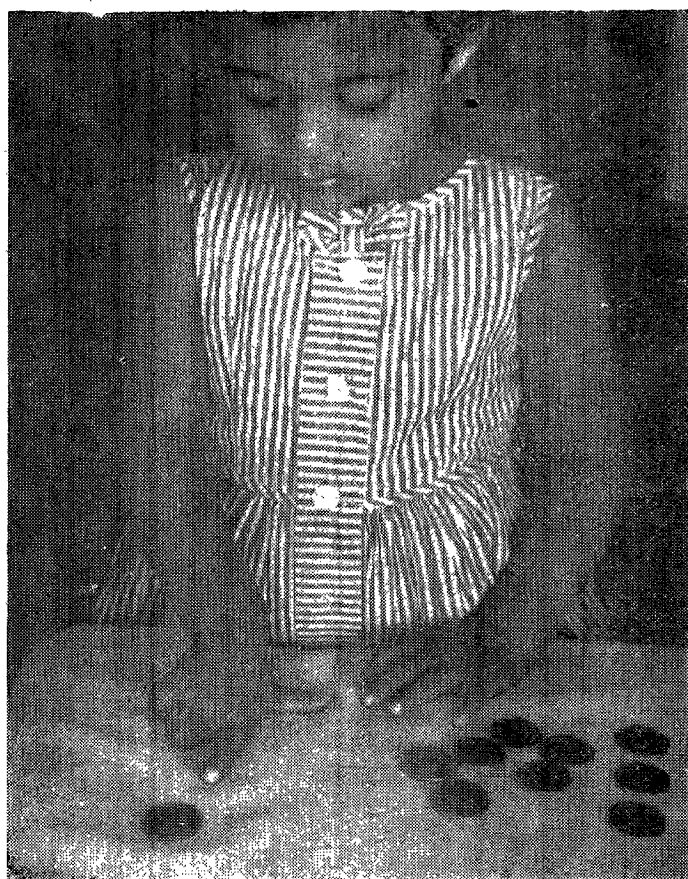


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A TITHE POSTER CONTEST

C. B. GUILD

THE SOUTHERN ASIA Division Treasury desires suitable designs for posters to be placed in our churches. These are to emphasize the tithing principle. Your help is requested. If you can draw, cartoon, paint, design, diagram, or letter, you may take part. Or you may just have a good idea, and can combine your talents with another.

Anyone young or old may take part. He should understand and believe the tithing system. Members will forward their poster (size 15" x 20") drawing to the Section Treasurer before February 15. Boarding school students will present their poster to their principal.

Ten rupees will be paid for the best poster in each Section, and the same for the best poster in each boarding school. The best in the Union will receive Rs. 20, and the three best in the Division will receive Rs. 50, Rs. 40 and Rs. 30 respectively.

Your poster must be original and should give a message, emphasizing some phase of tithing—its importance, benefits, or method of paying, etc. It may have few words or no words at all. It will be in harmony with the Bible and preferably will have a Southern Asia setting. The usual standards of originality, message, neatness, craftsmanship will apply.

Many Bible and Spirit of prophecy statements convey a picture. Use your imagination and reproduce the idea in picture form. Note the concrete words in these statements:

"Honour the Lord with thy sub-
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M. R. JUSTIN, *President*

Punjab Section

AS A GIRL Sheran attended our village school at Chichoke. But after two years her father felt he could not pay the fees and therefore took her out. He married her to a non-Christian. After a time a baby was born to this new home and the young couple were very happy.

Suddenly Labha, the husband fell ill. The village doctor was called but the illness was so severe that he gave up all hope of saving the sick man. One day Labha was lying unconscious on his *charpoy* while Sheran, with her babe in arms, was sitting near by. Tears were streaming from her eyes as she prayed to the God in heaven to spare the life of her companion. Suddenly a memory from school days flashed through her mind. It was a sermon which had been given on tithing and the blessings which will follow if the tithe is paid honestly and faithfully. The sermon seemed as fresh in her mind as if she had heard it only yesterday.

The same moment she prayed, "Dear Lord, I have hidden all I learned in school. Please forgive

me and restore my dying husband. I promise Thee that I shall pay a faithful tithe and even more. What light I have received I shall not hide."

God heard her prayer and soon afterwards her husband recovered. When Labha was well enough Sheran told this experience. He was very grateful for the prayer which his wife had offered and he also promised to pay tithe. They did not forget their promise.

Labha's younger brother, Mengha, lives with his wife in Chak Jagoo village. Sheran shared her faith with her sister-in-law. After a few months Evangelist S. M. Bhatti passed through the village and met this family. Both of these women were very happy and requested Bro. Bhatti to visit them occasionally. Later an effort was held in Chak Jagoo and these two families were baptized. Both families are faithful in paying tithe and they are enjoying the blessings which God has promised.

Labha's third brother, Sadiq, is not baptized but he pays tithe like the other brothers. However Sadiq's wife, Rajan, is a baptized church member.

The fourth brother, Inayat Mas'h, is a worker in our Karachi Hospital.

To Homemakers

VALLEM SOLOMON

Andhra Pradesh

FROM MY childhood I was a non-Christian. I took a keen interest in ceremonies connected with the worship of false gods. When I became of age I was married but no children were born into our home. In consultation with the priest, my wife and I made several pilgrimages to many holy places of our religion but this did not help our situation. After some time my wife became pregnant. We were very happy but at the end of days she gave birth to a dead child. Likewise she gave birth to five dead children. We were greatly disappointed.

One day as we were crying over the still-born child, K. Solomon, a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist,

passed our way and encouraged us to become Christians and try Jesus in our family. We harkened to this advice and began to attend church. We learned to pay tithe and give offerings. Soon we were baptized. No sooner had we started to pay tithe than we began to see the bountiful blessings of God poured upon us. My wife gave birth to a living child. We now have three living children. We were also blessed with a rich harvest crop.

As we have tasted these blessings we cannot help proclaiming the news to those surrounding us. Many who believed as we formerly did began to see the light of truth. In 1964 five were baptized as a result of our witness.

God has blessed our Pulazurtha church with a good church building and 30 baptized members.

Follow His Plan and GO GIVES GOO

V. D. EDWARD, *President*

Tamil Section

WE HAVE A sincere, aged Seventh-day Adventist believer in one of our hill estates. In this area the people grow potatoes. To the dismay of the villagers, they found wild pigs were destroying their potato crop. So they decided to appoint a night watchman.

Money was collected from each villager to pay the watchman. When our believer was asked to contribute he said, "I have already appointed a watchman. I don't need to pay this man you have appointed." According to the promise in Malachi 3:11 the Lord promises "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground." Our brother strongly believed that inasmuch as he had been paying his tithe the Lord would protect his crop.

Although he appointed watchman watched the fields at night, the villagers discovered that the pigs still destroyed the tender plants.

But to the surprise of everyone, although all the fields around our brother's field were destroyed, not a plant was touched in our believer's field. Our brother found

To Farmers

a big, wild pig in one of the pits in a corner of his field. He sold it for a good sum and paid tithe on that also.

The villagers realized that the God whom the old man serves is the true God and they, too, have decided to serve Him. Many are interested in the truth.

MEASURE

S. G. DAVID, *President*

Kannada Section



MANDAPALLI CHINNA YOHAN

Andhra Pradesh

A FEW YEARS ago T. K. Murthy accepted the truth under trying circumstances. His non-Christian parents, brothers and sisters joined in insulting him. His friends rejected him and the community ignored him. In spite of these difficulties, Bro. Murthy is faithful to the Lord.

To Manufacturers

The Murthy family own a small plastic firm in which all the male members work, including the father. Though the latter is a good business man, he had given up the proprietorship in favour of his son, T. K. When our brother decided to follow the Lord in baptism, the father and two brothers asked him to give up his foolish religion or the proprietorship of the firm would be taken away. He readily agreed to give up the proprietorship.

