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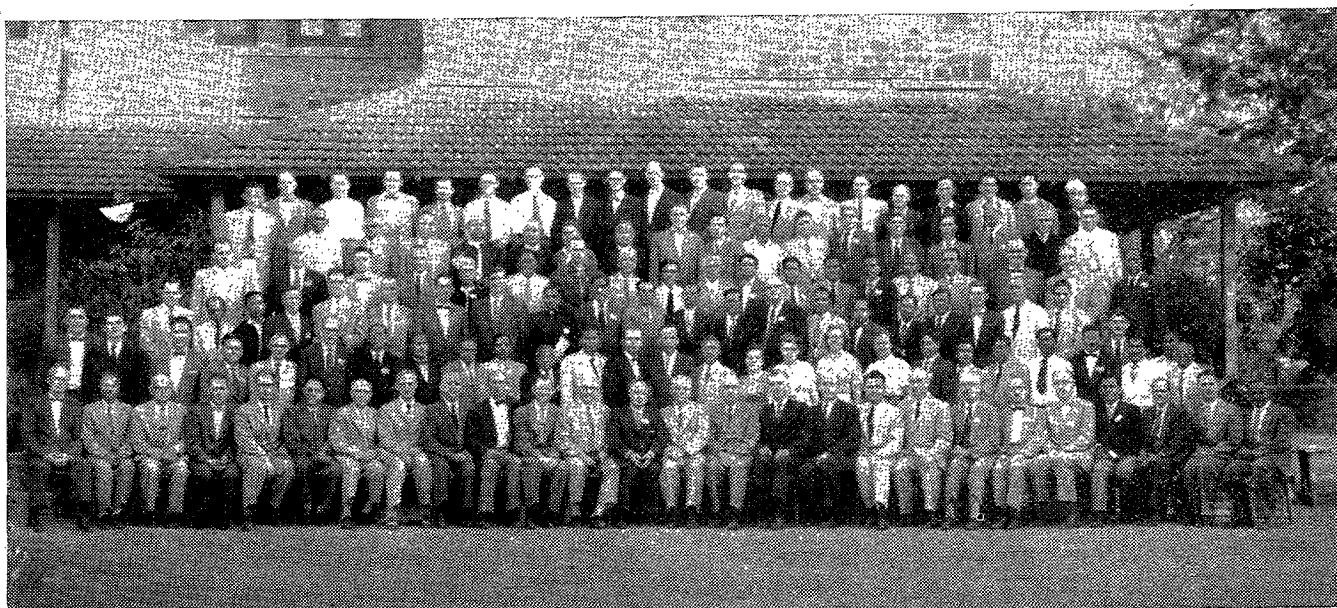
FROM all areas of Southern Asia 136 committee members and representatives gathered at Salisbury Park, Poona for the Quadrennial Council of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Southern Asia Division. Every phase and area of the work was well represented, and at the opening meeting on the 29th

D. S. JOHNSON

of December, 1959 O. O. Mattison, President of the Division, led all into a rededication of life to the finishing of the task in Southern Asia. The meetings continued through the 5th of January, and

each day brought new spiritual experiences and plans for the coming year and quadrennium.

It was evident from the outset that this was not a business meeting of the church in the ordinary sense. Hearts were mightily gripped again and again as each morning and evening messages were
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Division Committee Members and Delegates attending the Quadrennial Council, Salisbury Park, Poona, December 29 to January 5, 1960.

The Channel of Blessings

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

THE HOME of our first parents was a beautiful garden. In that lovely paradise God planted trees that were good for food and pleasant to the eye. Everything necessary to the health and happiness of Adam and Eve was provided in great abundance. There was one tree, however, which the all-wise Creator reserved as a reminder of His ownership. To refrain from partaking of the fruit of this tree of knowledge of good and evil would be, on the part of mankind, an acknowledgement of love and loyalty to the eternal Father. To eat of it in disobedience would bring death.

Today our Heavenly Father supplies all that is necessary for our good. He bestows upon us in great measure benefits both temporal and spiritual. He entrusts us with talents and gives us strength to labour and to receive wages. He causes our fields to bring forth grain and our trees to produce fruit. The earth is His; the cattle and sheep are His; the gold and silver are His. He is the Owner of all things. All we are and have belongs to Him. As a reminder of His ownership and of our dependence upon Him, He has given us the tithing system. This plan of gospel finance is beautiful in its simplicity and unique in its equality. Everyone can understand this divine requirement, and with this understanding everyone who loves God and His service will practise it.

Just as the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the garden of Eden was reserved by the Lord, so the tenth of all our increase is holy unto the Lord and does not belong to us. Those who withhold the tithe not only rob God of that which He intends shall be used to give the message of salvation, but also rob themselves. The personal loss sustained by the unfaithful steward is far greater than the loss which is suffered by the work of God through his negligence. On the other hand, all who return the

tithe to God are promised both temporal and spiritual blessings.

"Ministers should by precept and example teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred."—*Gospel Workers*, page 225.

Those who, with thankful hearts, bring their tithes to the Lord's storehouse as an act of sincere worship, *place themselves in the channel of spiritual blessing*. The surrender of hearts, the consecra-

tion of means, and the dedication of lives, open the windows of heaven.

Solomon, the wise, set forth an eternal principle, ever to be kept in mind by the children of God, "Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9, 10. Heaven's unlimited resources are still available. Those who meet the conditions may, with confidence, claim the promise. Faithful stewards enjoy fellowship and partnership with the Eternal.

God's Special Treasure

R. G. CHRISTIANSEN, *Pastor-evangelist, South India*

IN THE days of kings and emperors, a man's wealth was measured partly by his accumulation of gold, silver and precious stones. Members of royal families embellished themselves with garments inwrought with gold and with ornaments of precious stones. The wealthier the king the more costly his ornamentation. Doubtless monarchs found a sort of satisfaction in occasionally looking over their vast treasures. Here were the evidences of their wealth and power.

