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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Are
More Laws
Necessary

TO MAKE
BETTER
CHURCH MEMBERS?

FROM a faraway church a letter came recently, written by one of our earnest members, urging that the denomination pass more and stricter regulations to curb and control certain church members who have become careless and indifferent in regard to our denominational ideals and principles. We share the concern of this good member over those who appear to be following their Lord afar off. While we take much comfort in the fact that many—yes, probably most—of our dear church members are sincerely striving to press on to the higher ground of which we sing, we must, on the other hand, admit that too many are coming short of what Adventist Christians are expected to be today.

A prominent businessman acquainted with Adventists, recently remarked about one of our members, "Yes, he is a member of your church, but he is only about fifty per cent Adventist." Sad to say, there are among us some fifty per cent Adventists. They are a cause of concern to the faithful who long to see them more fully devoted to the message.

The question is, what can we do to help these? The member previously mentioned urges more and stricter

church regulations. Someone has estimated that already probably thirty-five million laws have been enacted by man in an endeavour to enforce God's Ten Commandments. If laws and regulations could make men better, it would appear that the millions already passed should suffice. But laws and regulations never make anyone good. They do serve as a guide and give direction to right living, but in laws there is little that inspires and moves to noble endeavour. However, there is a force that does that. We refer to the influence of holy and godly lives. Here is a power that few can resist.

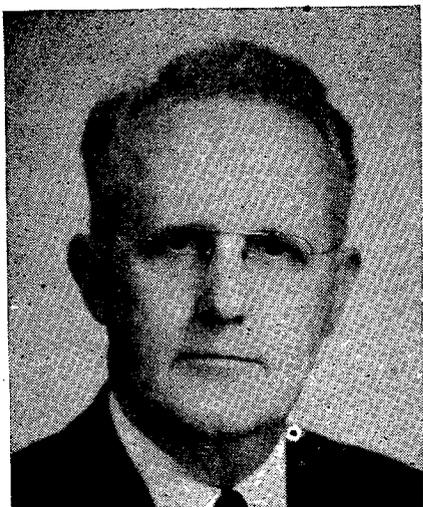
"If by our example we aid others in the development of good principles, we give them power to do good. In their turn they exert the same beneficial influence over others. Thus hundreds and thousands are helped by our unconscious influence. The true follower of Christ strengthens the good purposes of all with whom he comes in contact. Before an unbelieving, sin-loving world, he reveals the power of God's grace and the perfection of His character."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 348.

A good example starts a chain of

reaction that affects thousands— "hundreds and thousands are helped by our unconscious influence." What a power there is in a sincere, godly life! It is irresistible.

Some time ago a gentleman in the city of Washington called the General Conference asking whether he could find a girl to work in his office. He specified that he wanted a Seventh-day Adventist. Why? When he had been in the Army he had come in contact with some of our Adventist servicemen. Helped by their unconscious influence, this man had formed a high opinion of the rest of us.

No, our need is not more laws, not more regulations to curb carelessness, and worldly tendencies. But we need more quiet and consistent Adventist living. By this the careless and indifferent will be influenced. The return to primitive godliness will come about, not by criticism, fault-finding, censuring, but by faithful turning to God in prayer and consecration, seeking for the needed grace and power to be mighty exponents of divine truth for this time. Not more laws in the church, but more love in the heart will bring great results.



Dr. Frank H. Yost
Bible and Systematic Theology

SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL

HELD AT

SPICER MEMORIAL COLLEGE

MARCH 21—MAY 15.

DR. FRANK H. YOST, *Director*

AS A result of long and careful planning by the officers of the Southern Asia Division with the General Conference and the Theological Seminary at Washington, D.C., U. S. A., the Seminary Extension School is in session. Matriculation day was Monday, March 21, and when that work was done, 142 students had been enrolled. Twenty language areas are represented:

Bengali	6	Mundari	1
Chin	1	Oraon	4
English	19	Pnar	1
Hindi	4	Punjabi	10
Kanarese	2	Santali	2
Karen	2	Sinhalese	2
Khasi	1	Tamil	34
Lushai	1	Tangkhul	1
Malayalam	14	Telugu	22
Marathi	12	Urdu	3

Each of the fields of the Southern Asia Division have a good number of students present:

Southern Asia Division office	15
Burma Union	5
Ceylon Union	2
Northeast India Union	27
Northwest India Union	15
South India Union	45
West Pakistan Union	5
Bombay State Organization	17
Spicer Memorial College Students	11

The widest variety of assignments in the work of the Lord are represented among the enrollees at the Seminary Extension School, as the following list shows:

Bible Instructors	2
Church Pastors	7
Division Departmental Secretaries	1

Evangelists	42
Housewives	2
Local Mission Presidents	6
Local Mission Departmental Secretaries	10
Laboratory Technician	1
Office Secretaries	3
Principals of High Schools	4
Publishing House Workers	4
Students of Spicer Memorial College	11
Teachers	36
Union Secretary-Treasurers	1
Union Departmental Secretaries	7

Of these, thirty-one are ordained ministers.

The Seminary Extension School is following a busy schedule. From the time the rising bell rings at 5:45 a.m. until the quiet signal at 9:45 p.m.

there is lecture or study activity, from Sunday morning until Friday noon. Lectures begin at 7:30; chapel at 9:20 which lasts for one hour and is followed by the meeting of prayer hands, which are organized on a language basis. Another lecture period follows, ending at 11:35.

No activity is scheduled after dinner until three o'clock. At that hour there is a daily Round Table in which topics of interest to the pastors, evangelists, and teachers at the school are presented and discussed. A question box is also provided. This is one of the most attractive and practical features of the programme, with Pastors Melvin K. Eckenroth and J. F. Ashlock in charge. There are two lecture periods in the late afternoon, with time for recreation before supper.

The courses offered are:

1. Evangelistic Procedures
2. Christ-Centred Preaching
by Melvin K. Eckenroth
3. Prophetic Guidance in the Remnant Church
by Arthur L. White
4. The Doctrine of the Sabbath and Sunday
5. The Doctrine of Grace and Law
by Dr. Frank H. Yost

Each of these courses meets four times a week, spaced over the six days, so as to leave time for study, reading, and thinking during each day, in addition to the two-hour study period each evening.



M. K. Eckenroth
Practical Theology



A. L. White

Secretary, E. G. White Publications

It is interesting to realize what it meant for these workers in the cause of God in Southern Asia to gather for eight weeks of study and devotion. One evangelist walked over 100 miles, rode two days by jeep, and two days by train, then by bus, before making his direct train connection for the school in Poona. Another student is a teacher who, having spent a year teaching mathematics in a training school, returned to his remote home field where twenty-three are now awaiting baptism. A layman, an ex-Army officer, who has been helping actively in a series of meetings in his home church, is in attendance at the Extension School at his own expense. He is planning to continue at Spicer Memorial College to equip himself further for the work. Many have left their home churches without direct leadership, and are eager to return and win souls with greater earnestness and success.

The keynote of all the teaching and discussion is Pressing on in the Message of the Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord, and His Soon Return. The objectives of the courses of study are to understand better "the faith once delivered to the saints," and perfect in each man's experience the excellent methods for the winning of souls which have been developed in the Advent Movement.

We ask the prayers of all who read this report, that God may bless with His Holy Spirit, and fill us all with power to finish His work in the earth, and particularly in Southern Asia.

HOW DO THEY LIKE IT?

The testimonies given below are from three students studying at the Seminary Extension School and were sent in by the Union presidents of the fields from which the men come.

