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Educating Youth *for* GOD

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TODAY thousands of newspapers all over the world will run columns titled "Help Wanted." In these columns will be voiced the need of business concerns for men and women in every phase of life.

At the present time the Seventh-day Adventist denomination employs more than 45,000 evangelistic and institutional workers to serve in the 45 publishing houses, 150 sanitariums, more than 5,000 schools, and the thousands of churches. In Southern Asia alone more than 1,000 workers are serving the cause. They pastor the churches, tend the presses, care for the sick and in hundreds of other ways do the work of the church.

Where could these workers be found were it not for "our schools"? Certainly not in institutions of secular education which are dedicated to tasks far different from that facing the Advent people. To educators in those schools such terms as "gospel commission" and "science of salvation" are unknown.

The educational welfare of our young people stands next in importance to their spiritual interests. In fact their spiritual development is vitally affected by the education

they receive. The type of education is so important because it "has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man." *Education*, p. 13. It is not only a preparation for the world's work now, but it is a determining factor in regard to eternal life.

The objective of our schools is to impart true education which "is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." *Education*, p. 13. Because of these high aims Christian education is referred to as "the highest work that mortals can do." All this is in truth the work of God, for "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54: 13.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Colosse: "Beware lest any man spoil you *through philosophy* and vain deceit, after (according to) the tradition of

men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Col. 2:8. It is humbling to consider that the Advent message will never go forward by any prestige that men among us may have because they hold high academic degrees. The truth of God does not succeed that way. Jesus was not educated in the recognized schools of his day. If Paul had a diploma from the college of Gamaliel it did not help him materially in his work. It was not his work at the University of Jerusalem but rather his experience on the road to Damascus to which he so frequently referred as proof of his apostleship. Mrs. White wrote in the *Review and Herald* of March 27, 1919, "Those who receive a valuable education, one that will be as enduring as eternity, will not be regarded as the world's best educated men." She points to the reason for the lack of spiritual vigor of so many in these words, "The reason why the youth of the present age are not more religiously inclined is that their education is defective." *Testimonies*, Vol. II, p. 701.

The wise man wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart

from it." Proverbs 22:6. Paul furnished an inspired comment upon this proverb, and disclosed upon whom the responsibility rests, when he said, "If any man provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." 1 Timothy 5:8.

As a church and as individuals we are to be unselfish, yet among us the question of education is to receive selfish attention. "As a people who claim to have advanced light, we are to devise ways and means by which to bring forth a corps of educated workmen for the various departments of the work of God. We have done something toward reaching this standard but we are still far behind where we should be. As a church, as individuals, if we should stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands."—*Education*, p. 100.

Our children have a right to the advantages of a Christian environment in the home, the school and the community. Through this influence they will have opportunity to make their decisions for God. God was so interested in Adam and Eve that He personally directed their education. (*Education*, p. 21). He is working through parents to do the same work. "Upon fathers and mothers devolves the responsibility of giving a Christian education to the children entrusted to them. . . . They are to be God's human hand, fitting themselves and their children for an endless life."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 545.

Our youth have a right to shelter from evil associates and influences. The contacts in school will lead to lifelong alliances. "It is a dangerous thing to form a worldly

alliance. Satan well knows that the hour which witnesses the marriages of many young men and women closes the history of their religious experience and usefulness."—*Messages to Young People*, pp. 453, 454.

Are you doing all you can for your children? "Nothing is of greater importance than the educa-

tion of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work."—*Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students*, p. 165. The greatest dividends will be realized by those who participate in this work of character building, soul saving, and training of the youth for service.

GOD CALLS THE YOUTH

R. E. RICE, *Principal, Spicer Memorial College*

IN ALL ages youth have played an important part in the work of the Church. The apostle John writes to the youth of his time: "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." The apostle Paul exhorts Timothy to bid the young men of his time "to be sober-minded." The servant of the Lord advises the youth of today in *Messages to Young People*, p. 176, "It is right that you should feel that you must climb to the highest round of the educational ladder. Philosophy and history are important studies, but your sacrifice of time and money will avail nothing if you do not use your attainments for the honour of God and the good of humanity. Unless the knowledge of science is a stepping-stone to the attainment of the highest purposes, it is worthless."

The purposes of God for the youth have always been the same. "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for his children."—*Education*, p. 18. "God expects much from the young men who live in this generation of increased light and knowledge. . . . God holds them responsible for the opportunities and privileges given them. . . . If the youth will consecrate their minds and hearts to God's service, they will reach a high standard of efficiency and usefulness."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 41.

As the church of God develops in Southern Asia there is an ever-

increasing need for qualified personnel in every line of endeavour. There are still greater opportunities ahead of us than we have ever before imagined. "Grave responsibilities rest upon the youth." If we can only catch a vision of what it means to be living in this tremendous age, we shall be able to realise how great a privilege is ours.

In order to meet the varied needs for doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, and science teachers, it seems to be necessary for our youth to have to attend outside institutions for the study of science and medicine. However, as far as the high school qualifications are concerned, it is not necessary for any Seventh-day Adventist young person to attend a worldly institution. There is a sufficient number of recognised high schools in the Division to enable students to obtain the necessary certification. Seventh-day Adventist youth who deliberately at-

"True education does not ignore the value of scientific knowledge or literary acquirements; but above information it values power; above power, goodness; above intellectual acquirements, character. The world does not so much need men of great intellect as of noble character. It needs men in whom ability is controlled by steadfast principle."—*Education*, p. 225.

