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THIS is one of the nicest bulletins we have had thus far... one of the best papers we ever had for Southern Asia's Ingathering programme," said R. S. Lowry and G. W. Maywald.

W. F. Storz joins the **Ceylon** workers for their campaign.

J. M. Fowler, C. B. Guild, S. James, L. A. Willis started work with the **Northeast** team in Calcutta, January 6 and 7.

R. J. E. Hillock, R. H. Jones, R. S. Lowry, E. M. Stiles joined the **Northwestern India** solicitors two weeks later.

J. A. Soule and L. R. Burns are working with the **West and East Pakistan** solicitors in Karachi and Dacca.

To assist in **South India** are D. David, T. R. Flaiz, I. K. Moses and M. S. Prasada Rao.

I. D. Higgins, G. W. Maywald and C. H. Tidwell assisted with solicitation in **Western India**.

There are reasons why 1969 Ingathering results should be greater than ever before. There is more money than ever before. There are more people than ever before. Every worker will participate. More laymen than ever will have a part. The people have a mind to work.

WHAT Is The Real Incentive In Ingathering? Why Do You Participate? Surely it is not just to raise rupees?

"Is it to reach a goal set by the Union? Positively not. Just to reach a goal is neither the incentive, nor is it the measure of a pastor or church. Goal-raising does

not assure us a place in God's kingdom.

"What, Then, Is The Incentive? It is our love to God. It is our dedication to His work. It is the burning need to send the gospel of love, of healing, of hope, of material help, of salvation to peoples.

"What Is The Incentive? It is the knowledge that we are living in the last days, and there is still so much to do. And **Time Is So Short!**

"What Is The Incentive? It is the knowledge that we are called of God—that we have surrendered our all to Him, and that we will go anywhere, and make any sacrifice, and do *anything* for Him. And this includes Ingathering.

"With This True Incentive We Can Only Press On Until We Have Achieved Our Ingathering Objective This Year."—General Conference LAY ACTIVITIES department.

Union	Goal	Received mid-January
Ceylon	Rs. 60,000 (Ceylon Rs. 48,500)	Rs. 31,887
Northeast	95,000	28,409
Northwestern India	95,000	50,000
Pakistan	165,000 (Pakistan Rs 106,000)	42,210
South India	140,000	50,000
Western India	95,000	30,000
Division	Rs. 650,000	Rs 232,506



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Speak unto the People

A COLUMN FOR THE OFFICERS



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

Dear Fellow-Believer,

How is your *experience* today? When Christians have a feeling of elation, they often refer to the good Christian experience they are having. Members may speak either approvingly or disparagingly of the experience of another. Is the experience of a Christian an actual condition which can be measured?

Experience is defined as "the actual living through an event or events; actual enjoyment or suffering; hence the effect upon the judgment or feelings produced by personal and direct impressions; as, to know by experience."—Webster's *Collegiate Dictionary*.

Christianity is based on events which actually happened: creation, the fall of man, the plan of redemption, giving of the law—and above all, a Person who had a unique birth, lived a sinless life, died a vicarious death, rose again, ascended, lives as our intercessor, and is soon to return.

The apostle John actually lived through some of these events. He could speak of that "which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life" (1 John 1:1). But, even in John's day, there were eyes which looked at Jesus but did not see, and others who jostled against Him, but did not experience His power.

Are these events of the past living realities in your experience and mine today? It is not only possible that they may be. It is essential that they shall be.

"The mere hearing of sermons Sabbath after Sabbath, the reading of the Bible through and through, or the explanation of it verse by verse, will not benefit us or those who hear us, unless we bring the truths of the Bible into our individual experience."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 514.

"There is greater encouragement for us in the least blessing we ourselves receive from God than in all the accounts we can read of the faith and experience of others."—*Ibid.*, p. 100.

We read of the men of Gadara who could tell of what they themselves had seen, and heard, and felt of the power of Christ. "This is what everyone can do whose heart has been touched by the grace of God."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 340.

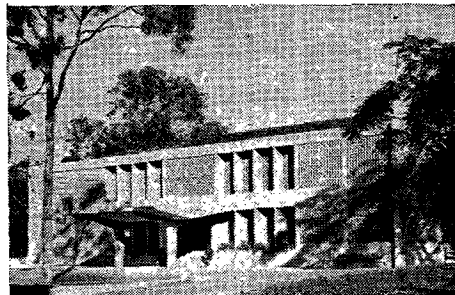
Some time ago I attempted a study of men who were types of Christ. The result was a deep impression that every Christian is to so identify himself with Christ that others in seeing him will see Christ. This is Christian *experience*.

What a grand privilege it is for the believer to taste the power of His resurrection and to walk in newness of life.

Yours for a good experience during 1969,

C. B. Guild

Poona Log-Book



Mrs. Vera Flaiz arrived December 18 to join her husband, Dr. T. R. Flaiz, who has taken up duties as medical secretary of the Southern Asia Division.

• Harry Osmond is appointed secretary-treasurer of the South New South Wales Conference with headquarters located at Canberra City, Australia's capital.

• "I will not feed my body on any day until I have first fed my soul," pledged Salisbury Park residents on New Year's day. The occasion was an out-of-door community worship conducted, for the first time, at the beginning of the New Year's day activities. To this spiritual pledge initiated by R. S. Lowry, two other dimensions—kindness to others and concern for one's health—were added by C. B. Guild and T. R. Flaiz. Included in the programme of the day were sports for adults and a community lunch for over eight hundred people.

• At the first meeting of the Poona Pastor's Association held Sabbath evening, January 18, at Spicer, the new officers for 1969 were elected. They are: T. A. Davis, president; J. I. Crawford, vice-president; Ch. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer. R. L. Rowe and S. S. Pandit are additional members of the executive committee.



Six of the nine baptized, December 14, by E. G. Conley were Salisbury Park English Elementary School students. Three were members of a branch Sabbath school fostered by retired OWPB worker, B. H. Mohite. The branch school is led by O. Israel and Jacob Chavan.

JOHANNES, Winifred, age 78, died January 3, 1969, at the St. Helena Sanitarium, California, U.S.A. Dr. and Mrs. Johannes gave 21 years in medical service in the Southern Asia Division. Adventist medical work at Gopalganj, in East Pakistan, was first begun when Dr. and Mrs. Johannes went there in 1936. Six years were spent in Gopalganj following which Mrs. Johannes served with her husband in the Surat, Karachi and Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist hospitals. More recently the Johannes' laboured in the Far Eastern Division—in Korea and in Taiwan. Dr. Johannes, who survives, is currently with the St. Helena Sanitarium.

• Bro. and Sr. A. E. Akehurst arrived in Poona, January 6, from Bangalore. Bro. Akehurst will serve as Radio-TV technician for the Division.

• The overseas divisions have donated one oil painting each to be hung in the hall of the General Conference office building at Washington, D.C. This is expected to be a real attraction to visitors. The Southern Asia contribution is an inlaid wood village scene from Mysore. Pastor I. K. Moses made the selection prior to Fall Council.

• News is received that T. K. Martin, head of the Review and Herald art department at Washington, D.C. since the year 1920 retired January 1. He is succeeded by the well-known artist, Harry Baerg.