Without the help of T. K. the family knew the business would not be successful and so they asked him to continue to hold the title to the firm. Now it was Bro. Murthy's turn to ask concessions. His requests were as follows:

"If I should manage the business, I must close the firm from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. Furthermore, I must pay the Lord one-tenth of all my income. If you make these concessions, I will be happy to conduct the business for you. If not, I cannot do the business."

It was some time before the family agreed to the proposal but eventually they did. Brother Murthy closes the business before sunset on Friday and it remains closed until after sunset on Sabbath. He faithfully pays one-tenth of all his income to the Lord. As a result the business is expanding.

ON A SABBATH day some years ago I was led by an Adventist woman to attend the church at Mandapeta. In response to the appeal of the pastor I gave my heart to Jesus that same day. Later I was baptized.

I was still a child when my father died. He left me about half an acre of wet land with a large

debt. When I had a family of my own to support I found it hard with this little property. Therefore I learned to repair bicycle tires and old shoes.

At the time of my baptism I made up my mind to pay a faithful tithe to the Lord. That year I brought half a bag of paddy to the church as tithe. In addition I had the tithe from my income on tire repairs. Some ridiculed me for this but the Lord abundantly blessed me. The harvest from my field and my daily income greatly increased. With these gains I was able to clear the debts which my father had incurred and also to save enough to build a nice house which cost approximately Rs. 4000.

Because of these blessings I wanted to share my faith with others. I joined hands with my pastor. Six were brought into the church in 1964 as a result.

MRS. H. SETHNA

Kodai Kanal

GOD HAS been very good to me and I am grateful to Him. His promises are sure. Since I be-

gan to pay an honest tithe my monthly allowance has been increased and I have been able to save a bit. For the first time I have been able to deposit an amount in the fixed savings account for six months and have received interest.

To Labourers

S. CHAND, *President*

Upper Ganges Section

HECTOR A. SMITH, a member of the Moradabad church, is a railway guard by profession. Before becoming an Adventist he was convinced that he should pay tithe. At that time he was working 24 days in a month and receiving a salary of Rs. 150-200. Since he was on running duty there was the problem of Sabbath-keeping. He prayed earnestly that God would open the way for him to keep the Sabbath holy. But he was determined that no matter what might come, he would obey the Lord. Now he works only 12 days a month and draws a salary of Rs. 300. He was changed from regular goods train to a special Divisional Material train. He gets

his Sabbaths off and pays his tithe faithfully.

Hannet Paul Singh is working on the railway as a boiler. He reasoned that since he is a young man he must strive to get ahead. He failed to recognize that God is the owner and giver of all good gifts. He was receiving Rs. 55 per month in wages and was having a hard time financially. One day he told his difficulties to the church pastor who emphasized the importance of giving God the tithe and pointed out the blessings that follow. The young man pledged to pay his tithe.

The first month he brought in Rs. 5.50 in tithe. The pastor prayed for God's blessing upon the tithe and the giver. The very next month the young man had Rs. 9 in tithe. After some time he got another increment of Rs. 10.

Make the Sabbath a Delight

MRS. R. L. ODOM

GOD INTENDED the Sabbath to be a great blessing to all—the happiest day of the week. Is it such to you? Is it a pleasure to your children?

Sometimes children look forward to the Sabbath with dread instead of happy anticipation because to them it seems a day of prohibitions. The plans for the day may have been made for the grown-ups, and the children have been left with nothing interesting to do except idly wait for the sun to go down. Such a situation should be changed, and it is the duty of parents to bring about the necessary transformation in their own home.

The very beginning of the Sabbath is most important. Friday, the day of special preparation, should also be a day of special anticipation, as if a much-loved Guest were arriving at the going down of the sun. Children quickly catch the spirit of the parents. If mother shares with them some special plans for the Sabbath, and they all participate in the prepa-

rations, they will feel that they are a part of the plan. Be careful to have all the cleaning done, the food prepared, the clothes ready, and the baths taken in good time before the sun sets on Friday evening. Then, in clean clothes and a clean house, the family gathers a few moments before sundown to welcome the sacred hours with songs of praise and special worship. If the children are old enough, assign one of them, from time to time, a special part to prepare for Friday evening worship; or once in a while, let all have a part. And a special story for the children that evening, before they are tucked into bed, will be a pleasing climax to a busy, happy day.

After a good night's rest, the family should be ready to rise on Sabbath morning early enough to enjoy an unhurried breakfast, make the necessary preparations, and to get to Sabbath school on time. If your church does not provide for a children's division in the Sabbath school, request that

such provision be made for them. They are the lambs of the flock, and the best talent available should be drafted to make their division interesting and lively, with songs, pictures, and Bible stories. If this is done, the children will love the Sabbath school, especially if their parents have taken time during the preceding week to teach them the Sabbath school lesson so that they can enter into the discussions and answer questions intelligently.

During the second service the children should sit with their parents, and they should remain quiet and reverent. If they are too small to understand the sermon, a quiet toy which they do not use at any other time, might be given them to hold and look at. But they cannot sit quietly for too long a period.

While overeating on the Sabbath should be guarded against, still some special treat that will appeal to the children should be provided for Sabbath dinner. After the noon meal and a siesta, the children will be ready to take a walk among the beauties of nature with their parents. Or, if the weather is not suitable for that, they will enjoy some Sabbath stories or games.

Parents, do not begrudge the time you must spend with your little ones. The years pass all too quickly. Soon the children will be grown; they will no longer lie in your arms or sit at your knee, and your opportunity to teach them the precious lessons of life in song and story will be gone forever. Cherish as most precious the hours you can spend with them in happy companionship. Enter into their joys and sorrows; be the ones in whom they most confide. On Sabbath parents have laid aside their daily toil and can then take time to be congenial companions to their children.

Study together the precious truths of this message, according as they grow older and can understand. It is really surprising how much even little tots can understand of spiritual truth if they are taught; and how much pleasure it gives the entire family to memorize portions of the Scrip-

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1. *Thou shalt guard thy children in the home and on the streets.*
2. *Thou shalt make thy home a sanctuary of love and devotion.*
3. *Thou shalt honour the teachers of thy children, and teach the children to honour them.*
4. *Thou shalt not condone the faults of thy children through a misguided sense of loyalty.*
5. *Thou shalt teach thy children respect for the law, and keep them from the companionship of those who disrespect it.*
6. *Thou shalt not lead thy child into temptations by providing him with the means thereof, such as too much money and adult privileges.*
7. *Thou shalt endorse decency in the dress of thy daughter, and dignity in the dress of thy son.*
8. *Thou shalt protect the morals of thy children from the indiscretions of youthful ardour and inexperience.*
9. *Thou shalt conduct thine own affairs in such a manner as to set an example worthy of imitation by thy child.*
10. *Thou shalt always remember that thou art in the place of God to thy children until they come to the age of accountability. No task is so sacred as being a parent.*

The Quiet Hour Echoes.

IT IS refreshing to observe a courteous child. Parents should teach their children attractive habits in speech and manners which will build confidence and self-assurance. These traits will prepare them to participate in religious and social activities as they grow to maturity. "Courtesy . . . is one of the graces of the Spirit, and should be cultivated by all. It has power to soften natures which without it would grow hard and rough. Those who profess to be followers of Christ, and are at the same time rough, unkind, and uncourteous, have not learned of Jesus. Their sincerity may not be doubted, their uprightness may not be questioned; but sincerity and uprightness will not atone for a lack of kindness and courtesy."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 237.

A 10-year old was overheard to demand in church, "Hand me the paper!" The parents appeared cultured, well-dressed and refined. One could not help wondering why their daughter had not been taught to request, "Please, may I look at the bulletin?"

While visiting in a home recently a noisy little boy ran through the room where his mother and I were talking. He slammed the door behind him. His mother apologized with the comment, "Aren't they little rascals!" Apparently the lad did not know he had done something inappropriate or rude. "To bear the cross of Christ is to . . . practise Christian courtesy, even when it is inconvenient to do so."—*Testimonies*, vol. 4, p. 627.

