

Adventists Top Protestant Education



In the School of Dentistry at Loma Linda University, students work with patients that come to the clinic to take care of their dental problems. In addition to their regular studies and activities, many students in all of the various professions take time out to donate their services to work with the underprivileged.



In the Loma Linda University Medical Centre students learn modern techniques and also witness for Christ.

HE bearded young teacher called the twelve names written in the school register 100 years ago. Little did he realize, at that time, that he was beginning what today comprises the largest Protestant parochial school system in the world—the Seventh-day Adventist.

Professor Goodloe Harper Bell opened the first Adventist church school in 1872 in a small frame house behind the church's Review and Herald Publishing House in Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A. Today the church operates 4,667 elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities around the world with nearly 370,000 students enrolled.

Adventists established their own schools because they saw the need for trained leadership in the church, which was only nine years old in 1872. Members of the church were beginning to see the entire world as a field of labour.

By 1883 Adventists began to establish schools outside North To page 4



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A COLUMN FOR THE OFFICERS



"And the Lord said ... speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15).

W ILLIAM McDOUGALL and May Smith, his collaborator, once found that the reading, with no intent to learn, of a list of meaningless syllables would produce learning only after eleven times as many trials as would be required if the intent to learn were consciously present."—Edward S. Robinson, Unified English Composition, p. 29.

The presence of a goal increased the result eleven times!

Across the breadth of Northern India a host of the greatest nountains in the world, well over twenty thousand feet high, can be viewed. Men have fought—some have died—to scale them. But only with a goal. Ball players know the goal and race for it. Teachers want a high percentage of successful students.

Preachers also want the highest possible number of listeners and the highest possible of responses. This is legitimate. It is vital, in fact. To not have a goal would, to use a figure used by Ellen G. White, be like a door which swings to and fro on its hinges but never gets anywhere. A goal-less person in the work 40 years could be, as William G. Murdoch described him, simply a man who had one year's experience 40 times over.

Christians will take care that their goals are not fragmentary. The amount of money contributed in Sabbath school is sometimes spoken of as "the goal." True enough, this is a financial objective, but the spiritual attainments of members and service to others involves far more than money. So we will make sure our goals include enough. John Knox, the great reformer, cried out to say, "Give me Scotland or I die."

Goals we will have. Goals we must have! HIGH GOALS. "Not failure but low aim is crime," reads the proverb. Goals for baptisms—new members with their feet planted firmly on the path to heaven, in Sabbath keeping, in tithe-paying, in Christian habits, in service. This is every member's and every worker's goal. Don't eliminate goals because some are abused. The goal must be comprehensive enough to fill out the whole picture.

Unless in your life and mine our main goal is to use our talents to the utmost to hasten the coming of Jesus, we are missing the mark. And that is SIN. God give us goals—high goals.

Just suppose that by being purposeful, our results were increased eleven fold. Instead of having an increased membership in this Division of 5,253 as in 1971, we would have 57,783 new members and Jesus would come again in a short time with the work finished. Success in God's work is a combination of divine power and human effort. The power is there. What about the effort?

C. B. Shuild

Cecil B. Guild, Secretary

IMBLE, Ray Leroy, age 82 died, March 3, 1972, following a stroke and other complications. Pastor Kimble was born October 5, 1890 at Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1908 and was married, March 4, 1915, to Jessie Estep, a nurse.

Following their marriage, the Kimbles came to North India where they engaged in medical work in Simla and in vernacular work for seven years. A period of eight years was spent in educational and conference work in the United States. During this period Bro. Kimble was ordained, in 1927, to the gospel ministry.

Following their return to Southern Asia, in 1930, Pastor Kimble was superintendent of the North Agra Mission. During subsequent service he was pastor of the Calcutta, Lucknow and Bangalore churches. His final appointment in Southern Asia, from 1945 to 1950, including the turbulent period of partition, was as superintendent of the Northwest India Union.

• Meeting April 12, the Division Committee voted to further postpone the Southern Asia Division Quadrennial Council, The meeting is planned to be held approximately at the time of the year-end committee in late November and early December. In view of reduced income from abroad and



Ella May Stoneburner.

Poona

Log-Book







Robert E. Hopkins.

• Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Hopkins, who arrived in India and Christian Medical College, Vellore, March 16, are part of a missionary family. Dr. Hopkins' father, age 83, is a member of the self-supporting volunteer service corps in the Guatemala Mission, Inter-America. Daughter Marilyn is the wife of Dr. James L. Davidian, physician at Davis Memorial Hospital, Georgetown, Guyana.