• Southern Asia Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence schools sent 100,599 lessons during the month of November, 1968. Graduates were 2,551 and Rs. 5,324 was received in gifts.

• The 1969 Southern Asia Division mid-year committee is scheduled to meet July 17 to 22.

• *Though the Winds Blow* is the 1969 missionary book. Published by the Southern Publishing Association, the book is authored by the General Conference president, Robert H. Pierson, and sells for U.S. \$ 1.00 per copy.

OUR UNIONS REPORT

PAKISTAN

- The Punjab Section is furnishing supervision and finances and the Pakistan Union School supplies student teachers for the opening of four new village schools. Tenth standard students, William Fazal and Younis Daulat, and college students, Ayub Khan and M. A. Sardar, spend afternoons during the campus work period teaching these schools. The total enrolment is 65 students.

- Nantoo Banerjee is chosen editor of Pakistan Union College's printed monthly, the *Reflector*.

- Nishan Benca, former PUC student, taking up teacher-evangelism work in the Punjab Section at Kukergil village, uses a literacy class to teach about Christ.

- PUC ministerial seminar members do practise preaching, learn music conducting and hold branch Sabbath schools.

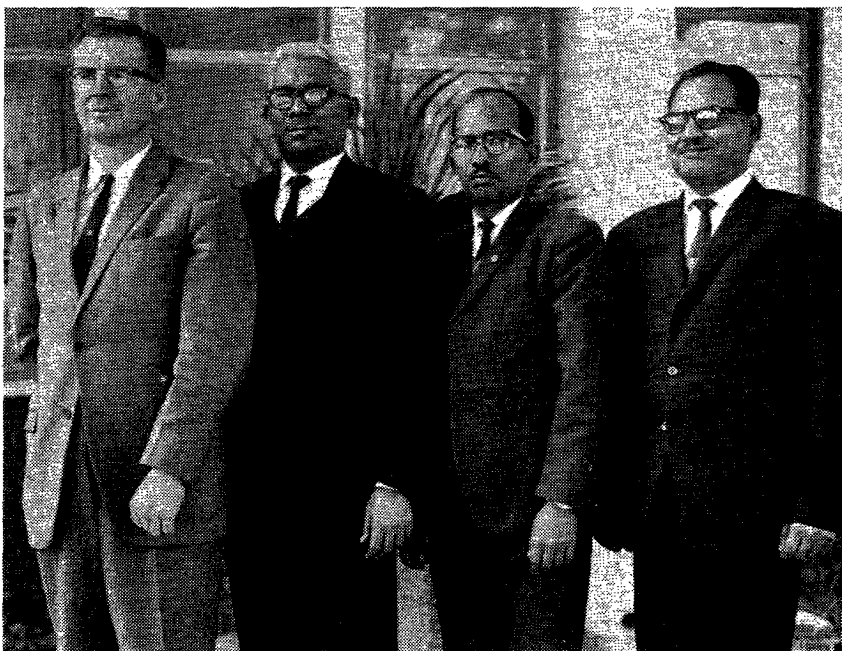
NORTHWESTERN INDIA

Five Workers Are Ordained

ONE HUNDRED delegates attended the Northwestern India Union constituency meeting held, December 18 to 21, 1968, in the assembly hall of the New Delhi Adventist Centre. Although it is known as the Biennial Session, this is the first such meeting in the Northwest for four years.

Five workers were ordained to the gospel ministry Sabbath afternoon, December 21. In the ordination sermon the writer stated that as an ambassador in Christ's stead (II Cor. 5:18 to 20), a minister must live close to God. He must also live close to men as Christ did. His work is then to bring men and God together.

I. M. Chand introduced A. B. Massey, newly-elected Union pub-



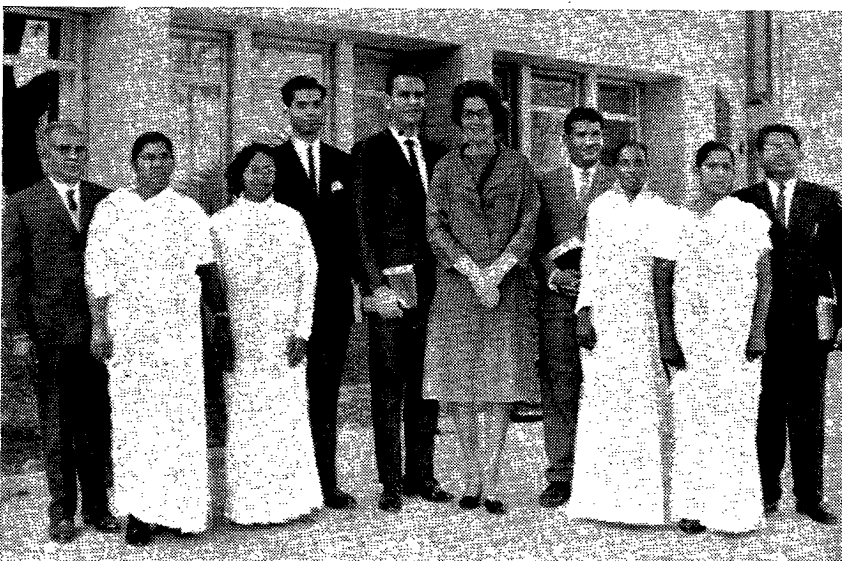
Appointed as presidents of the sections from Union President E. A. Streeter, left, are: L. D. Paul, Central India; Saudagar Chand, North India; Lal Singh, Upper Ganges.

lishing secretary, and E. G. Mathews, Phulriwalla evangelist. Saudagar Chand introduced K. L. Singh, Jhansi headmaster evangelist; E. A. Streeter introduced Justin Singh, Roorkee High School; and I. D. Higgins introduced R. G. Anderson, one of his former students, now principal of

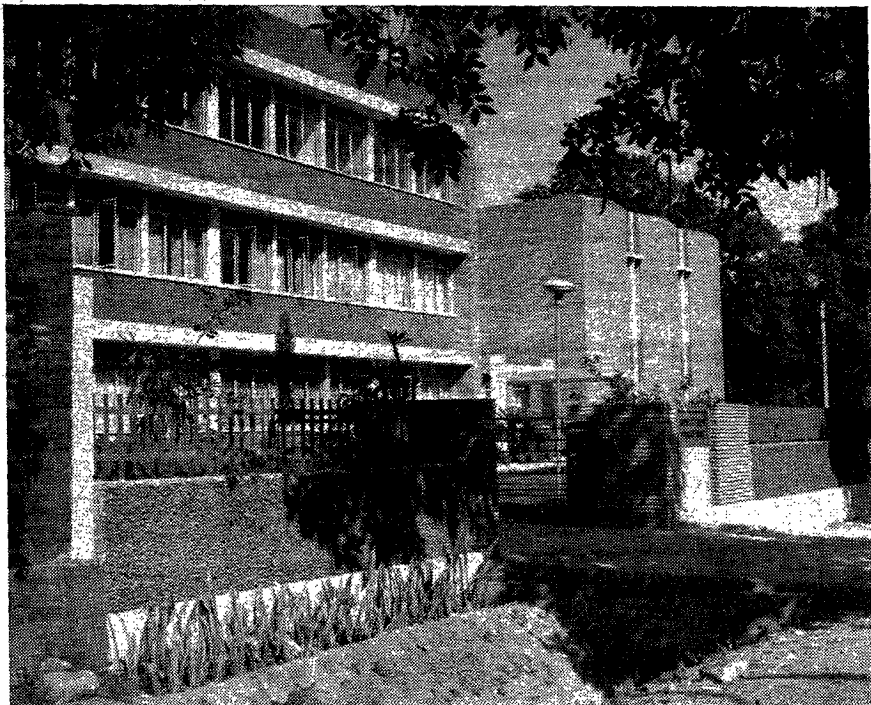
Roorkee High School.

