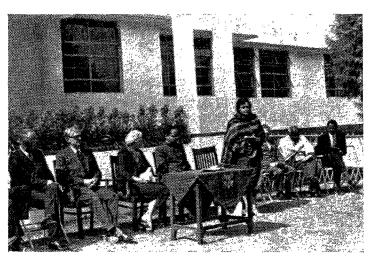
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Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Project Is Inaugurated

by GERALD J. CHRISTO



The Northeast Union received Rs. 49,211 from Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow funds to build the new administrative and classroom complex.



Mrs. E. N. Shullai, K. & J. Hills Inspectress of Schools, spoke of the place Assam Training School holds in rural education for the area.

N February 2, 1942 His Excellency, Robert Reid, Governor of Assam, laid the foundation stone of the wooden building of the Assam Training School of Seventh-day Adventists.

"That occasion was the beginning of the fulfilment of a dream," reminisced Oliver W. Lange at the opening ceremony of the new ATS administration and classroom building, February 5, 1969.

"J. F. Ashlock and I early recognized the need of establishing

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Shri S. L. Khosla, Commissioner, United K. & J. Hills District, received the scissors from Assam Training School co-founder, Sylvia Lange, for official opening of the new building.



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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,

An indisputable evidence of personal Christian progress and the possession of God's abiding Spirit is an exhibition of Christian graces in one's day-to-day living. "The fruit of the Spirit is *in all* goodness and righteousness and truth" (Eph. 5:9, italics supplied).

As Seventh-day Adventists we emphasize the observance of God's law. One wonders, sometimes, if we realize that the true observance of the law is a positive experience in which love takes full possession. "The law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Galatians 5:15).

Too often Adventist members engage in activities designed to destroy or damage one another. Are our criticisms and judgments of this nature? Might they be due to a lack of the outpouring of the Spirit in our lives? These are serious questions which we must face.

The temptation to judge should serve as a danger signal, causing us to flee to the Master in repentance and request that we might, by His grace, "walk in the Spirit, and . . . not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

While much judging is done under the guise of constructive criticism, it must be admitted that its background is more often selfishness. This practice is ultimately cannibalistic and hence self-destructive. See Galatians 5:15.

Jesus commanded, "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). Simple as this injunction is, it is probably the most difficult of rules to observe. Being sinners, everyone is dependent upon mercy and consideration. How can we expect, then, to approach God if we fail to be considerate? See Matthew 6:15.

God's judgment considers the motives of human action. We, being incapable of such insight, have no business making personal judgments. Because of man's limitations he may as readily judge the truly innocent to be guilty as he sometimes judges the genuinely guilty to be innocent. Judas appeared to the disciples to love the Master a great deal, while Peter was apparently a hypocrite. Appearances in both cases were deceitful, for it was Judas who turned out to be a hypocrite and Peter the earnest Christian. Mrs. E. G. White says, "Many who think themselves Christians will at last be found wanting. Many will be in heaven who their neighbours supposed would never enter there."—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 72.

"All that watch for iniquity are cut off" warns Isaiah. Isa. 29:20.

"May the fruit of the Spirit [which] is in all goodness and righteousness and truth" be in your life and in mine,

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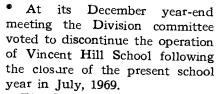
Paul G. Smith

Paul G. Smith, associate secrethe Department of of Stewardship and Development of the General Conference, arrives in Karachi, April 1. During his sixweek itinerary in Southern Asia, Pastor Smith, by means of stewardship education, will assist church leaders in planning and organizing their total resources so maximum effort may be put forth to advance the work of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Following his visit to Pakistan and Nepal, Pastor Smith will be joined in New Delhi, on April 7, by M. S. Prasada Rao, newly elected stewardship secretary of the Southern Asia Division. The team unite for seminars in the Northwestern India, Western India, South India, Ceylon, Northeast and Burma unions.

The following delegates are appointed to attend the Zurich World Youth Congress July 22 to 26: Division, R. J. E. Hillock; Ceylon, L. G. Lowe and one other W Northeast. delegate; McHenry, Deborah Rimsu Marak, Nunthari Pacchhau; Northwestern India, J. M. Campbell, Shish-Chand; Pakistan, R. W. O'Ffill, Sudhan Talukdar; South India, S. G. David, Ruben Latour; Western India, Sharad S. Pandit, Ramachandra G. Waidande: Spicer Memorial College, P. R. Solomon. The group will converge at Kabul and will include a 15seat Toyota driven by R. J. E. Hillock. Two or three weeks is scheduled for the drive to Zurich.