"It is indeed good to study under these God-fearing and highly-talented theologians the deep truths of this great movement. I have learned many precious things which have brought a real joy to my heart."—B. M. SHAD.

"I am glad that I am attending the school here. We are getting just what we need for this time. My outlook for evangelism has changed in the few days we have been here. We have been following the wrong procedures. The Christ-centred message is being revealed wonderfully by Elder Eckenroth. Elder Yost's revelations on *Sabbath and Sunday* and *Law and Grace* are wonderful. I am sure we are going to have a rich harvest of souls from now on in India."—M. D. MOSES.

"We are having a very fine time with our studies here in the Seminary. We are fortunate to be under consecrated teachers and leaders like Elders Yost, Eckenroth, and White. The instructions we receive are wonderful. With all these wonderful studies and preparation we who are undergoing this training will be better fitted to do greater evangelism. We feel the Lord is directing us and that each moment we spend here under these consecrated teachers will bring forth much fruit in the way of souls in our future work."—V. P. MUTHIAH.

HOW OLD MUST THEY BE ?

SHOULD we expect boys and girls to sit quietly in church on the Sabbath day and listen to the sermon during the eleven o'clock hour. The question was raised by a friend of youth who was troubled because some children—who should be past the crayon and paper stage—still draw pictures or read our children's papers during the preaching hour.

We will all agree that children too young to appreciate the sermon ought to be present during the eleven o'clock hour, seated with their parents, where they may acquire the worship habit and learn decorum in the house of God. The parents may occasionally call the attention of these little ones to the message and suggest that they listen to the preacher's words, but these little folks must have something else to occupy their hands and their

minds. They are too young for the *whole* sermon.

There are many children, however, who are old enough to appreciate the message, but *too old* to be reading papers and sketching lions, tigers, and giraffes on sheets of paper.

THE GREATEST INCENTIVE

If the preacher will plan something in his message that is attractive to children, these primaries and juniors may be weaned away from their childish habits. But the attention that the parents give to the sermon may be the greatest incentive to the children to listen.

Parents should watch for the appropriate time to make the break from crayons and papers to attentive and respectful listening. It can be done, and it should be done as soon as possible.—*Review and Herald*.

PREPARATION FOR LIFE

D. S. JOHNSON

A FEW months ago, while driving along one of the great highways of America, we noticed an attractive advertisement on a large signboard with the words: "Religion Is A Practical Pursuit; Attend Some Church Next Sunday." Religion, in a sense, is a business—serious business. Most of us would have to agree that we ought to put much more preparation into the business of living a Christian life than we now do. Particular attention should be given to the preparation of our youth for the great business of Christian living. We are challenged by the scope of the task which, according to the motto of one of our schools, is that we "Educate For Eternity."

Paul wrote something to the Hebrews which seems somewhat harsh. In the fifth chapter and the twelfth verse we read: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God. . . ." We used to receive a visit from the Inspector of Schools of the U. P. while we were teaching at Roorkee. He was a large, stately Bengali gentleman, and would walk into the classroom swinging an impressive looking cane. It bothered us to be quizzed by him about our class and our methods, even though we had spent some years in the classroom. It doubtless would have ruined us if he had said, "Return to the first standard, as a student; you need to start over again." Yet that is what Paul writes to the Hebrew Christians. Could his words not be applicable to many of our church members today?

This emphasizes the need for preparation for living a Christian life. No activity of the church, no zeal or

sacrifice on our part, no service we may render to suffering humanity, will justify or compensate our neglect or failure to provide a Christian education for all the youth of this movement, who are our most precious heritage. In spite of this, there are many of our youth outside the schools of the church, and many of our parents who are unaware or not cognizant of the peril.

But it is not thus with God. In the book *Education*, p. 21, God's messenger writes, "In His interest for His children our heavenly Father personally directed their education." God knew well of man's need and it was not neglected by Him. Heaven is still interested in the youth of the church. A provision has been made to educate them in the right way. "Upon fathers and mothers devolves the responsibility of giving a Christian education to the children intrusted to them. . . . They are to be God's human hand, fitting themselves and their children for an endless life."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 545.



Plenty of emphasis is given in present educational circles to vocational and professional competence. If this were not true, modern living would be more perilous than it is. A few months ago I observed a major surgery in one of our hospitals. In addition to the surgeon and the

anaesthetist there were two consultants, both doctors. As the operation progressed and the procedure became more difficult, they discussed in low and serious tones the various steps. There was no hesitation, however, as to what should be done. Smooth teamwork, which was the result of years of preparation, saved a life. The lesson is obvious. Christian competence is the result of thorough home, school, and church education. Certainly this deserves the serious reflection of every mother and father, and every church member.

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work, for now as never before Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 165.

"The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth, with kindness, patience, and tenderness, giving them line upon line, precept upon precept. O, where are the fathers and mothers in Israel? There ought to be large numbers who, as stewards of the grace of Christ, would feel not merely a casual interest but a special interest in the young."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 196.

Certainly this matter is due serious attention just now. A haphazard approach will not meet the need. The life of the person who is not prepared for the Christian life while young is filled with dead ends and detours later on. In some sections of California windmills are used to operate small pumps for drawing water for the cattle. We purchased one of these windmills some years ago and began to assemble and erect it ourselves, following the instruction sheet with great care. Unassembled, the parts looked like so much tin, iron, bolts, nuts, and wire. I had a good knowledge, of course, of how it ought to look when erected. We finally finished the task and put it into operation, but the number of mistakes we made that had to be corrected, the amount of skin I lost from my knuckles, and the trial of patience I bore made me think I had better study instructions more carefully the next time, call out an expert, or take



JESUS CHRIST THE FRIEND OF YOUTH

E. L. MINCHIN

“**T**HEN Jesus beholding him loved him.” Mark 10:21. How I wish I could have seen the Saviour’s face as He looked upon this youth! What tenderness, what yearning love, were in every look and in everything He did and said.

Rarely, if ever, had a youth of such great promise come to Him. Jesus saw sincerity, and the possibilities in the life of the young man before Him, and He “loved him.”

This understanding Saviour still loves the youth. It can truly be said of every young person who reads these lines that Jesus beholding him loves him. Youth are still attracted to this understanding Saviour. They instinctively feel the beauty and the wonder of His life and words, and they know, like this youth, that He has the answer to their need.

This youth had a great problem on his heart, and he felt Jesus could solve it. In spite of his many friends, riches, good parents, and comfortable home, he was troubled. He was troubled about the great question of life and death. He had been attracted to Jesus and believed Him to have the secret of eternal life. So with this great question troubling him, he came and asked, “Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” That was a vital question—he could not have asked anything more important. Even to a youth it is important, for, after all, life here at best is very brief.

Recently I was called to visit an aged couple in their little cottage. The wife had for many years served in one of our institutions, but now she was near the journey’s end. I found her weak and blind, lying on her bed. The husband was able to get around

with the help of a stick. I sat on a chair beside her and took her trembling hand in mine. She talked in a whisper of God’s goodness, of her love for Him and for this message of hope that had brightened her way through the years. After having prayer with her and a last farewell, I stood in the doorway and looked back. I said to the brother who was visiting with me, “Such an experience makes me think. In a few short years we shall be in the same position as this old couple whom we have seen tonight.”

How brief life is! It seems only yesterday that I was a boy at school, and later a young man at college. It seems only a brief while ago that as a young man of twenty I responded to the call to enter the work of God. And so, all of us, young and old, may well ask that great question as we face eternity, “What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

The Master said to the young man, “Keep the commandments.”