After General Conference Vice-president F. L. Bland offered the ordination prayer, the charge was administered by Lal Singh, and the welcome to the ministry accorded by B. M. Isaac.

Since January 1, 1965, 473 persons received baptism in the



Receiving ordination at New Delhi, December 21, here pictured with wives, left to right, are: K. L. Singh, Justin Singh, R. G. Anderson, E. G. Mathews, A. B. Massey.



The new Union complex at 11 Hailey Road, New Delhi, is substantial and beautiful.

Northwestern India Union. More than half of these were baptized during 1968. The Union membership as of September 30, 1968 was 2,400. Approximately one-third of India's peoples live in this Union.

Main events during the two years are: opening of the Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital, Janu-

ary 1, 1967; and the appointment of the New Delhi Adventist Centre director and board, August 21, 1967. Twenty-eight workers in the Union have served more than 20 years. The Northwestern India Union became a home base for a foreign missionary in the appointment of R. M. Massey as a mis-



J. M. Campbell, secretary, Northwestern India Union, announced a membership of 2,400.

sionary to the Middle East Division.

—C. B. Guild

Let's Get Acquainted

A GROUP of country people have just come requesting that their village be visited by a doctor. Last evening (Dec. 29) we held a meeting in another village, showing pictures from Germany and of Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital. The people enjoyed the meeting and did not seem to mind the cold. The village headman is one of our acquaintances. He spoke encouraging his people to come to our hospital for their medical treatment. We will visit other villages as we can.

Last week we sent out more than a thousand greeting cards to families in Jullundur and the surrounding area. Many greetings and letters are received in reply. For the first time many are hearing of Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital.

—G. T. Werner

Appointments made at the Northwestern India Union constituency meeting include:

Central India Section, president
North India Section, president
Upper Ganges Section, president
Roorkee High School, principal
New Delhi Adventist Centre, director
Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital, medical director

Simla Sanitarium and Hospital, medical director

Book Depot, manager

Departmental Secretaries:

Education
Lay activities, stewardship, radio-TV
Medical
Ministerial
Publishing
Assistant PDS
Sabbath school, temperance, public relations
Young People's Missionary Volunteer

D. K. Down, B. M. Isaac and B. M. Shad were appointed Union evangelists.

L. D. Paul
Saudagar Chand
Lal Singh
R. G. Anderson
Peter Cooper

G. T. Werner

I. R. Bazliel
T. V. Chacko

E. A. Streeter
I. M. Chand
I. R. Bazliel
B. M. Isaac
A. B. Massey
Iqbal Massey
P. K. Peterson
J. M. Campbell

• Five hundred packets of puffed wheat are packed by Roorkee High School students every day. P. H. Lall, in charge of School Boy Industries, reports that orders for this product come faster than present equipment can puff.

Dr. Nayyar Speaks at Five-Day Plan

A FIVE-DAY PLAN was conducted, December 15 to 19, in the New Delhi Centre. Unfortunately the opening of the Plan coincided with a blackout practice in the Delhi area so that very few of those who wanted to come ventured out. However, those who did come were privileged to hear the opening address given by Dr. Sushila Nayyar, M.P., and former Health Minister for the Central Government. Her remarks were made especially significant as she told of a member of her immediate family who died from lung cancer just a few weeks previous.

This is the second Five-Day Plan to be held in the Centre.

—W. F. Olfert



One of the three Sabbath school institutes held in Kannada Section, December 15 to 22, was at Kolar. K. M. John, local evangelist, is nearest to camera. The Kolar church was organized last year. The present membership is sixteen.

In the Tamil Section a widow sold Bengal gram cakes for her Week of Sacrifice offering. She turned in Rs. 10. One village church gave Rs. 560 in the sacrifice offering.

T. J. S. Frederick, Andhra Section, left his wife in his home village while he joined the Madras School of Evangelism. Mrs. Frede-

rick witnessed for God and when her husband returned and held evangelistic meetings in the village, 26 people responded to the invitation to follow Christ. Ten of these did not come from a Christian background. The 26 were baptized by Irijati Subushanam.

—C. B. Guild



Lowry Students Sacrifice Meals

CLASS I-A 1969 appropriation to the South India Union exceeds twenty lakhs for the first time. These are allotted to four sections, six schools, two hospitals, the book depot and the Voice of Prophecy school. Major provisions include Rs. 80,000 for the Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School dining hall.

South India institutions and organizations sponsor eleven students in Southern Asia for higher studies. Objectives pursued by these students include advanced degrees in B.Sc. in nursing, education, Tamil language, physical education.

Constituency meetings will be held in the four South India sections during March, 1969.

During the 1968 Week of Prayer and Sacrifice, students at Lowry Memorial voluntarily sacrificed their noon-day meal for one week, thus raising five hundred rupees. The staff pledged more than eleven hundred rupees. These combined totalled nearly two thousand rupees for Lowry.



The Mandiya church has a membership of 24 under the leadership of Granville Sharp. Three members came from Mysore to receive Sabbath school instruction. Class groups discussed various aspects of teaching. Miss Gloria, at left, and Miss Helen are here discussing the subjects.



Mrs. N. A. David and G. P. Rajadas with Gloria Thomas, centre, unscramble good qualities in Sabbath school members. When completed they will draw Sabbath school investment ideas for the Kollegal Sabbath School. This, the oldest church in the Kannada Section, was raised up by A. E. Rawson.

Success Without Sales

THE Bangalore Dorcas Society, under the leadership of Mrs. A. E. Akehurst, proved that a successful programme can be run without resorting to the usual array of sales.

During 1968 six hundred articles of clothing were distributed as well as food parcels amounting to five hundred fifty rupees.

Eighty persons benefited from the 30 Christmas food parcels which contained rice, potatoes, brinjal, green beans, onions and cabbage. In some of the packages eggs, flour and oil were included.

Sixty shut-ins were remembered with fruit parcels made up of a half-loaf of bread, one-fourth lb. of Christmas cake, two bananas and an orange.

During the year a series of classes on Home Nursing was conducted. Information on how to use hydrotherapy treatments in the home formed the nucleus of instruction.

A five-series cooking and nutrition school was held with 24 ladies completing the course. A meal was served at the end of each demonstration.

Several new items of clothing were purchased for distribution.

How could all of this be done and still have Rs. 200 in reserve at the end of the year?

"The people gave liberally as we followed God's plan for the support of His work," states Mrs. Akehurst.

A careful study of Mrs. E. G. White's book, *Welfare Ministry*, revealed what God's plan is for the support of the Dorcas Society.

