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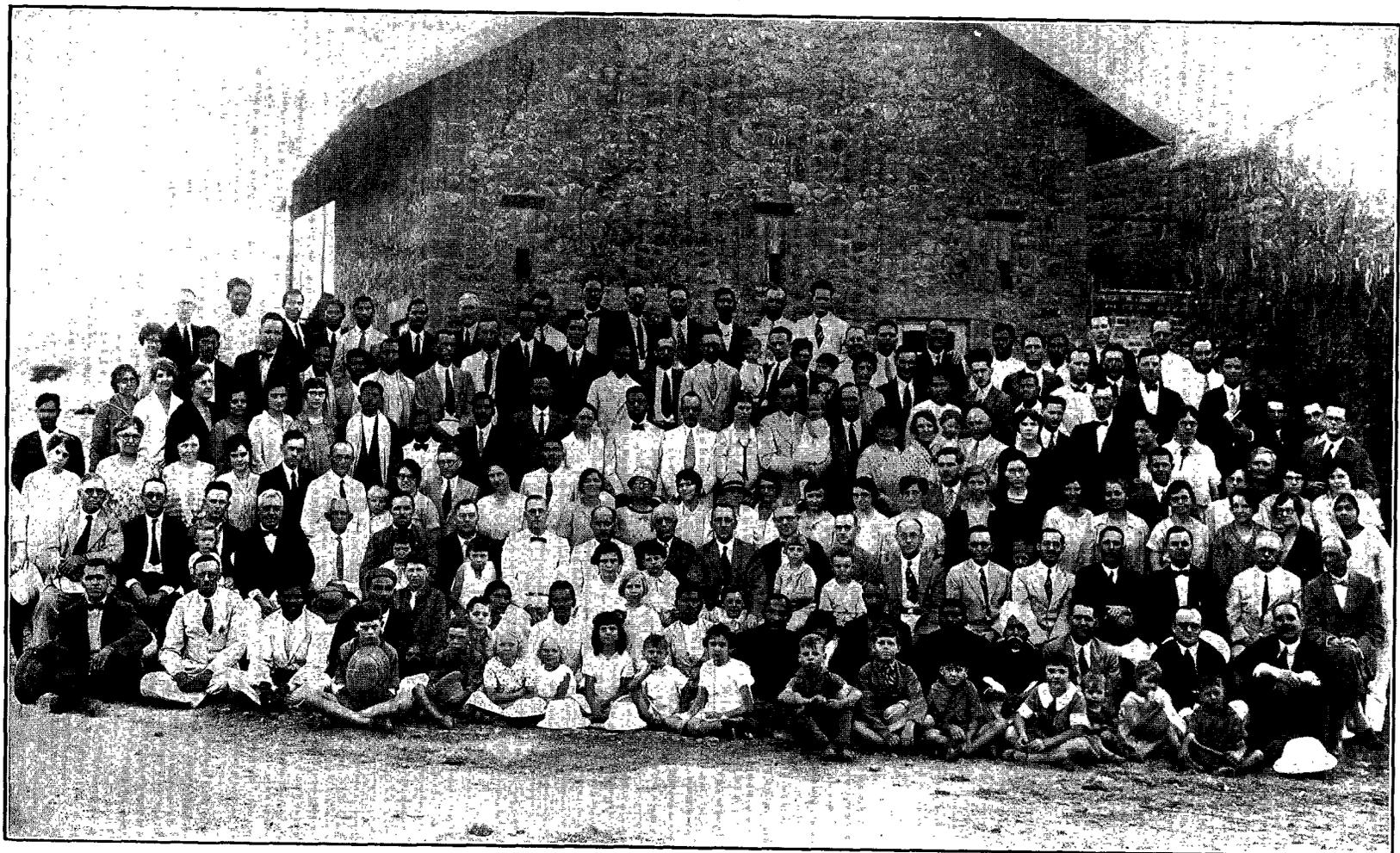
Southern Asia Division Council

The Publishing, Educational, Home Missionary,
Medical, and Sabbath School Departments

Poona, India

Feb. 20—March 7

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" Zech. 4:6



WORKERS ATTENDING THE COUNCIL AT POONA, FEBRUARY 20—MARCH 7

EASTERN TIDINGS

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The Division Council

A. W. CORMACK

As workers in Southern Asia we will long remember with appreciation and pleasure the 1929 Division Council. The Union Biennial Meetings and the Conventions preceding it were very excellent occasions and had prepared the way for the crowning blessings which came to us in the closing days of our gathering together. The meeting was the largest ever held by us in Poona, there being present 160 delegates from all parts of the field. The problem of providing accommodation for so large a number was quite a serious one, but this was solved by the throwing open of the homes of all our Headquarters' workers and the erection of a number of large dwelling tents on the estate. Notwithstanding the inconveniences to be encountered the visiting delegates proved their ability to adapt themselves to an unusual situation and a spirit of fellowship and contentment prevailed. The canvas tents gave quite a Camp Meeting atmosphere to the assembly. Meals for visiting delegates were provided by an excellent cafeteria service conducted on the campus. We were reminded somewhat of the times when the children of Israel gathered to worship the Lord in "booths," by our meeting place which, in the absence of a building large enough for our purpose, was provided by roofing over with thatch the passage between the Publishing House and a parallel building, thus improvising a tabernacle of 20 by 80 feet.

During the preceding three months Elders O. Montgomery and N. Z. Town had attended all the Biennial Meetings as well as visiting most of our main stations in the Division. Their help in spiritual matters and in council was particularly valuable, and these brethren carried a heavy burden in this closing convocation. Elder Montgomery's special talks on the subject of

ORGANIZATION were very practical and were greatly appreciated. The vote of thanks to these brethren recorded at the close of the meeting was but a faint expression of our feeling of gratitude to them and to the General Conference who sent them to us.

This number of the TIDINGS presents a (partial)? report of the proceedings of the Council which, with what shall follow in subsequent issues, will be of interest to all our workers and church members subsequent. Policies and plans are liable to grow old and out of date, and need trimming and amending from time to time that they may serve their purpose more effectively. The Council afforded a valuable opportunity for the examination and, where necessary, revision of our Division policies relating to all phases of missionary activity, and much good work was done along this line.

Clearer and stronger than ever before the keynote of "Evangelism" was sounded and sustained in all these meetings. The thing that is to meet India's great need is the telling of the simple story of the Cross, but the story must be told, not in a formal, theoretical way, but fervently and lovingly by those whose hearts have been and are fully surrendered to the crucified and risen Saviour. The resources of Christianity are just—Jesus Christ. God has blessed the provision and use of facilities that have been woven into our programme here in India for the salvation of souls. We came to see a new value in these things as implements of service—means to the great end of lifting up the Saviour before men. At the same time we were led to realize that without any of these things at all we might be fully equipped for soul-winning service by possessing Jesus. He will not set aside the "wheels" of organization and careful planning and active service, but will put His Spirit within the wheels in these closing days and send forth to the millions of India this last Message with saving power.

India has many problems and difficulties which differ materially from those of other countries, even heathen, but India is not "different" where the nature of sin or the power of the Gospel is concerned. God has provided just one all-sufficient plan of salvation.

The very existence of the differences that do appear, however, must lead us, not to an experimental endeavour to find ways of India's salvation, but to a deeper experimental knowledge of *The Way—Jesus Christ*.

We are glad for improved working policies and more excellent plans and a clearer understanding of how these may best be employed, but we would remember, above all, that "the greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of laboured argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power." *Gospel Workers*, p. 259.

The personal application of the lessons of the Council was most valuable. That this was being made by individuals to their own hearts and work from morning to morning was perhaps the greatest evidence of the truly successful nature of the meeting in a spiritual way. The Message is soon to triumph gloriously. Though the great majority should make shipwreck of faith; though a host of professing Christians and even missionaries should fail, yet one hid with Christ in God shall triumph. Alternatively, though all others should make ready for the reception of the Spirit in latter rain power, one careless, selfish soul may be left out. It is an individual matter with workers and missionaries as well as with the poor heathen for whom they labour. Our only hope is in Jesus, so our only trust must be, not in our organization or facilities, or position, or feelings, but in His saving and keeping power day by day right on till the next Council and till He comes.

Division Conventions and Council

It gives us pleasure to pass along to our people in Southern Asia the proceedings of the recent Division Conventions and Council held in Poona from February 20 to March 7.

As we take a retrospective view of these meetings we believe that the Lord, through His Holy Spirit, came very near to bless. It is a small matter with the Lord to show His people right principles upon which they should build His work and proper methods to be used at a time like this. Realizing that the Lord expects His people to do a maximum amount of good in a minimum of time and that there is strength in united council, it seemed good to call in workers from all parts of the Division for the purpose of studying ways and means of advancing, in a strong way, the Truth for this time to the peoples comprising the Southern Asia Division.

And after the brethren carefully and prayerfully sought for light as to better methods to be followed and to strengthen the work in its various phases, ways seemed to open up before them in a remarkable manner.

We feel to express our deep appreciation to those who attended these helpful meetings and for the important part they took in the discussions which ensued and which resulted in a greater awakening and a more determined desire on the part of all to see many souls won to Christ. We believe, therefore, that the policies recorded hereunder will greatly add strength to our work generally if we properly relate ourselves to them.

