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I WISH to leave two thoughts with you tonight. The first one is God's matchless love for His children. The second is His appeal to His children to be constant in their devotion to Him. And I take for my text 1 John 3:16. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that He might be called the sons of God."

In wonder and in astonishment John looks upon the matchless love of God. He remembers how he had been rescued from the world of sin and what a revelation it was to John to have been with Jesus all those years. John learned of the wonderful love of God, not before Christ's resurrection so much, but after Jesus had ascended on high.

Dear friends, I must confess here tonight that I have never understood and will probably not understand, until I arise on the other side, the action of God stated in John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." When I was a boy, I was afraid of God, when my mother would read those verses from the Bible, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth," I would add the words, "seeking whom He may devour!" And then I learned that His very nostrils are terrible, and all these things frightened me. I could understand Jesus because He loves little children. I had seen a picture of Jesus holding the children on His knee with His arms around them. Yes, I could understand Him, but God, who was He?—Someone who was waiting to torment and pounce upon a boy or a girl who made a mistake. But when I was converted, somehow everything changed and I saw God differently and learned of His plan to save all those who desire to come to Him.

Jesus had an interest in God's plan for the salvation of men and women everywhere, and I thank God for the great sacrifice that the Father made which was as great and perhaps greater than that of the Son. Jesus came to save His people, but His people rejected Him and persecuted Him and tormented Him and finally His own disciples forsook Him and fled and He was nailed to that tree and left there to die. Think of the agony when the sins of the whole

world rested upon Him and finally crushed out His whole life. All through this experience, the Father looked down upon the Son, and must have suffered with Him. But He did not do anything to save His Son because They had entered into a pact, that the Son would give His life to save this world. But my friends, Jesus was not forsaken. He rose from the dead and He stands today at the right hand of God pleading for us. I thank God, for the great sacrifice that God and the Son made for you and me, but I don't understand that great love wherein He loved us. Is it any wonder that John made the statement, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon

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An abridgment of a talk given at the Council by Elder Torrey.

us that we should be called the sons of God."

Jesus loves us today, as He loved us back there. He has not forgotten us, and in these times in which we live we need Him more than anything else in the world. We need Him because of our sinful nature. We need Him because we are in this sinful world. We need Him because of so many things—every day, every moment. So God appeals to us to be constant in our devotion to Him regardless of trials and persecutions and tribulations.

I am thinking of two men tonight whose devotion won them a place in the courts of heaven. Only two men in history, so far as we know, were translated without seeing death. The first one was Enoch. We don't know very much about the life of Enoch but we do know that he walked and worked with God for three hundred years. A constant man of God. My friends, sometimes we have a hard time serving God for one hour without sin, or one day, or one week, or one month, to say nothing of one year. But here was a man who walked and worked with God for three hundred years. The statement is in the Bible that he pleased God having this testimony before Him, and He looked for the second coming of Jesus. He prophesied of it, he looked down through the ages to the time when Jesus would come with ten thousand of His saints.

The second man who was translated was Elijah. There is a great deal recorded in the Bible regarding this man Elijah. We find him telling King Ahab that he had led God's people astray. We find him at another time all discouraged because of the hardness of the way, because of what a woman had said. "About this time tomorrow" she said, "you will be like the prophets" and they were all dead! So he ran away and crawled under a juniper tree. The Lord had many lessons for Elijah to learn and for every lesson he learned, he had to pass through some hard experiences. It was thus that he developed and perfected his character. But the Lord never brings an experience that we are unable to bear. He says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." "Therefore," says Paul, "be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."



HOW MANY?

Edna Atkin Pepper

I heard it on the radio—
I pass it on to you.
It made me pause, deliberate,
And think the matter through.

"If everyone who ever lived
Had matched your spoken word
In giving others blessed hope,
How many would have heard?"

"If everyone who knew your Lord
Should give, and giving, thrill
As you do, would we be in heav'n
Or work and wait here still?"

"If everyone in all the world
Had done what you have done
To spread the good news everywhere,
How many would be won?"

heard it on the radio—
It's written in my heart—
O let it not be said of us,
We failed to do our part!

Then we come to the story of how Elijah called Elisha and they went to Gilgal. Now Gilgal means rolling, or the place where the reproach of sin was first rolled away. Let us turn to Joshua the fifth chapter and the ninth verse and read what it says there about Gilgal. "And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day." So you see, Gilgal means, "the rolling away of the reproach of sin." And dear friends, there is no other place where we can prepare for translation except at Gilgal. There is no short cut, there is no by-path. We must go to Gilgal and have that Gilgal experience of having our sins rolled away. But there is a danger in lingering too long at Gilgal after our sins have been forgiven. It is always hard to leave the place where we first found the Saviour and learned to love Him.

The next place we must go to is Bethel. "And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel."

Bethel means the house of God. Jacob, a fugitive from home, found the presence of God there. This is the place where every soul who has been to Gilgal should go. Let us read 2 Kings 2:3. "And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head today? And he said, Yes, I know it; hold ye your peace." Now, these fifty sons of the prophets the record says stood afar off. Yes, they were wondering why in the world Elijah had selected Elisha. Why hadn't he selected them? They were jealous, and they began to murmur and to whisper. Not so much unlike what we have today. There is murmuring and whispering and we wonder why certain things happen. We just can't understand. But when we find ourselves doing this we should go to the room and get down on our knees, and ask the Lord to take all these murmurings away. These men were in the schools of the prophets, and I suppose they had learned much. Brethren and sisters, education will not save a man, worldly honour will not save him, money will not save him. A man can be uneducated, and still be converted. I remember a brother in Borneo. He was just an ignorant man as far as education was concerned, but the Lord Jesus came into that man's heart. Then He found himself combating with evil spirits. Night after night he was lifted up from the floor and up into the rafters and let fall time and again until he was all bruised and bleeding. Finally he asked a missionary to come up and help him. The missionary came and the poor man said, "What can I do? I am being tormented and shall be killed." The missionary said, "When the evil spirit comes again, tell him in the name of Jesus Christ to depart." That night when the man felt those evil hands under him, he said, "In the name of Jesus Christ, depart." And he heard the door slam. He had won the victory. This man did not know how to read a single verse in the Bible, but he had learned from memory hundreds of texts and you couldn't ask him a thing about the doctrines, tithing, baptism, the Sabbath, or any other doctrine, but he could quote you text after text and prove why he was

a Seventh-day Adventist. Yes, my friends, God can save us even when we lack a fine education.

But Elisha was not turned aside by the jeering of the young men. He had not forgotten the experience that he had had at Gilgal. He knew the voice that had called him, and my friends, today there are many voices calling. Yes, there is the cinema, the dance, card-playing, drinking, the reading of trashy literature and many other things. But they are not the voice of God. We have to bow low our ears every day to hear the Lord speaking to us in that still small voice.

"And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went on to Jericho." Now Jericho means a fragrant place, a place of lingering. My friends, according to the ideas of the worldling today, they believe that this world is a pleasant place in which to live. The child of God must go into the world. We know that the world is dark and unfriendly and sometimes very cold but notwithstanding the Lord has said unto us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" and so that is our command, as it was the command that came to Elijah and Elisha. They reached Jericho, they went into the world, they lived their life, and they were successful and they were victorious. You know, dear friends, when the end comes, only those who have been found at Gilgal, those who have been found at Bethel, those who have worked for God in Jericho, and gone into the world will be ready for translation.

But there is another experience through which we must pass, and that is found in the sixth verse of the second chapter of second Kings. "And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here, for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." The Jordan river meant difficulty and trial. The children of Israel came to the Jordan in their experience and the Lord gave them victories. So Elijah and Elisha came to the Jordan. Dear friends, all who enter God's service and accept His truth must

pass over Jordan. They will have difficulties and perplexities. We find Satan is more anxious to trip a man or a woman up after they have accepted the message than before, and

so after his baptism a person may be persecuted, and tormented. Sometimes he or she loses all the friends they have, and sometimes they lose
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GLIMPSES OF THE DIVISION COUNCIL

I. SUBUSHANAM

IT WAS good for so many workers to come together at Poona for nine days of study, prayer and planning for the work of the Lord in this great Southern Asia Division. As one entered the auditorium his eye was caught by large golden letters on the curtains at the back of the rostrum. They depicted the theme of the early church and of this Council—**PRAYER, POWER, PROGRESS.**

We felt we were sitting at the feet of the Master as we listened to the messages that came from the experienced and godly men who spoke from day to day. A well organized and busy programme was planned and at the close of the session it was said that this was the most orderly, well conducted, and spirit-filled Council ever held in this Division.