Poona Log-Book



The Far Eastern Division officers agree to accept the major portion of Southern Asia students of high school age when their new school year begins in September.

Members of the Vincent Hill School staff are appointed to the following assignments: L. R. Burns, evangelism in Goa in the Western India Union; R. H. Jones to Spicer Memorial College; W. H. McHenry, educational work in the Northwestern India Union; John B. Truscott and June Wiltshire, for work in the Division treasury office and secretarial work



Salisbury Park Cradle Roll parents will deposit something in their child's investment jar for each pound gained by members of the department. Cradle Rollers now tally 774 lbs. How much will it be December 6? Cradle Roll Leader Helen Stiles weighs heaviest Cradle Roll girl, 31 lb. Rajini Raj, while 33 lb. Dennis Dewri sits by.



respectively. Lloyd Willis will spend a furlough in study at Andrews University and receive later assignment. K. J. Keelan, who of all the teachers has spent the most time at Vincent Hill School, will continue there to look after the estate and Mussoorie church interests.

- Beginning March 2, 8:00-8:15 p.m. on 31 metre band, the Voice of Prophecy music hour is heard over Radio Ceylon on broadcasts beamed to India and Pakistan. This new programme is prepared in the Poona Voice of Prophecy studio. Four hundred hymns taped by the Glendale Voice of Prophecy singers have been made available. Announcements E. G. Conley include invitations for Voice of Prophecy enrolments. At this writing 18 broadcasts are prepared in advance.
- Because of heavy duties taken on by I. K. Moses as programme director for broadcasting material criginating at the Poona Voice of Prophecy studio, he has relinquished his duties as Division stewardship secretary. M. S. Prasada Rao is invited to accept this responsibility.
- During the Division November, 1968 literature evangelist sales contest, highest sales were made by Johnson Dass of Western India—Rs. 4,558. The highest total sales in any union during November was Northwestern India with Rs. 28,139 of which Davis Massey, second highest sales winner, sold Rs. 4,150.
- Twenty-nine Salisbury Park English Elementary School students are receiving monthly benefit from the Christian Children's Fund, Inc. This assistance is limited to school children under 14 years of age who are in need of financial assistance.

Vellore Serves Seventh-day Adventist Young People and Older Ones, too

M ANY Seventh-day Adventist young people know there is a place called Vellore. Some know this is where India's finest medical college is located. Not all know that a group of Adventist young people study medicine, nursing and other subjects in this very fine institution. And it is certain many do not realize that this medical college may be the place where they will study medicine or nursing in the near future.

Twenty-six Seventh-day Adventist young people have graduated with the M.B.B.S. degree from this school. That many more are studying there now. Both the B.A. and the M.A. courses in nursing and nursing education are available in Vellore now. Several Adventist young people have taken advanced courses in nursing there.

Our church regards the graduates from Christian Medical College, Vellore as the future leaders in Adventist medical work. Our appreciation for these young people and their contribution to the success of our medical institutions is such that our organization undertakes to sponsor students with certain qualifications in Vellore. Those whose scholarship is of the best and whose record for church loyalty is above reproach are eligible for recommendation to the sponsorship committee in Poona.

If you plan for medical or nursing training in Vellore, or if you aim for your son or daughter to study there, write without delay to your Union medical secretary or to your Union president. Send a copy of your letter to the medical secretary of the Division, Post Box 15, Poona 1.

If you have in mind to attend Vellore Medical College or the School of Nursing, you should plan three or four years in advance to be sure that you come up with the right preparation for the rigid entrance requirements.

Remember Vellore is our school. It is your school for the education of Christian physicians and Christian nurses.

T. R. FLAIZ, M.D., secretary

Medical Department, Southern Asia Division

13th Sabbath Overflow Project

From page 1

a boarding school for the youth of the newly organized churches and companies of the Assam hills," continued Pastor Lange. "We visited several available sites and very nearly settled for an open hillside near Barapani where, only a few years ago, a dam was constructed and where water now covers the area.

"The government leaders of the Khasi and Jaintia Hills were anxious that the new school be built near Jowai. At that time Jowai was accessible only by foot or horseback. The District Commis-

sioner, who is now the Chief Minister of Assam, and I were the first civilians to travel by jeep from Shillong to Jowai," Pastor Lange recounted.

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Pastor Lange did not recall the hardships of those first few years,—the school in session without hostels, without classrooms, in fact without everything—nor the pressure of work that kept him and Mrs. Lange from leaving the campus together for 24 months. Instead he rejoiced that he and Mrs. Lange were able to come, now 27 years later, from Lahore, West Pakistan to participate in the opening of this new Rs. 386,000 administration and classroom building.