MINUTES OF THE BIENNIAL COUNCIL OF THE SOUTH- ERN ASIA DIVISION

Held at Salisbury Park, Poona, February 28, to March 7, 1929

PRESENT: O. Montgomery, N. Z. Town, A. W. Cormack, C. L. Torrey, H. Christensen, A. H. Williams, G. G. Lowry, J. Phillips, N. B. Nielsen, T. Killoway, O. A. Asprey, J. L. Shannon, Miss M. H. Belchambers, E. B. Hare, R. L. Wilson, E. M. Meleen, G. F. Enoch, A. E. Rawson, E. D. Willmott, E. D. Thomas, Ali Baksh, S. Thomas, A. G. Youngberg, M. Oss, T. R. Flaiz, L. C. Shepard, O. A. Skau, C. A. Schutt, F. Smith, F. Wyman, R. A. Beckner,

Dr. Tornblad, J. F. Ashlock, J. O. Wilson, W. H. McHenry, Mrs. McHenry, H. W. Carter, T. J. Michael, C. A. Larsen, L. Wood, H. G. Woodward, Mrs. H. G. Woodward, E. R. Osmunson, A. J. Sargent, F. E. Spiess, Mrs. A. W. Cormack, Miss F. Tuckey, Miss J. Bragan, Miss Baird, G. Lindquist, C. Jensen, Mrs. L. G. Mookerjee, L. G. Mookerjee, Miss V. Chilton, Miss L. C. Scholz, Miss M. Chatterjee, O. W. Nolda, Miss T. E. Sandberg, J. B. Carter, Mrs. J. B. Carter, Ashley Emmer, Miss Kate Scott, I. F. Blue, J. C. H. Collett, H. C. Menkel, E. Hilliard, G. F. H. Ritchie, Mrs. I. F. Blue, Miss Grace Thomas, Mrs. Ludgate, Mrs. P. C. Poley, J. B. Conley, H. Nahapiet, C. Hart, T. K. Ludgate, R. J. Borrowdale, F. Loasby, Mrs. C. A. Larsen, A. F. Jessen, L. E. Allen, Mrs. L. E. Allen, D. David, Brother Knight, Brother Peter, Mrs. A. E. Rawson, Mrs. C. F. Schilling, R. Loasby, J. S. James, P. C. Gayen, M. Prakasam, R. J. Moses, G. P. Crussiah, S. N. David, P. J. Kelly, P. Peiris, M. Pakkianathan, V. Isaac, C. J. Ritchie, A. E. Coyne, Mrs. Coyne, Mrs. A. J. Sargent, C. A. W. Ritchie, J. Craven, Mrs. J. Craven, F. Mainstone, Mrs. F. Mainstone, Mrs. J. L. Shannon, F. Maseyk, C. Gardner, G. Isaiah, D. W. McKinlay, Mrs. D. W. McKinlay, J. M. Steeves, Dr. C. F. Schilling, W. B. Votaw, Mrs. W. B. Votaw, Miss N. Killoway, P. C. Poley, Mrs. F. M. Meleen, Mrs. J. S. James, Mrs. L. C. Shepard, S. O. Martin, Mrs. S. O. Martin, Dr. A. E. Clark, Mrs. T. R. Flaiz, Mrs. A. F. Jessen, A. Killoway, Miss G. Lyons, Miss R. Meister, Miss A. Wilkinson, C. H. Mackett, J. L. Christian, Mrs. G. G. Lowry, Dr. Dalby, Mrs. Dalby, Mrs. F. E. Spiess, Mrs. G. Lindquist, Mrs. G. F. Enoch, R. P. Morris, Dr. G. F. Nelson, G. Champion, V. D. Koilpillai, M. S. Prasada Rao, Jahan Singh, A. Gardner, Mrs. H. G. Franks, Mrs. E. D. Willmott, Mrs. C. A. Schutt, Mrs. C. A. W. Ritchie, Mrs. J. F. Ashlock, Mrs. M. Oss, W. E. Perrin, Mrs. W. E. Perrin, Mrs. C. L. Torrey, Dr. H. G. Hebard, Mr. A. Baldwin, Mrs. A. Baldwin, Jonas Singh, and Robin Singh.

The first meeting of the Biennial Council of 1929 was called at 9:30 A. M. February 28 in the city of Poona at the Division Headquarters, Salisbury Park, A. W. Cormack in the Chair.

After the opening hymn, the Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the delegates in session assembled and ex-

pressed appreciation for the care our Heavenly Father has had over His work in Southern Asia during the years of seed-sowing, and pointed forward to a little way from this when God, through His Holy Spirit, would work mightily in this Division, watering the seed sown and resulting in the conversion of many souls who now sit in darkness, but who are and have been longing for the message of mercy which the Adventist people are extending to a perishing world.

Prayer was then offered by Pastor O. Montgomery invoking God's blessing upon the waiting delegation.

Pastor O. Montgomery expressed appreciation for such a Council and explained its purpose and value to this Division and told how in other Division fields the work had been strengthened and greater spirituality had resulted from the Biennial Council plan.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION:

A unanimous conviction gripped the hearts of those attending the council as the subject of "how to strengthen our evangelist forces" was discussed. It was the opinion of all concerned that we ought to put forth a larger endeavour than ever in preaching the Third Angel's message for the winning of men and women to God. And realizing anew the importance of greater evangelism and the blessings it brings to all who have any part in it, and believing the promises of the Saviour that He would pour out His Holy Spirit upon all peoples comprising India, Burma, and Ceylon, and laying hold of these promises, RESOLVED,

That we, the workers in the Southern Asia Division Council, realizing our debt of gratitude to a loving heavenly Father for all blessings, material and spiritual, received, hereby express to God and witness to the world our renewed trust and confidence in the promises of His Word, and soon coming of our Saviour, beseeching of the Most High for a larger measure of the power of the Holy Spirit for the accomplishment of the task before us, we here dedicate anew our lives and our all to the speedy completion of the work of God in the earth.

CONDOLENCE TO BEREAVED.

M. M. MATTISON AND MRS. A. E. CLARK.

We, in council assembled, hereby express our great sorrow and the deep sense of loss which has come to the cause of God in Southern Asia by the death of

Pastor M. M. Mattison and Mrs. A. E. Clark, and extend to the sorrowing companions and families and other relatives our sincere sympathy, commending them to the God of all comfort, "who comforteth us in all our affliction," and who says, "blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Although unable to understand why a Divine Providence permits the loss of experienced and efficient workers when the needs are so great, we bow in humble submission to the will of an all-wise and merciful God, and press forward to close the gaps, and re-dedicate our lives to Him for the finishing of His work.

We further recommend that the secretary be asked to communicate this resolution to the bereaved families.

General

COMMITTEES NAMED:

VOTED, appointing the following committees on:—Nominations, Credentials and Licenses.

NOMINATIONS:

O. Montgomery, A. W. Cormack, C. L. Torrey, G. F. Enoch and R. Loasby.

CREDENTIALS & LICENSES:

O. Montgomery, I. F. Blue, G. G. Lowry, A. H. Williams, and A. W. Cormack.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

N. Z. Town, A. W. Cormack, C. L. Torrey, A. H. Williams, G. G. Lowry, H. Christensen, J. Phillips, I. F. Blue, J. S. James, E. M. Meleen, L. C. Shepard, Dr. H. C. Menkel, W. E. Perrin, J. O. Wilson, L. G. Mookerjee, E. D. Thomas, A. E. Coyne, A. E. Clark, O. A. Skau, F. W. Smith, J. L. Christian, T. J. Michael, N. B. Nielsen, M. H. Belchambers, C. Hart, O. A. Asprey, E. B. Hare, T. R. Flaiz, Jahan Singh, and H. G. Woodward.

NORTHWEST UNION:

Superintendent..... A. H. Williams
Secretary-Treasurer... Miss M. H. Belchambers

NORTHEAST UNION:

Superintendent..... G. G. Lowry
Secretary-Treasurer... C. A. Hart

SOUTH INDIA UNION:

Superintendent..... H. Christensen
Secretary-Treasurer... N. B. Nielsen

BURMA UNION:

Superintendent..... J. Phillips
Secretary-Treasurer... O. A. Asprey

ORIENTAL WATCHMAN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION:

Manager..... J. S. James
VINCENT HILL SCHOOL AND COLLEGE:

Principal..... I. F. Blue

PUBLISHING HOUSE BOARD:

A. W. Cormack..... Chairman
J. S. James..... Vice-chairman
J. C. Craven..... Secretary
C. L. Torrey..... L. C. Shepard
A. H. Williams..... G. G. Lowry
E. M. Meleen..... W. H. McHenry

VINCENT HILL SCHOOL BOARD:

A. W. Cormack..... Chairman
I. F. Blue..... Vice-chairman
D. W. McKinlay..... Secretary
C. L. Torrey E. M. Meleen
A. H. Williams G. G. Lowry
H. Christensen J. Phillips
P. C. Poley C. J. Ritchie

WE RECOMMEND: that when in the opinion of the Union Mission Committee it seems desirable, arrangements be made for workers to visit in other parts of the field, similar to that in which they are engaged, allowing sufficient time during such visits for the making of a close study of these features with which they are connected in such a way as will be definitely helpful to them in their work. It is suggested that as far as possible such visits be arranged in connection with travel for other purposes such as attendance at conferences, hill leave, etc.

DR. HUGHES' BUNGALOW—ACCEPTATION OF:

VOTED, (a) That we, the delegates of the Southern Asia Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in session assembled, express to the Zemindar of Teleprole our sincere and deep appreciation for the generous gift made of the doctor's bungalow at Nuzvid. We take this to be further evidence of his interest and confidence in our work, praying God's blessing to rest upon him, and that happiness and prosperity shall richly attend him for all future time. And further,

VOTED (b) That we, the delegates of the Southern Asia Division of the Gener-

al Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, take this occasion to express to the Zemindar of Venkatapadu our sincere appreciation for the generous gift of land for the two bungalows and the church in Nuzvid, and pray God's blessing and prosperity to attend him.

MISSION OFFERINGS GOAL:

VOTED, "That the offerings goal for the Division be calculated by the Division Treasurer in terms of a stated amount for each Union on the basis of fifty per cent of the tithe received, fifty per cent of this amount to be assigned to the Sabbath School Department as its special goal."

MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS:

In order that new believers, particularly those from among non-Christian and in mass-movement areas, who are often ostracized and cut off from their community, may be encouraged and strengthened in the new way and recognized as a part of the Christian community even before they have attained that standard of living which would warrant the administration of baptism as practiced among us: Therefore,

"WE RECOMMEND: that in such circumstances we recognize these distinct steps towards full membership, viz:

(a) *The enquirer*, (b) *the adherent* (c) *the baptized member or full communicant*: and that adherents and baptized members be issued certificates upon attaining the required standard and that a careful and detailed record of such certification be maintained by local missions.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND: that for the purposes of uniformity throughout the Division, we recognize the following requirements for each step:

(a) *The Enquirer*: Whenever a n y person expresses a definite desire to affiliate himself with the Christian community as represented by our denomination, we recommend that his name or signature and thumb-print impression, together with other desired information, be recorded in an "Enquirer's Register," it being a temporary step, and that unless he shows definite progress his name be dropped after a period of six months or a year.