God also has His treasure store. All the silver and the gold are His, the Bible says. But God has a special treasure, worth more than all the gold, silver, rubies, and diamonds in the world. We read about it in Malachi 3:16 (last part), 17. "And a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels (margin, special treasure)." Although the most costly gems are in His treasury, His special treasure is His people—those who believe and obey Him.

Many times people argue that obedience to God is a light matter.

"After all," they say, "that regulation applied to people hundreds of years ago. But it's outdated now. God may have fulfilled His promises literally for a time after the promise was given. But not now!"

In the same chapter—Malachi 3—where God's system of tithes and offerings is so forcefully presented—we are told that that argument was used against the system of tithes and offerings by the Children of Israel in Malachi's day. Notice verse fourteen. "Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance."

But God says, "I am the Lord, I change not." (verse 6). It doesn't matter how many hundreds of years have passed since God gave the command and the promise. He will fulfil His promise just as surely in 1960, when we fulfil the conditions, as when the promise was given. Read again His valuable promises in verses ten to twelve. They are meant for us here in Southern Asia in 1960!

God takes the matter of tithes and offerings further. It is not merely a question of receiving or not receiving His blessings, but it is a question of eternal life or eternal death. In verse eighteen we

read, "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." It is that important! God says in the last part of verse seventeen, "And I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

In the days of God's judgment, I want to be spared. Don't you? When the financial accounts are

opened before the God of heaven and earth, I want my tithes and offering account to be paid up-to-date. What an awful thing to appear before God with the words "robber of God" written beside our account. May we be faithful in giving to our Father His tithes and our offerings, that we may be accounted as His special treasure, and that we may shine as the stars forever and ever in His kingdom.

Do We Keep God's Covenant?

A. J. Johanson, *President, Northwestern Union.*

IN JOHN 15:16, we read, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you," and in John 6:44, "No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."

Each one of us who names the name of Christ has been drawn to Him by a loving Heavenly Father. We owe all things to God, and without His upholding power and Spirit of truth we would be poor and hungry and naked and blind.

Considering this great grace of God in choosing men and drawing them, the Apostle Paul told the Ephesians, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the

established in its beginning by God, and He used in its establishment, faithful men and women who were filled with all the fulness of God.

From earliest times God established a system by which His work should be maintained and by which the Gospel should be preached around the world. He said "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

The early believers in this remnant church, filled with all the fulness of God, faithfully obeyed this command, and churches, schools, hospitals, radio work, all geared to the preaching of the Gospel, were raised up and have prospered. To us and to our children in these last days has been given the task of carrying on the work these founders began under God. In considering our task we would do well to remember the Master's words of warning, "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much."

We may have barely enough of this world's goods, but our tithe belongs to God. By honestly paying that portion to Him we demonstrate the quality of our faithfulness. He says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." He does not want just a portion,

but *all*. In this way His blessing may be full and complete and the whole church may prosper. He wants every man, woman and child to keep this covenant with Him. He wants all of His children to share in the work of the ministry in this way.

One of God's noble laymen, a medical doctor, was asked what he had done during the week. He replied, "On Monday, I preached the Gospel in Brazil. Tuesday, I ministered among the Mexicans. Wednesday, I operated on patients in a hospital in Africa. Thursday, I taught a mission school in Japan. Friday, I helped to establish a new church in India. Sabbath, I preached in New Guinea. Sunday, I distributed Bibles in Korea." The astonished questioner asked, "How could you be in so many places, doing so many different things?" "I wasn't," the doctor said, with a twinkle in his eye, "for I have been busy with my patients every day. But you see, God gives the finances from my work; and my tithes and offerings have gone to the places of need I have mentioned."

The Sabbath school membership goal of Southern Asia is 36,000 in 1960.

Elder G. R. Nash counsels us on one method of reaching this. Read his article on Branch Sabbath School.

—O. W. Lange.

**TITHE COVENANT
DAY
MARCH 12**

whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth all knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Ephesians 3:14-19.

As well as having been chosen and drawn, it is God's will that we be filled. This remnant church was

We read in *Desire of Ages*, pp. 616, 617, "So with every gift bestowed and every act performed with a sincere desire for God's glory. It is linked with the purposes of Omnipotence. Its results for good no man can measure." "All that God commands is of consequence. Christ recognized the payment of tithes as a duty."

As the year of 1960 opens bright and fair before us, will not *all* the members and workers of our church make a new covenant with our Heavenly Father, to be scrupulously faithful in the matter of tithing our income, be it small or great?

Do Thyself No Harm

S. JAMES,

Division Temperance Secretary

THROUGH ignorance, through indifference, and through weakness we are constantly harming ourselves in some area of life, mostly with regard to our bodies. The tragedy of this fact is that it might mean the loss of eternal life. How should a Christian, the Church of God, react to this suicidal situation? Paul's experience in the Philippian prison gives us an answer to this question.

When Paul became conscious of the prison keeper's intent to kill himself, he "cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm." To the world which is killing itself the church should cry—and cry with a loud voice—saying, Do thyself no harm!

Sabbath, February 27th, is the annual Temperance Commitment Sabbath. On this day the attention of God's people around the world will be called to the subject of Christian Temperance. A clarion call should be made to the church

abstinence from all things harmful and the judicious use of that which is healthful. God has given His people much instruction on how to live to be able to render effective service to the cause of God. This vital information must be imparted to God's people.

