

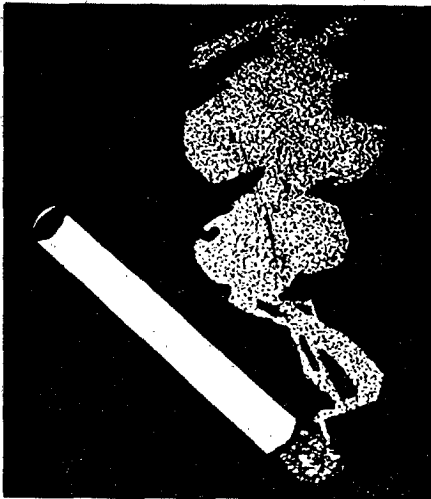
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COMMIT YOURSELF

To
FIGHT AGAINST



The

Twin-Evils

and



Other Evils of Appetite
In your own life and in the lives of others

"God requires that His people shall be temperate in all things. Unless they practice temperance, they will not, cannot, be sanctified through the truth." Temperance, p. 252.

"We need to work in the interests of temperance reform, and to make this question one of living interest. This is one way in which we may become fishers of men." Temperance, p. 252.

TEMPERANCE COMMITMENT SABBATH

March 14, 1959

The Gospel of Temperance

H. L. RUDY, President

International Temperance Association

Temperance is a part of the gospel of salvation. It is one of the divine virtues (2 Peter 1:6) to be cultivated by the followers of Christ. Paul lists temperance as one of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23), and strongly urges sobriety on the part of God's people who are looking for their Lord to come (Titus 2:12).

A practical application of the gospel of temperance is made by the apostle Paul in his appearance before Felix and Drusilla. Felix had invited Paul to inform him "concerning the faith in Christ" (Acts 24:24). This gave the apostle a rare opportunity to make known the gospel of salvation to a type of individuals seldom reached. Both Felix, the governor, and his wife, Drusilla, had moral counts against them, and lived profligate, intemperate lives.

Paul, knowing that his hearers needed to "sober up" before the gospel of Jesus Christ could bring the blessings of salvation to them, "reasoned" with them "of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come" (Acts 24:25). He pointed out that the provisions of salvation through the gift of Christ and His righteousness called for a radical decision, and that the results of that decision would be determined in the judgment.

At first Felix was mightily moved by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. However, his moral strength failed him and he

put off his decision to follow the counsel of God until a more opportune time. That opportunity never came. He died a lost man, and Drusilla, a Jewess who spurned Christ, died with her child in her arms at the eruption of Vesuvius, near Pompeii.

Cicero once said, "Temperance is the firm and moderate dominion of reason over passion and other unrighteous impulses of the mind." And someone else has pointed out that "drunkenness is the darling favorite of hell." This accords with a statement by Ellen G. White in which she described the relationship of temperance to the appeal of the gospel.

"The brain nerves," she said, "which communicate with the entire system are the only medium through which Heaven can communicate to man and affect his inmost life. Whatever disturbs the circulation of the electric currents in the nervous system lessens the strength of the vital powers, and the result is a deadening of the sensibilities of the mind."—*Temperance*, p. 13.

"Intemperance of any kind benumbs the perceptive organs and so weakens the brain-nerve power that eternal things are not appreciated, but placed upon a level with the common. The higher powers of the mind, designed for elevated purposes, are brought into slavery to the baser passions."—*Ibid.*, p. 12.

The Bible states plainly that drunkards will not "inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:10). Yet the world is full of people who sincerely look for salvation but who are held in Satan's death grip of moral impotence owing to various forms of intemperance, drunkenness, addiction to narcotics, and other evils of contemporary living.

One of the greatest acts of Christian love that can be performed is to help deliver people from these many and various forms of moral enslavement. Temperance forces, including our own denominational endeavours, are especially designed for this type of help. The tangible results evidenced from these efforts are eloquent testimony that God's blessing is upon the temperance work.

Our denominational position of total abstinence is being championed by other strong temperance organizations as well as by many influential government leaders around the world. Never in all of our denominational history have we been able to rally temperance forces in support of total abstinence as universally and effectively as now. This is our opportunity to proclaim the gospel of temperance in its true relation to man's deliverance from the powers of evil. We must not fail God now. By our earnest, wholehearted promotion of the temperance cause we can prepare the way for the salvation of millions who may otherwise perish in Satan's death grip.

"I MUST"

"From the light God has given me, every member among us should sign the pledge and be connected with the temperance association." *Temperance*, p. 220. (Have you done this?)

Among the papers of Elder L. G. Cornelius, Home Missionary secretary of the Potomac Conference, prepared only a day before his tragic death in an automobile accident, was found the annual membership envelope with his name and address on it, and the regular membership check. He had received a reminder from the temperance secretary of his local church, as had all members of the church, and he told his wife, "I must arrange for my membership."

S.D.A. YOUTH AND TEMPERANCE

J. F. ASHLOCK, *Secretary, Missionary Volunteer Department*

THE task before the youth of the Advent Movement in Southern Asia demands pure hearts, keen minds and strong bodies. The prosperity of the nation and the triumph of the church are dependent upon boys and girls, young men and young women who are examples in true temperance.

The use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco in any form destroys physical, mental and spiritual vigour, therefore Seventh-day Adventist youth do not partake of these poisons. Like Daniel of old, for their own sakes, for their country's honour and for their Creator's glory they refuse to defile themselves.

Senior and Junior Missionary Volunteers will again on this annual temperance day sign the pledge and dedicate their talents and time to the successful accomplishment of Christian temperance objectives.