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tend outside schools disqualify themselves for positions of leadership in the work of God.

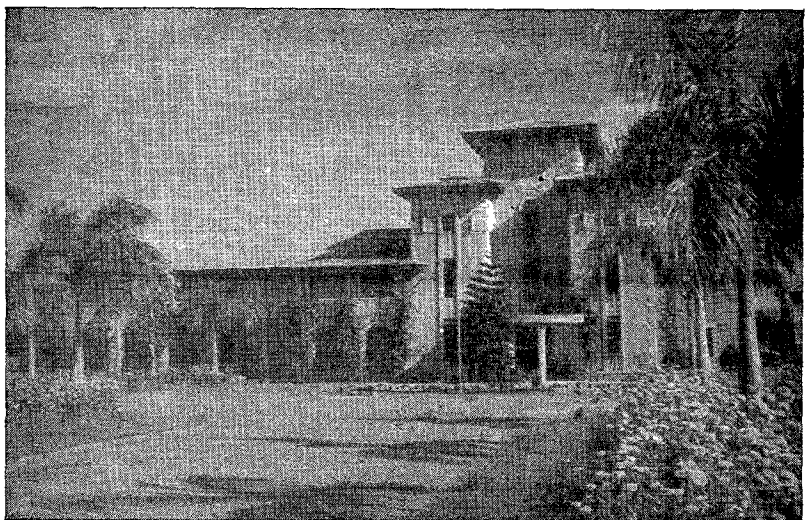
Over and over again it has been demonstrated that the students who have scholarship problems or have difficulty in getting adjusted to life at Spicer College are those who have not previously attended our own schools.

Spicer Memorial College, with the several Union high schools as feeder institutions, is the chief centre from which our youth can obtain the essentials of true college education. From this centre of learning some students may find it necessary to go to outside institutions to complete their training as far as certain professional qualifications are concerned. Only those, however, who are well-established in the faith, and who have vital Christian experiences combined with adequate scholarship attainments and vocational abilities, will be able to withstand the impact of daily association with non-Seventh-day Adventists and exposure to the ideologies and philosophies which will be encountered in attendance in institutions of the world. Only such individuals are able to act as ambassadors of heaven as they mingle with the world and eventually return to take up positions of trust and leadership in the army of God.

The College has increased its courses providing for every type of student. The following enrolment statistics for the second semester of 1957-58 will give some idea of what is being done.

COLLEGE

Courses	No. of Students
Bible Instructors (2 years)	17
Business Administration (4 years)	49
Religion	45
Education (Secondary)	24
Education (Elementary)	5
Secretarial Science	16
Pre-Nursing (1 year)	4
Pre-Wadia (1-2 years)	7
Special	12
History (Major)	1
English (Major)	2
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Main Building—Spicer Memorial College.

HIGH SCHOOL

Std. VIII	17
IX	27
X	26
XI-S. S. C.	16
S. C.	15
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Stds. I-VII	115
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Total	398

It is the desire of the administration to increase the college enrolment to 225 college students.

Study is being given to increasing the vocation offerings so that those students who have ability along practical lines may also have the opportunity to develop their interests.

Some workers are taking advantage of the Summer School sessions to obtain further qualifications. Many more could be accommodated and more courses would be offered if the Summer School enrolment would increase. Here is one avenue by which those who are already employed may be able to improve their qualifications for their work.

Every educational institution in the Division, including Spicer College, is on the look-out for the right kind of young people to develop and train in order to fill places of responsibility. The needs

are urgent; the time is short. The Servant of the Lord has said:

"In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigour, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. To plan with clear mind and execute with courageous hand demands fresh, uncrippled energies. Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth, that through keen thought and vigorous action, they may bring glory to Him and salvation to their fellow men."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 67.

Young man, young woman, God is depending on you to prepare for His service! What will be your answer? There is always a place for the right kind of young person in our schools. We invite you to enrol for the new school year which will begin in June 1958.

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*"Heaven is a school; its field of study, the universe; its teacher, the Infinite One. A branch of this school was established in Eden; and, the plan of redemption accomplished, education will again be taken up in the Eden school. . . . All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings.*

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OBSERVATIONS OF A PIONEER

S. A. WELLMAN

AFTER a lapse of more than thirty-two years, it has been my privilege to revisit Southern Asia. As a result of touring the various Unions and observing the work being carried on, two very definite convictions press upon me: first, that I have seen with my own eyes a revelation of God's leading in the development of the work in this Division, and second, that there is yet before the Advent people an immense unfinished task.

Forty-eight years ago, when with my family I landed in Bombay, Seventh-day Adventists were working only in a few centres such as Calcutta, Bombay and Rangoon—mostly among the Anglo-Indian and European communities—with a few scattered village interests. Since there were no trained national workers, the missionaries carried on with whatever help they could find. They studied the languages of the people and with the assistance of hirelings opened up dispensaries and village schools in many places. Though progress was slow the time came when a number of young men were ready to go out to preach the gospel. Churches were raised up and church schools started. It is significant that the progress of the work all through the years has been in proportion to the development of our educational institutions.

When the training centres—Meiktila in Burma, Prakasapuram and Narsapur in south India, Hapur and Chuharkana in north India, Karmatar and Gopalganj in the northeast, and Lasalgaon in the west—were put in operation, really tangible results were seen and our work was placed on a firm foundation. In these schools the young people became established in this Message, learned how to live it and to present it to others.