Observe the children of a friend

tures together. Try it, and see the children respond with love and reverence for the Sabbath and for you as they have never shown before.

Angels will love to linger in such homes. When the sun sinks in the west on Sabbath evening and the sacred hours draw to a close, all, from the oldest to the youngest, will feel it has indeed been a blessed day—the best of all the week!

Courtesy Makes Home Happy

MRS. R. S. LOWRY

of mine. When we go to their house, whether the parents are at home or not, we are met with hospitable courtesy and ease of manner. The children exhibit refinement and are careful to show an interest in what is being said. It is a pleasure to have them around. Obviously the parents have taken the time necessary to teach them.

I am reminded of a family with several children. When invited to their home for a meal I was interested to notice that even the youngest child showed courtesy by exhibiting good table manners. Parents can be proud when the results of training are seen.

It is unfortunate that rude and crude manners are frequently observed in boys and girls. Why have fathers and mothers neglected to guide their children when the consequences are so far-reaching? A young man I know once lost a valuable job because of his lack of good manners. "Our happiness depends upon this cultivation of love, sympathy, and true courtesy to one another."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 539.

There comes a time in the life of every child when he finds it necessary to be courteous and pleasing. How disheartening it must be when he realizes his inadequacy to the situation and is embarrassed for a lack of proper words and actions! Advance training is so necessary!

Children learn by observing others. As parents and adults practise courtesy toward each other and particularly toward children, it will have a lasting effect upon young impressionable minds. One effective method to help boys and girls practise the gracious amenities of daily living is to encourage them, when very young, to be courteous in their play. Thus good manners become habitual.

What a responsibility we parents face in properly training our children to be kind and courteous! We are advised, "Above all things else, let parents surround their children with an atmosphere of cheerfulness, courtesy and love." *Ministry of Healing*, p. 386.

THE LAMBS FOLLOW THE SHEEP

*We often hear the plea for trying to keep
The lambs of the flock in the fold;
And well we may; but what of the sheep?
Shall they be left out in the cold?*

*'Twas a sheep, not a lamb that strayed away,
In the parable Jesus told—
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray,
From ninety and nine in the fold.*

*The lambs will follow the sheep you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray;
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.*

*And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost
Some sheep may have to pay!*

—Author Unknown.

*We've held our tenth Lay Congress
In this great South Asian field,
And we anticipate a rich
And mighty harvest yield.*

*We've had a grand attendance,
Four thousand laymen came
To learn to work with Jesus
And help exalt His name.*

*We've had some wondrous meetings,
We've felt the Spirit's power;
The surging, sweeping love of God
Rolled in each fleeting hour.*

*These priceless schools of Jesus—
What lessons He imparts
What sweet and precious blessings
Inspire our happy hearts.*

*This mighty laymen's army
Will march with feet well shod
To warn these teeming millions
And share their faith in God.*
—Adlai Albert Esteb.

THE ADVENTIST church in Southern Asia can never be the same again! How can it be after these twelve great lay congresses that stretched from Chuharkana to Rangoon, from Dehra Dun to Colombo? How can it be after the commissioning of 1200 laymen into active witnessing? How can it be after the spirit of revival, full consecration and the foretaste of heaven that was experienced at these gatherings?

What was each Congress like? Visualize the Western India Congress at Malavali, a hill-top camp-site, 40 miles north of Poona. Look at the delegates! There is Shekji Sable, 90, a man bent with age but strong in bearing the torch of the gospel. On the other end of the age-scale is the youngest delegate—a boy of 14. Then there is Estherbai, a notable, fire-filled woman, past 80. There is also Bapu Khochikar, who with closed eyes, can touch the chords of his crude toy violin and make a real "joyful noise unto the Lord."

In between these lay evangelists sprinkle some 140 from different walks of life—farmers, taxi drivers, students, weavers. Put them under the Esteb-Maywald dual leadership. At once you have the picture of a Lay Congress—a picture of joyous songs, instructional classes, spiritual food presented by one who has read his Bible through 43 times. He reads the love chapter of I Corinthians every morning. Opportunity is given for laymen to relate soul-winning experiences. This all climaxes in an urgent "commissioning of the 120."

Congress highlights:

Northwestern India Union

Convened Nov. 3-8 at Mohand, a Forest Re-

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serve campground in the Siwalik Hills near Dehra Dun. Eighty-nine souls were won by laymen during the past two years. Two laymen reported having won 50 each since their baptism in 1955.

South India Union

Andhra Pradesh: Three hundred laymen and workers, represented nearly every church and company in the Andhra section, attended the Lay Congress held at Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, Nov. 10-14. The motto "By God's Help More Souls" hung above the platform. Sabbath attendance was swelled to 800 with members from the surrounding area. Forty-one laymen related soul-winning experiences at the Sabbath afternoon symposium. Eleven who had been won through the efforts of the hospital staff were baptized. Two hundred and four were commissioned and given the "120" pins.

During the Congress the delegates were privileged to witness on Nov. 12 the capping of 16 nurses of the class of '67. This was followed by a programme depicting the growth of the work of Seventh-day Adventists in Andhra from the year 1912 to the present time.

Tamil Nad and Kannada sections combined at Pondicherry for the Lay Congress held Nov. 16-19. Sabbath afternoon 24 laymen related experiences. One told of an interest in the villages of Rajakalpathi and Dindugul where Tamil section President V. D. Edward baptized 24. A month later L. G. Lowe and A. J. Johanson conducted a three week lightning campaign following which 37 were baptized—a total of 61 in that one area. One hundred and fourteen were commissioned and presented with the "120" insignia.

Kerala: The golden beams of the setting sun beautified the Kottarakara hill where 161 laymen and women and 47 workers and teachers welcomed the Sabbath. Five hundred attended the services on the Sabbath day. Laymen won 496 during the past two years. A blind layman, led by a child, has prepared three for baptism this year. Another blind layman listened to instruction on how to use *The Bible Made Plain*. He took this book to his minister and requested him to repeat the twelve Bible studies until our brother could memorize them. Then he went about to teach. Placing the booklet in the hands of an interested one, the latter was requested to help our blind brother read the Bible and give the answers. In this way seven have been prepared for baptism.

That Sabbath evening at Kottarakara the various trades and walks of life were represented by dhobies, carpenters, electricians, soldiers, masons, farmers, and stone-cutters as they took part in a

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panoramic march programme. One hundred fifty were commissioned.

Western India Union

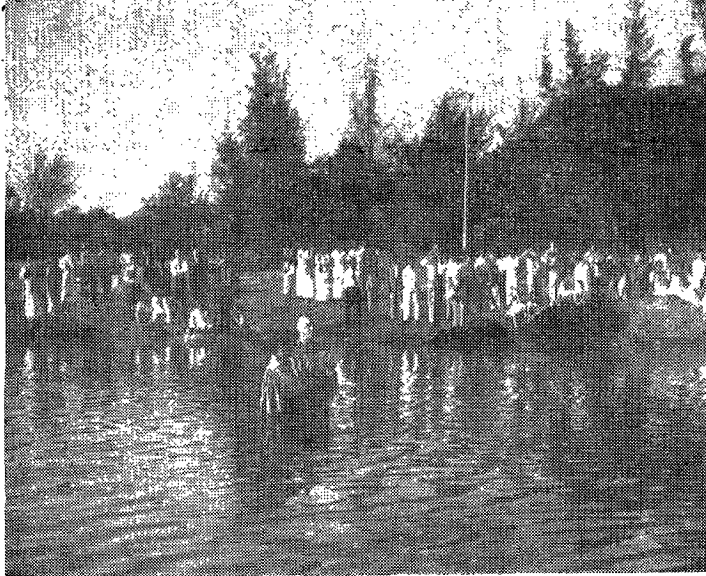
One hundred and thirty-eight were commissioned to do a greater work. One entire church, Aundh, sprang up as a direct result of lay work by the students of Spicer Memorial College.