After his Loma Linda University medical course, Dr. Robert E. Hopkins took opthalmology training at the San Francisco University, California. Since 1957 he has practised his speciality at Stockton, California.

Mrs. Rae Hopkins is an accomplished musician and a secretary. The Hopkins' have two sons: Larry, who works in California, and Gary, who is studying medicine in Mexico.

with respect to the importance of drasti carrying on an unremitting pro- depar gramme of evangelism, the delega- celled tion to the meeting will be levels

drastically reduced and all departmental councils are cancelled. This affects a saving at all levels of the work. To page 6

Ella May Stoneburner Travel and appointments in Southern Asia											
Karachi Jullundur	May 2 May 7	to 9									
Ranchi Spicer Memorial College and Salis- bury Park.	May 10 May 19	to 18 to June 15									
Ceylon Ottapalam, Kerala	June 20	to June 19 to June 21									
Nuzvid graduation Madras—cooking school Surat	June 28	to June 26 to June 30 to July 5									



With Pacific Union College's administration building in the background, Ervin L. Sorensen, assistant professor of religion and former Southern Asia missionary, visits with former Southern Asia missionary students Jo-A. ne Easterbrook, left, senior English major, and Wynetta McHenry, sophomore diversified major.

PUC's enrolment at the beginning of the 1971-72 school year was 1,970, the largest in PUC's history. These students come from 35 states in the U.S. and 24 foreign countries. Of 13 Adventist colleges participating in the student missionary programme, PUC has sent out 111, or nearly one-fourth of the total since the plan was inaugurated 12 years ago.

This picture was taken by Earl Allen, the son of a former Far Eastern Division missionary.

church leaders through what Adventists believe were divine messages from God, given to Mrs. Ellen G. White. She saw a site in Australia as the place to build an educational centre in that part of the world. In spite of what physically appeared to be a useless wilderness, trees were cut, the soil tilled and the little school pros-Established in 1894. pered. Avondale is now a four-year college with about five hundred students and a faculty of 36 members.

Wherever possible, Seventh-day schools, Adventist especially boarding schools, have been built in rural areas where studies will not be disturbed by the distractions of cities. Some schools were actually moved out of areas that lost their rural atmosphere years after the schools were established. Healdsburg College in California was moved to the top of Howell Mountain, east of Saint Helena (now called Deer Park). Still operating today as Pacific Union College, it is one of the denomination's largest schools.

Battle Creek College was also moved. It was decided to take the school out of the city to a rural area of Berrien Springs in southeastern Michigan in 1901. Now called Andrews University, it encompasses a four-year liberal arts college, a school of graduate studies, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

The denomination's largest school, Loma Linda University in southern California, grew from

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America with the first European church school opening in Denmark. By 1885 the denomination had three schools, five teachers and 125 students. From that time more schools sprang up from Quebec, Canada, to Melbourne, Australia, from Buenos Aires to Capetown, and from Tokyo to Beirut. Wherever Adventist missionaries went, a school was sure to follow.

In some instances the locations of schools were designated to



These Loma Linda University La Sierra campus students make good use of the library in the learning process.



The classroom and library building at Avondale College, Australia, is called the White Memorial Building.

a small College of Medical Evangelists to a two-campus complex with a four-year college in near-by Riverside, and schools of dentistry, public health, occupational therapy, physical therapy and related health training centres on the Loma Linda campus.

An educational project among the United States negroes was undertaken in 1893 by James Edson White, son of Ellen White. Having had some experience in ship navigation, he built a missionary river boat, the Morning Star. Then he recruited men and women to help as he went up and down the Mississippi River teaching the negroes to read. As a text he used a Bible-based work he had written, the Gospel Primer. Reading lessons were conducted for both adults and children. Seventh-day Adventists operate one largely Black college in the United States. Located on an old plantation near Huntsville. Alabama. Oakwood College was

established as a school for negroes in 1896.

Concepts enveloped in the church's philosophy of education were considered almost revolutionary in the late 1800's, but today are commonly accepted educational ideas. Work-study programmes for instance, have always been an integral part of the Adventist school system.

Ellen White advised educational leaders: "In order to pre-



This is the Avondale College cafeteria building.



Avondale college students worship on the same campus where Mrs. E. G. White frequently spoke.