CHURCH CALENDAR 1969

April 5* Visitation Evangelism April 12 (4) SMC Lay Student Aid Offering April 26 Stewardship Day May 3* May 10 Health and Welfare Evangelism (4) Disaster and Famine Relief Offering May 17 Spirit of Prophecy Day June 7* Bible Evangelism Crusade June 21 (1) Communion Service and Poor Fund Offering July 5* MV Evangelism Dav MV Evangelism Month
(3) Bible Society Offering
MV Week of Prayer July 1-31 July 12 July 19-26 July 26 July 26 (1) MV Offering August 2* "Our Times" Evangelism Day August 1-31 "Our Times" Subscription Campaign August 16 (3) Lay Congress Expense Offering Sept. 6* VOP Visitation Evangelism Sept. 1-30 VOP Evangelism Month Sept. 13 (4) Mission Extension Offering Sept. 20 (1) Communion Service and Poor Fund Offering (4) VOP Offering Sept. 27 Neighbourhood Evangelism October 4* October 4-10 Health Emphasis Week October 11 Sabbath School Visitors' Day October 18 Literature Evangelist Rally October 25 (3) Temperance Day Offering November 1*-8 Week of Prayer November 8 (4) Annual Sacrifice Offering JMV Pathfinder Day
Lay Trophy Day
(1) Communion Service November 22 December 6* December 20 and Poor Fund Offering *On the first Sabbath of each month the offering goes to the Lay Activities Department. The number against the offering indicates where it goes: (1) Local Church; (2) Section; (3) Union; (4) Division.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS
June 28 South American Division
September 27 Far Eastern Division
December 20 Southern Asia Division

At 11 o'clock, February 5, Shri S. L. Khosla, Commissioner of the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills district, accepted a pair of scissors from Mrs. Lange and cut the purple ribbon across the entrance of the new building, thus declaring it open. Prior to this Shri Khosla in his speech referred to the uniqueness of the Assam Training School and wished its administration success in their educational programme for the youth of Assam.

Guests at the opening function included the Inspectress of Schools, Mrs. E. N. Shullai, and her deputy; former principal Fred H. Nash and family; Division treasurer, B. H. Stickle; Division educational secretary, C. H.

Tidwell and the writer. In his prayer of dedication, Pastor Stickle dedicated the new building to the education of youth for God and for eternity.

The guests were served refreshments in the new library hall following a tour of inspection.

The building, financed by funds raised by Sabbath school members around the world, has an administrative set-up of offices for the principal, headmaster, business affairs, a teachers' room, a library and six classrooms.

The Fourth International Bible Contest was held in Jerusalem, March 12, the culminating event of Israel's year-long celebration of its 20th anniversary. Representatives from 20 countries competed for top honours and each question was translated into nine languages including Maltese and Amharic. The advisorv board included former Premier David Ben Gurion and Australian Seventh-day Adventist Graham Mitchell, the 1964 champion of the contest involving knowledge of the Bible.

1968 Third and Fourth Quarter Statistical Reports

Third Quarter

THE total church membership at the close of the third quarter is 40,303. This means that the Southern Asia Division passed the forty thousand mark during this quarter.

If all church members were in the 468 organized churches, there would be an average of 86 members to each church. However, many members are in small unorganized groups. Some live alone. It is the privilege of the church leader to know how many members are in each group and to know their names. Missing members should be sought out, as the shepherd searched for the missing sheep in the parable.

The quarterly report sent by the church to the Section office, and by the Section office to the Union furnishes a reminder to each church clerk and Section secretary that the record should be brought to date. Transfers should be noted and the membership corrected accordingly.

While every Adventist would like to be alive to meet Jesus when He comes, it is inevitable that some will wait in the grave. When the death of a member takes place the church clerk immediately notes that sad fact with the date in his record book, and thereafter that name is no longer counted in the statistical report. This does not mean that the deceased name is

erased in heaven. But records in the church are a count of living members.

Only 456 baptisms were recorded during the third quarter. Some will say, "The fourth quarter baptisms are always the largest." This is not necessarily true nor right. People should be baptized when they are ready to enter the church, and a good number should be getting ready all through the year. Baptisms are to be evenly spaced throughout the year, baptismal services on specified dates being well planned in advance.

A bountiful harvest is to be planned and expected. Let this be during any and every part of the year. Of course no worker will lead a candidate into the baptismal pool just to reach a goal. The motive is souls not goals.

Every candidate will be thoroughly indoctrinated, giving evidence of acceptance of all leading Christian Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and practices. This attitude and principle will not keep people out of the church, but when there is an interest every effort will be made to lead the candidate quickly and surely to full preparation, then baptism and uniting with God's people as a member.