The Commitment should also include a vigorous programme to stop the rising tide of intemperance in the world today. "God wants us to stand where we can warn the people. He desires us to take up

REMEMBER SABBATH FEBRUARY 27th IT'S TEMPERANCE COMMITMENT SABBATH

"Every true reform has its place in the work of the third angel's message. Especially does the temperance reform demand our attention and support."—"Testimonies," vol. 6, p. 110.

to commit itself to a programme of temperate living, as a necessary preparation to meet Jesus. Temperance, to God's people, means

the temperance question." "Give prominence to the temperance reform. . . . Everywhere call attention to this work, and make it a

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN,
NEW DELHI.

December 21, 1959
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International Temperance Association

(Southern Asia Division)

I send my best wishes to the

International Temperance Association, Southern Asia Division, which is meeting in a conference in Poona. There is no mistaking the fact that prohibition can be successful only when the enforcement of law takes place through the creation of a sound public opinion against the evils of drink and drug. Intensive and sustained educative propaganda is the prime need. The Indian people are pledged through the directive principles of their Constitution to work for this objective. It is, therefore, the proud privilege of social workers to work for the success of this great humanitarian cause.

I wish the Conference success.

Rajendra Prasad

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 10, 1960

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President Rajendra Prasad,
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Our Beloved President:

Your Honour's gracious message to the International Temperance Association, assembled in its quadrennial council, was deeply appreciated by all present. Your best wishes and counsel warmed and thrilled our hearts and inspired us in our program of "Total Abstinence for the Individual and Prohibition for the Nation". Your personal example and strong leadership in India's policy of prohibition was noted with keen admiration. The members of the council send Your Honour their grateful thanks.

Most respectfully yours,

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S. James, Secretary
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living issue." *Temperance* pp. 235, 203. The spearhead of our temperance action touches the use of alcohol and tobacco, which usage, the servant of the Lord says, "has destroyed its millions."

Let us move forward with our temperance work. "We want everyone to be a temperance worker." *Temperance*, p. 236. "We do not need to take an ax and break into their saloons. We have a stronger weapon than this—the word of the living God. That will cleave its way through the hellish shadow which Satan seeks to cast athwart their pathway. God is mighty and powerful. He will speak to their hearts. We have seen Him doing this."—*Temperance*, p. 235.

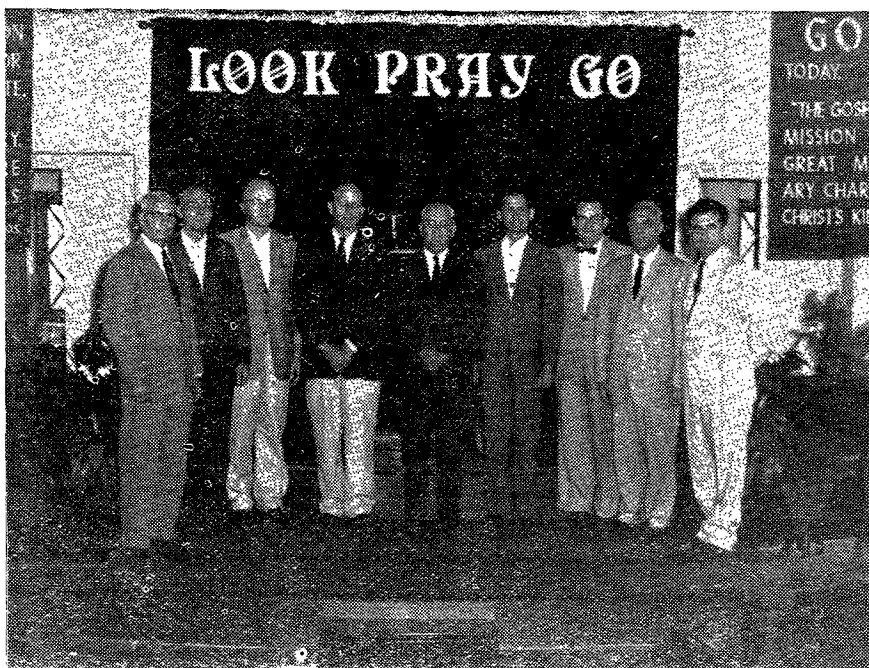
Are we alive to the soul-winning possibility through our temperance programme? What about the excellent public relations we establish through this means? How about the great good we bring into the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people and older folk who are kept away from the curse of alcohol and tobacco as a result of our temperance programme. Think of the hundreds of poor victims whom we save! Can you think of a greater good you might do to a person than to keep him away from the use of alcohol and tobacco, barring of course a saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ? Can you?

Let the church cry out to the world with a loud voice, "Do thyself no harm."

COUNCIL

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brought by W. R. Beach, Secretary of the General Conference; C. L. Torrey, Treasurer of the General Conference; R. A. Anderson of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference; and J. E. Chase of the Radio and Television Department of the General Conference. The business transacted was dealt with as God's business and the settled purpose prevailed that only under His



UNION PRESIDENTS.

Left to right: N. O. Dahlsten (Acting), Ceylon; W. F. Storz, Northeast; W. L. Murrill (Acting), Burma; D. S. Johnson, Division secretary; O. O. Mattison, Division president; M. E. Kemmerer, Division treasurer; G. W. Maywald, Western India; A. J. Johanson, Northwestern India; C. H. Hamel, Pakistan.

guidance can plans be laid that will accomplish His work.

Dr. R. S. Lowry and the members of the music committee had arranged for the ministry of the "sweet singers in Israel," and thirty-one items of special music were presented. Every heart was thrilled as the songs of Zion were played and sung by men and women whose talents have been truly dedicated to win souls. The theme of the Council—LOOK! PRAY! GO! was vividly etched into each mind by the theme song:

Roll upon us, Lord of Host
A burden for the sinner lost
Grant a vision of the field
Ripe with harvest yield!