*He thought that wine was good for health,
But when he took it, he lost his wealth.
Health and wealth he could not save,
His habit led him to the grave.*

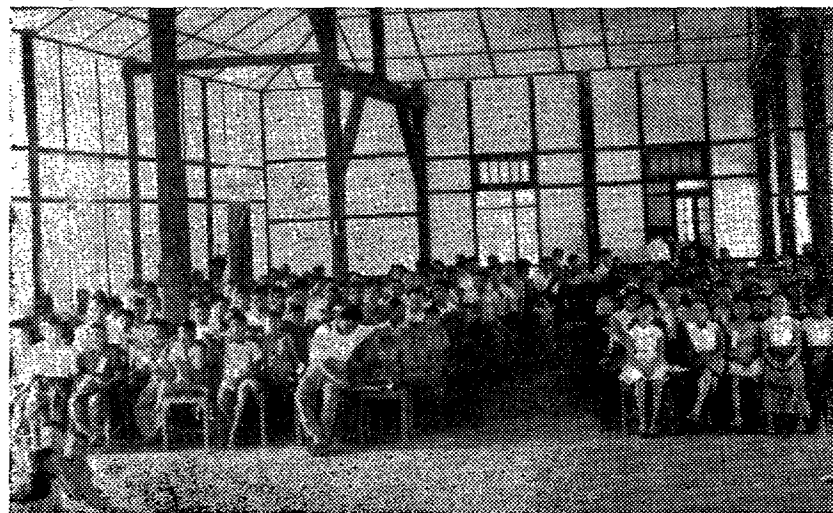
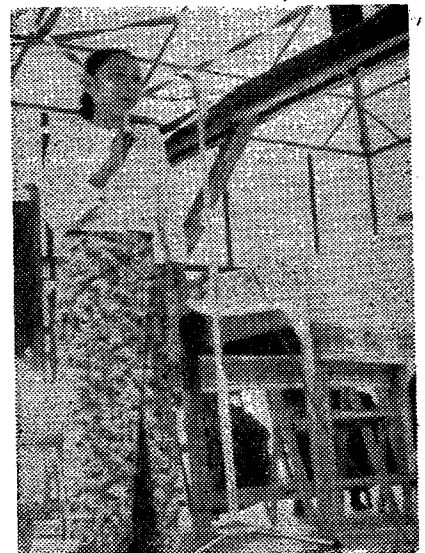
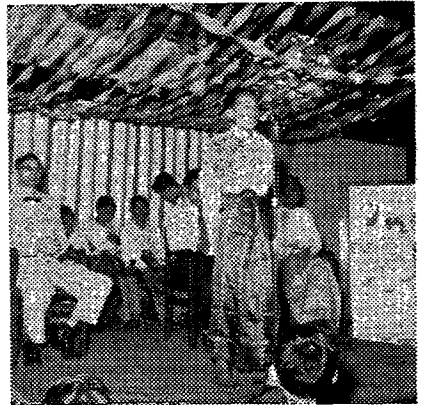
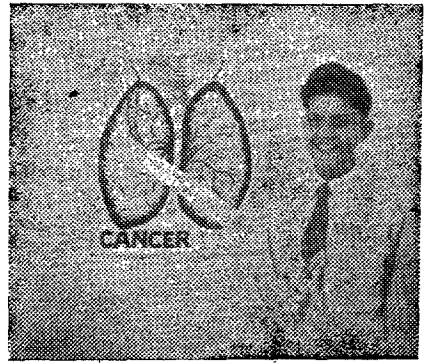
*Winning Jingle by Merle de Silva
of Lakpahana Training Institute, Ceylon.*

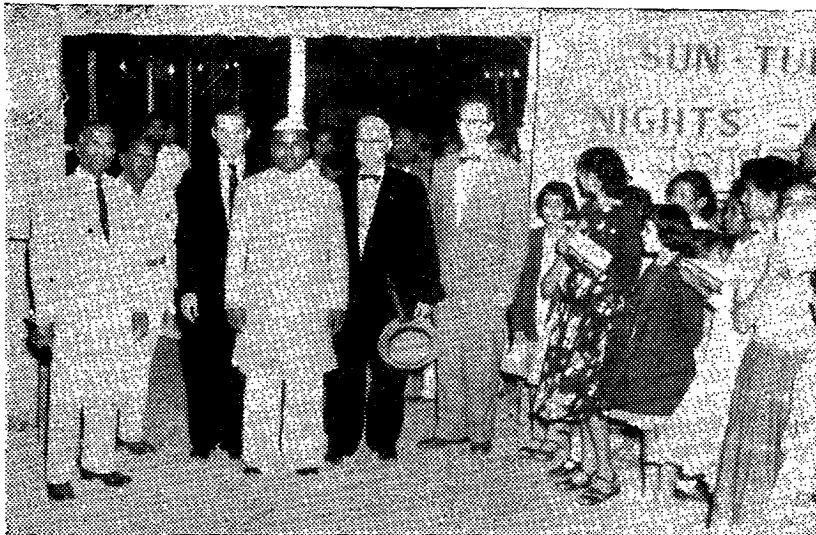
Right, top to bottom:

1. Errol Schokman, the first prize winner of the Lakpahana (Ceylon) Chapter's poster contest showing his poster.
2. Kone Hun receiving the first prize for the poster contest sponsored by the Rangoon Elementary School Temperance Chapter from F. C. Wyman, Executive Secretary, Burma Temperance Society.
3. Willy Aung Pe, delivering his speech which won first prize in the speech contest. Rangoon Elementary School Temperance Chapter.
4. A lady middle school contestant at the speech contest sponsored by Paan School Temperance Chapter. Well might she plead for the cause of temperance because women and children are the worst sufferers of the evil results of alcohol and tobacco.