As they completed their training and went forth as teachers, evangelists, and leaders in various lines, there was an acceleration in the advancement of the work; even then it was slow. During our fifteen years in Southern Asia the church membership increased from 278 to 3,500.

It has been my privilege and joy this year to visit Spicer Memorial College, all of our high schools, and the school of nursing in South India, Roorkee high school, the Assam Training School, and other boarding and day schools in northeast, northwest and western India as well as the high school and school of nursing in Pakistan. As I have looked into the eager faces of the students in these institutions and remembered the many others in training in Falakata, the Burma High School, the Lakpahana Training Institute, the Lasalgaon high school, the

Rangoon school of nursing and the Christian Medical College at Vellore, I am reminded of this statement of the Servant of the Lord, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!"—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 555.

To the young men and young women now in training in Seventh-day Adventist institutions in Southern Asia, I would say: The leaders of this church are counting on you; and, what is more important, God is counting on you! On you rests the responsibility of carrying the Third Angel's Message—the everlasting gospel—to the peoples of India, Burma, Ceylon, and Pakistan. I would urge you to take advantage of every opportunity to develop the talents the Lord has given you. Let not the desire for comfort and ease, for worldly honour or pleasure, interfere with your loyalty, faithfulness, and devotion to the one objective—that of acquainting your people with Jesus Christ, the one and only Saviour; and preparing them to be ready for His return—for this event is nearer than you think!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are in Southern Asia

148 Seventh-day Adventist elementary and middle schools

14 High schools

1 College

There are in these schools

5,980 elementary and middle school students

1,186 high school students

161 college students

There are students from twenty-eight different language groups in Spicer Memorial College?

There are fifteen Seventh-day Adventist youth studying medicine in the Christian Medical College at Vellore?

There were more than five hundred students baptized in these schools in the past four years?

There were 112 Junior and Senior SMC graduates who entered the organized work during the past four years?

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST YOUTH

J. F. ASHLOCK



THE Seventh-day Adventist school, patterned after the blue print found in the Spirit of prophecy, is the best and safest place in all the world to obtain a true education. It is the only institution today that provides a balanced programme for the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers of the student. A Seventh-day Adventist youth who can possibly attend the school of his church but who chooses to obtain his training elsewhere is verily turning from the fountain of living waters to drink at the broken cisterns of Babylon.

Christian education is a cardinal doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. It is as fundamental as a knowledge of the second coming, the Sabbath, the judgment, or any other doctrine. Without the holding and moulding influence of our schools it is extremely difficult for our boys and girls to stem the tide of evil which pours in upon them today like a mighty flood. The majority of our young people who receive their education in our own schools remain true to the church and engage in the Master's service, while the majority of those who do otherwise leave the church and give their service to the world and its ideals.

Some of the spiritual factors in our schools which favour an acceptance of the Lord Jesus as a personal Saviour are: morning and evening worship, chapel periods, Friday evening vespers, Sabbath school, preaching service, Missionary Volunteer meetings, prayer bands and even the asking of God's blessing before partaking of the daily meals. Add to these the influence and example of consecrated teachers and courageous Christian fellow students. Then picture your boy or your girl in this spiritual

environment joining in the annual MV Week programme. Thousands of our older youth and church members date their conversion from certain MV weeks. During this week of special spiritual emphasis decisions for eternity are made. The student weighs in the balance all that the world has to offer against the peace which comes from sins forgiven and the eternal rewards that await the Christian, and then carefully, thoughtfully and prayerfully decides for God and truth. The MV Week comes at just the right time and does for the youth that which needs most to be done.

Further, there is the advantage

Upon visiting one of our high schools I inquired regarding one student whose eager face had particularly caught my attention as I had taught the Leadercraft classes. "Oh, Chobilal? He's our Share Your Faith trophy," was the answer I received. As I queried further I learned that Chobilal's village was very near the school and when the Missionary Volunteers held a Voice of Youth effort in his village he had responded. Now he was not only a baptized member of the church but was in school preparing for the ministry.

In another high school the Missionary Volunteers held a Voice of Youth effort in a nearby village and as a result twelve people were baptized. These twelve so enthusiastically shared their faith with others that an evangelist had been sent and a full-fledged effort was in progress.

The evangelist in one big city testified that to a large degree the success of his effort was due to the faithful work of the members of the local MV society who laid the

DID YOU KNOW?

That last year 115 students spent their vacations in the colporteur ministry?

That eighty of these were Spicer Memorial College students?

That the student colporteurs sold Rs. 100,742.86 worth of literature last year?

That of this amount Rs. 75,469.88 worth was sold by Spicer Memorial College students?

of being in an atmosphere conducive to making a right choice of the life work and in a place where the preparation for service for the Master can be received. The Seventh-day Adventist school offers an experience to the student in Christian service which cannot be found elsewhere. As he takes part in prayer bands, MV society meetings, literature distribution, the conducting of branch Sabbath schools, sunshine band activities, VOP enrolment campaigns, MV Voice of Youth evangelistic efforts, and other Share Your Faith features, he is given a taste of and is initiated into the joys of soul-winning.

groundwork by the systematic distribution of literature prior to the effort, and by giving out handbills announcing the meetings. The fact that nine of these young people themselves were baptized at that time proves the benefit to the individual of working for others.

In the neighbourhood of one school, due to Share Your Faith work, nine new families are now attending Sabbath services and ten people have already been baptized.

