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ONE hundred fifty miles northwest of Madras in southern Andhra, and one hundred miles northwest of Vellore is a small range of low-lying granite mountains known as the Horsley Hills. Four thousand and more feet high, and strewn with up to bungalow-sized granite boulders and scrub forest, the Horsley Hills is the favourite mountain resort of the Andhra country. This delightfully cool, windswept highland boasts a very fine mission rest home, owned by the Church of South India. This excellent facility was selected by the Seventh-day Adventist Vellore students and faculty for their first retreat held July 20 to 22.

This first retreat was attended by more than fifty medical students, nursing student staff, wives and children associated with our Vellore group, and students of medicine and nursing in Vellore entrance examinations. Invited to attend from outside of Vellore were R. S. Lowry, A. J. Johanson, K. A. Paulson, C. A. Ninan, Hepsy Henry and the writer. Duties at Giffard Memorial Hospital prevented Dr. Ninan from attending. D. Belraj, of the Vellore church, was a guest.

By 3 P.M. Friday, July 20, the big government transport bus was loaded at Vellore with suitcases, bags, bed-rolls, water cans, and well stocked boxes of food—all the essentials for a week-end camp in the hills were stowed on board. Good food was waiting for the fifty odd of us when we arrived, rather too late, at the camp. The regular and prompt serving of good food at each mealtime was just one of the pleasures of this retreat.

Sabbath morning, Sabbath

school was called to meet on the windy top of a granite hill. However, even the more rugged members voted to move back to the camp for the church services. In that hour of worship Dr. Lowry brought a ringing challenge to the young people to make a total dedication of their talents to advance the cause of God.

The discussion periods occupying Sabbath afternoon and Sunday forenoon were given over to study of basic problems and interests of Christian medical ministry. It is unlikely that another group of comparable young people could be found who would more intelligently set forth consistent and worthwhile observations, and constructive criticisms of current medical work. The four study and round table discussion sessions were led by Drs. Noel Fernando, John Abraham, Eric Moser and K. A. Paul-

son. Dr. Paulson is recently returned from more than five years of advanced study overseas—four years in the U.K. and a year and a half in the U.S.

The topic "What constitutes self-denial as opposed to sacrifice? Are these abstract qualities and situations in which and through which we manifest our spirit of service?" was discussed. Meditate on the subject: "Determine in what manner these qualities are shown in your own life and to what extent."

When should the young physician take his advanced or specialty training? Immediately after his internship and house surgeons work, or should he have several—perhaps three or four years—of general practice first? The conclusion was in favour of the general practice experience. Doctors in any specialty are better specialized if they have had general experience. This is contrary to trends in England and in America. It was pointed out that control of medical and educational policy is in the hands of these doctors who have done little, if any, clinical work, hence the trend toward direct entry into graduate work following internship. The opinions were expressed by the chairman of the panel, Dr. Paulson, that the physician who does three or four years or more of general practice before entering upon specialty studies will become a more able and understanding specialist because of this general experience.

Time was given in the meeting to a profitable discussion of the question of when and how the physician should present to his patient appropriate aspects of present truth. When should the physician

Vellore Members Hold First Retreat

by THEODORE R. FLAIZ, M.D.

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CHURCH CALENDAR 1969

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
Sept. 27	(4) VOP Offering
October 4*	Neighbourhood Evangelism Day
October 4-10	Health Emphasis Week
October 11	Sabbath School Visitors' Day
October 18	Literature Evangelist Rally Day
October 25	(3) Temperance Day Offering
November 1*-8	Week of Prayer
November 8	(4) Annual Sacrifice Offering
November 22	JMV Pathfinder Day
December 6*	Lay Trophy Day
December 20	(1) Communion Service 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
 September 27 Far Eastern Division
 December 20 Southern Asia Division

• The office of public relations, Andrews University, sends the following release:

"Dennis Tidwell, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Tidwell, is one of seven students at Andrews University to accept a term as a student missionary this year.

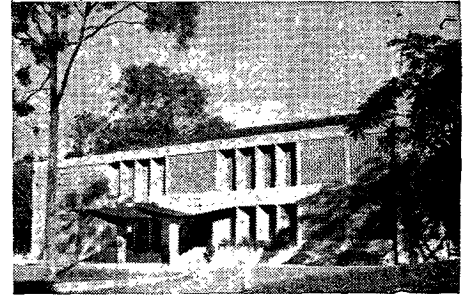
"Dennis, a sophomore theology major, will teach English at the Adventist-operated language centre in Osaka, Japan, for a period of 12 months, which began in June.

"Like the other student missionaries, he will work without salary except for room and board. Transportation costs are paid by donations from Andrews students and faculty, businessmen, and other interested persons. In addition, students such as Dennis, who serve 12 months, also receive a scholarship equivalent to 60 per cent of one year's tuition when they return to Andrews.

"At Osaka, Dennis joins other student missionaries from the United States, including one from Andrews University who has finished his year of service but has elected to remain for an additional 12 months."

Poona

Log-Book



• Jayakaran Job and Jonathan Raju were admitted, June 26, to the medical course at Christian Medical College, Vellore.

• Garth Thompson, principal, Far Eastern Academy, Singapore, visited Vincent Hill School, June 17 to 19, with a welcome to students who plan to attend the Far Eastern Academy in the next school year. His visit included the showing of 160 Kodachrome slides and an orientation tape prepared by D. A. Roth, assistant secretary and public relations director, Far Eastern Division, and his son.

• Mr. and Mrs. M. Shafqat, Lois and John, spent July 5 to 7 at Salisbury Park en route to the United States from Ethiopia where they were serving in educational and nursing lines.

• Southern Asia's delegates to the World Youth Congress converged, June 28, at Delhi. With all travel preparations completed Pastor and Mrs. R. J. E. Hillock, Barbara and Betty, left Delhi Saturday night, June 28, by car. J. M. Campbell and the Ceylon Union delegates, Sunimal Kulasekere and Ranjit Aranze, left the same night by road for Lahore. R. W. O'Ffill and Sudhan Talukdar joined these seven in Pakistan. Shishpal Chand, S. G. David, Reuben Latour, Deborah Momin, Sharad Pandit, Nunthari Pacchhau, P. R. Solomon and R. G. Waidande left Delhi, June 29, for Amritsar where they took Indian Airlines to Kabul. From that point all travelled overland together by car and van.

A cable signed "delegates" announced the arrival of the party at Istanbul on July 14.

• With delegates en route to Zurich, a core of workers at Zurich are working feverishly to have everything ready for July 22. Susan Rozell, under date of July

6, writes: "There are still 13,000 large zipper cases to be filled so they can be given to the delegates and some of the material hasn't come yet! The city of Zurich has said we must *build* a pedestrian crossing bridge across the busy street from the parking lot to the auditorium! This hasn't been started yet! We are still getting changes of delegates from various divisions on the wrong forms, so they have to be re-typed by us, keeping about six people busy who could otherwise be doing other things. The auditorium itself is a dirty racing gymnasium and will have to be transformed—a stage built, drapes and carpet bought by us and put in, bleacher seats especially built over the race track, special towers built for the sound equipment! You can see there are problems, but everyone is optimistic and it's going to be a really great congress!" Susan Rozell and Jan Bucknell are with the secretarial staff in Zurich prior to and during the congress.