We were happy that the President of the General Conference, Elder R. R. Figuhr, could be in attendance at the Council. Elder Torrey stated this was an "International Conference." When he laboured in India over twenty years ago it was all a unit, but now it is divided into four great nations. But we were brethren of one faith and Advent hope.

The messages given at the devotional periods, Bible study hours, and evening services seemed to carry the one theme—a call to greater sanctification and the need to meet the challenge of the hour. Many of the same texts and thoughts were used by the various speakers, though they had studied at different stations and at different times, thus denoting that all were led by the same Spirit. The Lord surely was in the Council.

The practical heart to heart talks by Elder Figuhr to the workers and administrators were right to the point, and if his suggestions are

carried out will result in greater progress in the Lord's work. The last Sabbath service will long be remembered, with its appeal and altar call, when over six hundred in the auditorium surrendered to the Lord and pledged to do their best, while time lasts, to help the Lord finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. Yes, a great day is before us in Southern Asia.

The council gave me a chance to meet for the first time the various leaders, leading workers, old colleagues and the foreign missionary brethren serving at various stations in the Division field. My vision was opened to the unfinished task and to the vast extent of unentered territory. A burden was rolled on me as never before to carry on with the commission of the Lord—"Go ye into all the world." The work is progressing and baptisms are on the increase resulting in over 1,600 baptisms in one year now compared to 1,100 baptisms for the work of the first thirty years.

The day for evangelization of the countries by National workers is on hand and the Lord expects me to do my part. I am determined to spend as much time as I can in public evangelism and lead the working force of the North Telugu section by precept and example in a great evangelistic crusade. The inspiration received at the Division Council held at Spicer Memorial College from March 9-17 will mean much to the future of the work under the blessing of the Lord.

May we all realize our need of a more Spirit-filled life and put aside our weaknesses and rededicate ourselves anew for the finishing of the work in the corner of the vineyard where we are located.

IT IS not always wise but it is refreshing to look back and see just how you are progressing. This morning I want you to look back with me and see the wonderful leadings of God manifested throughout this Division during the past four years.

First of all I want to express appreciation for the leadership that R. H. Pierson gave to this Division during his administration. To a large degree, all that has been accomplished during the past quadrennial period is a result of his careful planning and promotion. Through the combined efforts of over 1,200 workers close to 7,000 people have been baptized during the past four years. Our membership has increased from 11,800 in 1952 to 16,420 at the end of 1955. I am confident that every worker, directly or indirectly, has had a part in making these figures possible.

I thank the Lord for such a consecrated group of workers as God has called to work for Him in this Division. No more capable men could have been chosen to stand by me in the leadership of this Division than M. E. Kemmerer and D. S. Johnson. While Brother Kemmerer was absent on furlough, L. C. Shepard capably cared for the duties in the Treasury department. Our Division secretary up to the time of the last General Conference, J. F. Ashlock, did excellent work, and at the present time D. S. Johnson is very efficiently discharging the varied duties connected with this department. From 1950 until the spring of 1955 R. S. Lowry, as Division Educational secretary, greatly strengthened our educational programme. During his absence on furlough we are grateful to have O. A. Skau fill this important post. With his background of many years of educational service, and his present untiring efforts to build solidly on the strong foundation already laid, the future looks very bright for our educational institutions.

Pastor R. J. Ritchie, the Missionary Volunteer secretary up until the time of the last General Conference, was a tower of strength and inspiration to our young people. The youth's congress that he planned and conducted in 1953 has proved to be of inestimable help to the youth. We were made especially happy when

Report by the President

A SURVEY of PROGRESS

O. O. MATTISON

J. F. Ashlock accepted the appointment as secretary of the Missionary Volunteer department and of the Ministerial Association. During Pastor Ashlock's many years of service in this Division he has manifested a deep interest in the youth.

Brother A. J. Johanson, as Publishing Department secretary, worked unceasingly to train field leaders and to build a strong colporteur force. He and his co-labourers were successful in advancing the literature ministry in every union. During recent months D. A. McAdams and J. W. Nixon conducted a series of colporteur institutes and workshops, which resulted in a spirit of deep consecration and inspiration among our colporteur literature ministry.

The temperance work has made a marked advance under the strong leadership of Chad B. Israel. He and Elder W. A. Scharffenberg have been instrumental in acquainting various influential leaders in India with our great programme of temperance and with the part our health message plays in the Great Advent Movement.

Through the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments, W. L. Barclay has strenuously promoted a successful programme of keeping the church systematically at

study and in working for others. The invaluable Sabbath school institutes and workshops conducted by Elders E. B. Hare and W. L. Barclay, together with child evangelism promotion, have given new impetus to the leaders of the various Sabbath school divisions in our churches. Already many more branch Sabbath schools have been started, and we look forward to an ingathering of souls through this avenue of service.

Our laymen have been made conscious of the part they can play in evangelism through co-operation with evangelists and in holding laymen's efforts. The Uplift goals continue to climb each year, until at the end of 1955 almost three lakhs were received. The unions have accepted the challenge to do their Uplift early in the year, and the Lord has blessed their united and well-organized plans with every union surpassing its goal. This leaves the major portion of the year for an uninterrupted programme of evangelism.

During the past quadrennial period the Voice of Prophecy has had a phenomenal growth and new schools have been opened in various languages. During Elder E. R. Walde's recent visit to our field he and Pastor Rawson held a series of rallies attended by over 16,000 people. Many who have studied this message through the Voice of Prophecy lessons may never have the opportunity to attend an evangelistic effort.

During the greater portion of the past four-year period the publishing house was under the management of O. A. Skau. Late in 1955 L. C. Shepard again took over the manager's duties and L. J. Larson returned to the editorial department. All three of these men have worked untiringly to get more truth-filled literature published in the major vernaculars used in this field, and God has blessed their endeavours with remarkable results. New, larger printing presses have been added and plans formulated for a more far-reaching circulation of literature.

Through the combined efforts of the publishing house and the publishing department, more attractively prepared literature covering every phase of the message is being published and sold by our faithful colporteurs. Without the assistance of our publishing house we would not be

able to meet the demands of the Voice of Prophecy for the many thousands of printed lessons that are required, and for literature in English and the vernaculars.

Let us focus our attention now on the college in which we are privileged to be guests at the present time. It is a growing institution and has expanded far beyond that which we had visualized four years ago. During the administration of I. D. Higgins, continuing emphasis was placed on the scholastic, vocational, and other phases of the college programme. There has been added a fine boys' hostel and the spacious dining hall in which we are being hospitably entertained. Additional equipment has been added to the college press, and the various industrial departments have been divided and placed on a sound financial basis.

President R. E. Rice has an extensive educational background of many years' experience in this Division. His Christlike demeanour and kindly attitude in dealing with the staff and student body, together with wise planning by the school staff, have resulted in a smooth-running school programme. There is much yet to be done to meet the growing demands of the field and to adequately care for the expanding student body.

The Seminary Extension School, conducted last year under the expert leadership of Dr. F. H. Yost and Elders M. K. Eckenroth and A. L. White, has greatly strengthened our evangelists in preaching a Christ-centred message to the large crowds that are attending their meetings.

The newest addition to our Division family of institutions is the English medium elementary boarding school in Bangalore. The small day school there has been expanded to include additional classrooms and dormitories. A spacious assembly hall has been built and still more improvements are to be made. Brother R. H. Stahlnecker and his staff of teachers are carrying on a well-rounded training programme for our children and youth.

New buildings erected by E. R. Streeter throughout the Division include the Raymond Memorial Training School in the Northeast and the Lakpahana Training Institute in Ceylon, the boys' hostel and dining

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SOUTH INDIA UNION

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EVANGELISTIC WORK AT THE GIFFARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NUZVID

PASTOR N. V. JESUDAS

THE medical work of the Giffard Memorial Hospital at Nuzvid is well known in the Andhra State. Many hundreds of people come for treatment every month. The doctors and nurses are not only interested in the medical treatment for the body but they are also interested in the spiritual side.

For several years the hospital has been asking South India Union to send someone to act as counsellor for an effort and to hold a class in personal evangelism along with the effort. This past year Elder E. L. Sorensen not only granted us the permission to hold the effort but he himself came to help us for six weeks and conducted a class for the workers and nurses of the hospital.

When we appealed to the church members for their co-operation in the effort, all of them consented to give their help. Some helped by giving their means and others by their services and some by giving both help

and means. An offering amounting to Rs. 412/- was collected. We greatly appreciated the generous spirit which our church members exhibited.