Twenty-six year old Mohammed Yaqub was attending a Technical school in Kirkee when Spicer College Home Missionary workers found him. With four friends Mohammed began studying the Bible. In March 1964 one of the four was baptized and joined the Spicer College church. Undecided as to his future, Mohammed left Poona and went home to Indergarh in Kota District. He thought of the words of Truth he had studied and began corresponding with Spicer College. Spicer invited him to come and join in studies there. He met with much opposition but arrived at Spicer College and was invited to attend the Lay Congress at Malavali. It was there on Nov. 28 that Spicer Home Missionary Sponsor W. G. Johnsson baptized Mohammed Yaqub. Now his greatest desire is to win the members of his family and relatives.

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Climaxing ten of these Adventist-in-Action sessions came the four-day Home Missionary Council at Poona, November 31-December 3 where were gathered the seven Union Home Missionary secretaries and the local section Home Missionary leaders.

Under the leadership of these men and with the help of the 1200 commissioned lay workers can the work in Southern Asia be the same again?



Mohammed Yaqub is baptized.

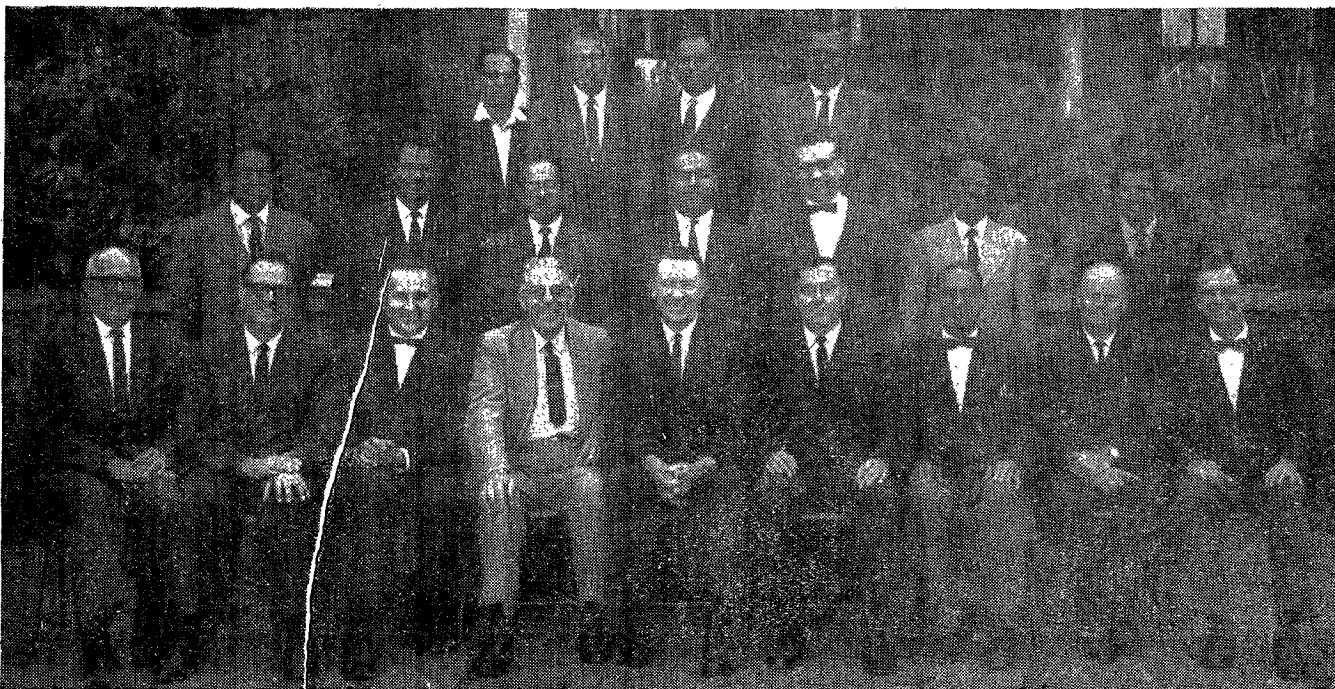
*Two eagles that flew
In the brilliant blue,
Were blowing the breeze as they soared,
When a modern Jet
On a straight course set,
Shot past them as onward it roared.*

*One bird turned his head,
And then quickly said,
I wish I could fly like that flier;
The other said, Good,
And maybe you could,
If you had two tails, both on fire!*

*The thought comes to me,
And I share it free:
WE ALL COULD GO FASTER AND HIGHER,
FOR WE KNOW IT'S TRUE,
WHATEVER WE DO,
WE DO SO MUCH MORE WHEN ON FIRE!*

—Adlai Albert Esteb.

Home Missionary leaders gathered at Salisbury Park.



THE CHURCH BELL rang more than usual last week. Ten special times we gathered at that special place, the Salisbury Memorial Church in Poona.

Our Division president set the pace. SUNDAY morning, December 6, with a unique message intended to "encourage us, for the end is near." Making reference to India's guest who had just departed from the 38th International Eucharistic Congress the day before, Doctor Lowry delineated final evidence that we have been following the sure Word of God, that the final windup of earth's history is just before us. No Seventh-day Adventist in Southern Asia who listened to the talk can dare forget its challenge and encouragement as we watch God's words come true and as we continue to work with Him here.

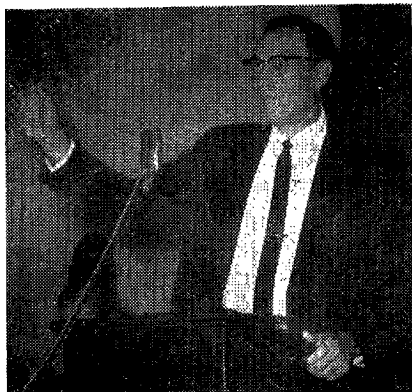
Sunday evening brought with it reports from "two of the most colourful areas of the Division"—Ceylon and the Northeast. E. C. Beck



mentioned that the Ceylon population is growing twice as fast as India's. The energetic workers and co-operative laymen, 700 of them, faced the challenge this year with a number of "firsts." High among these was the opening of Lakeside Medical Centre in Kandy last week, disclosed Pastor Beck. The 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was introduced to Ceylon in October, bringing success for 61 of the 68 participants in Colombo, and resulting in outstanding press coverage there and for the second Plan as well. Highest and shortest? The Ingathering campaign, of course. A record thirty-five thousand rupees in five weeks. Likewise the literature evangelists gave the Advent truth to a record number of persons and got a record income through book sales. Lakpahana Training School is known as the best

school on the island. Even its hens are famous! The 900 birds, each bringing in a net profit of Rs. 2 a month, have virtually been cackling approval of the plan to make the school self-supporting next year and the entire Union financially mature in ten years. Faithful tithe paying, the united evangelism approach, ribbon-cutting in October for the VOP building, 13 branch Sabbath Schools in Colombo alone, what has this added up to? Pastor Beck told us—102 baptisms so far this year, a 30 per cent increase in Sabbath school members over last year, perhaps another 30 baptisms before the end of the year. This would mean a phenomenal growth rate nearly double our church world average of 10 per cent annual increase. Just before the Spicer College quartet sang, Doctor Lowry remarked, "It's the first time I've heard a report like this from Ceylon!"

Then it was B. J. Williams' turn.



"God has been good to us. We have 138 precious souls to report so far this year," he began. One of these is a Tibetan woman, three are Manipuri Valley people, Meithei. The government library hall in Shillong has seated 600 to 1000 persons to hear Bible truth presented. Four new church buildings, 9 new elementary schools, 5 youth camps, three thousand active Bengali VOP students, 5 truck loads of welfare distribution, 500 Calcutta children at a branch Sabbath School, what an array of encouraging facts and figures. The Lushai area has 500 postal registrations and Lushai VOP lessons have reached into almost 400 of these villages. Two people, one a Nepali, are ready for baptism in connection with the mobile medical work at Kalimpong.

