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A Liberal Response to a Great Cause



DUANE S. JOHNSON, *Secretary, Southern Asia Division*

I LIKE the name, Voice of Prophecy. It reveals something special about the way this evangelistic programme is to be carried on. The "Voice" is not tangible. It is only a sound, but what a significant part it can play in passing on the gospel story! The only medium necessary for the transmission of a voice is the air.

This reminds an Adventist of the prophetic words in Rev. 14:6 which depict an angel flying in the midst of heaven giving the everlasting gospel. By thousands of letters sent both by air and surface mail; by millions of lessons; by radio waves; and by the voices of thousands of believers the last warning message is passed on to all who will listen.

Our Bible Correspondence school system in Southern Asia is the largest in the world. To the end of August, 1958, 882,511 applications have been received and 128,537 students have completed the entire course and received their certificates. As I have moved from Cape Comorin to Kabul and from Karachi to Rangoon among en-

quiring millions of people, here and there an individual steps out from the mass with a Voice of Prophecy lesson and a Bible in his hands. The two are found together. Later a teacher, a layman, or more literature must come to guide the soul to Christ.

This work is supported by our gifts and prayers. How much shall we give in support of this great work this year?

In our New York City Italian church a sister decided to do something special that she might have more to give. She worked in a suit factory making buttonholes in men's waist coats with five other women who were Roman Catholics working at her table. Our sister decided to make one extra buttonhole each day and give the extra four cents earned to the Cause. Her Roman Catholic friends joined her, so she had twenty-four cents each day as an offering to support God's work.

Truly it could be said of that lady as of the woman of old, "She hath done what she could."

Poverty can prevent no one

from giving, but rather, it can condition the heart to sacrifice. It is through sacrifice that the Voice of Prophecy work has been built up. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24.

"The Lord has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labours and voluntary gifts of all His people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 246. The work of the Voice of Prophecy is dependent upon our support.

Would it be too much to ask our 20,000 members in Southern Asia to give one rupee each to support our Voice of Prophecy work?

Pastor Rawson called me one day to see the stacks of lessons, books, letters and tracts as they left the office at Poona. The postage alone that day had cost nearly Rs. 500.00. That seems like a lot of money for stamps but the cost would seem insignificant if we could but look into the lives and homes where those pages were received! None of us know how many lives have been transformed by the Bible lessons.

Let us be liberal as we give. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. . . . God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9:6-8.



The Voice of Prophecy Brings New Methods

F. E. SPEISS, *President, Western India Union*

SINCE the Voice of Prophecy came into existence ten years ago there has been going on in the Western India Union a gradual change of our approach to evangelism.

In the so-called "good old days" our great problem was to find interested people with whom we could study and present the all important message of salvation. Commonly our evangelists wandered from village to village making friends with the children and the curious and, if the interest seemed to warrant, they sat down, played and sang a few hymns with the aid of tabala and harmonium. If there continued a friendly atmosphere, these villages were marked for later visits and possibly for a series of meetings in the open air.

Later on, in an enclosure a fairly well oriented series of consecutive subjects was presented to those who could be decoyed within the enclosure from night to night. A remarkable degree of success attended these endeavours in spite of their limited potential. Far be it from us to decry the days of small things; but today, how different!

The Lord has graciously rewarded the faith and prayers of His faithful servants whose efforts seemed to cover such an irksomely little area of the field for which they had given their lives. How the prayers did ascend to God from these little areas of labour few of us can appreciate. But the prayers went to the gates of Heaven and God in His love and mercy gave a heaven-sent plan, the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

Now a days, our evangelists search hungrily through the Voice of Prophecy records for cores of interests among the many centres

of Western India and whet their spiritual appetites for a great feast of good things in bringing to fruition the harvest of a seed bed already growing; needing only cultivating and preparing for the Heavenly store-house.

Then there is the blessed assurance that our message is reaching into every community of people and doors so long closed and so completely barred, are now open. In a new sense we now know that



What the Voice of Prophecy Means to Us

T. R. TORKELOSON, *President, Northwestern India Union*

IT HAS always been a matter of great concern to those who work and travel in the territory comprised in the Northwestern India Union to note the vast expanses of the country where no worker lives and where no work has been started. Travelling on the Frontier Mail northward from Bombay to Delhi, one enters the Northwestern India Union around Ratlam Junction early in the morning. He pursues his journey northward throughout the whole day and not once does he pass through a station where work is being conducted by a living representative of the third angel's message. The same would be true if he travelled north from Ahmedabad to Delhi on the metre-gauge line through Rajasthan. And should he choose to make the same trip by the Punjab Mail, the first place he would touch where work is actively being carried on is Agra. Those coming from Madras to-

our labours are not in vain in the Lord.

Our pastors who may not have the finance or conditions enabling them to plan large scale evangelism have a continuous interest all around them to prepare for the sacred rite of membership among God's remnant.

The English, Marathi, and Gujarati schools are making fast progress in Western India and we believe, with the evidences of the shortness of time all around us, and the last great events almost upon us, we can expect soon the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit—the latter rain—in our field to water the Voice of Prophecy seed sown and the souls gathered in. "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand" is our motto in Western India Union.

wards Delhi enter the Northwestern India Union shortly after leaving the station of Nagpur and they also would not encounter an Adventist worker until reaching Agra. From Calcutta to Bombay one would find a worker only at Jabalpur while crossing Northwestern India territory.

A casual thinker might hastily conclude that all the workers of the Union are being clustered together in North India and Uttar Pradesh. But a careful look in those areas, too, is hardly more comforting. At present there is no worker at all in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, and only one worker in the whole of the Punjab is an ordained minister, and some thirty districts in eastern U.P. have no worker stationed in them.

With this background of astounding facts in mind, it will not be difficult for the reader to understand why the workers of the Northwestern India Union greatly

value the Voice of Prophecy. It provides a means of reaching some, at least, in these vast unentered areas with the last warning message. Even as I write these words I am travelling through Rajasthan and my travelling companion, a Hindu gentleman, learns I am a Seventh-day Adventist and that our headquarters are at Poona. "Oh," he at once knowingly responds, "the same as the Voice of Prophecy." Our colporteurs, believers and itinerant workers have enrolled thousands in these unworked sections, in Hindi, Urdu,

and English. And next to South India, statistics show more Voice of Prophecy students and graduates in this Union than in any other.

The burden of our heart is lightened somewhat by the assurance that through the Voice of Prophecy lessons these many unreached people are obtaining a knowledge of the truth, and that by this means thousands may be enlightened where at present there seems to be no hope of sending a living preacher.

The Voice of Prophecy, a Pioneer Worker

R. H. BRODERSEN, *Acting President, Northeast India Union*



LAST year I did Uplift work up along the borders of Sikkim and Bhutan. We could see these unentered countries just a few feet away from where we were standing, and we thought about the many people living there who have never heard the third angel's message. If we could just go forward every year and enter new countries, build new hospitals, and see new churches established we think we would have much more enthusiasm and zeal. Because we can't do this we are inclined to feel discouraged.