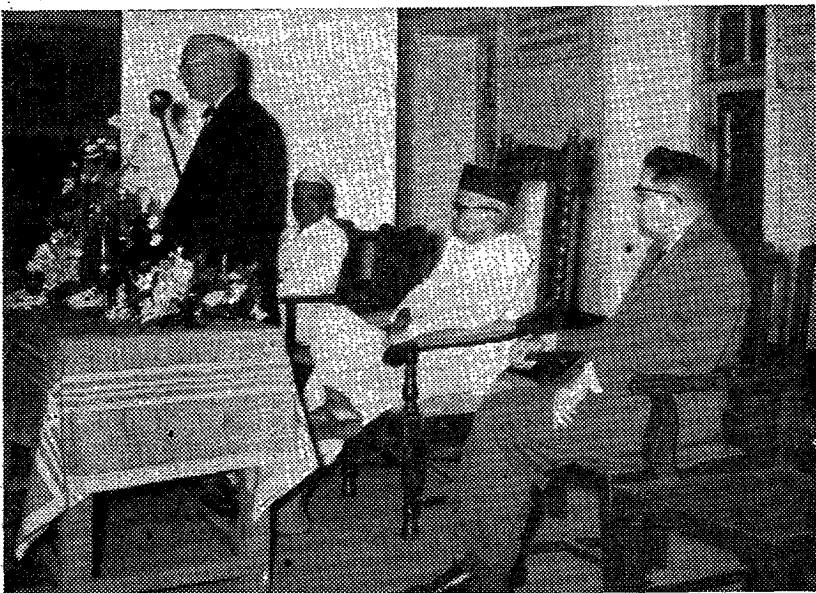
Below:

Audience witnessing the contests sponsored by the Paan School Temperance Chapter.





"Now Is Our Time, Now Is Our Opportunity, to Do a Blessed Work"



Left top to bottom:

1. A picture after the close of the Bangalore Rally. From left to right: Pastor I. K. Moses, union temperance secretary; Pastor R. G. Christiansen, pastor of Bangalore Church; the Honourable Minister for Prohibition, Mysore; Professor W. A. Scharffenberg, Executive Secretary of the International Temperance Association; Pastor E. L. Sorensen, union president.

2. A picture of the Poona Rally, which was held at the Gokhale Hall, under the chairmanship of Professor D. R. Gadgil, Director of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics. Picture shows Professor W. A. Scharffenberg addressing; Professor Gadgil; and Pastor N. G. Mookerjee, the president of the National Temperance Society of India. About 300 people attended.

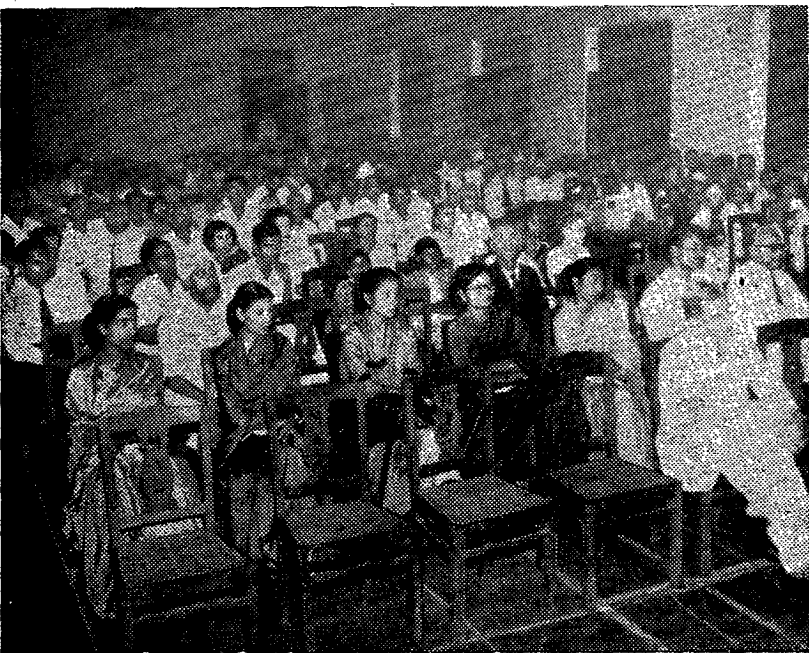
3. This is the group at the Lucknow Rally, which was presided over by Dr. Jawahar Lal Rohatgi, the Honourable Deputy Minister of Health, Government of Uttar Pradesh. Pastor G. J. Christo, even in the midst of his evangelistic campaign, managed to arrange for this public meeting at the Trilok Nath Hall (Municipal Building).

Right top to bottom:

1. Earnest listeners at the Bangalore Rally, held at the evangelistic effort auditorium, under the chairmanship of the Honourable Minister for Prohibition, Government of Mysore.

2. Youngsters the devil fears! Stephen Jesudason, Errol Schokman, Desmond Krause, Merle de Silva, Chandrani Fernando, W. D. Joseph, winners of Lakpahana chapter's poster, oratorical and jingle contests of junior, intermediate, and senior categories.

Mr. E. S. Rajah, temperance leader and sponsor of oratorical contest, is also seen.



PREPARING THE WAY

for

The Full Reception of the Gospel

S. JAMES

GOD calls our temperance programme "A Blessed Work"; and now is our time—an opportune time—to do this blessed work. The church, every member included, must line up for action under the temperance banner. God will bless our efforts and save many into His kingdom.



Many large temperance meetings were held throughout the Division during 1958. Hundreds thronged to these meetings. The following report on a temperance rally conducted by Pastor R. S. Fernando at Galle, Ceylon, could be true of most temperance meetings: "We got a Buddhist priest to speak; also a doctor from the Galle Hospital, and a Methodist preacher. The Anglican minister closed the meeting with prayer. It was said that the Y. W. C. A. Hall was never filled in its history as it was that night. We had to show the film twice to care for the overflow crowd. Over 400 were present in spite of threatening weather. About 50 signed pledges, and they are desirous of having literature and help. A number of requests have come in for us to conduct meetings."