MONDAY morning C. L. Torrey took us back to the day of small things. With numbers galore, little and large ones, he contrasted the Ad-

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ventists of 1848 with the Adventist church of the now. In 1848, for example, schools and teachers, to train Adventist children for their unique place in the world were nil. Now enrolment in our schools is pushing 350 thousand in over 5 thousand schools. Publishing work, medical work, church finance and membership similarly show the result of superhuman guidance. In 1963 the Seventh-day Adventist church was comprised of 1 million 428 thousand.

Whatever enemies might say, the work of our church is NOT disintegrating. This was the point of emphasis in Pastor Torrey's talk. He recounted an incident from his own experience. When travelling from Marseilles, France, to Berne, Switzerland, he was obliged to go by train. His knowledge of French was limited to *oui* and *glace* (yes, ice cream). No matter, he was politely shown to his coach with its sign Marseilles—Berne on its side. A through-coach it was, so he was told to just stay on the train until he came to Berne. Next morning, sure enough, he arrived safely at his destination. Pastor Torrey's message to us? Stay on the carriage. God is directing the work of the Adventist church. We shall reach our heavenly destination if we dedicate ourselves to Him. Our hearts felt again the words in Mrs. Herbert Stickle's solo, "I will give all to Thee."

TUESDAY morning A. A. Esteb kept ears listening and hands writing, even of those who had returned from Spicer College late the preceding evening. Visiting from the General Conference, Doctor Esteb condensed and expanded the book of Ephesians, showing it to be the jewel case of the Bible. The unsearchable riches of Christ, that's its one great treasure. Our God is not only an external God to be worshipped, but must be to each one of us an immanent God. He must be brought right into our hearts

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where He can do something for and through us. He illustrated this quotation: "The religion of Christ, exemplified in the daily life of His followers, will exert a tenfold greater influence than the most eloquent sermons," by reference to the story of Emilio Knechtle, co-chairman of the World's Fair religious committee, a prominent businessman who had helped raise a million dollars for the Billy Graham Crusade in New York. It was the religion of Christ exemplified that influenced him to the third angel's message. Baptized six months after his own baptism was the first of 14 youth he has led to Christ.

In the evening C. H. Hamel



brought us greetings from Pakistan. Standing right in the middle of his Union territory, yet not in it, he mentioned two out-of-the-ordinary firsts: unfortunately losing five hundred members at one time (Adventists who fled to India early in the year), and yet providentially exceeding Rs. 152,000 in 1964 Ingathering. Though educational and evangelistic work came nearly to a standstill in East Pakistan, after half a year it picked up again with increased interest in the Garo area and

596 persons doing VOP group study with our laymen. Gopalganj medical work is helping to face the challenge of East Pakistan with her thousand persons per square mile, the most densely populated area of Southern Asia. In the Punjab, West Pakistan, 10 new areas have been entered, said Pastor Hamel. South in the newly entered Sind area "lost sheep" have been found. At Karachi 12 December baptisms were expected, fruitage of several evangelistic programmes in that fast-growing city. Karachi Hospital improvements have included morale as well as plant and finance. Fifty thousand out-patients, 700 deliveries kept things moving. Twenty-three students at Spicer College show promise to augment the working force so the total of 215 baptisms expected for the year will swell into a greater outreach for Christ.

G. J. Christo and K. H. Gammon sang "It Took a Miracle" and then O. W. Lange of the Northwestern

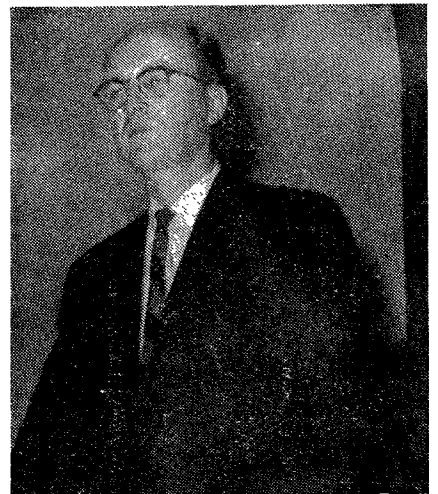


India Union related some of the miracles in his territory. He spoke of the interest Northwest ministers are taking in the Spirit of prophecy, its resulting realization of urgency in their work. Realizing that debt is sin, there has been progress toward its liquidation. Faithful tithe and blessings accordingly, good Ingathering gain contributing to a Rs. 84,500 total, Roorkee School's importance to the field, VOP interests in Kashmir, 30 thousand people watching our temperance films—all of these were good to hear about. Can you picture the crowns awaiting the two humble laymen who have each won fifty to Christ since joining the church a few years ago? Can you imagine Shastri's inner thoughts as he indicated the Adventists had as much right to hold public meetings in New Delhi as did the ruffians who opposed them? The Bible-marking group there will surely

lead to some of the two hundred baptisms predicted for the union and year."

"I am proud of the gospel; it is God's saving power for everyone who has faith," Moffatt's translation of Romans 1:16, provided the devotional take-off for the flight into WEDNESDAY. C. H. Hamel mentioned first the change brought to the life of Paul, then to the "son of thunder" who became John the Beloved. Next he revealed some of his personal history with a ringing testimony as to the power of God to take the dust off a Bible, to unlock the mysteries of beasts and prophecies, and most of all, to save from sin. His appreciation for the logic of the Message had become buttressed with love for the Message. So with the Spirit of prophecy. "It is the most wonderful gift given to any church in any time," said Pastor Hamel. "I marvel at its scope. I am not ashamed of it." As Paul in his old age felt not one iota of regret for the discomforts and trials he suffered for the cause of the Gospel, so we can fight a good fight, proudly representing the Giver of crowns of righteousness.

After two years—here again. The entire Wednesday night meeting was devoted to Burma, with W. L. Murrill reporting. Spicer students



from Burma came across town to hear from home. It was not surprising to see a homesick tear or two. Any tendency to gloom was dispelled, however, by Mrs. Peter Parker's song, "Jesus Now Carries My Care."

The Rangoon Hospital has been able to operate at full capacity, though no longer fully staffed. No new nursing class was begun this year. Thirty-five schools are in operation and ever so anxious to stay that way. The Bible Seminary guided by W. W. Christenson has seen 27 finish its

training and 19 are yet studying. A comprehensive manual of evangelism, a new VOP course "The Search for Happiness," Bible study outlines and 40 tracts to be used with them have been developed especially to meet the minds of Burma's people. To the honour of God, and to the astonishment of finite faith, the 1964 Ingathering goal of 70 thousand kyats was reached plus 12 thousand, making a total which ranks high among previous records, this despite theft of twelve hundred kyats.

A Vacation Bible School in Rangoon resulted in a Branch Sabbath School, one of the 31 in the Union. Tithe increase is good to note anywhere, and to learn that lay tithe in Burma increased Ks. 5,500 shows that God's Spirit needs no visa, His blessings need no import permit. Our colporteurs have also been blessed, sales totalling Ks. 87,000 to the end of October, compared with Ks. 56,000 last year in the same period. When the book *The Prince and the Rebel* is ready, it will be widely distributed as a sales bonus and with it goes the Water of Life for a thirsting people. During the first three quarters of 1964, 126 were baptized and no doubt the year's total will reach the 300 mark.

"Pray Till the Light Breaks Through." This was the musical advice given THURSDAY morning as Pastor and Mrs. J. G. Corban sang.

And Thursday morning Pastor Torrey challenged us not so much with our duty to tend the Lord's vineyard, but fundamentally and first of all with our duty to tend the vineyard of our own hearts. We can give only as we receive. We must be good before we can do good. Salvation is a personal matter. Foundation for Pastor Torrey's talk was the quote from *Mount of Blessing*, p. 150: "If you will seek the Lord and be converted every day; if you will of your own spiritual choice be free and joyous in God; if with gladsome consent of heart to His gracious call you come wearing the yoke of Christ—the yoke of obedience and service—all your murmurings will be stilled, all your difficulties will be removed, all the perplexing problems that now confront you will be solved."