“But, Lord, I have always kept the commandments,” came the reply. “I do not steal, I do not kill, I live a clean life, but somehow there is something lacking. I do not have the peace and the consciousness of eternal life in my heart. Lord, I do not feel right—what lack I yet?”

Think of this young man—think of his possessions. He had youth, wealth, influence, talent; he was carefully trained and possessed a deep sincerity. How Jesus coveted this young life for His kingdom and service! Oh, how He could have used him as a mighty influence for good! But Jesus was true—and immediately He placed His finger on the plague spot.

ONE THING THOU LACKEST

“One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” Mark 10:21. There was something that stood between this youth and a full surrender to his Lord. He loved this world—its riches and its friendships—more than he loved his God.

Jesus asked of him an act of sacrifice and surrender. How He must have watched with intense yearning for the young man’s decision! What conflict must have gone on in the young man’s heart during those moments! He knew Jesus had the secret—he desired eternal life—but the cost was too great. He remembered his riches and his friends in society, then he thought of the few poor, despised, and hated followers of Jesus. How could he identify himself with them? “He went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.” Matt. 19:22.

He was sorrowful. Ah, it never brings happiness to turn away from Christ. He went out to enjoy society, his purple and his fine-twined linen, and we hear nothing more of him. Oh, what might have been! He might have become a great leader in God’s cause. There might have been a book in the New Testament written by him, but the heavenly treasures were less attractive to him than the earthly. If he had only surrendered all that he had, he would have received a thousand-fold in return. But his eyes were on the earthly and perishable treasures.

What a tragic end to a story that began so well. How many there are in the church today who have become blinded to the heavenly, by this love for the earthly. Business, friends, home, and possessions have robbed them of the heavenly riches. We hear someone say of a youth in the church, “He is such a talented lad. What a power he could be if only he would surrender his whole heart to God.” That is exactly what Christ asks for. He wanted this boy’s heart, his loyalty, his affection—yes, all of them. But he couldn’t make the surrender.

...A mother came to me at a camp

meeting and asked if I would talk with her daughter. "Pastor, she is such a talented girl. She is a gifted writer, and I tell her she should be in the Lord's work."

"Is your daughter an Adventist?" I asked.

"No, she is not yet, but she is so gifted, and the work needs talents such as hers. Would you not talk to her and encourage her to use her talents in the Lord's work?" The daughter was coming to the camp that night to stay with her mother, so I went to see her. The mother proudly introduced her.

As soon as I saw her I could tell by those painted lips, the scarlet fingernails, and the jewellery that adorned her that she was a child of this world. I breathed a prayer that I would say the right thing. The mother proudly told me again of her daughter's gifts. After talking for a time and reading some of her writing, I said, "My dear sister, your daughter is very gifted, that is quite evident. But, you know, God is not seeking her talents; He wants her heart. If He can get her heart, He will do what He wills with her talents."

Dear friend, the same Master who loved the rich young man, loves you. Is there a lack in your life? Do you have the assurance of eternal life in your heart? Would all be well if life for you on this earth should end today? There was just one thing that stood between this young man and his Lord—only one thing—and that was an unsundered heart.

My dear young friend, the Master stands before you and asks for that heart of yours, with all its sin and failure—and with all its deepest and truest affections. That is what He seeks above all else. He is still the understanding friend of youth, and He longs to have them come to Him for the heavenly riches He only can bestow.

"Just as I am, Thine own to be,
Friend of the young who lovest
me,
To consecrate myself to Thee,
O Jesus Christ, I come.

"In the glad morning of my day,
My life to give, my vows to pay,
With no reserve and no delay,
With all my heart I come."



A happy group of Poona Master Guides.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

O. A. SKAU

THE idea of progressive class-work has appealed to the young people in Southern Asia. Teachers and departmental men have done a great deal to interest our young people in these classes.

The other day in the city of Madras it was the privilege of the writer to meet with the Pathfinder group there and tell them some stories. We do not have all the facilities that we may have in Western countries, but the work goes forward nevertheless and the young people are enthusiastic about their groups. What better provision can we make for our young people than to meet with them some afternoon in the week and again on Sabbath afternoon. I was happy out there in the Botanical garden of the city of Madras to sit with the children and young people. Their minds were being filled with Scripture and good, wholesome stories.

The other day it was thrilling to attend the Young People's meeting in the Poona church. We counted 42 Master Guides present and there were 78 bright, enthusiastic children and young people grouped in front and on both sides of the platform. The programme these children gave was a real inspiration to all. There were 22 Busy Bees, 15 Sunbeams, 10 Builders, 14 Helping Hands, 6

Friends, and 11 Companions. Pastor J. F. Ashlock, the Division M. V. secretary, gave a good investiture address. It was the writer's privilege to give the charge, and the Master Guides helped in the presentation of the insignias, scarves, and other things earned by the children.

In a meeting like this we can better understand Christ's loving invitation: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14. Yes, and we must not forget His loving admonition to Peter when He said, "Feed My lambs." Let us never tire in filling the minds of the children with all the spiritual food we can give them. It will bring in a good dividend.

LOVE

The world is so great; and I am so small,
What good can I hope to accomplish at
all?
I'm not a prophet, a priest, or a king;
My prayers are not eloquent, nor do I
sing.
But I can be loving, and loving I'll be—
Boundless, unselfish, gladhearted, and
free!
And though on the earth my gift may be
small,
With God it will rank as the greatest of
all!

Weldon Taylor Hammond.

THE CONSECRATION SERVICE

IT was Friday evening, March 4, 1955. As the clock struck eight a capacity crowd in the Spicer Memorial College Auditorium watched thirty-one seniors as they marched down the aisle to the tune of "March Des Troubadours" and occupied the special seats arranged for them at the front of the rostrum.

It was the Consecration Service for the Class of 1955.

On the platform were Mr. R. W. Shorter, the Class sponsor; Pastor S. P. Vitrano, the speaker; Pastor H. H. Mattison, the acting president of Spicer Memorial College, and Mr. J. Parobek. Behind these men, lifted high, was a shield, coloured maroon and gold, the class colours. On this was written the aim and motto of the class, "Asia's Millions to Enlighten," and "Aflame for God." The symbol of a torch was in the centre of the shield.

Soon the congregation was singing, "Again Our Earthly Cares We Leave, and to Thy Courts Repair . . ." Mr. Shorter in his invocation asked God to bless the Seniors of 1955 who had gathered to consecrate themselves on that last vesper hour of the school year.

"Aflame for God" was the message that Pastor G. R. Jensen and Mr. C. O. Frederick conveyed to us in song.

"To-night, Class of 1955, we meet to consecrate," declared Pastor S. P. Vitrano. Then he asked the question, "To what shall we consecrate ourselves?"

"Young people," he continued, "are caricatured as reaching up for something to hang on to while the earth beneath them crumbles away."

He went on to say that human philosophies avail nothing. Sweeping nationalism is but for a moment. He added that Seventh-day Adventist young people have a high cause for which to live. They must be aflame for Christ. Combustion must take place. As in combustion certain substances unite with oxygen, so our talents, time, and everything we possess, must unite with the Holy Spirit. "We need young people," he continued, "who are willing to be united with the Holy Spirit of God, and who will burn brightly to illuminate the whole world. There-

fore," he said, "I ask the Senior Class of 1955 to consecrate, without reservation, to burn up and to burn out for God."

Almost immediately on his feet was Mr. T. H. Davin, the class pastor, who, on behalf of the class, said, "We, the Class of 1955, accept the challenge . . . to be aflame for God." All heads bowed and Pastor H. H. Mattison offered the consecration prayer.