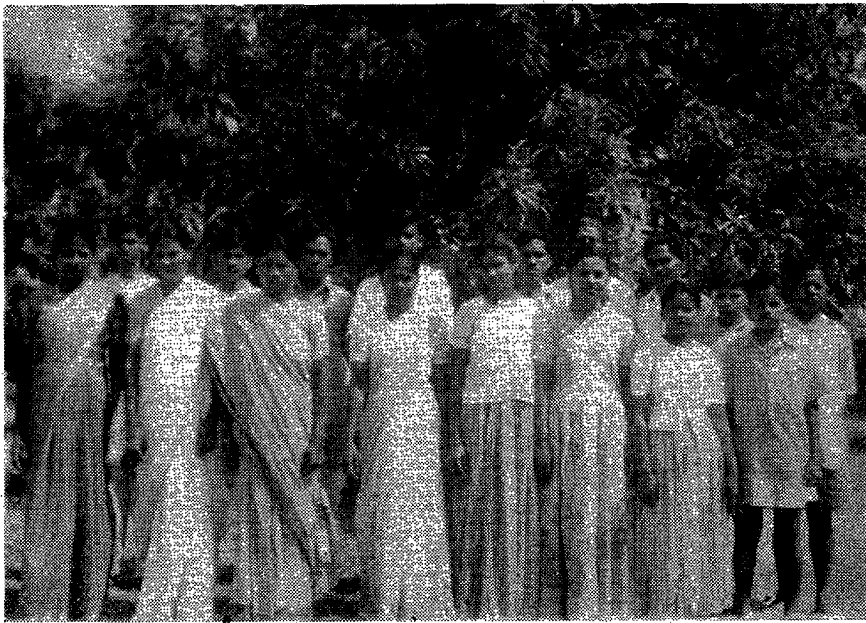
A good pundal was elected in the place where we have already laid the foundation to build our new church. It was quite a big shed—90' x 25'. When we began to erect it someone said we did not need a big shed. However we erected the shed in a simple way, hoping that the Lord would do His work in spite of many criticisms. After we began the meetings and saw the crowds come we found our tent was not too large after all, for many had to stand.

Elder Sorensen and the writer were the speakers. Miss Stoneburner, the superintendent of nurses, was in charge of health talks and pictures. Our doctors and nurses took an active part in giving health talks fifteen minutes every day before the lecture. The health message really helped the listeners very much and contributed to the success of the meetings.

For about three months both health and spiritual talks were given to the people of Nuzvid and relatives of the patients. We did not use any contro-



Pastors Sorensen and Jesudass with workers and ushers who assisted in the effort.



Seventeen of the candidates recently baptized at Nuzvid.

versial subjects but only preached Christ and His saving power. Many hundreds of people heard gladly and some of them have accepted Jesus as their Saviour. Twenty-one of the members were baptized during the effort and there are many more who are in the baptismal class and very soon they will be baptized too.

The hospital chaplain is finding opportunity to preach Christ and His saving power to the hundreds of patients every day and he has many interesting experiences. Here is one.

Recently a patient came to the hospital whom the doctors pronounced was in a cancerous condition and many thought that he would die. The writer talked to the young patient about the saving power of Jesus and the Redeemer of mankind who can heal. The young man and his parents said that if Jesus would give him life again, they would believe on Him. According to their belief the Lord spared the young man's life and restored him to normal health. The parents and relatives were so happy that they gave a thank offering to the Lord and a good donation to the hospital. Then as they left the hospital they asked how they could remove the idols of silver, brass, and stone from their houses. They were told and they promised not only to remove them but also to take baptism soon afterwards. Thus we are able to preach Christ to many hundreds who come for treatment, and we request

that you remember us and our work in your prayers.

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all their money, and somehow everything goes wrong. But when they came to the Jordan, remember how Elijah smote the water with his mantle and the water parted and they were able to go over to the other side. Then Elisha asked Elijah a favour. He said he would like to have a double portion of Elijah's spirit. He wasn't satisfied with what he had. He wanted even more of God's spirit. Elijah had been testing Elisha all the way. He said "Tarry here, I pray thee" and Elisha said, "I will not. As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." And so now Elijah says to Elisha, if you go all the way, then you may have a double portion of my spirit. So they went on, and you remember that they finally came to the place of translation. "And it came to pass as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." And Elisha saw it, and he cried, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own

clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan." He had gone all the way and a double portion of the spirit of Elijah was given him.

And so dear friends, we must not linger at Gilgal where our sins have been forgiven: We must not linger at Bethel, at Jericho or Jordan, but we must be willing to go on all the way, and to translation. We are nearing the end and soon the Lord will come.

I thank God tonight for His great love in providing a way whereby we can be ready when Jesus comes. If you haven't been to Gilgal go at once and have your sins all rolled away, then go on to Bethel. Go to the house of God and there perfect your character and learn how to pray. And then go into the world as the Lord has told us, to preach the gospel to every creature. And after you have done that, be willing to go over Jordan. If you take those steps you shall arrive safely on the other side. May the Lord bless us all, and help us all to reach our heavenly destination.



THINK ON THESE

Forget past misfortunes if you would be happy.—*Tillotson.*

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Charity is the scope of all God's commands.—*Chrysostom.*

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He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.—*Charron.*

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Let no man presume to give advice to others that has not first given good counsel to himself.—*Seneca.*

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An evil at its birth is easily crushed, but it grows and strengthens by endurance.—*Cicero.*

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An able man shows his spirit by gentle words and resolute actions; he is neither hot nor timid.—*Chesterfield.*

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The two most engaging powers of an author are to make new things familiar, and familiar things new.—*Selected.*



Excerpts from the Secretary's

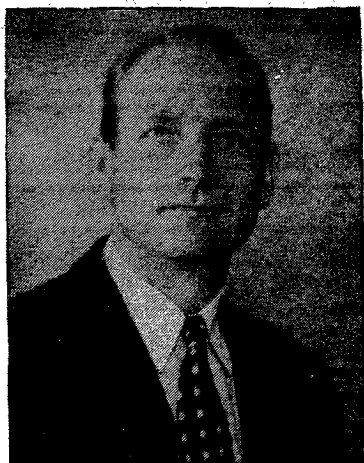
Report

PRAYER

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PROGRESS

D. S. JOHNSON



IT WAS at the India Union Mission Conference held at Ranchi from the 25th of December, 1919 to the fourth of January, 1920 that the organization of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Southern Asia Division was effected. Elder J. E. Fulton had been appointed Vice-president of the General Conference in charge of the work in the Southern Asia Division. W. W. Fletcher was the first Secretary, and A. H. Williams the first Treasurer. The Burma Union, the Northeast India Union, the Northwest India Union, and the South India Union Missions were organized. The total Division membership was 1,097. Elder J. E. Fulton's first article in the *Eastern Tidings* of January, 1920, was titled, "Our Work in the Southern Asia Division of the General Conference." His hopes were expressed in these words, "We organize in this way for more efficient labour, not to multiply machinery. In Southern Asia we 'expect great things from God,' and the time has come when we must, 'attempt great things for God.' We are encouraged by the progress already made, and by the omens before us." By comparison with the total division membership of 1,097 in 1920, how thrilling to report that the baptisms for 1955 alone totalled 1,610, and that our present Division church membership has now reached 16,420.

If our pioneers could study our statistics for the Southern Asia Division with us today how cheered they would be. With joy they would hear the thrilling report that the church membership for the world field has now passed the one million mark; that the gospel is now preached

in 726 languages and dialects of the world; that two of our world divisions, Southern Africa, and Inter-America has passed the 100,000 mark in church membership; and that the total tithes and offerings for the year 1954 amounted to more than 62 million dollars. They might well respond with these words from the servant of the Lord: "The lapse of time has brought great changes. Light has increased and has become widespread. While the people who are anxious for truth have been calling 'Watchman, what of the night?' the answer has been given intelligently 'The morning cometh, and also the night.' By a thorough investigation of the prophecies, we understand where we are in this world's history; and we know for a certainty that the coming of Christ is near.

Significant features of this Division Council should be recorded here. Elder R. R. Figuhr, the President of the General Conference, and Elder C. L. Torrey, Treasurer of the General Conference, are with us. Not since Elder A. G. Daniels visited the Southern Asia Division at the time of the Biennial Conference held in Calcutta, December 18-28, 1914, has a president of the General Conference

visited this field. Elder Torrey's service in Southern Asia from 1923-1936 makes his visit of great value.