The average amount of mission offerings compared to tithe is nearly 37 per cent. Ceylon members contribute Rs. 50 for each Rs.

100 tithe. Burma members give Ks. 46 for each Ks. 100 tithe.

Fourth Quarter

TESUS told the parable of the talents. Some have natural talents. Others must acquire them. One of the talents which must be cultivated by every church clerk, Section, Union and Division secretary is that of punctuality. The church clerk will send his report to the Section within one or two days after the close of the quarter. The Section secretary will send his report to the Union secretary before the 15th of the first month following the end of the quarter. The Union secretary will send his report to the Division secretary before the end of the first month of the new quarter.

Secretaries must work according to these schedules. The time when a report is due is known as the "deadline." That means that when a report is late it is as good as dead, for it cannot be counted with the rest. It is the business of a secretary to get his report in on time. This is a first and a must.

When the report of one church is missing the report is incomplete. When the report of one whole Section is missing the report is seriously lacking in correct information. That a Union secretary should fail to get his report in on time is unthinkable. But deadlines must be met even when the information has not come.

Thanks to all church clerks and secretaries for good work during 1968. You have helped to make up a good report, and the total for the entire year will appear next month.

Welcome to new church clerks. You are a church leader, and have an important office. Learn all you can from your predecessor. Study the best and most efficient way to do your work, and with trust in God it will be a success.

How wonderful to have a total of 42,141 church members in Southern Asia. How much growth did your church register during 1968? May each member be a true witness for Christ during the year 1969.

-Cecil B. Guild

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA

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OUR UNIONS REPORT



Assam Section Meets in Constituency Meeting

WILL COME stood out in letters of gold on a background of royal blue. This was the theme of the Assam Section constituency meeting held, February 4 to 8, at Assam Training School. The attendance swelled to 250 people over the Sabbath. Most of the delegates were young people for the church in Assam is comparatively a young church.

The first Seventh-day Adventist church in Assam was organized in Shillong in 1938 with 23 charter members. That same year one company was established at Mawkaiew with a membership of five. Today there are 39 organized churches and 45 companies. The membership is 2,703 Seventh-day Adventists. Of these, 316 were baptized in 1968. Last year's lay tithe was Rs. 59,524, an increase of Rs. 19,000 over the previous year.

Laymen at the constituency meeting pledged to bring 570 people to Christ during 1969. In 1968 they won 319 people. The Mizo delegates requested two thousand Bibles for use in the Bible Made Plain series.

The area of Assam is 85,000 square miles. It has four hill dis-



On February 8, rear row, left to right; Justin Momin, O. S. Momin, J. M. Dkhar and A. S. Tungmaso were ordained to the gospel ministry at the Assam Constituency meeting. O. W. Lange preached the ordination sermon. B. H. Stickle offered the prayer. The charge was administered by R. N. Baird and G. J. Christo welcomed the candidates. Justin Momin and O. S. Momin are the first Seventh-day Adventist Garo ministers and A. S. Tungmaso is the first Naga Adventist minister. Pastor Justin Momin's wife was not precent to share the sacred service with her husband. The wives of pastors O. S. Momin, J. M. Dkhar and A. S. Tungmaso stand with their husbands.

tricts and seven plains districts. The population is 12 million. Its people speak 60 different languages and scores of dialects. Seventh-day Adventists are working in three of the eleven districts. They are the United Khasi and Jaintia, Garo and Mizo districts. In 1967 a new church was established in the district of Sibsagar.

Sixty-one Seventh-day Advent-

ist men and women serve this vast tract of 85,000 square miles and 12 million people. There are nine ordained ministers, three credentialed missionaries, eight licensed ministers, 12 licensed missionaries, 19 teachers, seven literature evangelists and three other workers. The ratio is one Seventh-day Adventist to 5,365 non-Adventists!

-C. J. Gorde

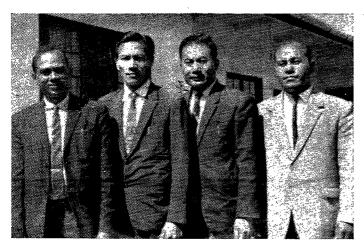


Two of the four translators for constituency meeting services were, left Holiwell Dkhar and Justin Momin.