God's plan is to use our temperance force as an advance party to prepare the way for the full reception of the gospel.

They Signed the Pledge in Their Own Blood

G. R. JENSON

Temperance Secretary, Northwestern India Union

A MAN by the name of Mr. K. . . . had attended all of our previous evangelistic lectures and came rather naturally to our temperance meeting. When he returned home he was armed with our temperance literature which we distributed to all as they left the chapel. One of the pamphlets he had was entitled "What You Ought to Know," and he also had a copy of "Smoke Signals."

He was so convinced of the evils of smoking that he could hardly contain himself. His brother who had not attended the meeting was a chain smoker. Arriving at his home about 10:30 p.m. Mr. K. . . . was unable to awaken anyone even to come and let him into the house. He was forced to scale a six-foot wall and break into his own home. Having done this he went immediately to his brother and shook him violently. "Wake up, I want you to read this!" Naturally the brother was reluctant to get up from a sound sleep and read a pamphlet. However, he promised to read them the first thing the next morning.

True to his word he woke up earlier than usual and read the pamphlets. He made a vow right then to quit smoking at once. When he went to his shop he found many men sitting under a tree talking politics. He went to them and said, "Why do you waste your time talking about something like this; why don't you talk about something vital!" He at once began to give the men a temperance talk based on the things he had read just that morning. As a result a group of those men banded together and vowed never to touch tobacco again in any form. They signed the vow together in their own blood, and pledged that any man found with any form of tobacco on his person was to be taken to the group where they would publicly administer a beat-

ing on his head with their shoes! Obviously none of them were anxious to break the vow.

The news spread to other shops in the Cantonment area, and auxiliary groups with the same vows were formed. Soon the news reached the Commandant's ears. He inquired where the trouble had started. Someone mentioned the name of the person who had first taken the vow. When the Colonel

heard his name he said, "Preposterous! Everybody knows that man is a chain smoker! He could not quit if he wanted to." The man was sent for and had the privilege of explaining to the colonel why he had stopped smoking.

Surely we can never weigh the result of the good accomplished by a single tract distributed to the receptive minds of men and women.

Ceylon Yearend Meeting

N. O. DAHLSTEN

THE BUDGET meeting is now in the past, but the blessings received during the days we were gathered in council here will remain with us during the whole year.

It was indeed a privilege to have with us during these committee meetings Elder F. A. Mote from the General Conference and a strong representation from our Division headquarters consisting of Pastor O. O. Mattison, our Division president, Pastor Bonney from the Voice of Prophecy School and Brother A. G. Johnson from the treasurer's office. Their timely counsel was much appreciated.

Morning and evening services were held in Bethel Chapel every day and the church members who could come were invited to attend. And those who came were richly rewarded. We feel that the spiritual messages delivered during these worship hours by our visiting brethren impressed on us as never before that we are living at the "end of all things" and that we must search our hearts and prepare to meet God. Adding much to the spiritual atmosphere were the timely vocal numbers presented before the sermons by our talented sisters of the Colombo churches. The attendance was very

good at all the meetings and on Sabbath extra chairs had to be brought in.

On Sabbath, the 10th of January, three of our brethren were ordained to the gospel ministry. These were brethren P. P. Dias, C. C. Kurunathan and A. W. Robinson. We are happy for the years of faithful service that these brethren have already given to the cause of God and pray that God's choicest blessing may rest upon them as they now prepare for wider service.

At this time another mile post was passed in the development of the work in Ceylon. The Enderamulla church, which has been in process of building for the past seven months was dedicated. The membership has outgrown their present quarters and we hope that with this new and commodious place of worship the Enderamulla church membership will continue to grow.

During these meetings the progress of the work in Ceylon was reviewed and plans laid to enlarge the stakes and lengthen the cords of our work. Pastor C. C. Kurunathan is to locate in Batticaloa and Pastor B. Pinghe in Kurunegala. We pray that these brethren may find houses to live in

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1959

We Need One Last Push

Please Help

*Solicitation of Worldly Men*

"WHY NOT ask the Gentiles for assistance? I have received instruction that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who will be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented before them. . . .

"There are men in the world who will give of their means for schools and for sanitariums. The matter has been presented to me in this light. Our work is to be aggressive. The money is the Lord's, and if the wealthy are approached in the right way, the Lord will touch their hearts, and impress them to give of their means. God's money is in the hands of these men, and some of them will heed the request for help."—Taken from *An Appeal to Ministers and Church Officers*.

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IF ALL who are engaged in the Lord's work would realize how much depends upon their fidelity and wise forethought, far greater prosperity would attend their ef-

THE FAITHFUL FEW

In every church, in every clime,
When there's some work to do,
It's very likely to be done

By just the "Faithful Few."

Many folks will help to sing,

And some are glad to talk,

But when it comes to doing things,

A lot of them will balk—

"I can't do this, I can't do that;

Excuse me, please, this time—

I'd be glad to help you out,

But it's not in my line."

So when the leader looks about

For some who'll help to "do,"

He nearly always has to go

And ask the "Faithful Few."

He knows full well, they're busy too

And always hard at work,

Yet he is sure they'll not refuse,

Nor any duty shirk.

They never stop to make excuse

But always try to do

The very, very best they can

To smooth the way for you.

God Bless, I pray, the Faithful Few,

And may their tribe increase!

They must be very precious to

The blessed Prince of Peace.

Chester T. Shuler

forts. Through diffidence and backwardness we often fail of securing that which is attainable as a right, from the powers that be. God will work for us, when we are ready to do what we can and should do on our part.—*Christian Service*, p. 170.