It seems significant that the president of our Division, Pastor O. O. Mattison, has been united with the work and workers in this field for over thirty-four years. His long experience in soul-winning and administration, combined with a vision which is fresh and new, has greatly strengthened the work.

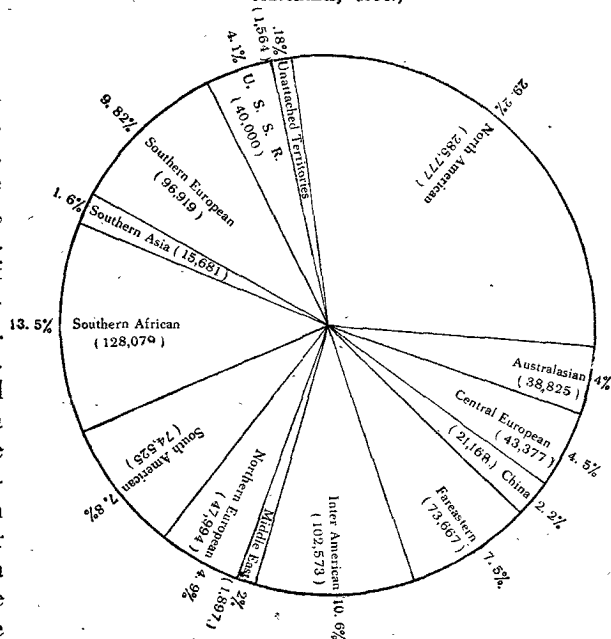
We are fortunate at this Council to have so many veteran national leaders from every section of the Division. A number of veteran missionary families are also here.

Mrs. L. G. Mookerjee and Miss V. Chilton who arrived in India in 1909 and 1910 respectively are not with us but they have sent their greetings and are praying for the power of God to be manifested here.

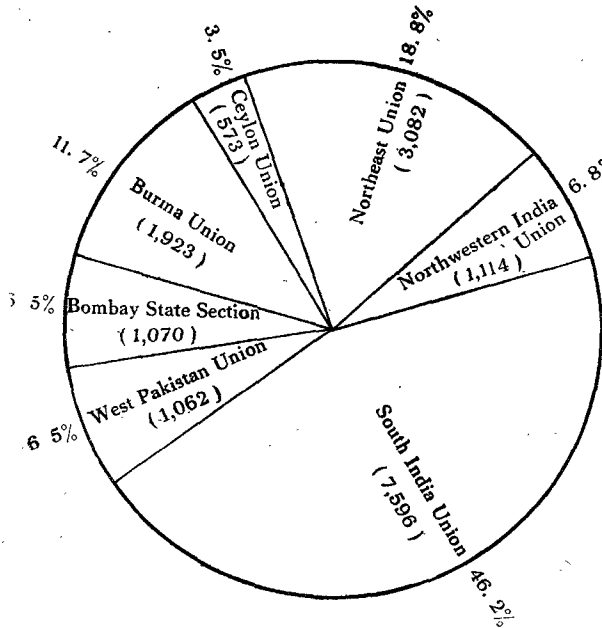
We who are representing the Seventh-day Adventist working force in Southern Asia are responsible under God for giving the gospel to one-fifth of this earth's population. Together we must face this tremendous challenge. The figures we present can show neither the full effort put forth, nor the total results.

Though 20.2% of the world's population live within the borders of the Southern Asia Division only 1.6% or 15,681 (1954) Seventh-day Adventist church members live here. Other relationships are shown below.

Membership of Division fields in percentage relationship to world membership. (Figures are taken from the Statistical report of Seventh-day Adventists, 1954.)



Membership of Unions in percentage relationship to Division membership.



RELATIONSHIP OF CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

Beginning in 1919 with a Sabbath School membership of 1,345 and Church membership of 978, the rapid growth of both are indicated in the table below. Many of the Sabbath School members are children and youth. Here they receive the mould for life and are built up in the knowledge of "present truth." Concerning the importance of Sabbath School influences, the messenger of God writes, "Lead the children whom you are instructing in the day school and Sabbath School to Jesus. What can give you greater joy than to see children and youth following Christ, the Great Shepherd, who calls, and the sheep and lambs hear His voice and follow Him?"—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 271.

Year	Sabbath School Membership	Church Membership
1919	1,345	978
1923	2,938	1,759
1927	5,137	2,648
1931	7,122	3,449
1935	10,911	4,945
1939	12,416	6,557
1943	13,589	7,793
1947	17,751	9,306
1951	20,069	11,815
1955	25,966	16,420

increase of 15,323 amounts to 8,664. This should be the deepest concern of every person here today. Why did we lose these people? They were so interested in the message, believed it was the truth, and were baptized. We can each have a part in that phase of evangelism which preserves to the Church those who have embraced the truth.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Soul-winning has been the theme of all our departments. The Missionary Volunteer Department now reports 5,261 members, with baptisms at camps, during Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer Meetings, and Congresses. Evangelists do well to ponder these words, "As workers for God, our work is to begin with those nearest. . . . The management and instruction of children is the noblest missionary work that

It is gratifying to note how rapidly the work has moved forward in different areas of the Division field.

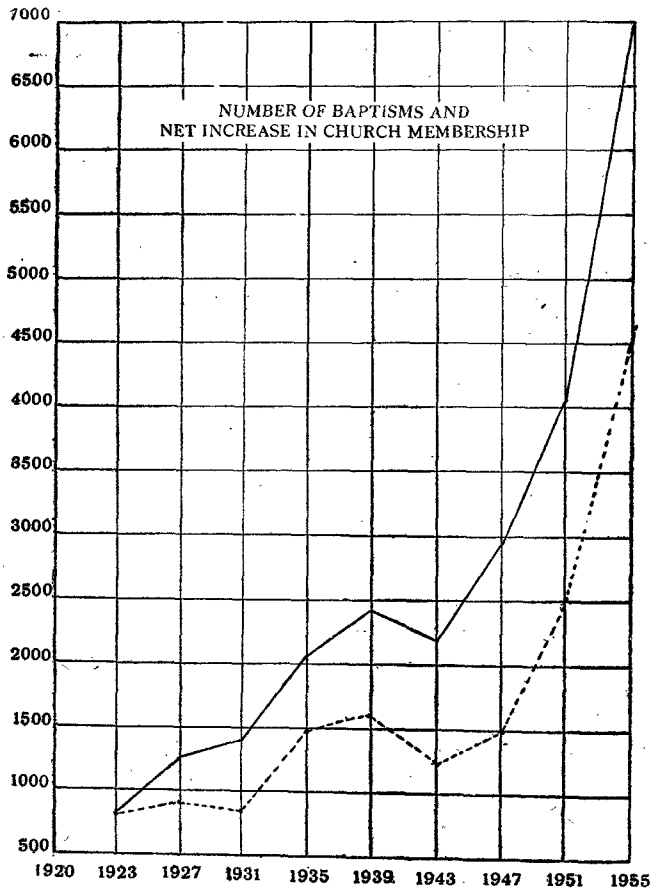
BAPTISMS AND NET INCREASE IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The graph below shows a Church membership of 1,097 in 1920 and charts the baptisms for each quadrennial period through to the year 1955. The difference between 23,987 baptisms and the net

any man or woman can undertake." —*Child Guidance*, p. 476.

During 1955, 166,489 patients entered the doors of our hospitals for physical care. A total of Rs. 487,002 was expended by our institutions for charity work. The 358 busy workers in these institutions had an opportunity to present to these persons the third angel's message by precept and example. More than 95 per cent of these patients were Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhists. Did they leave with a deeper understanding of the love that prompts the sacrifices necessary to build, maintain, and man such institutions? We believe that many did. These institutions have provided much employment for our members, and in return tithes and offerings have come into the church.

The tempo in the departments of Public Relations and Temperance has markedly increased. Publications, films and other materials from the Temperance department are in use throughout the States of India. I was present when an expert of the Bombay Government gave the news that they had prepared the commentary in Hindi and Marathi for the film ONE IN TWENTY



BAPTISMS

	1948	1949	1950	1951	Total	1952	1953	1954	1955	Total
Burma	368	74	129	149	720	189	189	130	150	658
Ceylon	16	44	52	79	191	42	54	34	36	166
Northeast	152	92	180	213	637	363	412	480	334	1589
Northwestern India, W.										
India and Bombay	216	144	156	194	710	243	301	158	156	858
South India	437	368	496	639	1940	667	942	845	828	3282
West Pakistan		71	69	66	206	70	106	107	106	389
TOTAL	1,189	793	1,082	1,340	4,404	1,574	2,004	1,754	1,610	6,942
Unattached										43 6,985

THOUSAND. He stated how they had prepared Gujerati and Kanarese commentaries, but officials took the film over, and were so enthusiastic in the use of it that they were long delayed in this project. Sir Richard Aluwihara, chairman of a five-member Ceylon Commission on prohibition recently conferred with leaders of Bombay State at Poona, at which time our Division department secretary presented the programme of the International Temperance Association. Now Sir Richard has written the Government of India, requesting facilities for participation in the Institute of Scientific Studies in Bombay. In Southern Asia, as elsewhere, Seventh-day Adventists are recognized leaders in the field of total abstinence education and temperate living.