(b) *The Adherent*: When an enquirer gives evidence of his sincerity, having forsaken his previous religious beliefs and practices, accepting Christ as his Saviour and the ten commandments as

his rule of life, and manifests a determination to prepare himself for full church membership, he be issued an adherent's certificate which shall recognize him as a member of the Christian community and eligible for rites of Christian marriage.

(c) *The Communicant*: When an adherent shows proof of being able to withstand temptation in respect of such habits as the use of pan supari, tobacco, intoxicants, and unclean meats and the wearing of jewellery, except an inexpensive wedding sign, pays tithe and is living in harmony with the fundamental principles of the Seventh-day Adventist church, showing evidences of spiritual growth through faith in Jesus Christ, he shall be eligible for full membership through baptism.

INSTITUTES FOR INDIAN WORKERS:

In order that the wives of our Indian workers may have opportunity of increasing their efficiency as community leaders in spiritual and home life, it was

VOTED, 1. That either in connection with, or separate from, the regular workers' summer schools, institutes be held for the wives of Indian workers.

LOCAL MEETINGS:

VOTED, (a) that in planning for Annual Meetings, local and Union Committees arrange as far as possible so that our lay membership and the adhering communities may attend freely. To make this possible it may be necessary to arrange for a series of smaller meetings located in the several working areas, rather than for centralized meetings.

(b) that the practice of paying the travelling expenses of lay delegates from mission funds, to such meetings be discontinued. With the localization of the meetings as against centralization, it will become more reasonably possible for delegates to arrange for their own travel.

(c) that the practice of providing food at mission expense be also discontinued. Here again, the localization of the meetings will facilitate the personal arrangement of this matter by the delegates.

If, in certain areas the economic conditions are such that some, by reason of having to discontinue their work as day-labourers in order to attend the meetings, cannot provide their own

food, it may be desirable to invite the lay delegates as a whole to provide for their less fortunate fellows, a special collection being taken up for the purpose.

It may also be necessary in some places for cafeteria service on indigenous lines, to be arranged, possibly inviting contractors in this line of endeavour to serve the meeting.

(d) As regards the attendance of workers at such meetings, this should in the main, be arranged primarily to provide necessary help for the meetings, apart from the personal attendance of each worker and his family, as members, to one meeting of the series.

2. That in these institutes instruction be given in

a. The conducting of family worship.

b. Christian home-making, social purity, personal and general hygiene, care of children including attention to health discipline, simple home nursing.

c. Preparation of food for children, adults, and invalids.

d. Simple teaching methods in connection with the presentation of Bible stories and the conducting of meetings for women.

And further, That a small committee of ladies be invited by the Division Committee to work by correspondence under the direction of one of their number as secretary, in order that a series of lessons suitable for use in such institutes, and possibly for issue in book form, may be developed.

DIVISION OF NORTHWEST

TERRITORY:

VOTED a. To divide the Northwest Union into two union missions, setting off the Bombay Presidency and such other territory as is noted under (c) below from the present Northwest Union territory.

b. That the new union be administered for the time being by the Division officers.

c. That the territory assigned to each union mission be as follows:

Burma Union Mission: Territory, Burma including Shan States and the Nicobar and Andaman groups.

Northeast Union Mission: Territory, The Presidency of Beugal, the province of Assam with connected states except Nepal.

Northwest Union Mission: Territory, The Central Provinces, excepting Berar,

the Central India and Rajputana Agencies, the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, the Punjab, Kashmir, and the Northwest Frontier Provinces.

BOMBAY UNION MISSION: Territory, The Bombay Presidency, the part of Hyderabad related thereto by language, Berar, Baroda and other native states.

SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION: Territory, The Madras Presidency with its neighbouring native states, including such parts of Hyderabad (Deccan) as are allied thereto by language, Ceylon, the Maldives and Laccadive groups.

UNMENTIONED TERRITORY: Baluchistan, Afghanistan, Nepal.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION—BIENNIAL COUNCIL:

VOTED, That we express to a loving Heavenly Father our heartfelt appreciation for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us, and for the valuable council of all the brethren in attendance during the time we have been together, pledging ourselves and our all to greater service in the cause we love. And further, that we look with favour upon the plan of holding such councils biennially.

VOTE OF THANKS:

VOTED, a. That we express our appreciation to those responsible for arranging for the accommodation of the delegates.

b. That we express our grateful appreciation to the self-sacrificing ladies who did the catering, and who, because of duties in the cafeteria, were unable to attend the meetings.

c. That we extend our thanks to the stenographers for the efficient way in which they despatched their work while the convention and council was in session.

d. That we extend to our loyal doctors appreciation for the kindly interest they took in the delegates and for the expert medical attention given.

e. That we express our appreciation and thanks to Brethren E. B. Hare, W. E. Perrin, and D. W. McKinlay for their untiring effort in conducting the splendid music all during the meetings.

f. That we express our appreciation to Miss Tuckey, Miss Meister, Miss Baird, and Brother G. F. H. Ritchie, for the part they took in conducting the children's meetings.

g. That we express our appreciation to Brethren Montgomery and Town for the help and council they have given during all the meetings.

STATISTICAL

VOTED, (That the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer departmental blanks be combined so as to provide all the information required by both departments on one form, thus eliminating the duplication of reporting which now obtains; it being understood that the plan does not affect the report from the Division to the General Conference.)

CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK

In the..... (Church) Company) for month (quarter) ending.....192.....
(Cross out the word which does not apply)

NOTE:—Please fill out this blank in duplicate within five days after the close of the month (quarter), and mail one copy to the mission Home Missionary secretary, keeping the duplicate copy in your shoe-string file. It is important that every item receive a definite answer.

	M. V. Society		Total	Adult Members	Grand Total
	Seniors	Juniors			
1. General Information					
a. Membership (entire church company)					
b. Does your church hold a general missionary service the first Sabbath of the month?					
c. No. of societies using Church Officers' Gazette					
d. Do you hold weekly prayer and missionary meetings?					
e. Total amount of offerings for local missionary work (including M. V.) Rs.					
f. Number of societies					
g. Number of societies reporting					
h. Membership*					
i. Total average attendance at society meetings					
j. Number belonging to bands					
k. Society offerings for foreign missions...					
l. Big week funds reported by young people					
DEVOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL					
a. Number observing the Morning Watch					
b. Number of Bible Year certificates issued during quarter					
c. No. of Reading Course certificates issued during quarter					
d. No. of Standard of Attainment certificates issued during quarter					
2. The Working Force					
a. No reporting missionary work					
b. No. engaged in Bible or gospel meeting work					
c. No. engaged in medical missionary and Christian help work					
d. No. engaged in literature work (sale or distribution)					
e. No. having definite prayer lists					
f. Added to church as result of missionary work of lay members since last report. (No. 4)					
3. Amount of work done					
a. Missionary visits					
b. Bible meetings or gospel meetings					
c. Signatures to Anti-Tobacco or temperance pledge					
d. Persons taken to S. S. or other services					

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Publishing

STATEMENT OF POLICY COVERING THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLISHING WORK IN THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

The Southern Asia Division shall be considered the unit of responsibility in establishing and maintaining the publishing work within its territory.

The Oriental Watchman Publishing House shall be recognized as the Publishing House of the Southern Asia Division, and as the publisher of all denominational literature for general circulation.

This House shall assume financial responsibility for all literature it publishes, carrying the stock necessary to supply the needs of the fields.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Asia Division shall appoint annually a Publishing House Board and a Manager to conduct the business of the Publishing House.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Asia Division shall appoint annually a Literature Committee. For 1929 we suggest the following:

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| J. S. James,
<i>Chairman</i> | J. C. Craven,
<i>Secretary</i> |
| A. W. Cormack, | G. F. Enoch |
| L. C. Shepard, | E. M. Meleen, |
| Ali Baksh, | A. H. Williams, |
| G. G. Lowry, | L. G. Mookerjee, |
| E. D. Thomas, | R. A. Beckner. |
| C. C. Belgrave, | |

All manuscripts for publication, other than for magazines, shall be passed upon by the Literature Committee.

When a manuscript is submitted, the Committee shall study:

1. Its orthodoxy,
2. Its suitability,
3. Its saleability.

The acceptance of a manuscript for publication shall require the approval of the Chairman, secretary, the Division Field Missionary Secretary, and two other members of the Literature Committee.

The Publishing House shall hold in trust and administer appropriations for Initial Expense, Working Capital, etc.

The Publishing House shall be recognized as the importer of all books from sister Publishing Houses for general circulation in the field.

New magazines for general circulation shall be started only with the approval of the Division Committee.

e.	Hours spent in Christian Help work	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
f.	Treatments given	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
g.	Approximate value of food and fuel given to needy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
h.	Articles of clothing given	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
i.	Bouquets given	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
j.	Papers and magazines distributed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
k.	Tracts distributed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
l.	Subscriptions for missionary periodicals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
m.	Books distributed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
n.	Scripture cards given	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
o.	Missionary letters written	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
p.	Replies received	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
q.	Uplift Campaign, hours	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
r.	Amount received	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

EVERY MEMBER A WORKER—EVERY WORKER A REPORTING MEMBER

* See explanation on other side.

REPORT OF PROGRESS ON SOCIETY GOALS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

IV. a. Total number of young people converted and added to the church.....

b. No. of Standard of Attainment certificates issued: Senior.....
Junior.....Total.....

c. Number of Reading Course certificates issued: Senior.....
Junior.....Primary.....Total.....

d. Number of Bible Year certificates issued: Senior.....
Junior.....Total.....

e. Total amount of foreign mission funds.....

f. Average number of reporting members Senior.....Junior.....Total.....

All literature shall be marked with a retail price.

The Publishing House shall promote its business throughout the Division, through the following channels:

- Publishing Department
- Book Depots,
- Missionaries,
- Schools,
- Churches.

