Parker, Julie Haggins, Judith Woodhouse, Gaynor Jarvis, Kathleen Francis, four entries from New Cross also tried, two of which were without name of entrant.

The following late entries were received for the June-July Searcher: **Upper Group**: Janet Dighton, Paul Heasman, **Lower Group**: Gillian Heasman, Joy Denny, Christine Attrell, Stephen Attrell.

Once again " Zion ", New Cross heads the list.

LETTER FROM UNCLE PETER

Dear Boys and Girls,

The Bible Searchers have taken up so much room with all their names that there is little room left for me this time. What a grand thing it would be if there were so many Searchers that there was no room for my letter at all—I should be delighted. So see what you can do!

Everyone enjoyed the " Rays " Rally held on Saturday, September 12th, at " Zion " Chapel, New Cross, S.E. Pastor Toogood kept us all listening, and the boys and girls of Greenwich Sunday School gave us a really clever demonstration.

I was pleased to receive letters from: Kenneth Alexander, Stephen and Andrew Cooke, Joy Denny, Debrah Ladd, and Paul Pontin; also from the following friends: Mr. A. Alsop, Mrs. B. H. Bugg, Mrs. M. Boxall, Mr. Harold Harmer, Mr. John A. Johnson, Mr. F. S. Kimber, Mr. W. Kisbee, and Mrs. L. A. Rowlands.

With every good wish to you each and all, from

UNCLE PETER.

TO ALL STAMP COLLECTORS

I don't suppose many girls collect stamps, although I know all the boys do. However, if there are any girls who do collect stamps and they want some good packets, or some top-notch approval cards, write to

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

Packets of 200 World Stamps are 2s., or 100 for 1s.

Boys may have them at the same price and they are good value.

PRINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN AT THE BURLINGTON PRESS, FOXTON, NR. CAMBRIDGE