The church bell rang again Thursday night. "Tell it far and near . . . Jesus will soon appear," these words we all sang. The *near* was represented in the subsequent report by M. D. Moses of Western India, home union for Poona residents. The 70 million people in Maharashtra and



Gujarat pose a Herculean challenge. Among these 70 million are about two thousand Seventh-day Adventists. Among the two thousand are 40 village workers, including school teachers.

Fifty-five baptisms plus 157 more planned for December makes the year's total more than 200. Ahmedabad, Satara and Goa have felt the thrust of new work. Lay tithe shows a healthy gain as does colporteur trade. The 50 Sabbath Schools in Western India are conducting 59 branch Sabbath schools. At Surat the Vacation Bible School idea received a try-out, with great success. Lasalgaon School is providing Christ-centred education for 110 students. The Surat Hospital showed an operating gain of Rs. 15,000 for the first nine months of 1964. "Workers and laymen in Western India are of good courage," concluded their union president, and it's obvious they have good reason to be.

The *far* was represented that night by A. J. Johanson of South India



who spent four months of 1964 visiting half of his churches. Work this

year was geared in every department toward the goal of winning 15 hundred souls. By November 15, with public evangelism still in progress, baptisms totalled 1,236. Pastor Johanson told of the college student who studied VOP lessons, was baptized, enrolled and saw baptized a nursing superintendent, and after receiving his "120" commission in November resolved, "I am going home to enrol 120 more people in the Bible course before the end of the year."

We heard of the teacher who in two years has helped win 54 people. A landholder, he has now decided to give up his work as a teacher so as to do more soul-winning. Several other stories—a Kerala lady whose dedication won the heart of her husband, a cloth merchant who observed Christianity and wanted it, a former Hindu who brought his three brothers and 30 others to Jesus, a winner of 38 who was a poor man but "when I began to pay tithe I became well off"—such stories brought a foretaste of the interesting ones we can hear soon, for "Jesus will soon appear."

Sixteen hundred students are in our schools. Giffard Memorial Hospital is demonstrating Christian service to seventy or eighty out-patients daily. Literature evangelists realized a sales gain of Rs. 93,000 for the January-October period, though increasing emphasis has been on spiritual values rather than monetary values. Other statistics show increment—lay tithe, Ingathering, VOP.

Like a chain reference, our FRIDAY morning song fits in here, "Heirs of the Kingdom." Then Doctor Esteb conveyed God's call to complete dedication. Catching our attention in his inimitable story-telling, poetry-reciting way, he showed us our duty, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets." Involved is a call for action, for greater work, a call for deeper experience. TNT, today—not tomorrow, dynamites the "some other time" fallacy. We heard of the ship ready to sail from New York to Europe. Anchors were pulled up and the captain had ordered the ropes pulled in. Yet the ship didn't move at all. Someone had not taken up the rear rope and "there was that ship trying to pull the whole North American continent to Europe. It didn't work!" All the power of God cannot pull a partially dedicated person to heaven. Tied to pride or possession, he cannot move. Like the other captain, our Captain pleads "Cut that rope!" The time, the task, and the men have met.



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BOOK CLUBS

SENIOR-1965

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JUNIOR-1965

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Visiting GC Treasurer Cites Progress

Dear Brethren and Sisters,

Greetings !

As I sit here in Poona in the home of Pastor and Mrs. G. B. Guild, my mind goes back to 1923 for it was then that I began work in Southern Asia. In those days the work moved very slowly. I remember tabulating the statistical report for 1923. The membership stood at 1,759 and baptisms were 209. After 13 years, or in 1936 when I left Southern Asia and transferred to the Far Eastern Division, the membership had increased to 5,366 and baptisms for that year were 634.

In 1951 I returned to Southern Asia to attend the Division Winter council and to tour the field. During those 15 years the membership had grown to 11,815 and baptisms in that year were 1,340. Again in 1959, eight years later, I returned to find the membership increased to 22,362. Baptisms for that year stood at 2,102.

Now after another five years I rejoice to find the membership has reached an all-time high of 30,000 and it is estimated that 1964 baptisms will be the largest in the history of Southern Asia—between 2,800 and 2,900.

There are now some six hundred million people living within Southern Asia. From a human point of view the finishing of the task is an impossibility, but with God it is possible. As I have sat in meetings and listened to reports of progress and victory, I am confident that a new day has come to this field. Experience after experience indicates an earnest desire on the part of large numbers to find hope and a new and better way of life. Union leaders agree that the Gospel is reaching hearts as never before.

Besides those who come to our meetings, there are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of secret believers who, because of circumstances, have not yet taken their stand but who will in the not distant future openly accept the Truth and join the remnant church.

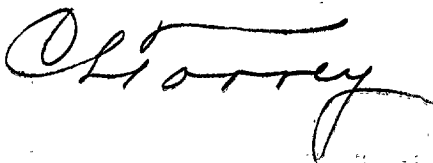
All phases of our work have expanded. The Oriental Watchman Publishing House is putting forth a superhuman effort to keep up with the demands for literature. Our schools are now overflowing with students who are clamouring for a Christian education. The medical work is prospering and our doctors and nurses are treating thousands of patients annually, while our evangelists are successfully holding meetings and bringing souls to Christ. The Voice of Prophecy active enrolment of 93,256 is the largest since this branch of the work was started. VOP baptisms in 1963 were 307. These and more cause me to rejoice and say, "What has God wrought !"

I wish to send my personal salaams to my brethren and sisters throughout Southern Asia and to tell them to be of good courage in the Lord.

I wish you God's rich blessing, health and happiness in Christian service. I commend you to our Heavenly Father who will give you a home in His kingdom where troubles, trials and tribulations will be forever ended and where happiness and love will reign supreme throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

With very kind brotherly regards and Christian greetings,

Very cordially your brother in Christ,



Poster Contest

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stance . . . so shall thy *barns* be filled with plenty." Proverbs 3:9, 10.

"Whatsoever passeth under the *rod*, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

"I will . . . open . . . the *windows* of heaven." Malachi 3:10.

"Neither shall your *vine* cast her fruit." Malachi 3:11.

"Provide yourselves *bags* which wax not old, a *treasure* in the heavens." Luke 12:33.

"Where your treasure is, there will your *heart* be also." Luke 12:34.

"The *treasury* will be full if all adopt this system; and the contributors will not be left the poorer."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 389.

"The evasion of the positive commands of God concerning tithes and offerings, is registered in the *books* of heaven as robbery toward Him."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 77.

"They might have placed their treasure in the *bank* of heaven, and preserved it in *bags* that wax not old."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 86.

"We must take God at His word, and in simplicity of faith *walk out upon the Promise*, and give to the Lord His own."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 90.

You may find many other statements concerning the tithing principle which may be illuminated by a poster. Even the response of your own heart may be pictured.

Remember the time—BEFORE FEBRUARY 15. Why not start now?

● Spicer Memorial College Annual Board meeting held December 7 was preceded by a two-hour inspection of the physical plant in groups led by faculty members and followed by a banquet and lively programme. Board members noted with satisfaction the school programme and expressed appreciation of improvements in industries. The full College Syllabi is now nearing completion as the last step toward recognition, as well as a distinctive accomplishment for a Seventh-day Adventist College.



MV CAMPS KEEP YOUTH ACTIVE

Pakistan Union: Young people attending MV camps in the Pakistan Union at Khanki Head, West Pakistan, September 3-13, and at Jalirpar, East Pakistan, October 26-31 numbered 240. Student-missionary David Martin, a trained swimming and life guard instructor, attended the West Pakistan camp before returning to the U. S. A. where he is a Senior at Pacific Union College. The Jalirpar Camp, like the Chin Hill Youth Camp in Burma, experienced rain which necessitated indoor meetings.