Lord of Harvest, hear our prayer!
Send forth reapers everywhere
In whose heart is uppermost
A burden for the lost.

Roll upon us, Lord of Host
A burden for the sinner lost
May we ready ever be
To go and work for thee.

At the close of each service the

stirring "Revival Hymn" was sung.

Revive Thy work O Lord!
And manifest Thy power,
O come upon Thy church,
And give a penitential shower.
Revive Thy work O Lord.
Come now and answer prayer,
O come in Holy Spirit pow'r,
And save men everywhere.

The power of God was manifested as the ministry of the word and song opened responsive hearts.

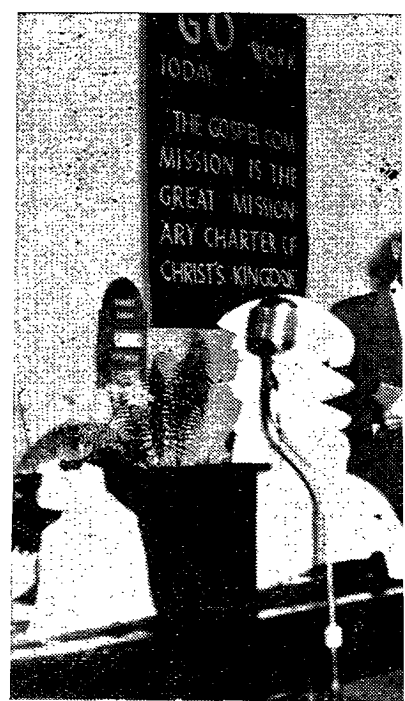
At the opening business meeting on the morning of 30th reports of the President and Secretary were presented. Brother Mattison reported that the church membership has now passed the 22,000 mark, and portrayed the outreach of the message into the far corners of the field. The Secretary reviewed the developments of the work since Miss Georgia Burrus arrived in Calcutta, January 23, 1895: D. A. Robinson opened meetings in the Corinthian Theater in 1898; the Mookerjees, Belchambers, Myers and others were baptized in 1896; the publication of the first regular edition of the *Oriental Watchman* with W. A.

Spicer as editor in 1898; the appointment of J. L. Shaw as superintendent of the Seventh-day Adventist Mission, Calcutta in 1901; the opening of an effort in Ceylon by Harry Armstrong and G. K. Owen in 1904; the advance of H. H. Votaw and L. F. Hansen into Burma in 1905; the opening of the work at Prakasapuram in 1909; the formation of the India Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists with J. L. Shaw as superintendent in 1910; the opening of a Union Training School at Lucknow in 1916 with I. F. Blue as Principal; and the organization of the Southern Asia Division at the "Ranchi Conference" in 1919 with J. E. Fulton as President.

It was pointed out how the business and organization of the work are sandwiched between evangelism. From the old minutes of the Mission of 1902 came this revealing comment: "Looked over the trial balance of both mission and

sanitarium. Mrs. Simon came for Bible Reading and hence Brother Shaw had to leave and meeting broken up." Nurses Gibbs and Reid arrived in 1910, but the minutes read: "That Miss Gibbs make Burma her field of labour, that she devote this cool season to work with our literature, later to take up medical work." "That Miss Reid enter the canvassing work for the present, later to connect with the Sanitarium."

God blessed this liberal use of talents and means and by 1920 there were 1,097 baptized church members in the Southern Asia Division. It was thrilling to report at this Council that baptisms during the current quadrennium were over 7,000 and the net increase in church membership will be well over 5,700. By comparison this shows that during this quadrennium more than five times as many entered the church as made up the total membership in 1920. The



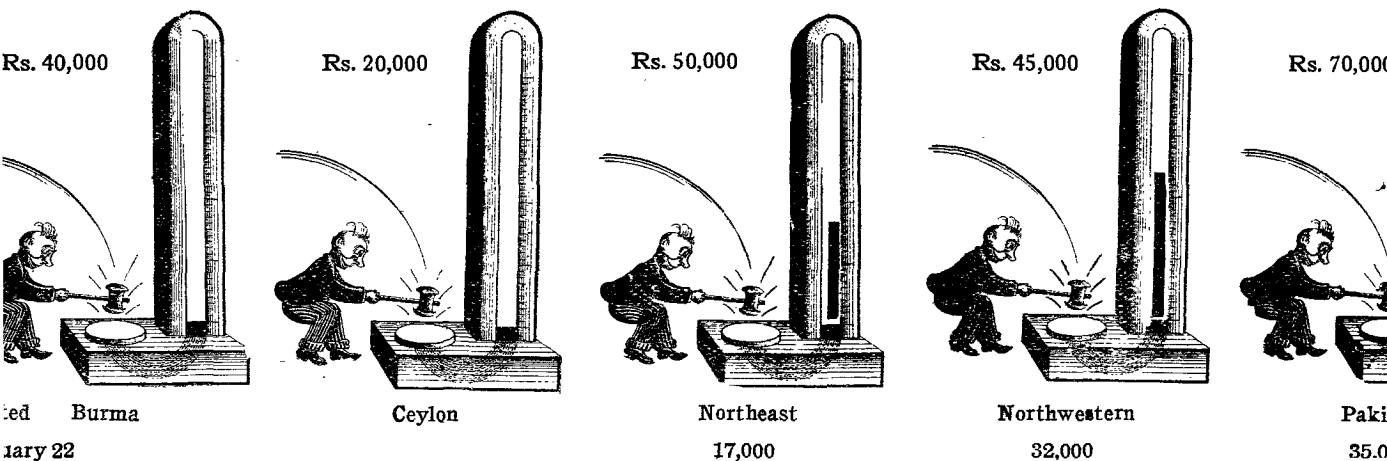
Pastor M. E. Kemmerer presenting 1 piles of rice. In the smaller bag is 1 per capita tithe of the lay members of bags contain 123.49 lbs. of rice, re ers in 1959 (Rs. 123.49). On the table This amount of money represents just the graph which showed the total exp Rs. 1,68,07,522.37.