"We see the churches of our day encouraging feasting, gluttony, and dissipation, by the suppers, fairs, dances, and festivals gotten up for the purpose of gathering means into the church treasury. Here is a method invented by carnal minds to secure means without sacrificing."—*Welfare Ministry*, p. 289.

"Such offerings are lame and diseased and bear the curse of God. . . If they [Christ's professed followers] do not give willingly, for the love of Christ, the offering will in no case be acceptable to God."—*Ibid.*

"Men refuse to give for the love of God, but for the love of pleasure and the indulgence of appetite for selfish considerations they will

part with their money."—*Ibid.*, p. 291.

"It is a sad reality that these inducements will prevail when sacred and eternal things will have no force to influence the heart to engage in works of benevolence. The plan of Moses in the wilderness to raise means was highly successful. There was no compulsion necessary. Moses made no grand feast. . . God commanded Moses to invite the children of Israel to bring the offerings."—*Ibid.*

The campaign for the bringing of offerings was launched one Sabbath when two pages of quotations from *Welfare Ministry* were distributed to everyone in both the Tamil and English churches. Two canvassing teams of four ladies in each team were introduced. Posters in conspicuous places gave notice of a one-week limit for the gathering of funds. Result: four hundred rupees was collected in that one week! Another Rs. 100 was given at Christmas time. In addition, food valued at a hundred rupees was donated by members throughout the year.

A week-end clothing drive held in connection with a social evening brought a donation of five hundred articles.

The Bangalore Dorcas Society officers of 1968 agree that God's plan is best! God's people are liberal! And success can be had without sales!

—Mrs. D. R. Watts

- Forty people were baptized, December 14, at Punnamoodu, near Trivandrum, following evangelistic meetings conducted by M. A. James, A. M. Johnson and Y. Joshua.

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People requiring rail bookings from Madras are asked to write to:

Mr. Sam Kodan
S. D. A. High School
4 B/1 Valliammal Road
Vepery, Madras 7

A small service charge will be made. Please do not write to the pastor for this service.

Medical Council

Announces Objectives

by THEODORE R. FLAIZ, M.D.

SOME facetious Adventist writer has stated that he understands the first item of business on our agenda when we all get to heaven will be to appoint a committee—no matter what for, or what the occasion, but it will probably be in the first council called in that better land. No, the Advent movement would not move very far or accomplish its purposes so well were we to eliminate committees and councils.

Some of our Southern Asia medical directors expressed a desire to get together to discuss with others some of the problems which they face in their institutions. Several were newly arrived to their duties and most of them had never had the opportunity of discussing their institutional interests with others in a council.

Eight medical directors attended the Council which was held, December 3, at Poona. I. R. Bazliel came from Simla; W. R. Chapman from Karachi in Pakistan; Richard Clark, Scheer Memorial Hospital, 16 miles up the valley from Katmandu; Merlyn Fernando from Lakeside Medical Centre in Kandy, Ceylon; Eric Moser, Ranchi; C. A. Ninan, Giffard Memorial in Nuzvid; and G. T. Werner, Ruby Nelson Memorial in Jullundur.

Time was given, on the concluding day of the Division year-end committee, to a study of the changed and changing conditions in the medical work in Southern Asia. Here Adventist medical work has been in progress well over half a century.

Beginnings of Southern Asia's Medical Work

The old Calcutta treatment

rooms, which in one form or another could be traced back nearly to W. A. Spicer's time in India, has been but a memory for the past 40 years. These treatment rooms were a flourishing and representative medical work in the early 1920's.

The first Seventh-day Adventist typical mission hospital, the old Chichoki hospital in the Punjab, started under the direction of Dr. V. L. Mann. It was located away from any population centre and with no adequate road connection it survived but a few years.

The old Simla Sanitarium started and operated by C. H. Menkel well over 50 years ago, served the VIP's of that day with distinction. Dr. Menkel was himself a distinguished appearing gentleman who mingled with the officialdom of government from the Viceroy on down the line with ease and with professional bearing. When the cold of the winter closed the offices of India's summer capital in Simla, the Simla Sanitarium staff followed the trek back to Delhi and operated effectively for the same clientele in the treatment rooms of Delhi. Dr. Menkel's success and influence stemmed from his gentle courtesy and kindly interest in all his patients of whatever class. The Simla Sanitarium exists today as the Simla Hospital under the direction of I. R. Bazliel.

In 1922 while making calls in Ingathering, I first met the Rajah of Teleprole. This meeting led to negotiations out of which, two and a half years later, the Giffard Memorial Hospital was born. Two years after the opening of the Giffard Memorial Hospital at Nuzvid, circumstances developed making it possible to

start our Narsapur Hospital, and two years later still we opened the very interesting hospital at Bobbili, sponsored by the Rajah of Bobbili. The Narsapur Hospital was highly successful throughout its ten-year history. Both the Bobbili Hospital and the Narsapur Hospital were unfortunately closed down in the middle thirties.

The Surat Hospital and later the Karachi Hospital were opened largely on the basis of heavy programmes of solicitation in those cities. Dr. George Nelson was the first medical director in the beginning of each of these institutions.

Gopalganj Hospital in East Pakistan and Chuharkana Hospital in West Pakistan are other hospitals which were opened and operated for some years and then closed largely for lack of medical personnel.

The Ranchi Hospital, opened at a time when this particular area was in real need of medical services, has survived to compete with some of India's most prestigious and larger hospitals.

Medical Targets

Yes, very significant changes have taken place in our medical work and certainly in India generally. Some of these changes bear significantly upon the future of our medical work. Our Council time was given over largely to a study of objectives of our medical work and the advisable course of action and operation in the light of these objectives.

1. Our medical ministry is today, as in the ministry of our Lord, a means of relief from suffering and of saving of life.

2. It is an effective agency for opening doors to hearts, to communities and to nations for the entry of truth.

3. Medical ministry is spoken of as the gospel in practice. The Christian medical staff while ministering courteously, kindly and patiently to those in need, are silently preaching the gospel.

4. Properly carried forward medical ministry is a unifying influence in the church, particularly among those constantly serving the victims of disease.

5. Our medical work established on a firm basis constitutes a stabilizing influence on the church.

6. Our medical work calls for a large educational programme in the various professional areas of medicine, dentistry, chaplaincy, nursing, medical technology, X-ray technique, medical administration and many developing technical fields. This provides to Adventist young people professional opportunities of great significance.

7. Health education both for the church and the community at large are significant areas of service in medical ministry.

8. In addition to our work in therapeutic medicine, our medical ministry is committed to concerning itself with problems of health education and preventive medicine in the following areas listed according to their relative importance to the health of the peoples of Southern Asia:

- a. Over-population
- b. Malnutrition
- c. Tuberculosis
- d. Sanitation
- e. Parasitic diseases
- f. Water supply
- g. Housing

These objectives of the Christian hospital were studied and discussed. Southern Asia's medical institutions in the past have been based on the concept that they should be able to largely support themselves financially. Of recent years, because of the changing conditions in the country, there is an increasing tendency to require outside subsidy in balancing the hospital budget. In the light of this tendency to require greater assistance from the budget for the hospital maintenance, it was discussed just how far we are able to go in expanding plans and programmes for health education and preventive medicine.