Stories of this kind could be multiplied many times, for from practically every boarding school comes the report that teachers and students spend their Sabbath afternoons in missionary endeavour.

These experiences are sufficient to convince us that Seventh-day Adventist schools, and Seventh-day Adventist schools alone, can properly train Seventh-day Adventist workers. Other educational institutions are established and operated with entirely different aims in mind. Therefore, they cannot truly train Seventh-day Adventist workers and give them a preparation for their God-given tasks.

"It is to fortify the youth against the temptations of the

enemy that we have established schools where they may be qualified for usefulness in this life and for the service of God throughout eternity. Those who have an eye single to God's glory will earnestly desire to fit themselves for special service; for the love of Christ will have a controlling influence upon them. This love imparts more than finite energy, and qualifies human beings for divine achievement."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 495.

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AN UPLIFT EXPERIENCE

T. R. TORKELSON

IN THE industrial city of Kanpur the owner of a certain firm has been giving to our workers for a number of years as they have visited him for his Uplift contribution. This year as they approached him he was willing as usual, but he said they would have to wait a while. In explanation he only said, "You will get your contribution all right and it would take me only a couple of minutes to write the cheque, but this time you will have to wait at least half an hour." There seemed to be something mysterious in his attitude but he did not make any further explanation and kept our brethren waiting and wondering.

In the meantime quite a bit of movement was going on inside his office and chaprasis were seen busy hurrying here and there. Finally a messenger was sent to call our workers. As they entered the room they found it full of men waiting in expectancy. Then the owner made a brief announcement to the assembled group. "These are the men," he said, "who really know how to meet the public and present their business convincingly. Now all of you listen as they explain their work." Thereupon he asked our workers to proceed with their Uplift canvass. When they had finished he said to his men, who evidently were all salesmen in his

concern, "Now you can see why these men and the work they do are successful." And then, having accomplished his intended purpose, he completed the interview by writing his usual cheque and sending them on their way.

What he could not know, but what all of God's workers have the privilege of knowing, is that the programme we are in is of Divine origin. That's why it is successful. The Uplift work is a part of God's great programme for the Church. As his people believe this and go forth to meet the public He goes with them and imparts to them a fitness for this work. And people are impressed to give, and sometimes they afterward marvel at themselves that they agreed to give. They saw only the human instrument, but, unknown to them, there was a heavenly influence accompanying the worker giving power and effectiveness to his ministry.

A DREAM FULFILLED

EPHRAIM DASS

IT WAS in the month of December, 1957, that I first had the opportunity to visit Miran-Sahib, a town ten miles away from Jammu. In this place is situated a Government Sports Factory named "Kashmir-Willow." My very first contact was with the manager of this factory. He was very interested in the Bible and its message and we became good friends. At the close of our interview he said that

STILLNESS

ANNA MACLOVINGOOD

*If you wish to feel God's presence,
Then find a shady nook,
With quietness all around you,
At your feet a babbling brook.
There's a little touch of heaven
In this scene of beauty rare;
Your heart is filled with gladness
As you breathe a thankful prayer.
For a place unchanged by man
Away from a world of sin,
Where nature reigns supreme
And strife's not entered in.*

he wished he could serve Christianity the remaining days of his life.

At the time of my next visit to him it was my objective to sell him some of our truth-filled books. But he requested me to see him about it after a month. And again he seemed more anxious to talk with me about Jesus Christ.

In due course of time Pastor Faqir Chand, the Union Voice of Prophecy secretary, came to Jammu, planning with the resident worker E. Khazan Singh, to visit some of the students there. I took advantage of the opportunity to mention this interested person living at Miran-Sahib, suggesting that we go to visit him. Accordingly, the next day we took a bus to that place. As Pastor Faqir Chand and Brother Khazan Singh waited outside I went in to announce our arrival. When the manager saw me he was greatly astonished, and said, "Only two days back I saw you in a dream." "Only me?" I replied. "No," he said, "Two other people were with you." Then I said, "these two are also waiting outside," whereupon the other two brethren stepped in. The gentleman was overjoyed at this remarkable fulfilment of his dream. Pastor Faqir Chand gave him a message that fully met his expectations, and he was enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy course. We are fully confident that he is one of those on the verge of the Kingdom waiting only to be gathered in.

SOUTH INDIA UNION*President: E. L. Sorensen**Secretary: I. K. Moses**Treasurer: S. John**Office Address: 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore***VIZAG CHURCH GOES UPLIFTING**

REGINALD N. SHIRES

FANNING out over Vizag city on Uplift Day, Sunday, February 2, seven two-member teams of the Vizag church collected Rs. 182. (Earlier, Vizag workers Pastor E. S. Eswar Rao and Reginald Shires had joined Pastors I. Subushanim and O. W. Lange and collected over Rs. 2,000 from city business men.)

Boosted by Sabbath morning pep talks, fourteen volunteers gathered Uplift supplies, last-minute tips, and waited for Sunday morning.

Early Sunday, groups began picking their way through the town's narrow lanes and streets in the church's first attempt at Uplift. By noon the church's goal chart showed that members were near the base goal of Rs. 150—and still working.

Sunday, 5:30 p.m., travel-worn Uplifters began trickling into their pretty church at Yellamathota,

Vizag. At the tally-table church pastor E. S. Eswar Rao added figures as the teams turned in crumpled rupee notes, bright naye paise and a few five rupee notes. Steadily the goal chart progressed and tension ran high. When the last couple strode in and announced their figure the goal chart shot past base goal and stopped just a wee bit short of super. (Super goal:Rs. 200. Cash collected: Rs. 182.)