F E B R U A R Y

The month when every church in Southern Asia is

Our Uplift Goal for 1960

Every member participating.
More souls won to Christ.
More funds raised for Uplift work.





...surer's report. At his right are two
...s. of rice representing Rs. 12.96, the
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...ng the per capita tithe of the work-
...left is a pile of 100,000 rupee notes.
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...during the quadrennium 1956-1959—

truth is now proclaimed in 791 languages in the world field, 48 of these languages are used in Southern Asia. In Southern Asia live 20.5% of the world population, and next on the list is the Far Eastern Division with 10.9% of the population of the world. Our largest field is the Northwestern India Union with 33.7% of the population of Southern Asia. The South India Union now has 10,940 members, which is 49.3% of the Division membership. There are 341 organized churches, 662 Sabbath Schools, 162 ordained ministers, and a total of over 2,000 workers in the field. The literature evangelists topped the Rs. 600,000 mark in sales during 1959, Brother Lange reported Uplift receipts of nearly Rs. 450,000 during 1959, and over 1,000,000 applicants have now received lessons for the Bible Courses.

M. E. Kemmerer, Treasurer, titled his report, "Blessings Multi-

plied" and showed how the giving of our people in other lands has resulted in much blessing to the church here, and how our giving here has swelled our blessings. Lay tithe for the current quadrennium totalled Rs. 956,365.00 which was an increase over the past quadrennium of over Rs. 200,000.00. By practical illustration the Treasurer pointed out how the yearly per capita tithe for workers has increased whereas the per capita tithe for laymen has decreased. It was very heartening to note that the percentage of tithe to appropriation in the Ceylon Union has reached 34%. In this respect some fields run as low as 15%. Much prayer and study was given during the meetings to the development of supporting power in the church. A committee will continue to study this and report to the Division Committee at the midyear meeting in July.

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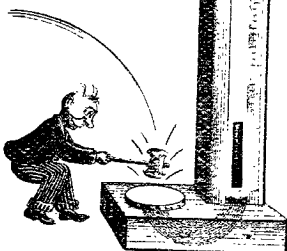
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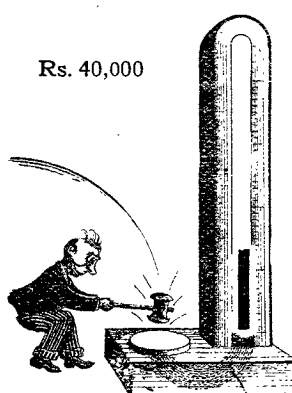


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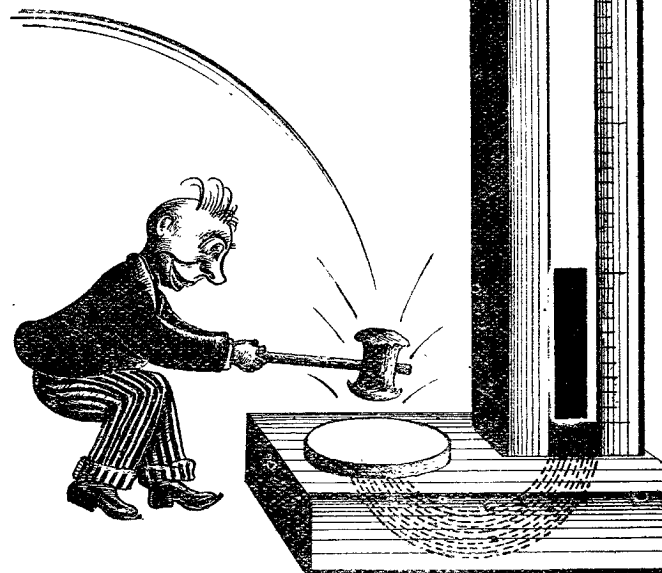
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Rs. 40,000

Western India

6,600



Division

110,600

tian workers was referred to many times as the need for unity of planning and purpose was stressed. "Christian is to be united with Christian, church with church, the human instrumentality co-operating with the divine, every agency subordinate to the Holy Spirit, and all combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 96. The work was done in this spirit.

J. F. Ashlock presented to the

teams are working hard in Delhi and Karachi and other areas will soon be launching into the campaign which is to close by the 15th of March. During the summer of 1960 C. E. Guenther of the General Conference Home Missionary Department will visit Southern Asia to train laymen for activity in every phase of church work.

C. R. Bonney and the Bible School Directors and Voice of Prophecy Secretaries have studied new methods for contacting inter-

ventists believe at the exhibition in Madras. Cottage industries are being taken up by many church members and this is resulting in stronger church support and better living.

Educational work in the Division has grown from small beginnings until 171 schools are now being operated; 23 of these are full-fledged boarding institutions and one is a senior college. The enrolment in these schools is 7,500 and growth both in institutional buildings and in enrolment continues apace.

The schools are real soul-winning agencies with 10.2% of the baptisms in Southern Asia being credited to the evangelizing agency of the schools.

The schools have made scholastic development as well and now all of the schools at the secondary level, with the exception of one are either recognized, in the process of obtaining recognition, or are in a position to prepare students for recognized examinations as private candidates. During the next quadrennium these schools will complete their recognition.