The possibility of outstation dispensaries which would widen the service of the institution and serve as feeders to the hospital was discussed and recommended where feasible. The question of standards of professional excellence and maintenance of plant cleanliness and public relations were given study. It was agreed that anything less than the very best of which



To commemorate his November, 1968 visit to Giffard Memorial Hospital, Dr. T. R. Flaiz was invited to plant an evergreen tree.

we are capable is not acceptable. Our institutions must be known for their high quality of medical care, their kindly, courteous and efficient nursing care and for the highest standards of cleanliness and sanitation.

Advanced Study

Time was given to study the need for advanced training for our physicians and nurses. Some of our physicians have gone overseas for their training. Others are taking advanced work in India, primarily in Vellore. Several nurses are studying for their degree qualifications in Vellore at the present time. There is need for more of our nurses to work toward their higher qualifications in the field of nursing. The leadership of both nursing service and nursing education must rest on our own Indian ladies. More trained help is urgently needed and we are grateful for what Vellore is doing in helping provide the necessary trained personnel.

Looking toward the development of our own degree programme in the near future, the Southern Asia Division is asking the General Conference to send Miss Mazie Herin, of the General Conference Medical Department staff, to Southern Asia in the latter part of 1969 to work with us in the development of plans and

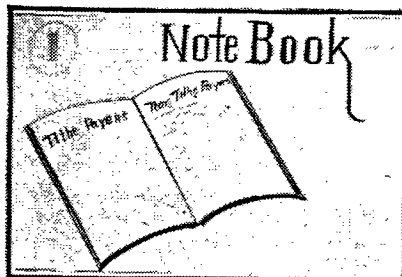
curriculum for this course of study. This degree course, if present thinking materializes, will be based in Spicer Memorial College.

Our largest hospital, in terms of occupied beds, the Karachi Hospital, is also the clinical base for our Pakistan School of Nursing. Study of the future of this School of Nursing and the probable needs of this institution will come up for consideration at the time of Miss Herin's visit later this year.

Perhaps no feature of our medical work in Southern Asia is of greater significance than the education of our physicians and other medical workers in the Christian Medical College, Vellore. This year we are receiving three physicians into the field from Vellore—two from the MBBS training and one from a surgical residency. With the increasing difficulty of obtaining physicians from overseas, we are getting under way with the flow of medical staff from Vellore none too soon. In fact, the next two or three years will require close planning to achieve optimum staffing of our institutions in Southern Asia.

Perhaps our most acute and immediate need medically in Southern Asia is for more well-trained workers. Several of our physicians are in advanced training in Vellore and some are in the United States at present. Dr. Philip Nathaniel

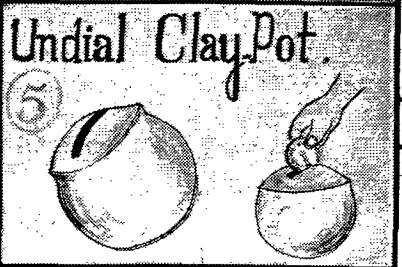
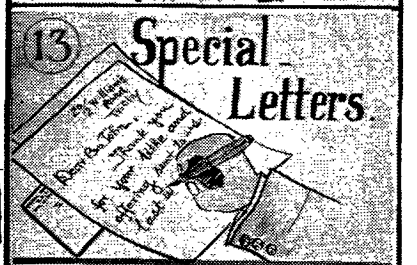
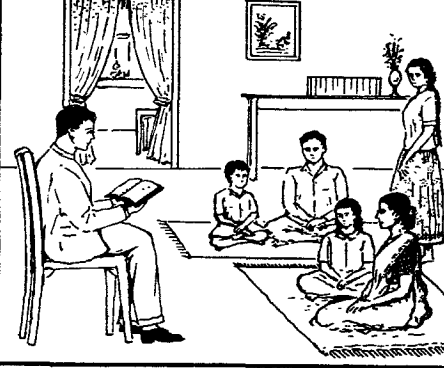
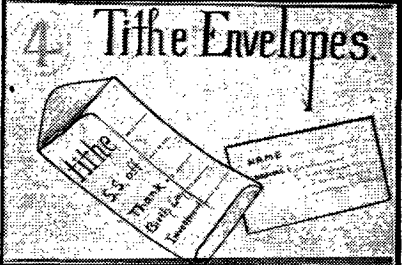
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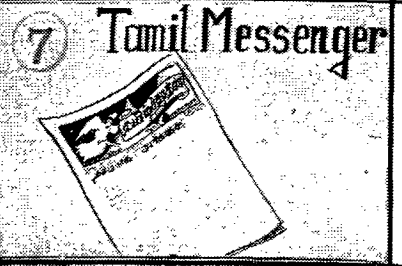
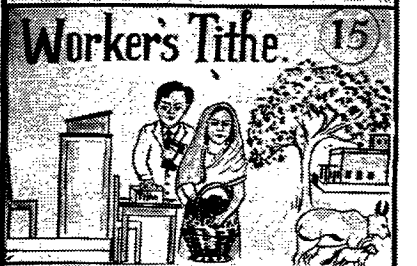
PROMOTE TITHE



By V.D. Edwards



ART WORK by Victor David





Six were baptized in the Bangalore English church on Sabbath, December 21. Ashley Isaiah (centre), son of South India Union Book Depot Manager G. G. Isaiah, was baptized by his grandfather, G. Isaiah, who stands at Ashley's rear right. Pastor C. N. John, first in rear, baptized five candidates. Left to right, front row, the first two are twins. Laura and Laurel Rasalem are daughters of the church's head deacon. Fourth from left is Suhasini Bhaskara Rao, daughter of K. Bhaskara Rao, principal, Bangalore High School. Mrs. E. James and Rukmani Chelliah complete the six candidates. Peter L. Parker, rear right, is pastor of the English church in Bangalore.

- Visakhapatnam English school students raised Rs. 600 in a programme held November 13. The funds will help equip new school rooms now nearing completion. A. Gopal Rao, district educational officer, presided over the meeting. J. V. Prasada Rao is principal of the Seventh-day Adventist English school, Visakhapatnam.
- Six people were baptized, December 21, by Rangappa Sathya-seelappa at Kamagere, Kannada Section. The church pastor is S. S. Sunder Raj. All of the candidates have for the past twelve months attended Sabbath school regularly. Evangelist Granville Sharp joined Bro. Sunder Raj in November in evangelistic meetings at Kamagere.

ordinated evangelism developed during the school year.

Can we effectively start a series of evangelistic meetings during the holiday season? Will people come? were questions uppermost in the minds of V. P. Muthiah, president, Western India Union and speaker for the meetings, and co-ordinating teachers at Spicer. For four months students and staff members gave Bible studies in the Kirkee-Range Hills-Aundh areas, using the "Hope of the World" Voice of Prophecy lessons combined with the Gift Bible plan. Now the groundwork was finished and interested people were invited to the college auditorium for three nights during the holidays and on successive Friday nights through January and February.

Look in on last night's meeting—January 10. It is 6:45 P.M. Mervyn John and his group of well-trained ushers have seats roped off. Students take their places in the side rows and balcony, leaving the entire centre section for staff and visitors. The large screen is in

position and curtains are drawn. In the balcony Anthony Wijetunge focuses the motion picture projector and Rajkumar Attiken sets up the slide projector. At the front J. I. Crawford plays soft music on the electric organ.