The health food factory at Avondale College is one of many in the Australasian Division.

serve the balance of the mind, labour and study should be united in the schools."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 153. She said that for their own physical health and moral good, children should be taught to work, even if there is no financial need.

Mrs. White also gave counsel on early education, the importance of educating the individual, teacher-pupil relationships, and the place of moral training in formal education.

With a capital investment of nearly U.S. \$300,000,000 in its educational facilities, Adventists employ over 17,500 teachers a



The Andrews University campus centre affords a meeting place for the youth.

year. In North America alone the two-million-member denomination operates two universities, 11 colleges, 83 secondary academies and 911 elementary schools.

From a beginning of one teacher and only twelve students in a make-shift schoolhouse, the Adventist parochial school system has multiplied many times in both size and numbers over the past one hundred years. Reportedly the total enrolment in the church's schools in 1970 was 368,912 with over 17,500 teachers.

One hundred years of Adventist education! This centennial year is an excellent time for every Seventh-day Adventist to assess his own personal confidence in and relation to this basic church programme. This fundamental belief takes on greater significance when a person remembers that the object of education and the work of redemption are one. Will it take another hundred years to redeem mankind?

Poona Log Book From page 3

• Mrs. Dorothea Van Gundy-Jones, whose name is invariably connected with good nutrition, will join Ella May Stoneburner, May 28, for the balance of Miss Stoneburner's trip in Southern Asia.



Dorothea Van Gundy-Jones.



The Pioneer Memorial Church, also at Andrews University, is filled twice for Sabbath morning services.



The heart of the James White library, at Andrews University, is the vault of Ellen G. White manuscripts.

During her service with the denomination, Mrs. Jones has been head of a college home science department and director of food service in a junior college. She has also held various positions in hospitals, including clinical dietary consultant,

For the past 13 years Mrs. Jones has served as nutritionist for International Nutrition Research Foundation, of Arlington, California. She has made a special study of nutritional habits of various countries, conducting community classes in nutrition and the proper preparation of food. Some of the classes which she has held have included as many as twelve hundred people. Mrs. Jones has authored many articles and is associate editor of *Today*'s *Food*.

In her travels with Miss Stoneburner, Mrs. Jones will conduct community cooking schools in Southern Asia.

• Leaving Poona, March 22, en route to the East India Section camp meeting, W. F. Storz carried with him kits of Voice of Prophecy health and Bible lesson enrolment cards. Each set of cards was enclosed in an envelope with printed directions on the cover.

On the Poona-Bombay Deccan Gueen and the Calcutta-Nagpur Howrah Mail, Pastor Storz was as busy as an airline steward, distributing the cards and receiving back the enrolments. On the round-trip journey he received 230 enrolments. Almost half of these (105) were for the Bible correspondence course. This total number would have been greater except for the fact that Pastor Storz' supplies were depleted.



The administration building at Andrews University stands on or near the original site of the Emmanuel Missionary College administration building.

Educators Recall

India's First School in East India Section

by NORA GUILD

B. Nowrangi, W. G. Lowry and K. S. D. Charles are secretary, president and treasurer, respectively, of the East India Section (left to right). Peter Mundu, newly appointed lay activities and temperance secretary, is here translating for Pastor Lowry.









Ten self-supporting schools in the East India Section are represented by, from left: Suleman Kisku, Alinagar; Johnson Kandulna, Tonea; Samuel Kandulna, Rania; Mrs. Sonathan Kisku, Naksalbari; Mrs. C. Kisku, Kodompur; Mrs. K. S Ekka, of Chaloakheti, is represented by her husband; Rolland Kullu represents the two teachers of the church school conducted at Fatimabad; Samuel Tete, Baghchatta; Patras Kerketta, Sokoy.

Not pictured is G. P. Hembrom, Vitha Edel Hatu, a suburb of Ranchi.

HE first Seventh-day Adventist school in India was established in the East India Section. This school, reported Mrs. W. G. Lowry in her, March 28, report of the educational department, was held in Bow Bazaar Street, Calcutta. The year was 1896, said Mrs. Lowry, just 25 years after the opening of the first Seventhday Adventist church school at Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A. Adventist education in Southern Asia is 76 years old this year. Although the Calcutta church school in Bow Bazaar Street no longer exists, Mrs. Lowry reported 19 church schools currently operating in the East India Section, ten of which are on a self-supporting hasis.



Helen Lowry gave rules for better schools.