INVESTITURE IN SECUNDERABAD

ALEXANDER ISRAEL

FRIDAY, February 14, 1958, was a red-letter day in the history of the S. D. A. Middle School, Secunderabad, when the Junior Missionary Volunteer society, with the church members and friends, witnessed the first Investiture service ever held in the school. A very interesting and inspiring programme had been planned by W. H. Egan, our principal, and the writer, who is the JMV sponsor.

We were happy to have both the

Division and the South India Union youth leaders—Pastors J. F. Ashlock and J. I. Crawford—with us to conduct the service. Thirty-four juniors were invested.

Following the Investiture service a Leadercraft Training Class was organized and conducted by Pastors Ashlock and Crawford. Senior students from the school and other members of the church were in attendance. After ten hours of instruction fifteen were qualified to receive their Leadercraft certificates. A very impressive graduation exercise was conducted.

The Leadercraft Training Course means much to the youth and the church as a whole because it emphasizes the need of using the youth in the service of the Lord and of preparing them to carry responsibility in the church.

EFFORT PLANNED FOR HUBLI

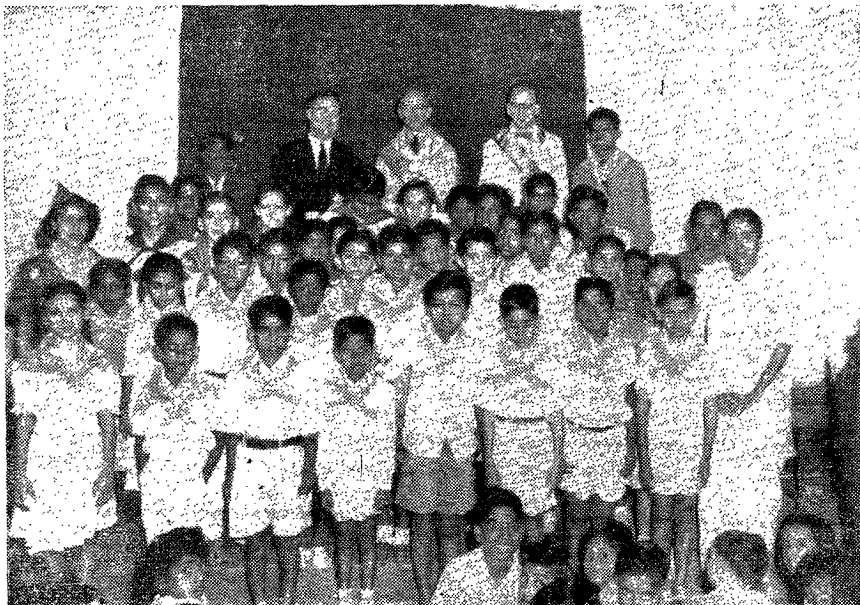
A. D. JONATHAN

ONE of the first evangelistic series to be held in the Kannada Section in 1958, is at Hubli in the Dharwar district, a city having a population of about one lakh.

Brother Owen D'Costa is the evangelist, assisted by Brother N. Devaraj and the writer. In preparation for this effort, Pastor V. T. Thomas and the writer held a short series of meetings in the city last year and an interest was created.

The first problem, of course, in preparing for a series of meetings is to find a meeting place. We had prayed earnestly that God would direct us to a suitable hall or a good location for a pandal. God answered our prayers, for we were able to procure the use of the Railway Institute hall, with lights and seating accommodation included, for a nominal rent.

As we go forward in our preparations for "E" day we ask that you will join us in praying that the Spirit of the Lord will move mightily on the hearts of many here in Hubli that they may know and accept His wonderful love as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SECUNDERABAD J. M. V. GROUP.**

Back Row: A. Israel; P. E. Beach; J. F. Ashlock; J. I. Crawford; W. H. Egan.

GUNTUR EFFORT

CH. PAUL

ON January 12, Brother K. Israel, assisted by Miss Monoharamma and the writer began a series of meetings in the town of Guntur. The fine location on Mongalagiri Road and the attractive handbills distributed drew an attendance of nearly two hundred on the opening night, and although we have had three meetings each week for nearly six weeks now, the attendance is steadily increasing.

The church members have been

doing splendid work in upholding the effort. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel, Sister Elsie David and Brethren N. Israel, B. Joseph and K. Bushanam have been rendering faithfully lay service.

On February 8, Pastor G. Isaiah, the president of the South Telugu section, and several of the Union officers were present when Pastor Isaiah baptized three candidates.

We are conducting two Bible classes a week for about forty-five people who desire additional studies and we solicit your prayers that they may accept the full message and be ready for baptism at an early date.

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LITERATURE EVANGELISM IN BURMA

U HLA PE, *Publishing Secretary*

THE old year has gone, and already three months of 1958 have slipped by, but as I review the ways in which God has guided and protected me and the other literature evangelists during the past year I am sure that we may as confidently accept His promises for the future. As we travel over the danger-filled areas of Burma by train, boat, motor car, bullock cart or on foot we need not fear, for God has promised to be with us. We have a special message to take to the people through the gospel literature. The literature work must not stop—it must go on.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Isa. 43:2.