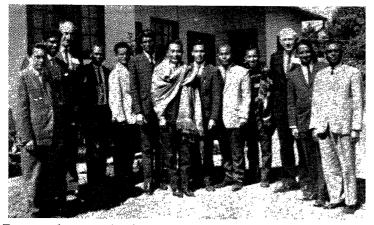
It Makes Me Homesick For Heaven

Mrs. Lange and me to return to Assam again and to attend the constituency meeting when nearly 250 believers were present. Thirty-two years ago when we first visited Assam there was not a single baptized Seventh-day Adventist from all the hill tribes. Two years later, when Mrs. Lange and I returned to join Pastor and Mrs. J. F. Ashlock in the Lord's work in Assam, there were only eight or ten baptized members.

The opening of the Assam



Assam circle leaders appointed at the constituency meeting are, left to right: P. N. Bazroy, Garo; V. L. Rawna, Mizo; H. B. Lalkhawliana, Manipur; D. Nongtudu, Khasi.



Ten members of the Assam Section committee here meet with Union officers. Left to right: J. I. Khonghat, I. D. Solomon, R. N. Baird, P. N. Bazroy, J. M. Dkhar, P. L. Solomon, H. B. Lalkhawliana, V. L. Rawna, D. Nongtudu, Ringsung Hungyo.



Charter members of Assam's first organized church were a part of a predominantly youthful congregation.

Left to right: O. Gatphoh, Mrs. Holiwell Dkhar, Mary Paswet, Kong Disibon, Albin Roy, Joe William.

Training School in 1941 was the beginning of a great influence which reached out into many areas of the province. Young people from many tribes came to attend the new school. They carried the Bible truth with them when they returned to their homes.

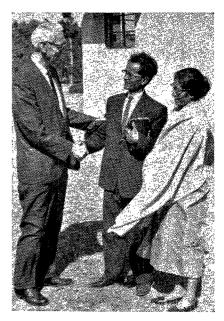
Providentially a club of two hundred Signs of the Times came

to C. F. Jenson, a member of the school staff. These magazines sent to village teachers, lawyers and prominent families in the hill areas created a widespread interest in the Bible. This led us to start a 20th Century Bible Correspondence School. Many people completed this course before the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspond-

ence School came to Southern Asia.

L. J. Burgess, who pioneered Adventist work in Assam, prepared four small books entitled, The Answers of God to the Questions of Men. These books were a wonderful blessing to those who secured them. Student colporteurs scattered literature from the Chin Hills of Burma to the Garo Hills that border on Bengal. People in many villages believed in and accepted the message of the soon return of Jesus. Today there are organized S.D.A. churches in 68 villages and many groups of believers in hundreds of villages.

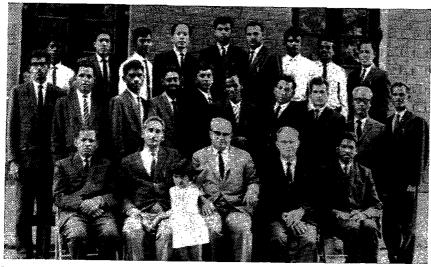
The high point in the constituency meetings came when four young men were set apart for ordination to the gospel ministry. One of the four (J. M. Dkhar) was a small boy when the school at Assam Training School first began. Later I had the privilege of baptizing that little boy.



J. M. Dkhar, Spicer Memorial College graduate ordained at constituency meeting, meets O. W. Lange, who baptized him as a youth.

It was thrilling to attend the constituency meeting and to see delegates representing the fruits of early gospel work in Assam. It is a foretaste of what it will be when we meet in the kingdom with Jesus and see the multitude of earnest ones from all parts of Assam.

-Qliver W. Lange



Fourteen regular literature evangelists and three students attended the Northeast Union institute held, Feb. 25 to March 1, at Ranchi. Leading in institute work were, sitting, left to right: D. Henry, manager, East India Section Book Depot; M. C. Lall, publishing secretary, Northeast Union; J. A. Soule, publishing secretary, Southern Asia Division; W. G. Lowry, president, East India Section; I. D. Solomon, manager, Assam Section Book Depot.

Standing on the left of the second row is P. L. Solomon, publishing secretary, Assam Section. On the right of the second row is K. S. D. Charles, publishing secretary, East India Section.



As a result of the work of R. Khorie, Manipur literature evangelist, 29 people were baptized during 1968. This is the highest such record for any literature evangelist in Southern Asia.



• Six series of evangelistic meetings began Sunday evening, Feb. 23. These six are under the direction of R. Aranze and A. B. N. Kulasekere at Moratuwa; D. S. Ariyaratnam and C. Ederesinghe in Ratnapure; Tudor Perera and Kingsley Peter at Matale; C. C. Kurunathan and L. G. Lowe at Nawalapitiya. J. Stephen and G. E. Corkum at Hendala; and D. M. Fernando at Kurunegala.