COLPORTEURS

“EASTERN TIDINGS”

The Publishing House shall set prices on the basis of costs, and will furnish all literature at as low a price as possible, consistent with a reasonable percentage of profit to the House.

Prices shall be changed only by action of the Publishing House Board, with the approval of the Division Committee, and the fields shall be notified of any change of prices at least one month before said change takes place.

Where it seems best for a school press to do printing of denominational literature, such work shall be undertaken on the advice of, and with authorization by, the Division Committee.

All previous statements of policy relating Publishing work in this Division,

and all rulings relating thereto are hereby rescinded.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT:

WE RECOMMEND: that the following persons constitute the Publishing Department of the Southern Asia Division of the General Conference:

- Ex Officio..... Division Publishing Dept. Sec’y..... L. C. Shepard
- Manager, O. W. P. Assn..... J. S. James
- Superintendent Assn..... J. C. Craven
- Chairman, S.A. Division A. W. Cormack
- Union Superintendents
- Union Field Missionary Secretaries
- Union Book Depot Secretaries
- Union Home Mission Secretaries

Appointed (subject to annual re-appointment by the Division Committee)

- F. Maseyk, G. F. Enoch, Ali Baksh,
- E. D. Thomas, L. G. Mookerjee.

PUBLICATION OF NEW TRACTS AND BOOKS:

WHEREAS, the available supply of literature in all our vernaculars is very limited.

WE RECOMMEND, to the Oriental Watchman Publishing Association that they publish in the languages in which we are working:—

(a) A series of two or four-page tracts on the following and kindred subjects:

1. The True God.
2. The Coming King
3. How to Get a Clean Heart.
4. Evil Spirits, and How to be Delivered from them.
5. Signs of the Times.
6. What is Future?
7. Home of the Saved.
8. Who are the Saved?
9. Jesus, the Highest Revelation of God.
10. Steps to Salvation.
11. God’s Holy Day.
12. Only One Way.
13. What is man?
14. Resurrection of the Dead.
15. The Word of God.
16. Your Case in Court.

(b) A series of 16-20 page tracts on the following and kindred subjects:

1. The Origin of things (Creation and Creator);
2. The problem of Evil and Its Solution (Pub. in English)
3. Christ’s Second Coming.
4. Signs of the Times.
5. The Sure Word of Prophecy.
6. Prophetic Outline of World’s History (Daniel 2).
7. Signs of Christ’s Coming.
8. The Millennium.
9. The Home of the Saved.
10. Waymarks to the Holy City.
11. The 2300 Days.
12. The Two Sanctuaries.
13. The Judgment.
14. The Law of God.
15. The Two Laws.
16. The Sabbath.
17. The Sabbath and Sunday in the New Testament.
18. Who Changed the Sabbath?
19. Is Man Immortal?
20. Fate of the Wicked.
21. Spiritualism.
22. The Tithing System.
23. Baptism.
24. Seventh-day Adventists and Their Work and Message.

(c) A series of books for church members on various phases of the Spirit of Prophecy.

(d) Two books for sale by colporteurs in addition to “Our Day” now in hand, one dealing with prophecy and one with the origin of evil and the restoration of all things, and

(e) That we ask the Literature Committee and the *Oriental Watchman Publishing Association* respectively to prepare and publish a series of small illustrated tracts setting forth in simple

style and language incidents in the earthly ministry of the Master.

HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE TRACTS:

WE RECOMMEND, that the Division Literature Committee be requested to arrange for the preparation of four 2-4 page free tracts on health and temperance subjects.

VERNACULAR MAGAZINES:

WHEREAS, magazine literature of all kinds is now very popular among all classes of people because of the variety of short articles on a wide range of subjects and current news which they contain; and

WHEREAS, the Spirit of Prophecy has told us that "The World is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals;" and

WHEREAS, the various vernacular magazines published in our field a few years ago were effective in bringing the knowledge of the truth to many souls:

We therefore RECOMMEND:

(a) That when the working force and constituency in a given area warrant the publication of a vernacular magazine, such magazines should be encouraged; and further,

(b) That the promotion of such magazines rests primarily upon the field served by them.

ORIENTAL WATCHMAN:

WE RECOMMEND:

(a) That we consider the *Oriental Watchman* as the Missionary Magazine (English) for our Division.

(b) That we encourage workers, members, and English churches in this Division to become responsible for clubs of *Oriental Watchman* for use in personal missionary work.

(c) That our English evangelists make a wide use of the *Oriental Watchman* in connection with their work.

(d) That we encourage young people in our training schools to look towards taking up work with the *Oriental Watchman*.

COMBINATION PLAN:

WHEREAS, in other lands experience has demonstrated that the "Combination Plan" is a successful method for getting subscriptions to our missionary magazines besides helping in many cases to get orders for the books, and greatly increases the soul-winning possibilities of our colporteur work,

WE RECOMMEND, that the combination plan, the combining of a magazine subscription with the sale of each book, as far as possible, be adopted by all our colporteurs in Southern Asia.

RECRUITING COLPORTEURS:

WHEREAS, the circulation of literature is one of the most efficient and economical agencies God has placed in our hands for bringing the truths for this time to the attention of the people; and

WHEREAS, there are extensive unentered areas which we cannot hope otherwise to reach with the Message because of limited men and means; and

WHEREAS, the canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order, and the same care should be used in selecting men for this work as is used in selecting men for the ministry:

WE RECOMMEND:

(a) That Union and Local Mission Superintendents and all Mission workers be diligent in recruiting and encouraging suitable young people and others for the colporteur work, and that special attention be given to this matter by our school Principals.

(b) That in selecting these workers care be taken to maintain the high standard set for this work by the Spirit of Prophecy.

(c) That in the interest of economy, efficiency and stability we encourage men to make this colporteur ministry their life work, and to engage in permanent all-the-year-round resident canvassing.

(d) That our missions and schools encourage graduates from these institutions to engage in evangelistic canvassing either as a life work or until they be called for some other work.

(e) That all our workers make the extensive use of literature a regular feature of their work.

INDIGENOUS COLPORTEUR LEADERS:

WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that the development of indigenous leadership in the colporteur work is essential to the real growth of the work,

WE RECOMMEND, that we adopt as our goal in Southern Asia the development, as rapidly as possible, of indigenous colporteur leaders, and that to this end young men of sound Christian

experience and possessing the talent of salesmanship, be encouraged to look to the literature ministry as a life work.

LEAVE ALLOWANCE TO COLPORTEURS:

WE RECOMMEND, that regularly accredited colporteurs who have worked faithfully for a year be granted annually a two weeks' leave allowance at a rate which is an average of the individual's weekly earnings during the previous twelve months.

In order to show our recognition that the colporteur work is on the same basis as other evangelistic lines,

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COLPORTEURS:

(a) WE RECOMMEND, that our Union and local missions give careful consideration to regularly accredited colporteurs in the rendering of financial assistance in the way of rents, child-allowance, and other expenses; and further, that prompt consideration be given by mission officers to the needs of regular colporteurs who because of illness or other equally good reasons, find themselves in need: and that where it is decided to extend financial relief to such colporteurs it be borne either

1. By the missions the same as other labourers' expenses, or,

2. By the Book Depot in which it be charged to "Donations," thus separating it from ordinary expenses.

(b) AMENDMENT TO NO. XI. That each Union Mission, subject to the approval of the Division Committee, set a rate or rates of rent to be paid by self-supporting colporteurs within its territory before becoming entitled to excess rent.

COLPORTEUR'S CREDENTIALS:

WE RECOMMEND, that colporteurs' credentials be given to all colporteurs who have attained to a satisfactory standard in all important features of their work and concerning whom the licensing committee is satisfied.

(a) That the colporteur is firm in the message.

(b) That he has the proper influence in dress and manner.

(c) That he shall have settled satisfactorily his accounts with the Book Depot.

(d) That he is faithful and industrious in the use of his time.

(e) That he has faithfully submitted his weekly reports.

(f) That each Union Mission adopt a minimum sales standard for its colporteurs.

COURTESIES TO COLPORTEURS:

WE RECOMMEND, that the following courtesies be granted uniformly to regularly accredited colporteurs:

That the Missions concerned pay

(a) The transportation and moving expenses of our regular colporteurs when it becomes necessary for them to move to new territory, provided such moves have been authorized by the mission.

(b) Transportation to and from regular colporteur's annual institute, with free entertainment during the institute.

(c) Transportation to and from annual and other meetings, and further

(d) That colporteurs be furnished free with the church or mission paper.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DISCOUNTS:

WE RECOMMEND, that the scholarship regulations be modified so as to provide that the 20% discount allowed to students earning scholarships be borne as follows:

One half (or 10%) by the Publishing House.

One quarter (or 5%) by the School concerned.

One quarter (or 5%) by the Book Depot

WE RECOMMEND, that each Union get out a News letter once each month.

We RECOMMEND, that we reaffirm our action of two years ago; i. e., that no colporteur be allowed a second shipment of books until the first be paid for.

WE RECOMMEND, that the colporteur be required to remit to the Book Depot each week half of all advance payments on orders and that he be allowed credit for the money order fees.

WHEREAS, the Spirit of Prophecy speaks very plainly concerning the class of workers who should be employed in our Publishing Houses, referring particularly to the importance of their having a sound Christian experience,

WE RECOMMEND, that the Union Committees in our Division search out and recommend young men of sound Christian experience, reliability and good education in the languages of their respective fields for training and employment in our Publishing House at Poona.

L. C. Shepard, Chairman.

T. J. Michael, Secretary.

Jessie Bragan, "

J. F. Ashlock, "

SABBATH SCHOOL

WE RECOMMEND, that the Sabbath School Department Secretary correspond with the General Department with a view to arranging that special editions of the English Sabbath School Lessons, Senior and Junior, be printed in which the dates and the 13th Sabbath Offering announcements will be harmonized with the fact that this field studies the lessons six months after the home field's programme.

EDUCATIONAL

WE RECOMMEND, that each Union Mission give study to the selection of, and the equipping of each mission station with suitable sets of slides on early Old Testament History, and the life of Christ;

AND FURTHER, that attention be given to the preparation of slide libraries on special subjects for circulation among missionaries in the field.