We need not feel despondent though, because we have a work that goes everywhere, even into unentered countries. The Voice of Prophecy radio programme and Bible lessons can and do go everywhere. No territory is forbidden to them. They are very effective preachers of the gospel, too. It gave us a good feeling as we went from place to place way up along the borders, to find out that the Voice of Prophecy is there. Now that we cannot hear the programme from Ceylon, people are listening to it being broadcast from other parts of the world, and it is still carrying God's message to them. The Voice of Prophecy has found its way into many remote

places and now we have families scattered around here and there who have accepted the message it brings, and who are letting their lights shine to those around them.

Last year we met many people who first became interested in Bible study after hearing the Voice of Prophecy programmes. We stayed over the Sabbath with a family which had become interested through the Voice of Prophecy. We were the first Seventh-day

Voice of Prophecy is doing its part in sending out the lessons, writing letters, sending out tracts and books, and giving all the help that they can. As workers and pastors we sometimes fail to do our part in making visits and getting acquainted with those who need the encouragement of a personal visit. If we quickly found the ones who have been studying, and kept up a close contact with them, I am sure we would see more people step out all the way and follow the third angel's message.

One of our Voice of Prophecy Evangelists, Pastor Nowrangi, went into an entirely new district at Hazaribagh to hold evangelistic meetings. The very first baptisms that he had in this place were students who had studied the Voice of Prophecy lessons several years ago and have continued to study the Bible since then. Up to the present time five persons have been baptized and there will be another baptism within a week or so. The Voice of Prophecy was the opening wedge here. Even though we were rather slow in getting to the people with evangelistic meetings and with personal work the interest was still there, and those who were baptized will be more steadfast because of the strong Bible background that they have had in Bible study. Of course others also have attended these meetings. In this place where only a few weeks ago we had no

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Adventist workers to call on these people but for two or three years they had been keeping the Sabbath and living up to the Christian standards which the Bible teaches. They were doing their best to be faithful to God even though they were very isolated. I thought, as we talked with them, that the

witness for the Lord, now we have thirty or forty people meeting together to worship every Sabbath. Several students have gone to our boarding schools from Hazaribagh and one young lady has enrolled in the School of Nursing at Nuzvid.

We can thank God for the Voice of Prophecy Programme.



The Voice of Prophecy— a Most Effective Approach

N. O. DAHLSTEN, *Acting President, Ceylon Union*

SOME time ago a delegation of six Buddhist monks filed into my office. I was rather surprised at the sight, and unable to decide what to make of my yellow-robed visitors until they told me that they were Voice of Prophecy students and that they wanted to become Christians. They were convinced that what they had learned was the truth and they were ready to discard their robes and return to a normal way of life.

In this modern age there is probably no more effective means at our disposal than the Voice of Prophecy for bringing the gospel to the attention of both young and old. Certainly there is no more effective way of reaching the vast number of people who do not attend our services in churches and lecture halls.

The Voice of Prophecy enters the homes of all communities. It comes into the homes of the rich and the poor alike with its message of cheer and hope for the future to gladden the listener. It finds its way into the temples where men have secluded themselves from their fellow-men and tells them of a better way of life, of victory over sin and of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

To ascertain just how people feel about the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts, I have made it a point, when visiting in the homes of people who own radios—both in the city and on the Tea Estates—to ask them, “do you ever listen to the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts and if so how do you like it?” In most cases I have been assured that the people were regular listeners and that they appreciated the broadcasts and the singing very, very much. We shall probably never be able to know fully, in this world, just how much good those broadcasts have done for the

spiritual welfare of those who have listened. I am certain, however, that there will be many in the Kingdom who will be there because the Voice of Prophecy brought Christ to them.

Many isolated ones and shut-ins have come to regard the Voice of Prophecy as “their church” of the air. Some time ago I was discussing spiritual things with a very prominent gentleman near Kandy, who is not able to get around so much any more. He told me, “I am



The Voice of Prophecy Strengthens Lines of Responsibility

CECIL B. GUILD, *President, Burma Union*

MULTITUDES are walking up and down the streets of our cities. How many of these are potential followers of Christ? This is a question which you and I cannot answer alone. But certain encouraging facts have been given by One who does know. Jesus said, “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold.” John 10:16. “Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.”—A. A., p. 109. “In every city, filled though it may be with violence and crime, there are many who with proper teaching may learn to become followers of Jesus.”—P. K., p. 277.

Success is promised in this work. “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.” Psalm 126:5. The main work of the gospel farmer is to sow seed. Those making investment in the Voice of Prophecy work are paying for only a thin shell of buildings and equipment, and a

a regular listener to the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts. I consider that my church service and have come to depend on it for my spiritual food.”

This gentleman was very much disturbed when the broadcasts were terminated. He told me that he had even written to the Prime Minister asking that the Voice of Prophecy be restored on the air. He said, “I told the Prime Minister that those broadcasts are essential for persons like me and other shut-ins.”

We have noticed that practically every person added to the churches in Ceylon, for some years, has had the first introduction to Christ and the Advent message through the Voice of Prophecy. Thus the VOP has been and still is an integral part of the gospel work in Ceylon, and the evangelist's best friend.

heavy meat of literature evangelism of the most effective variety. “The joy set before Christ . . . was the joy of seeing sinners saved. This should be the joy of every follower of His.”—P. K., p. 172.

Can you picture a map of this world as God sees it? There would be many dots, representing those who are waiting, waiting. There should be many lights, including yours and mine. See, a number of lines extend from each light to the surrounding dots! These are lines of responsibility. What if we fail to follow them? Do not fail to meet God's appointment. Do something. Do all you can and God will lead you in the right direction.

“As those who have an understanding of Bible truth try to seek out the men and women who are longing for light, angels of God will attend them. And where angels go, none need fear to move



Onward to Victory

A. E. RAWSON, *Director, Voice of Prophecy Schools*

Southern Asia Division

WE OFFER our heartfelt thanks to God at this time for His continued guidance and blessing in this great soul-winning endeavour. Over the years, the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School has brought new courage and hope into the lives of countless men and women throughout the Southern Asia Division.

We can never sufficiently thank our heavenly Father for His divine presence, guidance, protection, and help from the inception of the school up to the present time.

In the past eleven-year period, the Bible School lessons have entered remote corners of this Division field, leaping over thousands of hitherto impenetrable barriers to take the precious news of the everlasting gospel to all classes of people living within our borders.

Throughout the entire length and breadth of India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon, and in the neighbouring territories of Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Kashmir, Goa—some of these states yet unentered by the living missionary—the Bible School lessons have gone.