I have had several experiences during the past year that have demonstrated that God's promises are sure. During the first week of April I went to Pegu to help one of the colporteurs there. We secured many orders for health books as well as for some of the

religious books. On my return from Pegu I planned to go to Prome, leaving Rangoon on Monday morning so as to be ready to start work on Tuesday. However, on Friday I changed my plans and decided to go on Sunday—a day earlier. Monday evening in Prome I learned that the mail train which left Rangoon Monday morning had been attacked, many lives had been lost and a number of the passengers had been carried away for ransom. "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wing shalt thou trust." Ps. 91:4.

A few weeks later as I was travelling from Kyaukme to Mandalay, the train on which I was travelling was mined, but nothing serious happened. In December I visited the Toungoo, Tharrawaddy, and Pyapon areas. In spite of the situation in this district, the colporteurs are faithfully carrying on their work. At Pyapon Saw Doe Doe and the writer were travelling by bus to a distant village. As we reached a certain place in the road, we learned that the bus ahead of us had been attacked, but we passed on safely and sold books in the next village.

I believe that one of the greatest needs in Burma is for colporteur evangelists. This is especially true in the Chin Hills. With that thought in mind I visited that area and at Tahan I recruited four Lushai boys for the literature work. There are many possibilities in the Chin Hills. We have books and papers in the language the people can read; this literature must be put in the homes of the people.

Yes, we have books and papers in many languages. We have territory. We have people who can and will buy the literature, but we do not have enough men and women to take the literature to them. Workers, are you doing anything to help out in this? Church members, are you doing anything to meet this challenge? It isn't the responsibility of the Publishing secretary alone. This is our responsibility—yours and mine. Principals and teachers, are you doing anything about this? Are you keeping the Publishing work before the students?

"The world is to receive the light of truth through the evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 61. How can the world know unless we tell them? "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled," said Jesus. Do not these words plainly outline the work of the colporteur?

The Burma Union has, at present, a literature evangelist force of twenty colporteurs, and for this we are thankful. Owing to the fears and worry which are prevalent everywhere our colporteur work as a whole has been hindered. But the Lord has blessed our work in Burma and the total sales show a substantial increase. The comparative sales income for three years, 1955, 1956, 1957 is as follows:

1955	1956	1957
28,845.97	32,483.90	42,427.10

Realising that God has been with us during the past year, may we resolve to serve Him even more faithfully and accomplish a task greater than ever before in 1958.

MV DEPARTMENT

A TALK TO PARENTS ABOUT YOUTH

J. F. ASHLOCK

DURING recent years it has been my privilege to spend many pleasant hours in the homes of our believers. If time and circumstances permitted, it would give me real pleasure to call upon every Seventh-day Adventist parent in Southern Asia. The purpose of this Division-wide home to home visit would be to talk with you, pray with you and plan with you about your sons and daughters. I am sure you would be keenly interested in the subject under consideration, as nothing, absolutely nothing in this world, is so near to the hearts of fathers and mothers as the welfare of their children. At the family altars I have heard with joy the prayers of gratitude ascend to heaven from parents whose children love and fear the Lord. I have also heard with sorrow the heart-broken petitions of those whose boys and girls have wandered into the ways of sinful pleasures.

My fellow parent, if I were speaking with you just now about that fine son or that lovely daughter, I do not think I would refer to their short-comings and failures. I would not describe at length the awful conditions in the world, neither would I emphasize the power of the pernicious influences of the enemy of youth to attract, to allure, to deceive and to destroy. These are apparent everywhere and must be condemned. But they are already too well advertised. Rather I would attempt to present in a simple and positive manner the clearly defined way that God has made known to us to help us to save from sin and guide in service the youth under our influence.

Then, I would take special delight in making reference to young men and young women of my personal acquaintance who, by God's grace, have appropriated un-

to themselves the divine provisions for pure and noble living, and for joyful and successful Christian service. You see, dear friends, right here in Southern Asia, as well as in many other parts of this old world, there are outstanding examples of what God can do for and with young people. These youth have discovered for themselves that Jesus is an all-sufficient Saviour. They are demonstrating day by day in their homes, in their schools and before the world, to the astonishment of this present generation, that those who love and serve the Master are truly the happiest young people in all the earth. They would not exchange the peace of heart which He gives and the joy of service which He shares, for all the wealth, the pleasure, the applause, and the rewards of the world.

The youth are not only precious to you but I assure you they are

dear to the heart of our loving heavenly Father whose only begotten Son lived upon this earth in the wicked little village of Nazareth. Just as the Eternal Father understood the conditions of Nazareth and supplied all that was necessary to preserve the purity of His Son and to direct His energies into fruitful fields of endeavour, so today He understands and has provided for your son and your daughter. I am sure you are anxious to avail yourself of every spiritual provision for youth.

To conclude my visit in behalf of the youth I would highly recommend that you secure for yourself and for each English reading youth a copy of *Messages to Young People*. Yes, more than a recommendation, as one parent to another, I would urge you to obtain one or more copies of this timely and valuable book immediately. In this divinely inspired volume you and your youth are given the instruction and guidance essential to successful Christian living and service. *Messages to Young People* gives the correct answers and presents the proper solutions to the questions and problems of inquiring youth for whom it was especially sent from Heaven.

REMEMBER

TEMPERANCE COMMITMENT DAY

March 29, 1958

Three great pledges that bring you and the world great blessings.