- Donald and Barbara Larson arrived in Ceylon, January 20, where Mr. Larson accepted appointment as science teacher at Lakpahana Training Institute. Mr. Larson received a M.S. degree in physics, mathematics and Mrs. Larson a master's degree in home economics, both from Loma Linda University in 1968.
- A Colombo School of Evangelism is scheduled to begin April 8 and continue through the month of May. W. H. Mattison is coordinator and director. F. R. Scott is appointed manager. F. J. Crump will join as evangelism instructor. Twenty-nine members of School will include Ceylon, 10; Northeast, 1; Northwest, 1; Pakistan, 5; South India, 4; Western India, 3; Spicer Memorial College, Evangelistic meetings scheduled for five evenings of each week in the Ramakrishna Mission Hall. B. F. Pingho is chosen as speaker.



• Under date of March 4, J. B. Trim writes from Bombay, "It is nice to be back and get some warmer weather, which we have grown to take for granted—so long as it is not too hot!

"My wife and I during furlough filled 40 appointments and visited three camp meetings. In addition to these and church services and Sabbath school talks, we had several newspaper stories printed and three radio interviews. Two of the radio interviews were on national programmes. This publicity came during the Ingathering campaign which it contributed to, as well as the actual solicitation we did as a family.

"We took opportunity whenever possible to promote the 1969 fourth quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering for Spicer and Lasalgaon."

• On March 6, 7 and 8 churches were organized in the North Maharashtra Section at Bhendala, Puri and Gogalgaon. S. B. Gaikwad and S. G. Kamble, North Maharashtra Section president and secretary-treasurer, were assisted by Western India Union president and secretary-treasurer, V P. Muthiah and I. E. Grice, E. G. Conley, Union ministerial secretary, and W. H. Mattison, Division ministerial secretary.

South Maharashtra's First Constituency Convenes

March was a high day for the South Maharashtra Section constituency in session at Hatkanagle. Two hundred fifty-six believers from 20 churches were gathered to witness the ordination of three men and the dedication of five children. A communion service climaxed the three-day conference.

Those ordained at the Sabbath worship hour were: Azariah I. John, Sharad S. Pandit and Mohan B. Waidande. Together they have served the church for 55 years. Division Ministerial Secretary W. H. Mattison preached the ordination sermon, centring his theme on the importance of in soul-winning. self-surrender With Western India Union President V. P. Muthiah introducing the candidates and offering the dedicatory prayer, Union Ministerial Secretary E. G. Conley gave the charge, and Section President E.



Receiving ordination at the South Maharashtra constituency meeting, March 15, here pictured with wives, left to right, are: Sharad S. Pandit, Mohan B. Waidande, Azariah I. John.

A. Hetke welcomed the newly ordained into the ranks of the gospel ministry and invited them to lead out in the communion service which followed in the afternoon.

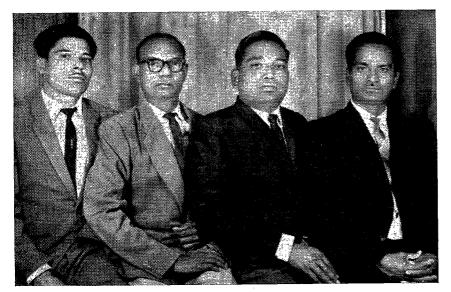
The constituency, first to meet since the organization of the Section two years ago, also rejoiced over two achievements in which God's blessings were seen most: tithe income and baptisms.

The tithe for 1968 amounted to Rs. 133,514. This represents for the Section a per capita tithe of Rs. 90, among the highest in the Division.

The 1968 church membership stood at 1,476, an increase of 15 per cent over the previous year's membership. Of the 110 persons added to the church in 1968, thirty-eight were the direct result of lay evangelism. Layman Dhondi Ram Kamble was declared The Layman of the Year for bringing in 15 people.

As workers and members returned to their churches from the biennial meetings, they took with them a pledge to win three hundred in 1969.

---John M. Fowler



Fifty-seven of North Maharashtra Section's 93 baptisms during 1968 came from four churches. In charge of these churches are, left to right: M. D. Gaikwad, Gangapur; V. K. Athawale, Puri; G. S. Wilson, Bombay; and A. B. Chavan, Ahmednagar.



• Eight Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School students were baptized March 1 at the conclusion of the Week of Prayer conducted by T. A. Davis. This makes a total of 26 student baptisms during the 1968-69 school year.

Extension to Boys' Hostel Is Under Way

ROUND was broken, January 30, for the extension to the Narsapur High School boys' hostel. W. F. Easterbrook, treasurer, South India Union, was assisted in the ceremony by the writer. Japagnanam John and Darelli Raju from the Union, were present.