• Prior to a Dorcas Society sponsored demonstration on artificial respiration, Dr. T. R. Flaiz said that he and Mrs. Sathiaraj James, Salisbury Park community nurse, completed, on July 11, physical examination of 235 English Elementary School students. Dr. Flaiz reported that heart trouble, eye and ear involvement, and abdominal malfunction or growth are less than for a comparable group of school children in the United States. A rather high incidence of intestinal disorder is attributed to food contamination by flies. Dr. Flaiz indicated that students who have been attending the English Elementary School, under the principalship of D. Sukumaran, had a better degree of health perception than other students who have not shared this advantage.

OUR UNIONS REPORT

Stewardship Principles Take Root

STEWARDSHIP is the total dedication of all that man is and has. It is the total commitment of the whole being to the service of God. The cause of God needs money, that is true, but money has never been a problem with God. Money is not our problem either. If God's people are faithful there will be more money in the Lord's treasury than can be used in the finishing of the work. And the work will be completed much sooner than we expect."

With these and similar radical statements—radical* in that they differ from the previously existing concept of stewardship—Paul G. Smith, associate secretary of the General Conference Department of Stewardship and Development, helped Southern Asia administrators, departmental secretaries and evangelists catch a new vision of the possibilities before the church and the right concept of stewardship responsibilities.

Pastor Smith arrived in Karachi April 1. In the Pakistan Union meetings were held in Gujranwala, Chuharakana and Dacca. After a couple of days in Nepal, Pastor Smith reached Delhi about noon of April 8 where the writer joined him for institutes in India and Burma. We left that same night for Jullundur where an institute for the Punjab workers was held. On Sabbath, April 12, Pastor Smith spoke at the Delhi Adventist Centre. An institute for the workers in the Upper Ganges and Central India sections was held, April 13 and 14, at Hapur. If members and workers rightly realize stewardship responsibilities we do not need to ask them to give, Pastor Smith said. They cannot help but give.

Spicer Memorial College was the venue for Western India Union's institute. Here twenty workers from the Union in addition to representatives from the College and the Division caught the spirit of or-

ganizing their total resources to advancing the work of the Seventh-day Adventist church. (Under date of April 30, S. G. Kamble, secretary-treasurer of the North Maharashtra Section wrote: "We as Section officers along with our stewardship secretary, are definitely working out plans to improve our tithe. We shall try our very best to promote the principles that Pastor Smith suggested at the stewardship institute.")

Thirty leaders came together in Bangalore for three days of counselling. Pastor Smith emphasized that in approaching an individual or a church one must be more interested in the salvation of a person than in the collecting of some money, even for a good cause—the work of God. If the spirit of sacrifice that runs through the plan of salvation is rightly understood, one will give liberally and sacrificially. A definite, undefinable relationship exists between giving and the salvation of an individual, emphasized Pastor Smith.

Pastor Smith spent a few days in Ceylon with the workers assembled for the Colombo School of Evangelism.

The cool climate of Shillong was welcome for the Northeast Union institute held, May 8 to 11. Here 22 leaders were present. There are certain guides to giving, said Pastor Smith. The first tenth of one's income, the tithe, is the Lord's. It is not ours. So, when we return the tithe to the Lord, we have just returned to Him what is His, pointed out Pastor Smith. We have not given Him anything. Only when we give beyond the first one-tenth do we give to the Lord. In the time of the Israelites, for the purposes of worship and to help the poor, an amount equivalent to the tithe, or a second tithe, was given, stated Pastor Smith. Many gave one-fourth of their income in tithes and offerings and some gave as much as one-third of their income. The Northeast workers, at the close of their institute, pledged to give a second tithe in offerings

themselves and to educate their members to do likewise.

Time was given at each of the institutes for relating personal experiences in stewardship. G. S. Peterson, Giffard Memorial Hospital business manager, recalled how the Nuzvid church wanted to conduct evangelistic meetings. Since the local section could not assist with the Rs. 600 needed for this series of meetings, the matter was placed before the church and an offering taken. In response to this appeal, Rs. 800 was given. But Bro. Peterson's eight-year-old son showed the true spirit of Adventism. At the close of the meeting he came to his father and said, "I have Rs. 10 in my savings and I will give it all for the meetings!"

Thirty workers attended the one-day meeting—the last of the institutes—held in Rangoon, Burma. We were permitted to spend 20 hours only in that country but the Burma workers joined those from other institutes in saying, "We never before realized so much is involved in stewardship."

"The Lord does not propose to come to this world and lay down gold and silver for the advancement of His work. He supplies men with resources, that by their gifts and offerings they may keep His work advancing... When these are met [neglected obligations], by giving the Lord His own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message that the Lord designs it to hear."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 36.

—M. S. Prasada Rao

CEYLON

- Ceylon Adventist young people gathered 630 Voice of Prophecy enrolments in one area on a recent Poya day.
- Miss Christabel Peter, of Lakpahana, took first place in the 1969 Island-wide temperance elocution contest sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.



Francis R. Scott laid the foundation stone, June 6, at the new Bethel chapel in Colombo.

• The Hendala church was organized July 5. • Four people were baptized in Colombo, June 14.



This group of Lakpahana Seventh-day Adventist students were unable to take their regular high school examinations conducted by the government in April because the examinations fell on two Sabbaths. The government made provision for these candidates to appear on June 6 for a special examination. On the examination day the supervisor paused for prayer to be offered before the examination papers were distributed.

WESTERN INDIA

Kamble Earns Four Scholarships

FIFTEEN student colporteurs from Spicer College, Lowry and Lasalgaon high schools joined Western India Union for work during the vacation months. All of the 15 received full or half scholarships. No one got into debt. Even the boy who sent only Rs.

160 to the Book Depot went back to school rejoicing because he too earned a full scholarship. Prakash Kamble, Lasalgaon High School, has a credit in the Book Depot of Rs. 1,500 which is equal to more than the four scholarships which he earned.

Spicer College students Babu Dhumal and N. D. Samson worked in Ahmedabad, the capital city of Gujerat. The boys received help to the extent of Rs. 700 each but they longed for Rs. 1,000—a goal they set for themselves. The Lord

showed the way to make these boys happy. Accompanying them we went to the officer who gave an order last year for Rs. 2,500.

"I am happy that you have come for I need more of the good books which you people publish," the officer said as he recognized me. His order amounted to Rs. 3,000. In one day Babu Dhumal sold Rs. 1,800 worth of books. This included *Bible Stories*, *Footprints of Jesus* and *Bedtime Stories*. Babu Dhumal and N. D. Samson started a branch Sabbath school while they were in Ahmedabad.



Prakash Kamble, Lasalgaon student, ended his vacation with a credit of Rs. 1,500 in the Western India book depot.

Babu Raj and Prakash Kamble tried for an interview at a Panchayat office in Jamnagar. The interview was granted and the chairman purchased one set of *Bedtime Stories*. This came to Rs. 145.

"Wouldn't you like to buy some books in Gujerati," the boys asked. The officer would and gave an order for 35 copies of *Our Children*. The total sales in that office, which included some other books, was Rs. 811.

Student literature evangelist sales added up to Rs. 50,000 during the vacation months. This amount almost equals Western India's goal for the first five months of 1969 for the goal is Rs. 53,019. Adding the sales of the regular colporteurs to that of the students, the five-month total is Rs. 65,085. This exceeds the goal by Rs. 12,065!

In addition to selling books and

earning scholarships the student colporteurs distributed more than one thousand copies of free literature and enrolled many students in the Voice of Prophecy courses.