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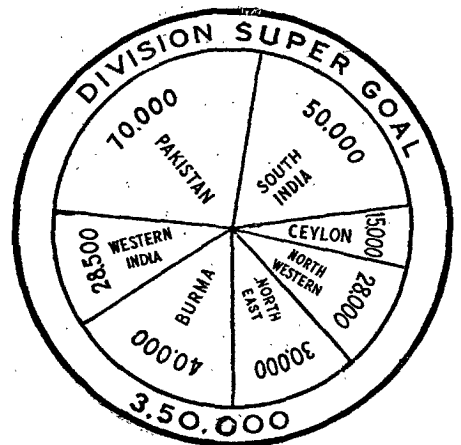
The Priests of Israel Among the First to Respond

AMONG the first to catch Nehemiah's spirit of zeal and earnestness were the priests of Israel. From the position of influence which they occupied, these men could do much to hinder or advance the work. Their ready co-operation at the very outset contributed not a little to its success. Thus should it be in every holy enterprise. Those who occupy positions of influence and responsibility in the church, should be foremost in the work of God. If they move reluctantly, others will not move at all. But "their zeal will provoke very many." When their light burns brightly, a thousand torches will be kindled at the flame.—*Christian Service*, p. 175.

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Feb. 7.

Northwestern	38,000
Northeast	48,000
South India	56,132
Pakistan	70,000
Western India	30,440
Burma	10,000
Ceylon	(Will begin later)
Total for Division	252,570



Ceylon Meetings

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soon in their new places of labour. Pastor R. S. Fernando, one of our most experienced workers, will be in charge of the work in and around Jaffna. We wish these brethren God's blessing as they prepare to take up the work in these new places.

Ordination in Ceylon

FRANCIS R. SCOTT

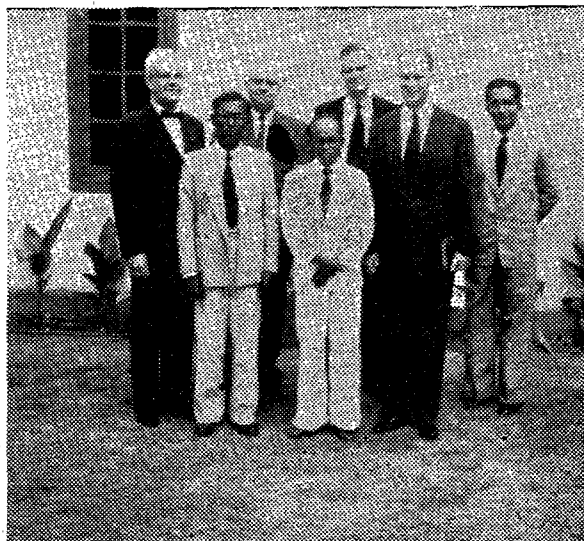
SABBATH, January 10, was an important date in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ceylon. That day saw an increase in the ordained ministry of nearly 43%, when three brethren who have merited the confidence of the church were set apart for the work of the gospel by the laying on of hands.

Those ordained were: P. P. Dias, Voice of Prophecy Secretary for the Ceylon Union; C. C. Kurunathan, who has been labouring in Jaffna, and has just been assigned to open up new work in Batticaloa; and A. W. Robinson, Manager, Lakpahana Training Institute, at Mailapitiya.

The sermon was presented by Pastor F. A. Mote, General Field Secretary of the General Conference, while Pastor O. O. Mattison offered the ordination prayer. The charge was given by Pastor Francis R. Scott, after which Pastor Bernard Pinghe, Temperance Secretary of the union and pastor at Jaffna, welcomed the three brethren to the ranks of the gospel ministry.

With this added strength to the ranks of the ordained ministry the church in Ceylon looks forward to larger growth as we preach the Word in our beautiful island.

He is most free from danger, who, even when safe, is on his guard.—*Syrus*.
He who conceals a useful truth is equally guilty with the propagator of an injurious falsehood.—*Augustine*.



Front Row: C. C. Kurunathan, P. P. Dias, A. W. Robinson.

Back Row: F. A. Mote, O. O. Mattison, F. R. Scott, B. Pinghe.

SOUTH INDIA UNION

President: E. L. Sorensen

Secretary: I. K. Moses

Treasurer: S. John

Office Address: 9 Cunningham Road, Bangalore 1

Largest Baptisms Ever in South India Union

REGINALD N. SHIRES

"Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night . . . faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth. . . . In India . . . God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will shine forth amidst the darkness. . . . Even now they are appearing. . . ."—Ellen G. White.

IN THE cold December air of Bangalore, Seventh-day Adventist delegates to the Union's Biennial Session, Dec. 29-Jan. 3, stood in the mission compound greeting one another and renewing old acquaintances. A few minutes before nine, over 180 delegates entered the church for the first business session of the meeting.

President, Ervin L. Sorensen, read his report. Near the end of his

report President Sorensen explained: The Local sections will now report their baptisms for 1958. Pastor I. K. Moses, the Union Secretary tallied these reports.

Kannada's President, Pastor C. P. Jonahs, reported 48; North Kerala's, A. Joseph, 87; section by section called out their baptisms. North Telugu's 303 was last. The tally was quickly made: *one thousand and fifty souls won to the truth in 1958*—South India's largest baptisms ever!

Pastor Sorensen asked: "Brethren, isn't that wonderful! When I see that, I am speechless." From the pews Southern Asia's President, O. O. Mattison, one-time leader of the South India Union, said: "We have longed for this day when we could baptize one thousand." Elder F. A. Mote, Field Secretary of the General Conference, was in the chair. Said he: "Let us sing 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.'" The audience stood as one, and broke into song.

One thousand and fifty souls—God's firmament, and "even now

Above all things, always speak the truth; your word must be your bond through life.—*Haliburton*.

they are appearing"—in South India. Truly a new day's dawning here.