WHEREAS, it is easy to gather a large enrolment in boarding schools because of the material advantages connected therewith, and for this reason applicants are often willing to make almost any profession necessary to gain admission to boarding schools, and

WHEREAS, this constitutes a danger of overloading even in higher classes, thus involving heavy expense and of bringing deleterious influence into our schools,

WE RECOMMEND, that pupils be admitted to boarding school only on the recommendation of the local mission authorities, and with the approval of the principal of the school.

WE RECOMMEND, that admission of non-Seventh-day Adventist students to training schools or departments be limited to ten per cent of the total enrolment.

PASTORAL TRAINING LESSONS:

WE RECOMMEND, that the lessons on Pastoral Training now being prepared by Pastor Poley be accepted for use in our Training Schools, that a tentative edition be mimeographed and that copies be sent out to leaders in the field for inspection and comment, and to all the Training Schools of the Division for trial use in their Training classes.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR BOARDING SCHOOLS:

WE RECOMMEND, that the Division Committee be requested to furnish a

uniform system of accounting, simple but efficient for the keeping of students' accounts to be used in all our boarding schools throughout the Division, in harmony with the Division policy.

ADVANCED SCHOOLS FOR THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

WHEREAS, our constituency in the Southern Asia Division is small and the demand for advanced school work is not sufficient to warrant schools giving work beyond high school grades in each Union Mission, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, that we confirm advanced work beyond high school grades (10th standard) for Indian students to one school for the Division, and

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, that for the present the South India Training School carry this advanced work and that other Unions send such students as they may have to send for this advanced work to the South India Training School.

TRUE EDUCATION READERS FOR USE IN THE DIVISION:

WE RECOMMEND, that the True Education Reader Series be adopted uniformly throughout the Southern Asia Division as text books in English reading classes in both vernacular and English schools.

SURVEY COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION:

WHEREAS, we realize that there is a wide diversity in the financial administration of our schools and we feel that in many cases it would be possible to make marked improvement if the situation were studied and ways and means suggested; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, that the Division Committee appoint a commission to make a survey of the schools in this Division and to suggest possible improvements in the financial situation and management of the same.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, that the General Conference be requested to release either Prof. C. W. Irwin or Brother Claude Conard to work with the said commission, arriving in the field in the Fall of 1929 if possible.

TRANSLATION OF BIBLE TEXT BOOKS INTO THE VERNACULAR:

In harmony with the General Conference policy with regard to the translation of text books for schools in mission fields and in view of the urgent need existing in our field for the translation and publishing of the Bible text books in the vernaculars,

WE RECOMMEND, that each Union Mission make provision in its budget each year for at least Rs. 1000/- to be utilized in the publication of such translations until the series of Bible text books in the vernaculars is complete.

ESTABLISHING OF ENGLISH CHURCH SCHOOLS:

WE RECOMMEND, that wherever an English church is established in which there is even a small group of children of school age, a church school be established both as a means of building up and strengthening the church itself and as a feeder school for Vincent Hill School.

MINIMUM FEE FOR VERNACULAR WORKERS' CHILDREN IN BOARDING SCHOOLS:

WE RECOMMEND, that the children of vernacular workers be required to pay towards the monthly fee set by the school a minimum in cash to the extent of one and one-quarter anna in the rupee of the worker's salary for each child, and

FURTHER, that the maximum payable in cash be the total school fee less the amount to be worked out by manual labour.

DIVISION EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT:

WE RECOMMEND, (a) that the following be members of the Educational Department of the Southern Asia Division: Division Educational Secretary, Division President, the Union Educational Secretaries, the Principal of the Vincent Hill School and College and the Bible teacher of that school, the principals of all secondary and higher schools throughout the Division, the Union Superintendents and such other members as the Division Committee may deem it advisable to appoint.

(b) Such meetings of the Department shall be held as may seem necessary to the Division Educational Secretary, and as shall be approved by the Division Committee.

DIVISION INSPECTION AND ACCREDITING COMMITTEE:

(a) For the purpose of inspecting Training and Secondary Schools there shall be an inspection committee consisting of the Division Educational Secretary, the Union Educational Secretary, providing he is not the principal of the school to be inspected, and the superintendent of the Union Mission in which the school is located. In cases of combined offices where a third mem-

ber is required, he shall be appointed by the chairman from among the members of the department.

(b) For the purpose of inspecting the Vincent Hill School there shall be an inspection committee consisting of the Division Educational Secretary, and two other members appointed by the Division Committee from the members of the Educational Department.

(c) The Educational Secretary of the Division shall be the chairman of the inspection committee.

(d) It shall be the duty of the inspection committee to examine carefully and inspect annually the Vincent Hill School and all training and secondary schools in the Division and report their findings, and recommend a rating for the schools inspected to the Division Educational Secretary who shall submit a report of such rating for the schools inspected together with the necessary information to the Division Committee and to the General Department of Education for final approval. A certificate of registration is issued by the General Department signed by the secretary, and countersigned by the Division Educational Secretary. This certificate is furnished the institution.

(e) The basis of inspection and accrediting shall be the standards adopted by the Division Educational Department as approved by the General Conference Educational Department.

DIVISION EXAMINING BOARD:

(a) For the Division there shall be an examining board consisting of the Division Educational Secretary, the Principal of the Vincent Hill School, the Union Educational Secretaries, and the principals of all full tenth standard schools.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Division Examining Board to prepare examinations for the tenth and twelfth standards of all schools not fully accredited and for the examination of teachers. In such cases the Division Educational Secretary shall inspect the students' papers which have been valued and marked by the teachers, it being understood that he shall keep a record of all marks awarded and supply the school concerned with a copy of the same within six weeks after the receipt of the same.

(c) Examinations shall count as one-third of the student's final grade.

(d) The Division Educational Secretary shall be chairman of the Division Examining Board.

UNION MISSION INSPECTION AND ACCREDITING COMMITTEE:

(a) For the purpose of inspecting schools below secondary grade there shall be in each Union Mission inspection and accrediting committees consisting of the Union Educational Secretary, the Superintendents of the missions concerned and the Principal of the secondary boarding school in the territory in which the inspections take place.

(b) It shall be the duty of the inspection committee to examine carefully and inspect annually all schools below secondary grade and report their findings and recommend a rating for the schools inspected, to the Educational Secretary of the Union Mission, who shall send a report of such rating together with necessary information to the Division Educational Secretary for final approval. A certificate of registration is issued by the Division Department of Education, signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Educational Secretary of the Union Mission. This certificate is furnished the school. A record of accrediting is made out in triplicate, one being sent to the Union Educational Secretary, and one to the Principal of the secondary boarding school in the territory in which the inspection has taken place.

(c) Students from fully accredited schools shall be admitted to the succeeding standard in advanced schools without examination other than that given by the school.

(d) The basis of accrediting shall be the academic standards adopted by the Division Educational Department as approved by the General Conference Department of Education.

UNION MISSION EXAMINING BOARD.

(a) In each Union Mission there shall be an examining board consisting of the Union Educational Secretary, the principals of training schools, and the Principals of all secondary schools.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Union Mission examining board to set examination papers for the sixth and eighth standards of schools which are not fully accredited. In such cases the Union Educational Secretary shall inspect the student's papers which have been marked by the teachers, it being understood that he shall keep a record of all marks awarded, and supply the school concerned with the copy of the same within six weeks after the receipt of the papers.

(c) Examination shall count as one-third of the student's final grade.

(d) The Union Educational Secretary shall be chairman of the Union Mission examining board.

EDUCATIONAL:

WE RECOMMEND, that all Bible Lessons in our vernacular secondary schools be taught in vernacular as far as possible, and that English be not used as a medium of instruction in other subjects to a greater degree than circumstances demand.

WHEREAS, large sums of money are being credited to students for unremunerative labour, thus heavily taxing our budget,

WE RECOMMEND,

(a) That Principals, Managers and other workers concerned exert themselves to collect cash, or its equivalent in kind from pupils and parents in payment of school charges.

(b) That we adhere to the denominational policy of requiring twelve hours per week of manual labour from all students in boarding schools, but that manual labour in excess of twelve hours per week be not given to students except in cases regarding which the workers concerned have satisfied themselves that payment cannot be made by other means.

(c) That when manual labour in excess of twelve hours per week must be given, the maximum be kept as low as possible.

(d) That when necessary, station workers and others assist boarding schools in the collection of fees for children sent from their respective territories.

WE RECOMMEND, that special endeavours be made to care for the spiritual development of pupils in our schools, and that in all boarding schools special revival efforts be held at least once each year, and twice if possible.

WE RECOMMEND, the following form of application for use in training schools:—

Information regarding applicant for admission to training schools to be furnished by the responsible missionary recommending him.

Applicant's name..... Age.....
 I have known him since.....
 He is (not)* now a church member in good standing;.....
 He was educated at..... Up to the.....
Standard.

He left school.....
 He has been employed from.....To.....
 In the capacity of.....
 His family responsibilities are as follows:.....

I have made enquiries of those who know him, as to his manner of living, and have carefully examined him myself.

Additional remarks :

Date.....

NOTE. This form must be submitted in respect of every individual applicant: and no person should be sent to the training school as a student until a formal registration certificate has been received in respect of him, which certificate will be issued by the Principal of the school in behalf of the school board, only after receipt of this application form, and if the answers given herein are satisfactory to the board.

*Strike out is not applicable.

WE RECOMMEND, that the missionary recommend no student to the training school with whom he is not personally acquainted.

WE RECOMMEND, that the 10% limit of non-Seventh-day Adventist pupils that may be admitted to training classes shall not be held to include those already in a baptismal class or unbaptized children of Seventh-day Adventist church members, providing these are preparing for baptism, and that there is no question regarding their character.

Medical

1. Recognizing that the medical work is an integral part of the denominational soul-saving mission, we believe that every physician coming to India should make this his chief objective, and recognize that medical training, experience and equipment are a means to obtaining the necessary contact.