More than six thousand students are now studying in Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Southern Asia Division. During the quadrennial period under review, 694 students were baptized. We have been studying our school system carefully, and there are some who have with anxiety urged that we give Christian Education a 'new look,' but while re-study is essential in a changing world, it seems we might more appropriately take a *new look* at Christian Education.

The development of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Schools and Radio work in this Division since May, 1947, is a miracle of sacrifice, planning, and divine guidance. We now have ten vernacular Bible Schools, and three English Bible Schools. . . . Hundreds of graduates from the various Bible Schools await visits from our representatives, not only within the confines of our Union territories, but in the little worked areas of Sikkim, Bhutan, Nepal, the Andamans and Kashmir—all border lands of our Division.

The increasing scope of our litera-

ture work is demonstrated by the sale of Rs. 1,887,194/- worth of books during the past quadrennial period. This compares with a sale of Rs. 1,600,458/- from 1948 to 1951. With 469,000,000 of the world's population, representing over 20 per cent of the inhabitants of the earth, and with less than two per cent of our world church membership it is easy to see the possibilities for evangelism in the literature work. Of the two hundred languages in which Seventh-day Adventists publish literature in the world field, twenty-seven are being used for publishing the message in the Southern Asia Division.

Since last we met in Division Council a number of our leaders and

and Mrs. K. D. Poddar, 110 years old, both of East Pakistan, passed away during 1954. The words of Jesus, "I will come again" sustain God's children who bear the sorrow of earthly separation.

A review of the workings of the Holy Spirit in the accomplishment of mighty things for God under most difficult circumstances, inspires a spirit of thanksgiving and humility for what God has done. We are thankful for the means that have been provided over the years, and for the mighty influence of the seed that has been sown, and for the privilege of a place in God's work in these last days. These figures presented do not measure the accomplishments great or small of our workers in this field. The servant of the Lord says, "Our present numbers and the extent of our work are not to be compared with what they were in the beginning. We should consider what might have been done had every worker consecrated himself, in soul, body, and spirit, to God as he should have done."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 420.

The challenge to greater soul-

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

	Total Labourers	Total Church Membership	Total Baptisms	Total Sabbath School Membership	Total Tithe	Total Foreign Missions Offerings
1948	905	10,387	1,189	18,760	279,601- 1	192,937- 9
1949	878	10,373	793	18,828	327,982- 6	226,150-11
1950	1,077	11,065	1,082	19,647	403,979- 0	263,475-10
1951	1,067	11,815	1,340	20,069	440,233- 8	307,506- 8
Total 1948-'51			4,395		1,451,795-15	990,070- 6
1952	1,059	12,432	1,574	21,292	655,535- 3	261,432-10
1953	1,100	14,309	2,004	23,942	485,744- 5	303,115- 0
1954	1,141	15,691	1,754	24,298	390,170- 1	227,104- 5
1955	1,262	16,420	1,610	25,966	421,789-12	450,222- 0
Total 1952-'55			6,942		1,953,239- 5	1,241,873-15
Unattached			43			

prominent workers have been called to lay aside their burdens. The memory of some of these we honour here.

Mrs. Anna Jensen	Kalimpong	Jan. 28, 1952
L. G. Mookerjee	Ranchi	Feb. 14, 1952
E. D. Thomas	Poona	May 3, 1952
Zelpha Miller	Bangalore	April 29, 1953
Deacon David	Rangoon	July 31, 1954

We extend our warm sympathy to others who through the past years have laid loved ones and fellow workers to rest. Two aged believers, Digamber Ruram, 126 years of age

winning activity in every line of work will remain with God's followers to the close of time. "We have before us a great work, the closing work of giving God's last warning message to a sinful world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 103.

"The Lord wants His people in these days to believe that He will do as great things for them as He did for the Children of Israel. . . . 'Go Forward' is the command of God to His people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 261. Let us turn to more PRAYER for more POWER to fulfil our appointed part in God's programme of PROGRESS in Southern Asia during 1956 and until the close of time.

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UPLIFTING, AS EXPERIENCED BY A LAY-MEMBER

MRS T. R. TORKELSON

DURING the recent Uplift campaign in the New Delhi church, the church members were given an opportunity to do their part in raising the goal. Some of our members are fairly new in the message having been baptized within the past two years. However, many of them took pamphlets, donor's lists and receipt pads and set out to do their best. Some of them are very busy people, and we knew that it would mean sacrificing time from other important work in order to give time for Uplift solicitations. Mrs. Karnakar was one of these members. She is a talented physio-therapist and works long hours in an army hospital but she was eager to do her part. In a few weeks she brought the following good report.

"When Pastor Torkelson set the Uplift goal at Rs. 100/- for each member, I was more than a little doubtful of making it. I live, as most of you know in a hostel; but being a working woman going out early in the morning and returning late, I had only a nodding acquaintance with most of the other families living in the hostel. So when my little daughter asked me if she could go around and contact the people in our hostel, I was very happy. A few hours later she came back with Rs. 4/-, but many had asked her to call again. This little beginning gave me the encouragement and inspiration which I needed.

"One of the people I contacted was a gentleman I knew in a business firm. When he made what I thought was a modest contribution I said, 'I expected a bigger contribution from you. I thought you were a man of substance.' He smiled and said, 'I'll put you in the way of getting a few more contributions! Contact Mr. So-and-So, he's my boss. He'll

give you so much. Contact Mr. So-and-So of such a department, he'll give you so much. Contact this young man. He's not married; he'll give you so much.' I contacted all these and each time he was correct in his estimation of his colleagues. I got exactly what he said I would. The boss was the last person I contacted. I showed him the Uplift pamphlet. 'Leave it with me,' he said. 'I'll put it before the director of the firm.' But I pleaded, 'Could I not interest you personally in this cause? We come into this world alone and we depart alone. Let us not lose an opportunity to do good.' My plea did not go unheeded.

"I have bearded political lions in their dens, taking my courage in my hands and the thought in my heart that this is God's work and He's beside me all the way. One rather tough customer, an M. P., fired a barrage of questions at me. As I was trying to answer them the telephone rang. His friend, probably out of pity at the ordeal I would have to face, said, 'I'll give you a contribution for both of us.' When the gentleman had finished his telephone conversation, he turned to his friend and said, 'Now what have you done?' He went on to say that this was a cause that would not have gotten his support. 'Would you wish me to return the money, sir?' I asked him.



THE CHIEF BEQUEST

What wealth can man bequeath his child;

Is it money or lands or fame?

No; cash and lands may slip away,

Dishonour may come to the name.

The chief bequest that one can make

Is a love and respect for God:

They'll take us over any path

That a person has ever trod.

—MARGARET GREENE



'No, no, but my friend made a mistake.' I answered, 'God will bless him for this mistake.'

"I have come away at times disappointed and saddened at the hardness of men's hearts, and at times humbly giving thanks to God with the feeling that the image of the Creator has not been wholly obliterated."

Last Sabbath Mrs. Karnakar came with her goal fully reached, but asking that she be allowed to work longer since she had a few more contacts she felt might bring in a little more. Surely the Lord has blessed her courageous spirit and willingness to work for Him in a way that should bring joy to our hearts.

No doubt other members have had similar experiences which they might report. God blesses the willing worker.

SURVEY OF PROGRESS

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hall at Spicer College, and several churches. The numerous demands for new buildings throughout the Division are keeping Brother Streeter very actively engaged, and we are proud of the fine-appearing and well-constructed buildings that have been erected under his expert guidance.

Now for a brief survey of the various unions. Starting with West Pakistan we find that this union has been under the leadership of three men during the past four-year period. Following partition, D. S. Johnson was elected president of the newly formed West Pakistan Union. A forward looking programme, including evangelism, strengthening the school work, construction of the Karachi Hospital and church, and the establishment of work in new places was carried on by this first administration. During the absence of D. S. Johnson on furlough, K. S. Brown very capably carried on as acting president until the arrival of C. H. Hamel as head of the field. On my recent trip through this union I was happy to see that new work has been established in the Northwest frontier and in the Punjab, and an extension of the existing work in the province of Sind. The village evangelistic programme is rapidly progressing. This section of the Muslim

world presents a great challenge to the workers and to the laity.