Chief items on the President and Treasurer's reports:

* All seven local sections are under the leadership of indigenous administration.

* Narsapur High School's crowded quarters may mean another school for the Telugu fields.

* Recognition of Seventh-day Adventist schools hasn't placed our students fully in non-Adventist hands. Percentage of Adventist teachers has now reached 83.7.

* MV Week promotion has brought results: during the first six months of 1958 two hundred fifty youth were baptized.

* Colporteur contacts brought 16 souls into the church.

* Narsapur and Lowry Memorial High School lead the field in the race for self support respectively, Narsapur receiving a little over 23% appropriation.

No stone will be left unturned in this great Union's united effort to win souls from the enemy's ranks. On Friday, January 2 (last business day of the session), the Union Treasurer, Pastor S. John, released the budget provision for the new year. Over a lakh of rupees is earmarked for evangelism. Twice this year (Mar.-May; Oct.-Dec.) workers and laymen will be out in city, town and village campaigns.

WESTERN INDIA UNION

President: F. E. Spiess

Secretary-Treasurer: C. N. John

Office Address: 16 Club Road, Byculla, Bombay

MV CAMPS IN DECEMBER

Lasalgaon High School spent the week of November 30 to December 7 at Lake Beale near Aswali in their Annual MV Camp. The Union MV Secretary directed the camp with the assistance of Pastors J. F. Ashlock from the Division and V. P. Muthiah from the Union.

The camp was highlighted with several items. The foremost of these was the excellent camp fire programmes put on each night by the units in charge of the camp fire. These, all on a high spiritual tone, were climaxed by the unit captains' programme, Sabbath evening dramatizing the story of "Prodigal Son." The various units and their counsellors are to be commended for their work in working up these items.

Another item of interest was the sighting of an object in the sky one evening after supper which we thought might be the Russian Sputnik. This was seen by practically the entire camp as it slowly flashed its way down the sky until disappearing behind some clouds on the southern horizon.

Another feature of the camp as expressed by many of the students

were the vocational class periods which included swimming for the first time. There were fourteen who finished their senior swimming honours and one who qualified for the Intermediate swimming honour.

There must be made mention of the excellent help given by Miss Gloria Thomas, Mrs. Muthiah, the various members of the school staff and Mrs. M. D. Moses who went out of her way to provide an excellent bill of fare for the camp.

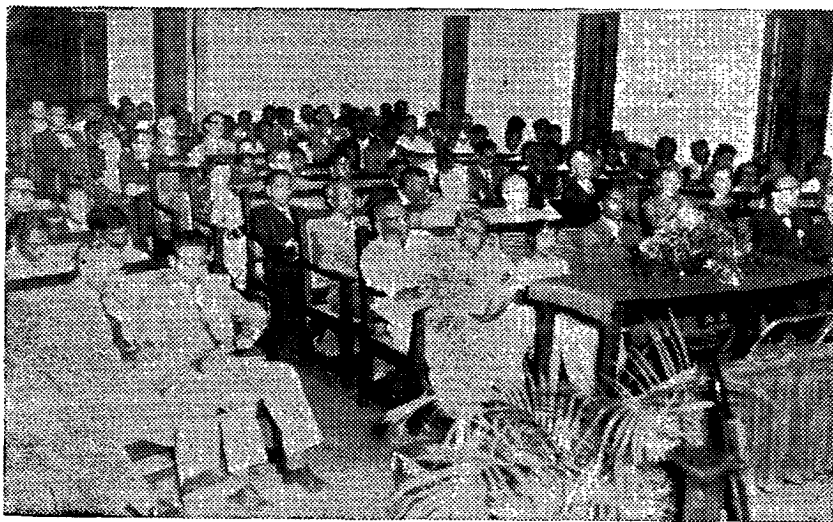
The camp broke up on Sunday morning December 7 and as each camper went back to the school, they expressed their appreciation for the spiritual uplift they had received at the 1958 Lasalgaon High School Camp at Lake Beale.

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Spicer Memorial College held their camp at the Holiday Rest Camp at Malavli near Lonavla from December 25 to 31. This is an excellent camp site with its various houses, abundant water and its proximity to the Karla Caves, Tata's Hydro-electric dam and several of Shivaji's forts.

The Camp was highlighted by the forums which were held each day in which the following subjects were discussed: "How to make the most of our student life"; "How to make the most of our social life"; "How to make the most of our leisure time"; and the climax was "How to make the most of our life work."

Mr. M. E. Cherian very ably led out in the camp, assisted by D. H. Skau and R. L. Rowe. The co-operation of the college staff in their various duties did much to make the camp a success. There is a saying that an army fights on its stomach. This is also true about a camp. Its success depends on the able hands that laboured to prepare the daily food. Mrs. R. E. Rice and her helpers did a commendable job in ensuring the happiness of all.



A partial view of South India Union's ministers, evangelists, medical and educational workers at their biennial council, Dec. 29—Jan. 3. In the picture also are guests from the Division.

SAMARIA

—D. K. DOWN.

EARLY one morning we drove out of Jerusalem northward. Our first destination was Emmaus. I was anxious to try to follow the track that Cleopas and his companion took, so instead of taking the main road I soon turned off to the left and after winding down into the deep valley of Ajalon where Joshua told the moon to stand still, we climbed up a steep trail to the other side of the valley. On the hilltop I was rather astonished to find a sign pointing back the way we had come and reading, "Danger, No man's land. Keep Out." Apparently we had been wandering around in the danger zone between Jordan and Israel. But the machine gun nests were either sleeping or unconcerned because all was quiet about us. I noticed how stony the ground was around these hills and was interested to read in *Desire of Ages*, p. 801, "In some parts the road is not safe, but they climb over the steep places, slipping on the smooth rocks."