The thrilling evangelism symposium on Sabbath afternoon highlighted the reporting at the Council. William Moses pointed to the 50,000,000 people in Western India and told of the success in the efforts in Bombay, Ahmedabad, Dhulia, Jalna and Sholapur. A. M. Akbar reported the baptism of approximately 300 in the Punjab Section during 1959, and K. S. Brown of East Pakistan told of faithfulness, sacrifice and soul winning there in spite of hardship and famine. Over 300 have been won during 1959 in the Pakistan field. In Jhansi and Allahabad in the Northwestern Union I. M. Chand and G. J. Christo are working with teams and many have been baptized. In the South India Union nearly 1,000 have been baptized during 1959.

On Sabbath afternoon, L. R. Burns, E. A. Streeter, and Dr. Philip S. Nelson were set aside by ordination. These brethren have given years of fruitful service and the work of the ministry has been greatly strengthened as they step into the ranks.



J. F. ASHLOCK GIVING THE REPORT OF THE MV DEPARTMENT.

Notice the mottoes LOOK PRAY GO which hung at the front of the church during the whole Council. They were lettered in gold on a maroon background. Notice also the chart of the Sabbath School report which immediately preceded this one.

Council the challenging theme for 1960 MV work: "Spotlight on the Bible." Good things are ahead in this field with another Youth Evangelism month. A great Youth Leaders Camp is scheduled for 1961. T. E. Lucas, world youth leader, will probably be in Southern Asia for this camp.

J. W. Nixon led out in setting goals for literature sales for the next four years, increasing them a minimum of 12% each year. The colporteur force by 1963 should have climbed to over 200.

The goal for Uplift is to rise from Rs. 450,000 in 1960 to over Rs. 700,000 in 1963. Already the

ests, and the recommendation is: "Every worker a Voice of Prophecy representative." The Voice of Prophecy work is supporting a great upswing in evangelism during the coming years. Every worker and layman must be a part of it.

The temperance work has advanced into the churches and S. James reported on the work done by F. A. Wyman, Faqir Chand and W. H. McGhee in holding rallies and circulating temperance literature. At the present time C. N. Abraham and S. James are co-operating in presenting the work of temperance, literature, and the message we as Seventh-day Ad-

This Division Council gave opportunity to LOOK at the vast, waving and fruitful fields of Southern Asia, and to PRAY together for that power which alone prepares men for devoted and undivided service. Our workers now GO to their respective fields to share the blessings and plans en-

joyed during these meetings so that the finishing of the work may be hastened. We are told, "Throughout his ministry, Paul had looked to God for direct guidance. At the same time he had been very careful to labour in harmony with the decisions of the general council at Jerusalem; and as a result, the

churches were 'established in the faith, and increased in number daily.'"—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 402. Under the guidance of God and with these good plans the church moves out to her appointed task.



GROUP ON THE PLATFORM AT A MORNING WORSHIP.

R. E. Rice, President, Spicer Memorial College; Chit Maung, Principal, Toungoo High School; U. Kyaw Din, Business Manager, Rangoon Hospital; W. R. Beach, Secretary, General Conference; Holiwell Dkhar, Departmental secretary, Assam Mission; President O. O. Mattison, Southern Asia Division.



QUESTIONS ANSWERED

regarding
Branch Sabbath School Work

By G. R. NASH

*Sabbath School Secretary
General Conference*

1. QUESTION: *What are some of the reasons for establishing Branch Sabbath Schools?*

ANSWER: Some of the reasons for establishing "Branch Sabbath Schools" might be summarized as follows:

(1) *Gives Opportunity for Members to Work for Others:* "Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been

ORDINATION SERVICE.

Newly ordained men (NAMES IN SMALL CAP) and officiating elders.

Left to right: J. F. Ashlock, R. E. Rice, M. E. Kemmerer, S. Thomas, E. R. Streeter, E. A. STREETER, Principal, Raymond Memorial Training School, R. A. Anderson, L. R. BURNS, Dean of men, Spicer Memorial College, DR. PHILIP NELSON, Medical Director, Giffard Memorial Hospital, D. S. Johnson, W. R. Beach, O. O. Mattison.

lost because of this."—*Christian Service*, p. 61.

(2) *Gives Opportunity to Reach Out Into Dark Areas and Establish New Churches*: "I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 28.

(3) *Gives Opportunity for Laymen to Win Souls*: "I was shown that a great work might be accomplished in bringing souls to the knowledge of the truth. . . . In every town, city, and village there are persons who would embrace the truth if it were brought before them."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 113.

(4) *Gives Opportunity to Improve and Enlarge the Church*: "The influence growing out of Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church. . . . There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath school, and if there are now omens of good, they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 9.

"In the churches which constitute Babylon, the great body of Christ's true followers are still to be found in their communion."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 390.

2. QUESTION: Can a Sunday



SOME OF THE VETERANS ATTENDING THE COUNCIL.

1st row left to right: C. N. Abraham entered the work in 1927; G. Gurubatham, 1928; Thra Myat Po, 1924; Thra Peter, 1918; L. C. Charles, 1929.

2nd row: J. F. Ashlock, 1929; O. W. Lange, 1930; Faqir Chand, 1927; C. L. Torrey, 1924; S. Nathaniel, 1930; M. G. Champion, 1925; S. Thomas, 1922; E. R. Streeter, 1921; N. G. Mookerjee, 1928; O. O. Mattison, 1921.

school be counted on our goal for "Branch Sabbath Schools"?

ANSWER: Yes, but in our Sabbath school report we include under "Community Bible Schools":

- (1) Sunday schools.
- (2) Community Bible schools.

(3) Story hours.

We believe many Sunday schools should be established even at times in our own Seventh-day Adventist churches. Sister White, in the *Testimonies*, volume 9, page 201, recommends the establishing of Sunday schools and again on page 232, she states Sunday is a good day for missionary work. It is hoped that any Sunday school will eventually become a Branch Sabbath School and finally a regular Sabbath school.