—A. I. John

• Twenty-four candidates from Panegaon and Dahipuri, in Jalna District, were baptized, May 31, in the river near Panegaon by D. P. Kate.

NORTHEAST UNION

Bibles Are Scarce in Manipur

FOUR companies with a total membership of 128 were organized into churches during the month of May in the Manipur Circle of the Assam Section.

The Manipur Circle or State is made up of 15 major Naga tribes, 27 dialects and Manipuries. The latter are commonly called Meytis. Christianity in Manipur State claims most of its adherents from the tribes—Nagas, Kukis and transplanted Mizos. The Manipuries or Meytis are indifferent and satisfied with their own mode of religion.

Seventh-day Adventists have as a working force in this state of four million people, two ordained ministers, four evangelists, 11 stipend teachers (the Mission assists these teachers with Rs. 50 per month) and two lay preachers who are supported by a second tithe paid by the members. This small but powerful working force has won 600 members. Small though this figure may seem, yet taking into consideration the odds, the Lord has performed wonders through



The Taulinpung group has 60 members when all are present.

this consecrated few.

Up and up went J. I. Khonghat, secretary, Assam Section; H. B. Lalkhawliana, Manipur Circle leader; and the writer. The jeep in which we travelled climbed a rugged, rocky mountain trail to Khapun Valley, 44 miles from Imphal. Khapun Valley is four thousand feet above sea level and is hemmed in by tall peaks from all sides. As the jeep bounced and groaned upward through the steamy, humid and hot forest, our insides as well as our feelings were mixed. The 44 miles took nine hours to traverse.

The Bible truth was taken to Duithanjang and Taulinpung—the two Kabui (a Naga tribe) villages in the Valley—by a boy who attended Assam Training School. At ATS he learned about Jesus, His love and His soon return. Bubbling with enthusiasm over his new-found faith, the boy left school to go and tell his people the good news. Interest was kindled and baptisms followed. Today Duithanjang, the newly organized church, has a membership

of 46 and Taulinpung has 60 members—all the result of one student who attended Assam Training School!

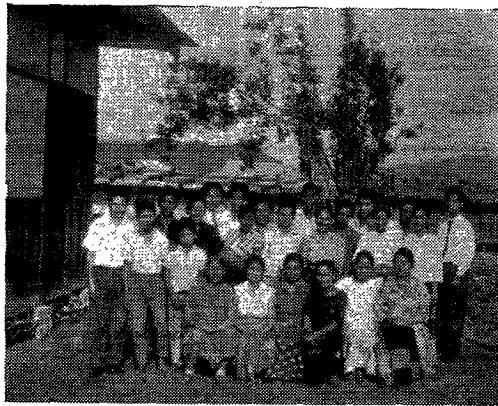
Having organized the church at Duithanjang we back-tracked 30 miles to New Churachandpur. (Incidentally on this portion of the trip a rear axle broke and two brand new front tyres were ruined.) New Churachandpur is predominantly inhabited by Mizos. The 36 members of this church which was organized are all active in sharing their faith in near-by villages. A mother and son were baptized at the time of our visit.

Two elderly ladies who came from the Mizo Hills taught these people in New Churachandpur to believe all that the Bible teaches. The Mizos are Bible students, both men and women. They will not readily accept new doctrines unless they are thoroughly convinced that it comes from the Bible and the Bible only.

We stopped for two days at the newly established Manipur Elementary School at Gelmol. The school buildings, hostels and quarters, though far from complete, house two families, three single workers and 74 lively, happy youngsters who love to sing. Bro. Yuimi Luikham and his associates are anxiously looking forward to the day when sufficient funds will be available to repair the leaky roofs, put in shutters on windows and doors (only the frames are in now) and provide adequate facilities to staff and students alike. A church of 27 members was organized here.



A new company was organized during May at Duithanjang, Khapun Valley.



Recently organized New Churachandpur is in Manipur on the road to Tiddim.

Back to Imphal. A day for rest and laundering and on the move again at 6 A.M. Ukhurul bound—55 miles—seven thousand feet elevation. From there to Huining, nine miles up and down the hills, on foot, truck and jeep. A church of 19 members was organized there.

we visited.

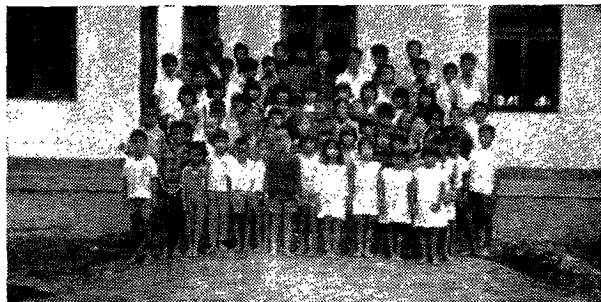
Our visit came during the planting season and the members were busy. But day breaks at 3:30 in the hills. So the members came together for meetings at 5 A.M. This early morning meeting continued until 7:30. With bended backs



Huining, with 19 church members, is nine miles from Ukhurul.

Church book audits were made at Charoi, Phalung, Phungcham, Ukhurul, Huining, New Churachandpur, Gelmol, Duithanjang and Imphal. The instruction on stewardship as given in the Shilong institute by P. G. Smith and M. S. Prasada Rao was explained to the church members wherever

the people went about their busy planting work for the day but at 7 P.M. they were back again for more meeting lasting until 10 P.M. or even later. The Manipuri Bible is out of print. No Bible is available in the Tangkhul dialect. These people are literally starved for spiritual food. The churches are



A church of 27 members was organized at Gelmol, Manipur, where the Adventist elementary school is located.

so isolated that some members have not partaken of the Lord's supper for three or four years. One church has not had this opportunity for six years!

—C. J. Gorde

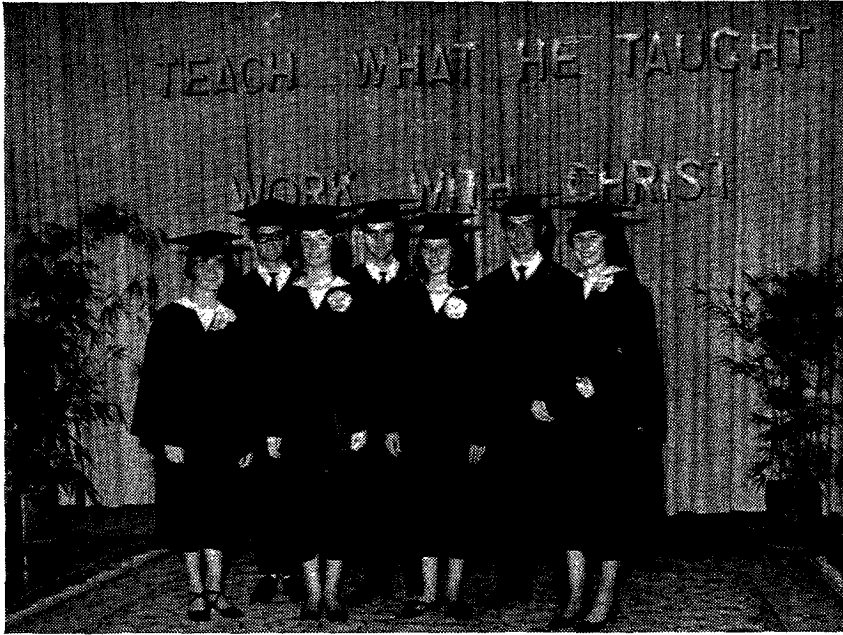


Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shultz.

• Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shultz arrived in Kathmandu July 2. Mr. Shultz is a second generation missionary, the son of Leland R. Shultz, a former factory superintendent of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House. He graduated from Vincent Hill School in 1961, from Pacific Union College, from Andrews University with a Master of Arts degree, and has received a degree in public health from the Loma Linda School of Public Health.

Mrs. Shultz, née Carol Louise Finney, is also a second generation missionary. Her father was formerly a publishing secretary in the Far Eastern Division. Mrs. Shultz holds degrees in nursing and in public health from Loma Linda University. The Shultz' will engage in public health work in Nepal.

• Two people were baptized, May 28, by M. C. Kujur at Sadiya, NEFA. These are the first members from among the Assamese speaking people of the greater Assam valley. Their first contact with Adventists was through study of the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School lessons. They were then encouraged by letters and visitation.



Seven graduates constitute Vincent Hill's last graduating class. They are, front row, left to right: Carol Mattison, Donna Crawford, Jennifer Streeter, Cheryl Davis.
Back row: Larry Soule, Eddie McHenry, Doug Jacobs.

Vincent Hill School Closes With Final Graduation

by THOMAS A. DAVIS



Members of the final Vincent Hill School staff gather before the main building at graduation time.

Front row, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keelan, Mrs. Lloyd Willis, Mrs. I. D. Higgins, Mrs. W. H. McHenry, Mrs. L. R. Burns, Mrs. R. H. Jones.
Back row: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Truscott, June Wiltshire, L. A. Willis, I. D. Higgins, W. H. McHenry, L. R. Burns, R. H. Jones.
Pastor and Mrs. Jones were sponsors for the graduating class.

VINCENT HILL SCHOOL, after operating for 47 years as an educational centre for the Southern Asia Division, graduated its last class the weekend of June 21. The closing of the school is made necessary by the difficulty of providing a qualified overseas faculty.

The seven members in the 1968-69 graduating class were: Douglas Jacobs, president; Larry Soule, vice-president; Cheryl Davis, secretary; Donna Crawford, treasurer; Eddie McHenry, pastor; Jennifer Streeter, parliamentarian; and Carol Mattison, sergeant-at-arms.

J. A. Soule challenged the graduates during the consecration service, Friday evening, June 20, to know Jesus in His fullness in their lives. Pastor Soule and his family left Delhi, July 4, returning to the United States following 18 years of service in the publishing work in Southern Asia.

The Sabbath morning baccalaureate service was by the writer. The subject, based on the class aim, was "Teach What He Taught." By teaching what Jesus taught the world will know there is Something to Believe, Something to Do, and Somewhere to Go.

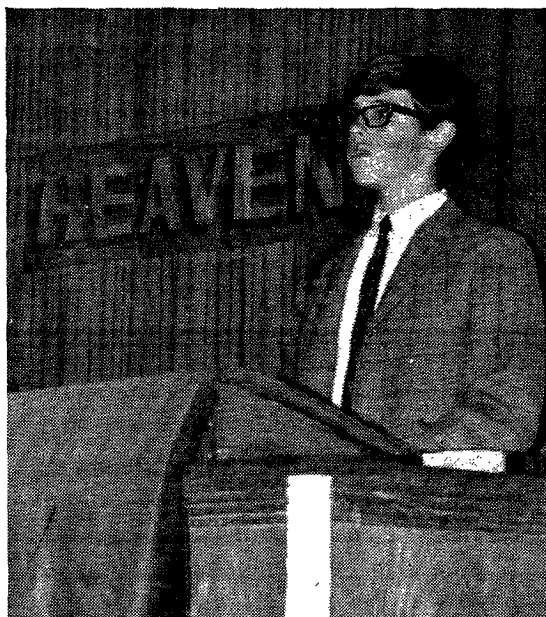
Vincent Hill School's final commencement service was held at 9:30 A.M., Sunday, June 22. The address was given by Jamile Jacobs, president, East Pakistan Section. Taking the graduates' motto, "Work With Christ", as his theme, Pastor Jacobs empha-



Lois Votaw and Phyllis Higgins and D



F. A. Davis gave the baccalaureate address. Parents of graduates took leading parts in the week-end exercises.



William G. Ashlock gave the president's speech at the June 19 eighth grade graduation of eight.



The valedictory speech was given by Eddie McHenry.

sized the privilege and the blessings that come from labouring with the Master.

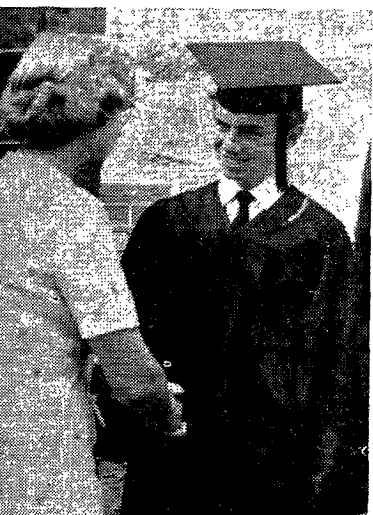
Following the address, the seven graduates were presented with their diplomas by Dr. I. D. Higgins,

principal, and E. J. Keelan, registrar.

On the previous Thursday evening, June 19, the Vincent Hill grade school conducted its final eighth grade graduation. The eight-



In lieu of a class gift to the school, each staff family was given a remembrance from the class. Doug Jacobs, class president, presents E. J. Keelan, senior staff member, with a book on nature study.



ates Larry Soule, Eddie McHenry S.

member class—William Ashlock, Colleen Curtis, Yvonne Streeter, Margaret Matheson, Jenelle Trim, Valerie Neish, Lorna Benwell and Oliver Erickson—were charged by A. W. Matheson, principal, Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School, to make Jesus first in their lives.

With the closing of Vincent Hill School, arrangements have been made to send Southern Asia Division pre-college missionary children to the Far Eastern Academy in Singapore. When that academy opens its doors for the new school year in September, more than thirty students from this Division will register.

Vellore Retreat

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or the nurse pray with the patient? Tact and understanding must guide in this question.

The administration of Christian Medical College and Hospital was most considerate in arranging for this group to be relieved of duty to attend this week-end retreat. Dr. Philip Nathaniel and wife were tied up with assignments which made it difficult for them to get away. We missed them. Likewise we were sorry that Mariamma Kurian was unable to come.

The atmosphere of this occasion was one of relaxation and freedom and yet of a measure of dignity appropriate to such a professional group of Christian young people. It was voted to make this an annual event. Such occasions entail heavy work for a few. Special appreciation was expressed to Dr. Noel Fernando and to Dr. John Abraham and to the committee on food and the committee on transportation and accommodation. All returned to their work rested and refreshed.

Attending Horsley Hill were ten students, five nursing students, one physical training student, six faculty and advisors, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Hepsi Henry, Division and Union personnel.

• On March 29, 1,007 youth were baptized by 39 pastors near Gitwe in the South Rwanda field of the Trans-Africa Division,



Adventists Make Friends at Nahal

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST relief activities in East Pakistan, following the April 14 tornado, provided new homes for 53 families in the village of Nahal in Comilla District, some eighty miles east of Dacca.