The spirit of consecration on the part of the Class of 1955 proved to be infectious. Soon the entire congregation was singing in consecration, "Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way." Mr. J. Parobek in pronouncing the benediction asked God to accept the consecration of the audience and especially that of the Class of 1955.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

As the Class of 1955 were marching in, seats on the rostrum were being occupied by Mr. R. W. Shorter, Pastor D. S. Harris, the speaker, Pastor G. R. Jensen, and Mr. S. Z. Koilpillai. Behind these sat the church choir.

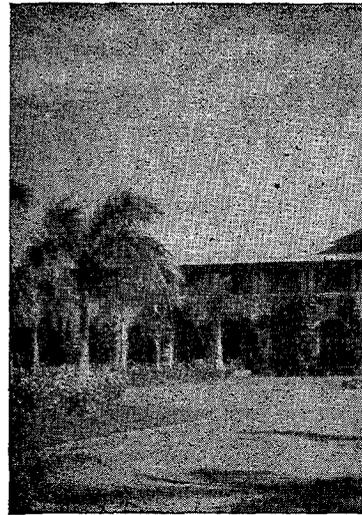
The Doxology was followed by the invocation by Pastor D. S. Harris.

Immediately after the reading of the Scriptures by Mr. R. W. Shorter, the congregation asked a question as they sang, "O, Where Are the Reapers." A prayer was then offered by Mr. S. Z. Koilpillai. While the congregation remained standing, the choir responded.

"I Need the Prayers of Those I Love." were the words that one remembered from a special number which was rendered by Messrs. Van Chamliana, Leonard Clemonds, Terrence Davin, and Owen D'Costa.

"Jesus fulfilled in His lifetime the prophecies of the gospel prophet Isaiah," declared Pastor Harris. "That," he continued, "was the immediate fulfilment, but the secondary fulfilment is yet to be." He said that the work that Jesus Christ started is to be finished and a part of the work lies in Southern Asia. He went on to say that ninety-eight per cent of the population is not Christian. Will the work be finished? Mathematically speaking, No. By God's power, Yes.

Throwing out a challenge to the Class of 1955, Pastor Harris said,

GRADUATION
SPICER MEMORIAL

MARCH

G. M.

"Christ calls, 'Come, and work in My vineyard.' Are you willing to do that? Have you counted the cost? Asia's millions are waiting for you."

In response to the call by the speaker to rededicate their lives the class and the audience rose as the dedication prayer was offered by Pastor Harris.

"Watchman, Blow the Gospel Trumpet," was the closing hymn that brought new determination to every one present to witness for God.

Pastor G. R. Jensen pronounced the benediction.

THE COMMENCEMENT

The audience was waiting. To the tune of the Grand March the members of the faculty of Spicer Memorial College walked down the aisle and took their seats in front of the rostrum. The Seniors marched behind and occupied their seats on the rostrum in the centre of which were seated Mr. R. W. Shorter, Mr. R. E. Rice, Pastor H. H. Mattison, and Mr. N. O. Mathews.

Mr. J. M. A. Victor offered a prayer to God asking Him to bless the Seniors of 1955 as they commenced to enlighten Asia's millions



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and they themselves resolved to remain aflame for God.

Mr. E. G. Moses, the vice-president of the class, welcomed every one and thanked everyone for being present on this occasion which the seniors value so much.

Mr. Norman Jansz, in his valedictory, declared, "Today is a red letter day in the history of Spicer Memorial College in general, and of us, the Senior Class of 1955 in particular. We today look back with satisfaction on having completed an important milestone in our lives. All of us who are graduating will no doubt agree that it has required some effort to finish satisfactorily our respective courses of study. However, we must not forget that two other agencies have made possible our presence on this rostrum as the Senior Class of 1955. I refer to our parents and our teachers."

In closing his speech, Mr. Jansz, said, "Never again will this same group of students and teachers meet. I trust, however, that in the day when all God's chosen are gathered we may be among the faithful of all ages who shall meet together then. So, we say farewell, and not goodbye."

Misses Millicent Davis, Ardys

Williams, Lahnun Mawaii and Lydia Myit, of the Class of 1955, rendered a special double duet, "One Fleeting Hour."

Mr. Judson Moses, the treasurer of the class, aided by Miss Astrid Abayasinghe, the secretary of the class, presented the class gift to their Alma Mater.

It was a clock.

On accepting this gift on behalf of Spicer Memorial College, Pastor H. H. Mattison, declared, significantly "Here I stand with time in my hands. . . . On behalf of the college and on my own behalf, I thank the Class of 1955 for this splendid gift."

In his charge to the Class of 1955, Professor R. E. Rice mentioned that when Tensing Norgay and Sir

Edmund Hillary reached the summit of Mt. Everest, it was their finest hour. Turning dramatically to the members of the Class of 1955, he declared that when they gave their loyal services in enlightening the millions of Asia and they themselves remained aflame for God, then it would be their finest hour.

Mr. K. V. N. Paul, the president of the class, accepted the charge on behalf of the class.

Pastor H. H. Mattison presented the diplomas to the thirty-one members of the Class.

Pastor R. W. Shorter pronounced the benediction immediately after the Class of 1955 had sung the class song.

This brought to an end another year at the Spicer Memorial College.

"GOD SPEAKS TO MODERN MAN"

Here it is—a 1955 Special. "God Speaks to Modern Man" by A. E. Lickey. "The author's aim and accomplishment was to give us a full message book written clearly and appealingly while setting forth the cross of Christ and salvation in right relationship to the law and to all our other doctrines. Without doubt Elder Lickey has embodied in this book the most complete coverage of our Adventist beliefs to be found between the covers of any single volume ever published." This is strong language, but according to all reports it is not too strong. One conference president has said: "In this volume is food for thought that we can be proud and glad to place in the hands of our friends and neighbours. At the same time, it will feed the souls of our own ministers, pastors, and laymen."

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Evangelists, lay preachers, and others, this is what you have been looking for. Here you have the book of the hour. Order a good supply now for your campaigns, your Bible readers, and for your Home Missionary activities. Keep a stock on hand and send one of these books instead of a Christmas or New Year's card. Remember the price is only Rs. 5 if you order now!

GRACE is that blessed provision of Heaven that is suited to all our needs, both material and spiritual. It is awaiting our demand and reception. Every plea for grace to endure trial and temptation will be supplied in abundance the moment we ask for it. We may not be sure how God will answer our other petitions, for we do not know His will concerning them, but we do know that it is His will that every one who longs for it be given grace sufficient for his needs.

Do you find that your prayers for deliverance from persecution or severe trial seem to be ignored? Remember that God never forgets His own and that an overflowing reservoir of grace is available to you to give you strength for your night of trouble.

Do you find your plea for release from poverty unanswered? Be assured that an abundance of grace will be supplied to you to give you patience and resignation in your present state.

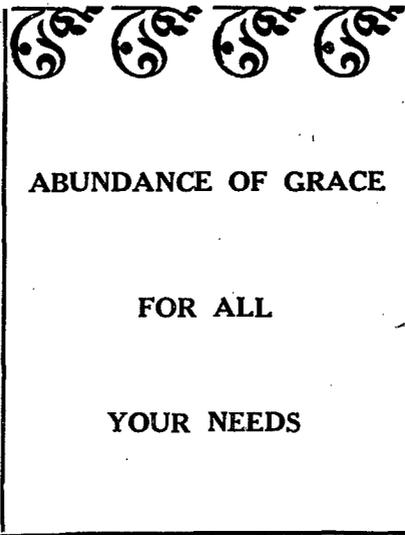
Do you find that your earnest petitions for healing have no response? Do not feel rejected of God, for abounding grace is yours for the asking to help you bear up under your ordeal.