Northwestern India Union: A series of three camps were conducted beginning with the North India camp near Pathankot on Oct. 26. Thirteen were baptized October 31. Twelve were invested as pre-Friend.

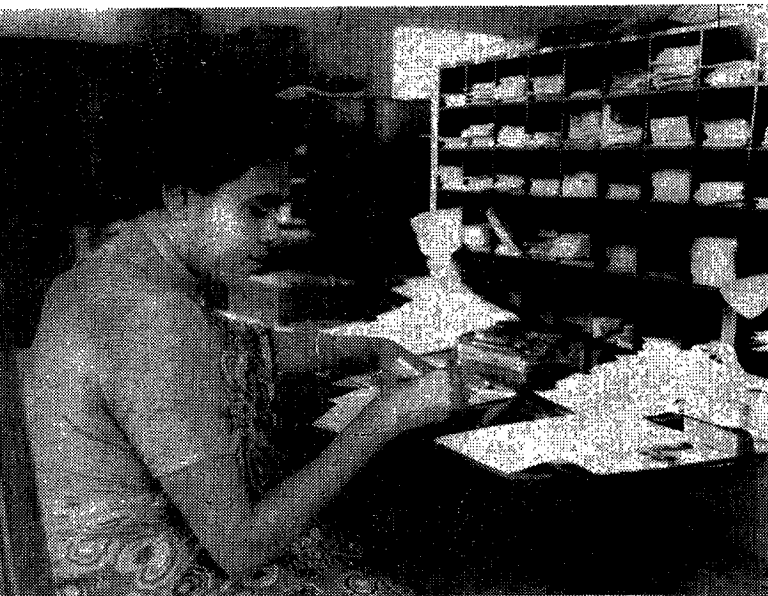
The Roorkee school chose Kanarao for their camp site—a beautiful location in the heart of a forest wild life preserve. The forest bungalow with seven tents provided the necessary accommodation. Nine were baptized on Nov. 7.

The third camp was held in the Dehra Canal Bungalow. Nine were baptized on Nov. 14 and 40 were invested. This included one Master Guide.

Western India Union: North Maharashtra Junior Camp was held at Darna Dam. Nearly all from the Lasalgaon school attended. Bombay-Poona JMV camp was held at Malavali Nov. 15-22.

Burma Union: MV camp was held at Anisakan near Maymyo November 10-17. The First Youth camp for the Chin Hill area began Nov. 25 at Sing-u-nau with forty in attendance.

1. Each unit has a responsibility—Khanki Head Camp, West Pakistan.
2. Open air is good for boys and girls—Malavali, Western India.
3. MV's are loyal to their country—Anisakan, Burma.
4. A nurse is needed even at camp—Burma.



Ceylon Builds Upper Room For VOP

A. B. N. KULSEKERE

*Radio-TV and Temperance Secretary
Ceylon Union*

IN 1946 W. A. Dunn introduced the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence course in Ceylon. This first Bible school was housed in one room of Pastor Dunn's bungalow. After the arrival of E. A. Crane in 1948 the school was renamed the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School. This school was in the English language but plans were made to translate the Bible course into Sinhalese—the major language of the island. In 1950 the first non-English Bible correspondence school in Southern Asia was formally opened by A. E. Rawson, the Voice of Prophecy secretary for Southern Asia.

More space was needed for the expanding VOP school. It was therefore shifted to the vestry of Bethel Chapel. As time went on the rapidly growing school again outgrew its home. This time it was moved to two rooms in the home of Union President L. F. Hardin.

In 1956 the Ceylon Union office building and president's quarters were erected. The VOP department moved into space in this building.

During the presidency of N. O. Dahlsten the Youth Course in Sinhala was introduced. This gave a real boost to the school. In 1961 under the guidance of Union President E. C. Beck the Tamil VOP school was organized. Again space became a real problem.

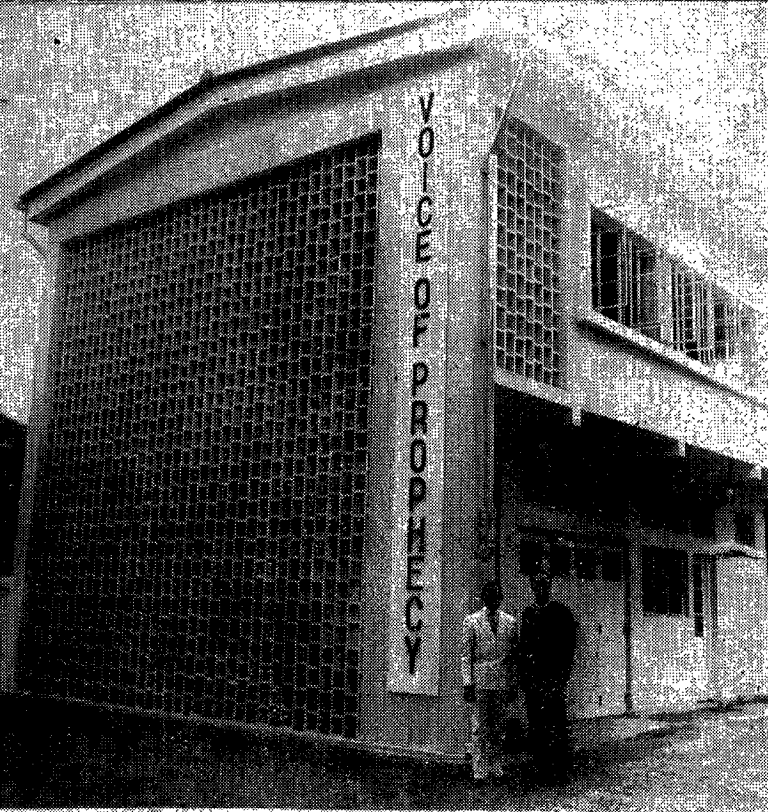
"What to do now?" was the question that worried us. The solution was found in the plan to build an "upper room." This light, airy room, with plenty of work and storage space was built over the existing storage-servant quarters building.

We are thankful that the Ceylon VOP school now has a permanent home. We hope that as the "upper room" was a blessing to the early Christian church so this "upper room" in Colombo will be a real blessing to the work in Ceylon.

K. H. Gammon, Radio-TV Director for the Southern Asia Division, visited Ceylon November 1, 1964 and formally declared our new VOP home open.

Upper: Sarojini Duraraj, Tamil VOP Instructor.
Centre: K. H. Gammon declared the new VOP home open

Lower: A. B. N. Kulsekere counsels with Mrs. Lolita Janz, Sinhalese VOP Instructor.



NEWS

● Pastors J. F. Ashlock, T. R. Torkelson and S. James "covered" the story of Pope Paul VI's unprecedented visit to Bombay December 2-5 as press representatives. Their reports will appear in our periodicals.

Among other gifts, the President of India received from the Pope two copies of the Bible in modern languages. Dr. Radhakrishnan in turn called on the Pope at Archbishop's House and presented him with the *Bhagwad Gita* and *Hindu View of Life*.

In his opening sermon for the Division year-end committee, Dr. R. S. Lowry brought to us a timely message in the light of current events in Bombay: the Eucharistic Congress and the visit of Pope Paul VI to Bombay. Having made an exhaustive study of Dr. Radhakrishnan's views, Dr. Lowry cited passages from *Great Controversy*, pages 551-558, giving seven comparisons between Hinduism and spiritualism which reveal the hand that will eventually reach across the gulf and clasp the hand of Roman Catholicism.

As diligent students of prophecy, the Pope's visit thus takes on greatly added interest for Seventh-day Adventists, and all would do well to reread the chapter in *Great Controversy*.

● The Rangoon Central Sabbath school reports a total investment offering for 1964 of Ks. 5,015 14. Sixty members turned in Ks 50 or more. The Junior and Primary divisions each earned Ks. 1,056.

● The Pondicherry church in Tamil Nad celebrated its golden anniversary November 15 and 16, with 150 present. This included all who had pastored this church since its beginning. Pastors Esteb and Johanson were guest speakers.