2. We recommend that all our doctors be given the opportunity to procure British qualifications before coming to India.

3. Realizing the importance of acquiring a good foundation in the language, which is so essential in establishing a personal touch with our patients, we recommend that all foreign medical workers be granted one year, free from all responsibility, for language study.

4. We recommend that as soon as possible after completion of the first year of language study opportunity be given for taking the course in tropical diseases at Calcutta.

5. We recommend that a uniform plan of hospital buildings of the unit type be adopted as a base for all future hospital construction, providing for a maximum accommodation of 20 beds and that as soon as possible a sewage disposal and water supply be installed.

6. We recommend that the sum of Rs. 5,000/- be considered as essential to provide the minimum hospital equipment.

7. We recommend that our doctors coming to India do not invest their medical equipment allowance until after reaching this field, inasmuch as instruments and hospital equipment in general can be more economically purchased here.

8. In order to provide ample accommodation for the hospital buildings, workers' quarters, and necessary out-buildings, we recommend that wherever possible at least 5 acres of land be provided.

9. We recommend that wherever possible the doctor's bungalow be situated in a compound separate from the hospital compound.

10. We recommend, that the doctors be encouraged to develop medical itinerant work in its relation to village evangelistic and educational activities.

11. We recommend, that each institution undertake to train its own assistants to supply its needs, and when possible, in response to a need existing in a Union not having a medical institution, workers might be accepted to an extent not embarrassing the regular institutional work, all such requests for training of workers to be referred to the Medical Secretary of the Division.

12. We encourage our doctors as far as practicable to cooperate with the local health authorities in public health activities.

13. We recommend, to the Division Committee that they include in the plans for a standard type bungalow, provision for a septic tank, a flush toilet, a screened sleeping porch, and for mosquito-proofing the bungalow, and we further recommend that in the bungalows which are not equipped with sanitary toilets, a flush toilet and septic tank be installed.

14. We recommend, to the Division Committee that inasmuch as some septic tanks in the Division are not working satisfactorily, a committee be appointed to draw up a type plan of a septic tank system to be adopted as a standardized unit.

15. We recommend, that the Principal of each boarding school be responsible for arranging for a short course in personal hygiene each school year to be given to the students. We recommend the use of the booklet published by the Christian Literature Society, Madras.

16. We recommend, that every mission worker and his family be required to have a yearly physical examination by one of our doctors, and a record kept in the office of the Union Medical Secretary.

17. Recognizing the importance of dispensary work as conducted by evangelistic workers and nurses in providing for the emergency medical needs of many communities, and in developing friendship, we recommend the closest cooperation between medical and evangelistic workers, and that the doctors in the field give such help as may foster and develop this dispensary work.

18. Realizing the necessity of properly planned buildings and equipment for medical workers, we recommend the adoption of standardized buildings and equipment for dispensaries.

19. We recommend, that local missions supply hospitals and dispensaries with a native evangelist or Bible-worker, whose wages being paid by the local mission, will be under the control of the local committee of that mission; further, that vernacular literature be supplied as freely to this work as to any other evangelistic effort.

ISOLATION ROOM :

WE RECOMMEND, that in each of our boarding schools a suitable isolation room be provided for the accommodation of cases of contagious or suspicious diseases.

WE RECOMMEND, that we re-affirm the actions recorded in Educational Recommendations 1927 (No. 12) relative to the Medical Inspection of schools, supplementing that statement as follows :—

WE RECOMMEND, that students who comes from malarious sections be given one grain of quinine per day for every year of age for the first seven days of each school year.

Home Missionary

BIG WEEK CAMPAIGN :

WE RECOMMEND, that in harmony with the practice approved by the General Conference, the Home Missionary Department be responsible for the promotion of the Big Week Campaign, in active co-operation with the Publishing, Educational and Medical Departments.

BIG WEEK GOAL :

WE RECOMMEND, that we set our goal at Rs. 7500/- to be raised through the Big Week for the Missions Extension Fund in Southern Asia in 1929.

BIG WEEK PLAN :

WE RECOMMEND, that in Southern Asia we adopt the Big Week Plan as outlined by the General Conference as follows :

(a) That our lay members be encouraged to devote at least six hours during Big Week to the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund.

(b) That colporteurs share in the Big Week Plan, giving the profits of the biggest day's sales.

(c) That all our mission and institutional workers join in the Extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying their entire profits to the fund, in addition to their personal income for one day.

(d) That in case of inability to devote time and effort to the sale of literature during the Big Week, lay members, institutional workers, and mission labourers make an offering to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

(e) That schools arrange for one or more fields days during Big Week.

(f) That the Publishing House, Division and Union offices and Book Depots, close one day of Big Week to enable employees to contribute an active part to the success of the Extension Fund plan.

Believing that the following statement from the Spirit of Prophecy applies to us and the members of our churches in Southern Asia :—

“It behoves every soul whose life is

hid with Christ in God to come to the front now.” Vol. 8, p. 211.

WE RECOMMEND :

(a) That we make greater efforts to interest and train our church members in soliciting in the Uplift endeavours.

(b) That in the promotion of the Uplift endeavour in our field we adopt the general plan followed in America in the promotion of the Harvest Ingathering endeavour.

(c) That we endeavour as far as possible to solicit funds on a general appeal, but that when it seems advisable to mention a particular project, it be approved by the Union and Division Committee.

(d) That we publish a special number of the “*Oriental Watchman*” representative of our world wide work, giving special attention to the work in India, which we can leave with the people from whom we solicit in the Uplift endeavour.

Ministerial

SUPPLEMENTARY ENGLISH READING COURSE BOOKS :

WE RECOMMEND, that S. D. A. Ministerial Association officers give study to the selection of suitable books each year to supplement the Ministerial Reading Course.

(a) These to be such as would supply the need of missionary workers, dealing with subjects peculiar to the missionary problem in India.

(b) Which may be especially useful to our English-reading indigenous (Indian, Burmese, Singhalese) workers.

VERNACULAR READING COURSE :

WE RECOMMEND, that each Union Committee arrange each year for reading courses in each of the vernaculars in which we are working for non-English reading workers including available denominational literature, together with carefully selected books as far as available from other sources, dealing with the work of the ministry, non-Christian religions, apologetics, biography, health, temperance, hygiene, etc.

Working Policies

OPERATING POLICY OF UNION AND LOCAL MISSION FIELDS IN THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

(It is expected that each union mission will adopt this policy as its working programme, supplying the names of its respective fields and the territory covered)

UNION MISSION

Article I—Name

This organization shall be known as the..... Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists.

Article II—Territory

The Territory of this union mission shall be.....and any other territory that may be assigned to it by the Southern Asia Division committee.

Article III—Object

The object of this union mission is to teach the commandments of God and the everlasting gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Article IV—Membership

Section 1.—The Membership of this union mission shall consist of such local missions and such churches as are not included in a local mission and have been or shall be properly organized, and accepted by vote of the union mission.

Section 2.—The voters of this union mission shall be: (a) The members of the executive committee of this union mission.

(b) Such members of the General Conference Committee, the Southern Asia Division committee, and the respective local mission committees as may be present at any sessions of this union mission.

(c) Such persons as are appointed by the local mission committee on the basis of one for the local mission, and one additional for each fifty members.

(d) Such members of churches which are not included in a local mission as are appointed by the church on the basis of one for the church and one additional for each fifty members.

(e) Such other persons as may be recommended by the executive committee and accepted by the vote of the session.

Article V—Officers and Their Duties

Section 1.—(a) The regular officers of this union mission shall be a superintendent, a secretary-treasurer, who shall also be the auditor.

(b) All officers of this union mission shall be appointed by the Southern Asia Division. The appointments shall be made at intervals of approximately two years.

Section 2.—Superintendent. The superintendent shall act as chairman of the union mission committee, and work in the general interests of the union mission in council with the executive committee.

Section 3.—Secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of the union mission session and of the executive committee meetings; to collect such data as may be desired by the superintendent, or by the union or Division committees, and to perform such other duties as pertain to said office.

Section 4.—Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds, and to disburse the same as the executive committee may direct, and to sign all cheques and vouchers required in the conduct of the office of treasurer. He shall render such financial statements at regular intervals as may be desired by the superintendent, or by the union or Division committee.

Section 5.—Auditor. The Division auditor is recognized as the auditor of the books kept by the union mission treasurer. It shall be the duty of the auditor of this union mission to audit the books of each local mission field and each mission station within its territory where the keeping of accounts has been authorized by the Division on the recommendation of the Union, at least once each calendar year. He shall report upon the same to the union mission committee, the respective local field superintendents, and the Southern Asia Division Committee.

Section 6.—Secretaries of departments of this union mission shall be elected by the union mission at its biennial session. In new fields all members of the union mission committee shall be appointed by the Southern Asia Division Committee.

Article VI—Union Mission Executive Committee

Section 1.—The executive committee shall consist of not more than eleven members who shall be elected at the union mission biennial session in consultation with the representatives of the

Southern Asia Division committee present at the session. The Union Superintendent, the secretary-treasurer and the superintendents of local mission fields shall be members of this committee.

Section 2.—During intervals between sessions of this union mission the executive committee shall have full administrative power with authority;

(a) To renew ministerial credentials and ministerial licenses.

(b) To grant or to withdraw ministerial credentials and ministerial licenses, with the approval of the Southern Asia Division Committee.

(c) To grant, renew or withdraw licenses of other workers.

(d) To fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise in the offices, boards, committees, both union and local, appointed or elected by the union mission, except that the filling of vacancies on the executive committee, shall require the consent of two-thirds of the executive committee, and the approval of the Southern Asia Division Committee.

Section 3.—Such missions and departments may be organized at any regular session or by the executive committee between sessions as the development of the work may require, provided such action has the approval of the Southern Asia Division committee.

Section 4.—Any four members of the executive committee including the superintendent shall be empowered to transact such executive business as is in harmony with the general plans outlined by the committee, but the concurrence of three members shall be necessary to pass any measure.

Section 5.—Meetings of the executive committee may be called at any time or place by the Superintendent; or such meetings may be called for the transaction of regular business, by the secretary, upon the written request of any five members of the executive committee.

Section 6.—Previous to each session of the union mission, the executive committee shall provide for such temporary committees as may be necessary to conduct the preliminary work of the session.