So it is with all our needs. When Paul stated, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound," he was proclaiming the truth that in this sinful life there is no trial so great that God's grace is not much more than a match for it.

This is an evil world, and the time has not come for God to give a sweeping answer of deliverance to every prayer of the poor, the afflicted, the suffering ones. That can only wait the world made new. Now and then He may give miraculous answers to prayers when in His mercy He sees that it is best for the one concerned and for the advancement of the gospel. Such deliverance may be considered a token and a testimony of what He will do for all His children in the day of His coming.

THE DAY OF ABOUNDING GRACE

This is the day of abounding grace; that will be the day of abounding glory when "the lame man shall leap as an hart," and none



shall "say, I am sick," when the prisons are opened, and the oppressed go free; when the poor shall never again want any good thing.

We are told that he that shall endure to the end shall be saved and eat the fruit of that blessed world. Grace abounding is given now to every trusting soul to help him endure all trials and be victorious at last.

Paul's experience is an illustration of how God works for His children who have severe problems and difficulties to meet. The apostle had a "thorn in the flesh," some physical weakness—possibly poor eyesight—which made his appearance none too pleasing (2 Cor. 10:1, 10). This must have greatly humiliated the apostle, and it must have been a great handicap to him. How often he must have thought, "How much better a workman for God I could be if he would remove this difficulty from me."

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice," he wrote, "that it might depart from me."

What answer did God give to these earnest petitions of His beloved servant? It was, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

How did Paul answer God's somewhat disappointing reply? He said, "Gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecution, in distresses for Christ's sake:

for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Cor. 12:8-12.

The apostle depended much upon the grace of God to see him through the trials of life from which none have suffered more than he, except the Lord Himself. He wrote often of this.

To the Corinthians he wrote: "For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ." 2 Cor. 1:5. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9:8. "For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though the outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:15-17. "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Eph. 4:7.

A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE

Besides promising us grace more than sufficient for our needs, God tells us that we are not alone in our troubles. He is ever by our side to watch the fiery furnace and to temper the trial according to our endurance. By being close beside us He knows just the amount of grace to supply to us so that nothing will consume or overwhelm us. Thus we read:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Ps. 46:1-3.

"While the Lord has not promised His people exemption from trials, He has promised that which is far better. He has said, 'As thy days so shall thy strength be.' 'My grace is sufficient for thee; for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' If you are called to go through the fiery

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ARE YOU WAITING TO BE HAPPY?

W. J. HARRIS

THE story is told of a man who wanted to buy a new home. In order to make the purchase he would have to sell his old place. So he sat down and wrote up an attractive advertisement for the newspaper. In colourful phrases he described the attractive little home with the breeze-way connecting the house and the garage, the well-arranged floor plan, the seclusion from city noise and the hustle-bustle of close-quarter living, the fruitful orchard, the well-kept barn at the south end of the tract, and many other advantages. After he had it all written, he read it aloud to his wife. Then he stopped, thought a moment, and said, "Honey, I never realized it before, but this house we have is just what we are looking for!"

Have you ever had a similar experience? Do you fail to enjoy your present possessions and scan the hazy horizon for some huge parcel of happiness to come rolling along?

Life will take on a new perspective when you learn to be appreciative of the little pleasures of life *now*. One who had seen much of life so aptly phrased it, "For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11. If time should last ten years you will probably look back on your present situation and dreamily exclaim, "Those were the good old days."

MOTHER WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL

Ann finally had to admit that Mother had been right about early marriages, especially to one not of her faith. Academy life hadn't been so bad; if she had only realized it then! Now Virgil was in Korea, and the burdens of the farm, small though it was, were too much for her frail body. She longed for the days back at the academy where there always seemed to be "something

going on." Church privileges were taken for granted then, as was the inspirational Week of Prayer. Neither was available now, for the church was forty-six miles away, and the old car needed new tires and other repairs.

Funny how the rules at the academy seemed a lot more sensible now after only a few years. Ann thought too of the complaint she used to make about the food at the boarding academy. She would write home about it then, but now she was forced to admit she didn't fix any better meals in her own home. Certainly she never prepared the nutritious dishes she planned before her wedding.

HOW DIFFERENT THINGS LOOKED!

In just three weeks Ann's classmates would be graduating from college, while she must be content with only half of her academy education completed. How different things looked after a few years!



LORD OF ALL NATIONS

Margaret Locke

Lord of all nations, look down from Thy throne,
Give now the blessings desired by Thine own—

Revival of love, reformation of life,
Courage to stand in the menacing strife.

Forces of evil deceiving the good,
Causing Thy Word to be misunderstood,
Bringing division, enfeebling love.
Lord of all nations, send help from above.

Lord of all nations, we earnestly pray,
Strengthen, encourage Thy dear ones today.

We praise Thee, Thy promise to never forsake

We hold, till Thou comest Thy loved ones to take.



Is your life a simple one? Then enjoy those simple realities to the fullest. Life's best things may be those that are now within your reach. Will you one day look back and see that happiness has come and gone and you have not enjoyed or experienced it?

Your cup might overflow today with the little things waiting at your elbow to be appreciated. The voice of a friend over the telephone, the letter from home, a better mark than you expected in the history examination, the hand of God willing to guide your every footstep—these and many more may be yours—"without money and without price."

The beckoning hand of peace and deep contentment will reach out to you when you begin to enjoy the simple things. Gain the feeling that you are helping to make the world a better place. Cultivate the thought that God is with you always. Act as if you were in His presence at all times.

Improve your surroundings. Does your contagious smile shatter the gloom of others? Is someone else carrying a lighter load today because you relieved his burden yesterday?

If in your most serious moments you know that you are serving, that you have been a positive influence today, then you are destined for a bright and happy life tomorrow.

Abundance of Grace for All Your Needs

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furnace for His sake, Jesus will be by your side, even as He was with the faithful three in Babylon."—*Mount of Blessing*, p. 49.

Christ has given us no promise of help in bearing today the burdens of tomorrow. But like the manna given in the wilderness, His grace is bestowed daily, and is sufficient for all present needs.

With such promises as these the Christian never need feel inadequate to his situation or feel that he is alone to bear his burdens. God is ever near, and His grace abundant. So let us face each day with its sorrow and pain, its discomforts and lack, knowing that God is aware of our circumstances and knows just the kind of help we need to carry us through.—*Review and Herald*.

SEQUENCE IN PRESENTING THE MESSAGE

M. K. ECKENROTH

IT IS possible to become so stereotyped and regimented in our thinking and organization that the Holy Spirit cannot freely lead us in the presentation of the message. Because of the variance in circumstances it is impossible to say *exactly* when every point of the message is to be presented in a series of studies. Certain principles, however, must be borne in mind.

It is forever true that Seventh-day Adventists are commissioned to present a full and complete message. We are to take to the world the final message of appeal from a loving God. We are told: "In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and the third angel's messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 19.

Although it is true that we are to present a full message, we should also remember that it is our God-given responsibility to present that message in its most attractive form, so that the hearts of men will be inspired to give earnest heed to the words of truth. We must never forget that the method of presenting the truth may change, but the truth itself and the content of our message will never change. Every point of our faith must be presented to the people. They must know the first, second, and third angel's messages. They must hear the warning of God concerning the mark of the beast, as well as other such beliefs.