Mrs. Lowry, during her report, cited Mrs. C. Kisku as Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Kisku, in addition to being the wife of the circle leader for the Northern Circle of the East India Section, sends in reports to the Section on time. She conducts a JMV society in her school and prepares students each year for investiture in JMV classes. Mrs. Kisku's school is one of the ten self-supporting ones.

Teacher of the Year, 2nd award, went to Samuel Tete, of Baghchatta, who has operated a school for ten years. Stipend Teacher Paulus Topno received Teacher of the Year, award No. 3. Bro. Topno holds his school on the verandah of a home in Bargi.

Two hundred twenty delegates from 37 churches and companies attended the triennial East India Section constituency cum camp meeting held, March 24 to April 1, at Khunti. This was the largest of the three constituencies held this year in the Northern Union. With Thambi, from Raymond Memorial Training School, in charge of food service, J. N. Topno of catering and C. S. Marandi of accommodation, delegates were cared for comfortably.

During the constituency camp meeting, W. G. Lowry, president, East India Section, spoke each morning with the book of Galatians as his theme. At the 11 A.M. meeting W. F. Storz, B. M. Shad, J. M. Campbell, B. Nowrangi and R. M. Neish told of how Christ is and was in the church from the beginning of the world. Evening meetings were devoted to the surety of our faith. In a series of six afternoon meetings, C. B. Guild brought messages from the portions of Daniel and Revelation having especially to do with the judgment.

Almost one-fifth of the people in India live in the East India Section. B. Nowrangi is Section secretary and K. S. D. Charles, treasurer.

At year-end the East India Section had 1,530 members or one member to 66,666 people. During the year of 1971, 102 persons were baptized. Seventeen full-time evangelists in the Section hold an average of two evangelistic series of meetings each year. The total Section working force numbers 53.

With the re-organization of the union and the separation of Nepal, the East India Section, in 1971, was geographically reduced in size by 50 per cent. The population was reduced by one-third and the church membership by ten per cent. Natural disasters during the past three years include floods, famines and winds. And unnatural disasters take in strikes, riots and the influx and outgo of ten million refugees. Among the latter were twenty Adventist families.

During their furlough, Willis and Helen Lowry made a special study of the public health approach in evangelism. Their convictions of the possibilities in this line were strengthened as they visited in the Philippine Islands during their return journey. Adequate preparations are now made for the production of visually aided health lectures. A spearhead team is set up with Lois Votaw as leader. Premnath Bazroy is evangelist. Joining the team is Ajay Kumar Ekka as technician. The first foray into the field was to have been made immediately following the constituency. However, the team is first spending two months in Bangla Desh in relief service.

While the lay tithe of Rs. 31,121 for 1971 in the East India Section is slightly less than that received during any of the last five years, it represents some advance in view of the change in territory. (The East India Section has the highest per capita tithe during 1971 in the Northern Union as is pointed out by the year-end statistical report in the centre-spread of this issue of the *Tidings.*) The visit of W. M. *To page 12*



Lois Votow (with patient), Premnath Bazroy and Ajay Kumar Ekka make up the East India Section Public Health Evangelism team. They are ready for action.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN

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The P. X. Halder family sang at the opening meeting.

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Starks, of the General Conference, was greatly appreciated and surveys of tithe potential will be carried out in the churches. Stewardship Secretary B. Nowrangi estimates a potential tithe of three hundred thousand rupees.

During a stewardship meeting at Raymond Memorial Training School a tiny girl student stood up. She said, 'I pledge to give a faithful tithe to the Lord on the pocket money that I receive from my parents."

Members in each of five churches in the East India Section paid tithe in 1971 in excess of one thousand rupees.

Figures and statistics in most of the reports were based on the year 1971 since prior to that time the Section included members and territory now no longer theirs. James Topno, lay activities secretary, reported that laymen had a part in winning 73 people to Christ during 1971. During the past three years 1,024 Bibles were used in the Bible in the Home plan. The Rs. 33,749 Ingathering received in 1971 is the highest so far received in a single year in the East India Section.

The fact that 2,923 Sabbath school members in sixty different schools conduct their classes in at least nine different languages was amply illustrated during the two camp meeting Sabbath schools. A feature of the first Sabbath school, of March 25, was the repeating of memory verses in a dozen different languages. During 1971 these Sabbath school members assisted in holding 14 vacation Bible schools and 24 branch Sabbath schools.

R. D. Kullu, in Doomi, Asam, conducted a branch Sabbath school with the aid of his regular members. Sixteen of the people who attended the BSS are now regular Sabbath school members and six people are baptized.