Funds for the project came from the General Conference, the Southern Asia Division and the Pakistan Union. An East Pakistan Section committee composed of workers B. H. Stickle, Jr., N. D. Roy and A. K. Sircar with laymen A. K. Dass and J. N. Davis selected the place of assistance and planned the relief programme. Bro. Stickle served as chairman of the committee and co-ordinator of the entire operation. Bro. Sircar helped purchase materials and directed the construction work in the village. The following account of the tornado and the relief activities is made up of reports which Bro. Sircar submitted.

The Bengali New Year, the "first of Baishak", was ushered in by this tornado which twisted through the Dacca and Comilla districts of East Pakistan causing vast devastation and killing more than one thousand people.

Cyclones are common to the people of this area but this sudden storm was the first of its kind in the history of East Pakistan. It dropped down a few miles northwest of Dacca, then, barely missing the capital city, rushed eastward to wreak havoc and destruction in a strip 80 miles long.

Only persons who have seen the results of such tornadoes can conceive the extent of the damage caused by this twister. No trace was left of some villages that were taken away by the wind. Where homes once stood, empty places appeared as if bulldozers cleaned out everything down to the plain ground. Trees stood with leafless limbs against the sky. Big country boats were hurled out of the water and, in some cases, deposited on dry ground. A few boats were

found on the broken roofs of buildings. Everything in the direct path of the storm was destroyed. Corrugated iron sheets were twisted and rolled up like crumpled paper. Pakka buildings were left as heaps of rubble. During the storm a frightened mother with her baby in her arms attempted to reach a stronger house for protection. A flying C. I. sheet decapitated her. Friends later found her dead body with the baby still alive, safely clutched in her arms. In some places fire followed the wind burning many houses and people. It seems a miracle to me that as many people survived as did in such a tornado.

Shortly after hearing of the disaster, the Division provided Rs. 10,000* to assist the troubled people. The General Conference gave Rs. 9,500 and the Pakistan Union provided another Rs. 3,000. The East Pakistan Section appointed a five-man committee of workers and laymen to carry out the relief work.

Since the committee had no experience in such relief activities the members first visited various affected areas, talked with the people who lost everything and consulted with government and private relief agencies. They agreed that the best help would be to assist as many people as possible in rebuilding their homes. Most homes had been simple bamboo huts with thatch roofing. We decided to provide hardware for stronger frames and C. I. sheets for roofing, thus making possible better homes than the people had before. A businessman, active in the relief work, helped us determine the exact amount of each item needed for building a house. Due to the high cost of materials, estimated cost per house came to Rs. 500. We hoped to build 40 houses in the village of Nahal in the Maradnaga Police Station of Comilla district. Though damage to the countryside was not as severe as in other places, almost every house in the village was destroyed and it is reported that four hundred people died there in the storm.

Anil Dass went with me to



One of 53 families helped by the Seventh-day Adventist relief programme in East Pakistan poses beside their partially completed house. Each family received approximately Rs. 350 worth of building materials.

Chittagong to purchase supplies as cheaply as possible. We faced some difficulties and had to spend extra time there, but with God's help we purchased five tons of C. I. sheets and other necessary supplies at a good saving. These goods were shipped by truck two hundred miles north to the village of Nahal. Bro. Dass returned from Chittagong to Dacca for other duties. I arrived in Nahal to discover that the other men appointed to assist with the work in the village were not there. I stood alone with the building material to face a crowd of several hundred each wanting help to build a house. Mr. Asmat Ali, a kind and earnest leader of the area, offered his services and his house as a depot for the supplies. He became my assistant. Twenty-four families formally approved for help by the Section relief committee carried the materials from the end of the road to Mr. Ali's house, one mile away. This operation took a full day.

A local committee of nine men selected additional families which should receive help and assisted in supervising the actual construction of houses. The men sat until midnight the first day determining the most needy families, making plans, and setting a schedule. Each family was responsible for the construction of its own house as well as for obtaining poles and siding. Hardware supplies were given as

needed at each stage of construction. First the exact number of nails and bolts were given for erecting the frame. When this was finished, C. I. sheets with the right number of screws and washers were supplied for the roof. Each family had combed the debris after the storm to salvage every usable pole, piece of lumber and bamboo they could find from their destroyed homes. Some were now able to purchase additional materials needed. Well-to-do people in near-by areas were persuaded to give bamboo and lumber from their lands to those who could not obtain these otherwise. All were thus able to supply their need except one poor widow who lacked poles. Mr. Ali and I each gave Rs. 10 to buy her required poles.

The village became a beehive of activity. Some families combined their efforts in a co-operative programme. Neighbours helped those who were unable to manage all their own building. As each phase of construction was satisfactorily completed on a house, we gave the supplies for the next stage. Before the work was completed, S. C. Madhu and Nelson Baroi arrived to give assistance.

In seven days 53 houses were completed providing new homes for more than 250 people at a cost of approximately Rs. 350 per house. With God's help, we were able to do more than we planned

and still have some money left over for further relief work.

All of the people in this area are non-Christian. We did not find a single Christian in the entire village. We spoke to the people about Christ, about the signs of the times and of the last day. They said this trouble came to them because of their sins against the Most High and expressed conviction that this world is soon to be destroyed. They urged us to stay a longer time with them.

As we prepared to leave, the people came expressing their appreciation for the help received. Mr. Asmat Ali spoke from his heart. "You Christians are good people," he said. "You are not proud. You have made friends with us in a very short time." All of the people urged us to visit them often.

With satisfied heart we left Nahal village, grateful that we could have a part in helping those in need and for the kindness of those who provided the money which made this help possible. In a short time the Seventh-day Adventist church has developed a good reputation in this area. We pray that this programme of relief will open further doors for the work of God among these people.

—Jamile Jacobs

* All amounts are in Pakistan rupees.



• Eight people were baptized, May 11 and 28, at Bhopal. Beginning in 1968 a branch Sabbath school was held in the home of K. B. S. Bagh by P. Ebenezer. Although living in Bhopal the candidates are from Raipur. Following his baptism. Bro. Bagh accompanied Eric Paul and Anthony Alexander to his home place to take the Bible truth to his relatives.

• Pastor and Mrs. E. A. Streeter, Jennifer, Yvonne, Elizabeth and Stephen, left Delhi by car, June 25, en route to Europe and the United States on permanent return. He has been in mission employment since 1949. In educational

work he served in Vincent Hill, in Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary and in Roorkee. Since 1966 he has been president of the North-western India Union.

• Sabbath, June 14, during the North India Constituency meeting Makhan Chand, P. H. Dass, B. M. Mall and A. M. Massey were ordained to the gospel ministry. The ordination sermon was preached by J. M. Campbell, the prayer was offered by E. A. Streeter, Saudagar Chand administered the charge and B. M. Isaac extended the welcome. On the same Sabbath nine people were baptized.



BURMA

• The Tuingo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kalemyo was dedicated March 15.



SOUTH INDIA

Gleanings and reports from the July 1 to 3 mid-year committee include:

Andhra Section

FOUR city, 47 village and 10 lay series of evangelistic meetings were held during the first half of 1969. Four hundred baptisms are reported so far but not all reports are in as the postal system is disrupted due to the heavy disturbance. Many of Andhra's evangelists are following the plan of having a baptism each month.

In the 18 vacation Bible schools conducted 1,174 students were enrolled. Three hundred four of this number were children of Seventh-day Adventists while 870 were non-Adventist. Certificates issued number 1,134.

Ten new branch Sabbath schools were opened within the last six months. We believe these will be our best soul-winning agencies.