Dr. T. R. Flaiz founded the Narsapur school-an intermediate school for boys-in mid-1921. More than thirty students were enrolled. P. J. Kelly, father of Steven Kelly. present headmaster, was the headmaster of the first school at Narsapur. The hostels in those early days were built to accommodate some thirty or forty students. The writer as a student of the school in 1928, remembers 25 boys and 10 girls attending the Narsapur school.

With the growth of the constituency the attendance increased until the Narsapur hospital buildings were converted into hostel room. The old boys' hostel was converted into class-rooms. An auditorium was added in 1958 when R. E. Stahlnecker was principal. The foundation for a dining hall was laid in 1962 during W. F. Zill's administration. The dining hall was completed by R. H. Jones in 1963 and included kitchen facilities.

Even with these additions it was felt that the plant needed expansion. Plans were made to shift the higher classes to a new location at Ibrahimpatnam near Vijayawada. A later decision called for expansion at Narsapur. The present school year started with 250 resident students. It was felt that hostel expansion should begin im-



On January 30 I. Subushanam, principal, Narsapur High School, and E. F. Easterbrook, treasurer, South India Union, led out in breaking ground for the new extension for the Narsapur boys' hostel.

mediately to provide accommodation for the 250 boys who are expected to be enrolled by June, 1969.

—I. Subushnam



Delhi Ladies Flock to Cooking School

THREE groups of ladies attended the cooking and baking classes conducted, Feb. 3 to 21, in the newly set-up kitchen of the Adventist Centre, New Delhi. Of the 70 ladies enrolled, 61 received certificates for 100 per cent attendance.

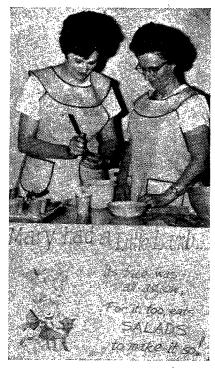
No equipment was used in the cooking school other than is readily available on the local market. Cakes and bread were baked in a simple, Rs. 30, oven set on top of a gas burner. The four-day course included the making of protein dishes, featuring gluten and soy beans; yeast and quick breads; chiffon, fruit and eggless cakes and cake decorating; salads, dressings and garnishes; cereal coffee. On the fifth day each of the ladies prepared one or more of the dishes taught during the week and presented it for display and judging. First,

second and third prize ribbons were given for each selection.

A special feature was the door prize given to the lucky number holder each day. These prizes included juicy steaks, cinna-swirls, decorated cakes or a bowl of potato salad.

Very little advertising was needed for the cooking school. A circular and application form was sent to each of the Delhi ladies' clubs. By the end of the first week the ladies in the first course did all the necessary advertising. More ladies applied than could be handled even in the two following classes.

The second course in cooking began the second week in March.



Mrs. R. H. Jones and Mrs. E. A. Streeter teach salad making to the Delhi cooking groups.

A third course will be offered in April.

Mrs. E. A. Streeter is the director of the cooking school. She was assisted for the first week by Guest Instructor Mrs. R. H. Jones, from Vincent Hill School. Miss June Wiltshire, also from Vincent Hill, assisted throughout the three weeks. Mrs. J. M. Campbell shared in the demonstrations.

The Times of India, on February 8, featured an eight-inch column report of the first cooking class. Those in attendance throughout the course include the



Delhi ladies take a keen interest in food preparation.



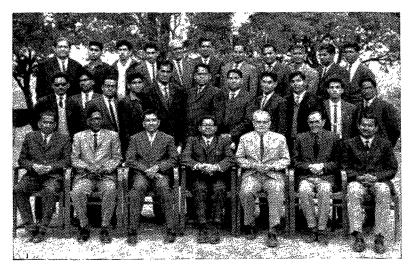
The first baptism in the New Delhi Adventist Centre was conducted, January 4, by E. A. Streeter, president, Northwestern India Union. Baptismal candidates are from left: Mrs. D. Beatt, nursing superintendent of a New Delhi Special Care centre; Helen Simon, daughter of New Delhi Literature Evangelist H. M. Simon; Yvonne Streeter, second daughter of E. A. Streeter.

wife of a cabinet minister, the daughter of a minister of State, the wife of a joint-secretary, the wife of an under-secretary of the Central Government, wives of

many influential business men and two lady doctors.

One lady is now attending church as a direct result of the cooking classes.