Jaimaish Topno and members walked ten hilly miles each way each Sabbath to conduct a branch Sabbath school at Kudlata. From this school eight are now baptized.

A branch Sabbath school, conducted at Panori, Assam, by N. Murmu and members, is now a regular Sabbath school and a church is built at this place.

In giving his Voice of Prophecy department report, Robert Bazroy was assisted by G. C. Sircar, principal, Bengali Voice of Prophecy School, at Karmatar. During the programme, Bro. Sircar received on behalf of his school, a Grade A certificate, indicating efficient operation. John Soren, of the Himalayan Circle, enrolled 350 students in Voice of Prophecy courses during 1971.



Some of the Sabbath school classes were large like this Santali class, (above) taught by S. S. Hansdak, down to the Kharia class of three, (below) taught by R. D. Kullu.



SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS



G. C. Sircar's Bengali VOP school at Karmatar, was awarded Grade A. From left; Robert Bazroy, G. C. Sircar, C. B. Guild.

Seven regular literature evangelists sold Rs. 17,750 worth of books during 1971. And during the same year student LE's had sales of Rs. 15,450. At the time of the constituency student literature evangelists had arrived in the Section for their 1972 vacation canvassing. Thus it was not possible for John Andrews, publishing secretary, to attend the meeting.

Robert Bazroy exhibited a smoking puppet during the temperance department report. The tars and poisons accumulating in the cotton lungs of the puppet are plainly visible. Khunti area neighbours came in to listen to and participate in the March 29 evening temperance speech contest. Seven students from Khunti schools participated in the contest, only one of whom was a Seventh-day Adventist. The film, One in 20,000, was shown during the course of this evening devoted to temperance.

Nineteen senior and 15 junior Missionary Volunteer societies are organized in the East India Section. Forty-one members of these societies were baptized in 1971 and these helped to win 23 others.

Layman Nunku Hembrom told



Many of the East India Section workers will be supplied with a puppet such as the one held here by Robert Bazroy. When the cigarette smoke is "inhaled" it leaves its tar residue on the cotton "lung."

in the, April 1, Sabbath afternoon lay activities hour how he held evangelistic meetings near Karmatar. Twenty-five people gathered, in the village where his daughter and her family live, to hear what the Bible says. One man from that village was afflicted mentally but after prayer was offered in his behalf, the man regained his normal health in three days' time. Now Layman Hembrom is holding meetings in another village where eight people are preparing for baptism.

Anand Mashi Swansi is a supervisor on a tea estate near Fatimabad. He and another tea estate worker carry their food with them as they go by cycle to conduct a branch Sabbath school for seventeen people. Four people from this BSS are already baptized. One of them was a delegate to this constituency meeting. Anand has the reputation of talking more about the Bible than he does about anything else.

Joseph Topno speaks the Mundari language and lives at Cherrubeda. For 23 years, before Bro.



Kiran Baraduas, Ursuline Convent Girls' High School; Bruj Kishore Jaysawal, State Boys' High School; Cornelius Murmu, Khunti Seventhday Adventist High School; were winners of the temperance oration on March 29. Their subject: The Evils of Alcohol.

Topno became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, he belonged to the established church. Since being an Adventist, Bro. Topno has seen 26 of his interests baptized. Three people who are currently preparing for baptism have stopped ploughing their fields on the Sabbath.

Patras Kerketta lives at Balgi, not far from Khunti. He is a farmer and was illiterate before he met Seventh-day Adventists. When he became interested in Bible truth he also became interested in learning to read. By borrowing books from the Adventist worker he taught himself to read so that later on he borrowed Toward a Better Day



A traditional camp meeting feature is the March of Laymen. This one, led by James Topno, is in sound, with drum, castanets and violins.

which he read three times. He borrowed Counsels for the Church. reading it four times. Four times through the Voice of Prophecy lessons and the same number of times though the baptismal manual and Bro. Kerketta was convinced of the Sabbath and ready for baptism. As a layman he helped with evangelistic meetings conducted by J. P. Bazroy and J. N. Topno. Alarmed at this turn of events in Bro. Kerketta's life, the villagers attacked him with sticks. He proved fearless. Now the non-Christian village priest, who formerly drank Rs. 20 worth of liquor each day, has accepted Bible truth. (This man was present at the camp meeting.) Patras has succeeded in winning his elder brother and wife within two years.