The influence of the Bible School is being markedly felt throughout the Division. The precious seeds of Bible truth are germinating, giving rich promise of a bountiful harvest of souls.

When God's clock strikes the hour for His living messengers to advance and "strike down yon guard and gain the mountain passes" in unentered territories, they will find believers waiting with outstretched arms to befriend them and to receive baptism at their hands.

A student in government service writes: "Really, I cannot ade-

forward. As a result of the faithful efforts of consecrated workers, many will be turned from idolatry to the worship of the living God."

—P. K., p. 171.

quately express how greatly I have enjoyed the whole course of thirty-two lessons. . . . Kindly remember me in your united prayer so that I will be able to accept the Lord Jesus Christ in my heart and be a true Christian in spirit and action."

A Brahmin non-Christian says: "Your lessons have helped me in understanding the Bible and it has given me answers to my many unsolved questions. . . . I believe Christ is the only hope for me and the rest of mankind for a better life."

A Nepali student from Kathmandu tells us: "These lessons unfolded the Bible (to me) step by

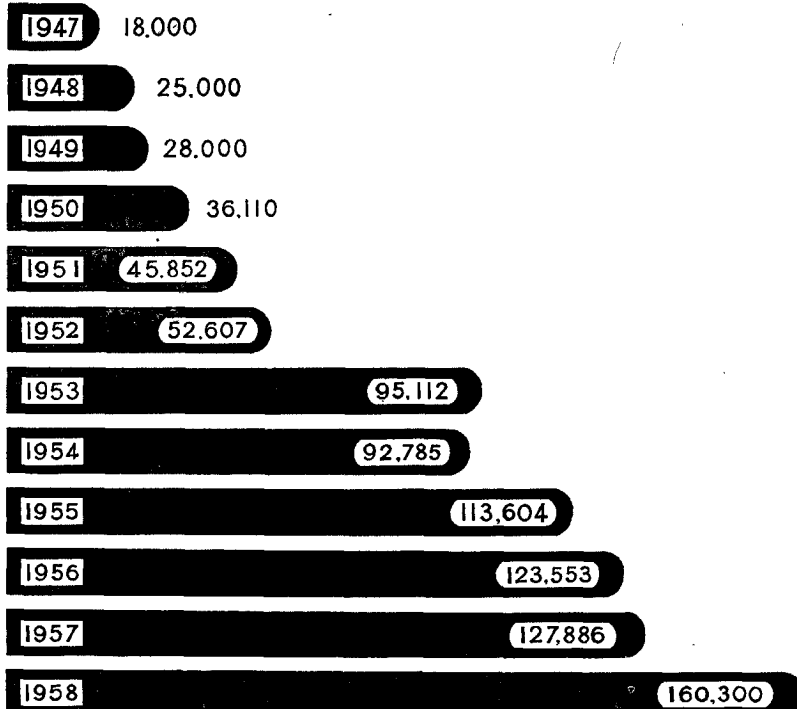
step and I am highly indebted for the precious truth of Christ which I now hold. . . . They presented to me a Saviour who not only forgives sin but who gives strength to live above sin."

In its victorious onward march, the Voice of Prophecy is continuing to reach out to embrace all the countries in this Division. As never before, the lessons are moving the hearts of the lowly and influential alike. It is a challenge to us as a people to contribute to the Voice of Prophecy in this final hour of earth's history when so many doors are still open.

Your freewill gifts on **SABBATH NOVEMBER 8** will help us to accomplish this gigantic task which still lies before us.

This is our day of opportunity. Let us respond with such liberal and sacrificial giving that the whole Division may be lightened with the glory of the third angel's message.

APPLICANTS



TOTAL APPLICANTS — 918,809

Voice of Prophecy applicants show a forward march of progress through the years. (The 1958 figures show an estimate for the year based on the actual for the first half of the year.)

A Call to Prayer

H. H. MATTISON

NOVEMBER 15-22 is the time set aside by the General Conference for the annual Week of Prayer. This call has come to the Church many times during its history, but has it ever come at a more serious time, or at a time when the Church is more needy? Has it ever come when more issues of international importance were in the balances? The answer is obvious. It takes a brave heart to read the daily newspapers these days. True there have been periods of increas-

WEEK OF PRAYER

and
SACRIFICE

November 15-22

ing tension before the outbreak of world conflagrations previous to this, but never has the whole world been so charged, like one mighty bomb ready to explode, as it is today, and never have world-leaders appeared more reckless in the face of it all. Truly we have come to the last hours of earth's history. Are we ready for these things? Is the Church ready for the issues before her? If Bible prophecy reveals anything it reveals the fact that the Church has a vital part to play in the last issues of the conflict.

The nations are arming to the teeth. They are putting forth their best efforts to be ready for the hour when it strikes. Are we as diligent in our preparation? "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." II Cor. 10:14. This verse as translated by J. B. Phillips reads, "The battle we are fighting is on a spiritual level. The very weapons we use are not those of human warfare, but powerful in God's warfare for the destruction of the enemy's strongholds." As things stand in

this atomic age, no nation can be certain of the outcome of any struggle it may enter. The Church enters her conflict with victory assured if she is properly armed. The only uncertainty with the Church is whether she will bestir herself and make use of the adequate armament provided by God. Truly, "We are up against the unseen powers that control this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil. Therefore, you must wear the whole armour of God that you may be able to resist evil in its day of power." Eph. 12, 13 (Phillips). The admonition is given "Having done all to stand, stand therefore." Eph. 6:13, 14.

Should we not face this question as realistically as the children of darkness face their dangers? They prepare. They arm regardless of the cost. Hoping against hope for success they still go all-out to win. But ours is a certain hope, a blessed surety if we comply with the conditions. God's people will be delivered, every one whose name is

WEEK OF SACRIFICE OFFERING

November 22

found written in the book. Dear reader, isn't it time that we "make our calling and election sure"?

The chief weapon offered the Church is prayer. The question is directed to every soul in God's remnant Church today, "Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?" S. C., p. 99. In this power age we need heavenly power. Omnipotence is infinitely more than atomic power. We need the power of God in order

to succeed. It is ours for the asking; ours to exercise. To the feeble members of the Church this promise is given: "Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on God. . . . Satan can never gain advantage of him who makes God his defence."—*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 174, 175. In this hour of great peril shall not the entire Church respond to the call to prayer as the Psalmist: "When thou saidst seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, thy face, Lord, will I seek." Ps. 27:8.

WHO WALKS WITH GOD

RUTH VAN GORDER

The man who walks with God has
little need

For costly baubles from the vain
world's shelf.

He ever has—and so is rich
indeed—

The spirit of his God within
himself;

And having this, as did the
Crucified,

May brush the kingdoms of the
world aside.

The man who walks with God has
little cause

To mourn; when the cold world
denies her dole

Of human smiles and praise, he
closes draws

The warm cloak of God's love
about his soul.