—P. Kailas Peterson



Twenty-three Northwestern India Union literature evangelists attended the institute held at Hapur, Feb. 11 to 15. Giving instruction were, front row, left to right: T. V. Chacko, Union Book Depot manager; Solomon Moses, Union treasurer; Iqbal Massey, assistant Union PDS; A. B. Massey, Union PDS; J. A. Soule, A. C. L. Popkiss, Hapur S.D.A. church pastor; B. M. Isaac, Union ministerial secretary.



Davis Massey led the Division in 1968 literature sales of Rs. 28,717.



During the month of November, Shaukat Massey sold 203 religious books, the highest total in the Division.

Yet another book by Authoress Goldie Down, published by Southern Publishing Association, is entitled If I Have Twelve Sons. "If I have twelve sons, I shall make them all doctors," declared the mother of Mrs. I. R. Bazliel. Mrs. Hagar Gulam Jilani graduated from Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, in the first nursing class, 1898. She married Dr. Gulam Jilani. It was while the fammission service ily were in (Church Missionary Society) in Kuwait that they discovered the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath instead of the first day. The Jilanis had ten children but only two lived to adulthood. The eldest of the two is Sakinah, wife of Dr. I. R. Bazliel. Mrs. Jilani died at the home of her daughter in Simla on March 9, 1969.

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- Spicer Secondary School students and staff, filling two buses, enjoyed an excursion, February 26, to Mahabaleshwar.
- The winning of nine super scholarships and seven full scholarships by Spicer Memorial College students during the 1968 vacation months was announced in chapel. February 20, by J. A. Soule, Division publishing secretary. Listed among super scholarship winners was consistently successful Leona Lyndoh, of Assam One hundred fifteen Spicer students attended the February 20 to 23 literature evangelist institute. A. B. Massey, A. I. John and J. John, publishing secretaries of Northwestern India, Western India and South India unions joined the instructional and recruiting group.



- In a Japanese setting, members of the Bertha Club entertained the Men's Club, Feb. 16, at supper in the cafeteria and in the auditorium. To say Thank you, the officers of the Men's Club presented the girls with a wall clock and two ironing boards.
- Four hundred fifty word-edition of the S.D.A. Church Hymnal are added to the S.M.C. church. These hymnals are printed on offset at the Oriental Watchman Publishing House.
- Thirteen students completed the requirements for the senior Leadercraft Training Certificate. This, the second Leadercraft course conducted during the current school year by R. J. E. Hillock, was over the week-ends of February 22 and March 1.



Literature evangelist achievement awards earned during the 1968 vacation were presented at the February 20 chapel service at Spicer. Trophy winners are from front, left to right: Joy Abraham, highest hours (743); Van Ro Tluanga, highest cash credit (Rs. 1,782), highest book sales (Rs. 6,487), and cond highest total sales (Rs. 6,622); Thomas K. Joseph, second highest book sales (Rs. 7,268).

Standing: Manasseh Hembrom, highest magazine sales (Rs. 2,344); Manohar Sanade; Philip Abraham, second highest magazine sales (Rs. 2,313); M. D. Joseph, second highest credit (Rs. 1,566); Lalchansanga Colney, second highest hours (733).

- The new wing of the girls' hostel formally was opened, February 18, in connection with the visit of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kirloskar, of Poona. Constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.5 lakhs, the new wing has nine rooms which will relieve the present crowded hostel condition, Mrs, Kirloskar, wife of one of India's leading industrialists, cut the ribbon and declared the new wing open. Mrs. S. S. Pandit is the Dean of Women. At present 167 girls are residing in the hostel.
- The eleven-meeting evangelistic series conducted by V. P. Muthiah at Spicer Memorial College concluded Friday evening, Feb. 21, with a baptism of 14 candidates. Five of the 14 were from the Marathi community, three from the Telugu and six were Spicer students. Three meetings were held during Christmas week and the remaining nine on successive Friday nights. Coloured nature slides, motion pictures on the life of Christ, and the Gift Bible Plan complemented Pastor Muthiah's preaching. Staff and students studied with many families from Range Hills, Kirkee and Aundh areas. These interested people came to the meetings via the Spicer bus each Friday evening. One hundred Bibles were given as awards for completing the Life of the World course and for attending the services. Follow-up work is continuing with the Treasures of Truth course studied in the homes and another baptism scheduled for March 22.
- S. G. David, M. D. Kodan, M. D. Moses and D. R. Watts spent February 26 to March 1 at Spicer Memorial College for the special South India fellowship week. Conferences were held with college administration officers discussing matters of mutual concern. D. R. Watts spoke at the Sabbath morning church service. He outlined possible sacrifices hic!. must be made for the finishing of God's work. Seventy students stood indicating their willingness to accept the challenge. South India's college enrolment at Spicer numbers 221 students.