Section 7.—The executive committee shall nominate for election by the session the following committees to serve during each session:—

(a) Nominations.

(b) Plans and recommendations.

(c) Credentials and Licenses.

Section 8.—The executive committee shall constitute a standing committee on distribution of labour.

Article VIII—Sessions

Section 1.—This union mission shall hold biennial sessions at such time and place as the executive committee shall designate by notice published in the "EASTERN TIDINGS," at least thirty days prior to the session.

Section 2.—By like notice, the union mission committee may call special sessions at such time and place as it and the Southern Asia Division Committee may deem proper and the transaction of such sessions shall have the same force as those of the regular sessions.

Article VIII—Finances.

Section 1.—The funds of this union mission shall be :

- (a) Appropriation from the Southern Asia Division.
- (b) All tithes from churches not directly under the local missions of the Union.

(c) A tithe of the tithe receipts of the local missions in the union.

Section 2. A tithe of the tithe received by the union, together with all mission offerings, shall be paid to the Southern Asia Division.

Section 3. The union mission committee shall annually submit to the executive committee of the Southern Asia Division an estimate of its operating expenses and probable receipts for the ensuing year.

Section 4. This union mission shall report monthly to the Southern Asia Division all funds received in its territory.

Article IX—Audits

The union mission committee acting with an officer of the Division, or a representative authorized by the Division Committee shall annually audit the rate and expenses of all workers both union and local, excepting the time and rate of the officers of the union which shall be audited by the Division committee.

Article X—Local Mission Fields

Section 1. The territory of this union mission shall be divided into districts which when occupied and organized shall be known as local mission fields.

Section 2. The union mission in session shall elect for each local mission field within its territory, a superintendent and a secretary, who shall hold

office for a period of two years, or until their successors are elected and appear, to enter upon their duties.

Section 3. The union mission shall at its biennial session elect an advisory committee for each local mission field within its territory, of not more than five members, of which committee the local superintendent shall be member and chairman.

Section 4. Local Superintendent. The superintendent shall act as chairman of the local mission committee, and work in the general interests of the mission, in counsel with the committee.

Section 5. Secretary. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the mission committee.

Section 6. The local mission committee is empowered to supervise the work of the local mission; to organize churches; conduct village schools and to carry on such other lines of work as are in harmony with the policies of the Union Mission.

Section 7. The transfer of workers from important posts within the local field shall require the approval of the union committee.

Section 8. The local mission committee shall not employ or dismiss workers without the approval of the union committee.

Section 9. New missions stations shall not be opened by the local mission committee without the advice and counsel of the union committee and the Division.

Section 10. New village schools shall not be started without the approval of the Union executive committee.

Article XI—Finance

Section 1. The funds of each local mission shall be :

- (a) Appropriations from the union mission.
- (b) Tithes from all churches in the local mission fields.

Section 2. The local mission field shall receive tithes and offerings from its church members and believers, and shall pay over to the union mission a tithe of its tithes, and all mission offerings.

Section 3. The local mission committee shall annually submit to the executive committee of the union mission an estimate of its operating expenses and probable receipts for the ensuing year, and that estimate, when it is approved, shall constitute the

financial working programme.

Section 4. The accounts of this mission shall be kept by the union mission treasurer until such time as the Division Committee may authorize the appointment of a local mission treasurer.

Article XII—Amendments

Amendments to this operating policy may be made only by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular biennial council of the Southern Asia Division.

Vincent Hill School

VOTED 1. That the Southern Asia Division shall at its biennial Council appoint a Vincent Hill School board of not less than seven, nor more than eleven members, of whom the President of the Southern Asia Division shall be a member and chairman. It shall at the same time appoint a principal of the school, who shall also be a member of the board, its vice-chairman.

2. Five members of the Board, including either the chairman or the vice-chairman, shall constitute a quorum. Actions may be taken at a meeting at which three or more members are present, but if a quorum is not present, they shall be referred to the next quorum meeting for confirmation.

3. Meetings of the Board may be called by the chairman or vice-chairman at any time and place that circumstances may demand.

4. The chairman or in his absence the vice-chairman shall preside at board meetings.

5. The general policies of the school shall be in harmony with those of the Educational Department of the General Conference.

6. All members of the staff other than the Principal shall be appointed annually by the school board in consultation with the officers of the Division Committee.

7. No members of the staff shall be discharged or suspended without the vote of the school board.

8. The board shall determine the fees to be paid for students, and, in consultation with the Division officers, settle salaries of the teachers.

9. The student aid fund shall be administered by the school board.

10. All actions of the school board shall be subject to the general policy and actions of the Executive committee of the Southern Asia Division.

Oriental Watchman Publishing House

VOTED 1. That the Southern Asia Division shall, at its biennial council, appoint a Publishing House board of not less than seven, nor more than nine members, of whom the President of the Southern Asia Division shall be a member and chairman. It shall at the same time appoint a Manager of the Publishing House, who shall be a member of the Board, and its vice-chairman.

2. The Manager shall also be the Treasurer of the Publishing House and sign all cheques and disburse its funds in harmony with the actions of the Publishing House Board and the policies of the Southern Asia Division.

3. The majority of the members of the Publishing House Board, including either the Chairman or the vice-Chairman, shall constitute a quorum. Actions may be taken at the meeting at which three or more are present, but if a quorum is not present, such actions shall be referred to the next quorum meeting, or a meeting of the full Board for confirmation.

4. Meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman or vice-Chairman at any time or place that circumstances may demand.

5. The Chairman, or in his absence the vice-Chairman, shall preside at Board meetings.

6. There shall be a House Committee consisting of the Manager and heads of departments who, at the call of the Manager, shall meet as occasion may require to study and plan for the work in the factory.

7. The general policies of the Publishing House shall be in harmony with those of the Publishing Department of the Division.

8. The regular employees in the Publishing House shall be employed or be discharged only by vote of the Publishing House Board.

9. The Board shall fix the wages to be paid all regular employees of the institution in consultation with the officers of the Southern Asia Division.

10. Transient or emergency labourers shall be employed and dismissed by the Manager in consultation with the other members of the House Committee.

11. All actions of the Publishing House Board shall be in harmony with the general policy and actions of the executive committee of the Southern Asia Division.

Financial Policy

GENERAL CONFERENCE [DIVISION] FUNDS.

VOTED, The funds of the Division are:

(a) Appropriations from the General Conference.

(b) The tithe belonging to the Division.

(c) Uplift funds (known in the home lands as Harvest Ingatherings funds).

(d) All special offerings for general purposes raised throughout the Division such as Vincent Hill School student aid fund, extension funds raised during Big Week, etc.

(e) All offerings as follows :

Annual offerings, mid-summer offerings, Sabbath school offerings, Week of Sacrifice, and all weekly gifts to missions which are given for purposes for which mission appropriations are made, such offerings to be passed on to the General Conference each month. All increase in the mission offerings above the amount as estimated in the Division Budget shall be retained by the Division for disbursement by the Division Committee. Such increase in receipts shall from year to year become the new basis of estimate in making up the budget.

2. EXCHANGE PROVISION

Any necessary exchange provision shall be made before the appropriations to the Union and institutions are made.

3. EMERGENCY FUND

(a) An amount of Rs. 31,250/- shall be set apart as a Division emergency fund annually.

(b) Appropriations from the emergency fund shall be made only in cases of real emergency. Such appropriations to be based on definite estimates submitted and only up to the amount of the actual expenditure.

(c) At the end of each year, any unused portion of the emergency fund shall be transferred to "Working Capital" account.

4. DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE

BUDGET :

Provision shall be made for Division administrative requirements on the basis of actual expenditures.

5. APPROPRIATIONS TO THE

FIELD :

Appropriations to the field shall be made in the following order by the

Division committee at its annual Autumn meeting :

CLASS I.

(a) Appropriations shall be made to unions and institutions for their class I requirements according to their actual expenditures for the twelve months ended September 30, of the preceding year. But such appropriations shall not exceed the Class I. appropriations of the previous year plus appropriations passed on for new workers, which shall form a new base for the Class I appropriation for the following year.

(b) Where at the end of the twelve month period ended September 30 of any year, it is found that the field's Class I expenditures have fallen below the base appropriation, they shall in the ensuing year use the saving thus affected for Class I items.

(c) The Class I balance after appropriations have been made to the field, may be distributed as the Division Committee shall decide for further Class I work, but before this is done, an amount equal to the saving effected by the field in the previous year shall be held in reserve by the Division as a provision to meet the base of the following year.

(d) Provision for furlough transportation according to anticipated actual requirements for the new year shall be reserved and held by the Division.

6. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS :

(a) The Division committee shall appropriate to the field for such special objects as may be agreed upon.

(b) Such appropriations shall be made on the basis of definite estimates submitted and information supplied.

(c) Funds for permanent investments either from extension funds or from special appropriations which may be made by the Division outside its class I appropriations, shall be held in trust by the Division for the purposes for which the appropriation was designed. In case a project is not carried out within a year from the date by which the funds become available, the appropriation shall revert to the Division for re-distribution, except in such cases as the Division Committee is satisfied that the original purpose for which the appropriation was made is being properly proceeded with. In case a project provided for from extension funds is abandoned, the money shall revert to the Division.

7. PREPARATION OF BUDGET:

(a) Each union and institution shall file with the Division Treasurer by March 15, a complete and detailed statement of their proposed expenditures for the current year, which shall also constitute the budget requirements for the following years' (Class I budget estimates to the General Conference.

(b) Budget requests for classes 2,3 and 4 shall be included in the total budget, but listed separately.

(c) Should any modification of the disbursement of Class I appropriations be contemplated by any union or institution in the course of the year, revised estimates showing such proposed changes shall be supplied the Division immediately.

(d) The Division Treasurer shall incorporate into the following year's class I estimates such revisions as are received by him on or before May 15 of the current year.

SUMMARY OF COLPORTEUR REPORTS

SOUTH INDIA UNION MISSION

FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5TH, 1926.