And then to heal the world's sore
discontent,

He reaches out with hands all
radiant.

For he who walks with God has
much of all

His heart, at last grown wise,
now wishes for—

God's kingdom first; and shall its
riches fall

Short of earth's little needs?

It is not o'er

The darkness or the unexpected
stone

He weeps, but o'er the crowds
that walk alone.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Nazareth

L. C. SHEPARD

THE Golden Jubilee Celebrations at the Prakasapuram-Mukuperi Church, and combined Constituency Meetings of the North and South Tamil Sections, opened at Prakasapuram (City of Light) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, September 2. One hundred forty-eight delegates were present from 48 churches and companies of the North and South Tamil fields. After the garlanding of the visitors and the seating of the delegates, Pastor E. L. Sorensen, President of the South India Union opened the session with a sermon on the subject "Thy Kingdom Come."

Thursday evening the brethren of the Prakasapuram Church presented a pageant of progress and development of the work in the Tamil fields, from the arrival of Pastors J. L. Shaw, J. S. James, and the late G. F. Enoch at Prakasapuram in 1907, down to the present time. A large picture of Pastor J. S. James was unveiled before the congregation. Items depicted were the arrival of the late Elder G. G. Lowry and Mrs. Bertha Lowry, and the reading of the deed of gift of the land on which our church and the bungalow are built. The document was read by the grandson of the donor.

805.81 in 1957. The church membership of the two fields now stand at, South Tamil, 1845, North Tamil 787, bringing the membership of the two fields to 2,632.

The business session was very well attended. Delegates from the churches, and workers showed a keen interest in all departments of the work. These meetings were held in the church. It was crowded to the limit of its capacity, in fact it was not possible for all to get in.

The discussion on Christian Education and the development of our schools in the Tamil districts, especially the school at Kudikadu, was lively and helpful. Pastor Crawford urged all our people, laymen and workers to support our high school at Kudikadu, near Tanjore.

The lay preachers symposium conducted by Pastor G. Maywald on Sabbath afternoon was very in-

rials were made available to the delegates at a very nominal charge.

Members of the church at Prakasapuram have constructed a baptistry which has been very well built and tastefully designed. The first baptism using this facility took place on Sabbath afternoon, September 6, when six souls were immersed in the presence of a large congregation.

The Sabbath morning message delivered by Pastor D. S. Johnson called upon all workers to live holier lives, and to work with greater urgency to warn the people of their several communities and extend the work into new places.

Adequate and efficient preparation had been made by the South Tamil brethren for shelter and feeding of the large group present. A pandal was erected as a dining hall. All were served promptly and expeditiously. The food was marvellous for so large a gathering.

Some of the visitors were accommodated in the hospital unit which is not operating at the present time. Rooms and furniture are lying unused waiting for a doctor or other qualified person to operate the hospital.

It has been my privilege through the years to visit Prakasapuram on a number of occasions. I was much impressed with the evidences of the progress and growth that I saw. In the church electric lights and fans have been installed, and a baptistry built. All buildings on the compound have been electrified, and in the village the wells which a few years ago were congested at morning and evening hours, have been sealed and taps installed at convenient places throughout the villages.

Evening meetings were conducted in a pandal erected between the church and the bungalow. These meetings were very well at-

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SOUTH INDIA UNION

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The Presidents of the North and South Tamil Sections reported steady growth and progress during the biennial period. There are 48 organized churches, 91 Sabbath schools and 66 workers in the two fields. Eight are ordained ministers. During the two-year period 1956 and 1957, there were 407 baptisms. In the North field, tithe payments increased from Rs. 12,108.90 in 1954 to Rs. 17,115.37 in 1957.

Per capita increase of laymen's tithe was from Rs. 13.56 to Rs. 15.24. Sabbath school offerings increased from Rs. 2,637.69 in 1954 to Rs. 4,431.01 in 1957. In the South field tithe payments were Rs. 22,395.50 in 1954, and Rs. 30,-

spring. The laymen in the Tamil districts were very active in evangelism, conducting branch Sabbath schools, giving Bible studies in their own villages, and preaching as they have opportunity to do so. One man introduced three persons who had been baptized as the result of his ministry and missionary activities.

Sisters E. L. Sorensen, A. J. Patt, and I. K. Moses conducted meetings for the women and children, who were in attendance at the Conference. Among other things they demonstrated how to make the Sabbath School interesting for the children, by the use of simple flannelgraph materials. These mate-

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SE

NAME OF UNION AND LOCAL SECTIONS	Number of Churches	Church Membership at Beginning of Quarter	Members Added During Quarter			Members Dropped During Quarter				Total Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers				Credentialed Missionaries				Credentialed Bible Instructors				Li Mi
			3a	3b	3c	4a	4b	4c	4d		F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.	F.	N.F.			
BURMA UNION: Central & Upper Burma Section	7	451	2	—	—	—	—	—	125	328	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Irrawaddy Delta Section	14	985	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	987	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Tenasserim Section	9	540	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	535	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Union & Institutions	1	306	2	2	7	2	—	—	3	312	3	2	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	3	7	
Totals	31	2,282	6	2	7	7	—	—	128	2,162	5	11	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	3	17	
CEYLON UNION:																							
Totals	12	585	6	—	3	7	—	10	10	567	3	4	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	
NORTHEAST UNION: Assam Section	22	1,404	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,451	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
East India Section	27	1,394	29	—	1	—	1	1	—	1,422	2	9	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Himalayan & Andamans	1	31	6	—	—	—	—	2	—	35	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Totals	50	2,829	82	—	1	—	1	3	—	2,908	9	13	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	2	17	
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION: Central India Section	1	26	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
North India Section	6	427	12	—	—	—	1	—	—	438	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Upper Ganges Section	14	630	13	—	10	10	—	2	—	641	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	2	
Totals	21	1,083	25	—	10	10	2	2	—	1,104	5	6	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	11	
PAKISTAN UNION: East Pakistan Section	18	759	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	759	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	
Punjab Section	14	1,072	23	—	9	—	—	—	—	1,104	5	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Union & Institutions	4	199	3	—	2	2	—	—	—	202	5	3	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	5	1	
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SOUTH INDIA UNION: Kannada Section	7	587	7	—	2	—	—	2	—	594	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
North Kerala Section	3	230	38	—	1	—	—	—	—	269	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
North Tamil Section	15	780	56	—	—	—	1	—	10	825	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
North Telugu Section	41	2,589	122	12	26	34	5	8	8	2,694	—	7	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	9	
South Kerala Section	36	2,153	108	3	—	—	2	3	—	2,259	—	9	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	
South Tamil Section	33	1,845	36	—	2	2	1	—	—	1,880	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
South Telugu Section	13	863	23	—	1	—	1	—	—	886	2	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	
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WESTERN INDIA UNION: North Maharashtra Section	5	271	51	—	—	—	3	—	—	318	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Union & Institutions	15	1,186	15	—	7	2	2	9	2	1,194	3	4	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	1	—	6	
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Burma Union	31	2,282	6	2	7	7	—	—	128	2,162	5	11	—	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	3	17	
Ceylon Union	12	585	6	—	3	7	—	10	10	567	3	4	—	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Northeast Union	50	2,829	82	—	1	—	1	3	—	2,908	9	13	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	2	17	
Northwestern India Union	21	1,083	25	—	10	10	2	2	—	1,104	5	6	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	11	
Pakistan Union	36	2,030	26	—	11	2	—	—	—	2,065	7	9	—	1	5	4	—	1	—	—	6	13	
South India Union	148	9,047	390	15	32	36	10	13	18	9,407	7	39	1	8	4	11	—	—	—	—	5	41	
Western India Union	20	1,457	66	—	7	2	2	12	2	1,512	3	7	—	—	1	3	—	1	1	1	—	10	
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NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION*President:* T. R. Torkelson*Secretary-Treasurer:* L. E. Allen*Office Address:* 27 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi**LIGHT FLASHES IN LADAKH****FAQIR CHAND**