The first bus-load of visitors arrives and one member from each family receives a Bible at the door from the hands of S. S. Pandit and his student helpers, Joel Israel and Amirthalingam. This Bible will be used and marked during the service and returned afterward. At the conclusion of the meetings the Bible becomes the property of the one using it.

Then the lights dim. The organ music swells. A reverent hush pervades the auditorium as the first of 25 colour nature scenes fills the large screen. The second bus load of visitors arrive soon after seven o'clock. They completely fill the remaining seats. As the last scene fades from the screen, a 15-minute film on the life of Christ—Jesus and the Lepers—begins. At its conclusion the words of "The Old Rugged Cross" flash on the screen and all join in a short, but hearty songfest. Then the lights are on, the screen rolled up, the curtains part to reveal the ministers on the platform. Behind them is the 65-member Spicer choir. Prayer is offered, special music enjoyed, questions answered, and as Pastor Muthiah brings a message from God's word, 130 attentive faces reveal that people *will* come, and a series of evangelistic meetings can be effectively started during the holidays!

—F. J. Crump

- Six people were baptized December 21, in the Bombay church. Fourteen others are in the baptismal class.

WESTERN INDIA

The People Will Come

THE "Hope of the World" evangelistic series opened at Spicer College on the evening of December 26—the final phase of co-

CEYLON

- Ten people were baptized, October 12, 1968, by D. M. Fernando in the new work area of Kurunegala.
- Twenty workers—fourteen were accompanied by their wives—attended a retreat held, October 20 to 24, at Trincomalee.

Adventists Enter Five

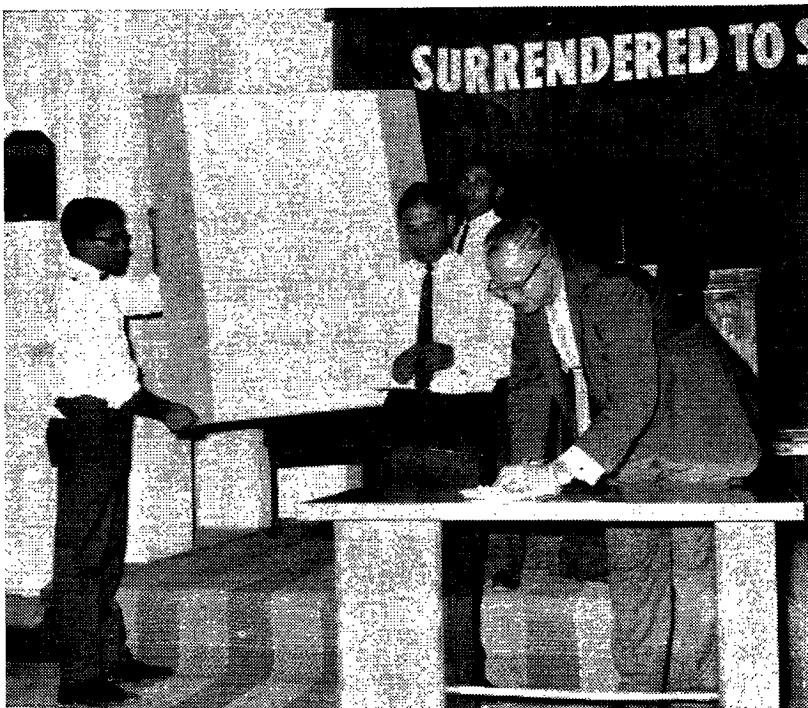
New Ceylon Areas

EIGHTY-TWO delegates, and thirteen special invitees attended the Ceylon Union constituency session held, December 5 to 8, 1968, at the Shiloh church, Nugegoda, Colombo. The delegates represented sixteen different churches.

At the beginning of the session the Chilaw and Iddamaldeniya churches were accepted into the sisterhood of churches of the Ceylon Union.

Ceylon Union President Lawton G. Lowe, at the opening meeting, emphasized personal surrender. He called attention to the session motto: Surrender to Save. It is not money we need so much as surrender, emphasized Pastor Lowe. It took forty years to reach a membership of one thousand Adventist members on the island of Ceylon. The most recent three hundred baptisms took place within thirty-three months.

Bernard F. Pingho, secretary of the Ceylon Union, spoke of the Zero Hour Challenge and Hope. The Ceylon nation is 20 years old, stated Bro. Pingho. Its people are over 80 per cent literate. In pace with the national growth five new areas were entered in a two-year period. These are: Nawalapitiya, Kurunegala, Matale, Negombo and Ratnapura. Ceylon's working force numbers 83, said the secretary, and the membership is 1,138. In 1947, there was one Seventh-day Adventist to eight thousand Christians and forty thousand Ceylonese. But in 1968, continued Bro. Pingho in his comparison, there is one Seventh-day Adventist to one thousand Christians and 10,600 Ceylonese. During the last two years, 6.8 Adventist members in Ceylon spent one year to bring one individual to Christ. Less than fifty baptisms were averaged per year from 1948 to 1959. However in 1967, contrasted Bro. Pingho, 167 people were baptized in the one year. The Ceylon Union has in training 31 students at Spicer Memorial College, 10 at Lowry Memorial, two



For many years members of the Colombo Bethel Chapel hoped for a new building. Funds for this purpose were held in reserve. A sum of Rs. 15,000 was needed to complete the amount required for commencement of the building. Evening after the Sabbath, December 7, under the direction of Francis R. Scott, members and delegates contributed in cash and pledges more than sixteen thousand rupees. This made it possible for Pastor Scott to sign the contract before the congregation.



Bernard F. Pingho describes Ceylon Union progress.

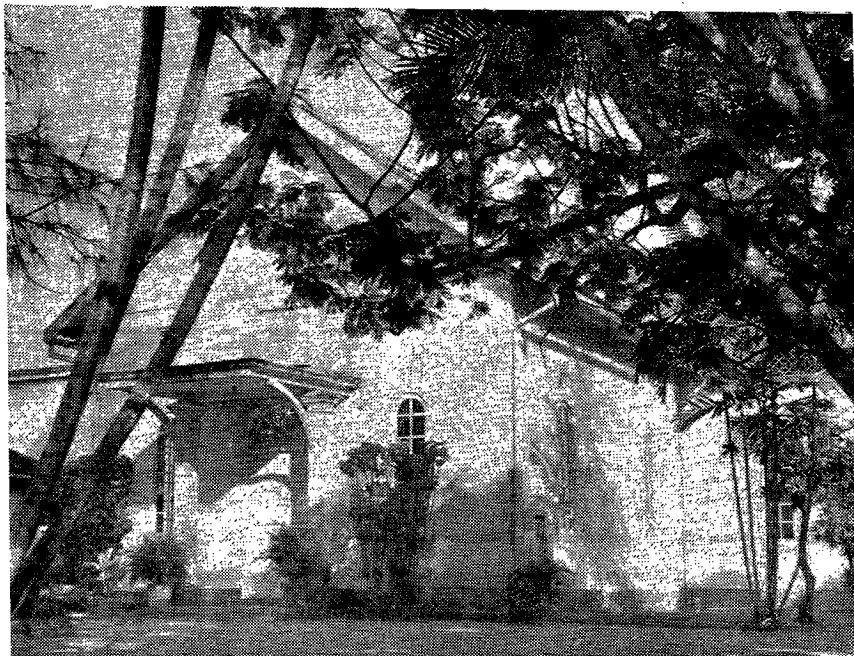
at Giffard Memorial Hospital, 13 at Karachi Hospital, and one family at Andrews University in the United States, concluded the speaker.