In the Northwest Union A. F. Jessen was president at the beginning of the past quadrennial term, followed by T. R. Torkelson. New territories have been entered along the Tibetan road from Simla, in the Kulu valley, and at Jammu, Kashmir. Thrilling stories could be told of how the work is being opened up in these places. God has rewarded the faith of our workers in Delhi and has miraculously led in the securing of properties for future expansion.

In the Bombay State, A. R. Appel and his co-labourers have a well-organized and strong programme functioning. In spite of their scarcity of workers there has been steady progress after the re-organization. In the Northeast, W. F. Storz and his workers have pressed on into new territories. We now have believers in Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, Kalimpong, and over on the Andaman Islands. We were over-joyed when we received the news that D. J. Donesky had been given permission to locate in Imphal. He is now actively engaged in caring for the increasing interests among the Naga tribes.

In the South India Union, E. L. Sorensen has consistently placed strong emphasis on evangelism, with the result that in two years' time new work has been started in twenty-two places. The well-attended efforts conducted by the indigenous evangelists, together with the indigenous leaders in their respective fields, have resulted in unusually large baptisms.

The Ceylon Union under the leadership of L. F. Hardin, has carried on successful evangelistic efforts from Jaffna in the north to Matara in the south. The spacious new school at Mailapitiya will adequately care for the educational needs of our youth throughout the island, and how happy we are for it.

In Burma, C. B. Guild has led his corps of evangelistic workers into new places. Brother A. E. Anderson firmly established the work in Tiddim and it is now being successfully cared for by indigenous workers. In Mandalay, P. A. Parker is carrying on aggressive evangelism with commendable results.

God has wonderfully blessed the faithful endeavours of our workers in
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REPORT FROM THE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

O. A. SKAU

TO US has been granted a wonderful system of education.

It is a divine system. Because our schools have been established "to restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation, might be realized—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life."—*Education*, pp. 15, 16.

In the loud cry for recognition we must be careful not to lose sight of the real object of education. "God has revealed to me that we are in positive danger of bringing into our educational work the customs and fashions that prevail in the schools in the world. If teachers are not guarded, they will place on the necks of their students worldly yokes instead of the yoke of Christ."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 532.

"In these days much is said concerning the nature and importance of 'higher education.' The true 'higher education' is that imparted by Him with whom 'is wisdom and strength;' (Job 12:13) out of whose mouth 'cometh knowledge and understanding.' Prov: 2:6. In a knowledge of God, all true knowledge and real development have their source."—*Education*, p. 14.

This is our blue print. This is the course we should follow, and we need to be on guard so that we are not side-tracked and led astray. And let us keep in mind that "upon Christian Youth depend in a great measure the preservation and perpetuity of the institutions which God has devised as a means by which to advance His work. Never was there a period when results so important depended upon a generation of men. Then how important that the young should be qualified for this great work, that God may use them as His instruments.

Their Maker has claims upon them which are paramount to all others."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 99.

In the light of these statements we tremble. The responsibility for the proper training of children and young people is one of the most sacred responsibilities entrusted to man. To accomplish this work we need the constant presence of the Holy Spirit. For this we need godly teachers who are fully consecrated to Him and to His work.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS

At the close of 1955 there were 160 schools with 441 teachers guiding the 6,493 students in attendance, and distributed as follows:

	1955 Schools	Teachers	Pupils
Elementary	142	311	5,651
Middle	3	9	57
Secondary	14	109	613
Advanced	1	12	172
Total	160	441	6,493

BAPTISMS IN SCHOOLS DURING THE PAST TWO QUADRENNIAL PERIODS

We have much to be grateful for as we view the past. God has been good to us. Much progress has been made in almost every line, but the one that cheers our hearts the most is the large group of young people baptized and the splendid progress made when compared with the previous four-year period. Please note the comparative figures for the two four-year periods:

Comparative Statement of Baptisms				
		Percentage Gain		
1948	53	1952	133	250% Gain
1949	52	1953	220	423% Gain
1950	68	1954	150	220% Gain
1951	98	1955	191	194% Gain
Totals	271		694	256% Gain

During the previous four-year period 56 graduated from the Junior

and Senior courses at Spicer Memorial College and 56 entered denominational work. During the present four-year period 98 graduated from the Junior and Senior courses and 86 entered denominational work. Just what has happened to the other 12, I am not able to say.

Before leaving the statistics I want to present the number of students that took the Division examinations in 1951 and 1955. It is interesting to note the increase in the number of students and in the various percentages of passes.

EXAMINATIONS—PASSES WITH PERCENTAGES

	Total	1951 Pass	Percentage
10th Standard	50	38	76%
8th "	98	19	19%
6th "	163	59	36%
Totals	311	116	

	Total	1955 Pass	Percentage
10th Standard	109	72	66%
8th "	173	111	64.16%
6th "	222	104	46.84%
Totals	504	287	

From this table we note a marked progress in the number of passes in each of the three standards. The number of students sitting for the 10th standard examination in 1955 was more than double the number that sat for the 1951 examinations—the close of the previous four-year period. There was a drop of 10 per cent in the percentage of passes.

In the sixth and eighth standards the improvement is really great. There was a big jump in the results in the eighth standard from 19 per cent to 64.16 per cent. That speaks well for the teachers. The increase in percentage of the sixth standard passes of 1955 over 1951 is nearly 11 per cent. Do we find the answer to this in the number of qualified teachers?

The percentage of qualified teachers in the elementary schools was only 31.83 per cent while the percentages for the middle and the secondary schools were 88.88 per cent and 62.38 per cent respectively. Let us continue to improve our teaching quality.

MATERIAL PROGRESS

Although we do not want to measure the progress of our work in material things, yet we should not overlook the material gains made. Measured in rupees and annas the material improvements made during the period under review is tremendous. Never in the history of our educational work have such heavy investments been made as were made during this four-year period. Below are some of the major investments made in our schools.

1. New Schools

a. Lakpahana Training Institute complete with buildings and equipment, costing the Division about Rs. 650,000/-

b. The E. D. Thomas Memorial High School completely built costing about Rs. 450,000/-

c. Our Raymond Memorial High School was also built during this period running into some more lakhs of rupees.

2. Other Improvements in Schools Already Established

a. Spicer Memorial College

1. Men's hostel.
2. Kitchen and large dining room.
3. National workers' duplexes.
4. Overseas workers' bungalows.
5. Remodelling old boys' hostel to be used for elementary and high school classroom building.

b. Lasalgaon School

1. Large girls' hostel.
2. New printshop building and equipment.
3. Tractor and farm equipment.
4. New engine and generating and pumping plant.

c. South India

1. New school plant in Bangalore.
2. Large auditorium, 3 Spencer Road.
3. New elementary school and equipment at Secunderabad.
4. New deep water pump and complete new water system with 8,500-gallon tank at Lowry Memorial High School.

d. Khunti Administration Building.

These are some of the major investments made during this four year period. There are many other improvements that have been made, but they are too numerous to mention.

LIBRARY FACILITIES

During the period under review, Spicer Memorial College has increased its library to 7,000 volumes. Rs. 1,084 was spent in 1952, Rs. 2,750/- in 1953 and Rs. 1,000 in 1955. With the possibility of the college being affiliated to the Poona University, the library facilities may be increased to the extent of Rs. 5,000 per year.

The Lasalgaon High School more than doubled its library facilities in 1952-1953. More than 1,000 books were added and the whole library stock properly catalogued. A similar work has been done in the Lowry Memorial High School library. Here is a field where a great deal needs to be done. Every boarding school principal should do everything in his power to build up the school library.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Regarding vocational training we have had some very pointed and detailed instruction but practically nothing has been done. In some sections of our great Division, government educators are now preparing to introduce vocational training with their basic training. Unless we do something more than we have done we may find ourselves as the tail rather than the head. What a shame that would be in the light of all the counsel we have received from the servant of the Lord. Let us be doers of the word rather than sayers only.