3. QUESTION: What is the goal for Branch Sabbath Schools?

ANSWER: The goal is at least one Branch Sabbath School for each organized Sabbath school. However, many Sabbath schools are promoting the idea of one Branch Sabbath School for each adult class in the Sabbath school. We think this is a good idea. Surely the aim of each Sabbath school should be to have several outposts for God.

At the time of the Columbus, Ohio, National Sunday School Association meeting. I learned of

NURSING IS A SATISFYING PROFESSION

To be a nurse is to walk with God along the path our Master trod,

To carry the load of fear and pain

To faithfully serve, nor little gain

Oh! devoted youth, with hearts so true

Our great Physician works through you.

Do You Qualify?

1. Are you between 18 and 30 years of age?
2. Are you in good health and of average size and weight without physical handicaps.
3. Have you completed high school with college eligibility?
4. Do you understand and use English easily.
5. Are you quick to grasp what you read, see, and hear?
6. Are you interested in people and eager to help them?
7. Do you want to learn to give help to the sin-sick soul as well as body and mind?

For further information write to the — Director, School of Nursing, Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, Andhra Pradesh.

one Sunday school, in North America that has 35 branch Sunday schools or missions, with the sole purpose of strengthening and enlarging the mother church.

4. QUESTION: Is it the idea that each Branch Sabbath School will eventually become an organized Sabbath school and ultimately an organized church?

ANSWER: No! Many will eventually be absorbed into the mother Sabbath school and thus strengthen and enlarge the mother church. Nevertheless, many will also become organized churches.

5. QUESTION: How many individuals must one have before a Branch Sabbath School can be organized?

ANSWER: No definite number is required. If you are branching out and reaching for souls, you may have a branch Sabbath school in an isolated member's home with only one person present other than the immediate members of the

**Tithe Covenant
Day
March 12**

home. "The Sabbath school is a missionary field, and very much more of the missionary spirit should be manifested in this important work than has been manifested in the past."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 10.

6. QUESTION: Is there a financial policy for the operation of Branch Sabbath Schools?

ANSWER: Yes! Branch Sabbath Schools are to be supported from the regular Sabbath school expense fund of the mother church.

Some fields follow the practice of receiving a special "Branch Sabbath School" offering in all churches once each year and then distribute extra help to the churches that need special assistance.

(To be Continued)

EVANGELISM

The keynote of the council and pre-council meetings

O. O. MATTISON

WE THANK the Lord for the spirit of evangelism that was manifest in every phase of our recent quadrennial council and pre-council meetings.

The first of the pre-council meetings was the institute for the Voice of Prophecy secretaries of the Division under the able leadership of Pastors Bonney and Chase. While they studied many important matters pertaining to the Division-wide Voice of Prophecy programme, still, from the very first, the burden of all seemed to be to so co-ordinate the Voice of Prophecy work in general and the follow-up work in particular with the evangelists and pastors of this Division, that we might see the greatest possible results in souls won through this wonderful programme that the Lord has given us. Time and again it was impressed upon the secretaries that every worker must be a Voice of Prophecy secretary, and every

member of the church should be a recruiting agency for Voice of Prophecy enrollees. The plans that these Union secretaries worked out to this end were inspiring, indeed.

This institute merged into a Western India Union institute for the workers who are directly connected with the Voice of Prophecy work in this union. A good share of the workers in Western India were present for this meeting and much study was given to strengthening the Voice of Prophecy as it relates to the Union-wide evangelistic programme of Western India.

When these two institutes gave over, the ministerial institute for the evangelists and pastors of Western India convened, and Pastors Ashlock and Anderson greatly inspired the workers to enter into the great programme of evangelism throughout Western India. A splendid symposium revealed what



WELCOME TO SOUTHERN ASIA

M. E. Kemmerer; J. E. Chase of the Radio and Television Department; C. L. Torrey, Treasurer of General Conference; O. O. Mattison; W. R. Beach, Secretary of General Conference; R. A. Anderson of the Ministerial Department; D. S. Johnson.

Correction please. The article in the January 15 issue "Are You Ready for Your Opportunities" should have carried the by line S. G. Maxwell.

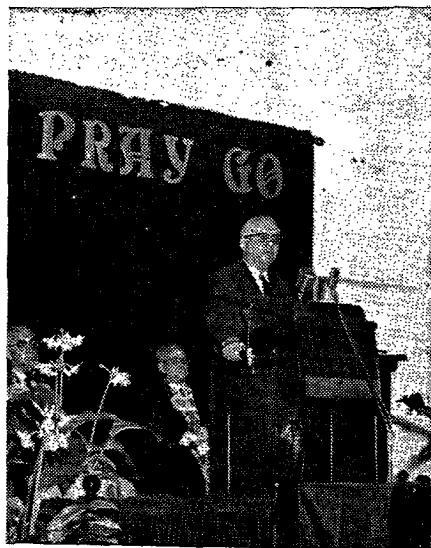
WTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1959