What influences people to become Seventh-day Adventists in Ceylon? The answer in part is:

- At Lakpahana Training Insti-



At the time of the Ceylon Union constituency meeting, Dianna Dodd, left, and Anita Chandiram, right, played a melodica duet during the December 7 Sabbath school programme.



The former Bethel Chapel, an old landmark, is now in the process of demolition in preparation for the new construction.

tute where 31 were baptized in two years, students helped prepare fellow-students for baptism by giving Bible studies. This plan was initiated two years ago by Donald Fernando.

- At Galle two lady members used Voice of Prophecy lessons. Sabbath school classes were used as lay activity units.

- At Diganwela members showed interest when a family was bereaved of a son, and attended the

funeral 22 miles away.

- When friends turned against a Nawalapitiya girl, she replied, "I have a better Friend."

- "What impressed you?" another was asked. He replied, "Their life is different."

- Others said, "We have been in a Christian church but never before found a message like this in the Bible."

- A wife at Kurunegala persisted in her plans to be baptized. Now

her husband and family are members of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

- A young lady at Ratnapura convinced her brother.

- People of Gampa called A. B. N. Kulasekera to help them overcome tobacco and liquor. He continued with the Bible message. Result: nineteen families are interested.

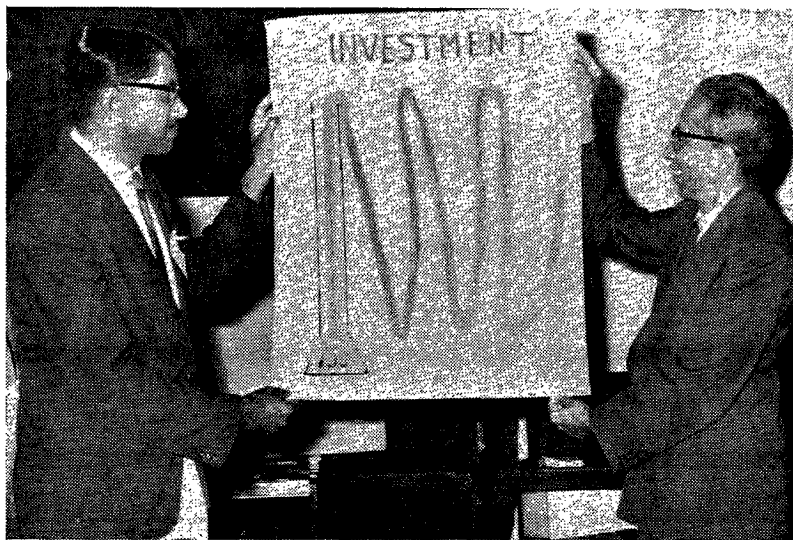
- Nine were baptized following a Shiloh church youth evangelistic meeting held, eight miles south of Colombo, at Mt. Lavinia.

- A mother and father were looking for a place to put their children in school. Their five sons are now at Lakpahana and the parents are members of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

—C. B. Guild

- The Iddamaldeniya church of 34 members was organized August 17, 1968.

- Seventeen youth were invested as Master Guides at the Ceylon youth congress held, November 15 to 18, 1968. Pastor and Mrs. L. G. Lowe and Bernard Whithead, a student from Barbados studying in Ceylon, were among the group. Thirteen of the Master Guides received the Star of Merit insignia. Eric Haniffa successfully completed the requirements for the Silver Award.



The Moratuwa Sabbath School has gone over its Rs. 150 Investment goal more than six times (Rs. 1,030) and is still working. E. Abeyasinghe, left, Investment secretary, is a printing salesman and gives his profit on the first order of each month. Bro. Abeyasinghe stands with R. S. Fernando, right, Moratuwa church pastor.



NORTHEAST UNION

- Fifty Voice of Prophecy students received certificates the evening of December 29 at a VOP rally held at the Hindi High School Hall, Calcutta. W. R. L. Scragg, from the General Conference, W. H. Mattison, from the Division, and B. Nowrangi, from the Union, led out in the programme of the evening.

- The Division committee granted the request of the Northeast Union for the printing of 5,000 copies of *The Impending Conflict* in the Lushai language. This is in addition to the 33,000 copies of this book in seven languages as voted by the Division year-end committee.

- Nunthari Pacchhau, winner of the Division Bible Quiz finals at Bangalore, is appointed a guest delegate to the Zurich youth congress.

- The Calcutta School of Evangelism will be held from February to April, 1971.

Northeast Students

Represent 35 Languages

Assam Training School

C. A. Boykin, reporting

REGISTRATION day in early March brought together 16 Garos, 69 Khasis, three Kerala children, 44 Lushais, one Muhi, 40 Nagas, one Nepali, two Uroams, one Santali, one Telugu-Khasi and 10 general mixtures, making a total of three short of two hundred students. Of this group, 66 per cent are Seventh-day Adventists.

The Week of Prayer resulted in the forming of baptismal classes in four languages. Twenty-two young people were baptized October 5. Two adults from a nearby village, baptized at the same time, made this the largest single baptism in the history of Assam Training School.

The ATS farm, under the care of M. Murmu, realized enough from the sale of potatoes to pay for all seed, for most of the student labour, fertilizers and tractor operation costs. A short time ago the Assam State Livestock department presented our school with a pure bred Jersey bull, airfreighted from Australia.

A Bedford school bus is the first new vehicle the school has ever owned.

A grand piano added to the music department calls for more lessons than Mrs. Boykin is able to give. There is no shortage of pianists for all the church and school needs. Forty young people are members of ATS's largest choir. D. R. Bankhead is director.

A non-Adventist boy considers the Ingathering field day, when he was the star of the day, to be one of the happiest experiences of his life.



Six people (standing) had a part in preparing the seven youth (kneeling) for baptism. The candidates were baptized, December 21, in the Calcutta church by Peter Cooper, standing third from left. Translating into Bengali for Pastor Cooper was P. K. Gayen, standing first from left, whose three children were among the seven baptized.

Raymond Memorial Training School

A. W. Matheson, reporting

JANUARY 11, 1968 saw 211 young men and women enrol for classes at RMTS. The students represent 16 different languages and dialects with the Santali,

Mundari and Uraung being the majors groups. Twenty more took up duties as full-time workers, determined to earn sufficient to enable them to enrol for classes in January, 1969.

Seven young people were baptized, October 26. Five of these are from non-Christian backgrounds.



At the invitation of the officers of the Bata Shoe Factory, members of the Calcutta church who have music as their talent, gave an hour's programme, December 23, at the Bata Officers' Club, Bata-nagar. In appreciation, the Bata Company gave a donation of Rs. 200 plus 90 pairs of shoes for the Ingathering programme and welfare work.

Admiring the shoes are, left to right: P. K. Gayen, S. A. Thomas and Peter Cooper.