The village of Emmaus is only small but has a very beautiful church with stained glass windows depicting each scene in the walk to and fro of the two disciples on the evening of the resurrection day.

At Ramallah, ten miles from Jerusalem, we have an Arab worker and his family. Later in the week we had lunch with them and greatly enjoyed our visit. Ramallah is a large town predominantly Christian and our brother is doing personal evangelism there and we have a small membership in the town.

A little further on to the right is Bethel, now a small village with recently excavated ruins. Here Jacob had seen the ladder let down from heaven with angels ascending and descending. He had stones for a pillow. Genesis 28:11. Bethel is on the top edge of the Jordan valley and a road runs down from here to Jericho. By the stony nature of the hills here I'm

sure Jacob had no difficulty in finding stones for a pillow. I marvel that he did not have to use stones for his bed as well.

Another ten miles and we dropped down from the Judean hills into a beautiful fertile valley clothed with olive trees. If the parents of Jesus had taken the direct route from Jerusalem to Nazareth after their visit to the temple with Jesus as a child, then this delightful valley would be about one day's walk from Jerusalem and an ideal place for the overnight stay. Perhaps here Joseph and Mary discovered that the Divine child was not with them and remembering Herod's attempt on His life in babyhood, hastily retraced their steps.

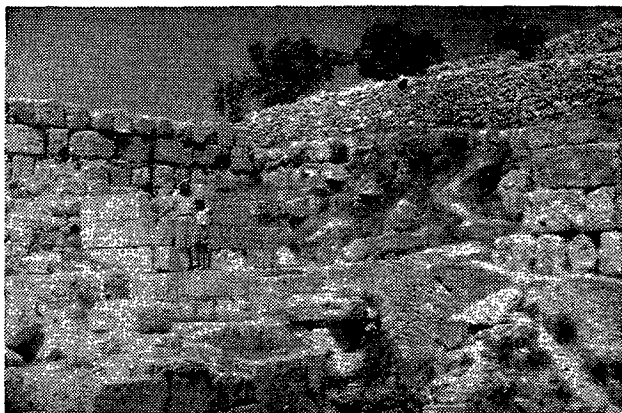
Over hills and valleys we traveled till we came to a fork in the roads, the right hand road proceeding on to Tubas and the left hand road branching off between the mountains of Ebal and Gerizim, where Joshua had read the blessings and cursings to assembled Israel (Joshua 8:30, 34). These two

At the entrance to the valley near the fork in the roads is a half-built church. A poorly built shed covers the steps leading down to a well which is itself quite wide in diameter, but has a very small opening through which a priest lowered a bucket by rope and pulley. Here Jesus sat at the noon hour and talked with the woman of Samaria (John 4). The water is cold and clear and a fit symbol of the living water of which Jesus spoke. When the priest poured the remaining water back into the well it took five seconds to reach the water beneath. The well is certainly deep as the woman pointed out to Jesus (Verse 11).

On our way back we climbed up the hill to where the Samaritans have a new church. Their old one was recently destroyed by earthquake. There are only about 300 Samaritans left here and they seem to be a dying race. The high priest showed us the Samaritan Pentateuch, one of the oldest manuscripts of the Bible in existence. He also quoted for us the first few verses of Genesis in Aramaic. This was the language in which Jesus spoke while on earth and it sounded very sweet.

Another five miles and we came to a steep isolated hill on which

Foundation
stone of
Arab palace
in Samaria.
Read Micah
1:6.



mountains are quite close to each other and six tribes could have perched on the rocks and ledges at the foot of each mountain. Joshua would have stood in the valley reading the Torah and appointed officers could relay his words to the people who responded with fervent amens.

stand the ruins of the old city of Samaria. We walked over the huge blocks of stone which once stood at the foundation of Ahab's palace, all that remains of the proud king's residence. I later looked up the concordance and found a striking prophecy whose fulfilment can be seen today. "I will make Samaria



Nurses' Lamp-lighting Ceremony at Giffard Memorial Hospital

as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard . . . and I will discover the foundations thereof." Micah 1:6. Samaria is a heap of ruins, a vineyard grows on top of it and only the foundations of Ahab's palace are left of the old city of Samaria.

One more place was on our itinerary for the day and that was Dothan, where Elisha was surrounded by the armies of the King of Syria, and Elisha's servant was given a view of the armies of God encompassing the city (2 Kings 6). Dothan is in ruins but it is well excavated. Like most of the old cities of ancient Israel it was "a city set on a hill" that could not be hid. (Matthew 5:14.) These cities were built on steep isolated hills, either natural or artificial, for defensive purposes. Dothan has a small valley on the East side and a large fertile plain on the West side. No doubt on this larger plain Joseph's brothers were feeding their flocks and here Joseph had his coat of many colours stripped from him and he was sold into Egyptian slavery (Genesis 37). Beyond the plains and valleys Dothan is ringed by high sloping mountains and apparently here the Syrian armies were stationed. But when Elisha's servant was stricken with fear, he was shown the angels of God in chariots of fire on the sides of the hill on which Dothan was built.

By

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ELEVEN probationary nurses took part in the significant and traditional lamplighting ceremony at the Giffard Memorial Hospital on the evening of December 16.

After the inspirational address given by Pastor J. I. Crawford, the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the South India Union, the nine young women and two young men took their places in a semicircle in the front of the auditorium. Immediately the senior nurses stood in front of them and placed the caps on the young ladies and the shoulder epaulets on the young men. After the seniors had returned to their places, Miss Alta Daniel, R. N. dressed to represent Florence Nightingale came out bearing her lighted silver lamp signifying the light of service. The newly capped nurses then filed by and each lighted his or her own lamp showing a determination to keep the light of service burning brightly.