Two thousand eleven Bibles were used in 61 churches where the Gift Bible Plan was followed.

Forty laymen assisted in this evangelistic programme. Reports that have reached us indicate that 29 are baptized as a result.

Thirty-four Voice of Youth efforts and 15 Operation Home projects were conducted in which 20 people accepted Christ.

Twenty-two student colporteurs engaged in literature evangelist work during the vacation months.

—P. S. Prasada Rao

Kannada Section

EIGHTY-THREE people were baptized during the first six months of 1969 as compared to 42 during the same period in 1968. Twenty-five of the 83 are Tamil people who were baptized in Bangalore.

With one or two exceptions, all the children of Seventh-day Adventist members are studying in Seventh-day Adventist schools.

We prayed for an opening wedge in and around Dharwar. Soon a letter came to the Section office signed by 50 non-Christians. It said, "Come [to Dharwar] and open Seventh-day Adventist work here."

During the last year work is established in Kolar town and in two near-by villages.

Free land was given in two villages for the building of Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Six hundred students attend the Seventh-day Adventist High School in Bangalore. Four hundred of these are paying day students. K. Bhaskara Rao is principal of this school.

—D. R. Watts

Kerala Section

DURING the first season of 1969 twenty-two series of evangelistic meetings were held and 470 people baptized. Seventh-day Adventist work is opened in ten new places. These are: Poonaveli, Velankuzhy, Bharathannoor (baptisms there now total 72), Parantode, (more than fifty are baptized here), Manjalimood, Ambalakara, Pulimavu, Cheeramchira, Kareechal and Perinjamaala. The problem

now is to provide ten church properties where church buildings can be erected.

Through the vacation Bible school 1,591 certificates were issued. Non-Adventists attending the VBS's were 1,168.

The enrolment in Kerala's four lower primary schools exceeds 450. The Adventpuram school is the oldest church school in Kerala but the classes still meet in the small church building. Over 160 children crowd into this small space in four classes each day.

Plans outlined by the stewardship department for tithe promotion during the second period of 1969 include:

1. The printing of tithe envelopes and supplying them to each church.

2. Sending comparative monthly tithe reports to all pastors.

3. The writing of letters to encourage individuals to pay tithe.

4. Compiling and making available appropriate selections from the Spirit of Prophecy or portions of Scripture to be read on Sabbath before the church offering is received.

5. Contacting and encouraging scattered members to pay a regular tithe.

—P. C. Mathew

Tamil Section

DURING the first five months of 1969 every worker, layman and office staff member in the Tamil Section connected, for a period of time, with a Group Study or with a Bible Made Plain class. Fifty-four series of evangelistic meetings were held. With this concentration on evangelism, God enabled us to win 515 people for Christ during the first six months of 1969. Compared with 344 baptisms during the first six months of 1968 this is an increase of 171.

Ten people are baptized from those attending Gift Bible Evangelism classes held by Elangovan and other youth from Ravanapuram. These youth raised sufficient funds to hire a place (Rs. 15 per month) to hold this class, to meet the electric bills and to sponsor two boys to E. D. Thomas Memo-

rial High School and another one to Spicer Memorial College this year.

Anto, of Karaikal, went to a new village and held a Gift Bible Evangelism class. Fourteen are baptized as a result of this class. One brother who used to drink 12 bottles of toddy and smoke six packets of cigarettes per day, helped Anto play the gramophone. He listened carefully to the lessons and gave his heart to the Lord.

Two months ago M. G. Rajasingh began Gift Bible Evangelism classes in his own home in Erode. Pastor Manuel Sundaram baptized nine people there. Bro. Rajasingh spends four days in colporteur work and three in evangelism each week.

Thirty families are attending a MV youth effort conducted by Kudikadu youth in a village near Thanjavur. Bro. Jeyapaul is the MV sponsor and the leader of this series of meetings.

Three hundred people come each night to attend the meetings which P. V. Jesudas is holding in Cuddalore.

Tamil Section's sixth self-supporting school is at Puliurangi, 20 miles from Nagercoil. The elder of this church, Mr. Thangamany, with the help of his members and the worker, H. C. Clive, raised funds to have 75 teak-wood tables and chairs made. They have enough money to buy the books. On June 9, the opening day, 65 children were enrolled in this school. For the present only lower kindergarten is taught but one class will be added each year. Each child is charged Rs. 10 for regular fees and an additional Rs. 21 for special fees. The church wishes to erect a school building at a cost of Rs. 20,000.

The Christian Children's Fund programme is introduced in the church schools in Madras, Pondicherry, Madurai, Kotagiri and Prakasapuram. The same privilege is hoped for the Trichy and Palaniappapuram schools.

D. Raju, Union stewardship and development secretary, recently came to Coimbatore to assist in the soliciting of funds for the school building there. In three days Rs. 6,750 was collected. It is hoped

that another ten thousand rupees can be collected in and around Coimbatore for the construction of a school building in the near future.

The famine drought in Tamil Nadu is very great and acute throughout the field. Some people have only one meal in three days. In some places water has to be purchased. The price is Rs. 1 per potful. The Madras State Chief Minister invited Mrs. Indira Gandhi to see the famine affected areas in order to help the people of Tamil Nadu.

I visited a few churches at the time of the feast of harvest. The church which brought Rs. 600 as their tithe and offering last year, now brought only Rs. 65. One member took me into his house and showed me his storeroom where he keeps his jaggery bundles. "Last year," he said, "I had five hundred bundles. Now you see only five." Even amid all of these difficulties our people respond well.

—V. D. Edward

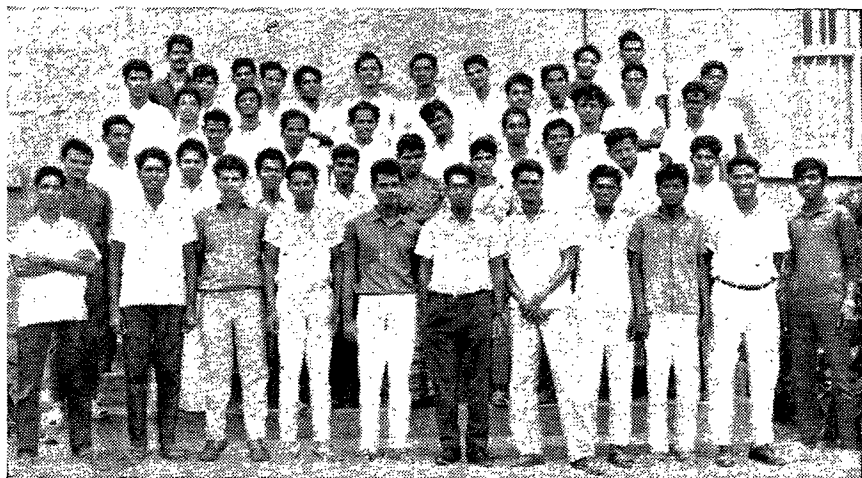
• Baptisms in the South India Union have increased 66 per cent over the first six months of 1968.

• Literature sales from January to May, 1969 total Rs. 210,000. This is a gain of four thousand rupees over the same period for 1968. Fifty people are baptized from colporteur contacts. Six scholarships were earned by student literature evangelists in Andhra, seven in Kannada, two in Kerala and five in Tamil Nadu.