Eight families, totalling thirty members, are now baptized as a result of his witness. Bro. Kerketta conducts a self-supporting school at Sokoy.

Dayal Sanga is an iron mine worker at Kirburi. Bro. Sanga was not interested in the Bible until, in a dream, he heard a voice. "Go to S. S. Topno," the voice told him, "and learn what he has to tell you." Mr. Sanga saw his duty to live for Jesus. His first convert, when he himself accepted the Adventist faith, was preparing to be a Catholic priest but he became an Adventist instead. This man was also present at the Khunti constituency meeting. Eight of Dayal's interests are now baptized.

Anand Masih repairs cycles



These seven, delegates to the constituency, are Adventists through the Voice of Prophecy.

near the Orissa border. But Anand also gives out tracts and conducts Bible Made Plain Bible studies. Anand's uncle declared that he would never listen to his nephew but he did. Five people are now keeping the Sabbath through Anand's witness.

Kris Sahai was the village priest. When he and his wife ac-



James Campbell, right, awarded a Better Life Picture Roll to Layman of the Year, Patras Kerketta. Former East India Section lay activities secretary, James Topno, is in centre.



Mr. Thambi, of RMTS, was chief cook for the session.

cepted the Bible they hung the picture roll on the wall and talked about it when there was opportunity. Many people, including members of their own family, scolded and threatened Bro. and Sr. Sahai. But even some of those same people have given up liquor and are now studying for baptism.



The temperance department makes ample use of visual aids.



Forty-five delegates accepted a Gift Bible for study with friends.

Among those attending the Khunti constituency meetings were Pastor and Mrs. D. S. Poddar. Although Raymond Memorial Training School is a union institution, Pastor Poddar reported that



Although Raymond Memorial Training School is a union institution, D. S. Poddar reported work at RMTS, Falakata.

his staff and 191 students raised Rs. 6,242 in Ingathering this year. This is twice the usual amount.



C. S. Marandi's report with names of the newest type of maize and wheat sounded like a treatise on agriculture.

High School illustrated report was an exception to the usual brief ones. "I just couldn't help it," said Mr. Marandi as his 14-page report was distributed. For the first time this year the reports were duplicated in both Hindi and English.

Khunti Junior High School is associated with the India Crop Improvement and Seed Producers



Eighth Standard Khunti S.D.A. High School Students John Mundu and Cornelius Murmu were delegates to the session. Cornelius, who won third place in the temperance oration, is also a member of the Khunti church board.

Association. It is also a member of the Tonnage Club Farmer's Association. During 1971, twenty acres of land were given to the growing of hybrid maize. The growing of advanced types of wheat has made Khunti school a leader in the agricultural sector of the community. The school has one hundred layer poultry under the UNICEF applied nutrition programme. The diet of the students is varied to include ragi and bajra, also grown on the school property.

Eighty-seven per cent of the 256 students in the Khunti school are Seventh-day Adventists. Twenty-three students were bap-

Graduates Hear Central Minister

by PRABHAT SARANG

HE FIRST four-year student from Bangla Desh and three members of one family were among the 63 graduates in Spicer's largest class. Twenty of this number completed the requirements for graduation in the second semester of the current school year. Sixteen graduated in absentia and fourteen were twoyear curricula certificate candidates.

The commencement exercises this year were held at 4 P.M., March 26, on Sunday afternoon. For this occasion the college band, directed by Mrs. Edith Willis, joined Mrs. Virginia Jenson at the organ in playing "Pomp and Circumstance" procession march. Shri Mohan Dharia, Minister of State for Planning, Government of India, gave the address. Then followed the presentation of diplomas and certificates. Dr. M. E. Cherian, president Spicer Memorial College, was assisted in this presentation by Registrar E. G. Fernando and Academic Dean G. R. Jenson.

Gilbert D. Jacob, Gujarat field leader and a Spicer graduate of the Class of '68, based his Friday evening consecration service remarks on the class motto. It is possible, declared Bro. Jacob, for a student to Achieve Amidst Anarchy if he takes the Bible as his guide and stands firm for principle. By following this rule, "He may aspire to any height of attainment."-The Ministry of Healing, p. 460 Bro. Jacob had a special tie-in with this Class of '72 in that his youngest sister, Rossignal, was a member.

"Ever Upward is a worthy aim," said W. H. Mattison, secretary, ministerial and Radio-TV departments, Southern Asia Division, at the Sabbath morning baccalaureate service. But one must



President M. E. Cherian confers the Bachelor of Applied Arts degree on Prabhakar Digambar Dalaya whose major is graphic arts.