The repeating of the Nightingale Nurses pledge and a song of consecration by the class concluded the inspiring ceremony.

"You may whitewash yourself, but only God can wash you white."

From left to right: Robinson Abraham—E. D. Thomas High School; So-samma Kurien—Spicer Memorial High School; Roselyn Joseph—Narsapur High School; Ponnamma Varghese—Spicer Memorial College; P. G. Leelamma—Spicer Memorial College; V. Jayakantha—Ranee Govt. H. S.; Godavari Shinde—Spicer Memorial High School; Gloria Eswarao—Spicer Memorial College; Chandrawathie Menike—Lakhpahana Training School, Ceylon.

Two other members of the class not taking part in the ceremony are Aruna Hembrom, St. Columbus College, and Y. Jagannadha Rao, Narsapur College.

Calendar of Special Days and Offerings 1959

Feb. 28	Uplift Victory Day
March 7	Christian Home and Family Altar Day and H. M. Offering
March 14	Temperance Commitment Day
March 21	"S. Asia Tidings" Offering
April 4	Home Visitation Day—with "Our Times" and H. M. Offering
April 18	Educational Day and Offering
May 2	H. M. Day and Offering
May 9	Disaster and Famine Relief Offering
May 16	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June 6	H. M. Day and Offering
June 27	Mid-summer Offering
July 1-31	Youth Evangelism
July 4	Medical Missionary Day and H. M. Offering
July 11	Bible Society Offering
July 18-25	MV Week of Prayer
July 25	MV Share Your Faith Day
August 1	H. M. Day and Offering
August 8	Temperance Day and Offering
August 15	Sabbath School Rally Day
August 22	Tithe Reminder Day
Sept. 5	H. M. Day and Offering
Sept. 12	Mission Extension Offering
Oct. 3	Neighbourhood Evangelism and H. M. Offering
Oct. 10	Voice of Prophecy Offering
Oct. 24	Colporteur Rally Day
Nov. 7	Lay Witnessing Day and H. M. Offering
Nov. 7-14	Week of Prayer
Nov. 14	Week of Sacrifice Offering
Dec. 5	Dorcas and Welfare Evangelism Day and H. M. Offering



THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

March 28	Southern African Division
June 27	Middle East Division
Sept. 26	Far Eastern Division
Dec. 26	Southern Asia Division

Miscellany

● Tithe income for the twelve months ending December 31, 1958 in the Northwestern India Union was Rs. 37,493.46. The lay tithe in the Upper Ganges Section increased from Rs. 15,457.09 in 1957 to Rs. 17,770.06 in 1958.

● Pastor N. G. Mookerjee reports two Voice of Prophecy rallies at Karnal. Fifteen hundred enrolment cards were distributed and 300 were returned requesting the lessons. Many will be returned by post. Brother Mookerjee is holding rallies in a number of cities in the Northwestern India Union and will then proceed to the Andaman Islands.

● Pastor V. D. Edward, Voice of Prophecy Secretary for the North Tamil Section, reports that 48 persons who had completed the Voice of Prophecy course were baptized during 1958 in that Section. He suggests that each worker win at least one Voice of Prophecy interest during 1959.

● The Simla Sanitarium recently received an incubator for premature babies. This will be a wonderful addition to the hospital equipment and has been urgently needed in many cases during the past few years. The number of patients cared for by the hospital rose from 6,759 in 1957 to 10,884 in 1958.

● J. Japagnanam, Publishing Secretary for the Northeast Union, writes that a special drive is being made in 1959 to increase colporteur

sales. New colporteurs are being recruited and with the help of student colporteurs from Spicer College and the two high schools, all sections of the Union will be covered.

● Pastor I. M. Chand writes that 8 baptisms have been held in the Upper Ganges Section during the 4th quarter. There will soon be further fruit from the efforts at Lucknow, Delhi and other centers of the Northwestern India Union.

● Pastor M. E. Kemmerer is attending Local Section Budget Meetings in the Telugu and Tamil fields. He will return to Poona on the 20th of February.

● Pastor O. O. Mattison in company with workers in the Burma Union visited the work at Kalamyo, Sing-u-naw, Tiddim and other centres in the Upper Burma Section. He proceeded from Rangoon to Dacca on the 12th of February and expects to be back in Poona by the end of February.

● A letter has just been received from Elder F. A. Mote who is now in Singapore. He expresses to our workers and church members his joy from being here for the Division and Union meetings and the various meetings in the churches. Elder Mote expects to arrive back at General Conference headquarters by the 27th of March after stops in Hong Kong and Los Angeles. His visit to Southern Asia was a real inspiration to all.

● Elder N. W. Dunn left Karachi for Washington D. C., on the 8th of February. He has completed an extensive visit to hospitals, schools, churches and business meetings in the Northeast Union, Northwestern India Union

and Pakistan Union. His practical messages will long be remembered by our workers and church members throughout the field.

● Pastor W. F. Storz conducted the Week of Prayer at Jalirpar, East Pakistan, from February 9-14.

● Pastor R. E. Rice and Mr. L. R. Burns of Spicer Memorial College are visiting our educational institutions in the South India Union during the last February.

● Pastor C. H. Hamel and Pastor M. G. Champion attended the year-end meeting of the East Pakistan Section at Dacca. Brother Pein Gyi writes of the many excellent interests in that area and the good prospects for soul winning during 1959.

● Our believers at Salisbury Park Estate and Spicer Memorial College joined in the annual Uplift field day on the 11th of February. The response was excellent and many interesting experiences have been reported from the contacts made.

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Every faithful member doing his part.

"The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action."—*Christian Service*, page 75.

"In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which it is carried forward will be the success given."—*Christian Service*, page 262.

REACH THE GOAL IN FEBRUARY.

—O. W. Lange.