Our problem is to discover the best way to present these truths to

the people so as not to arouse unwarranted prejudices. Hence, we are to present the message according to the conditions existing in each place, as illustrated in some personal experiences.

Some years ago I held a meeting in the large city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in a strong Lutheran section of the city. Here we emphasized subjects upon which we could find common ground of agreement. The basic Reformation principles of Luther became an excellent springboard for the launching of the other features of our message.

Later I held evangelistic meetings in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. Here the local situation was quite different from that in Minneapolis, for in Atlanta we were dealing with a predominately Baptist community. Here we emphasized the strong points of doctrine upon which we found agreement with the Baptists. A major campaign was conducted in Balti-



BREAD

Florence C. Kantz

Lord, make me strong without a trace
of sternness,

And tender with no thought of being
weak.

Give to me a heart of understanding,
A tongue that knows the healing word
to speak.

Teach my eyes to clearly see my duty,
And refuse to dim their vision with
a tear.

Make swift my feet, though rough the
path of service,
All unhampered by the weight of
timid fear.

Take from me every thought of selfish
motive.

Give me a zeal for wisdom, not my
own.

All this I ask of Thee, my gracious
Father;

For bread Thou wilt not give me a
stone.



more, Maryland, where we found a strong Catholic element, and so we dwelt upon certain subjects that we would not think of presenting in predominately Protestant areas.

"Let every worker in the Master's vineyard, study, plan, devise methods, to reach the people where they are."—*Evangelism*, pp. 122, 123. This statement makes it plain that the first step in the unfolding of the truth should be to find points of common agreement. "Be very careful not to present the truth in such a way as to arouse prejudice, and to close the door of the heart to the truth. Agree with the people on every point where you can consistently do so."—*Historical Sketches*, p. 122.

"Here is common ground, upon which we can meet people of other denominations; and in becoming acquainted with them, we should dwell mostly upon topics in which all feel an interest, and which will not lead directly and pointedly to the subjects of disagreement."—Mrs. E. G. White in *The Review and Herald*, June 13, 1912.

Concerning one of our workers, Mrs. E. G. White wrote: "I told him that the best and wisest plan would be to dwell upon subjects that would arouse the conscience. He could talk to them upon practical godliness; devotion and piety; and present the self-denial, self-sacrificing life of Jesus as our example until they will see the contrast in their self-indulgent life, and become dissatisfied with their unchristian lives. Then present to them the prophecies."—*Evangelism*, p. 226.

From this we see that in presenting the truth we first should arouse the conscience, then talk to the prospects about practical godliness, and then present the prophecies. After we have dealt with the prophecies, we should present the major doctrines.

"Speak to them, as you have opportunity, upon points of doctrine on which you can agree. Dwell on the necessity of practical godliness. Give them evidence that you are a Christian, desiring peace, and that you love their souls. Let them see that you are conscientious. Thus you will gain their confidence; and there will be time enough for doctrines."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 120.

When we present certain contro-

versial doctrines we should be exceedingly careful not to be offensive. "In this age, when pleasing fables are drifting upon the surface and attracting the mind, truth presented in any easy style, backed up with a few strong proofs, is better than to search and bring forth an overwhelming array of evidence."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 36.

This kind of approach will give us a more complete hold upon the hearts of the people than will that of mere argumentation. Even when we present the Sabbath question we should be very certain of some important factors before we present this truth to the non-believer. The following important quotation will emphasize this truth: "You should not feel it your duty to introduce arguments upon the Sabbath question as you meet the people. If persons mention the subject, tell them that this is not your burden now. But when they surrender heart and mind

and will to God, they are then prepared candidly to weigh evidence in regard to these solemn, testing truths."—*Evangelism*, p. 228. [Italics supplied.]

To summarize all this, therefore, let us note these four great principles to be kept in mind when presenting the truth. First, present subjects of common interest that will awaken the conscience. Second, discuss frankly subjects of practical godliness such as faith, prayer, home, love, honesty, conversion, et cetera. Third, present subjects that deal with the prophecies, such as Daniel II, Matthew 24, Luke 17, and other relevant prophecies concerning world conditions in the social, religious, and political fields. Fourth, then carefully open up the subjects of the major doctrines only after the people have had adequate preparation to receive them, and give them no more material at one time than they are able to assimilate and apply.—*Review and Herald*.

CRITICIZING THE MINISTER

MRS. C. M. GRUESBECK

HOW do you like the new minister? A favourite topic of discussion, indeed. The variety of answers is almost as great as the number and varied experiences of the members. These are some of the criticisms of ministers that have come to my observation:

"He is too old." (We need someone younger, with more push and initiative.)

"He is too young." (In a church this size we need an experienced man.)

"He is a fine preacher and evangelist, but he just doesn't visit the members."

"He is a good pastor, but not an evangelist." (We need an evangelist to build up the church.)

"He doesn't dare call sin by its right name."

"He talks too plainly; he will drive people away from the church." And so forth, ad infinitum.

Of one saintly minister I heard it said, "He is weak in music." He did not have a musician in the family to assist with the church music. That seemed to be the only fault that could be found with him. Would that more of our ministering brethren were as free from fault as he!

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

The minister's wife also comes in for her share in the discussion.

"She is too stylish and worldly." Or, "She is too old-fashioned." We want someone we can be proud of.

Again, "She never visits. A minister's wife should visit with her husband, and set an example by helping in every good work."

This one too: "She is out helping the sick when she might better be at home. The neighbours say she even neglects her children."

Or perhaps: "The minister's family

THINK ON THESE

A lot of Christians have too many irons in the fire—none of them hot.—*Selected*.

Peace is not merely an absence of war. It is also a state of mind.—*Jawaharlal Nehru*.

Beware prejudices. They are like rats, and men's minds are like traps; prejudices get in easily, but it is doubtful if they ever get out.—*Jeffrey*.

One who is contented with what he has done will never become famous for what he will do. He has laid down to die, and the grass is already growing over him.—*Bovee*.

Thinking is hard work.—*Thomas A. Edison*.

Reprove thy friend privately; commend him publicly.—*Solon*.

The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.—*J. A. Garfield*.

There can be no friendship when there is no freedom. Friendship loves a free air, and will not be fenced up in straight and narrow enclosures.—*William Penn*.

Sometimes we may learn more from a man's errors than from his virtues.—*Longfellow*.

Compromise is but the sacrifice of one right or good in the hope of retaining another—too often ending in the loss of both.—*Tryon Edward*.

is too friendly with the Browns. He will just let them run him." In other words, "If he is a friend of the Browns, he is not a friend of mine." But Jesus was a friend of all.

Is it a virtue to look for faults in the spiritual leader God has appointed in your church? Or would it be more Christlike to resolve: "He is God's servant, and I will hold up his hands and help him all I can, as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses?"

Should we be charitable toward him, as we are enjoined to be to others? Someday, if we are "faithful unto death," we will all be elevated to a status like that of the angels—sons and daughters of God.

In the meantime let us not expect an angel to take over the position of minister. Granted that he has human limitations, shall we not try to build up and strengthen God's servant, as well as His church, to the honour and glory of His name?