"The people of India need large numbers of dedicated workers who are inspired by the ideals of devotion to duty, sacrifice and self-abnegation such as is found at Spicer College," said Shri Mohan Dharia, Minister of State for Planning, in his commencement address.

be cautious, warned Pastor Mattison. Many times a man thinks he is going up when in reality he is going down. "What are you looking for in life?" questioned the speaker. "Is it money, position or Christ's glory?" Pastor Mattison challenged the graduates to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus and to climb Every Upward beyond the clouds of this life, the lightening and thunders to the serene and sunshine of the heavenly atmosphere.

Seventeen members of the class, who finished the graduation requirements in the summer of '71 and the first semester of the school year just completed, have taken up employment in the work of the church in Southern Asia. Others, who finished the second semester, have their goal, also, set to serve God in this Division. These include Gordon Christo, who takes up work in the Northern Union; Ramna Rao, Central India Union office in Bombay; Johnkutty, acountant at Kottarakara High School; Komal Nowrangi, joining the staff of Khunti Junior High School. At least two members of the graduating class are the only Seventh-day Adventists in their families.

Romesh Chandra Biswas, who took a degree in management and graphic arts, is the first Spicer graduate from Bangla Desh. The Nowrangi twins, Komal and Nirmal, with their sister in-law, Mrs. Nilima Nowrangi, all graduated together.

Class President Mohan Nirmal John is from Mysore. After completing his high school work at Lowry Memorial, Mohan studied at Spicer for five years where being on the honour roll became his habit. For three continuous years Mohan carried the college flag during the commencement exercises. This year was an exception for he was class president.

Vice-president Vasant Khandagle is from Maharashtra, born in Aurangabad. Vasant's education has all been taken in Maharashtra —at Salisbury Park, at Lasalgaon High School and subsequently at Spicer.

Class Secretary Edna Kumari is from Andhra Pradesh, born in Nuzvid. After working in the Spicer business office during her five years of study, Edna graduated with a major in home science and a minor in secretarial science.



I. M. Chand was an honoured alumnus.

Treasurer Nirmal Nowrangi, born in Ranchi, speaks Hindi as his mother tongue. Nirmal, who also speaks Bengali, completed his requirements for graduation in the first semester of the school year.

Of the class officers, Gordon Christo, completing his bachelor of theology degree, spent the longest of the five at Spicer—nine years! This, however, includes four years in high school. Gordon's best-liked feature during his school days is music—singing in



Dr. M. E. Cherian presents the Oreodoxa to K. Gopala Rao, to whom the annual is dedicated. Editor Brian de Alwis looks on.



Joshua Jothi Anbiah, whose major is management toward the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, presented the class gift—fans for the library—on College Day evening.

the choir, in the college quartette and in specials.

Ralph H. Jones, class sponsor, declared this Class of '72, to be one of the best with which he has ever worked. Virginia Jenson was organist for all three of the weekend services.

The Thursday evening, March 23, College Day programme featured the presentation of the Oreodoxa. Editor Brian de Alwis presented a copy to Dr. M. E. Cherian and to special guests. The annual, printed by the college press, pictures all students. The art work is imaginative, the layout is neat, the printing is clear.

The annual is dedicated to K. Gopala Rao, industrial assistant business manager. Mrs. D. M. Rai, headmistress of Spicer's elementary school, and C. E. Roe, of the education department, and Mrs. Roe were honoured for their years of contribution to the college programme. Twelve years have passed since Mrs. Rai began her service of love on the college campus. The Roes have spent seven years at Spicer.

Alumni I. M. Chand, principal, Roorkee High School, and M. D. Moses, secretary Sabbath school and lay activities departments, Central India Union, were saluted for their service to the denomination.

Selvaraj Vedamony, a Poona University student, was the master of ceremonies at this Thursday evening programme.

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tized during the 1971-72 school year. The Khunti church board includes two students as members and two students were delegates to the constituency meetings.

The business of the session was transacted during the latter half



Khunti Junior High School was the venue of the meetings.



This is the 60-foot diameter well-the wonder of the community.



The Khunti Junior High School staff is largely Spicer trained. Husbands, with wives seated in front, are, from left: S. K. Besra, S. S. Kandulna, J. M. Kerketta, C. S. Marandi, J. C. Barla, Peter Suren, G. K. Tudu, S. S. Bhengra, and Miss S. Tiru.