IN JUNE 1945 Pastors O. O. Mattison, A. F. Tarr, and C. H. Hamel trekked 220 miles from Srinagar to the ancient city of Leh, Ladakh district of Kashmir. Thirteen years later on June 31, the writer also had the privilege of visiting Leh. This time flying in comfort high above the snow-capped peaks, I reached my destination in one hour and ten minutes, being spared the blistered feet, sunburned face, and tired aching muscles borne by those brethren who spent days trudging over the mountain trails.

As I entered the police check post before leaving Srinagar, the officer in charge, after seeing my permit to Leh, looked at me with a strange look. He did not say anything at that time, but after completing his work came out on the verandah and said, "Are you the Voice of Prophecy secretary?" I said that I was. He said, "Can I enrol in the Voice of Prophecy course?" Before boarding my plane, which was waiting at the runway, I enrolled him for the course. This seemed a good omen for beginning my trip.

Leh, the capital city of Ladakh, is 11,500 feet above sea level. There one finds Ladakhis, Punjabis, and Kashmiris. Things are very costly, because everything is flown in from Srinagar. White rice is sold at Rs. 120/- per maund, and wheat flour Rs. 80. No rice is grown in the valley. The style of dress is similar to that of the Jewish people of Bible times. Caps are the same for both men and women.

Since Buddhism reigns supreme, people have sacrificed to build walls on the highways and byways. On these walls are millions of stones on which prayers are written. The belief is that the credit for all these prayers is effective after passing around these walls.

The same belief is also carried out in the prayer wheels, wind mills and coloured paper flags seen flying from the temples and buildings.

In 1883 a German missionary brought the story of salvation to the country; and there are about 60 people who belong to the Moravian church, the church of John Knox of the Reformation. The Moravian missionaries are no longer there. The church has affiliated themselves with the United Church of India. It is self-supported and looked after by Rev. Yonathan Paljoor, a zealous young man of about thirty who was a Voice of Prophecy student of 1953. His sources of income are his shop, farm and Rs. 5/- in cash paid by the church.

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***Have you made all  
preparations for  
LAY WITNESSING DAY  
November 1?***

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During my two-week visit a Bible class of 15-20 people was organized and conducted at the home of Rev. Paljoor, in which all the fundamental doctrines of our message were presented and well accepted. One man, feeling that God's commandments should be honoured and upheld, pledged to keep Sabbath. Since returning I have sent them the *Present Truth Series* in Urdu and English, as well as some picture rolls.

Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and Christians were enrolled in the Voice of Prophecy Course. Many expressed their desire to know more of God's Word. An educational officer of Leh not only enrolled in the V.O.P. himself, but took half a dozen cards for his people. A Muslim gentleman, an inspector of co-operative societies,

enrolled and also took cards for his people. These men showed a keen interest in present day events in the light of Bible prophecy.

Please pray for the isolated people of Ladakh that the light of the message, as it shines out through the Voice of Prophecy, may illuminate many lives and prepare them to meet Jesus when He comes.

JODHPUR CHURCH ORGANIZATION

ON SABBATH, August 30, a new church was organized in the Upper Ganges Section, at Jodhpur. This event brought particular joy to the workers of that section, for it represents the first established work in the State of Rajasthan. Eighteen charter members constitute the church fellowship of this new body of believers. All but the minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gardner, are the results of the evangelistic work done in that city over the past eighteen months, and before. Even before the effort was held there last year by Pastor I. M. Chand, Voice of Prophecy work had been carried on there dating back to the days of Pastor P. K. Simpson, some ten years ago.

Pastor I. M. Chand and the writer were present for the occasion. The believers had beautifully decorated the chapel for the event, and an atmosphere of joy and anticipation pervaded the place as the hour of the service drew near. A number of friends and interested people of the community came to join the believers for this special meeting. Following the organization service and election of officers, the believers partook of the Lord's Supper together.

The spiritual solidarity of this new company is witnessed to by their ready participation in all activities of the church, including the Uplift Campaign. Their average lay tithe per month amounts around Rs. 200/-. Brother Gardner and his wife, who have done much in laying the foundations of this new work, look forward eagerly to seeing other such companies established soon in the cities and towns of Rajasthan.

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MV WEEK AT TOUNG-U**TUN SEIN**

I HAVE had a real good time with the youngsters as well as the grown-ups at TOUNG-U village this year during MV week. I thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with them in all respects, for they had shown a good spirit in all the meetings.

We had two meetings every day throughout the week, one for the Juniors in the morning and the other for both Juniors and Seniors in the evening. It is really nice to see them on time for every meeting. Saya E Dwe has only seventeen students; all are very young, but they have the privilege of worshipping the true God four times a day throughout the school year under his leadership. During this week, I spent 30 minutes in teaching the children choruses, and another 15 to 20 minutes in teaching them the words of God on the subject "Be Like Jesus." The youngsters enjoyed the spiritual programme very much, and though many are young, they all pledged themselves to be like Jesus, to follow His footsteps in all ways and to put away all sins, by the help of God. You will be glad to learn that one young girl, about nine years old by the name of Ma Sein Ket has stopped eating pork and unclean meat and stopped smoking and has even refused to attend church on Sunday. I was so happy to hear of this change in her life when her own father told me about her.

In the evening, we had a one-hour service for everyone. The older folks had to walk home from their paddy field knee-deep in the mud to attend the meeting. But it was very encouraging to see them there on time for the meeting. The grown-ups, too, showed a good interest in the subjects presented to them each evening. And you will

be glad to learn that one back-slidden member has decided to make a new start. He also signed up to be a member of the Temperance Society. Five new souls are ready to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Please remember these people in your prayers.