• Three hundred twenty students are enrolled at Kottarakara

High School. Of 235 hostel students 115 are girls. The verandahs are filled with students, while some are forced to sleep in the yard. Fifty-seven per cent of the students are from Seventh-day Adventist homes or are themselves Adventists. Fourteen teaching staff members teach 27 to 30 class periods each week. Kottarakara students achieved 50 per cent pass in SSC examinations while the State average pass is 41 per cent. Fifteen students were baptized last year. The school press operates at a profit. The rubber estate is beginning to produce an income with four to five sheets daily from one hundred trees. Five thousand trees are due to be productive within two years.

• Seven hundred students are enrolled at Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School. Another one hundred fifty students are expected. Of 40 members of the staff, 32 are teachers. Nearly all of the teachers are trained teachers, a number with masters' degrees. This year the high school students achieved 80 per cent pass in the SSLC examination. Four passed the PUC examination. Girl hostel students have increased from 90 in 1968 to 165 this year. Boys have increased from two hundred in the hostel to 340. Most of the classes are conducted in two sections with 65 in each class. Standards one to seven, conducted in Kanarese, need three to four more teachers. More than three hundred of the present enrolment are Christian Children Fund students,



Forty-five young men between the ages of 17 and 30 are enrolled for the new ministerial course at Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School.

some as young as six years old. Mrs. Lamorna Riches does the clerical work connected with the care of CCF students. Post high school classes at Lowry include 70 Vocational Training Centre students, 36 in the PUC course, and 45 in the special ministerial course. When the rest of the students arrive, 650 will be accommodated in the boarding/lodging department. W. F. Easterbrook, acting principal, expects to receive authorization to give the secondary teachers' training course. Permission is given for a two-year course in typing and shorthand. This course can be carried on when the necessary number of typewriters are accumulated.

• R. D. Riches, lay activities department, expects to use 15,000 Bibles in South India in Gift Bible Evangelism in 1970.

—C. B. Guild

Give Five Bibles Gain Four Members

SIX churches—147 Bibles—118 baptisms!" This report from M. U. Thomas, lay activities secretary, Kerala Section, tells that the six churches are located in the Trivandrum area and the Bibles are some of the two thousand being used throughout the Section for Gift Bible Evangelism.

Seventeen people were baptized at Tharnimoodai where Layman Y. Joshua works with fellow church members. Using 15 Bibles they study from home to home and conduct group study meetings in the local church building.

In near-by Velloikonam, V. D. Christudas has seen six of the ten people with whom he studied since the beginning of April, baptized.

P. L. Manuel walked ten miles a day for several weeks along paddy-field tracks and through elephant-infested forest areas to study with a large group of interested people in the village of Barathanoor. He and ten of his church members distributed 53 Bibles in this non-Christian community. Forty-seven people were baptized after five months of study.

Twenty-eight were baptized in Kaliyoor. M. Asirvatham and two other laymen worked here with 22 Bibles.

Ten people were brought for baptism by P. C. Thomas and two of his members at Vithura, a small village situated among the rubber plantations at the foot of the Sahayathra Hills. They used 15 Bibles.

Within the Trivandrum city limits, Literature Evangelist Benjamin is studying with members of 20 families. He has distributed 32 Bibles to sixty people. Four evenings a week most of the sixty people gather for group study.

—Robin D. Riches

Evangelism News

Andhra

• K. Prasada Rao, who was ordained March 29, performed his first baptism on June 1 when 10 people from Badvel and neighbouring villages were baptized. The membership at this place, where Bro. Prasada Rao began work two years ago, is now 112.

• Bro. Prasada Rao also baptized 16 people from the Narendrapuram and Gattipadupudi churches who were won for Christ through the Gift Bible Plan.

• Four people were baptized, June 21, by E. N. William at Guntur.

• Stanislaus Paul, a clerk in a district collector's office, is an active layman in the Cuddapah Seventh-day Adventist Church. Each month Layman Paul gave a copy of the *Signs of the Times* magazine to three clerks in his office. Through these magazines these men learned that Jesus helps those who come to Him. Mr. Rosaiah, one of the three, had a daughter who was seriously ill. Layman Paul prayed for this daughter and he taught the family to pray to Jesus. Miraculously, the daughter was healed. Mr. and Mrs. Rosaiah decided to give their lives to the One who healed their daughter. They were baptized in December, 1968 following Bible studies. Layman Paul fasts and prays each Sabbath, pleading with God to help him win ten people to Christ during 1969. The Cuddapah church has a goal to win one hundred people for Christ in 1969.

Kannada

• A six-week series of evangelistic meetings held in the new Mysore Seventh-day Adventist Church by G. P. Rajadas and N. Devaraj aroused opposition but resulted in a baptism of five people in May and another three on June 28.

• Two people were baptized in Hubli, May 27.

• Three people were baptized June 21, at Nagavalli by R. Sathayaseelappa.

• In his 25 years of service in Mysore State, K. M. John testifies that his baptism of 11 people, June 21, was his largest single baptism. These resulted from village meetings near Kolar.

• Ten people were baptized, June 14, at the conclusion of evangelistic meetings held by Arthur Immanuel and S. Abraham in Jalahalli, a Bangalore suburb.

• Also on June 14 another baptism of two resulted from the baptismal class conducted by T. K. Murthy in the Bangalore Kannada church.

Kerala

• Velankuzhy is one of the ten places where new work is opened in Kerala. O. M. George, in charge of Adventist work there, plans a baptism every Sabbath even if only one person is ready. A lady nurse was baptized June 14. Although sick with a fever, Pastor George performed the baptism. He reports that after getting wet his health was none the worse. June 21 was a day of heavy rain but two young men were baptized that day. Now there are 28 baptized members and fifty Sabbath school members at Velankuzhy. Among the members are: a law student who plans to become an advocate within a year, two families of merchants, four families of farmers, two students in teachers' training, four high school graduates and a nursing student. The opening of Adventist work in this place was made possible by a gift of money. Now no budget is available for the follow-up work. "Winning people for Christ is the

best possible use that can be made of money," says Pastor George as he uses his own money to carry on the work already started.

- Another new area for Seventh-day Adventist work in Kerala is Changanachery taluk in Chiranchira, in the Kottayam District. K. C. Chacko held evangelistic meetings there from March 30 to June 14. During that time a VBS was held and a Sabbath school was organized at the end of May. The firstfruits of this new work was a baptism, on June 14, of 16 people. Other baptisms will follow.

- P. K. Mathew is in charge of new Adventist work in the village of Poonaveli. Six people were baptized, May 17, which brings the membership in Poonaveli to 28. The Sabbath school membership numbers 40.

- P. S. Johnson's first baptism from Gift Bible Evangelism includes a B.A. graduate who himself desires to become an evangelist and plans to go to Spicer College for training in that line.

Tamil

- Three to four hundred people are attending the meetings held daily in Kodambakkam in Madras by John Willmott and his team. Sixteen people were baptized, June 14, and five more were baptized the following Sabbath, June 21. This totals 32 people baptized in Madras during the first six months of 1969. Added to the baptisms of last year it brings to 210 the number baptized since the school of evangelism began in Madras.

- A. Dason with his father, Y. Asirvatham, and another lay preacher held evangelistic meetings at Anamboli. Fifty-five people baptized May 24 makes a total of 60 people won to Christ by this team during the first five months of 1969.

- The people of Perur village first heard of Christ through Christians who came to dig a well. When the villagers desired to know more than the well-diggers could tell, the pastor was called. Henry Theodore went. The result is that a family in the distant village of Perur accepted Christ. Four of its members

were baptized the first week in June.