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized Churches	Membership Last Reported	Members Added			Members Dropped			Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers		Licensed Ministers		Credentialed Missionaries		Licensed Missionaries		Colporteurs		Other Workers		Total Workers		Tithe		Foreign Mission Offerings		Sabbath School Offerings		Contributions for Home Mission Work		Contributions for Local Church Work		No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Retail Book and	
			By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter Missing		For	Non For	For	Non For	For	Non For	For	Non For	For	Non For	For	Non For	For	Non For	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.				
BURMA UNION																																					
Delta Mission	14	979	2	—	3	—	—	984	1	4	—	4	—	—	1	11	—	—	18	2	37	—	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	23	1,008			
Tennasserim Mission	7	471	—	—	—	—	473	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Gen. & Up. Burma Mis.	6	451	27	2	9	—	486	2	3	1	—	2	3	6	15	—	—	3	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	21,907	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Union & Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Totals	27	1,901	32	2	12	1	—	1,943	4	11	1	10	3	3	11	43	—	3	—	42	19	112	—	40,680	0	22,030	14	6,696	3	535	1	8,941	12	42	2,020		
CEYLON UNION																																					
Totals	11	548	10	1	5	1	—	559	2	5	1	3	—	—	3	7	—	3	—	16	4	37	—	31,127	10	15,825	8	8,171	6	1,197	7	—	37	485			
NORTHEAST UNION																																					
Assam Mission	15	855	32	—	—	—	887	2	—	—	8	—	—	5	13	—	—	—	—	14	7	35	—	2,300	2	6,399	10	1,582	2	306	0	—	—	30	1,465		
East India Mission	22	1,141	12	1	11	1	1,155	3	12	—	7	2	3	5	23	—	—	12	—	7	11	64	—	12,494	12	2,985	11	3,475	8	362	4	1,199	2	50	1,371		
East Pakistan Mission	18	773	38	1	—	1	791	—	7	—	6	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	2,885	12	1,007	15	742	6	182	2	203	9	30	1,589		
Himalayan-Andaman Mis.	1	12	5	—	—	—	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	253	13	379	0	189	9	40	8	12	7	2	20		
Totals	56	2,781	87	2	11	2	20	9	—	2,850	6	19	—	21	2	3	12	54	—	12	—	25	21	135	—	17,934	7	10,772	4	5,998	9	890	14	1,415	2	112	4,645
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION																																					
North India Mission	5	330	5	—	—	—	335	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	3	—	18	—	2,531	10	647	6	586	3	153	11	47	4	23	1,054		
Upper Ganges Mission	14	557	12	—	10	1	574	4	4	1	3	—	1	9	26	—	—	5	—	6	14	45	—	6,095	10	4,811	4	2,481	4	724	6	133	13	24	822		
Central India Mission	3	144	—	—	2	—	146	1	1	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	1	2	7	—	509	10	172	3	136	12	19	0	29	9	10	282		
Western India Mission	17	1,048	12	—	11	1	1,060	1	2	—	4	—	1	1	18	—	—	1	—	7	2	33	—	15,443	11	13,452	5	6,032	5	725	5	599	2	27	1,795		
Kashmir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Union & Estate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	1	1	2	7	40	—	—	—	—	5	11	52	—	131	8	37	8	40	12	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals	39	2,079	29	—	23	2	—	2,115	9	12	1	13	1	4	18	97	—	7	—	22	29	155	—	24,712	1	19,120	10	9,277	4	1,622	6	809	12	84	3,953		
SOUTH INDIA UNION																																					
Kanarese Mission	7	449	7	35	—	1	5	35	450	1	1	—	3	—	1	6	—	—	12	2	25	—	3,022	12*	40	8*	817	1*	279	12*	96	6*	8	566			
Kerala Mission	37	1,574	229	4	32	—	1,727	—	6	—	14	—	—	11	—	10	—	—	14	—	55	—	2,669	6*	446	4*	823	0*	269	5*	—	—	80	3,157			
North Tamil Mission	13	621	50	—	—	—	659	—	6	1	1	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	8	—	6	—	—	2,931	0*	384	13*	1,007	0*	—	—	—	—	15	669		
South Tamil Mission	33	1,452	74	—	20	4	1,522	—	5	—	7	—	—	8	—	9	—	—	11	—	40	—	2,728	14*	295	14*	704	13*	88	11*	—	—	46	1,582			
North Telugu Mission	35	2,031	140	—	—	—	2,171	—	4	1	10	—	—	8	—	6	—	—	14	—	43	—	5,174	11*	324	0*	2,011	12*	—	—	—	—	68	3,465			
South Telugu Mission	9	451	48	—	—	2	497	—	1	3	1	2	—	1	2	7	—	—	9	—	5	4	27	—	1,964	7*	31	7*	440	6*	10	4*	22	858			
Union	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	1	3	4	6	—	—	—	—	4	7	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Union Institutions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	2	5	4	5	16	—	—	—	22	14	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals	134	6,578	548	39	52	7	26	158	—	7,026	5	29	5	39	6	9	13	66	—	45	—	88	29	276	—	19,491	2*	1,522	14*	5,804	0*	648	0*	225	12*	239	10,297
WEST PAKISTAN UNION																																					
Punjab Mission	11	1,023	50	—	11	6	6	9	1,063	—	4	—	3	—	—	8	—	—	11	—	26	—	7,719	12	6,642	15	10,529	0	—	—	451	7	50	2,658			
Union	4	125	5	5	2	—	2	135	5	5	—	2	—	—	17	14	—	—	7	8	12	30	40	—	8,026	12	774	13	3,094	7	—	—	4,059	10	4	260	
Totals	15	1,148	55	5	13	6	6	11	1,198	5	9	—	5	—	17	22	—	—	7	8	23	30	66	—	15,746	8	7,417	12	13,623	7	—	—	4,511	1	54	2,918	

RECAPITULATION

Burma Union	27	1,901	32	2	12	1	—	2	1	1,943	4	11	1	10	3	3	11	43	—	3	—	42	19	112	—	40,680	0	22,030	14	6,696	3	535	1	8,941	12	42	2,020
Ceylon Union	11	548	10	1	5	1	—	4	—	559	2	5	1	3	—	—	3	7	—	3	—	16	4	37	—	31,127	10	15,825	8	8,171	6	1,197	7	—	37	485	
Northeast Union	56	2,781	87	2	11	2	20	9	—	2,850	6	19	—	21	2	3	12	54	—	12	—	25	21	135	—	17,934	7	10,772	4	5,998	9	890	14	1,415	2	112	4,645
Northwestern India Union	39	2,079	29	—	23	2	—	14	—	2,115	9	12	1	13	1	4	18	97	—	7	—	22	29	155	—	24,712	1	19,120	10	9,277	4	1,622	6	809	12	84	3,953
South India Union	134	6,578	548	39	52	7	26	158	—	7,026	5	29	5	39	6	9	13	66	—	45	—	88	29	276	—	19,491	2*	1,522	14*	5,804	0*	648	0*	225	12*	239	10,297
West Pakistan Union	15	1,148	55	5	13	6	6	11	—	1,198	5	9	—	5	—	—	17	22	—	7	8	23	30	66	—	15,746	8	7,417	12	13,623	7	—	—	4,511	1	54	2,918
Division and Division Institutions, Workers on Furlough and under Appointment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	2	1	2	13	8	61	7	—	—	—	—	101	108	120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Division Totals	282	15,035	761	49	116	19	52	198	1	15,691	64	87	8	93	25	27	135	296	—	77	8	317	240	901	—	149,691	12	76,689	14	49,570	13	4,893	12	5,903	7	568	24,318

* 3rd Quarter figures; no report for 4th Quarter.

Miscellany

● PASTOR C. W. Tinworth who was many years ago a missionary here in India, and who since that time has spent a long successful period working in the health food industries in Australia, will pay a visit to Southern Asia from April 22 to May 1. During this time he will visit Spicer College, New Delhi, Roorkee, Chuharkana, and Hapur, and observe our programme with a view to giving counsel on opening up more health food work in connection with these institutions. Brother Tinworth will be remembered by some of our older workers, especially in the South India area.