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEVEN

NAME OF UNION AND LOCAL SECTIONS	1	2	3			4				5	6				7				8				9		
	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				Lice Minis		
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BURMA UNION:																									
Central & Upper Burma Section	13	464	24	—	—	—	—	6	—	482	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7		
Irrawaddy Delta Section	13	872	4	—	—	10	—	1	—	865	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5		
Tenasserim Section	10	530	6	—	—	7	—	2	—	527	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6		
Union & Institutions	1	326	—	—	12	1	—	—	—	337	3	4	—	1	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	2		
Totals	37	2,192	34	—	12	18	—	9	—	2,211	5	12	—	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	20		
CEYLON UNION:																									
Totals	11	573	22	—	6	19	—	10	—	572	4	6	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1		
NORTHEAST UNION:																									
Assam Section	24	1,548	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,567	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5		
East India Section	27	1,501	29	—	1	8	—	2	3	1,518	4	6	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6		
Himalayan & Andamans	2	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	57	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1		
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals	53	3,106	48	—	1	8	—	2	3	3,142	13	12	—	3	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	12		
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION:																									
Central India Section	1	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
North India Section	6	497	7	—	2	2	1	10	—	493	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5		
Upper Ganges Section	15	665	11	—	11	6	—	2	—	679	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6		
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	8	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	3		
Totals	22	1,186	18	—	13	8	1	12	—	1,196	4	8	—	3	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	14		
PAKISTAN UNION:																									
East Pakistan Section	17	810	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	810	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	6		
Punjab Section	18	1,219	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,219	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5		
Union & Institutions	4	231	1	—	4	2	—	—	—	234	5	3	—	1	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	6	2		
Totals	39	2,260	1	—	4	2	—	—	—	2,263	7	9	—	2	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	7	13		
SOUTH INDIA UNION:																									
Kannada Section	7	610	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	612	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4		
North Andhra Section	47	2,939	4	—	2	10	3	—	—	2,932	—	8	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7		
North Kerala Section	4	358	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	358	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5		
North Tamil Section	16	901	11	—	2	—	—	—	—	914	1	7	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1			
South Andhra Section	13	918	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	923	1	3	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4		
South Kerala Section	39	2,544	24	—	—	4	—	—	—	2,564	—	8	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4		
South Tamil Section	33	2,046	24	—	1	5	—	—	—	2,066	—	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8		
Union & Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	7	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals	159	10,316	70	—	6	11	12	—	—	10,369	10	46	—	6	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	33		
WESTERN INDIA UNION:																									
North Maharashtra Section	6	409	7	16	—	4	1	—	—	427	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4		
Union & Institutions	14	1,070	15	—	19	22	1	1	—	1,080	3	5	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	4		
Totals	20	1,479	22	16	19	26	2	1	—	1,507	3	8	—	—	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	8		
Division & Div. Institutions																									
Burma Union	37	2,192	34	—	12	18	—	9	—	2,211	5	12	—	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	20		
Ceylon Union	11	573	22	—	6	19	—	10	—	572	4	6	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1		
Northeast Union	53	3,106	48	—	1	8	—	2	3	3,142	13	12	—	3	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	12		
Northwestern India Union	22	1,186	18	—	13	8	1	12	—	1,196	4	8	—	3	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	14		
Pakistan Union	39	2,260	1	—	4	2	—	—	—	2,263	7	9	—	2	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	7	13		
South India Union	159	10,316	70	—	6	11	12	—	—	10,369	10	46	—	6	5	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	33		
Western India Union	20	1,479	22	16	19	26	2	1	—	1,507	3	8	—	—	5	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	8		
Division & Div. Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	3	—	1	6	10	—	—	—	—	—	7	—		
GRAND TOTALS	311	21,112	215	16	61	92	15	34	3	21,200	61	104	—	17	27	45	—	—	—	—	—	21	101		

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President O. O. Mattison giving his powerful sermon at the opening meeting of the Council.

the workers in this Union had accomplished in evangelism during this past year, and I am confident that each evangelist and pastor returned to his field of labour with a new vision of the possibilities of evangelism, and the fruitfulness of co-ordinating very closely the Union-wide Voice of Prophecy programme with the evangelistic programme.

During the Quadrennial Council from the evening of December 29 and on through to the evening of January 5, it was very apparent that every member in the council was keenly conscious of the urgency of the hour and that every activity of the church must be focused upon the great programme of finishing the work of God throughout Southern Asia.

As the reports came in from the various departments it was inspiring to note that the burden and objective of each was to save men and women and to prepare them for the kingdom of God. The report from the Home Missionary Department showed the wonderful progress of lay evangelism and the possibilities of far greater achievements in this line in the future; strong plans were laid accordingly. The Sabbath School Department stressed the importance of every Sabbath School being not only the church at study, but also that the Sabbath School is a soul saving activity. The report from the

Young People's Department was inspiring as it portrayed what Youth Evangelism is doing throughout the Division field, as well as how important it is for the church to focus their prayers and attention upon saving not only the youth of the church, but also the youth which can be brought into the church. The Educational Department stressed very strongly—and laid far-reaching plans for—the training of truly consecrated young people who will dedicate their lives to the great programme of soul-saving activities throughout the Division. The Publishing Department is not only focusing its attention upon greater sales, but on more truth-filled literature, that the printed page containing the good news of salvation might be placed in great abundance in the hands of faithful literature



W. R. Beach, presenting one of his several very forceful sermons.

evangelists, pastors and evangelists and church members who in turn may literally spread it as the leaves of Autumn. The Oriental Watchman Publishing House is being enlarged to meet this need. Our Temperance work is proving to be a great fore-runner for public evangelism and is used effectively in efforts everywhere to draw the attention of people to the standards of healthful living that we hold. The Public Relations department has its part to play in placing the programme of the church in favourable light before the pub-

lic so that they will be drawn into a knowledge of our over-all programme of evangelism that they may be impressed to accept our Lord and Master before He comes.

Then the greatest thrill of the entire council was to note the Division-wide evangelistic programme that has been outlined for 1960. Every union has launched forth in faith in planning city and village efforts and harnessing all of their manpower into this programme so that we can see far greater results in the future than we have ever seen in the past. Not only are they planning for 1960, but for the next four years.

Our greatest need, today, is not finance, nor opportunities, but Spirit-filled men of God with a burden for souls to go forth in faith and confidence and power teaching this message that we all love. It was to this end that the council dedicated its energies for the next four years. May this spirit grip the heart of every reader of the TIDINGS and every member of the church throughout Southern Asia so that the work may be finished and our Lord return to receive unto Himself His own.

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