The baptismal class continues with 24 enrolled.

Five hundred copies of *Our Times* magazine is mailed and distributed each month. Among those who receive this magazine are all government officers in the area.

A portion of the school farm is set apart as an experimental farm, operated entirely by the agriculture classes. This is their laboratory.

The recent floods which devastated Jalpaiguri and its surrounding area to our west and which hit communities of the Cooch Bihar district to our east, left our campus unscathed. The excessive and unseasonal rains did inundate a small amount of our paddy crop which was in a low lying area. But this loss is negligible in view of the prospects of a fine harvest from other areas of our farm.

BURMA

Section officers appointed at the Burma Union constituency session held, December 16 and 17, in Rangoon are:

Central Burma:	Tun Maung I,	president
	Stephen Peter,	secretary-treasurer
Delta:	Thein Shwe,	president
	Barnabas Peter,	secretary-treasurer
Tenasserim:	Elisha Paul,	president
	Kyaw Balay,	secretary-treasurer
Upper Burma:	Pe Yee,	president
	Ba Hla Thein,	secretary-treasurer
Rangoon area leader:	Maung Twa	

New Union appointments include: Sandy Dee, Book and Bible House Manager; Aung Win, Radio-TV secretary and Voice of Prophecy school director.

Medical Council Objectives

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and Dr. Noel Fernando are in Vellore. Dr. Nathaniel completes his training early in 1969. Dr. Fernando in 1971. Dr. K. A. Paulson, at Loma Linda University, hopes to return to India in mid-1969. Dr. Moses Christian is in training in Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A., and expects to be back in India in 1972. Drs. Moses and Joan Dass are in training in Cleve-

Assam Section

R. N. Baird, reporting

EIGHTY baptisms resulted from six evangelistic meetings.

Literature Evangelist Than Zuali Colney, in the Mizo Hills, sold Rs. 1,541 worth of books in three months. The sales of two laymen along the Silchar-Aijal roads is approximately Rs. 35 each in books daily.

East India Section

W. G. Lowry, reporting

FORTY laymen engaged in Gift Bible evangelism are holding Bible studies with three and four different groups at the same time.

One hundred people will be baptized in the East India Section before the end of 1968.

CLIMAXING the Union meeting was the baptism of seven young men and women by M. C. Lall on Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 14, at Kudrudih village. Bhima Tudu prepared the candidates for baptism.

—C. H. Tidwell

selfless service in establishing India's finest medical college for the benefit of India's young people. Her life and the life of those who have come under her influence has helped to mould the purposes of the fine young people who come to this institution. We trust that Adventist young people studying in Vellore will continue to emulate the high ideals of conduct and service as revealed in the healing and teaching ministry of this greatest missionary of the twentieth century. Yes, the future of our work in Southern Asia, in all its branches, is bound closely to the character of our Adventist young people in this field.

School of Laboratory Technicians

Study was given to the question of guidance of graduates from our School of Laboratory Technique, Nuzvid. We will be graduating eight technicians from this school in 1969 and probably a comparable number each year from there forward. We do not have calls for all of these in the established institutions. The Medical Council recommended to the Division and the Division took action recommending that fields or sections from which these graduates come, assist them in setting up their own practices in appropriate locations in these fields. The use of laboratory diagnostic procedures is coming to be more widely recognized as essential in the practice of good medicine and there are many communities supporting a substantial number of physicians where there is no clinical laboratory available. The graduates of the Nuzvid school are properly licensed and are qualified to set up their own laboratories. It is hoped that many fields will take advantage of this opportunity of establishing a good clinical laboratory in an appropriate location in their communities.

As the medical directors of our hospitals returned to their fields it was with the purpose of making their institutions centres from which will radiate healing, courage and new hope among those whom they serve.

land, Ohio, U.S.A., and plan to be back in India also in 1972.

Only as those now in training return to the field is it possible to release for training those who are now eligible for advanced studies. We look forward to seeing those who have had the privilege of advanced study return on schedule to maintain our staffing on a high level.

We are indeed deeply indebted to that godly Christian physician, Ida Scudder, for her 60 years of

S.M.C. Listener

MERVYN JOHN



- Among the group who welcomed His Excellency Dr. Zakir Hussain, president of India, at the Lohegaon airport the evening of December 11, were Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Cherian, D. P. David, Mervyn John, W. G. Johnsson and six *Spicerian* reporters. Dr. Cherian presented Dr. Hussain with a bouquet of roses and a box of Spicer's frozen corn. India's President came to Poona to preside over the concluding function of the centenary celebration of the Sassoon Hospital.
- Enrolled in Spicer's elementary school, according to Headmistress Mrs. M. K. George, are 132 students. The new school year began January 8.

- The new school year for Spicer Secondary School began January 6. With an enrolment of 110, a remodelled office and classrooms distempered in pastel shades, the school is set for the best year ever.

- The college press equipment is augmented by the purchase of a German polygraph book sewing machine and a Bright-O-Type embossing machine.

- Published in the January 12 issue of *The Illustrated Weekly of India* is a poem by Spicer's Academic Dean, J. I. Crawford. The poem, "The Cattle Egret's Ride" was written on the train en route to Poona following the arrival of the Crawfords in April, 1967.



The members of Spicer's Pathfinder Club visited St. Crispin's Orphanage, Deccan Gymkhana, Poona, Sabbath afternoon, December 28. One hundred fifty orphan children, ranging from two to 18 years of age, received packages of sweets and picture books from Jagwati Lall, left, and Swinitha Gnanasigamoney, deputy directors of Spicer Pathfinder Club. Looking on are Club Counsellors K. Shimray, left, and Santosh Mishal, right, while Spicer student, Daisy Singh, helps in the rear. The club members made the picture books and prepared the packages of sweets.

- Announcement was made January 7 of an action of the College Board conferring academic rank on 18 of its staff. They are: Professor, R. L. Rowe; Associate Professor, F. J. Crump, E. G. Fernando, M. K. George, A. M. Job, W. G. Johnsson, C. E. Roe, A. T. Thomas, M. Thomas, W. F. Zill; Assistant Professor, S. N. David, P. R. Jadhav, K. P. Mathew, K. J. Moses, S. S. Poddar, G. E. Sharon, Mrs. C. H. Tidwell; Instructor, Mrs. K. P. Mathew.

- Poona's visiting artists Gerhard Mantel, cellist, and Erika Frieser, pianist, entertained college and high school students, staff and visitors at a concert given during the January 7 chapel hour. The artists were in Poona with Max Mueller Bhavan. Spicer's programme was arranged by Dr. and Mrs. George Jenson.

- The Northeast Union week at Spicer was limited to the four days of January 21 to 24. However Spicer's 84 students from that Union rejoiced that their officers, G. J. Christo, W. J. McHenry and S. John together with R. N. Baird, president of the Assam Section, and P. D. Kujur, secretary of the East India Section, could be on campus.

- Sixty students donated 12,000 c.c. of blood to the Haffkine Institute Blood Bank, January 8. V. M. Suratkar and S. Chengappa, medical officers in the blood bank, described the response from the students as "wonderful".

The Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital wishes to contact all of its graduates for the purpose of forming an alumni association (graduates association). If you are a graduate or know the whereabouts of a graduate, please write to:

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