FINANCIAL POSITION IN RELATION TO SELF-SUPPORT

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Rs.	324,869	357,460	314,201	349,344

If the amount of appropriations granted to our schools and the operating statements are to be taken into account, then we are a long way from self-support. As I view it, our first step towards a nominal self-support would be for the Unions to first of all provide for the salaries and the expenses of the workers and then let the school be responsible the first year of the new plan for at least 50 per cent of all the other expenses

to come from fees and industrial returns. At the rate we are going, we shall never reach self-support. However, it would be a wonderful step forward if all our boarding schools could provide from internal income the operating expenses over and above workers' salaries and expenses. This would mean that the school administration would carefully watch all expenses and see to it that students' bills were paid regularly. I feel that no administration should let accounts receivable run up into such figures as we found on various school books. I do not have all the figures but enough to feel that we have been amiss in our collection of fees.

In closing this section of the report I call your attention to the appeal set forth in the 1951 Educational Report. "Get More Land. All our schools are subsidized, some very heavily, though one or two only to a small degree. It is expected that the day will soon come when most of our schools may run the risk of having to close down due to there not being enough support from without and not sufficient provision from within to make them self-supporting. With the exception of one school, none of our institutions has enough land to grow sufficient food to feed its student body—certainly not enough to support the school. . . . By and large, our institutions need more land. . . . Some steps have been taken in this direction, but for the most part very little has been done. The warning seems sound: Now is the hour, (to get more land) it may soon be too late."

Principals, school boards, union committees, this is your problem, get more food-growing land and reduce your heavy appropriations. The Division and the Unions have done a lot for our schools during this period under review. Think of the investments that have been made. Think of the school plants that have been built and equipped. Stop and think of what these schools could do. Yes, the future could be bright, our schools could approach self-sufficiency, but that will take careful planning and strict supervision in all departments with a constant stress on greater economy and greater efficiency in the operation of all our departments.

REPORT FROM THE

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

J. F. ASHLOCK, *Secretary*

THE Ministerial Association of the Southern Asia Division includes within its fellowship every spiritual labourer who has accepted the invitation to serve in this part of the Lord's harvest field. While the association co-operates with and endeavours to assist every phase of the work, its main objectives are:

1. To encourage and foster a more spiritual, a more efficient and a more successful ministry, and
2. To direct the talents and energies of this divinely appointed ministry into the channel of full time fruitful evangelism.

Evangelism in its broadest sense comprises all those types of Seventh-day Adventist ministry which lead men and women to a knowledge and an acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ and His message for these last days. In harmony with the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy, departments have been organized to promote educational, medical, publishing and lay evangelism, therefore the Ministerial Association places special emphasis upon public evangelism.

We are fortunate indeed to have with us at this council the chairman of the General Conference Ministerial Association, Pastor R. R. Figuhr, whose presence means much to the ministry of Southern Asia.

QUADRENNIAL REVIEW

As we look back over the past four years our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to God for His many blessings upon the ministers in their evangelistic activities in Southern Asia. With deepest feelings of humility we admit our shortcomings and inadequacies and gladly give God the honour and glory for all that has been accomplished. It is only because of His goodness that we are able to report the following:

That the evangelistic flame in Southern Asia has burned brighter in

the past four years than during any similar previous period is evidenced by the fact that—

More study has been given to plans for public evangelism, and more funds have been allotted for this purpose by Division, Union and local committees,

More ministers, especially indigenous, have engaged in public evangelism,

More administrators have either conducted or assisted with full scale evangelistic efforts,

More vernacular efforts have been held, and best of all

More SOULS have been WON in the years 1952-1955 than in any previous quadrennium in the history of Seventh-day Adventist evangelism in India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon.

STATISTICS

A comparative statement of total accessions resulting from baptisms and profession of faith will be of interest at this juncture.

1948-1951	1952-1955
4,630	7,943

It is encouraging to note a gain of approximately 73% in accessions for the latter quadrennium over the former.

During the year 1955 there were 1,610 persons baptized and 42 added upon profession of faith, making a total of 1,652 accessions for the year.

In reply to a questionnaire sent to the Unions and Bombay State it was revealed that for 1955 a total of 237 public evangelistic efforts were held and that as a result 1,441 persons were reported to have been baptized.

This total includes baptisms resulting from other soul-winning phases of our work for South India and Bombay State.

This is an average of 6 plus for each effort.

Of the 1955 efforts 45 were city efforts with reported baptisms of 338 or an average of approximately $7\frac{1}{2}$ persons baptized for each. 192 were village efforts with reported baptisms of 1,103, or an average of approximately $5\frac{3}{4}$ persons baptized for each.

We thank God for every soul won to His kingdom. We recognize that each truly converted person is as great a miracle as that recorded in John's gospel, chapter eleven, concerning Lazarus. We honour you who are in attendance at the council and our fellow evangelists who were not chosen to be delegates, who have conducted public efforts. May you ever be true to your holy calling and at the appearing of the Master hear His words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In comparison with the reports of the fruits of evangelism in other world Divisions these results do not appear large. They do, however, indicate progress and we are encouraged to press on hopefully until the Lord of the Harvest in His all-wise providence sees fit to give us a greater increase.

ASSOCIATION INTERESTS

The Division and Union Ministerial Association secretaries all have other major responsibilities and therefore cannot devote as much time to Association interests as these interests deserve. Fortunately, however, we do have an evangelistically minded corps of labourers in this Division. The Division, union and local workers believe in public evangelism. A large number of administrators, departmental secretaries and institutional workers during the past four years have joined pastors and evangelists in conducting or assisting with public efforts. Throughout the quadrennium very liberal financial provision has been made for evangelistic interests.

INSTITUTES AND WORK SHOPS

During the past four years all evangelists, both overseas and indigenous, in all of the unions have had the privilege of attending ministerial institutes and evangelistic work shops. Detailed instruction has been given on methods, techniques

and procedures adapted to the new and changing conditions in Southern Asia. We pay tribute to the leadership in Burma, South India and Northwestern India Unions for their good work in providing much needed instruction through these channels of promotion. While it is apparent that this instruction has increased the efficiency of our workers, it is also apparent that we have not found all of the answers. Brethren, we are profoundly impressed with the urgent necessity of being whole-hearted in our consecration, earnest in our prayers and united in our determination to clear the highway for the King of kings to come in and somehow, somehow give us the answer, show us the way, supply to us the power and then make us willing to follow His plan that we may see the display of His glory and witness the progress according to His promises and commensurate with the needs of the hour.

SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL

Perhaps the most outstanding contribution toward greater success in evangelism during the period under review was made by the Seminary Extension School, which was held in March, April and May, 1955, here at Spicer Memorial College. One hundred and forty-two students were enrolled from all parts of the Division.

HIGH SCHOOL EVANGELISTIC TRAINING

Several of our High Schools give instruction to their senior students in evangelistic procedures and then provide laboratory experience by conducting student efforts in nearby villages. This practical training under the leadership of teachers who have a burden for souls has turned many young men toward the ministry.

ACCENT ON THE GOSPEL MINISTRY AT S. M. C.

An experiment was carried out during the past school year here at Spicer College which did much to elevate the position of the gospel ministry in the minds of the students. The Division officers and the president of the college arranged for Pastors E. L. Sorensen, I. M. Chand, and Miss de Salvia, to spend four days

at the college at the beginning of the first semester addressing the students on subjects pertaining to the high calling and the importance of the gospel ministry. This promotion encouraged several students to search their hearts in an endeavour to discover whether they were being called to this "the greatest work, the noblest effort in which men can engage."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 618. The father of one student spoke to me about the endeavour of the college to magnify and make honourable the work of the ministry and expressed his approval. Then, with pride, he added, "I was so happy to receive from my son a letter saying he had not only made a full surrender of his heart but he had felt the call of God and had decided to prepare for the ministry."

In His valedictory message following His death and resurrection, Jesus commissioned the eleven ordained ministers, "Go ye into all the world and *preach* the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. Just a little while previous to this He had said to them, "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be *preached* in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. To us as verily as to the apostolic preachers these words are spoken.

Those of us who make up this audience today constitute a part of the last generation of ministers that will ever dwell upon this sin-cursed earth. Our message will be the last message of warning and salvation that will ever be proclaimed to lost men, therefore there rests upon us the greatest responsibility that has ever rested upon a generation of God's chosen messengers since the sad day the original pair were driven from the gates of the garden of Eden.

The preaching of Christ—His life, His love, His death, His resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, His wonderful plan of salvation and His soon coming, is the most important work ever given to man. Surely then the supreme purpose of this council should be to discover how we and our associates can present Christ—in our private lives, in our personal contacts and in our public ministry. To present Him so sincerely, so simply, so clearly, so beautifully and so attractively, so consistently and so constantly that

through His power and by His grace all men everywhere will be irresistibly drawn to Him.