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Office Address: Karmatar P.O., Santal Parganas, Bihar.**ALL ROUND PROGRESS IN RANCHI HOSPITAL****P. K. PETERSON***Business Manager*

I HAVE recently been assembling some facts and figures to satisfy ourselves as to the progress this Hospital has been making, and I am happy to pass on my findings to the readers of the *Tidings*.

We have always been short of staff before, but this year we have good and adequate staff. This helps render good nursing care to our patients.

The beds have had an 83% occupancy and this is very good for a small hospital which is located far out of town. In spite of a change of doctors and repeated famines in Bihar our patronage has been quite good.

Our charity expense per day has been Rs. 120.00 or 25% of the average daily cash intake, or Rs. 2.00 per patient (both in- and out-) per day.

It costs an in-patient Rs. 8.73 per day to stay in our hospitals and, according to our records, the average stay has been 12 days. This average cost per patient per day is inclusive of rent and major operation. We feel sure that our rates are quite reasonable and we believe that the hospital is fulfilling its purpose.

A commodious air-conditioned operating theatre is under construction. This should meet the long felt need here.

Our new church building is ready for dedication. It is a representative church with asbestos roofing and mosaic flooring. In the rear of the church are two spacious classrooms. We are grateful to the Division, the Northeast Union, East India Mission and the church

*(Continued on p. 15.)***1959 MORNING WATCH**

The 1959 MORNING WATCH booklet has just come off the press. In 1958 many were disappointed because the booklets were sold out before their orders were received. Be sure to send in your order at once.

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Baghdad to Amman

—D. K. Down

BAGHDAD did not appeal to us as the romantic city fiction pictures it to be. Perhaps modernization has robbed it of its fascination. Even its ancient bazaar did not impress us and for the few days we were in Baghdad we were always glad to escape from the heat in our fine air-conditioned Dar El Salaam hospital whenever opportunity afforded.

We were interested to visit Ctesiphon, a few miles south of Baghdad where an immense arch of the Selucid period is still standing testifying to the amazing architectural skill of the ancient builders. Also a massive ziggurat erected more than 500 years B. C.

On Friday night I was privileged to preach in the hospital chapel and on Sabbath morning in our Baghdad Arabic Church. We have a nice group of members in both churches.

Then on Sunday morning we took a good supply of water and headed into the sweltering Syrian desert. The road was good, but what desolation! Many places the bitumen was smothered with sand drifts and only with much difficulty could we plough through it. And all through those monotonous two days a terrific headwind hammered the sand on to our windscreen and through our car windows.

Tuesday night we arrived in Amman and sought refuge in our school grounds. We have a fine church and school of 100 students in Amman but we were glad it was summer holidays so that we could occupy the school compound undisturbed.

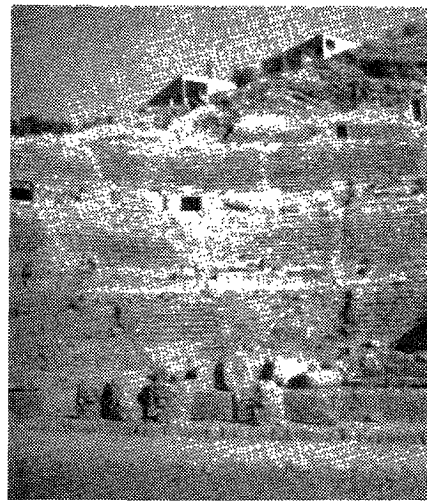
Amman, ancient and modern, impressed us. One of the world's fastest growing cities with a population of 200,000, it is a bustling city of well-built modern houses in place of the mud-walled village it was only 25 years ago. It forks up the valley of the river Jabbok and was once the capital of the ancient Ammonites. Across

the valley from where I am writing I can see the hill that was once crowned with the old city of Rabbath Ammon. When the children of Israel were trekking towards the promised land, they made polite request to the Ammonites for permission to pass through their land. But it was met by a blunt refusal. No doubt the Israelites would have preferred to fight it out, but there must have still been some sincere souls among these children of Lot's daughter, and God in His great pity forbade Israel to molest them. They had to travel northward around the Ammonite plateau and enter Canaan through the territory of the Amorites whose cup of iniquity was by then filled up. (Genesis 15:16.)

But as time passed the Ammonites also passed the bounds of repentance and when they declared war on God's people (Judges 11:4) the limits of divine forbearance were reached and their doom was sealed. After his messengers had been mistreated by having their beards half shaved (2 Samuel 10:4), David sent Joab to besiege Rabbah (Amman). Unfortunately during the siege David committed adultery with Bathsheba and despatched Uriah the Hittite, her husband, with the fateful message that proved his death warrant. Under David's orders Joab sent Uriah and some others right up under the fortress walls, and Uriah's inevitable death followed. (2 Samuel 11) Soon after David himself led the final assault on the hill fortress and captured it, destroying the inhabitants of Rabbah and the other Ammonite cities. (2 Samuel 12:29-31)

We drove up onto the flat topped hill where Rabbah originally stood. The hillsides are very steep and we could easily understand how the archers could have made an easy target of Uriah and his men. The hill top is bare except for a small modern museum and the ruins of an ancient Roman

temple to Hercules and a well preserved Byzantine church. The water supply for the besieged city came from a deep well, and a large stone tank which must have been fed by a secret underground conduit. Down in the valley can still be seen tier upon tier of an old Roman amphitheatre that once seated 6,000 spectators, a reminder of the extensive rule of the great Roman empire.



Old Roman amphitheatre seating 6,000 in Amman at the foot of the hill on which was built Rabbath Ammon, the old Ammonite capital.

But of the Ammonites there is no trace. "The children of Ammon (shall be) as Gomorrah," said Zephaniah (Chapter 2 verse 9) and the Lord said through Ezekiel, "I will open the side of Moab . . . that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations." Ezekiel 25:9, 10. The Arab invaders poured northwards and either destroyed or absorbed the local inhabitants and the modern Hashemite kingdom of Jordan with its capital at Amman has superseded the fortress of Rabbath Ammon and the Ammonites have been forgotten.

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**TEMPERANCE DAY**  
**AND**  
**OFFERING**  
**October 25**  
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WINAYOUTH WINS

JASMINE FERNANDO

SWIMMING, hiking, games, crafts, campfires, forum discussions, devotional sessions, and wholesome tasty meals were some of the highlights of the largest MV camp ever held in Ceylon.

One hundred and thirty-four enthusiastic, fun loving, young people and 19 staff camped under the towering evergreens, by a large sparkling stream of crystal clear cool water in the forest at Ohiya. Ohiya, with an elevation of nearly 6000 feet, is one of the beauty spots of the island. It has preserved its natural beauty from the inventions of man. In such a place one cannot help but realize his own insignificance and feel a bit of the power and mightiness of God.