● Miss Mazie A. Herin, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Medical Department, will visit hospitals in Rangoon, Vellore, Nuzvid, Surat and Karachi between January 11 and February 2.

● Pastor and Mrs. W. H. Mattison, Susan, Nancy and Stephen arrived in Bombay November 27 returning from furlough. Pastor Mattison is taking up his duties as Division Ministerial Secretary. He is well equipped with experience, having been engaged in pastoral and administrative work since 1947. Their oldest daughter, Carol, will join her parents in India within a few months.

● Detailed plans are being made for the coming Seminary Extension School at Spicer Memorial College. Estimated cost per student will be Rs. 381. The Southern Asia Division appropriated Rs. 10,000 toward overhead expenses.

Welcome



Dr. Walter A. Howe, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, arrives in Southern Asia January 1. Dr. Howe is in charge of secondary education. Seventh-day Adventists around the world have more than five hundred day and boarding high schools. Dr. Howe will tour Southern Asia in company with R. E. Rice. February 9-13 an Education Administrator Council will be held in Poona.

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In Our Mailbag:

"I take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS. We have enjoyed it all through the years. We send our greetings to all the workers in Southern Asia." Pastor and Mrs. E. D. Willmott.

Church Calendar 1965

January 2*	Soul-winning Opportunities
January 23	Public Affairs Day
January 2-March 6	Medical Educational Ingathering Campaign
February 6*	Lay members Ingathering Rally Day
February 13	Tithe Emphasis Day
February 20	Christian Home & Family Altar Day
February 27	Temperance Commitment Day
March 6*	Ingathering Victory Day
March 13	Sabbath School Rally Day
March 20	Communion Service & Poor Fund Offering
April 3*	Home Visitation Day
April 10	Education Day & Offering
May 1*	Health & Welfare Evangelism Day
May 8	Disaster & Famine Relief Offering
May 15	Spirit of Prophecy Day
June 5*	Pioneer Evangelism
June 12	Mission Extension Day & Offering
June 19	Communion Service & Poor Fund Offering
July 1-31	MV Evangelism Month
July 3*	Medical Missionary Day
July 17	Bible Society Offering
July 16-24	MV Week of Prayer
August 1-31	"OUR TIMES" Month
August 7	"The Missionary Magazine that Wins" Our Times Offering
August 14, 15	JMV Pathfinder Days
September 1-30	VOP Month
September 4*	Neighbourhood Evangelism
September 11	VOP Day & Offering
September 18	Communion Service & Poor Fund Offering
October 2*	Home Missionary Day & Offering
October 16	Sabbath School Visitors' Day
October 30	Temperance Day & Offering
November 6*-13	Week of Prayer
November 13	Annual Sacrifice Offering
November 20	Literature Evangelism Day
December 4*	Lay Trophy Day
December 18	Communion Service & Poor Fund Offering

* On the first Sabbath of each month the offering goes to Home Missions.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

March 27	Southern Asia Division
June 26	Central European Division
September 25	Southern European Division
December 25	Australasian Division

Heard in the Committee Room

Spicer Memorial College farm, store, and press have made a combined gain of Rs. 35,500 for the first ten months of 1964.

Spicer board meetings and Division committee meetings were attended by O. A. Skau—President of Spicer Memorial College (Krishnarajapuram) 1924-30.

Fifty-four Spicer Memorial College students are majoring in religion and theology during the 1964-65 school year.

Special appropriations to Union fields and institutions in Southern Asia for 1965 totalled Rs. 1,738,027. 10. Rs. 1,142,854 of this amount was contributed in 1964 by the General Conference. The balance was made possible by institutional contributions and other Southern Asia funds. Projects benefited include Assam Training school, Roorkee High school, Pakistan Union headquarters buildings, new Andhra high school, Kerala hospital, Giffard Memorial Hospital, Ahmedabad property, and Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Rs. 360,095.24 was apportioned to Spicer Memorial College to answer urgent needs and towards its accreditation programme. Specific use of these funds will be decided by the College board.

A special appropriation of Rs. 85,000 was allotted for the development of the industrial section at Lowry Memorial High school for the purpose of setting up an industrial training programme for Southern Asia youth. Special emphasis will be placed on motor mechanics, bakery, tailoring, printing, and carpentry. Thirty students will be accepted the first year. The budget for one overseas instructor in industries has been allotted to this project.

Regular appropriations to Unions and Institutions and Division administration in Southern Asia reached a total of Rs. 4,312,858.38. For the first time in Southern Asia's history a single annual appropriation amounted to more than one million rupees: South India Rs. 1,063,764.

A budget of Rs. 501,035 for all Voice of Prophecy schools in Southern Asia is anticipated.

Twenty-five per cent of the Division portion of the 1964 Ingathering fund in India has been allotted to Welfare and Relief. The remaining 75 per cent will be divided between the nine high schools in India for school furnishings.

Division and Unions will furnish a minimum of Rs. 256,000 in 1965 for evangelistic purposes.

Workers and lay members are encouraged to enrol in the new Home Study Course entitled **THE BIBLE INSTRUCTOR**.

A Division goal of five thousand baptisms was set for 1965 as follows: Burma, 400; Ceylon, 250, Northeast 600; Northwest, 450; Pakistan, 400; South India, 2,500; Western India, 400.

A special recommendation on "Operation Self-Support" emphasizes the vast unentered territories in the Division, and the need of making plans for new areas while maintaining present work. A concerted plan for impressing all members with the blessings on faithful tithe-payers will help to make self-support possible.

An education department recommendation promotes the plan of mission day schools, inasmuch as experience has proven these to be successful.

MV Week of Prayer was conducted in July in 315 churches. At its close 165 youth were baptized and 2,398 entered baptismal classes. An intensified MV training programme is planned for 1965.

A great increase in Branch Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools is expected in 1965. Sabbath school membership in Pakistan is triple the church membership. Western India and Ceylon Branch Sabbath Schools exceed the number of regular Sabbath Schools.

Continuation of *The Review and Herald* subsidy plan allows national workers and members to subscribe in clubs at only Rs. 6 per subscription. The Southern Asia Division subsidizes the balance of Rs. 12.

The Division Sabbath School Secretary has been asked to arrange a handbook for Sabbath School Teacher Training suitable for use in Southern Asia and translation in the various regional languages.

Substantial advance orders from the Unions and departments make possible a printing order for 15,000 copies of a new message booklet entitled *The Prince and the Rebel*. This story form book will be used in public and lay evangelism, and by the Voice of Prophecy. It will be published by The Oriental Watchman Publishing House and will sell for .75. Originating in Cambodia, the book has already been adapted for use in Burma, and will now have further adaptation.

A three-day Southern Asia Bible Conference, with an attendance of 120 youth is projected for early 1966.

The term of service between furloughs for missionaries in Southern Asia has now been adjusted to five years for all regions including hill areas, by recent Autumn Council action.

Qualified laymen actually preaching may now be issued Lay Preacher's licences by the governing Section committee. A Southern Asia goal of 2,550 *lay evangelists* was set for 1965 as follows: Burma—125, Ceylon—75, Northeast—250, Northwest—200, Pakistan—200, South India—1,500, Western India—200.

The translation and publication of *Christian Service and Welfare Ministry* in leading languages of Southern Asia has been recommended.

The 12-study *Bible Made Plain* booklet used successfully in South India will now become Division-wide. A more forceful impression will be made when interested ones hear, see, and write their own answers in the spaces provided.

While in the past many Dorcas and Welfare Societies have concentrated on raising funds by various means, a new and comprehensive action of the Division committee asks that opportunities be grasped for giving more than receiving, and helping those who need it most. Seventh-day Adventist Health and Welfare service is being increasingly recognized as a major Welfare agency.

Nearly all Union 1965 Ingathering goals were set at 10 per cent above 1964 accomplishments. It is expected that larger lay participation in the Ingathering programme will make this possible.