1. Pledge to abstain or continue to abstain from betel nut, pan, tea, coffee, unclean meat, alcoholic beverages, tobacco and other narcotics.
2. Pledge by God's help to do all you can to prevent others from falling prey to these habits, and to lead those who are already victims back to God and a happy life.
3. Pledge to become a fee-paying and active member of your National Temperance Society and to encourage others to become members.

A Seventh-day Adventist cannot do anything less in this serious hour of the world's history.

PAKISTAN UNION*President: C. H. Hamel**Secretary-Treasurer: R. G. Burgess**Office Address: 32 Mozang Road, Lahore***BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS
IN KARACHI****D. T. HAWLEY**

WE HAVE been fortunate in having Miss Hadayat Khan with us here in Karachi during the past several months. During this time she has started and maintained two very fine branch Sabbath schools. The first is in Lalukhet, an outlying district of the city. The first week when we met, there were fifteen in attendance, but now the number has increased until as many as one hundred and five come to the meeting each Sabbath.

One might be tempted to think that the care of such a large group, after having been in the regular church services all morning, would

be sufficient missionary work for one person, but Miss Khan has, each Sabbath, hurried from the regular Sabbath services to the branch school at Lalukhet and from there to a second branch Sabbath school which she has established in Islamabad. Here at the original meeting twenty were in attendance; now over seventy are frequently seen. A baptismal class has also been conducted here for some time. At the present there are fifteen in the class.

Miss Khan has appreciated the help and encouragement of the various church members who visit the branch Sabbath Schools each week. The offerings from these branch schools have been quite liberal. In a city of nearly two million it is certainly desirable to have more than one church and it

is hoped that these branch Sabbath schools may become the nucleus of two new churches.

We regret that Miss Khan will be leaving us soon, but we are happy that Mr. Khurshid Rahmat Massih, who has been her faithful assistant since the beginning, will continue to carry on the work after her departure.

Another branch Sabbath school is just beginning under the leadership of Mr. Sadiq Pervez. We trust that the Lord will bless these efforts with souls won for the kingdom.

Some people who expect salvation at the eleventh hour die at ten-thirty.—*J. R. Howden.*

Thought is the seed of action; the ancestor of every act is thought.—*Emerson.*

I read my Bible every day, and I recommend you do the same.—*General Montgomery.*

An evil thought passes by thy door as a stranger, then it enters as a guest, then it installs itself as master.—*Augustine.*

No one can be truly educated who lacks a knowledge of the Bible.—*Unknown.*

VISITATION DAY**APRIL 5****A UNITED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH
LET EVERY MEMBER PARTICIPATE**

THE afternoon of April 5 is the day when it is hoped that every believer in the Division will go out to visit his neighbours with the message. We are joining in a worldwide visitation day programme. The Servant of the Lord has said, "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—*Christian Service*, p. 75.

Let every believer be alerted. Let every church be supplied with literature and V. O. P. cards. Sabbath, April 5, is a day when every church should be led into a special prayer service when earnest prayer will be offered for the visitation programme. God will work for His people.

Let every believer pray that God will lay some soul upon his heart and lead him to win that soul to Him. Like ancient Israel we have camped long enough. The command is: "Forward to the Promised Land." Follow Joshua's command and prepare for victory.

"And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5. Begin to prepare now by

1. Searching our hearts.
2. Praying for the Lord's guidance.
3. Planning for a concerted effort in every church in the Division.

This Visitation Day is a day of opportunity for the church of Christ. Let us move forward in concert.

TEN PROMISES:

1. "When God opens the way, . . . the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result."
2. "In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward will be the success given."
3. "It is not the capabilities you now possess, or ever will have, that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you."
4. "The work of God is to be carried on to completion by the co-operation of divine and human agencies."
5. "Put your talents into the work, ask God for wisdom, and it will be given you."
6. "He can give tact and skill."
7. "He longs to have you expect great things from Him."
8. "Success depends not so much on talent as on energy and willingness."
9. "When divine power is combined with human effort the work will spread like fire in the stubble."
10. "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Joshua 1:5.

(Quotations from *Christian Service*, p. 261-263.)

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Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

March 15	Tithe Covenant Day
April 5	Home Visitation Day, H.M. Offering
April 19	Christian Education and Offering
April 26	"Southern Asia Tidings" Offering
May 3	Christian Home and Family Altar Day, H.M. Offering
May 17	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June 7	Dorcas Welfare and Evangelism & Dorcas Offering
June 21	Christian Health Day
July 5	Medical Missionary Day, H.M. Offering
July 12	Mid-Summer Offering
July 19-26	MV Week of Prayer
August 2	Home Missionary Day and Offering
August 16	Sabbath School Rally Day
August 23	Bible Society Offering
September 6	Home Missionary Day and Offering
September 20	Tithe Covenant Day
October 4	Home Missionary Day and Offering
October 4-11	"Review and Herald" Campaign
October 18	Colporteur Rally Day
October 25	Temperance Day and Offering
November 1	Lay Witnessing Day, H.M. Offering
November 8	Voice of Prophecy
November 22-29	Evangelism Day and Offering
November 29	Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
December 6	Week of Sacrifice Offering
	Home Missionary Day and Offering

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

March 29	Southern European Division
June 28	Australasian Division
September 27	Inter-American Division
December 27	South American Division

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WEEK OF PRAYER AT LAKPAHANA TRAINING INSTITUTE

MAVIS DE SILVA

"TURN your Eyes upon Jesus" was the theme song and the theme of Pastor A. E. Rawson's messages to the students and teachers of Lakpahana Training Institute, Mailapitiya during the week February 8-15.