Name of Col.	Period	Hrs.	H.&L.	Helps	O.W.	S.T.	Total	Deliv.
Alexander, C.	... 2 weeks	71½	37	1	...	...	185- 8	82- 8
Arokiswamy, P.	... 1 ..	42	6	23	2	12½	83- 0	48- 0
Arumanayagam, A. D.	... 1 ..	44	...	3	...	...	1- 8	3- 0
Arumanayam, G. A.	... 1 ..	51	...	5	...	...	1- 4	1- 4
Chacko, A. D.	... 2 ..	86	15	11	...	...	84- 8	25- 0
Daniel, A.	... 1 ..	35	9	6	...	...	38- 0	5- 0
Devanandam, G. H.	... 2 ..	83	3	1	...	...	15- 2	33- 2
Fernando, R. & M.	... 1 ..	35	12	1	...	...	64- 0	71- 0
Hill, F. W.	... 1 ..	8	1	4	2	...	18- 0	18- 0
Ignace, L. D.	... 2 ..	61	24	11	13	7	240- 0	70- 0
Israel, M.	... 1 ..	42	5	5	...	...	23- 0	4- 0
Israel, M. B.	... 1 ..	35	2	3	...	...	11- 8	1- 8
John, C. P.	... 1 ..	48	4	10	...	...	23-12	3-12
Laban, M. J.	... 1 ..	19	7	1	...	...	36- 0	1- 0
Matthew, C. K. & P. Paul	... 1 ..	42	5	9	...	...	21-11	2-11
Nahapiet, H.	... 1 ..	20	...	1	21	...	111- 8	63- 0
Nathaniel, S.	... 2 ..	96	44	...	...	...	228- 0	135- 0
Paul, J.	... 1 ..	43	14	...	...	...	70- 0	40- 0
Ratnam, Ch. John	... 1 ..	45	3	...	...	...	15- 0	30- 0
Thangaswamy, C.	... 1 ..	48½	...	48	...	...	9- 5	9- 5
Thomas, G.	... 1 ..	44	...	2	1	...	5- 8	12- 8
Total	...	1000	191	145	39	19½	Rs. 1286- 2	Rs. 654-10

Church Calendar

April 13—Vincent Hill School Student aid offering.

July 13—Vincent Hill School Student aid offering.

July 21—Missionary Volunteer Rally Day offering.

August 24-31 —Week of Sacrifice.

September 7 —Bible Society offering.

October 5 — Educational Day,
(Vincent Hill School student aid offering.)

October 6-12—Big Week.

October 26—Sabbath School Rally Day.

December 14-21—Week of Prayer.

December 21—Annual offering.

January, 1930—Uplift work.

January 11—Educational Day,
(Vincent Hill School Student aid offering.)

Now as we all study the policies formulated at this meeting and try to work them out in our respective lines of endeavour, we sincerely believe that much good will result and that many will be added to the remnant church.

Brethren, it is time for bigger things to be accomplished in this great field and to hasten on with the work of saving souls so that Jesus can soon come. We are living in an age of rapid progress, such as has never been known, so let each one step into the line of advance and march on to the glorious finish.

A. W. CORMACK, *Chairman*.

C. L. TORREY, *Secretary*.

Monday, April 8 was a good day for the Book Depot. We sent out more than forty parcels of books and magazines, and received eighteen money orders amounting to Rs. 250/- Thanks to those who made this possible.

Burma Union Mission

NEWS NOTES

Our first ordained minister from the people of Burma, Saya Hpo Hla, died at Kalaw on March 28, from a cancer. This means a heavy loss to our Burmese work. His obituary will appear shortly. We sorrow with the bereaved and sorrowing ones.

The most of our teachers are enjoying the Summer school conducted at Kalaw, which is our hill station, by Professor J. L. Christian and helpers. Several of our teachers have had a taste of the colporteur work during this vacation and judging from the reports of their success one would gather that they would just as soon sell our literature as teach school. We believe this is a good omen. Teachers of this kind are needed in our schools.

Doctor O. Tornblad sends in her quarterly report for the Maymyo Sabbath school and shows that this new Sabbath school has to be credited with Rs. 128/7 for the three months. For its size it begins to look as though the Maymyo school heads the list in mission offerings.

Brother J. G. Knight, who is assisting our colporteurs during Brother Wilson's

furlough, writes encouragingly of the products of our schools. He says: "I am glad that our schools bring forth such splendid characters. We got orders for Rs. 330/- in four days." Let us daily remember our faithful colporteurs in our prayers.

Brother and Sister A. J. Sargent, our new missionaries in Burma, are entering upon language study with real zest. We wish them Godspeed.

Brother Wyman sends in the following encouraging report of some meetings held immediately after the Poona meetings. "Brother Beckner and I returned from our meetings at Their Hla village this morning. Had an interesting time with three meetings a day. The folks out there seem to be much after the order of the folk at Wakema but far more prosperous. The village has about 90 houses and we had an attendance of between 200 and 300 but the day meetings were attended by about 30 elders. There seems to be some interest and we will try to get some Bibles in there and our evangelists will visit them now and then. I did quite a lot of medical work and we made friends with them but time will reveal what good we have accomplished."

J. PHILLIPS.

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NEWS NOTES, RANGOON

SABBATH, March 23, we had the privilege of baptizing two precious souls in our new church. This was the first baptism in the new baptistry and a good congregation gathered to witness the burial which took place in the commodious place planned by our Brother Mackett. We were glad to have Pastor Phillips with us who took an equal share of the good meeting which we had. I have installed or helped to install a number of baptistries, but never yet have I seen one so splendidly arranged as ours in Rangoon. We trust many dear souls will unite with God's people by the door of baptism in this place.

The two candidates are new believers with whom we have been studying for several months. One from Catholicism and the other from the Church of England. We have every reason to believe these dear ones will be a help to us in our work in Rangoon.

The Burma Union Mission is now installed in its new offices at 30 Voyle Road, Rangoon. Our Union Superintendent has been working very hard and putting in long hours at the old office end, while Brother Asprey has been receiving the things at the new office end. The new offices will make a splendid place to show the world our fine line of message-filled literature, and at no time need we feel ashamed to have any one call at our headquarters' office.

The Union workers and our believers in Rangoon were happy to welcome Brother and Sister Asprey to the work in our midst. They are busy getting their home settled on the top floor, and arranging the new offices on the ground floor. We have not heard them say

much, but they both look and act happy to be with us. So it is mutual. We pray God to bless these dear young people in their new field.

Pastors Beckner and Wyman, Brethren Christian and Hartin are now in Kalaw, also Sister Phillips and son. A workers' institute begins up there this week. Brother and Sister Baird are now on their way to Kalaw to join the others in this important meeting for our vernacular workers.

The writer imagines it will be a little more quiet next week after all the workmen on our buildings stop work and the twenty Chinese that still live with us in our compound have gone to some other location. However such experiences help to develop one of the needful characteristics of the remnant church as mentioned in Rev. 14:12. In this trying season in India and Burma may the Lord give us patience. Let us pray for each other that this quality be not lacking in us when the Saviour comes.

G. W. PETTIT.

N. W. India Union

Each returning spring sees the departure on furlough of one or more missionary families. This year Brother and Sister R. P. Morris and family, after a further eight years' service, have gone for a well-deserved rest. We wish them God-speed and a safe return in due time.

Almost simultaneously with their departure there arrived in India for a second term of service, Brother and Sister R. L. Kimble, who are now located at Najibabad, carrying on the work there and adding to their knowledge of Hindi. Next spring it is expected that they will move up to Chelusain, the station in Garhwal, for which special place they were invited to return to India.

Along with Brother and Sister Kimble arrived Brother and Sister E. W. Pohlman, new recruits to our working force, who are now hard at work studying Urdu preparatory to their taking up vernacular evangelistic work.

More recently there have arrived Brother and Sister O. H. Shrewsbury and two sons, who are now located in Mussoorie for a short period of language study, preparatory to their locating in the Central Provinces.

By the same steamer arrived also Brother and Sister A. E. Nelson and child-

ren, whom the Union committee has invited to locate in Allahabad. We surely welcome these returning workers and the new family also.

With the approval of the Division Committee the work in the vicinity of Lucknow and Cawnpore, together with the new effort to be launched at Unao next month, has been organized as the Central Agra Mission, the union superintendent being the superintendent for the time being of this new mission, Brethren Belgrave, Allen, Conley and Jahan Singh being associated with him as the local committee.

Brother R. E. Loasby has now taken up his new duties as Union educational secretary, and has been busy inspecting the boarding schools preparatory to their annual examinations. At time of writing he is supervising the examinations in the Lucknow Girls' School.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

NEWS NOTES

HAPUR BOYS' SCHOOL

Examination time is here and everybody is busy either preparing examination papers or preparing for examinations. We shall hope for good results.

In spite of the lack of rain this year we have had pretty good crops. Our engine has done good work. The wheat and peas have been harvested and the wheat is now being thrashed. The peas yielded eight maunds. We have two fields of watermelons which give promise of good things to come.

With the closing programme this year the work of the Hapur Boys' School as such will be finished. The school has been transferred to Roorkee to be combined with the Training School there. However, our hope and prayer shall be that the boys who are here shall go on and that the seed sown here may receive water and may spring up to bear fruit for the Master. We have enjoyed our work in the school and bid those who take up the work after us, God speed.

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Uncle Ben's Cloverfield... ..		2	12	0
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Story of Daniel		1	0	0
Story of Esther		1	0	0
Story of Moses		1	0	0
Story of Jesus		1	0	0
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Too Late

We keep love's alabaster sealed too long,

Then pour its sweetness on a dreamless head;

Why not enrich the living with its perfumed breath?

Why not anoint the living for the dead?

Dead ears hear not the breathing love inspires,

And sightless eyes see not our tear-anointed bays;

However rich the perfume, pour its sweetness now,

And let it cheer life's lone and wintry days!

The gilded marble, though in angel guise,

Holds nothing for the lonely heart beneath the hill;

And requiem splendours, though in love's sweet name,

Are worthless when the heart is cold and still!

Unseal thy spikenard, pour its sweetness now

On tired feet before life's fleeting day is done,

'Twill not be needed when the night has come

And love its lonely rest has won.

—R. Hare