James Topno, Robert Bazroy and B. M. Kujur were ordained Sabbath, April 1, following G. J. Christo's message. Prayer was offered by C. B. Guild. The charge was given by W. G. Lowry and the welcome extended by B. Nowrangi.

of the week when the union officers arrived. Adjustments in departmental work include the appointment of Peter Mundu as secretary of the lay activities and temperance departments and Robert Bazroy, secretary of the Sabbath school department while continuing as Radio-TV secretary. The ordination of James N.

Topno, B. M. Kujur and Robert P. Bazroy on Sabbath afternoon, April 1, completed a total of 15 candidates ordained to the gospel ministry in the Northern Union so far in 1972. Five of this number were ordained in Shillong on January 29.

During the March 11 Sabbath of the North India Section constituency meeting Dalbir Massey, departmental secretary and pastor of the Jullundur church; Samson Samuel, pastor of Barala church; Daniel Jacob, pastor of Jodhpur church; and Wesley F. Olfert, evangelist, Chandigarh, were set apart for the ministry. The sermon at that meeting was preached by A. J. Johanson, North India Section President Saudagar Chand presented the candidates for ordination. The prayer was offered by G. J. Christo; the charge was given by W. H. Mattison and the



The audience filled the pandal at every meeting.

welcome extended by J. M. Campbell.

The Upper Ganges Section constituency meetings followed with a March 18 ordination. Here R. S. Lowry preached the ordination sermon when H. M. Simon, pastor, Indore church and M. P. circle leader; A. M. Franklin, pastor evangelist, Msumpur-Moradabad districts; and B. S. Gilbert, pastor evangelist, Najibabad; were ordained. These candidates were presented by Section President Lal Singh. The ordination prayer was offered by G. J. Christo. The charge was given by R. M. Neish and the welcome by B. M. Shad.

P. K. Simpson, a former worker in the Upper Ganges Section, was a special guest of this constituency, coming from the Pacific Press Publishing Association at his own expense to attend this meeting and to be among his friends and fellow believers again.

• Of twenty candidates from Spicer Memorial Higher Secondary School who sat for the Indian School Certificate examination in 1971, all passed. Four of the 20 received first class pass. Of these, Pui Kin Nelson Yeung, of the Far Eastern Division, received the highest standing, so far, in Spicer's history. A. M. Job is principal of Spicer's high school.

• Pastor and Mrs. F. H. Nash, Wendy and Kathryn, returning from their furlough to Australia, arrived at Spicer on March 30. Daughter Judith is in school in Singapore while David and Robyn are studying in Australia.

• Mr. and Mrs. William Sharalaya returned to Bombay, March 31, coming from the United States where Mrs. Sharalaya received her Master's degree in education last year at Andrews University.

• With George M. Kurian, head of the Economics Department, director, the first term of Spicer's 1972 summer school started, March 30. Students enrolled number 192.

• M. Amirtham, vice-president, was the baccalaureate speaker, April 1, for the 1972 graduating class at Lowry Memorial High School.

Overflow Bequest Builds

Bangla

by MRS. E. R. HUTCHINSON

A PORTION of the 1967 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow turned thinking into action in Bangla Desh.

For many years field leaders discussed the possibility of relocating the high school in this section. The 1967 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow made possible the beginning of this plan. Fifty acres of land on the Mymensingh road, about 30 miles north of Dacca, was purchased. This new school site at Goalbathan is on a paved road in a rural area.

Continual improvement of the site in preparation for the construction and operating of a full-fledged boarding school is in progress. Much of the land is fenced in. A tube well is installed, furnishing water for both domestic and irrigation purposes. The cultivation of various types of rice, now under way, promises to provide a substantial source of income for the school as well as employment for many students.

Sixty students was the initial enrolment when the new school opened, in 1970, in temporary buildings built of bamboo and sheet metal.

Construction work on permanent buildings began late last year. The first of these the industrial building, which will serve as a nucleus for an extensive building programme



The boy's hostel has bamboo walls but they hope to have it enclosed in brick before long.



Workmen here pour the concrete roof on the industrial building, the first major brick building erected on the new campus.



Pastor E. R. Hutchinson, who is in charge of the building operations at Goalbathan, and Mrs. Hutchinson live in temporary quarters until better arrangements are made.

-is now nearing completion.

This, with more to follow at Goalbathan, stems from a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow. Southern Asia receives another such offering on September 30 of this year.