The speaker urged bolder faith and a more upright stand on the principles of the Advent gospel, and repeatedly emphasized that this was the key to true happiness. Elder Rawson's messages were well illustrated, and they were met with a wide response.

The students were divided into several prayer bands which met at six every morning. The senior students and several of the teachers assisted on the platform during the week.

At the end of the Friday night service, Elder Rawson made an ap-

peal for those who desired to consecrate their lives to Jesus to come forward. The response was excellent. Special prayer was offered for all present. In his concluding sermon on Sabbath, February 15, Elder Rawson made a second appeal. Almost all came forward. At the end of this service, forty-seven students were enrolled in the baptismal class which will begin immediately.

Several individual testimonies were heard in the meetings during the week. These testimonies gave evidence of a sense of great need—the need of greater spiritual power; for personal success in adhering loyally to the Advent message in our age of confusion and declining standards.

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Miscellany

● Pastor W. F. Storz reports the baptism of 6 students at the close of the Week of Prayer at the Raymond Memorial Training School, Falakata.

● Pastor M. E. Kemmerer and Dr. J. C. Johannes have just returned from a trip to Ceylon. During the absence of Dr. J. C. Johannes from Ranchi, Dr. J. B. Oliver of Nuzvid relieved at that institution.

● The Christian Medical College at Vellore has just held the Annual Council on February 28. Pastor D. S. Johnson and Dr. J. B. Oliver represented the Southern Asia Division at this meeting. The foundation for the second bungalow for our doctor on the staff at Vellore has been laid down and it is hoped the construction will be completed by June of 1958 when Dr. C. S. Small from Loma Linda arrives to replace Dr. Gordon Hadley in the Pathology Department.

● At the vespers service in the Salisbury Park church on the

evening of March 7, the Junior Choir of Salisbury Park presented a programme titled "Triumphs of the Cross" under the direction of Miss Linda Buhler. The music and narration for this programme was inspirational and well done. Thirty children from the elementary school participated.

● Pastor T. R. Torkelson reports an excellent response during the Week of Prayer meetings at Roorkee. Roorkee is our only high school serving the constituency of the Northwestern India Union and an increasing number of its young people are coming forward for higher training at Spicer College.

● The tithe report from the Northeast Union indicates receipts of Rs. 66,422.16 during 1957 as compared to Rs. 57,958.56 during 1956. God is greatly blessing the efforts of those who are promoting a faithful tithe programme and certainly a special blessing rests upon those who are participating in the giving of a faithful tithe. The lay tithe received from the Assam constituency increased from Rs. 10,369.81 to Rs. 12,113.40 during the same period.

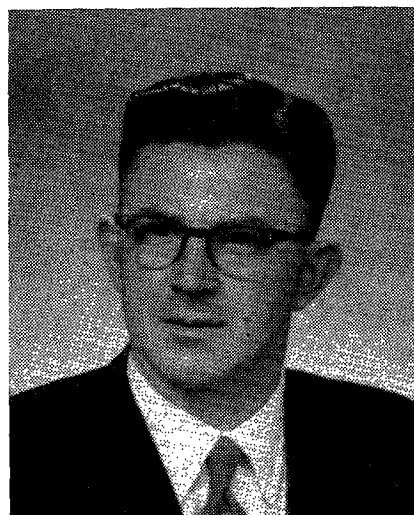
● Pastor J. W. Nixon and Pastor E. R. Gane are now visiting the various centres of the Southern Asia Division in the interest of the literature work.

● Pastor J. F. Ashlock and Brother D. H. Skau have been conducting Leadercraft Courses and Missionary Volunteer meetings at the Surat church and the Nagpur church in the Western India Union.

● Brother and Sister C. M. Robinson and family of Ontario, Canada, have arrived at Vincent Hill School for teaching work. The second semester opened at Vincent Hill School on the 28th of February.

● Pastor A. F. Jessen has just returned from Delhi to Lowry Memorial High School after visiting officials in the army in connection with the sale of health foods. The manufacturing of health food products has now gotten under way at Lowry Memorial High

MEET OUR WORKERS



Pastor Eric P. Wolfe has been a member of our Southern Asia family of workers since January, 1956. He was first stationed in Bombay where he helped care for our church. Now he is located in Surat where he is not only the pastor of the Surat church and looks after the spiritual interests of the Surat Mission Hospital, but he also serves as district leader and evangelist for the Gujarat. A public effort was carried on by him in the city of Surat last year.

In 1944 Brother Wolfe graduated from the Ministerial Training Course in the New Zealand Missionary College and two years later took further work in the same course at the Australasian Missionary College at Avondale.

Pastor Wolfe, who was ordained in 1954, had been employed in both pastoral and evangelistic work in various places in New Zealand and Australia before accepting the call to the Southern Asia Division. We are sure the Lord will bless his ministry in the Gujarat.

School and the sales programme is being developed.

● Pastor O. W. Lange reports the receipt of approximately Rs. 261,000.00 to date in the 1958 Uplift campaign. Never in the history of the Southern Asia Division has this much been raised so early in the year. This has been an outstanding campaign in every way and the total receipts for the year promise to be the highest in the history of the work.

● Six persons were baptized at Patna on the 8th of March, according to recent word from Pastor C. J. Jensen.

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Hindi	6
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