It was a real thrill for the young people, most of whom were accustomed to city life, to be able to

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come away from the hustle and bustle of town and live amidst nature, in the quietness of God's great out-of-doors. The waterfalls, the rippling streams, the majestic mountains, the wild flowers, the birds, the trees, all spelt the love of God to them. It really was a unique experience for some.

French polishing, leather work, glorified glass painting, and plaster of Paris modelling were the camp crafts that were pursued by the campers. Toward the end of camp an inspection was made and the best in each section was awarded a prize. This provided the young people with something new and novel to learn and gave them

something to take back home with them as a souvenir.

The camp programme began with morning worship and was followed by flag raising, breakfast, camp duties, inspection, camp council, games, crafts, lunch, camp duties, rest, hikes, swimming, flag lowering, supper, and camp fire. It really kept the campers busy and on their feet.

World's End, which is a precipice with a drop of hundreds of feet, was a real challenge to the young people. On Thursday morning, with their lunch packets under their arms the campers made an all day hike to this place which was about eight miles from camp. All who started made it, though there were shoe cuts and bruises and falls. Unfortunately it was a cloudy day and the thick mist obscured the full view of that spectacular scene. The dauntless young people thoroughly enjoyed even the rain and wind that made the trip harder.

The campfires, the discussions, the devotional hours, and the weekend meetings all had a part in the battles that were fought and won in many a young heart that week. This was evident by the response that was made at the consecration meeting which Pastor H. G. Josephs conducted on Friday night. Many of the backslidden ones were strengthened, and others were spurred on to greater faith and a deeper consecration and devotion to God. It was a time of spiritual feasting. The Sabbath morning was especially lovely and all enjoyed the usual Sabbath school, then Pastor F. R. Scott, the director of the camp, had charge of the service. His thought provoking and inspiring sermon really stirred the hearts of many who were present. In the evening an interesting question hour was conducted, which enabled the campers to examine their problems and find satisfactory answers for them. This

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR TEMPERANCE SOCIETY?

BECAUSE GOD says I should.

"From the light God has given me, every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the temperance association."—Page 220.*

BECAUSE Temperance is the helping hand of the gospel.

"When temperance is presented as a part of the gospel, many will see their need of reform."—Page 238.

BECAUSE we must protect our youth.

"Intemperance still continues its ravages. . . . Depravity among the youth is increasing. . . . Nothing but earnest, continual effort will avail to remove this desolating curse."—Page 234.

BECAUSE Adventists must be in advance of all other people.

"Of all who claim to be numbered among the friends of temperance, Seventh-day Adventists should stand in the front ranks. . . . On the subject of temperance they should be in advance of all other people."—Page 233.

BECAUSE in this way we can receive and circulate more widely our temperance literature.

"We have a work to do along temperance lines besides that of speaking in public. We must present our principles in pamphlets and in our papers."—Page 248.

BECAUSE each of us wants to help in the saving of souls.

"In every place the temperance question is to be made more prominent. . . . Many are on the very verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—Page 258.

*All references are to the book *Temperance*.

ARE YOU A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT BECOME ONE AT ONCE?

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Best Wishes to Our Friends

D. S. JOHNSON, *Secretary, Southern Asia Division*

WITH each story of progress and achievement is linked the life service of someone with vision, energy and courage. The success of the Voice of Prophecy is no exception in this. Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Rawson are that human ingredient which has made the phenomenal growth of this soul-winning agency possible.

ern Asia Division Radio Secretary and Director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School, expansion has been rapid. Nearly ten lakhs of persons have applied for the lessons. The Bible School in Poona and seventeen branch schools graduate 2,500 enrollees per month. The wide influence of the radio broadcasts is



Pastor and Mrs. Rawson began their work in Southern Asia in Mysore State in 1927. The first assignment was the study of the Kannarese language and pioneer evangelistic work among these people. Their thirteen years of service in Bangalore and surrounding areas continue to bear good fruit.

Pastor Rawson was called to a programme of large city pastoral work and evangelism in Bangalore and Calcutta. When the war reached Rangoon and the bombings began, Pastor and Mrs. Rawson were engaged in evangelism in that city.

Having studied carefully the results achieved by the Voice of Prophecy work in South Africa and America, Pastor Rawson returned to India in 1946 with a vision of using the media of radio and Bible Correspondence Schools to spread the message more rapidly. Under his guidance as South-

known in every part of Southern Asia.

In the recording studios at Poona, musicians have been trained in national music and gramophone records are now available in five of the main regional languages of India.

Children in Southern Asia and overseas know well Mrs. Rawson, and better know India through Mrs. Rawson's interesting story books. For these, we who are parents and are expected to find a tale each evening for the children say a sincere 'thank you.'

The Rawsons left Southern Asia for permanent retirement to America on September 23. With them go the prayers and best wishes of thousands of friends here. Their interests and lives are inextricably linked with the life of the church here. Their service has enriched the lives of many, and they will be greatly missed.

WINAYOUTH

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was followed by a nature hike, and sundown worship, during which, according to the custom of the children of Israel, each camper brought a stone in memory of some aspect of camp life, and an altar was erected at the camp site as a memorial of the 1958 Winayouth Camp.

On Sunday the 24th of August, the campers, after a week of fun, recreation, and spiritual uplifting wended their way back to their respective homes revived and strengthened and ready to boldly face the task of winning youth for God.

HOAG

Tidings readers who remember Pastor G. B. Hoag, former Publishing Department Secretary of the Northeast and Northwestern Unions, will regret to learn that according to a letter just received from Washington D.C., "Garland Hoag, his wife and small son were all killed in an auto accident, September 19."

No further information was given but our understanding is Pastor Hoag was serving as Publishing Department Secretary of the Canadian Union with office and residence located at Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. It is not known if other members of the family were in the motor car at the time of the accident. The three children, Marilyn, Lynn and Danny have now been bereaved of both parents.

Experiences of this kind are hard to understand. But we know our loving Heavenly Father is too wise to make a mistake and too good to be unkind. Some day He will enable those who mourn to understand and in the meantime we are sure He will not fail to comfort and sustain the children and the parents of Brother and Sister Hoag and others whose hearts have been torn by this great sorrow.

Once again we are reminded of the uncertainties of life and the necessity of being ready at all times.

J. F. ASHLOCK, *Secretary, Ministerial Association.*

GOLDEN JUBILEE

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tended by visitors from the village. Outstanding musical items were supplied by Pastors Sorensen and Crawford and the Madras Church Mixed Quartette.

At a special ceremony, on Friday at mid-day, Pastor D. S. Johnson of the Division installed a plaque commemorating the establishment of the first Seventh-day Adventist Church in South India fifty years ago. Ten of the chartered members were present for this occasion.