—D. R. Watts

Nuzvid Graduates Set Rare Record

SIX midwifery, 21 nursing and eight medical technology students of Giffard Memorial Hospital, received diplomas, June 29, at their commencement.

Graduation week is a time keenly anticipated by the community in any educational centre. Usually only in schools of some prominence do graduation exercises boast of three speakers from the outside. Nuzvid stepped into this class this year. Also this year it was felt that not only the nurses should be recognized in the graduation exercises for their achievement but also the midwifery students and the students of laboratory technology.

Particularly thrilling to all was the report which came through just before graduation that of the 59 students in the four years of nursing who wrote annual or final examinations, all but one passed, two with distinction. Such a record of achievement for a school with the best qualified faculty and the most modern teaching facilities would be cause for satisfaction. Giffard Memorial Hospital's very dedicated, but under-staffed, faculty has so much more reason for satisfaction for this remarkable record—probably among the highest, if not the highest, in all of India. The dean of this school, Sister Mary Mathews, and her faculty are to be congratulated and highly esteemed for this fine work.

Nor would we forget to express appreciation to the students who have so well prepared for the writing of these examinations. We are justly proud of our School of Nursing. We have a very active maternity section in Giffard Memorial Hospital, apparently not yet much affected quantitatively by the family planning education underway in the community. The girls in the midwifery school receive training and experience to qualify them to preside over all reasonably normal deliveries. In the event of complication they know when to call for assistance.

Plans are being studied for giving the male nursing graduates an extra, or fourth, year of work to include some training in laboratory, X-ray and possibly anaesthesia.

The 1969 graduation was officially underway when on Friday evening, June 27, the 35 graduates marched down the aisle of the Nuzvid auditorium to the strains of a march played by Dr. Loretta Rao. In his sermon S. James, from the Division office, appealed for unqualified consecration to service.

W. G. Johnson, assistant professor of religious philosophy, Spicer Memorial College, further emphasized the same thought on Sabbath morning. He brought to the graduates the idea of compassion with a story of an Armenian girl in World War I.

A Turkish officer ordered the massacre of an entire Armenian family, saving only the girl for an addition to his private harem. The girl escaped and joined the staff of a British hospital. In her night rounds she came upon this Turkish officer now captured and desperately ill. By a simple bit of neglect this girl on duty could have caused the death of the murderer of her family. Through several nights she nursed him back to consciousness and to safety.

Several days later as the British doctor was making rounds with his staff, at the bedside of this officer the doctor remarked to him that he owed his life to one of their good nurses. "Would you like to meet her?" the doctor asked.

He, of course, would. As the girl was presented the officer turned pale with fright.

"Oh, you know this young lady, do you?" the doctor asked. The murderous officer was too frightened to answer. But the young lady repressing any thought of easy revenge, reassured the officer that she would not follow up her advantage. What a lesson in patience, in forgiveness!

Sunday evening, June 29, the graduating class, dressed in the attire of their profession, marched again to music. The physician, the technician, the nurse, the dentist sees in each new patient something

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S. M. C. Listener

K. J. MOSES



• M. E. Cherian urged his faculty to remember the fundamentals of teaching in Seventh-day Adventist schools. It is more important to save students for Christ than to confer degrees upon them a few years hence, said the president. This requires total commitment and the spirit of sacrifice on the part of the teacher. The occasion was the pre-session of the 1969-70 academic year held, June 23 and 24 at Spicer.

With C. B. Guild leading the first discussion group, V. Raju, S. James, I. K. Moses and a former SMC student, John Waidande, spoke on Areas to Improve in the college life, stressing the contribution which Spicer College makes to the Southern Asia field.

Dynamic College Teaching was the topic of three round-table discussions of which W. G. Johnsson was the chairman. M. Amirtham led a panel discussion on Life Here at the College.

Dr. and Mrs. Cherian entertained the staff at supper the evening of June 24 on the lawn in front of their home.

• Joining Spicer's faculty this year are Janetta Dkhar, Margaret Solomon and Ralph H. Jones.

Janetta Dkhar and Margaret Solomon, née Margaret Maharanjan, are SMC graduates of the class of '68. Miss Dkhar, whose major was in elementary education, taught school in Ranchi following graduation. She now joins Spicer's Western music department.

Mrs. Margaret Solomon, a history major, is teaching in the elementary school at Spicer. She comes from Bangalore where she was dean of girls at Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School.

Pastor and Mrs. Ralph H. Jones, Randy, 11; Wesley, 10; and Kent,

4; arrived at Spicer, June 26, from Vincent Hill. Pastor Jones joins the Industrial Arts department.

• Spicer Memorial College opened its new school year, July 1, with an enrolment of 560. Dr. R. S. Lowry challenged the student body at the first vesper service of the year to make "Education for Service" their motto:—to serve not only in Seventh-day Adventist employ but in the plan of God to win people for Christ.

• Classes for the Marathi elementary school are now held in the former industrial arts building.

• Thirty-six of Spicer's 188 girls in the hostel are privileged to live in the recently completed new wing to the girls' hostel.

• The Spicer Memorial College church, to which new officers were appointed for the ensuing school year, is perhaps the most complex organization of any Seventh-day Adventist church in Southern Asia. Twelve elders assist first elders M. E. Cherian and A. M. Job. Twenty-seven deacons and 12 deaconesses work with Head Deacon W. L. Sharalaya and Head Deaconess Mrs. D. P. David. Twenty-one Sabbath school officers work with Senior Division Superintendent J. S. Kapur. The church board consists of 27 members.

• The agricultural project in Fiji to have been under the direction of J. R. Mittleider, agricultural expert, is cancelled due to sale of the property designated for this purpose. Mr. Mittleider is agreeable to a period of service at Spicer Memorial College.

• Three different sponsors are responsible for a gift to C. H. Tidwell of 150 copies of the *Signs of the Times* magazine each month. These are used by Spicer's department of lay activities.

Nuzvid Graduation

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new, the speaker pointed out, something different, a different personality, a different family situation, a different set of scientific problems, symptoms, reactions to be studied, diagnosed and treated. Our primary duty as medical workers, continued the writer, is concerned with healing and health. But the Christian nurse can deliver a veritable treasure of hope, joy and assurance to those who suffer. Every Christian physician and nurse has learned that on duty, day or night, his time, his schedule, his programme, is subject to heart-breaking demands. His favourite church service, his programme, his birthday dinner party or prized holiday may be sacrificed because of call to emergency duty. But Jesus gave a significant observation regarding those who serve selflessly in the ministry of healing. It is this, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

The deans of the School of Nursing and Laboratory Technology presented to Dr. C. A. Ninan, medical director, Giffard Memorial Hospital, the classes for which they were responsible. Sister Mary Mathews presented the graduates of the schools of Nursing and Midwifery and Mrs. C. A. Ninan presented graduates of the School of Laboratory Technology. Names of the graduates were called by the deans and diplomas were presented by Dr. Ninan, along with the congratulations of the hospital staff.

Because of limited facilities and staff in the School of Nursing, only 16 of the best qualified of more than four hundred applicants are admitted for the new class of nursing. The School of Laboratory Technique has again admitted approximately the same size class as last year—a class of eight.

The educational facilities of Giffard Memorial Hospital has only begun to serve Southern Asia in the training of Seventh-day Adventist youth. The best days of this fine institution are still future!

—Theodore R. Flaiz