Public evangelistic ministry, the proclamation of Present Truth should and must demand more of our attention. This is the biggest business of our lives, it should be the only business of all those who have been set apart to this most sacred, most holy calling.

In this last awful hour of probationary time, surrounded as we are by the numberless millions of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, I say with deepest conviction, Brethren, there must be more PRAYER; there must be more POWER; there must be greater PROGRESS. Then let us pray—in private, at the family altar, and in all our gatherings. Let our prayers be prayers of surrender and submission, earnest appeals for the Holy Spirit's filling. Surely the Holy Spirit will be sent. He will supply the power. Then we shall be more consecrated and better qualified, and there will be greater progress.

SURVEY OF PROGRESS

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establishing the message in new places and in strengthening the work already begun. Still there are vast unentered territories in every union that we must quickly enter with the message of the imminent return of our Saviour. There are seventy-three cities in India alone whose population is numbered in lakhs, and of these thirty-three have never had an Adventist sermon preached in them. Our intrepid colporteurs have sold books in some of these places, and the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts and Bible lessons have carried the message there; but what a challenge these thirty-three large centres of over a lakh's population present to the living preacher.

We thank God for the confidence He has shown in us when He gave the commission to go into all the world. We must not disappoint Him. We must put into action an indigenous evangelistic programme such as has never been visualized, and fully utilize everyone who has heard the call of God to press into these places before it is everlastingly too late.

We must put forth every effort to

strengthen our steadily increasing membership so that they will not be unfruitful but will sense their responsibility toward the cause by being honest and faithful in tithes and offerings, and in witnessing for God in their homes, in their churches, and in their communities. The work will never be finished alone by the few workers that we have, but it can and will be consummated under the power of God working through every church member. Let us strengthen the spiritual foundation of our schools so that our young people who leave the doors of these institutions will have a true vision of service for the Master.

Southern Asia's medical workers have been active participants in soul-saving along with their very busy programme of healing the bodies of men. A strong Christian influence has gone out from our large medical centres in Rangoon, Karachi, Surat, Ranchi, Nuzvid, and Simla. The Giffard Memorial Hospital has graduated some well-qualified nurses, both scholastically and spiritually. We appreciate the excellent work that is being done by the doctors and nursing personnel in our institutions. We are grateful to the Lord for the excellent medical institutions that we have and also for the dispensaries and clinics scattered in remote places. We wish we had more of these, and we look forward to the time when our graduates will become actively engaged in a co-ordinated medical-evangelistic programme. We are proud of our students who are studying at the Christian Medical College, in Vellore. They have faithfully maintained our high standards, even in adverse circumstances. Nowhere could we find a more qualified and consecrated group of doctors than our present staff of Seventh-day Adventist doctors at Vellore.

My survey is already too long, but when we review our accomplishments in the light of the task that lies before us, they are so meagre. It should cause us to search our hearts to see whether we are permitting the Lord to work through us for a quick finishing of the work in this Division. Our territory is great and the population to be reached is still greater. We are called of God, so let us have faith in His leadings and go forth in His strength to accomplish far greater

things than we have done in the past. Let us at this time reconsecrate our talents, and dedicate all that we have to the great unfinished task so that greater things can be accomplished for God in Southern Asia. Then, when the work is finished, what a glorious reunion will be ours as we join hands with those who have preceded us in service, and with those whom the Lord has given us as a result of our service for Him. It will be a day of rejoicing when we unitedly enter the kingdom He is now preparing for us. It is my prayer that every one of us here will be there.

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant.—*Horace.*

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Look over the whole creation, and you shall see that the band, or cement, that holds together all the parts of this great and glorious fabric is gratitude.—*South.*

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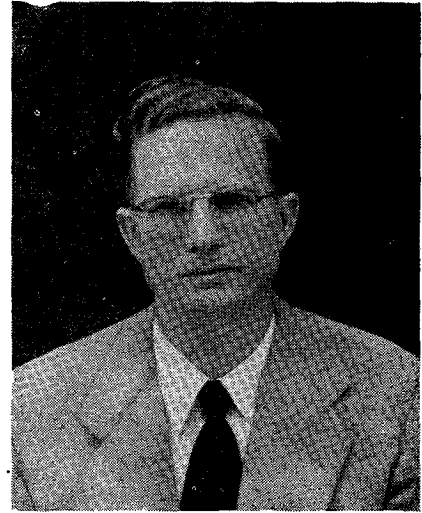
Miscellany

- PASTOR K. S. Brown has been appointed president of the East Pakistan Section which has become a part of the Pakistan Union. He and his family will locate in Dacca, East Pakistan. Following the Pakistan Union budget meeting Pastors Hamel, Champion, and Brown visited East Pakistan to become acquainted with the work and the problems to be met in that area. Pastor L. J. Tessier has also spent a few weeks there and will soon bring his family from Karachi to their new home in Dacca.
- AT THE recent Pakistan Union budget session Pastor A. M. Akbar was elected president of the Punjab Section.
- PASTOR C. R. Holford was appointed president of the Upper Ganges Section at the time of the Northwestern India Union budget session held March 29 to April 2.
- THE South India Union budget meeting was held from March 26 to March 28. At the time of this meeting the Kerala Section was divided into two—the North Kerala Section with Pastor P. C. Matthew as the president, and the South Kerala Section with Pastor L. C. Charles as the president.
- Miss Laurice Kafrouni left Karachi on March 19. After spending some time in Egypt with her family she will proceed to the United States for advanced study at Loma Linda.

- MR. and Mrs. D. H. Hunter and two little girls, Dr. Grace Ali Bakhsh and Miss Christine Ali Bakhsh accompanied the Reynolds family on the BATORY, leaving Karachi on March 26. The Hunters plan to make their home in England or in Canada and the Ali Bakhsh sisters will spend several months in advanced study in England before returning to service in Pakistan.
- PASTOR and Mrs. A. H. Farthing are getting settled in Secunderabad. They have spent several years in evangelistic work in Madras and will now lead out in the work in Secunderabad as Pastor and Mrs. D. S. Harris plan for their furlough.
- MR. and Mrs. L. N. Hare, Penny, and Dennis Ray left from Calcutta during the first week of April. Brother Hare is planning to obtain his M.A. degree in Science at the University of Maryland. We hope they will soon be able to return to our field.
- Miss Eliada Mann left Rangoon on April 8. She will travel across the Pacific by boat, planning to arrive in San Francisco on May 1. During her furlough period she will be taking advanced work in midwifery.
- PASTOR and Mrs. J. F. Ashlock, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ashlock and children left Bombay on April 10, 1956. They will do some sight-seeing in Europe as they travel home. During their furlough time in the United States both men hope to attend the Theological Seminary.
- ON Wednesday evening, April 4, 1956 at 4:30 p.m. the wedding of



MEET OUR WORKERS



PASTOR F. R. Scott is a 1946 graduate of Atlantic Union College. There he took the Theological course. He arrived in Burma in November 1947 and became pastor of the Rangoon church. In 1950 he went to the Union Training School, Myaungmya where he served as Bible teacher. He was acting principal of the school from March 1951 to June 1952 when he went on furlough.

Brother Scott learned the Burmese language so well that he was able to teach and preach in it during his last two years in Burma.

While on furlough Pastor Scott received his M.A. in Religion at the Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C. In 1954 he returned to Southern Asia where he is pastor of the Colombo churches at the present time.



Miss Sharlet Khandagle and Mr. Sharad Pandit was solemnized in the Salisbury Memorial Church. Pastor A. R. Appel of Bombay officiated and the church was filled with relatives and friends who also enjoyed the reception held in the Poona English Elementary school following the ceremony. These young people will continue to serve the Lord in the Bombay State.

- MR. Robinson Koilpillai who has been connected with the Bangalore Middle School as headmaster since his return from the United States has been asked to serve as principal of the Lasalgaon High School. He will join the school at the opening of the coming term.—D. S. J.

WANTED FOR CHRIST!

- Men and women who know that Christ died for them—to live for Him.
- Men and women who love their neighbours and who will, by God's help, carry the Spirit of Christ into the villages.
- Men and women who know the customs, and who are willing to use their time to take the gospel to dark places.
- Men and women, who because Christ is their Risen Saviour, are willing to give their lives, if need be, to win a lost soul.
- Men and women, who desire a crown with stars in it and who are willing to make ~~any~~ sacrifices to gain it.
- These men and women are wanted as lay workers in their home communities. Will you respond?

O. W. LANGE.