● PASTOR O. O. Mattison left Poona on April 18 for Calcutta and Aijal, as well as other points in the Northeast India Union. He will be accompanied on this tour by Pastor W. F. Storz,

● THE members of the Salisbury Park church have greatly enjoyed the special meetings arranged by Pastor A. E. Rawson who is the church pastor. The series of lectures given by Elder A. L. White on the Spirit of Prophecy in the Remnant Church, as well as the present series being conducted by Elder M. K. Eckenroth, is bringing great inspiration to the group here. Reports coming from the different areas where the brethren who are conducting the Seminary Extension School are able to visit during week-ends, indicates spiritual refreshment as a result of their visits.

● A LETTER just received from Pastor W. C. Rick indicates that he and the family sailed from Colombo on the eighteenth of April. We regret losing these workers from Southern Asia and wish them good health and prosperity as they return to their homeland.

● DOCTOR A. E. Geschke arrived in Rangoon on April 13 after a brief visit to Bangkok, Thailand, enroute from the United States. Doctor Geschke was formerly located in Fresno, California, and has previously served in the mission field, having laboured in Thailand. Mrs. Geschke and their son Wilfred will be arriving toward the middle of June.

● INFORMATION just received from the Voice of Prophecy office indicates that for the quarter ending March, 1955, a total of Rs. 6,189/- was received in contributions. We believe this is a record as far as contributions are concerned, and we feel our workers should encourage the Voice of Prophecy students who are interested to make frequent contributions to this good work. Thus far, 38,181 persons have graduated from the English Voice of Prophecy school.

● MRS. R. H. Broderson has accepted a call to connect with the Vincent Hill School for a few months, beginning the middle of June. Her services will be appreciated as she has had wide experience in elementary school teaching.

● PASTOR and Mrs. E. L. Sorensen spent a week in the Poona area, during which time Pastor Sorensen attended committee meetings and conducted a series of chapel studies at the Seminary Extension School at Spicer Memorial College. His contribution there and his counsel during this time was much appreciated.

● PASTOR L. R. Burns has been a welcome visitor to the Poona area, and his beautiful gospel songs rendered at the various meetings have been an inspiration to the group here. Special meetings have been held in the Salisbury Park Church by other visitors attending the Seminary Extension School, including Pastors D. K. Down, R. S. Fernando, and A. Maberly.

● BROTHER J. B. Williams is enjoying his studies at the Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and after the present quarter closes he and his family will visit friends and relatives, then will return to Southern Asia. Pastor M. E. Kemmerer writes of the inspiration he is receiving in the several classes he is taking at the Seminary during this quarter.

● BROTHER and Sister R. E. Rice are now settled at Spicer Memorial College where Brother Rice is already laying strong plans for the 1955 school year which opens in June. Pastor and Mrs. H. H. Mattison will be transferring to Vincent Hill School toward the end of May. Pastor Mattison has served as the assistant director of the Seminary Extension

School during his stay on the college campus.

● MR. R. W. Shorter and family are already located in Bombay where Brother Shorter is serving as the educational secretary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Bombay State.

● ARRANGEMENTS are going forward for the purchase of a nine-acre plot of land between the government buildings and the Palam Airport in New Delhi. Pastors O. O. Mattison and D. S. Johnson, and Doctor Nelson visited New Delhi for counsel with the Northwest India Union committee in connection with this project. Final arrangements have not been made, but it is hoped this will be the beginning of hospital work in this prominent city of our Division field.

● BROTHER A. M. Job and family, who have done such fine work in the elementary school at Salisbury Park, have now transferred to Spicer Memorial College where Brother Job will be the registrar for the college section.—D. S. J.

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FAREWELL TO FRIENDS

DUE to the needs in other areas and recent calls that have come through to the Division office, two of our close friends and fellow-labourers, Brother M. Amirtham and Brother S. James, will soon be transferring their residences. Brother and Sister Amirtham go to Spicer College where he will serve as the treasurer of the College, and also teach in the Business department. Special efforts have been put forth this year to strengthen the teaching at the College, and we believe this is a step in the right direction. With our four-year course requirements, the needs of the institution have grown. We know Brother Amirtham will admirably meet this need, and he with his good wife will be a blessing in every way to the staff and students there and will thus bring strength indirectly to the whole field which the College serves.

Brother and Sister S. James will be transferring to New Delhi where Brother James will serve as the Home Missionary and Sabbath School secretary for the Northwest India Union. We believe Brother James's long experience in the Poona

area will make him a great help to the staff and church members in that field.

To say we will miss these brethren is an under-statement. Brother Amirtham has worked in the Treasury Department accumulating information and advising concerning the holding of properties throughout the Division field. He has also devoted much time to the auditing of accounts in the various fields. He will continue to make a contribution as a member of the Division Committee and our India Financial Association.

Brother S. James has been responsible for the statistical reports which have kept us informed with regard to the operation of our field. The work of these brethren has been greatly appreciated. We will miss them; and we pray for their success as they continue their service for the Master.

Pastor and Mrs. B. A. Howard and family, who for six years have lived at Poona, left here on April 13 for Roorkee. They will first take their long leave, and then Pastor Howard will be taking up Ministerial work in the Northwest India field. Brother

MEET OUR WORKERS



Dr. Nigel A. Buxton became a Seventh-day Adventist during World War II while he was in the army here in India. He began his denominational service in 1946 and assisted Dr. T. R. Flaiz at Giffard Mission Hospital, Nuzvid, and Dr. A. E. Coyne in Surat Mission Hospital. From 1947-1951 Dr. Buxton was medical director of Surat Mission Hospital in association with Dr. Almira Richli who became Dr. Almira Buxton in 1948. In 1951 they went on furlough to the U. S. A. where Dr. Nigel took a post-graduate course in surgery at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles. On their return to India they were associated with Dr. R. H. Dunn for a time at Surat and eventually took over at Ranchi Mission Hospital when Dr. R. V. Shearer went on furlough in 1953. Drs. Nigel and Elmira Buxton are doing a splendid job at the present time in this hospital.

Howard was the editor of our Hindi health journal, Swasthya aur Jiwan. He has also assisted with the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts in Hindi from the studio at Salisbury Park Estate. His help in these two fields will be greatly missed. Our church group will miss Brother and Sister Howard, for they have been zealous in their service to the Lord, especially in the Marathi church. The people here on the Estate will long remember their happy associations with this kind Christian family. We wish them God's richest blessing as they return to their own area of India where Pastor Howard laboured successfully for many years before coming to Poona.

—D. S. JOHNSON

CALENDAR REFORM NEWS

THE following statement was issued by the United States Government to the United Nations declaring the opposition of the United States to the World Calendar plan and giving as a clear-cut reason the fact that it would interfere with the religious liberty of certain groups. The statement is as follows:

"The United States has turned thumbs down on a proposal to substitute the so-called 'world calendar' for the Gregorian calendar now in use. The Government notified the United Nations yesterday that it opposes the change suggested in the United Nations' Economic and Social Council. Under the proposal the calendar would be divided into 91-day quarters, leaving a blank day at the end of each year. The State Department, swamped with protests from Orthodox Jews, Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh-day Baptists, and other groups, said its opposition is based on religious grounds. It said in a formal note to the United Nations that introduction of a blank day would disrupt the seven day sabbatical cycle. The Government recommended that the United Nations discontinue its study of the subject and devote efforts 'to more vital and urgent tasks.' "—"Washington Evening Star."