Visitors from the Union (South India) included Pastor E. L. Sorensen and Mrs. Sorensen, Pastor and Mrs. I. K. Moses, Brother and Sister S. John, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Patt of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, Pastor S. Thomas representing the Voice of Prophecy, Pastor J. I. Crawford from the Educational Department of South India, Pastor G. Maywald, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary, South India, and Pastor A. Joseph, President of the North Kerala Section. Pastors D. S. Johnson and L. C. Shepard were present from the Division.

Prospects of continued growth and expansion of the work in the Tamil districts are very bright. The workers and visitors left the meeting with the awareness that God is doing great things for those who consecrate all their powers to His service.

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1958

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 15-22	Evangelism Day and Offering Week of Prayer and Sacrifice
November 22	Week of Sacrifice Offering
December 6	Home Missionary Day and Offering

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING
December 27 South American Division



The opening of the Gujarati Voice of Prophecy Bible School, Poona, June 29, 1958.
This is the 17th branch of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School in Southern Asia.

● Pastor A. R. Pieris reports four baptisms from the village of Weedagama where he has been holding meetings for the past two years.

● Pastor F. R. Scott is to commence a three-stream effort at Kiriillapone on October 5. Meetings will be held six nights a week, two nights in English, two nights in Sinhalese, and two nights in Tamil.

● The Northwestern India Union reports school enrolments in their schools as follows:

Lucknow	54
Hapur	126
Kanpur	105
Phulriwala	55
Roorkee	44
Delhi	40
Meerut	24
Shikar Machian	18
Mehtabpur	22

—D. S. JOHNSON.

RANCHI HOSPITAL

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members for their liberal contributions which made the church building possible.

We are not immune to problems, but on the whole this year has been a year of all round progress. There are about seven people getting ready for baptism on the dedica-

tion day of the church. God has indeed been good to us and we praise His name. Please remember our work here in the Ranchi Hospital in your prayers.

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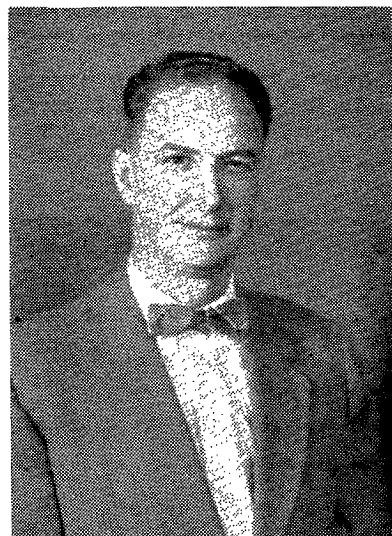
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Miscellany

- July 26 was a high day for the believers in Coonoor for as a result of the effort held from March to May, 1958 a church with a charter membership of 25 members was organized on that day. Brother and Sister J. G. Conley are located there as the new missionary family in the Nilgiris, and the new church group is hoping and planning for a church building in the near future.
- On Sunday evening, September 21, 1958, just over 100 guests and students enjoyed the annual Colporteur Supper at Spicer Memorial College. Pastor Nixon announced that this year 21 full scholarships had been earned by students during the vacation period, and 34 part scholarships. Trophies were awarded to students who made the highest total sales for the vacation period and to students who had the highest sales during the month of April. Total sales for student colporteurs throughout the Division this year were Rs. 110,988.00.
- The Bengali Voice of Prophecy School in Dacca, East Pakistan is growing and the workers have made good contacts with students and graduates.
- Brother G. C. Baroya has been located at Sylhet where there are many English Voice of Prophecy graduates who completed their course from the Poona School. He reports a good interest and solicits our prayers on behalf of the new work there.
- Pastor M. G. Champion conducted a Summer School for elementary teachers at Chuharkana during the latter part of August.
- Pastor J. F. Ashlock conducted a Leadercraft Training Course at Delhi from September 12-14 and reports that the youth are taking an active part in Pastor G. R. Jensen's Evangelistic Campaign preparations. Hundreds of letters and questionnaires are sent out each week and the response has been most encouraging.
- Pastor B. M. Shad, and the staff and students all enthusiastically entered into the MV Rally

- held at Hapur on September 15 and 16. From Hapur Pastor Ashlock proceeded to Simla where a Leadercraft Training course was conducted with good attendance and much enthusiasm from September 17-21. Fifteen Leadercraft Certificates were granted in Simla.
- The hospital workers at Simla are conducting two branch Sabbath Schools each week in spite of the heavy medical programme they are carrying on. During the past few months the hospital has had more in-patients than ever before, and the income of the institution reached a record high last month with good promise of breaking that record during the present month.
- On Sabbath, August 9, ten souls were added to the Bombay church through the rite of baptism. Six of these joined the English group, and four the Marathi.
- A full scale effort is planned in Bombay City beginning October 5. This will be conducted in a large pandal. Please remember this campaign in your prayers.
- The Division Home Missionary Department is preparing a tract for use during the coming Christmas season, during the carol singing campaign.
- Tithe reports from Ceylon and from the Northeast Union show an increase in tithe this year over receipts to the same date last year. All Unions should have this same trend.
- Northwestern India Union led the whole Division in Literature sales during the month of May with a total sales of Rs. 15,849. The colporteurs in the union have almost reached their sales goal for the year and still have several months to add up a super goal.
- On August 30 a new church was organized at Jodhpur with 18 believers as charter members. Lay tithe from the group averages about Rs. 200.00 monthly, and the group has met regularly for over six months. Such a group gives promise of developing into a strong church group. May God bless this new church is our prayer.
- Pastor N. G. Mookerjee has just returned to Poona after touring the Western India Union field and reports good Voice of Prophecy rallies held at twelve of the

MEET OUR WORKERS



William H. McGhee joined our family of workers in Southern Asia as the chaplain of the Karachi Hospital in 1951. He has also served as pastor of the Lahore church, Temperance Secretary for the Pakistan Union, and teacher in the Chuharkana High School. At present, Pastor McGhee is located at Peshawar where he directs the work in the Frontier area of West Pakistan.

- principal towns of Gujerat, Saurashtra and Kutch. The average attendance at these meetings was well over 700. Enrolments for the Gujerati Bible School received numbered more than three thousand.
- Pastor Faqir Chand conducted a Bible Class with 15-20 people regularly during his two week stay in Leh during July, 1958. One man pledged to keep the Sabbath and many enrolled for Voice of Prophecy studies.
- Efforts were opened in Delhi on September 7, in Lucknow on October 5, and in Jullunder on August 1, as well as many other village efforts throughout the Northwestern India Union. "Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence." Lend your support to this strong meeting programme.
- During the recent visit of Pastors Appel and Brodersen six were baptized into the Aijal church.
- Lushai workers at the Assam Workers' Meeting reported strong laymen participation in spreading the message throughout the Lushai Hills.